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The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park Family Fun Festival featured music, storytelling, balloons, bubbles, face and pumpkin painting, crafts, games and much more.

Library renovation funding hits another roadblock

By Phil Orlandella

Another disappointing set back was delivered by the Boston Public Library (BPL) relating to obtaining rehabilitation funding for the North End Library.

The first setback was in 2013 when the library was identified by the BPL Branch Facilities Review Committee as one of six branches qualified fir future capital project funds.

Since then, 13 years ago, four libraries on the original list have been funded with the North End Library not advancing in the process and ironically, multiple other libraries not on the original list by passing the Parmenter Street facility.

At the Friends of the North End Library Board meeting in October, a representative, Priscilla Foley of the BPL told the group that there is $200 thousand dollars in renovation funds available for the library but BPL is not releasing the funds because of some construction time tables not available in the process.

This means the recently

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Boston residents taking advantage of early voting

By Keona Hayes

With one week left for early voting, Boston residents have been turning out at sites across the city to ensure their voices are counted.

Boston resident Tom Ouellette cast his ballot at the Boston Architectural College voting site on Boylston Street on Oct. 17, the first day of early voting. He said he was scared to vote by mail, alluding to the current political climate that invokes doubts about mail-in voting and election integrity.

"I think politics have gotten very scary lately, and I wanted to vote early," Ouellette said. "I wasn't going to trust the mail."

Early voting in Massachusetts kicked off Oct. 17 and will end at 5 p.m., Friday Oct. 30. Election Day is Nov. 3.

Boston City Hall will serve as the primary site, with early voting from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. People

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FOCCP hosts fabulous Family Fall Festival

By Phil Orlandella

This year's Friends of Christopher Columbus Park Family Fun Festival despite being very chilly and windy turned out to be a great success with a large gathering of moms, dads and children participating in the fun filled activity.

"It was an afternoon of fun and surprises," FOCCP President Joanne Hayes Rines said. "So fun to see the little kids laughing and playing with their dads helping with the crafts."

The festival began with a parade winding through the park with children and parents wearing Halloween costumes.

A free event, the festival also featured music, storytelling, balloons, bubbles, face and pumpkin painting, crafts, games and much more.

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As Halloween creeps closer, keep fire safety in mind

Halloween is filled with spooky fun, but it also presents lurking fire hazards that can quickly turn the festive holiday into a truly scary one. According to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), between 2020 and 2024, an estimated annual average of 835 home structure fires began with decorations year-round, resulting in three deaths, 29 injuries, and $18 million in direct property damage. Nearly half (47 percent) of these fires occurred because the decorations were too close to a heat source; approximately one-third (33 percent) started with candles.

With these and associated risks in mind, NFPA encourages the public to take simple precautions that can help ensure a fire-safe holiday for people of all ages.

"From decorating with jack-o-lanterns to costume parties and trick-or-treating, Halloween includes a host of celebrations and activities that introduce the risk of fire," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "Fortunately, the vast majority of these risks can be prevented with a little added awareness and caution."

NFPA offers these tips and guidelines for a fire-safe Halloween:

Decorations: Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters. Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.

Candles: Only use battery-operated candles or glow sticks in jack-o-lanterns. If you choose to use real candles, be sure to place them well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways, and yards.

Costumes: When choosing a costume, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see clearly.

Flashlights: Give children flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.

Smoke Alarms: Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.

Visit the Halloween safety page for more resources. Download the free NFPA Halloween Fire Safety Bundle featuring Sparky the Fire Dog® for frightfully fun activities for kids and families. For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research, and resources, please visit the NFPA Press Room.

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can vote there on the following days: Monday, Oct. 26; Wednesdays, Oct. 28; and Friday, Oct. 30. Other City Hall times for the remainder of the month are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27 and Thursday, Oct. 29.

People can also vote at various sites in the neighborhoods from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m on Saturday, Oct. 24 and Sunday, Oct. 25; and from noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27, and Thursday, Oct. 29.

