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Wu marks creation of new city planning department with signing ceremony

Staff Report

Standing behind the Last Tenement at 42 Lomasney Way – the only historic building from the old West End to survive urban renewal in that neighborhood – Mayor Michelle Wu signed an ordinance on Tuesday, April 2, which will allow for the creation new planning department in the City of Boston for the first time in 70 years.

The ordinance restores planning as a core function of Boston city government, ensuring its inclusion in the city’s budget and allowing for the transfer of current staff from the Boston Planning & Development Agency to the new planning department.

“Today we mark a long-overdue new chapter in Boston’s growth—grounded in affordability, resiliency, and equity,” said Mayor Wu. “This ordinance is the biggest step Boston has taken in 70 years to finally begin untangling a system of development rooted in an outdated ideology that left scars in



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON.

Mayor Michelle Wu joined residents and community leaders in the West End on April 2 for a signing of a new ordinance creating a City Planning Department.

our communities. I look forward to the work ahead with all of our residents to engage with this new Planning Department and shape

Boston’s future.” Similarly, Arthur Jemison, the city’s chief of planning, said, “Today marks an important step

in our work to truly transform planning and development in Boston and ensure we are speaking to residents with one voice as the

City of Boston. Under Mayor Wu’s leadership, I’m looking forward to establishing a Planning Department that can tackle Boston’s greatest challenges and plan for a City that is more resilient, affordable, and equitable.”

Besides creating the new department, as well as a pathway for the transfer of staff, the ordinance codifies the purpose of the department as “creating comprehensive plans for Boston’s built environment, a predictable zoning code and development process, urban design standards, and planning for the best use of publicly owned land,” according to a press release from the city.

The ordinance also formalizes the financial transfer between the City and BPDA so that the move will be cost-neutral to the city’s taxpayers. The ordinance, which was filed by Mayor Wu in January, was formally approved by the City Council on Wednesday, March 27.



Elaine Wilson and her family. Shown (left to right) are Claire Wilson, Steven Wilson, Taylor Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Charlie Wilson, Nicole Wilson, and Diane Vasapolli.

NEW HEALTH NORTH END HONORS FOUNDER ELAINE WILSON

On Thursday, March 21, NEW Health held a ceremony at its North End site to honor its founder and first CEO, Elaine Wilson. In 1971, Elaine and a small group of North End residents established the neighborhood’s first health center with the mission of deliv-

ering equitable, high-quality care to the community. Over the past 53 years, this mission has guided NEW Health’s growth in services, locations, and staff.

In recognition of Elaine’s dedication, NEW Health unveiled a plaque commemorating her leg-

acy and announced the launch of. The Elaine Wilson Scholarship for Community Health Outreach and Public Service, available to community members who demonstrate a genuine commitment to

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Coletta oversees Planning Department ordinance review process, earns passage with amendments

Special to the Regional Review

As chair of the Committee on Government Operations, Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta submitted a committee report regarding an ordinance creating a Planning Department in the City of Boston sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu. She recommended that the matter ought to pass in a new draft and it ultimately passed with a majority of her colleagues voting in the affirmative.

“As Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, I am proud to have led a thorough, transparent, and collaborative review process of this docket. It

was important for the Council to make amendments that prioritize financial transparency, council and regulatory oversight, additional reporting requirements, and accountability mechanisms that will ultimately serve the residents of Boston well,” said Coletta. “I commend my colleagues for utilizing their legislative powers to push the administration and craft a historic ordinance to bring planning in as a core function of city government.”

The amended ordinance includes:

- Fiscal Transparency and

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EDITORIAL

WATCH THE ECLIPSE SAFELY

With our area in the path of the solar eclipse this coming Monday (and with clear skies forecast), we urge any of our readers who are intent on watching the event to be sure to wear proper eyewear and to ensure that their children do as well.

A person can cause permanent damage to their eyes -- and even go blind (a condition known as solar retinopathy) -- if they do not use proper eye protection, such as eclipse glasses or a special solar filter. Regular sunglasses don't offer any protection and viewing the eclipse through your I-phone camera offers no protection for you and will damage your phone. (Photography experts say just pointing your smartphone camera at the eclipse could cause catastrophic damage to the phone if you don't have proper equipment.)

Individuals also have to be certain that the eyewear they are using is certified. There are reports that knock-offs that are being sold on-line are not legitimate.

One eye doctor, who was quoted in the New York Times, offered this advice: Don't look at the eclipse at all, even with proper eyewear.

But for those who are intent on watching this event, please do so safely.

RUSSIA IS OUR REAL ENEMY

Sunday's special report on the CBS news show 60 Minutes revealed that Russia has been the culprit in the hundreds of cases of debilitating neurological injuries that have struck American intelligence and law enforcement operatives around the world in the past few years.

The phenomenon has been dubbed "Havana Syndrome" because the problems first became apparent among a cluster of employees at the U.S. Embassy in Havana, Cuba. However, as the 60 Minutes report showed, these attacks on U.S. personnel (and their families), all of whom have worked with the CIA, the FBI, the military, the State Department, and the White House -- almost all of whom were working on areas of national security related to Russia -- have been occurring all over the world and even in our own country.

The "weapon" being used by the Russians is thought to be directed energy or microwaves fired from hidden devices that inflict serious and permanent injury on those who are targeted.

The 60 Minutes report makes it clear that Vladimir Putin is a monster who is using any means necessary to undermine our national interests. Our political leaders, especially the Republicans in Congress, must recognize the threat he poses and do whatever it takes to thwart him.

BIRD FLU IS NOT JUST FOR THE BIRDS

The second confirmed case of the bird flu infecting a human in this country (a Texas dairy farm worker who worked among infected cows) raises a red flag about the possibility of another pandemic ripping across the world.

The current bird flu outbreak not only has killed millions of wild and domesticated birds world-wide, but it also has killed many mammals across the globe, including the well-publicized devastation of an elephant seal population in Argentina.

Although the bird flu is not as fatal in cows as seals, it has sickened cows in states across the country, an indication that cows are infecting each other as they move around farms from state-to-state. The virus has been detected in the unpasteurized milk of these cows. More ominously, the detection of the virus in the dairy worker suggests that the bird flu can jump from one mammal species to others -- including ourselves.

The bird flu -- also known as H5N1 -- wreaked havoc in many parts of the world, especially in Asia, in 2006. The U.S. largely was spared the ill-effects of the outbreak thanks to efforts by our national health authorities who worked in these foreign countries to contain its spread.

