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## 2024 October Italian Heritage Month

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### OCTOBER as ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH IN MASSACHUSETTS

Celebrate Italian Heritage with a month of events!

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The ANNUAL KICKOFF this year will be held on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 6:00 PM  
 MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the STATE HOUSE in Boston

This years honorees are **Mary Ann Esposito, Emilo Bizzi, and Michael Colomba**  
 Master of Ceremonies **State Representative Paul Donato**

Coro Dante will be performing the American and Italian National Anthems and other musical selections. A wonderful program has been planned, so please join us with friends and family and show your support of October Italian-American Heritage Month! A proclamation by State Senator Sal DiDomenico will be read. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Working Class Fleeing Democrats

The Teamsters' decision not to endorse a presidential candidate this year for the first time since 1996 has stung the Harris-Walz campaign. According to Michael Baharaeen from unHerd, "It is the latest sign of the Democratic Party's struggle to retain working-class voters." According to union data, the rank and file of teamsters favored Trump over Harris by more than 20; points. Union members and the whole working class are "more culturally conservative than the party's ascendant college base." If Democrats don't "address that gap, it may raise a threat to their electoral viability."

### Quote to Note

"It's easy to forget because he's usually invisible but we still have Joe Biden as president for four months. That's a scary prospect considering his obvious cognitive decline. He's spent almost half his presidency goofing off and being shielded from scrutiny but the situation is rapidly getting worse.

The fate of the free world should not be left in the hands of a man who can't remember where he is or what he's meant to be doing at any given moment."  
 — Miranda Devine, NY Post columnist

### California Bans Plastic Shopping Bags

Paper or plastic is no longer an option in California at the checkout counter under a new law just signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom that bans all plastic shopping bags.

California already had banned thin plastic bags at supermarkets and other stores but shoppers could still purchase thicker plastic bags that purportedly made them reusable and recyclable

The new law approved by the state legislature in August, bans all plastic shopping bags starting in 2026. Consumers who don't bring their own bags will now be asked if they want a paper bag.

### End Quote

"Be the rose that grows in concrete." — Angie Thomas

**ITALIAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE COLUMBUS DAY**

**CULTURAL CELEBRATION**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 12PM - 4PM  
 Tall Ship Park, 1 East Pier Dr., East Boston, Pier One.

ITALIAN FOOD & PASTRIES  
 MUSIC  
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 VENDORS  
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 Sea Breeze Band with Steve Savio,  
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# 2024 October Italian Heritage Month Calendar of Events