In addition to casting their ballots early, residents can also vote by mail. At the start of this month, Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin's office announced that more than 600,000 ballots are already on their way to voters who have applied to vote by mail. Local election officials were expected to mail another 300,000 ballots in the next several days, to fulfill pending requests, the office said.

Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the local election office by Nov. 6, in order to be counted. Voters returning their ballots by mail are urged to do so no later than Oct. 27, Galvin's office said.

All early voting sites are equipped with electronic poll books for voter check-in. Early voting locations will be well-staffed with poll workers and interpreters. All sites are fully accessible to voters with disabilities.

This election will feature several ballot questions, urging voters to decide on things such as eliminating the state party primaries, allowing residents to vote on Election Day, deciding whether the Committee for Public Counsel Services should be given the opportunity to unionize and expanding the public records law to include the governor's office and state Legislature.

Several key races are also in contention, as incumbents Sen. Edward J. Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat, Governor Maura Healey and Attorney General Andrea Campbell seek another term.

In Boston, Catherine Radford, a clerk in the city's elections office, said Internet access allows voters to go into the polling booth informed.

"In the old days it was a real problem because people would show up and they wouldn't know the candidates," said Radford.

Liam Healy, a Boston resident, said early voting is a "very smooth" process.

Boston voter Paul LaCamera agreed, adding that he appreciated the numerous ballot questions and felt there was no real competition in the races.

"I love being in a blue state and a blue city and a city as progressive as Boston," LaCamera said. "But sometimes, I wish my vote would mean more in terms of elected officials."

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formed Friends of the North End Library (FONEL)Renovation Committee, chaired by Rory Harrington must make sure the funds requested for the library work will continue to be placed in the budget next year and each year thereafter if necessary.

FONEL has started a letter writing campaign to get support and advise the community of their dilemma.

"Built in 1965, the library is a vital community resource with a rich history," Harrington said. "However, it no longer fully meets the evolving needs of our community."

He added, "Our mission is to raise awareness and support for a comprehensive revitalization of the library, ensuring it remains a welcoming accessible and modern space for generations to come."

He noted that Boston City Councilor Gabriel Colletta Zappata has secured the $200 thousand dollar renovation funds in the budget for possible use in the library.

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City of Boston opens applications for Boston School Committee

Special to the Regional Review

The City of Boston announced that applications for two four-year terms on the Boston School Committee are now being accepted by the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel. The Nominating Panel is a thirteen-member body composed of Boston Public Schools (BPS) parents, educators, school leaders, and representatives of the business and higher education communities.

In January 2027, two current Boston School Committee members' terms are set to expire, prompting the beginning of the Nominating Panel process this fall. Chair Jeri Robinson, BPS graduate and retired vice president of Early Childhood Initiatives at the Boston Children's Museum, will step down after twelve years of dedicated service on the committee. Quoc Tran, parent of four BPS graduates, former BPS teacher, and retired deputy director of the Office of Diversity and Civil Rights at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services, is currently serving his second term on the committee.

Applications to fill the upcoming vacancies are due Friday, November 13, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. The application can be found here. Virtual interviews will be held in the early evening on Tuesday, December 1; Wednesday, December 2; and/or Thursday, December 3. Candidates must be Boston residents and should expect that service on the School Committee involves a significant time commitment to connect with school departments and leaders.

The Boston School Committee is the governing body of the Boston Public Schools. The School Committee is responsible for:

•Defining the vision, mission, and goals of the Boston Public Schools;

•Establishing and monitoring the annual operating budget;

•Hiring, managing, and evaluating the Superintendent; and

•Setting and reviewing district policies and practices to support student achievement.

The School Committee meets approximately twice per month during the school year to adopt, review and modify policies and practices that support teaching, learning, and improved student achievement. With the exception of executive sessions, Committee meetings are open to the public, feature public comment periods, and are broadcast on Boston City TV.

The seven members of the School Committee are Boston residents appointed by the Mayor from candidates recommended by the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel. The School Committee also includes a non-voting student member of the Boston Student Advisory Council. The selected members for these terms will begin on January 1, 2027 and expire on January 7, 2031.

Please direct all questions and submit completed applications to scnominatingpanel@boston.gov or to Boston City Hall, Mayor's Office, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02201. You can learn more about the Boston School Committee online.