However, this new variant of H5N1 is being brought to this country by wild bird populations, which obviously is something we cannot control. If cows have been infected, it stands to reason that other animals, including our house pets, could become infected and spread the virus.

COVID-19 killed more than one million Americans. But as bad as the pandemic had been at its height, it was only killing about one percent of those who were infected, with substantially higher death rates among the elderly and those with prior-existing health conditions, including obesity.

However, the bird flu in humans is far deadlier, with death rates having been estimated at 50% during the 2006 pandemic in some countries. Even if the chances of a bird flu pandemic among humans are slim, the high mortality rate should be enough to raise the alarm bells among our public health officials.

COLETTA (from pg. 1)

Oversight:

- Mandates a full financial audit of the BPDA, including all expenses and uses, revenue, and income while the BPDA transitions a majority of their land, money, and people to the City of Boston;

- Requires a submitted list of assets and ground leases, capital expenses, and accounting of developer mitigation funds;

- Makes explicit City Council Oversight safeguards within the City Charter;

- Mandated Annual Reporting and Council Hearing;

- Creates a new section that requires the Planning Department to assess their progress and shortcomings; and

- Provides oversight of performance to track goals of affordability, resilience, and equity;

- Independent Assessment and Community Voice

- Empowers the council to partner with a research entity to conduct independent assessment to hold BPDA and new planning department accountable;

- Directs the City Council to hold an Annual Meeting to discuss findings from the department and the independent assessment; and

- Allows additional checkpoints for community voice.

Coletta held a hearing and three working sessions to discuss the new budgetary oversight the Council would get over the Planning Department, council oversight over the financial and property transfers from the BPDA to the department, as well as the future of current BPDA staff and city workers and opportunities for this department to offer more impactful

community engagement practices.

Public testimony was offered by various residents who shared testimonies calling for transparency and a robust community engagement planning process within the department. During the working sessions the Chairwoman led her Council colleagues through review of the ordinance line by line and discussed amendments to the language.

The Massachusetts State House is currently reviewing a Home Rule Petition "An Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Development in the City of Boston", which seeks state approval to consolidate the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and the Economic Development Industrial Corporation (EDIC) into a successor entity formally to be called the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

Last year, the BPDA began undergoing a revamp of Article 80 that seeks to reform the regulations within Boston's Zoning Code that dictate Development Review. The modernization process will study and recommend improvements for community engagement as well as development review operations.

Subsequently, Coletta ordered a hearing regarding the ongoing modernization of Article 80 in an effort to expand City Council and community oversight on this process. The hearing will take place on Friday, April 5th at 10am in the Iannella Chamber. Public testimony is encouraged.

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

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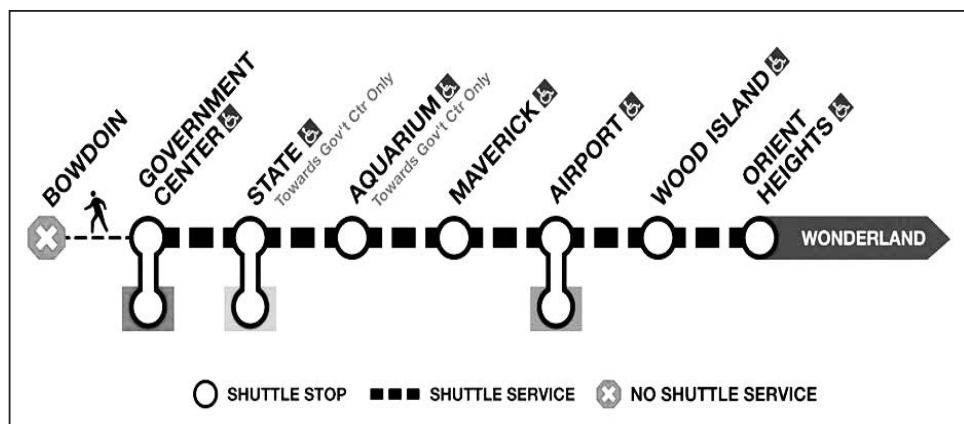
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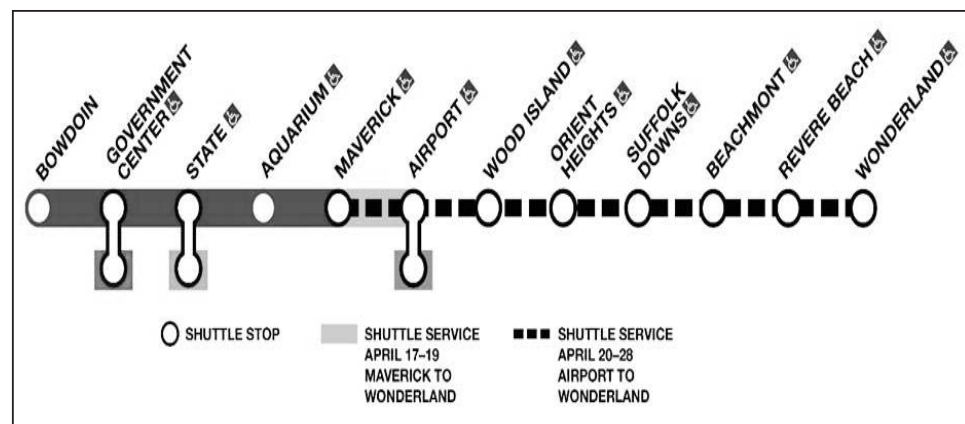
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Evening service will be suspended between Government Center and Orient Heights April 9-11



Shuttle Service will be replacing the Blue Line from Maverick to Wonderland the latter half of this month.

Shuttle Buses to replace Blue Line for critical track work latter half of April

Evening Blue Line service also suspended between Bowdoin and Orient Heights each day from April 9-11

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Following up on the previous announcement on March 15, the MBTA is today reminding riders that Blue Line service will be suspended between Maverick and Wonderland for three days from April 17-19 and between Airport and Wonderland for nine days from April 20-28. Evening Blue Line service will also be suspended between Bowdoin and Orient Heights each day from April 9-11.

As previously announced, this service change is in place to allow crews to perform critical work to upgrade infrastructure as part of the Track Improvement Program, which will improve reliability and provide a safer ride. Work crews will also maximize this service change by upgrading the overhead catenary wire system between Orient Heights and Wood Island sta-

tions.

