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Mercantile Wharf residents at risk of losing their homes

By Phil Orlandella

Mercantile Wharf tenants turned out in force at the Mayor's Coffee Hour, held at Columbus Park, to express concerns relating to the FY 2019 \$3.3 billion-dollar budget that did not include, for the third

year in a row, a \$5 million pilot City Rent Subsidy Program.

The City Rent Subsidy Program, proposed by a broad coalition of 30 housing and community groups and ten City Councilors, would provide "Housing First" rent subsidies tied to the new or existing hous-

ing to get homeless people off the streets and to protect older tenants in "13A" buildings like Mercantile Wharf facing 300 percent rent hikes.

Other "13A" tenants in the system have joined the cause to save their homes.

The groups along with the City Subsidy Coalition are calling for Mayor Martin Walsh to propose or file a supplemental budget request for at least \$5 million dollars for the program to provide homes for Boston residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The Mayor is being urged to earmark the new property tax revenues from luxury condos like Millennium Tower and One Dalton.

Proponents claim, "The 10.9 million paid each year by Millennium Tower owners alone is enough to fund 1,000 permanently affordable low-income apartments to get homeless people off the streets and protect tenants in buildings like Mercantile Wharf who are at risk of losing their homes."



Residents at the Mayor's Coffee Hour supporting a \$5 million pilot for housing.

Council votes to oppose smoke shop

By Phil Orlandella

For the second community monthly meeting, North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC), residents flocked to the Nazzaro Community Center, to oppose Charter Realty's proposal to open a Starbucks at 198 Hanover Street only to learn both the Starbucks and Citizens Bank have been taken off the agenda by the applicant.

However, residents made it clear that they will continue to oppose the Starbucks plan should it ever become an issue again.

Also, the second agenda item was clearly opposed by residents, abutters and the Council by a unanimous vote.

Nilkant 87 Inc., presented a proposal to open and establish a retail store-City Smoke Shop and glassblowing studio for tobacco and tobacco related products at 87 Salem Street, the site of the old True Value Store.

The applicant said the shop is not a chain but a series of family-owned businesses and will only sell vapor products.

Abutters were especially

worried about the concept and expressed numerous reasons why City Smoke Shop should not be allowed in the community. Many other residents were of the same opinion and obviously the Council clearly opposed the proposal.

Stephen Passacantilli opposed the concept. "It doesn't belong in the community. We are just trying to keep our community intact," he said. "He asked the property owner to try and find another tenant."

Council member Marie Simboli was totally opposed to the proposal. "It doesn't fit into this community," she said. She actually submitted her no vote before NEWNC took an official vote.

Abutter Darlene Romano of Salem Street said, "it's not the right place for a business like this. I'm worried about the effects it could have on the neighborhood and the children who live and go to school here. The neighborhood should have a say as to what is allowed in this community."

The applicant, at this time,

(SMOKE SHOP Pg. 10)



A large crowd turned out for the NEWNC meeting.

NEWRA opposes Fleet Street proposal

By Phil Orlandella

By a vote of 15-13, the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) did not support a request by Fiumara Realty Trust's owner to erect a two-story vertical addition to the existing three-story building at 38 Fleet Street and to change the occupancy from three resi-

dential units to five residential units.

Victor Brogna, chair of NEWRA's Zoning, Licensing and Construction Committee presented an update on the Municipal Harbor Plan.

NEWRA will hold its next monthly public meeting on Thursday, August 9 at 7 p.m. in the Nazzaro Community Center.

EDITORIAL

CHARLIE BAKER REPRESENTS ALL OF US

A recent news article in the Boston Globe quoted a number of reportedly-important Republican party members who asserted that they have been disappointed in the performance of Gov. Charlie Baker because he has been "too liberal."

They are upset with his support both for social causes they deem "liberal" and for his assent to the recently-enacted, so-called "grand bargain" that will raise the minimum wage, among other items.

However, what they really seem to be upset about is that Charlie Baker rates as the most popular governor in the country among his own constituents. They would prefer a governor who is combative, negative, and insulting -- in other words, they crave a Donald Trump at the governor's desk, who is intent only on sowing seeds of hatred and discontent.

When you think about the disaster in Washington, as well as the bitterness that exists in many states among governors and their rivals, thank goodness we have Charlie Baker at the helm of our ship of state.

Massachusetts stands out among the states in many measurable ways (such as our public schools' performance), but chiefly we stand out because of the respect that our state's leaders have for each other and the manner in which they work together.

They conduct our state's business by the twin maxims that it is possible to disagree without being disagreeable and that politics is the art of compromise.

What these so-called Republicans are ignoring about Charlie Baker are four things:

First and foremost, he is as honest and straightforward as any governor who has served us;

Second, he campaigned in support of the issues he has signed into law. In short, he has kept his promises to the people who elected him -- what a novel concept for a politician!;

Third, he is a Republican in Massachusetts -- a True Blue state with veto-proof majorities in the Democratic-controlled legislature. Yet, Gov. Baker and the legislature have achieved as much for the people of our state in the past four years as ever have been accomplished by previous administrations -- including Democratic ones; and

Finally, Charlie Baker has appointed people in his administration who actually know what they are doing and who are dedicated to public service, such as Jay Ash, the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development.

The bottom line is that the vast majority of the people in Massachusetts believe that our state is headed in the right direction and they attribute that to our Governor, Charlie Baker.

Apparently, there are some who don't agree and that certainly is their right to do so.

However, we are glad that Charlie Baker has failed to heed their calls for rancor and divisiveness. Massachusetts is moving forward -- and the administration of Gov. Charlie Baker undeniably has played a large role in our success in the past four years.



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GUEST OP-ED

How to address the coming shortfall of primary care doctors

By Dr. G. Richard Olds

About 20,000 students recently graduated from U.S. medical schools. Now, they're beginning the next chapter of their training, as residents.

Yet less than 7,000 will be pursuing careers in primary care. America will be short up to 43,100 primary care physicians by 2030, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Medical schools have a responsibility to help fix this shortfall. They can do so by making primary care more alluring to students.

Primary care physicians are our healthcare system's first line of defense. They diagnose illnesses, help manage chronic conditions, and refer patients to specialists. Without them, patients would get lost in today's byzantine health system.

The shortage of primary care doctors is partially due to concerns over money and status. Specialists are better paid and often involved in prestigious new research.

Between April 2016 and March 2017, physician recruitment firm Merritt Hawkins conducted nearly 3,300 searches for its clients. The average offered to recruit an orthopedic surgeon was \$579,000. The average to recruit a family practitioner was less than half that.

The shortage also occurs because U.S. medical school's faculty are mainly specialists. Surgery departments in U.S. medical schools boast over 15,000 faculty members. Family practice departments have just 5,700 members.

Professors serve as role models to students, many of whom seek to follow in the footsteps of these mentors. Overwhelmingly, that means pursuing a career as a specialist.

Aspiring doctors also train in settings that push them toward specialties, not primary care. Medical students generally train in large teaching hospitals that serve patients who have been referred from primary and secondary care providers. Few students train in small clinics and local doctor's offices.

But most health care -- and almost all pri-

mary care -- is delivered outside of the hospital. Americans make 923 million trips to physician offices every year -- and only 130 million to emergency departments. More than half of office visits are to primary care physicians.

So medical students rarely gain enough experience in primary care settings to decide if it's the right career path for them.

These barriers are significant but not insurmountable.

To start, schools could promote primary care as a career. In 2015, the medical school at the University of California, Riverside, partnered with the Desert Regional Medical Center and Desert Healthcare District to launch a new primary care residency program in Palm Springs. UC Riverside also partners with Loma Linda University to offer the Pediatric Primary Care Residency Training Program, which prepares residents for careers in pediatrics and family medicine.

Second, schools could ensure students gain hands-on primary care experience by encouraging them to serve at community clinics. At the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine, for example, nearly nine in ten students volunteer in clinics in underserved communities. As a result, half of UC Davis students picked a primary care residency in 2015.

Third, schools could subsidize tuition for students who commit to primary care careers. At St. George's University, on the Caribbean island of Grenada, our CityDoctors Scholarship program provides grants to students from New York City who agree to return to practice in the city's public hospital system after they graduate. This year, eight students received CityDoctors scholarships worth a total of \$1.1 million.

Medical schools must make careers in primary care exciting and affordable for a new generation of physicians.