Applications will be available in English, Simplified Chinese, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Spanish, Haitian Creole and Cape Verdean Kriolu. For more information regarding the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel and the application process, please visit https://www.boston.gov/departments/schools/boston-school-committee-nominating-panel.

Wu announces record year for street lighting upgrades citywide

Special to the Regional Review

Mayor Michelle Wu today joined residents, City officials and Public Works staff to celebrate the completion of 7,202 street lighting upgrades across Boston so far this year—nearly triple the 2,483 upgrades completed in all of 2025 and the highest annual total recorded since 2016.

The City's Street Lighting Division completed the upgrades at approximately one-third the cost of outside contractors, accelerating improvements to major transportation corridors, business districts, and residential streets across the City.

"Quality of life in our neighborhoods depends on the quality of lighting on our streets. Street by street, Boston is upgrading more light fixtures throughout every neighborhood on a faster replacement schedule and with lower costs," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Through our State of Good Repair Program and the dedicated work of our Street Lighting team, we will continue to work with residents to make Boston a beautifully illuminated city, with vibrant spaces that invite residents and visitors to gather and enjoy our outdoor spaces together, day and night."

Boston's street lighting network includes approximately 68,000 electric streetlights and 2,800 gas lights. In recent years, the City has accelerated its replacement schedule from 15 years to 10 years, helping to ensure more reliable lighting and better visibility for people walking, biking, driving, and traveling throughout Boston. The upgrades also support the City's transition to smart LED lighting technology, which allow individual lights to be adjusted for brightness and timing while also minimizing light pollution. Street lighting upgrades have been completed in every Boston neighborhood.

"I'm incredibly proud of our team's hard work and dedication to the residents of Boston," said Mike Donaghy, Superintendent of the Street Lighting Division. "Their commitment to maintaining and upgrading the city's street lighting infrastructure has been instrumental in achieving this milestone and delivering improvements to neighborhoods across the city."

Beyond infrastructure upgrades, the Street Lighting Division delivers essential city services year-round, responding to residents' concerns and addressing urgent maintenance needs. The Division responds to more than 8,000 service requests annually submitted through Boston 311, resolving a range of street lighting issues reported by residents. Each winter, Street Lighting staff string and light more than 50 holiday trees throughout Boston, contributing to the city's seasonal celebrations. The Division also provides

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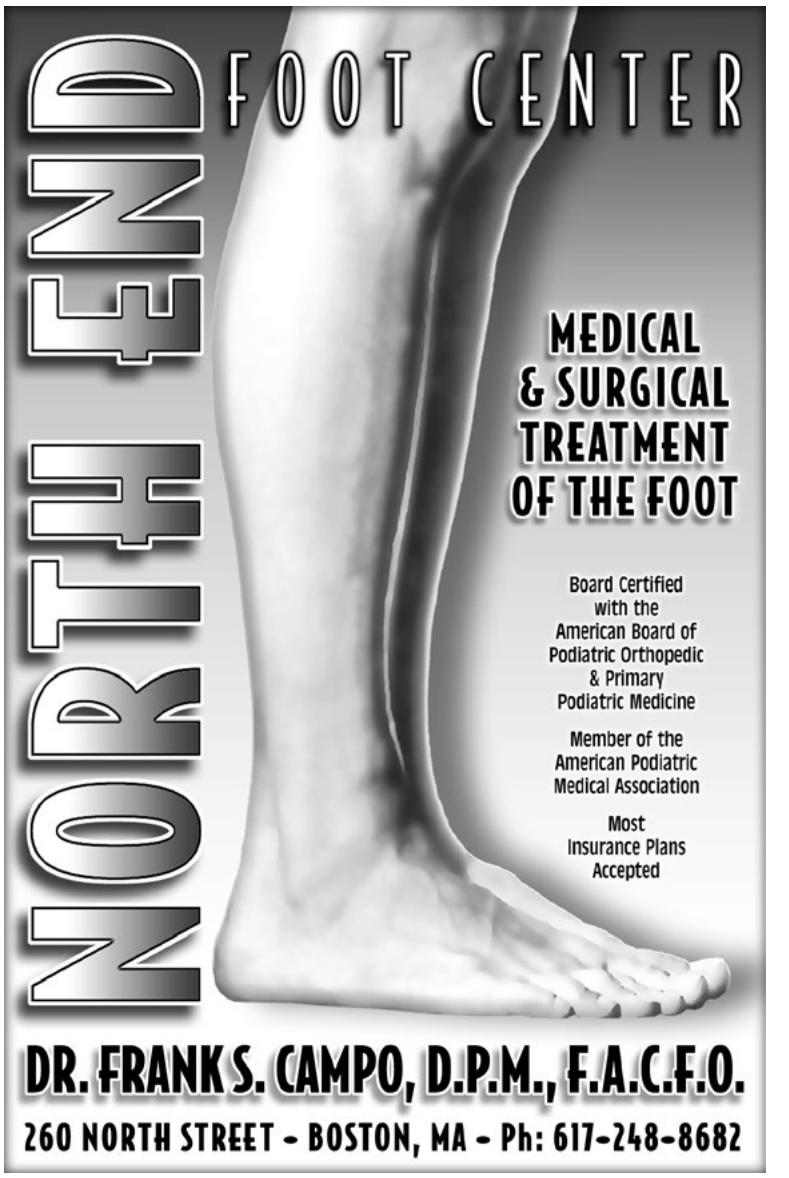