As previously announced, Blue Line service will be suspended between Bowdoin and Orient Heights stations beginning at approximately 8 PM through the end of service each day from April 9-11. Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops between Government Center and Orient Heights. Riders should note that shuttle buses will not stop at Bowdoin station. Riders can instead utilize shuttle buses at Government Center, which is about a quarter mile away (or about a four-minute walk). State and Aquarium stations will only be serviced by inbound shuttles to Government Center. Accessible vans will also be available to riders.

As previously announced, Blue Line service will be suspended between Maverick and Wonderland for three days from April

17-19 and between Airport and Wonderland for nine days from April 20-28. Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops at all stations. Accessible vans will also be available to riders.

Information is available at mbta.com/alerts. Riders can also learn more at mbta.com/TrackProgram.

The important work accomplished during this Blue Line service suspension means riders will experience a more reliable trip with fewer unplanned service disruptions related to older tracks, older infrastructure, signal issues, or power problems. Riders will also be provided with a safer ride as a result of this state of good repair work.

The MBTA understands how these service changes affect riders' daily travels during this period, but we are committed to improving

your travels long term with more reliable, timely, and safe service. We thank riders for their patience as we deliver this important work and for continuing to ride our system.

More information is also available through in-station signage and public announcements. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Rid-

ers are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

For more information, please visit mbta.com/TrackProgram or connect with the T on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction look-ahead for the North Washington Street Bridge through April 13 is as follows:

Scheduled Work

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

Work Hours

- Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Travel Tips

For everyone using the east sidewalk of the new bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move

carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events. For your awareness, the

following TD Garden events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

- BRUINS: April 6, at 3:30 p.m. and April 9, at 7 p.m.
- CELTICS: April 5, at 7:30 p.m., April 7, at 6 p.m., April 11, at 7:30 p.m., and April 12, at 7:30 p.m.
- OTHER EVENTS: April 4, at 7 p.m., April 8, at 8 p.m., April 10, at 8 p.m., and April 13, at 7 p.m.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

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IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

NEWRA SUPPORTS/ OPPOSES PROPOSALS

Two voting items were on the of a request by much North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) public meeting held at the Nazzaro Community Center and North Bennet Street.

NEWRA voted 2 to 16 opposing a request by Adriana Travaglione operator of Giacomo's Restaurant, has entered into an agreement with former operator of Pomodoro to transfer a beer and wine license to 204 Hanover Street for the opening of a new restaurant, North End Lobster Company.

The community group voted 14 to 4 in support on a request to by Locale Pizzeria, 350-352 Hanover Street to expand into the former barbershop at 350 Hanover Street.

Violations noted are extension and conforming use and take out conditions.

NEWRA's next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11 at the Nazzaro Center at 6:30 PM.

TWO LOCAL TEAMS WITH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saint Leonard Church's boys and girls Knights basketball teams won the CYO/BCA championships in their respective divisions.

All the players, coaches and everyone else involved should be recognized and congratulated for an impressive performance capturing the 2024 championships.

NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination papers to become a candidate in the May general election for a seat on the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) are available at the Nazzaro Center.

Twenty-five signatures of residents must be secured to become a

candidate. The deadline for filing papers is May 1.

NEWNC SUPPORTS THREE AGENDA ITEMS

Three agenda items were voted on at the much public meeting of the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC).

The Council supported a request to transfer the liquor license from Pomodoro Restaurants, 204 Hanover Street to a new restaurant North End Lobster Company.

They also supported an application for a permit to renovate the existing nine-unit apartment at 64 North Margin Street building to expand livable area on first floor unit.

In addition, NEWNC supported a request to construct an exclusive roof that for the top floor unit at 78 Fulton Street.

NEWNC's next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 8 at the Mariners House, 11 North Square at 7 PM.

PASSACANTILLI NAMED FONE NEW SECRETARY

Now that Friends of the North End secretary Arthur "Sonny" Lauretano since 2011 has stepped down, Victor Passacantilli, Jr. has volunteered to assume the position so that FONE can continue the 52-year-old fraternity's newsletter and keep the original and next generation of members informed.

Sonny, now secretary Emeritus mentioned Victor during the transition.

FOCCP MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL MAY 22

An all-volunteer community organization, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) depends on membership

funding to care for the park, has scheduled its annual Social at Tia's Restaurant and the Waterfront to hopefully attract new members and renewals.

The Social will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 PM, is always a great time bringing together new and long-time members for a solid community cause.

Attendees will enjoy some great music and dancing, camaraderie, good food and eye-popping gift baskets.

According to FOCCP, keep an eye out in your mailbox for an annual membership package and invitation in mid-April.

GREENWAY FOOD TRUCK PROGRAM AND FESTIVAL

Park goers can participate in this season's Greenway Food Truck program that offers 25 vendors featuring a wide variety of food and snacks at various locations throughout the park, starting April 1.

This is the 15th season of the program that attracts many park goers to enjoy diverse cuisines.

In addition to the ongoing program, the Greenway Food Track Festival will take place on Saturday, May 4 from 11 AM to 4 PM on Rowe's Wharf Plaza.

OLD NORTH SPEAKER SERIES

The Old North Church and Historical Site's digital speaker series continues on Thursday, April 25 from 7-8 PM.

Historian and author Russ

Lopez will talk about the history of the LGBTQ + community in Massachusetts and how the Commonwealth has spearheaded revolutionary change in marriage equality.

The Series impact: is available by HUB Town Tours.

The virtual event is this possible with the donation of any amount to support Old North Illuminated, the non-profit that stewards the church.

To register a visit www.old-north.com/events.

"ITALIANS IN THE NORTH END"

A new book that depicts the resilient journey of immigrants from Italy to the North End of Boston a place of opportunity has been written and published by North End resident and author Patricia Annico.

"Italians in the North End" reflects on a community of hard-working immigrants and their families that call the neighborhood home for many years.

The same neighborhood that Sacco and Vanzetti, Charles Pozi and Rose Fitzgerald called home as well.

Annico reveals much of the North End's history and the challenges of those who made their way through a perilous journey during the old days.

The book is available at I Am Books.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

The North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) recently held its first

Open Mic Night-Tenn Edition (13-18).

Locale Pizzeria generously donated pizza for the successful first event.

Any teen interested in performing at a future open mic should visit the Center, 50 Tileston Street and sign-up and share their interest.

SUCCESSFUL NEC FUNDRAISER

North End Cares (NEC) held its first Kick-off fundraiser, a successful event at Artu's.

The event generated funds to be able to provide events and activities for the community.

NEC President John Pregmon thanks Gianni and Nancy of ASrtu's for donating the space and food and everyone who donated, attended and supported NEC's event.