- Ongoing **PASSPORT TO ITALIAN LANGUAGE IN SCHOOLS** | C.A.S.IT., Inc. has been bringing Italian language and culture instruction to classrooms K-12 since 1985. For more information and grant request instructions, please visit [www.casit.org](http://www.casit.org)  
**SPONSOR:** C.A.S.IT., INC.  
**CONTACT:** Adelaide Guarracino, [aguarracino@casit.org](mailto:aguarracino@casit.org)
- Friday, September 27 **25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA CELEBRATION - 7:00 PM** | Celebration of October as Italian Heritage Month, dinner and dancing | \$100.00 per person  
**SPONSOR:** Italian Heritage Month Committee **LOCATION:** Teresa's Prime Steakhouse, 20 Elm Street – Rte. 62, North Reading, MA  
**CONTACT:** Kevin Caira, 978-657-7734 or 508-633-2681, [Kevincaira57@gmail.com](mailto:Kevincaira57@gmail.com)
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1** **OCTOBER ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH KICK-OFF EVENT** | 6:00 PM | Event will honor Michael Colomba with the Entrepreneur Award, Emilio Bizzi with the Education Award, and Mary Ann Esposito with the Culinary Arts Award plus 5 Scholarship presentations | Buffet | Free  
**SPONSOR:** Italian Heritage Month Committee **LOCATION:** Massachusetts State House Chambers, 24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA  
**CONTACT:** Kevin Caira, 978-657-7734 or 508-633-2681, [Kevincaira57@gmail.com](mailto:Kevincaira57@gmail.com)
- Saturday, October 5 **CHICKEN BARBEQUE** | 12:00 PM | BBQ with chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, dessert. Proceeds benefit the Lodge's scholarship & charitable endeavors | \$25-Adults / \$10-Children 6-12 / Free-Under 6  
**SPONSOR:** Bandiera e Concordia Lodge # 240 (Marlborough) **LOCATION:** Marlborough Fish & Game Club, 1 Muddy Lane, Marlborough, MA  
**CONTACT:** Betty Evangelous, 508-380-9267
- Saturday, October 5 **ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE BBQ** | 2:00 PM | BBQ to celebrate Italian Culture | \$50-Adults / \$10-Kids  
**SPONSOR:** South Shore Lodge # 1850 (Hingham) **LOCATION:** Sons of Italy, 39 Kilby Street, Hingham, MA  
Purchase tickets at: [hinghamsonsofitaly.com](http://hinghamsonsofitaly.com)
- Saturday, October 5 **ITALIAN HERITAGE DINNER DANCE** | Cocktails - 6:30 PM / Dinner - 7:30 PM | Dinner: Maria's Catering / Entertainment: Luciano Russo.  
Tickets must be purchased in advance by September 23, 2024 | \$75.00 per person  
**SPONSOR:** Piave Fiume Lodge # 1036 (Watertown) **LOCATION:** Sons of Italy, 520 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA |  
**CONTACTS:** Florence Guidara / Lilia Viscomi 617-877-7285 / 617-645-2969
- Sunday, October 6 **MASS AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH IN THE NORTH END** | 12 Noon | Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of October as Italian-American Heritage Month. Celebrant will be Fr. Michael Della Penna. Refreshments served in the downstairs hall immediately following the Mass. Public is welcomed.
- Thursday, October 10 **ITALIAN LANGUAGE FOR TRAVELERS** | 6:30 PM | Bite size introduction to the Italian Language for Travelers  
Cookies, soft drinks, and coffee | Free  
**SPONSOR:** Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge # 2183 **LOCATION:** Wilmington Memorial Library, 175 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA  
**CONTACT:** Michele Siracusa, 978-604-6437, [mnortonen@gmail.com](mailto:mnortonen@gmail.com)
- Thursday, October 10 **RENATO POLIAFITO PRESENTS DOLCI!** | 6:30 PM | Cookbook author Poliafito presents his latest book *Dolci! American Baking with an Italian Accent*  
**SPONSOR:** I AM Books **LOCATION:** I AM Books, 124 Salem St., Boston MA  
**CONTACT:** Nicola Orichuia, [nicola@iambooksboston.com](mailto:nicola@iambooksboston.com)
- Thursday, October 10 **DANTE FILM NIGHT: Screening The Young Montalbano** | 7:00 PM | Join us for the next *Montalbano* episode | Refreshments  
**SPONSOR:** Dante Alighieri Society **LOCATION:** Dante Alighieri Society, 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA  
**CONTACT:** [admin@dantermass.org](mailto:admin@dantermass.org)
- Friday, October 11 **14TH ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE GOLF CLASSIC** | 9:00 AM | 14th Annual Italian Heritage Golf Classic 4-man teams, proceeds to benefit the Italian Heritage Scholarship Fund, Cooley's Anemia Foundation, and the Alzheimer's Association | Continental Breakfast and Buffet Luncheon | \$150.00 per player  
**SPONSOR:** Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge # 2183 **LOCATION:** Hillview Golf Course, 149 North Street, North Reading, MA  
**CONTACT:** Kevin Caira, 978-657-7734 or 508-633-2681, [Kevincaira57@gmail.com](mailto:Kevincaira57@gmail.com)

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For further information about Italian Heritage Month visit [www.ItalianHeritageMonth.com](http://www.ItalianHeritageMonth.com)  
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**Boston City Councilor  
 Gabriela Coletta Zapata to Host  
 Italian Flag Raising  
 AT BOSTON CITY HALL**

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata will host the Italian Flag Raising and Italian-American Heritage Month celebration on Wednesday, October 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. at the flagpole stage on Boston City Hall Plaza.

"As a proud fourth-generation Italian American, I'm excited to host the Italian Flag Raising and Italian-American Heritage Month celebration at City Hall Plaza on Wednesday, October 2, at 11:00 a.m. I look forward to joining the festivities to honor our beautiful culture and traditions. Everyone is welcome to join the celebration. Viva l'Italia!" said Coletta Zapata.

For additional information please contact the Office of Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata by phone at (617) 635-3200 or by email at [gabriela.ramirez@boston.gov](mailto:gabriela.ramirez@boston.gov).