G. Richard Olds, M.D., is President of St. George's University. He was founding dean of UC Riverside's medical school.

Myles' Musings

By Myles Striar

Seize the day

It's still midsummer for a while,
The time we dreamt of all winter long.
Exploit it now. Do it in style.
Not to enjoy it would just be wrong.

Fall's already on the way.
The politicians can hardly wait.
To avoid regret, just seize the day
Be assured it's never too late.

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Commissioner Evans bids farewell after 39 years at BPD

Mayor Walsh immediately makes historic appointment of Chief Bill Gross as new superintendent

By Seth Daniel and Dan Murphy

Police Commissioner William Evans announced at a press conference Monday morning that he would resign from his post as commissioner to spend more time with his family and to be the head of public safety at Boston College (BC).

At the same time, Mayor Martin Walsh announced the historic appointment of the first African American police commissioner, current Chief William Gross, to take the reins of the Boston Police Department.

Evans will depart within the next two weeks, he said.

The news had been kicking around the community for some time, with many insiders beginning to speak about such changes as far back as late May. However, despite some unfounded Boston media reports, nothing had become certain until this past week when Commissioner Evans signed an agreement with BC and notified the mayor of his intentions.

"I wanted to let everyone know that I'm going to resign as Boston Police Commissioner," said an emotional Evans at the outset, his brothers in the front row, including former Commissioner Paul Evans.

"I can't really say I've had a day in my career where I woke up and didn't want to go to work," he continued. "There aren't a lot of people who can say that. This was a hard decision for me. You can ask my wife. We sat down more times talking about whether I should go or not go. In my heart and in my soul I'll always be a Boston policeman, but at the same time I have to do what's best for my family and take a step back. This department is in a good place under Mayor Walsh and no one cares more about public safety than the mayor."

Mayor Walsh said Commissioner Evans was the most important decision he made coming into office, appointing him in 2014 to take the helm.

"I'm immensely proud of appointing Billy Evans as police commissioner," he said. "It was an important, if not the most important, decision I made. It was the right decision. He is one of the best police commissioners in the country and I would argue one of the best in Boston's history...In our first year together we had the events in Ferguson, Missouri. That changed the conversation around the country on policing.

There was a lot of anger and we had already made the commitment to police-community relations, but it really changed how policing is done.

"I'm proud to say we made difficult decisions in our police department."

On Beacon Hill, many community leaders had great respect for Commissioner Evans as a police leader and as a human being.

Paula O'Keeffe, longtime chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association Safety Committee, described Evans' departure as a great loss for the city.

"I've served with the Safety Committee during the tenures of a few police commissioners, and Bill Evans was a standout as a human being, which carried over to his job," O'Keeffe said. "He cared so much about community policing, and this made for a city where the police and citizens respected each other. This led to complete admiration by all for this moral, kind man. He can never be replaced."

That said, Mayor Walsh did immediately announce his replacement, and that came in the historic appointment of Chief William Gross as the first African American commissioner of the Boston Police.

"I also have an historic announcement today; I'll be appointing Chief Willie Gross as the next police commissioner," he said. "Chief Gross is a proven leader whose trusted and respected in the community. He's a 33-year veteran of the department and has experience on the command staff... The important thing here is consistency. We're losing a great leader today and bringing in an incredible leader right behind him so the people of Boston and the Boston Police Department won't lose that consistency... Chief Gross is the right person to assume this command. I'm proud to appoint him as Boston's first African American police commissioner. That means a lot to the city and shows progress and concrete impacts. Chief Gross is a leader in our communities of color and brings trust and understanding. People turn to him for advice. He's the right person at the right time for this job."

Gross said the biggest challenge will be "senseless youth violence," and talked a lot about the concept of a "village." He even delved into his own past, having been raised by a single mother who came to Boston from Baltimore. He said the community supported

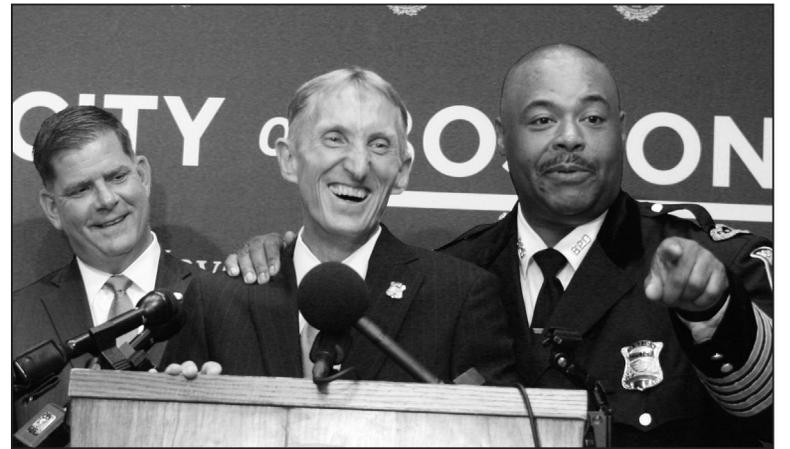
her in raising three children, and he hopes that such a village can help end the violence on some of Boston's streets.

"(My mother) raised us as single parent, but I never grow weary of saying I was raised by my parents," he said. "The definition of that other parent is the community – Vietnam vets, teachers, coaches, both good and bad from the community – that's what helped raise me. The positive crime stats the commissioner detailed; that's not just BPD, that's all of us. Boston is the best village in the country. We're the hub of the universe. The country started from here. So, women like my mother come here and are reinforced by the community and we can do that for every family in Boston. One homicide is too much. One senseless act of violence is too much. So, we can do it, but we have to walk towards each other so we can step forward together and overcome any obstacle we face in this city."

The incoming commissioner began as a Police Cadet in 1983, and then took his first assignment as a Boston Police Officer in 1985 in Dorchester. He worked his way up the ranks through the gang unit and Youth Violence Strike Force and described himself as a "true street cop."

He's often seen at crime scenes, and is noted for interacting with the public at such places – as well as in more relaxed settings like neighborhood socials and flashlight walks.

He has been on the command staff for nearly 10 years, and has



Commissioner William Evans, incoming Commissioner William Gross and Mayor Martin Walsh share a lighthearted moment during the announcement of changes to the police department.

been Evans's chief for four years.

Many asked the mayor if the appointment helped to send a message about race relations in Boston between the police and many of the communities.

"As we think of the next level of policing and the next level of building trust in Boston, it sends a message of how we want to build relationships in the community," said the mayor. "Every young person will read the paper or Twitter today and be able to think this could be them some day. It's a big statement for the Police Department and the City...Does this solve racism and all the perceived and perceptions of racism? No it doesn't. This is one more step in working toward a better society."

Incoming Commissioner Gross said it helps in moving forward from the "negative his-

tory" of the past.

"There was negative history going back to the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s, but through the vision of forward thinking leaders to bring on community policing, it changed us from being the warrior class, throwing the cuffs on and lock them away, to where we work collaboratively with the community," he said. "We truly believe that. When you are able to look someone eye to eye and not dismiss negative experiences that may have happened in the past, acknowledge and respect them, then you are on a level playing field where you can discuss things...What we have in Boston is a vision. Where do we want to be? We don't want to be like the past. Those are teachable moments, but we want to go forward."

And forward it is.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boston Foundation salutes retiring Police Comm. Evans, congratulates incoming Comm. Gross

Dear Editor:

We at the Boston Foundation applaud Commissioner Evans for his hard work not just as Commissioner, but in a career spanning nearly four decades as a member of the Boston Police Department. His hard work, dedication, and leadership skills have made him a respected, admired presence in Boston, at a time after the city's resolve was challenged by the Boston Marathon bombings.

We are also pleased to welcome superintendent-in-chief William Gross to the Commissioner's role. Not only is his appointment historic, as he becomes the first African-American Police Commissioner in Boston history, it is well-de-

served. Superintendent Gross, too, is no stranger to the people of Boston's neighborhoods. Both he and the man he is replacing have spent countless hours not just patrolling the streets, but connecting with the community at fairs, community events, children's gatherings, and dozens of other events across the city. They have both placed a strong emphasis on building community, and under Commissioner Gross, we look forward to continuing our work with BPD and the city.

Boston Foundation President and CEO Paul S. Grogan

On the Role of Commissioner

Dear Editor:

The Boston Police Commissioner's job is a massive and multi-faceted management responsibility, but Bill Evans

approached it with a deeply personal touch. His love for the city and its residents is matched only by his pride in the department he's served for almost 40 years. As Superintendent-in-Chief, Willie Gross has shown that very same commitment to serving the city's residents with the finest police force in the country. I have every confidence in his leadership and I commend Mayor Walsh for this decision.