There were many raffle prize ticket winners.

FOCCP ELECTIONS MAY 14

At Its Tuesday, May 14 Annual Monthly Meeting, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will elect officers and two Directors At-Large.

Positions available: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk and Directors At-Large.

Interested parties can nominate themselves to be placed on the ballot. Send name, address to info@foccp.org.

FOCCP is an all-volunteer community organization. Deadline April 23.

Women artists of the North Shore - Lecture April 12

On Friday April 12, join art historian Judith Curtis to discover untold stories of early 20th century women artists of the North Shore. Judith's lecture, based on her work as co-curator of the 2015 "Strokes of Genius: Women Artists of New England" exhibition at the Rock-

port Art Association & Museum, will delve into the lives and works of influential artists Jane Peterson, Marguerite Pearson, Emma Fordyce McRae, and others, highlighting how color, design, and subject matter helped establish these women as experts in their

field despite facing immense challenges in the male-dominated art world of their time.

Explore the current exhibition in the StoveFactory Gallery prior to and after the lecture; "Clean Slate: A Juried Exhibition Inspired by the Change of Season." Tickets on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/856385882227?aff=oddtcreator>. Eventbrite tickets are free; suggested donation of \$10 to the AGC at the door. This lecture is made possible by the Charlestown Community Impact Fund. doors open at 5 pm, Complimentary refreshments. The StoveFactory Gallery is at 523 Medford St. in Charlestown, there is free parking at the lot at 511 Medford Street.

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Wu proposes legislation to protect residential property owners

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that she will file a home rule petition that would protect residential property owners from a potentially dramatic increase in their property taxes due to declining commercial property values. The proposal would allow the City to lessen increases in residential property tax bills caused by declining commercial values by temporarily shifting more of the property tax levy onto owners of commercial and industrial properties. Under the present statutory system, a significant decline in commercial property assessments will result in residential property owners paying higher taxes through a higher tax rate in order to maintain funding for critical City services, rather than an overall revenue decline. The proposal is revenue-neutral and does not increase the total amount of revenue the City is able to collect through property taxes.

“As Boston invests in revitalizing our Downtown and commercial corridors in response to shifting market trends, we are working with all stakeholders to protect residents and homeowners against sudden and dramatic tax increases,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “For our seniors on fixed incomes, for families with children, for frontline workers and all our community members, we must have the tools to address rising housing costs and keep residents in their homes.”

“The City has been closely monitoring and planning for the impacts of declining commercial real estate values on the City’s tax base,” said Chief Financial Officer Ashley Groffenberger. “By taking this proactive step, we are ensuring that we have the tools necessary to safeguard basic City services and



Mayor Michelle Wu.

create stability for all taxpayers.”

“The pandemic changed the way we work, and that has had a rather sudden and significant impact on commercial tax bases,” said Adam Chapdelaine, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. “In affected communities, one potential outcome is crushing property tax increases for homeowners, while commercial properties see a reduction. Already tightly constrained by the limits of Proposition 2½, affected cities and towns may want to pursue thoughtful, measured approaches like Mayor Wu’s proposal to avoid making the region’s housing cost crisis even worse.”

State law allows the City, in conjunction with the City Council, to create two separate property tax rates, and by doing so, shift a portion of the property tax levy to commercial property. The present maximum shift allowed is up to 175 percent of what the commercial share would have otherwise been.

The current proposal gives the City the option to modify these

parameters in a thoughtful and controlled manner. For the first year of implementation, the City would have the ability to increase the classification shift to 200 percent, at the discretion of the Mayor and the City Council, if a significant drop in commercial assessments occurs. During the subsequent three years the allowable classification shift would gradually decrease and return to the currently allowed 175 percent in year five.

Initial implementation of the current proposal, if passed, could occur during any of the next three fiscal years, at the City’s election. This flexibility would allow the City the ability to initiate the alternative rate schedules only when absolutely needed.

“This is a measured proposal that will deliver relief as the City adapts to the unprecedented changes to its existing tax base,” said WinnCompanies CEO Gilbert Winn. “Ensuring that Boston is on stable, financial footing is vital for the thousands who live and work in the City, and rely on critical services like housing, education, public safety and health care. Preserving these vital services will allow Boston to continue its growth as a hub for culture, innovation, and education; a City that is welcoming to all.”

“As a resident of Boston and a member of the business community, I support the City of Boston’s tax classification proposal,” said Tom O’Brien, managing partner and CEO of HYM Investment Group. “I applaud the Mayor for using all the tools in her toolbox to alleviate the financial pressures of homeowners. It is my continued hope that this proposal might soon be paired with initiatives that will encourage new growth in our city.”

“Boston is experiencing a significant housing crisis, driven by both a lack of sufficient affordable housing to meet our need and rising costs to build and operate this housing,” said Emilio Dorcelly, CEO of Urban Edge. “Because continuing to increase the supply of affordable housing supported by city services is critical to the region’s overall economic success, it is imperative that Boston maintain steady revenue streams. The Wu administration’s proposal presents the opportunity to maintain a level of revenue needed to support such important work while not overburdening homeowners, affordable housing projects, and other residential buildings.”

The proposal would help stabilize housing costs for Boston residents over this period of five years. An increase in residential property taxes would impact all residential property: single family homes, multi family homes, apartment buildings, and residential condominium units. Left alone, the dramatic tax increase would lead to higher costs for residents through higher tax bills for homeowners or a rent increase for renters should their landlords pass the increased costs onto them.

“The mission of Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA) is to help low and moderate-income households to buy and maintain the dream of homeownership,” said Symone Crawford, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance. “Given the high home prices, interest rates, insurance premiums, and general housing costs, it is especially important that we act quickly to stabilize real estate taxes for our families. Homeownership provides a sense of permanence and pride, laying down a solid foundation upon

which individuals and families can build their lives with certainty and confidence.”

The proposal is similar to one enacted in 2004, when Boston faced a comparable dynamic. According to a 2003 report from the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, the average single-family tax bill would have increased by over 35 percent while the tax for a commercial property could decrease by 15-20 percent. Boston successfully sought similar legislation that allowed municipalities to temporarily increase the classification shift to 200 percent and step down over four years, before returning to the original maximum of 175 percent. At this level, the average residential tax bill still increased by 15 to 18 percent, with commercial taxes decreasing by five to eight percent. The legislation the City is pursuing today builds on this precedent.