MADONNA DELLA CAVA SOCIETY HOLDS HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

COURTESY PHOTOS

On October 24, the Madonna Della Cava Society held its Halloween party. Families gathered for the parade through the streets. There were games, activities, bouncy houses and DJ Amo to entertain the residents. Beautiful fall weather welcomed the large turnout of families and onlookers.

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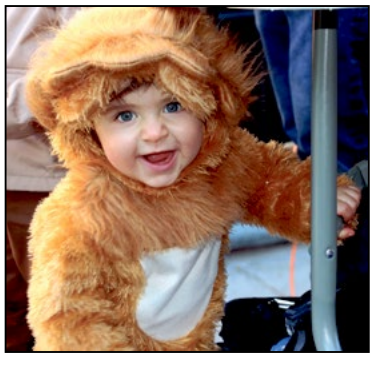

News, Notes and Whatever

BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

NEMPAC CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF QUALITY SERVICE

It all began in 2001 in a small facility in Paul Revere Mall (Prado).

That's when, 25 years ago, the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC), a non-profit neighborhood group officially opened its doors offering high-quality teaching and learning experience to new and expiring arts seeking their dreams.

NEMPAC, over the years, has provided students with scholarships that helps them continue their musical and performing art goals.

They have also provided many community events free to the public to attend and enjoy.

A successful and totally professional organization, NEMPAC would be welcomed in any community with open arms.

They hit all the right notes!

PIZZERIA REGINA'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

The Pizzeria Reginia in the North End has celebrated its 100th anniversary serving thousands upon thousands of happy customers.

Many people refer to the eatery as the Regina Pizzeria that often has customers waiting on the sidewalk of Thatcher Street all the way around the corner to Endicott Street.

The extremely popular pizzeria is a landmark in the community.

Tis The Season! Ho! Ho! Ho!

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- ★ **Please, you must confirm no later than December 6th. All children 10 and under will receive a picture with Santa and a gift. Children must be present & accompanied by an adult. Also: Balloons, Characters, Gift Bags. Please Bring a Camera!**
- ★ **Saint Agrippina's Christmas Program is for North End Residents Only.**

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HILLS PASTA COMPANY REQUESTS APPROVED

Several requests by Hills Pasta Company on Commercial Street have been supported by the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) and the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA).

One proposal calls for a new beer and wine license to offer wine to participants in the company's cooking classes.

The other request is to use the area as a studio for live entertainment and hosting cooking demonstration.

AUTHOR TALK AT LIBRARY

David Kruh-Little Mister Victor, October 21, 6pm-7pm at the North End Library.