"We've all seen Commissioner Evans on television or at a crime scene after something terrible happens. But we've also seen him in every neighborhood of the city for park openings, church services, and flashlight walks, night and day, when there wasn't a camera in sight. He's deeply connected with the schools, churches, businesses, and people who make Boston what it is.

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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, JULY 26

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, farm visits, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m., admission: free, (rain location: 74 Joy St.)

TUESDAY, JULY 31

RECITAL, Rebecca Shaw (cello) performing J.S. Bach's Suite no. 6, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$3, call 617-227-2155

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

FILM, "Basquiat" (1996, 106 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

THURSDAY, AUG. 2

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, firetruck, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m., admission: free, (rain location: 74 Joy St.)

TUESDAY, AUG. 7

RECITAL, Quilisma Consort performing polyphonic favorites including works by Ciconia and Desprez, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$3, call 617-227-2155

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8

FILM, "Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle" (1994, 124 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

THURSDAY, AUG. 9

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, Instrument Petting Zoo, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m., admission: free, (rain location: 74 Joy St.)

TUESDAY, AUG. 14

RECITAL, Chrstiaan Teeuwse on C.B. Fisk organ performing works by Buxtehude, Pachelbel and Sweelinck, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$3, call 617-227-2155

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15

FILM, "My Left Foot" (2005, 103 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

THURSDAY, AUG. 16

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, popsicles and sprinkler, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m., admission: free, (rain location: 74 Joy St.)

TUESDAY, AUG. 21

RECITAL, Margaret Felice (soprano) and Christopher Rakovec (organ) performing works by Couperin and Milhaud, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$3, call 617-227-2155

EVENT, Hill House's Senior Dinner, 74 Joy St., 5-6 p.m., contact: Meredith Adamczyk at 617-227-5838 ext. 22 for more information

FILM, "Keeping the Faith," Boston Synagogue, 55 Martha Road, 6:30 p.m., suggested donation: \$5, R.S.V.P. to office@bostonsynagogue.org

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22

FILM, "Capote" (2005, 114 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

THURSDAY, AUG. 23

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, storyteller and magician BJ Hickman, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m., admission: free, (rain location: 74 Joy St.)

TUESDAY, AUG. 28

RECITAL, Racha Fora performing cool jazz/Brazilian fusion, King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., 12:15 p.m., suggested donation; \$3, call 617-227-2155

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29

FILM, "Frida" (2004, 122 minutes, Rated R), West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., 3 p.m., call 617-523-3957 for more information

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, New England Aquarium Touch Truck, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m., admission: free, (rain location: 74 Joy St.)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, rainforest reptiles, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m., admission: free, (rain location: 74 Joy St.)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM end-of-season pizza party, Myrtle Street Playground, 4-5 p.m., admission: free, (rain location: 74 Joy St.)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

EVENT, Hill House's annual Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast, the Firehouse, 127 Mt. Vernon St., 9-11 a.m.

DCR selects Night Shift Brewing to operate seasonal beer garden on Esplanade

By Dan Murphy

Following a competitive process, the Department of Conservation and Recreation has selected Everett-based Night Shift Brewing to operate a seasonal beer garden on the Charles River Esplanade that will open

later this month.

"The Department of Conservation and Recreation continues to explore unique opportunities that provide the public with exceptional experiences within the state parks system," DCR Commissioner Leo Roy said in a press release.

The beer garden will be located in a self-contained area of the park at the Storrow Memorial Embankment Park (Fiedler Field). Its hours of operation are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 10 p.m. (last call at 9:30 p.m.), Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 10 p.m. (last call

at 9:30 p.m.) and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m. (last call at 7:30 p.m.), and beer garden will remain open through late October.

"Our goal is to create engaging, family-friendly, outdoor spaces for the local public to enjoy," Michael Oxton, co-founder of Night Shift, said in a press release.

Night Shift will provide wristbands or stamps for customers of legal age prior to the sale of alcohol, and arrange for a food truck at the location and accessible, portable restrooms on site.

Also, Night Shift Brewing will have to ensure compliance with the regulations of the City of Boston on behalf of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) for alco-

hol service to the public.

Meanwhile, the program is the result of a unique partnership between Night Shift and the non-profit Esplanade Association, which works with the DCR to enhance the Charles River Esplanade.

"We are delighted to partner with Night Shift to produce a one-of-a-kind beer garden on the Esplanade," Michael J. Nichols, executive director of the Esplanade Association, said in a press release. "We share DCR's vision for enhanced concession offerings on the Esplanade and believe there will be no better place to gather in Boston this summer than along the Charles River at sunset enjoying one of Night Shift's high-quality offerings."

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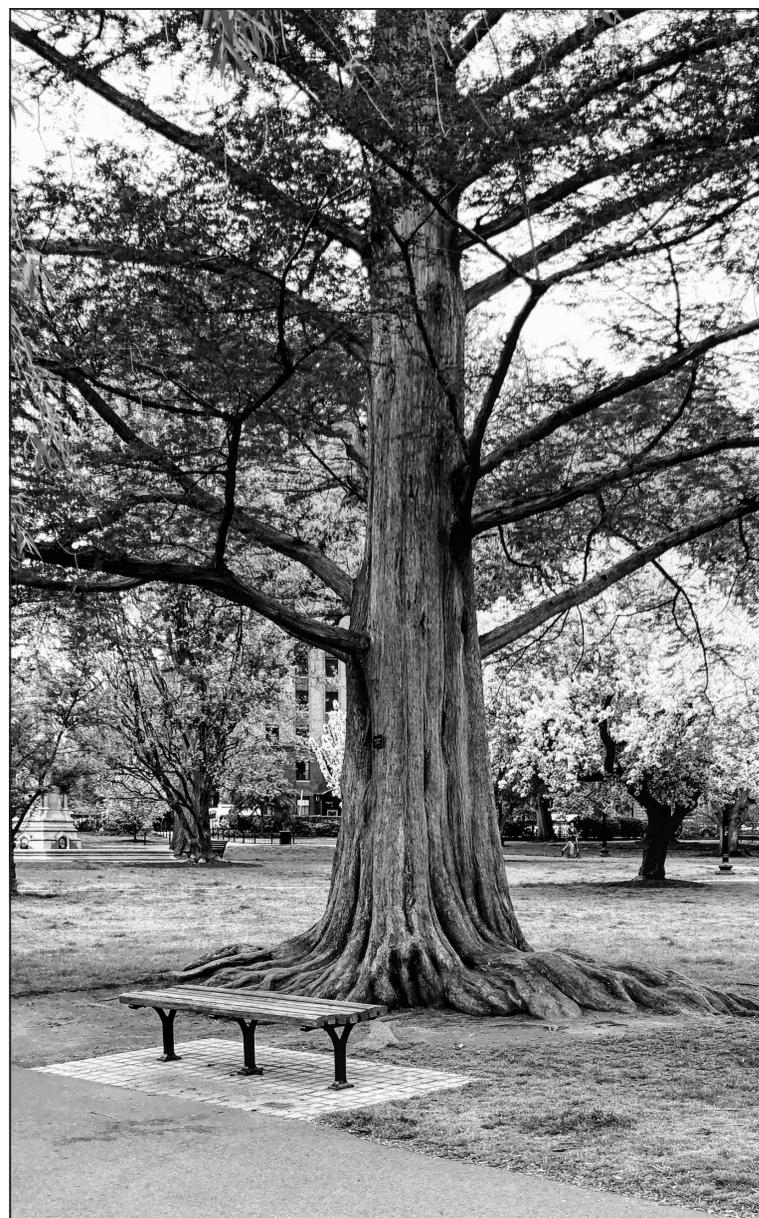
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BY PENNY CHERUBINO

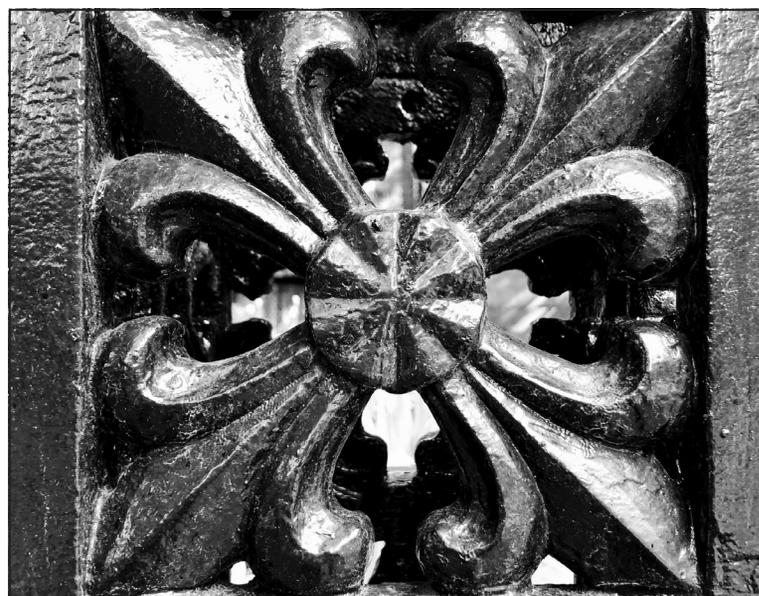
THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The attractive array of roots in the last clue is attached to a Dawn Redwood tree in the Public Garden. This majestic giant is a favorite and one of the more photographed trees by visitors to the park. The bench in front of it is a lovely place to sit and enjoy the passing scene.