“As a senior with a fixed income, a large increase in my property taxes would be devastating,” said Shirley Jones, president of the Meetinghouse Hill Civic Association. “I am so grateful that the mayor is being proactive and taking action to protect residents like me across the city from these potential increases.”

“It’s difficult to keep residents in Boston because of the high cost of living,” said Tom Cunha, Chair of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council. “I don’t want my neighbors to have to move out because of an increase in their property taxes. This temporary measure is fair and allows us to evaluate over the next 60 months.”

The home rule petition will be filed with the City Council, where it must be approved before being signed by the Mayor and then sent to the Massachusetts Legislature and the Governor for approval.

Mass. requires analysis of cumulative impacts for air quality permits near EJ populations

The Healey-Driscoll Administration moved to address air quality issues in or near environmental justice areas by announcing amendments to state air pollution regulations. The communities of Revere, Everett, Chelsea, Charlestown and East Boston are considered in environmental justice areas. The changes require certain facilities seeking air emissions permits in or near communities with environmental justice populations to conduct a cumulative impact analysis, which evaluates existing local environmental and health conditions in a community. The regulations also require enhanced public outreach to, and meaningful involvement of, environmental

justice populations in the permitting process. The new regulations are now in force and apply to permit applications filed with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass-DEP) on or after July 1, 2024.

“Our administration is committed to addressing longstanding environmental injustice,” said Governor Maura Healey. “Massachusetts is proud to make history as the first state in the nation to launch a statewide program to require a detailed, site-specific evaluation of cumulative impacts to consider public health and other factors. We hope to set the standard for others to follow as we seek to right past wrongs and build

healthier, more inclusive communities.”

“A cumulative impact analysis will offer a more complete picture of environmental and health conditions in affected communities and equip residents to be involved in the permitting process from the very beginning,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “This is a significant development as our administration continues to prioritize participation, transparency, and protection of public health in permitting decisions.”

“This approach takes a holistic look at what existing conditions might be worsened by a new or increasing source of air pollution,” said Energy and Environmental

Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “It provides opportunities for residents to meaningfully engage in the permitting process to help identify mitigation strategies and ensure that these facilities are a benefit to – not a further burden on – environmental justice communities.”

People are exposed to pollution through air, water, and land. Over time, these exposures can add up and interact with each other, and combined with existing health and socioeconomic conditions, can cause adverse health impacts.

Communities that are home to numerous sources of pollution – such as highways or waste facilities – often have higher rates of asth-

ma and other serious health conditions. This is especially true in communities with environmental justice areas, where residents have higher instances of health issues related to socioeconomic conditions. Current air pollution regulations do not require new facilities to assess potential pollution in light of existing environmental and health conditions or existing pollutant sources in the area. By requiring new and expanding facilities that will emit air pollution to conduct a cumulative impacts analysis prior to applying for an air permit, residents will be empowered with practical information about potential impacts to

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SCENES FROM THE NORTH END CARES' EASTER PARTY

Courtesy photos



North End Cares (NEC) held an Easter Party at the Nazzaro Community Center, North Bennet Street on Saturday, March 23. There was fun and games, prizes and a visit by the Eastern Bunny.



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Cartwright announces candidacy for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court in Suffolk County

Suffolk County Attorney Allison S. Cartwright announced she is running for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court in Suffolk County. Cartwright is looking to build on her thirty-plus years of legal representation and management in the Clerk position, which oversees critical functions within the court system including managing the court's single justice caseload concerning bail reviews, appeals from state registration boards and agencies, and appeals from lower courts. Additionally, the Clerk handles all matters concerning the admission of attorneys to the Massachusetts bar, and attorney discipline.

"Fundamentally this job is about navigating justice and access to our state's highest court," said Allison Cartwright. "Ensuring the working class and poor people have access to justice and be able to navigate the court system has been my life's work. I have represented everyone from children to adults, immigrants, citizens, people in recovery – essentially every-



Allison S. Cartwright.

one who has ever needed a second chance. Key to that second chance is a system that is fair, open, and equitable."

Cartwright currently serves in the Committee for Public Counsel Services's Public Defenders Division, where she oversees seventy-five public defenders, social workers, and investigators for Suffolk and Norfolk counties. She works daily to ensure that staff have the tools necessary to provide top notch defense, necessary services, and are able to protect fundamental constitutional and

human rights.

In recognition of her zealous advocacy, commitment to justice, and formidable career, Attorney Cartwright has been appointed to a number of advisory boards, including Boston's Police Reform Task Force, the Massachusetts Advisory Board on Probation, and the Governor's Restorative Justice Advisory Committee. Through her service on these boards, she has shaped criminal justice policies at the city and state level.

Cartwright today also announced that Maggie Van Scoy will spearhead her campaign as campaign manager. Van Scoy brings public service experience, having most recently served as Mayor Michelle Wu's Office of Neighborhood Services liaison to Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway-Kenmore, and Mission Hill, where she served as the administration's primary point of contact for area residents and helped facilitate the delivery of core city services across the those neighborhoods.

"I am thrilled to join the Cartwright campaign and have the opportunity to elect someone with such an impressive background in law and public service to this critical position in our judicial system," said Van Scoy. "To know Allison is to be in awe of her dedication to justice, fairness, and society's most vulnerable."

Rounding out the initial campaign team are Attorney Cartwright's two campaign committee co-chairs: Attorney Keren Goldenberg and Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards.

"I am so excited that Allison Cartwright is running for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. As a courtroom lawyer, I know that the best clerks have litigation and management experience, and Allison has both," said Attorney Goldenberg. "As Allison's colleague and friend, I know that she is organized, respectful of others, and thoughtful. Lawyers, judges, litigants, court staff, and the public will benefit from having

her in this position."

"I can't think of anyone more qualified or prepared for this job. I have met plenty of lawyers in my life, and am one myself, but Cartwright's experience and resume is beyond impressive. Not only does she manage attorneys she is educating the next generation of lawyers at Harvard Law School," said Senator Edwards. "There is something about this position that calls not just for legal experience but for an impartial, apolitical record of dedication to helping people. That's what Allison has. She has advocated in the courts, provided access to the courts, and now it's time to let her to work for the courts."

Additionally, Attorney Cartwright is honored to have former Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Geraldine Hines and civil rights attorney Rashaan Hall serving as members of her growing campaign committee.

The primary election is September 3, 2024.

37TH ANNUAL SAN ROCCO BANQUET A RESOUNDING SUCCESS



Courtesy Photo

Alie, Dante, Marco, Alex, Lisa, Nella, Joanne, Giovanni, Nicolina and Giana Leone.