Author and Historian David Kruh will discuss his new book Little Mister Victor, the true story of a daughters search for the women who abandoned her father on Boston Common on VD Day in 1945.

HORROR TRIVIA

The North End Library recently held Horror Trivia, questions about horror movies, horror literature and the history of horror.

ABSTRACT SCULPTURE RECONFIGURATION

The Abstract Sculpture at Armenian Heritage Park on the Greenway took a new shape on October 18, as part of its annual reconfiguration.

A crane lifted, pulled apart and reconfigured the two halves of the split rhomboid dodecahedron, made of stainless steel and aluminum, creating a new sculptural shape symbolic of a new life.

The reconfiguration reflects the experience of all who pulled away or were forced to pull away from their countries of origin and came to Massachusetts shores establishing themselves in a new and different way.

LIBRARY 50-50 FUNDRAISER

Friends of the North End Library (FONEL) have put together a 50-50 fundraiser at the Cantina Italiano, at 6pm on Wednesday, November 4.

Mix and mingle with friends and neighbors, great food, cash bar and a 50-50 cash prize.

Contact the library for ticket information.

NEW PARK COMMISSIONER FOCCP GUEST SPEAKER

Diana Fernandez Bibeau, the new Commissioner of the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be the quest speaker at the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) November 10 meeting from 6:30-7:30pm at the Mariners House, 11 North Square.

Bibeau has served as commissioner since June 1 and brings more than 15 years of experience and knowledge to her new position.

She served as Boston's Deputy Chief of Urban Design for the city's Planning Department since 2022.

Before joining Mayor Wu's Administration, she worked at the internationally recognized firm Sasaki for over seven years.

She has many successful projects she has undertaken through Boston and Los Angeles with a passion for parks and is eager to build the Park's Department legacy of excellence.

She has also been named Deputy Chief of Open Space, a new leadership position in the City.

FRIENDS OF ST. FRANCIS HAT AND GLOVE DRIVE

The North End Friends of St. Francis House has once again partnered with Greenway Reality Group for their annual Winter Hats and Gloves collection for the homeless.

From November 2 through December 4 donations can be dropped off (no used items) at Greenway Reality Group, 169 Salem Street. Cash donations should be dropped off at the Greenway office and will be used to purchase items.

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Wu announces Elsie Diaz as new Cape Verdean Cultural Advisor

Special to the Regional Review

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu announced the appointment of Elsie Dias as the City of Boston's new Cape Verdean Cultural Advisor within the Office of Cultural Affairs. The office, within the Equity and Inclusion Cabinet, is composed of Cultural Advisors who engage and partner with communities across Boston to support cultural programs, partnerships, and policies that reflect the needs and experiences of Boston residents.

"Boston has been shaped by generations of residents who have worked to bring our neighborhoods together," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Elsie's service and leadership has made a lasting impact across many City departments, and I am excited that she will continue to be a strong voice for our Cabo Verdean community, so every idea is heard and City programs reach all our residents."

Elsie Dias

Born and raised in Boston, Dias has deep roots in Dorchester and a lifelong connection to the City's Cape Verdean community. Her grandparents immigrated to Boston from Cabo Verde in 1975. Their journey and commitment to family and community helped shape Dias's values and her commitment to public service.

As Cultural Advisor, Dias will help connect Cape Verdean residents with City services, resources, programs, and opportunities. She will also work with community members, organizations, and City departments to strengthen connections and support culturally responsive programs and services.

"I am honored to serve as the City of Boston's Cape Verdean Cultural Advisor," said Elsie Dias. "My family's journey from Cabo Verde to Boston shaped who I am and taught me the importance of community, service, and staying connected to our roots. I look forward to listening to residents, building relationships, and helping make sure Cape Verdean residents feel welcomed, valued, and connected to the City."

Dias began her career in community service as a Community Outreach Coordinator with the Cape Verdean Association of Boston. In that role, she connected residents with resources, services, and opportunities. Before starting as a Cultural Advisor, Dias worked at the City's Age Strong Commission, where she advocated with and supported older residents to ensure housing and access to essential resources.