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## 2024 October Italian Heritage Month *Calendar of Events*

- Saturday, October 12 & Saturday, October 19  
**RESOURCE LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE** | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (each Saturday) | C.A.S.IT, Inc. is hosting an open house for anyone interested in Italian Language & Culture instruction resource materials | Coffee / pastries | Donations welcomed  
**SPONSOR:** C.A.S.IT., INC. **LOCATION:** 21 Water Street, Amesbury, MA  
**CONTACT:** Adelaide Guarracino, 781-953-5798 aguarracino@casit.org
- Saturday, October 12  
**ITALIAN GALA DINNER** | Cocktails - 5:30 PM / Dinner - 6:30 PM | 2nd Annual Italian Gala / Black Tie Optional Program and Dancing following Dinner - Purchase tickets by October 1 | \$135.00 per person  
**SPONSOR:** St. Padre Pio Lodge # 3013 (Springfield) **LOCATION:** Sheraton Hotel, One Monarch Place, Springfield, MA  
**CONTACT:** Salvatore Circosta, 413-455-0260, osdiaspringfield@gmail.com
- Monday, October 14  
**COLUMBUS DAY BREAKFAST** | 9:00 AM | The Event will honor Diane Modica who will speak on the importance of Columbus Day | Live Italian Music by Pasquale @ the Good Italians” will perform | Free  
**SPONSOR:** Italian Heritage Month Committee **LOCATION:** Dante Alighieri Cultural Center, 42 Hampshire St., Cambridge, MA  
**CONTACT:** Kevin Caira, 978-657-7734 or 508-633-2681, Kevincaira57@gmail.com
- Monday, October 14  
**ITALIAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE 3rd ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY — CELEBRATING COLUMBUS DAY** | 12:00 to 4:00 PM | Celebration for Columbus Day — Entertainment Sea Breeze Band, Alan Labella D.J. (Native of East Boston, MA) Puppet Show, Magic Show, and Barbie. Magician strolling through park. Also, food vendors and non-food vendors selling jewelry, crafts, etc. Come and enjoy Columbus Day with the Italian American Alliance | Free Admission  
**SPONSOR:** Italian American Alliance **LOCATION:** Tall Ships Park, 1 East Pier Drive, East Boston, MA  
**CONTACT:** Florence Ferullo Guidara, 617-877-7285
- Tuesdays, October 15, October 22 & October 29  
**DR. MATTEO CASINI, “L’AFFASCINANTE VIAGGIO DELLA REPUBBLICA DI VENEZIA”** | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | Three classes on the history of the amazing city of Venice, Italy | \$100 per person  
**SPONSOR:** Cambridge Center for Adult Education **LOCATION:** 42 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA  
**CONTACT:** Francesca Ferraris, francesca.ferraris@ccae.org
- Wednesday, October 16  
**GENERAL MEMBER MEETING AND DINNER EVENT** | 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Join us for a multi-course meal with the primary focus being on socializing with fellow guests, along with a general discussion as to JLS, its origin, our mission, and current agenda topics | \$40.00 p/p, not including alcohol  
**SPONSOR:** Justinian Law Society **LOCATION:** Bocelli’s Restaurant; 374 Main Street, Medford, MA  
**CONTACT:** Riccardo Rullo, 617-447-0190
- Thursday, October 17  
**ITALIAN CLASSICS** | 2:30 PM | Two Italian singers will sing Italian Classics | Cookies, soft drinks, and coffee | Free, but tickets are required  
**SPONSOR:** Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge # 2183 **LOCATION:** Wilmington Memorial Library, 175 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA  
**CONTACT:** Michele Siracusa, 978-604-6437, mnortonen@gmail.com
- Saturday, October 19  
**THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WRITERS ASSOC. PRESENTS ANNA MONARDO AND MATTHEW PORTO** | 6:00 PM | IAWA returns to I AM Books for its monthly authors series and open mic!  
**SPONSOR:** I AM Books **LOCATION:** 124 Salem St., Boston MA **CONTACT:** Nicola Orichuia, nicola@iambooksboston.com
- Saturday, October 19 & Saturday, October 26  
**INTRODUZIONE ALLA DIZIONE ITALIANA E PUBLIC SPEAKING** | 2:00 PM to 5:45 PM each day | This masterclass is aimed at native Italian speakers and fluent Italian language students who would like to improve their Italian diction and learn some public speaking techniques. Led by Eleonora Francesca Cordovani and Chiara Durazzini. In Italian. Students must attend both days. More info at [www.pazzilazzitroupe.com](http://www.pazzilazzitroupe.com) | Early Bird by October 10th: \$130 – Regular Registration: \$140/person  
**SPONSOR:** Boston Italian Theatre Company **LOCATION:** SomArt at the Hive, 191 Highland Ave. Somerville, MA – 4th floor  
**CONTACT:** Eleonora Francesca Cordovani and Chiara Durazzini, pazzilazzitroupe@gmail.com
- Sunday, October 20  
