

# Community group amends liquor license policy

By Phil Orlandella

At their last monthly meeting the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association voted 20-1 to amend the community group's policy on liquor licenses.

The Association added a cap on package store type licenses to a maximum of 11.

NEWRA's policy currently has a cap of 91 licenses referring only to pouring licenses at restaurants and cafes.

NEWRA's policy also calls for businesses to close at 11pm from Sunday through Thursday and 12 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Licensing Board for the City of Boston is not mandated to abide by NEWRA's policy.

There was a lengthy discussion on the City's proposal to move hazmat vehicle routes out of Boston. NEWRA President urged residents to send letters to MassDOT supporting the Mayor's proposal.

State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, NEWRA VP, Victor Brogna and David Kubiak co-chair of the Zoning, Licensing and Construction Committee outlined the dangers of these vehi-



Residents attend NEWRA meeting.

Photos by Phil Orlandella

cles passing through North End/Waterfront Streets. The group agreed to re-send a NEWRA letter to the new Secretary of Transportation.

The Mayor's proposal also has the support of Sen. John Kerry, Se. Scott Brown, Cong. Michael Capuano, Cong. Stephen Lynch, Sen. Anthony Penucci, Councilor Sal LaMantina, North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council and hundreds of residents.

In addition, Deputy Fire Chief and Boston Fire Marshal Kodziz has supported the re-routing plan pointing out the many dangers that these vehicles pose to life and property should an accident occur.

President Hogue reminded members that NEWRA's annual Election of Officers will be held at their monthly meeting Thursday, October 13 from 8:10 to 8:20pm. She pointed out that candidates are still needed to run for office and that NEWRA Committees are also seeking

members to participate in their functions.

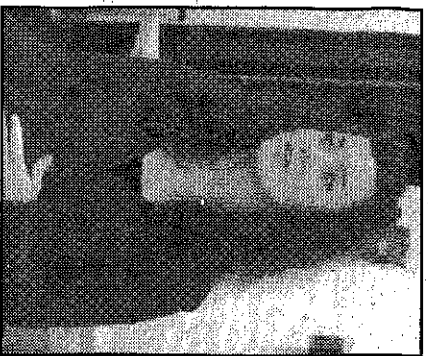
Guest Speaker Jeanne Dasaro described her Oral History Project, "North End Stories" a

digital narrative project that aims to collect, preserve and share the stories of Italian Americans whose families immigrated to the North End in the late 19th and early 20th century. Basically how the North End has changes since then.

Once the project is complete, Dasaro intends to release a series of video interviews, a booklet of photos and quotes and an interactive website. Several videos are already on the website at [www.northendstories.com](http://www.northendstories.com).

Anyone interested in participating should call 617-326-7866 or log onto [northendstories@gmail.com](mailto:northendstories@gmail.com).

The next Committee monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13 at 7pm in the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.



Jeanne Dasaro

# NEW Health CEO wins national reelection bid

By Marianne Aiello

North End Waterfront Health CEO Jim Luisi was reelected as the Speaker of the House for the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) on August 28 at the organization's annual conference in San Diego. Luisi has already served two years as Speaker and is looking forward to serving at least another two.

"My work with NACHC is important to me because not only do I help promote the interest of health centers across the United States, I also am able to advocate for our patients right here in the North End," he says.

NACHC's mission is to promote the provision of high quality, comprehensive and affordable health care that is coordinated, culturally and linguistically competent, and community directed for all medically underserved populations.

The organization works with a network of state health centers and primary care organizations to provide advocacy for health centers, educate the public about the value of health centers, and train health center staff and boards.

Luisi and other NACHC elected officials worked closely with Congress to instate the Affordable Care Act of 2010 and continue to play an integral role as the bill takes effect.

Thriving local health centers are a cornerstone to successful health care reform.

"I've been at North End Waterfront Health for 35 years now and I've witnessed firsthand how health centers can benefit its patients and the community at large," Luisi says. "We've created a health care system in Massachusetts that works. My goal is to continue to improve it and to promote similar changes to health care across the country."

Luisi has also served as board chair for the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers and as the chair of NACHC's Health Policy and Legislative Committees.

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that there have been three arrests recently for Breaking and Entering. He also mentioned that Larceny from Motor Vehicles continues to grow but if people didn't leave things in plain sight the numbers would drop considerably.

Police are distributing brochures advising residents to be more cautious with leaving items in plain view.

Over the past 30 days in August, 13 motor vehicles have been towed, 124 motor vehicle violations have been written and 238 parking violations have been issued.

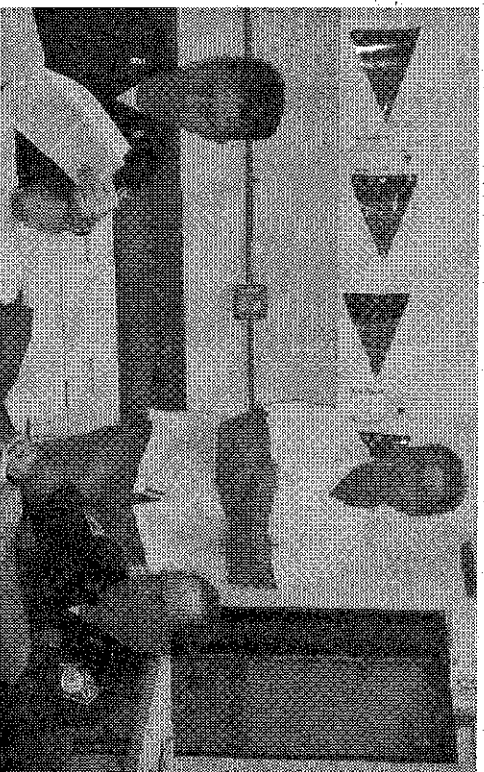
Police reports indicate that there have been no homicides, three sexual assaults, two robberies, two aggravated assaults, two breaking and entering, six larceny from motor vehicles, no graffiti, no community disorders or auto thefts during the 30

day period the report covers. Sgt. Lema noted that police responded to 18 loud noise complaints throughout the summer.

One resident asked police to check the Coppis Hill Terrace periodically because a group of homeless people have made it their temporary home. Another resident complained about bicycles being ridden on the sidewalks and there are still problems with Segways.

Sgt. Lema reported that he has been to Suffolk University on several occasions to talk with students about the dos and don'ts of living in a community atmosphere.

The next NEWNC Public Safety monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6 at 6:30pm in the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.



Shown (l to r) Sergeant Tom Lema, Lieutenant Detective Charles Wilson and Officer Ted Boyle.

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