"Boston is proud to welcome Elsie Dias to this important role," said Alexandra Valdez, Director of the Mayor's Office Cultural Affairs. "Elsie brings a deep connection to Dorchester, Boston, and the Cape Verdean community, along with years of experience serving residents. Her knowledge, relationships, and commitment to community will help strengthen the connection between City Hall and Cape Verdean residents across Boston."

Dias is also a fluent speaker of Kriolu. Her grandmother, Isabel Daveiga, helped nurture her connection to the language and the cultural traditions of her family. For Dias, speaking Kriolu is a way to stay connected to her family, her heritage, and generations of Cape Verdeans who came before her.

The City of Boston has a long history of supporting and celebrating its Cape Verdean community. Boston continues to offer programs and services that recognize the importance of Cape Verdean language and culture, including the City's Cabo Verdean Language and Culture Preservation Program.

Boston residents have lost SNAP food benefits since June 2025

Special to the Regional Review

A total of 25,477 Boston residents lost access to SNAP benefits between June 2025 and August 2026, a 18.39% decline in SNAP coverage that ranks Boston among Massachusetts communities for the number of residents affected, according to the Department of Transitional Assistance, the state agency that administers SNAP. If nothing changes, Boston would lose $ 4,532,400 annually, or more as families continue to lose SNAP.

Statewide, an estimated 196,000 people have lost their SNAP benefits, including 70,000 children, since the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill last year. The federal law limited eligibility and increased bureaucratic work for DTA, the state agency that administers SNAP, which is also facing severe staffing shortages. Massachusetts ranks sixth among the 28 states tracking this data for its drop in SNAP participation. With 40% of Massachusetts households facing food insecurity, according to the Greater Boston Food Bank, these losses do not reflect a decrease in need.

The losses also affect local grocery stores, farms, and food retailers whose bottom line depends on people using SNAP. Every $1.00 spent using SNAP benefits generates around $1.50 to $1.80 in revenue for the state's broader economy.

"If you need help from the state government, you deserve to have your calls answered," says Erin McAleer, president and CEO of Project Bread. "No one should have to fight this hard to get help affording food, especially when they know they're eligible."

In the first six months of 2026, three out of four calls into the DTA assistance line went unanswered due to high call volume and severe understaffing. Last month, Gov. Maura Healey proposed a FY27 supplemental budget that includes $26 million for DTA caseworkers, funding existing positions and allowing for 10 net new caseworkers. That falls far below the 200 additional caseworkers estimated to fix the staffing crisis. Between April and September of this year, Project Bread received 6,237 SNAP-related calls, accounting for 60% of all calls to its FoodSource Hotline. Project Bread and its Make Hunger History Coalition are calling on the state to prioritize an additional $56 million investment in the agency.

"The bottom line is, people are in crisis, and there are funds available to help them," says McAleer. "It is Massachusetts' responsibility to make sure they can feed their families."

Boston residents who have lost SNAP benefits or need help affording food can call the FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In 2025, Project Bread's Hotline team completed 3,779 SNAP pre-screens and 510 SNAP applications over the phone. Counselors assist callers in more than 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. For more information, visit: www.projectbread.org/get-help.

Project Bread, the leading statewide food security nonprofit, connects people and communities in Massachusetts to reliable sources of food while advocating for policies that make food more accessible, so that no one goes hungry. For more information, visit: www.projectbread.org.

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Scenes from the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park Family Fun Festival.

FOCCP HOSTS FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

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‘Discovery Day’ on Nov. 3 opens Athenaeum’s first floor to the public

By Dan Murphy

‘Discovery Day,’ coming Tuesday, Nov. 3, will offer the public a rare opportunity to tour the first floor of the historic Boston Athenaeum - one of the nation’s oldest independent libraries.

Non-members will then be allowed access to the Norma Jean Calderwood Gallery, special collections and art installations, and the library’s stunning reading rooms.

‘Explore Where’s Boston? 50 Years Later,’ features photographs by Constantine Manos originally commissioned for the Where’s Boston? Bicentennial exhibition. These images capture public gatherings and everyday moments, from protests and parades to flea markets and diners, offering a vivid snapshot of Boston in the 1970s.