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



Eve Dougherty | 617.838.5884 | eve@compass.com

Navigating you home.

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NEAD schedules popular Family Pride Day

By Phil Orlandella

As they usually do, North End Against Drugs (NEAD) has put together one of the best neighborhood events, North End Pride Day, scheduled for Sunday, September 15 from 12 to 4:30 p.m. at the North End bocce courts on Commercial Street.

Each year, the special community event is well attended and offers a wide-range of activities including a competitive bocce tournament dedicated to the former Director of this tour-

nament the late John Paolo.

Other events include live entertainment, face painting, balloon making, arts and crafts, demonstrations and information from firms within the community, a benefit raffle and much more.

As NEAD does every year, food and refreshments will be provided to everyone that attends.

NEAD President John Romano said, "Family Pride Day is always a great neighborhood event."

"Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy themselves."

NEAD Family Fun Festival August 6-12

By Phil Orlandella

A week-long series of events and activities has been scheduled throughout the North End as part of the North End Against Drugs (NEAD) Family Fun Festival, throughout the community from August 6 to August 12.

"NEAD has put together many events and activities throughout the neighborhood for an entire week at various locations," President John Romano said. "The activities are designed for all ages to attend and enjoy themselves."

Monday, August 6 - Emilie Pugliano/Robert Decristoforo Neighborhood Boat Cruise - 7 p.m. loading at Long Wharf. Cruise time 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Call (617) 750-9749 to reserve a spot, space is limited

Tuesday, August 7 - National Night Out - DeFilippo Park - "The Gassy," Prince Street 6 to 8:30 p.m. Free Pizza, DJ,

Balloon Guy, Face Painting, Reptile Petting Zoo, Slush Cart, Instrument Petting Zoo, RUFF DOG Park activities and much, much more. Mayor's NNO Cavakade and Public Safety Award Presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 8 - Movie Night at Gassy Park - Prince Street. 7 p.m.

Free Pizza, Movie The Boss Baby at Dark

Thursday, August 9 - 6 to 8 p.m.: Family Game Night on the Rose Kennedy Greenway - North End Park Parcel #10 - Hanover St./Cross St. Lawn Games for the whole family

Friday, August 10 - Puppet Show at Boston Worship Center 11a.m. - Salutation Street

Saturday, August 11 - 28, Annual LaFesta Baseball Exchange - Puopolo Park 5pm Game #1

Sunday, August 12 - 28, Annual LaFesta Baseball Exchange - Puopolo Park 10am - Game #2

Friends of the North End 46th reunion September 15

By Phil Orlandella

One of the best gatherings to have fun, mingle with friends, tell a few jokes or stories (not always true) is the annual Friends of the North End Reunion being held at the Sons of Italy Hall, 117 Swanton Street, Winchester on Saturday, September 15, starting at 2 p.m.

This is the 46th annual reunion that attracts numerous residents and former North Enders. "Our reunion has become very popular over the past years," Victor Passacantilli said.

In order to plan the special event properly, the Friends will not be able to honor any pay-

ments after the September 8 deadline.

Check should be made payable (\$60) to Sam Viscione and mailed to 20 Hillcrest Road, Burlington, MA 01803. For more details call 781-272-7674 or 781-835-8122.

Dinner will be served at 3:30 p.m. by Spinelli's Catering. Wine will be placed at each table.

This year's Coppola challenge question is... There were four owners of Frank's Bar and Grill at the corner of Hanover and Tileston Streets?

Those with the correct answers will have their names placed in the hat and the winner of the 2018 WOZ Award will be drawn.

SUCCESSFUL SEASON



The NEAA wrapped up its first season of young ladies softball. The girls, ages 7-11, practiced and played all season under the tutelage of head coach Chuck Bilikas. Chuck was ably assisted by Janine Martignetti, Carl Hall and Demetrie Spinney. For all of the girls it was their first time playing organized softball and they thoroughly enjoyed the season. At their last workout there was a celebration of the season. All the girls were given medals and there were 3 special awards passed out. Pizza, cupcakes, drinks and snack were supplied by the parents (thank you!) and a great time was had by all. Here is a group shot of the girls with their medals and the coaches. Also season Coach Chuck preached hustling, being a good teammate and being eager to learn. At the conclusion of our season the coaches gave out awards to the girls who exemplified these qualities. The award for Most Hustle went to Trinity Martignetti. The Best Teammate award went to Victoria DeMarco and Most Eager to Learn award went to Madeline Kim.

NEAA Dodgers playing winning baseball

By Ralph Martignetti

NEAA 21U baseball team reaches half-way point of season in second place. Led by coaches Dom DiCenso and Rob Pantaleo the North End Dodgers found themselves in second place behind Ayer with a 7-3-1 record.

The Dodgers were led by

the strong pitching of Nico Gennari, Evan Mallard and Colman Shea.

Hitting and defense has been trigger by first-half MVP Joe Tansino. In addition to Tansino, Rob Pagliuca, Lorenzo Pantaleo, Colman Shea and CJ Miller have also been standouts.

The Dodgers also get separation from the rest of

the league at catcher where Ryan Gallagher and Michael Galligani are two of the best that the league has to offer and the Dodgers have the luxury of having them both.

Coach DiCenso is looking for a strong finish as the Dodgers attempt to finish in first place for the 5th time in the last 6 seasons. Playoffs are the first week in August.

Senior Division Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties	Points
Ayer	8	2	1	17
North End	7	3	1	15
Wilmington	7	2	0	14
Lynnfield	7	3	0	14
Malden	6	5	0	12
N Andover Red	6	5	0	12
Framingham	5	2	0	10
Acton	4	3	0	8
N Andover Black	2	9	0	4
Medford	0	11	0	0

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OPINION By PHIL ORLANDELLA

RECREATIONAL SALE OF POT HAS NOT CLEARED UP THE SMOKE

It won't be too long until recreational pot shops are opened throughout the State with apparent rigid rules, regulations and policies geared to control the industry that will possibly continue to grow out of control.

The powers to be are only blowing smoke in an attempt to fill state, cities and town war chests. Money makes the world go around.

Soon, thousands of potheads will be strolling down the street about three feet off the ground and taxes will continue to increase despite the revenue expected from pot sales.

If the pot scenario doesn't work out as expected, what's the next step?

FOCCP DOES IT AGAIN

Totally successful, is the only way to describe the annual Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) Independence Day Celebration.

Hundreds of people joined in the day's activities which included a great

display of fireworks at dusk.

FOCCP, over the years, has provided many activities and events free to the public.

In addition, FOCCP, has done an outstanding job managing the needs of the park, working closely with the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department.

The non-profit group works overtime to make the park as terrific as it is and totally accessible.

LANZA HANDLED DIFFICULT MEETING VERY WELL

Under totally difficult circumstances, City of Boston Neighborhood Services Liaison Maria Lanza did an outstanding job conducting the North End abutters meeting relating to Starbucks plans to move into the community at 198 Hanover Street at The Gateway to the Italian neighborhood commonly known as "Little Italy".

More than 200 angry residents and businessmen filled the main hall at the Nazzaro Community Center to oppose the proposal and wanted to be heard.

Lanza managed to appease the

demand from the public to express their opinions more than once at the three-hour meeting, which had the potential to get out of hand at times.