The 37th annual San Rocco Banquet, held this year at Spinelli's of Lynnfield, was a night to remember. Guests were treated to a memorable evening filled with delicious food, beautiful ambiance, and festive decorations.

"We believe a great time was had by all," said organizers, expressing their gratitude to everyone who contributed to the event's success. Whether it was attendees

who joined for the first time or loyal supporters who have been part of the banquet for years, their presence and support were greatly appreciated.

Since 2000, the San Rocco Banquet has been more than just a celebration; it has also been a fundraiser for The Make A Wish Foundation of Ma and R. I. This year was no different, as proceeds from the event will go towards helping

fulfill the wishes of children facing serious illnesses. In that time span, \$124,000 has been raised for Make A Wish.

The Society is already looking ahead to next year's banquet, scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2025. They encourage attendees to mark their calendars and bring a friend, as the motto of San Rocco is "the more, the merrier!"

-Giovanni Leone

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Iceberg lettuce

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Wikipedia divides the lettuce world into six cultivars: Leaf, Romaine/Cos, Iceberg/Crisphead, Butterhead, Celtuce/Stem, Red Leaf, and Oilseed, grown for its seed and made into cooking oil. Of these, Iceberg remains the most popular.

History

There is general agreement that W. Atlee Burpee & Company developed this lettuce in 1894 for growing in northern states.

There are two stories about why it's called Iceberg lettuce. The most often cited one attributes the name to the railcars full of ice that moved the crop across the country in the 1920s. The second is from an 1895 newspaper clipping. This version says the name comes from the look of the lettuce and the many small indents that collect dew drops and give the heads a crystalline appearance when the sun shines on the field.

Caesar Chavez's call for a boycott to protest the working conditions of California lettuce pickers in the 1970s was a blow to this crop's popularity. Some consumers who participated discovered new salad options they enjoyed more and have yet to return to regular

Iceberg use.

Versatility in Meal Prep

Kristina Billan of the website Savory Suitcase wrote, "In addition to its use in salads, iceberg lettuce has also found its way into numerous recipes, adding a refreshing element to sandwiches, wraps, and tacos. Its ability to provide a satisfying crunch without overpowering other ingredients has made it a favorite choice for enhancing the texture and visual appeal of various dishes."

Iceberg Tips

Take your time when choosing a head of Iceberg. We opt for a large, heavy head. Look for signs of damage from drops and bumps on the leafy part and the core end. Buy one with the least browning and no slime in the package.

You can remove the core with one quick tap when you need a whole head of Iceberg for a large salad or shredded for a tray of taco toppings. Hold the lettuce by the top in one hand and give the core a firm tap with the heel of your other hand. The core will free itself and come out in one piece. Penny has also tapped it on her cutting board.

If she's not using the whole head but shredding off some for our favorite Vietnamese noodle salad (Bun Thit Nuong), she'll select the



Our love of tacos brought Iceberg Lettuce back into our kitchen.

best outer leaves she removed and trim off brown spots. She wraps those leaves over the cut end before she returns the head to a clean bag for storage. We find it protects the cut end and keeps it fresher.

Nutrition

The medically reviewed Healthline website addressed the question of the nutritional value of Iceberg lettuce. "Despite its reputation for being a complete zero on the nutritional scale, iceberg lettuce

provides significant amounts of vitamins A and K. It also has small amounts of many other healthy nutrients. Although it's low in fiber, it has a high water content, making it a refreshing choice during hot weather. It also provides calcium, potassium, vitamin C, and folate."

Crunch was a significant factor in putting Iceberg back on our shopping list. This lettuce is excellent for Ed's favorite "Salad

Nonna" (the simple tossed salad his Italian grandmother and mother always made), toasted sandwiches, and wedge salads. Consider trying this long-time favorite on your next trip to a produce counter. It might win a place in your meal rotation.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Suffolk Downs to host annual Daffodil Dash April 13

Looking for a family friendly way to kick-off the Boston Marathon weekend? On Saturday, April 13, The HYM Investment Group LLC (HYM), will host the third annual Marathon Daffodil Dash from 10am-1pm at The Track at Suffolk Downs, in partnership with the Revere Parks and Recreation Department and the Marathon Daffodil Project.

The Marathon Daffodil Project began after the Boston Marathon bombings in 2013 with the yellow daffodil used as a symbol of strength and hope. In commemoration of the 11th anniversary of the Boston Marathon Bombings, The Track at Suffolk Downs will

be filled with the "Marathon Daffodils" that line the streets of Boston leading up to the Boston Marathon finish line.

The event will feature three 50-yard dash races for grades K-2, grades 3-5, and grades 6-8.

Following the races, all participants and families are encouraged to hang out in The Paddock and enjoy snacks from local vendors, face painting, flower crowns, and music with DJ Steve Fortes.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Marathon Daffodil Project and Revere Parks and Recreation again for our third year hosting the Daffodil Dash," said Thomas N. O'Brien, Managing Partner

and Chief Executive Officer of The HYM Investment Group LLC. "At Suffolk Downs, our family-friendly neighborhood is designed for Greater Boston residents to come together and create lasting memories as part of this vibrant community."

The event is free and open to the public, but registration for the Daffodil Dash is required to participate in the race events. The races will kick off at 10:30am. The Track at Suffolk Downs is located at 525 McClellan Highway Boston, MA 02128. Parking is free and available on-site. The Track is also accessible from the MBTA's Suffolk Downs Blue Line station.

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Wu supports Avangrid's New England Wind 1 offshore wind proposal

Mayor Michelle Wu announced her support of Avangrid's New England Wind 1 offshore wind proposal in response to the multi-state procurement for offshore wind power by Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. If Avangrid's bid is selected by the state, this transaction would be a first for a US city to contract for offshore wind. This endorsement reflects Boston's commitment to decarbonizing the city by investing in clean energy and creating sustainable economic opportunities for its residents. If awarded, part of the energy generated through the project will be used to power Boston's municipal buildings and residences enrolled in our municipal energy aggregation program, Boston Community Choice Electricity.

"Boston must lead the way in building a sustainable future, and we're proud to set a new standard with a direct stake in innovation to create clean energy and good jobs for our residents and communities," said Mayor Michelle

Wu. "This partnership advances our climate goals while bringing thousands of green jobs to our region, creating a pathway for generations to come."