**FALL WOMAN’S FUN FILLED DAY OF BOCCE** | 9:00 AM | Teams will be chosen according to skill level Breakfast and Lunch included - 50/50 Raffle - Best Ball Competition | Refreshments | \$40.00 per person  
**SPONSOR:** Methuen Lodge # 902 **LOCATION:** Sons of Italy, 459 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA  
**CONTACT:** Gina Neve 978-697-5430
- Thursday, October 24  
**DINNER FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS** | Doors open at 5:30 PM, Dinner served at 6:00 PM | Chicken or Eggplant Parm, Sausage, Peppers & Onions, Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, and Water followed by a 50/50 raffle and a raffle of a 4-hour limo ride from Salem to Encore Casino or a North End of Boston restaurant of the winner’s choosing. | \$25.00 per person, includes the meal  
**SPONSOR:** Veturia Romana Mixed Lodge # 1200 (Salem MA)  
**LOCATION:** Jean A. Levesque Community Life Center, 401 Bridge Street, Salem, MA (ample parking on site)  
**CONTACT:** Elaine Tudal, 978-578-6207, TGISIS@comcast.net
- Thursday, October 24  
**PRESENTATION ON SOUTHERN SICILY** | 6:30 PM | Slide Show Presentation on Southern Sicily | Cookies, soft drinks, and coffee | Free, but tickets are required  
**SPONSOR:** Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge # 2183 **LOCATION:** Wilmington Memorial Library, 175 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA  
**CONTACT:** Michele Siracusa, 978-604-6437, mnortonen@gmail.com
- Thursday, October 24  
**SENZA GLUTINE! GLUTEN — FREE ITALIAN DISHES FOR EVERYONE!** | 6:30 PM | Local cookbook authors Cynthia Delia Coddington and Josephine Provenzano Hoppe present their Italian gluten-free recipes! | Refreshments  
**SPONSOR:** I AM Books **LOCATION:** 124 Salem St., Boston MA  
**CONTACT:** Nicola Orichuia, nicola@iambooksboston.com
- Saturday, October 26  
**GALA PORCHETTA DINNER DANCE** | 7:00 PM | Gala Porchetta Dinner Dance | \$60.00 Per Person  
**SPONSOR:** Appian Club **LOCATION:** Appian Club, 100A Fallon Road, Stoneham, MA  
**CONTACT:** John De Leo, john.deleo@comcast.net
- Monday, October 28  
**COMMEDIA DELL’ARTE AND RENAISSANCE MUSIC DEMONSTRATION** | 7:00 PM | Discover Commedia dell’Arte and its music, the renowned Italian Renaissance theater which is the base of modern comedy! Actress Chiara Durazzini and musician Dan Meyers of the Pazzi Lazzi Troupe present Masks in Motion, a presentation and demonstration of Commedia dell’Arte and Renaissance music. Chiara and Dan will perform a short skit featuring Arlecchino, one of the most famous Commedia stock characters. They will then present a lecture about the history and characteristics of Commedia dell’Arte and its legacy, and a practical demonstration of its characters and music. A Q&A will follow the presentation. This event is for adults and kids ages 6 and older. No registration necessary. | Free  
**SPONSOR:** Newton Free Library **LOCATION:** Newton Free Library, Druker Auditorium, 330 Homer Street, Newton, MA  
**CONTACT:** Chiara Durazzini, pazzilazzitroupe@gmail.com
- Saturday, November 2  
**THE 3RD ANNUAL ARTHUR NICHOLSON III BOCCE TOURNAMENT** | 8:30 AM | The Methuen Scholarship Foundation is a charitable organization raising funds for Methuen High School Senior Scholarships. We are having a Bocce Tournament that includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Dessert teams of 4 | \$40.00 per person  
**SPONSOR:** Methuen Lodge # 902 **LOCATION:** Methuen Sons of Italy, 459 Merrimack St., Methuen, MA  
**CONTACT:** Lisa Simonian, 617-584-4099, lmsimonian@comcast.net
- Tuesday, November 5  
**APPIAN CLUB ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS** | 6:30 PM | Appian Club Memorial Mass for Deceased Members | Refreshments after Mass at the Appian Club, 100A Fallon Road, Stoneham, MA | Donations Payable to St. Raphael Church  
**SPONSOR:** Appian Club **LOCATION:** St. Raphael Church, 514 High Street, Medford, MA  
**CONTACT:** John De Leo - john.deleo@comcast.net
- Thursday, November 7  
**NANCY BELLANTONI PRESENTS “THE BATTALION ARTIST”** | 6:30 PM | The Battalion Artist explores the three years, three months, and three days of Natale Bellantoni’s life on the Pacific front in World War II  
**SPONSOR:** I AM Books **LOCATION:** 124 Salem St., Boston MA **CONTACT:** Nicola Orichuia, nicola@iambooksboston.com