The meeting was very loud, suggestive and even personal but Lanza managed to control the situation.

BRIDGE PROJECT WILL CREATE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

While the public has been assured that traffic problems, especially during peak hours, is under control for the revamping of the Washington Street Bridge, there is still the potential of becoming a traffic nightmare at times. At least it appears that way.

While alternate routes are being suggested, thousands of vehicles will be merging on both sides of the bridge and converging in the North End and Charlestown, not to mention the heavily traveled North Station area.

Many community meetings have been held relating to the Bridge Project that many factors could and will create traffic gridlock, like accidents, inclement weather, construction problems and the unforeseeable.

This is a must do construction project and will be a viable traffic thoroughway once completed with a great design plan put in place for non-traffic areas of the bridge, however a project of this magnitude will create traffic problems.

It appears to be a wait and see situation.

WILL INCREASED PARKING FINES OPEN UP RESIDENTIAL SPACES?

North End residents have complained continuously regarding residential parking spaces being taken up by non-stickered vehicles or false stickers as well as false handicap stickers.

In the neighborhood where parking spaces are limited for residents and are worth their weight in gold, the City of Boston's new increase parking fines could clear up some of the problem, especially with strict enforcement.

Only time will reveal if the increased fines actually opens up more residential spaces. It's a start.

NEWS AND NOTES By Phil Orlandella

CITY LAUNCHES NEW PILOT PROGRAM

A new program, the Age and Dementia Family Friendly pilot program, has been launched by the City of Boston's Commission of Elderly Affairs, and Mayor Martin J. Walsh.

The pilot program encourages local businesses to make their space and service more inclusive for people of all ages.

No North End businesses were selected to participate in the pilot program.

"In Boston, we are committed to making our city the most age-friendly city in America," said Mayor Walsh. "Part of that commitment requires us to

be able to respond to the needs of our older residents to make sure they feel safe and supported in their community."

A FIRST OF A KIND EFFORT

A first of its kind effort by Boston Harbor Now to create a more vibrant and welcoming harbor for all, has been launched.

The new public amenities web tool to navigate the HarborWalk for harbor visitors to locate restrooms, green lawns, seating areas, fishing docks, observation decks and more.

BostonHarborwalk.org will

help visitors enjoy the benefits of the Harbor

CITY YOUTH SUMMER JOBS

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently celebrated the first week of the city's youth summer jobs program which will reportedly employ over 3,000 young people over the summer.

"One of the most valuable investments we can make as a city is in our children and providing them with every opportunity to learn and build their skills early on," Mayor Walsh said.

PLAZA PALOOZA WELCOMES IN SUMMER

Boston's second annual summer kick-off was held on the City Hall Plaza's front lawn.

Plaza Palooza welcomed summer to City Hall and included lawn games, music by 103.3 FM Radio, food for purchase, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission's water truck, the

Boston Police Departments "Operation Hoodie" ice cream truck and Boston's mobile City

Hall To Go Truck.

Free student lunches were distributed.

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NEAA All Stars go 2-0 in Mayor's Cup action

By Ralph Martignetti

The U12 NEAA All-Stars enjoyed a successful first weekend in the annual Mayor's Cup tournament going 2 and 0 with big wins over Hyde Park (10 to 5) and Allston-Brighton (10 to 4).

The first game of the tournament featured NEAA MVP Richard Bova taking the hill vs a tough Hyde Park team. The NEAA took an early lead scoring 4 runs in the top of the 1st inning with lead-off hitter Cullen Lacey and offensive sensation Oliver Barca getting things going for the NEAA. Staked to an early lead the NEAA took control of the game and never looked back. Backed by a 10 run offensive explosion Bova pitched a gutsy game going the entire 6 innings striking out 10 and allowing only 4 hits. The offense was led by Oliver Barca who recorded 4 hits in the game.

The second game was another tough matchup against an always strong Allston-Brighton team. The game started off with NEAA Pitcher of the year Nik McHugh on the mound shutting down Allston-Brighton for the 1st 2 innings. The gritty Allston-Brighton team did not yield easily however and the game went back and forth until

the NEAA blew it open with a 6 run fourth inning keyed by big hits from Barca, McMahon, R. McHugh, Lacey, Murphy, Bova and DeAngelis. The game also saw DeAngelis come in and shut the door, pitching 4 strong innings in relief allowing only 1 run. The offense was led by Lacey (3 for 3) and Barca (3 for 3) who had an additional 3 hits capping off an amazing 7 for 7 weekend at the dish!

With NEAA payoff MVP Joe Brienze unable to play due to appendicitis rookies Max Mendoza and Matthew Griffin stepped up to provide key contributions in each game to help

the team come away the victories.

All in all the NEAA showed a great all around effort scoring 20 runs and allowing only 9. The NEAA hopes to continue their MC run when they face an always tough rivalry matchup vs Charlestown last Saturday at 2pm at the Parkway Little League complex. If the NEAA can continue its winning ways the semi-finals and championship will follow on Sunday.

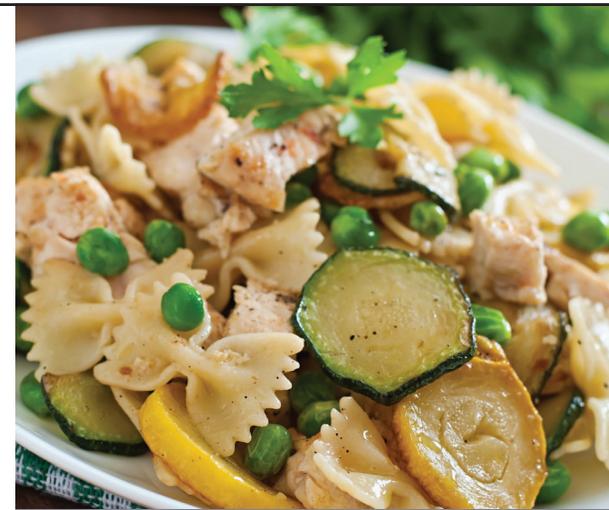
Pictured during the game are Max Mendoza, Michael Murphy, Richard Bova, Nik McHugh, and Sal DeAngelis.



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North End wins 11-8 in Mayor's Cup

By Ralph Martignetti

NEAA 10U Mayor's Cup team kicked off the tournament with a rousing 11-8 victory over neighboring Charlestown. The North End was led by Matthew Griffin, who threw a complete game striking out 11 Charlestown batters in the process.

At the plate Griffin also had two hits and three RBIs. Matt was not alone. Ryan McHugh chipped in with a couple of timely hits as well as a strong game behind the plate.

Desmond O'Hearn, Max Howard and William Previte also added a couple of hits along with some outstanding defense. The North End team was thought to be undermanned as this is a 10U tournament and

most teams take to the field with all 10 year olds.

The North End's roster consisted of 6 ten year olds but there were also 5 nine year olds, 1 eight year old and 1 seven year old.

The youngsters however were equal to the task. Seven-year-old Aidan Previte more than held his own in the field and had some very strong at bats. Eight year old Owen Flanagan reach based several times and just came up short on what would have been a spectacular diving catch in left field. Nine-year-old Anthony Sapienza and Ferdinand Carangelo also gave a good showing of themselves.

The team left it all on the field during a very hot weekend. They made our community very proud.

MAYOR'S NORTH END COFFEE HOUR DRAWS A CROWD



By Phil Orlandella

North End/Waterfront residents made their way to Christopher Columbus Park, participating in the annual Mayor Martin J. Walsh's Coffee Hour.

The event offers residents the opportunity to ask the Mayor questions on a first-hand basis. Other city departments were available to provide information.

The Parks and Recreation Department handed out potted plants and Dunkin' Donuts provided free coffee and gift cards.

Many attendees said, "The Mayor did a good job handling all the questions and provided good information relating to local issues and concerns."



COMMUNITY NEWS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) Executive Committee monthly meeting will be held on Monday, July 30 at 7 PM at the ABCD Center, 1 Michelangelo Street.

NEWRA MONTHLY MEETING

The next North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, August 9 at 7 PM in the Nazzaro Community Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

The next Public Safety monthly meeting with Boston police will be held on Thursday, August 2 at 6 PM in the Nazzaro Community Center.

FRIENDS OF NORTH END REUNION

Friends of the North End will hold their 46th Reunion on Saturday, September 15 at the Sons of Italy Hall in Winchester starting at 2 p.m. For details call Sam Viscione at 781-272-7674 or 781-835-8122.