The City of Boston and Avangrid have agreed upon a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in which the City of Boston could purchase up to 15 megawatts of energy as part of a future agreement, the equivalent of one wind turbine, from the New England Wind 1 offshore project, if the Commonwealth selects Avangrid as one of their awardees. Avangrid's New England Wind 1 project has the potential to deliver up to 800 megawatts of renewable energy to the New England grid, enough to power up to 400,000 homes and businesses in the region. The project is estimated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 1.5 million US tons of carbon dioxide per year, equivalent to taking over 280,000 cars off the road. The amount of electricity that the City of Boston may purchase under the

terms of a potential agreement is equal to nearly a third of all the electricity used annually by Boston Public Schools in addition to nearly 5,000 homes. Avangrid has also offered to implement vocational training for Boston Public School students, meaning that this collaboration would not only advance Boston's climate goals but create an investment in the green jobs pipeline, an important part of Boston's Green New Deal.

"The City of Boston is thrilled by the chance to participate in the offshore wind revolution" said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "I would particularly like to thank David Musselman, Boston's Director of Municipal Energy, who has spearheaded innovative energy projects like this in Boston and will be retiring next month."

Offshore wind is an industry on the frontlines of the climate crisis, building energy cost resilience in a market that has been increasingly destabilized by its reliance on fossil

fuels. The City of Boston believes Avangrid could potentially deliver a transformational project to Massachusetts that would help the state meet its critical energy needs and secure new economic opportunities for its residents.

"Mayor Wu and the City of Boston are among the country's foremost climate champions, so we saw a natural opportunity with our New England Wind bid and the City's leadership to form this exciting partnership," said Avangrid CEO Pedro Azagra. "Our goal with New England Wind is to bring the region's historic communities into the very blueprints of our project, and we're thrilled to establish this partnership with the City to ensure that Boston benefits from the clean power and economic opportunity that offshore wind offers."

The City of Boston recognizes the significance of this opportunity to advance its renewable energy goals and support the growth of the green economy. By collaborating with Avangrid, Boston aims to

lead the way in sustainable energy development and contribute to a cleaner, greener future for all.

This opportunity is one example of the innovative energy projects that the City has implemented to achieve its carbon neutrality goals. Renew Boston Trust's energy performance contracting reduces energy use and emissions from the City's buildings and exterior lights. Renew Boston Trust projects are expected to save the City \$2.3 million and reduce carbon emissions by 3,600 mtCO₂e annually. The City of Boston has also secured a \$250,000 grant from the Barr Foundation to pilot the City's Equitable Electrification Initiative in one of our environmental justice neighborhoods and previously supported the state in the creation of the Massachusetts Community Climate Bank. Through collaborative efforts like these, the City of Boston continues to pave the way for a more sustainable and equitable future, driving positive change for generations to come.

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their health and community.

"The cumulative impact analysis gives our agency and the public a better basis to evaluate project proposals in real-world contexts," said MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple. "MassDEP has developed innovative tools and compiled comprehensive datasets that can be used by permit applicants and interested residents to assess local impacts."

"These new regulations will empower communities with information about the impacts of air pollution on their health," said Undersecretary for Environmental Justice and Equity María Belén Power. "As new facilities seek to come into neighborhoods, environmental justice communities will have the data and transparency they deserve. This is an important step towards achieving justice for all people in Massachusetts."

Community Engagement

Early community engagement and advance notification are key requirements of the new rules.

The regulations apply to projects that would emit significant amounts of air pollutants in or near environmental justice communities – for example, certain power plants, large boilers, and manufacturing facilities. At least 60 days before applying for a new or modified air permit, the permit applicant must provide a

notification and fact sheet about the proposed project to nearby environmental justice populations, local officials, and MassDEP. The applicant also must provide public involvement opportunities and document and respond to comments and concerns raised by the public.

Comprehensive Analysis

The new rules require permit applicants to assess existing community conditions by evaluating 33 environmental, health, and socio-economic indicators. These indicators help characterize existing pollution sources, health vulnerabilities, and other stressors that could be worsened by increased air emissions from the proposed project. The updated rules require a more comprehensive analysis of the impacts of these projects to local communities, including consideration of:

- Existing air pollution and health conditions.
- Vulnerabilities in affected communities; and
- Socioeconomic and demographic indicators.

MassDEP has developed guidance and tools in support of the new regulations that can be used by permit applicants and environmental justice populations. These include guidance on how to conduct a cumulative impact analysis, including public outreach, assessment of existing community

conditions, and analysis of cumulative impacts; a Mapping and Data Application for use in the assessment of existing community conditions; and a Massachusetts Air Toxics Risk Screening Tool (MATRIST) that can be used in the cumulative impact analysis to estimate cumulative air toxics risks from proposed projects.

MassDEP plans to review this program within two years of the effective date of the regulations, including by soliciting input and feedback from the public regarding potential updates.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has made environmental justice central to its climate and environmental agenda. Under Governor Healey, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs created the Office of Environmental Justice and Equity, led by Undersecretary María Belén Power and secured \$7 million for environmental justice staffing and initiatives across agencies, including MassDEP. The Office of Environmental Justice and Equity also recently announced the state's first Environmental Justice Strategy, which includes MassDEP's department-specific strategy to meaningfully engage with environmental justice communities.

"The new Massachusetts air permit regulations take a bold step to protect overburdened and

underserved communities in a new way, requiring consideration of cumulative impacts from environment, public health and socioeconomic conditions as part of the permitting process," said EPA New England Regional Administrator David W. Cash. "The combination of considering cumulative impacts and enhanced community engagement to address community priorities early in the process is foundational to environmental justice. We hope that this will serve as a model for other states across the country and bring new air quality and public health improvements to Massachusetts residents."

"For environmental justice communities and advocates, the concept of cumulative impact assessment – that some communities bear a greater collective burden than others – is fundamental. We applaud the Healey-Driscoll Administration and, in particular, the Department of Environmental Protection for moving the ball forward and incorporating cumulative impact assessment in the Commonwealth's air permitting process," said GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni. "But we know that cumulative environmental impacts affect more than just the air we breathe; it affects our water and is reflected in the land use decisions we make. We look forward to continuing to work with the Administration to

fully implement cumulative impact assessment in all aspects of the Commonwealth's equitable protection of our environment and the health of its residents."

"Cumulative Impact Assessments will vastly improve our ability to protect air quality by making fact-based, historically informed decisions about permitting in vulnerable communities. We applaud the Healey-Driscoll Administration and the Department of Environmental Protection for taking this first-in-the nation step to ensure cleaner air for all Massachusetts residents," said Amy Boyd Rabin, Vice President of Policy for the Environmental League of Massachusetts.