FONE BOCCE ON SUNDAYS

The Friends of the North End (FONE) will play bocce almost every Sunday morning throughout the summer at the North End Bocce Courts on Commercial Street.

NEAD FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) will celebrate its annual Family Fun Festival from August 6 to August 12 at various places throughout the community. For times, places and events look for flyers being distributed throughout the community.

NEAD FAMILY PRIDE DAY

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) Family Pride Day will be held on Sunday, September 15 at Langone Park from 12 PM to 4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to the annual events.

NEMPAC PRESENTS FREE CONCERT SERIES

North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) presents free Summer Concert Series on The Greenway during the month of July every Tuesday starting July 10 through the 31st.

Jazz in the Park:

- July 31- Dirty Water Brass Band.

WEEKLY BLOCK PARTIES ON THE GREENWAY

The Boston Calling Block Parties series at Dewey Square Park on The Greenway kicks off. Block Parties are free and open to all every Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. all summer long with games, music, and beer and wine for purchase.



Greenway Arts Festival. A two Day Participatory Arts Festival Comes to The Greenway on July 28-29, 11am-11pm Saturday and 12pm-6pm on Sunday. FIGMENT FIGMENT is an explosion of creative energy; an annual celebration of participatory art and culture where everything is possible. Explore a variety of interactive public art across The Greenway.

Paul Revere Mall groundbreaking ceremony held

By Phil Orlandella

A ground-breaking ceremony was held on July 25 at the Paul Revere Mall (Prado) with Mayor Martin Walsh.

The Mall will be getting a

complete overhaul with key improvements including an underground drainage system, better lighting and increased accessibility, according to the Mayor.

In addition, the historic fea-

ture will be repaired but the basis design will remain the same.

Paul Revere's statue is located in the Mall which leads directly to the Old North Church.

North End Movie Nights at Gassy start August 15

By Phil Orlandella

Boston Community Collaborative will host "North End Movie Nights" in August

at the DeFilippo Park (Gassy) with pizza served at 7 p.m. and the movies starting at dark on Wednesdays.

This is an annual free event and all are welcome. Rain

location: Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

August 15-Marmaduke, August 22-Shrek, August 29-The Greatest Showman.

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SMOKE SHOP (from pg. 1)

is not on the NEWRA agenda according to Victor Brogna chair of the Zoning, Licensing and Construction Committee but they could be on the August

meeting. He also doesn't believe the Starbucks and citizens Bank, based on the appalling outcry at the NEWNC meeting will also not be on the agenda.

NEWNC will not conduct a meeting in August according to President John Pregmon.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, s 5-304 Docket No. SU18PO346GD In the matter of: Juan Baldoquin

RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person Of: Boston, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by North End Rehabilitation Healthcare of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Juan Baldoquin is in need of a of a Guardian and requesting that Velma Brinson of Mattapan, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court

and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

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 07/31/2018. 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: May 08, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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NORTH END ITALIAN FEASTS & PROCESSIONS SUMMER 2018

JULY

JULY 29, 2018 - ST. JOSEPH PROCESSION

1:00 pm Procession only - Starts at St. Joseph Society Club, Hanover Street

AUGUST

AUGUST 2, 3, 4, & 5, 2018 - ST. AGRIPPINA DI MINEO FEAST

Feast opens at 7:00 pm on Thursday; 12pm-11pm Fri., Sat. & Sun. (First weekend in August)

Hanover & Battery Streets (12:00pm Sunday Procession)

SaintAgrippinaBoston.com

AUGUST 10, 11 & 12, 2018 - MADONNA DELLA CAVA FEAST

Feast opens at 7:00 pm on Friday; 12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun.

Hanover & Battery Streets (1:00pm Sunday Procession)

MadonnaDellaCava.com

AUGUST 16, 17, 18 & 19, 2018

Fisherman's Feast of the Madonna Del Soccorso di Sciacca

Thursday, 6pm, Blessing of the Fishing Waters at Christopher Columbus Park

Feast opens at 6:00 pm on Friday; 12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun. Sunday 1:00 pm Grand Procession starts;

8:00 pm Flight of the Angel Fleet, Lewis & North Streets

FishermansFeast.com

AUGUST 23, 2018 - ST. LUCY'S FEAST

Thacher & Endicott Streets. 5:00 pm Thursday Feast & Procession

StAnthonysFeast.com/StLucy.html

AUGUST 24, 25 & 26, 2018 - SAINT ANTHONY'S FEAST

Endicott, Thacher & N. Margin Streets (Last weekend in August)

Feast opens at 7:00 pm on Friday; 12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun.

Sunday: 12:00 pm Grand Procession starts

StAnthonysFeast.com

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 - SANTA ROSALIA DI PALERMO

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AROUND THE CITY

MIDSUMMER

Popular award-winning actor Brooks Reeves stars in Apollinaire In the Park's free 1-1/2 hour production of "Midsummer," with two intermissions while changing locations within the park July 11-29, Wednesday-Sunday, 7:30 p.m., PORT Park, 99 Marginal St., Chelsea Waterfront. Bring blankets, chairs and a picnic. 617-887-2336, apollinairetheatre.com.

CYRANO

Gloucester Stage Company presents the New England premiere of Jason O'Connell and Brenda Withers' adaptation of of Edmond Rostand's 1897 play, "Cyrano de Bergerac," featuring a stellar cast, July 13-August 11, Wednesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday,

Sunday, 2 p.m. 267 E. Main St., Gloucester. \$35-\$45, discounts also.978-281-4433, gloucesterstage.com.

BOSTON LANDMARKS ORCHESTRA

Sit back, relax, and enjoy Boston Landmarks Orchestra's free concerts at DCR's Hatch Memorial Shell, Wednesdays, July 11-August 29, 7 p.m., starting with "Season Tune-Up," July 11, 6-8 p.m., followed by The Planets, featuring ZUMIX and St. Paul's Girls' School Choir, July 18, 7 p.m. landmarksorchestra.org.

ADDICTShunned

Avenue Stage presents Judith Austin's hard-hitting play on Boston's opioid addition crisis, featuring real-life stories of teens, adults, elders and

providers struggling to understand addiction, July 12-28, Boston Playwrights Theatre, 949 Comm. Ave., Boston: Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. \$30; students, seniors, \$20. avenuestage.org, 866-811-4111.

AN AMERICAN IN PARIS

Ogunquit Playhouse presents a stage adaptation of the Academy Award-winning film, with music by George and Ira Gershwin, making its regional premiere, July 11-August 4, 10 Main St., Ogunquit, Maine. Ticket start at \$52.ogunquitplayhouse.org, 207-646-5511.

RICHARD III

Commonwealth Shakespeare Company (CSC) presents Shakespeare's "Richard III," through July and August at Parkman Bandstand, Boston Common. Former Chelsea native Fred Sullivan Jr. and longtime Trinity Repertory-CSC award-winning performer is featured in the production. babsonarts.org, 781-239-5880.

DARK ROOM

Bridge Repertory Theater's Olivia D'Ambrosio directs a cast of 24 outstanding actresses in the world premiere of "Dark Room," George Brant's play about photographer Francesca Woodman, July 27-August 16, 7:30 p.m. Also features original movement devised by Doppelgänger Dance Collective. Recommended for ages 13+ years old. Multicultural Arts Center, 41 Second St., Cambridge. bridgerep.org.

NO TELL MOTEL

Newport Playhouse and Cabaret presents Michael G. Wilmot's comedy, "No Tell Motel," through September 1, 102 Connell Highway, Newport, RI. Dinner buffet, full-length plays and post-show cocktail cabaret, \$49.95 per person. newportplayhouse.com, 401-848-7529.

GLASSBLOWING DEMONSTRATIONS

Salem State University's Glassworks Studio hosts four Rosenberg Institute for Passionate and Emerging Artists for one month and glassblowing demonstration. Free admission, limited seating. 352 Lafayette St., Salem. 978-542-6365, salemstate.edu/arts.

THE TAMING

Hub Theatre Company of Boston presents Lauren Gunderson's play, "The Taming," July 13-28: Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, 2 p.m., at Club Cafe, 209 Columbus Ave., Boston. All tickets pay-what-you-can. hubtheatreboston.org.

ARCHERY GAMES BOSTON

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archery tag arena includes indoor summer activities, hosts corporate outings, team building exercises, birthday parties and more Thursday, Friday, 5-10 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., and private parties only, Mondays-Wednesdays, 12 Webster Ave., #3, Chelsea.