"Safeguards for overburdened communities that already experience too much pollution and health damage are sorely needed and are critical to make sure we don't deepen environmental injustices," said Cindy Luppi, National Field Director, Clean Water Action. "We're grateful that the Healey-Driscoll Administration wants to address this on-going pattern of injustice in some of the Commonwealth's low-income and BIPOC communities. Meaningful regulations offer the promise of a healthier and more just tomorrow and we hope that many more states follow Massachusetts' lead."

Councilor Flynn calls for hearing on Boston's PILOT Program

Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn filed a hearing order last week calling for a review of the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Program in the City of Boston. The PILOT program was established to encourage large, tax-exempt, nonprofit institutions in Boston to make annual, voluntary cash contributions or community benefits due to basic city services provided by the city such as police, fire, and snow removal.

Boston is fortunate to be rich with higher education, medical,

and cultural institutions that play a critical role in both our city and regional economy, and the residents of Boston benefit greatly from employment, research and innovation, and the services that they provide. At the same time, the city is heavily reliant on property taxes for revenue, and our large nonprofit institutions - which also receive essential services from the city - have a strong concentration of property that represents approximately half of Boston's real estate. Past analysis has indi-

cated that Boston would have been able to generate approximately a quarter of the city's tax levy had the property of our large nonprofit institutions been taxable.

The City of Boston's PILOT program seeks 25% of what these institutions would be expected to pay to the city had their property not been tax exempt, to reflect the portion of the budget to essential services - half in a cash payment to the city, and half in the form of community benefits like scholarships, parks and open spac-

es, workforce development and job-training programs. Last year, through the annual PILOT program, our large nonprofits reportedly contributed \$35.7 million in cash, with \$62.1 million accepted by the city in PILOT community benefits. In FY22, our large nonprofits contributed \$35.5 million in cash contributions, with \$56.9 million in community benefits also credited by the city.

"We are very fortunate to have many world-class higher education, medical, and cultural institu-

tions that call Boston home. Our city's PILOT Program asks our large institutions to also contribute towards the funding of public safety and city services, as well as to provide community benefits for our neighborhoods and residents," said Councilor Flynn. "I'm calling this hearing to review the PILOT program and discuss ways where we can work with our nonprofit institutions to strengthen this program."

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No.

SU24P0671EA

Estate of: Denise Claudette Rollinson

Also known as: Denise Claudette Rollinson Sassower Date of Death 07/19/2018

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testasy and/or Appointment has been filed by Kenneth C Sassower of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Kenneth C. Sassower of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written

appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/06/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 25, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT

TO G.L. c. 190B, Section 5-304 Docket No.

SU24P0614GD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA, 02114

In the matter of: Francklyn Deus of: Boston, MA

RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Francklyn Deus is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (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 AM on the return date of 4/19/2024.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 22, 2024 Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

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TO G.L. c. 190B, Section 5-304 Docket No. SU24P0614GD Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA, 02114

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TO G.L. c. 190B, Section 5-304 Docket No.

SU24P0446GD Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA, 02114

In the matter of: Zoila Taveras of: Boston, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Zoila Taveras is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve 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.

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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: March 20, 2024 Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

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Dog dates

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

April is an excellent time to make plans for the warm season ahead. We suggest you pull out your calendar and add the note "Dog Day!" to a few of your upcoming days off. Consider these as commitments to give your pals adventures that will make them quiver with excitement from nose to tail.

For time off from work that includes travel, list what you must do to take your pal with you or arrange for care while you're away.

Finally, if you have a sociable group of dog-walking friends, ask if anyone would like to share your adventure. Our anxious little Poppy is often happier outside if she has dogs she knows nearby.

Some adventures could be serendipitous. We all routinely plan average days around our dog's needs, routines, likes, and dislikes. We ask ourselves, "Where am I going today? Can the dog come with me?" Occasionally, on a beautiful day, ask yourself, "Do I have time today for a longer walk to a dog park or a day trip to a favorite spot?"

Local Adventures

If time off allows for a day trip,

create a doggie bucket list of what you might do, weather permitting.

The state has a webpage covering places and times to enjoy state facilities with your dog. An internet search for "Dogs in DCR Parks" will find that information. Unfortunately, state beaches begin dog restrictions on April 1st. However, you'll find other places along the shore open to families with dogs.

Another fantastic resource for places to take your dog is the Trustees of Reservations. Visit their website (<https://thetrustees.org/>) and search for "dogs allowed." Our results included 77 properties where you could bring your dog. Each place's "rules and regulations" tell you if dogs are allowed on or off leashes.

We plan to visit the Trustees deCordova Sculpture Park with friends this year. While the museum's interior is closed for renovations, the grounds welcome visitors with dogs. You may have to make a timed reservation; you can do that on the park's website.

Wagons and Strollers Expand Possibilities

If your dog is older, unable to walk as far as you want, or has a medical issue that could curtail your plans, consider a pet stroller



This year, we'll allow Poppy to enjoy the security of her little den on wheels and bring her on more adventures.

or wagon.

Wagons are suitable for larger dogs. Today, you can choose collapsible ones that are easy to store. You can also use these for shopping, picnics, concerts, or other times when you need to tote stuff.

There are dozens of pet strollers available for smaller dogs. As we planned our seasonal adventures, we realized that sometimes we left Poppy behind because part of the route would cause her anxiety and

make her unhappy.

We discovered a great compromise with a stroller that, like a wagon, doubles as a shopping cart. Strolee is a company that sells a transformer frame with available accessories that we can use for a dog and storage, for two dogs, or for shopping alone.

Over the years, we've come to appreciate the advantages of having a canine ambassador at the end of a leash. You meet many more

people and become more engaged in the local community. Students and visitors to Boston often visit with Poppy. We've enjoyed interesting conversations with people we might never have met without our little ambassador.

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

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community primary care, public health, or outreach efforts. More information is available at <https://newhealthcenter.org/scholarships/>. The annual scholarship will provide \$2,500 to one recipient.

Some of the speakers at the event included NEW Health CEO Vincenzo "Vin" Scibelli, NEW Health Board President Jason Aluia, former Chief Operations Officer Noreen Manning, current Chief Operations Officer Kristen Simonelli, and longtime NEW Health board member Norma Reppucci.

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Elaine Wilson Plaque at NEW Health in the North End.



Elaine Wilson and Vin "Vincenzo" Scibelli.