GREATER BOSTON STAGE STUDENT PROGRAMS

From July 9 to August 17, the theater offers one-week sessions for grades 4-9, July 9-August 12, and grades 10-12 and high school graduates, July 16-August 19. Summer festival shows, two weeks of non-stop theatrical fun featuring Young Company actors grades 4-12, is August 9-19, 395 Main St., Stoneham. More information, greaterbostonstage.org, 781-279-2200.

THE LEE MANSION THROUGH ARTISTS' EYES

Marblehead Arts Association and Marblehead Museum co-present this exhibition of the arts associations' juried members, through August 11, in the Jeremiah Lee Mansion's first floor Great Hall, Marblehead. The exhibition kicks off with an opening reception, Thursday, June 28, 6-8 p.m., in the mansion. 781-631-2608.

GLOUCESTER STAGE YOUTH ACTING WORKSHOP

On Fridays during the summer, through August 10, Gloucester Stage offers a six-week, two-hour youth acting workshop program for children ages 5-18, taught by award-winning actress Heidi Dallin and guest instructors, including Lindsay Crouse, teaching a master class, 267 East Main St., Gloucester. Need-based scholarships available. Questions, registration, 978-283-6688, gloucesterstage.com

WILD DESIGNS, SALLY MANN

Peabody Essex Museum features Wild Designs, an innovative, inspirational exhibition of artists and other creative folks looking to nature and living systems for new ideas, and creative solutions to human problems, displayed now through August 4, 2019. Also running through September 23, is iconic photographer Sally Mann's exhibit, "A Thousand Crossings". East India Square, Salem. pem.org.

TEATRO EN EL VERANO

Trinity Repertory Company, with Rhode Island Latino Arts, presents Teatro en el Verano, (Theater in the Summer), kicking off with a bilingual English-Spanish production of Shakespeare's "The Tempest," through July 27. The free performances will tour throughout Rhode Island and is appropriate

for all ages. See TrinityRep.com/Verano.

MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL

Karen Olivo, Aaron Tveit and Danny Burstein headline the cast of Global Creatures' world premiere production of the splashy musical, based on the 2001 20th Century Fox film, extended to August 19, at Emerson Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston. Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Saturday matinee, 2 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m. Tickets start at \$55. EmersonColonialTheatre.com, 888-616-0272.

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

The Bostonian Society presents an all-new exhibit, "Through the Keyhole," at the Old State House, featuring the Door of the Hancock House, Governor John Hancock's home and other historic memorabilia, now through December 20, seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., 206 Washington St., Boston. \$10; senior students discounts and others, military veterans Mass teachers, youths 6-18, EBT cardholders, free. bostonhistory.org, 617-720-1713.

LUZIA

Cirque du Soleil's newest show, Luzia has extended its run for two more weeks at Suffolk Downs, to August 12. Contortionists, trapeze artists, hoop divers, aerialists, and others perform spectacular feats in an imaginary Mexico, bathed at times in light and rain. www.cirquedusoleil/luzia.

ICONS OF THE HELLENIC WORLD

The Museum of Russian Icons' major exhibition, the Argie and Emmanuel Tiliakos Collection of Greek Icons, is open through October 21, 203 Union St., Clinton. museumofrussianicons.org, 978-598-5000.

ALONE TOGETHER, TOGETHER ALONE

An exhibition of artist Nora Valdez's work and "Still We Rise," a multimedia installation by Urban Youth Artists, open at Urbano and is on display through August 16, at 29 Germania St., Jamaica Plain. Hours are Monday-Friday, 1-6 p.m. urbanoproject.org.

KIDS AT THE CABOT

The Cabot Theatre, 286 Cabot St., Beverly, features \$1 Wednesday Summer Movies, at 7 p.m. Doors open 6:30 p.m. \$1 tickets available only at the Box Office, the night the film is showing. Next \$1 film is "Early Man," August 1; "Ferdinand," August 8; "Zootopia," August 15; "Finding Nemo," August 22; "Big Hero 6," August 29. 978-927-3100.

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Attempted Breaking and Entering - Residence

07/09/18 - A male suspect attempted to enter the window of a second-floor apartment through the fire escape of a Mt. Vernon Street residence at about 5:15 a.m. The victim reported the suspect fled back down fire escape. No property was reported missing at this time.

Aggravated Assault and Battery

07/12/18 - A male victim report three to five male suspects approached him at a Stuart Street hotel at around 10:50 p.m. At this time, the suspects smashed the victim's face and head against the door of a parked motor vehicle. The suspects then fled on foot before responding officers arrested them at Tremont and Stuart streets. The victim was transported to Tufts Medical Center for treatment.



How to take care of your new Beacon Hill tree recently planted by Boston's Park Department?

1. Please water it frequently. Use a hose for 5 minutes if you are able. Every other day during summer is ideal. New young trees need extra attention.
2. If your tree has a green gator bag please fill it properly. There is a small flap/opening on the top. Please fill the bag until full.
3. Install a tree guard to protect it against vehicular impacts, dog urine and reduce soil compaction. Install a dog sign to remind neighbors to curb their pets. Add mulch.

If you need additional information please contact the Beacon Hill Civic Association Tree and Civic Beautification Committee. www.bhcciv.org phone 617-227-1922

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Beacon Hill Civic Association

Comm. Ave. Bridge replacement project to start July 26

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is reminding members of the public of its upcoming intensive construction operations to replace the westbound side of the Commonwealth Avenue Bridge over 15 and one-half days from Thursday, July 26, through Saturday, Aug. 11.

During these construction operations, MassDOT said there will be significant service impacts to all modes of transportation in the Boston University/Saint Paul Street neighborhood of Boston along Commonwealth Avenue, including MBTA, commuter rail and Amtrak customers, vehicles along Commonwealth Avenue and the Boston University Bridge, and traffic on The Pike.

This \$110 million bridge replacement project, which would take an estimated four to five years using conventional techniques

with significant lane-takings and service disruptions, is scheduled for completion in 2019 under the accelerated plans. The westbound side of the bridge will be constructed this summer using three cranes that weigh 600 tons each. Crews will utilize this equipment to put in place 45 steel beams and 215 pre-fabricated concrete deck panels along with 680 cubic yards of concrete and 520 tons of hot mix asphalt.

The full upcoming travel impacts will be as follows:

Pedestrians and Bicyclists

•Pedestrians and bicyclists will have access across the Commonwealth Avenue Bridge on the eastbound side throughout construction.

•Download the Blue Bikes app on the App Store or Google Play to find a station near you. For a limited time, Blue Bikes is dropping their Single Trip Pass to \$1 from July 26 - Aug. 11, available

in the Blue Bikes app.

•MassDOT is also partnering with the City of Boston to provide an additional temporary Blue Bikes station at Silber Way on Commonwealth Ave during the construction period.

Drivers

Commonwealth Avenue

•Commonwealth Avenue (between Packard's Corner and Kenmore Square) will be closed to vehicular through traffic (local access only) from 7 p.m. on July 26 to 5 a.m. on Aug. 11. Access through this area will be maintained for local businesses and customers, residents, MBTA buses, emergency services, pedestrians, and bicyclists during this time.

Boston University (BU) Bridge

•The BU Bridge will be closed to vehicular and bus traffic from 7 p.m. on July 26, to 5 a.m. on Aug. 11. Access will be maintained for pedestrians and bicyclists only.

I-90 (Massachusetts Turnpike

•From 9 p.m., on July 27, to 5 a.m., on Aug. 6, I-90 (between the Allston Interchange and the Beacon Street Overpass) will have no more than two lanes open in each direction during peak hours. I-90 in this area will be further reduced to one lane in each direction at various times during off-peak, weekend, and weekday overnight hours.

•The I-90 eastbound on-ramp from Cambridge Street/Soldiers Field Road will be closed during this entire period.

•The I-90 westbound Exit 20 off-ramp to Brighton/Cambridge will be closed intermittently.

•I-90 will fully restored to four lanes in both directions at 5:00 a.m., on August 6.

MBTA Green B Line

•The Green B Line will be replaced with shuttle buses between Babcock Street and Blandford Street stations from 5

a.m. on July 27 to 5 a.m., on Aug. 11. The MBTA will be providing regular service updates to customers.

MBTA Commuter Rail

•The Commuter Rail Framingham/Worcester Line will operate regular service on weekdays. On the weekends of July 28-29 and Aug. 4-5, bus shuttles will replace Commuter Rail service in this area.

MBTA Bus

•MBTA Bus Routes CT2 and 47 will be detoured from their normal routes from 7 p.m. on July 26, to 5 a.m. on Aug. 11. These detours are expanded from the 2017 detour routes due to the closure of the Boston University Bridge this summer to all vehicles including MBTA buses.

•The Route 57 Bus will operate its normal route and will not make outbound stops in the construction area.

Teamsters endorse Rollins for DA

Rachael Rollins announced that Teamsters Local 25 has endorsed her candidacy for Suffolk County district attorney.

"Rachael Rollins is the most qualified candidate in this race," said Teamsters Local 25 President Sean M. O'Brien. "Rachael has experience as a federal and state prosecutor and as a defense attorney. She has a keen understanding of our judicial system, and the social and economic factors and injustices that often lead people to commit crimes. She will ensure this important office works for everyone. Teamsters

Local 25 is proud to endorse Rachael Rollins in her campaign to be the next district attorney in Suffolk County."

"I am so humbled by and grateful for the support of Teamsters Local 25," said Rollins. "As an organization with such a long history of advocating for working families, they know what it means to change the status quo so that the system works for everyone. Together, we will continue the fight to ensure that our communities are safe and that everyone is represented fairly and justly."

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

Myrtle Street Playground summer programming

Friends of the Myrtle Street Playground offers summer free programming on Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m., including farm visits on July 26; a firetruck visit on Aug. 2; Instrument Petting Zoo on Aug. 9; popsicles and sprinkler on Aug. 16; storyteller and magician BJ Hickman on Aug. 23; the New England Aquarium Touch Truck on Aug. 30; rainforest reptiles on Sept. 6; and an end-of-season pizza party on Sept. 13.

The rain location for all events is Hill House at 74 Joy St.

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 Rebecca Shaw (cello) performing J.S. Bach's Suite no. 6 on July 31; Quilisma Consort performing polyphonic favorites including works by Ciconia and Desprez on Aug. 7; Chrstiaan Teeuwesen on C.B. Fisk organ performing works by Buxtehude, Pachelbel and Sweelinck at Aug. 14; Margaret Felice (soprano) and Christopher Rakovec (organ) performing works by Couperin and Milhaud on Aug. 21; and Racha Fora performing cool jazz/Brazilian fusion on Aug. 28.

'Lives of the Artists' film series at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents "Lives of the Artists: A Film Series," including screenings of "Basquiat" (1996, 106 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 3 p.m.; "Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle" (1994, 124 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 3 p.m.; "My Left Foot" (2005, 103 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 3 p.m.; "Capote" (2005, 114 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 3 p.m.; and "Frida" (2004, 122 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at 3 p.m. Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Hebrew reading crash course

Have you ever wanted to learn how to read Hebrew? Now is the perfect time! With the High Holidays just around the corner, learning how to read Hebrew is the perfect summer activity, and will help make your holiday services much more meaningful.

"Read it in Hebrew" is a new, cutting-edge Hebrew reading crash course taking the Jewish world by storm. The flashcard based language course developed by the Jewish Learning Institute, promises users that they can learn to read Hebrew in only four weeks if they follow the program. In addition to reading skills, students get a glimpse into the holiness and depth of the Hebrew language, including brief kabalistic explanations of the Hebrew letters.

The course begins Monday, July 30, from 8 to 9 p.m. for four consecutive Monday evenings at Chabad of Downtown Boston, 16 Piedmont St. Registration is required and can be made at www.ChabadDB.org/Hebrew. The cost for the four-session course is \$100, and space is limited.

Photography exhibit takes trip along Charles

Throughout August, the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., is showcasing "The River That Connects Us: The Charles River, Boston and The MetroWest."

This exhibit features photographs by Rick Laurence that show landscapes and cityscapes taken along the Charles River. Influenced by Thoreau's "A week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers" and Herbert W. Gleason's photographs, this show is meant to give a sense of the geography of the Charles River and how it contributed to the shape of life along its path. 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 Aug. 21, 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.

Film experience explores Jewish experience

The Boston Synagogue, located at 55 Martha Road, presents its "Jewish Experience Across Cultures and Genres" Summer Movie Series, including a screening of "Keeping the Faith" on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 6:30 p.m.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person, and R.S.V.P. is preferred and can be directed to office@bostonsynagogue.org.

Hill House's Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast

In conjunction with the Beacon Hill Civic Association's HillFest, Hill House will hold its annual Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast at the Firehouse at 127 Mt. Vernon St. on Sunday, Sept. 23, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Enjoy flapjacks, bacon, fruit, coffee and more as Hill House celebrates fall. Staff will be on hand to speak all about Hill House and its programming for ages 0-12.

Untold Stories of the Public Garden free tours

Join the Friends of the Public Garden for free walking tours of Boston's iconic Public Garden and learn about the history, sculpture and horticulture of America's first public botanical garden. Tours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. (weather permitting) through mid-September. Meet at the "Make Way for Ducklings" sculpture in the Garden.

For more information, visit friendsofthepublicgarden.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.

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.

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.")

BSNJ/The Church On The Hill sponsors this initiative, but we are not promoting any religious ideology.

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.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

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 a well organized program.

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"). The Church on the Hill sponsors this initiative but we are not promoting any religious ideology.

'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 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, 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 tcfofboston@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 programs 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.

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.dbrota.org or call 617-535-1950.

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Progress made on the City Hall Plaza renovations

By Regional Review Staff

Significant progress has apparently been made in planning for the extensive redesign of the City Hall campus in honor of its 50th anniversary.

Moving from planning towards implementation is the next step in the final report of "Rethink City Hall: Boston City Hall and Plaza Study."

Skanska has been selected as the Owner's Project Manager and is in the final stages of contract negotiations with Saski Architects for the Design Firm to move the project forward to the next phase of design and construction.

Infrastructure improvements to the hall in the north side Plaza (closed for about 17 years)

will be open a vital access point to the public.

"These improvements are not only necessary for the long-term viability of City Hall and the Plaza but are an important part of our plan to make these spaces a destination," Mayor Martin Walsh mentioned in his announcements.

The Plaza redesign will be driven by lessons learned through the City's partnership with the Boston Garden Development Corporation and through discussions with other event organizers that have used the space extensively.

Making City services more assessable, welcoming and efficient while ensuring the long-term viability of the Plaza for activations is the apparent goal of the project.

Nominations for Love Your Block currently available

By Phil Orlandella

"Civic Engagement Ceremony Nominations Love Your Block, will celebrate Bostonians who are revitalizing community spaces for positive change, are currently available," according to the City's Neighborhood Services Liaison Maria Lanza.

"The ceremony is meant to recognize smaller grassroots organizations, groups and individuals that have voluntarily made a difference within

Boston," she said at a neighborhood meeting.

Community members will be recognized in the following categories: community gardening, vacant lot revitalization, public stewardship, public art beautification and community Vanguard.

Lanza asked residents if they know of any people that fall into any of these categories to go on the program website: boston.gov/loveyourblock. Deadline for nominations is August 10 at 5 p.m.

Lanza also noted that a summer series has begun and will continue until September 29.

Zumba will be held at Christopher Columbus Park, Mondays 6 PM, gentle yoga, Thursdays 10 AM, and Boot Camp Fridays at 6:30 AM.

"Everyone is welcome at classes no matter what your fitness level is," Lanza said.

Lanza was recognized at the NEWNC meeting for her outstanding management of the Starbucks abutters meeting.

Cuttillo Park gets mural-needs improvements

By Phil Orlandella

Over the course of the past several weeks, Cuttillo Park has had a crew of teens from the

Mayor's Office who have been working on a mural along the back wall of the park, according to Boston Neighborhood Service Liaison Maria Lanza.

Neighbors of Cuttillo Park have sent a letter to city officials asking that something be done about the dilapidated park.

The letter requested regular cleaning as well as trash pickup, restaurant barrels removal and police patrols along the public narrow street.

Apparently, residents are hopeful that the mural is a step in the right direction toward restoring the park for children and families to enjoy.

Robyn Reed, chair of the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association's Parks and Open Spaces Committee has encouraged local residents to join the Committee to help with projects like the mural work at the park and other improvements to North End parks. To join, email robynr@newra.org.

Cuttillo Park has been a major problem in the past for drug related activities.



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