The Calderwood gallery will also offer a Bloomberg Connections digital guide, which aligns photographs displayed in the exhibition with oral histories of the individuals who remember the ‘70s and are seen in these images.

‘Imagined Nation,’ meanwhile, includes historical artifacts and printings related to citizenship and voting, including a printing of Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation; a 1886 Woman Suffrage Cook Book; and an original newspaper clipping of the Gerrymander.

“The Boston Athenaeum has something for everyone to enjoy. Discovery Day invites visitors to experience beautiful art and architecture throughout the Athenaeum’s first floor, including two ongoing exhibitions and peaceful views of the historic Granary Burial Ground,” said Angie Osborn, marketing manager for the Athenaeum. “We hope our monthly Discovery Days invite Bostonians to meet fellow art and literature lovers and explore more ways they can join our community.”

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BOSTON ATHENAEUM

Guests tour the Bayard Henry Long Room at the Boston Athenaeum.

Discovery Day at the Boston Athenaeum is set for Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 10½ Beacon St. No registration is required. Visit https://events.bostonathenaeum.org/en-US/4W52KhR7/discovery-days-at-the-boston-athenaeum-5a2KUmAGGnp to learn more about this event.

Councilor Flynn again calls for city ‘rat czar’ at special hearing on rodents

By Dan Murphy

Amid persistent reports of rodent sightings throughout the city, District 2 Councilor Ed Flynn again pointed to the urgent need for a ‘rat czar’ during a special City Council City Services hybrid hearing held Oct. 22 at City Hall, as well as virtually.

“We need to get this right, so people stay in the city – it’s that serious,” he said. “Pest control is critical to our quality of life as rats and rodents are not only a nuisance but also affect public health.”

Councilor Flynn, who, together with City Council President Liz Breadon sponsored the matter, which was then referred to the Committee on Sept. 23, recommended that the city establish a stand-alone department to deal exclusively with pest control.

The hearing followed the 2024 release of the Boston Rodent Action Plan (BRAP), authored by renowned rodent urbanologist, Dr. Bobby Corrigan. (Like Councilor Flynn, Dr. Corrigan has also recommended that the City of Boston designate a ‘rat czar.’)

The City of Boston also hosted the second National Urban Rat Summit on Sept. 23 and 24, bringing together leading 100 experts, academics, researchers, public health professionals, and municipal officials from 30 cities and towns across the U.S. to discuss rodent-prevention strategies.

At the hearing, Councilor Flynn suggested the city to launch a comprehensive public awareness campaign in multiple languages to educate the public on pest prevention. He also pointed to the need for more city inspections to help further address the issue.

Noting that Boston was recently named among the Top 10 most rat-infested cities in the U.S., Councilor Flynn related how a South Boston man said a rat hopped into a stroller, with the man’s toddler inside, while they were out for a recent walk around that neighborhood.

Meanwhile, a constant refrain heard from City Councilors and the public during the hearing was that poor trash containerization accounts for much of the recent rise in rodent activity. Some residents are leaving their trash out on the street in plastic kitchen trash bags, or just in paper bags, they said, and apparently the city is doing little in the way of enforcement to discourage this aberrant behavior.

District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan urged the city to explore better trash-containerization options, along with implementing same-day trash pickups, in an effort to curb rodent infestations.

“I think it’s really important that we have standard trash bag we can use [if not a standard for containerization],” said Councilor Durkan. “I think we as a City Council could unite around containerization. I know it’s expensive.”

Lydia Lowe, of the Chinatown Community Land Trust, said many small rowhouses in that neighborhood have no common space to store trash containers, so residents simply leave their garbage bags out on street instead.

“If tenants don’t have a trash bin because there’s no place in there building for their landlord to have it, they’re going to continue to leave bags on the street,” she said via Zoom.

Back Bay resident Ali Foley suggested that the city launch a pilot program in her neighborhood whereby all curbside trash would be placed into black contractor bags, and then the city could measure its impact within two or three blocks.

Foley estimates that trash can sit on the street for up to a “net of 22 hours” sometimes, due to the rotation of pickup times. She suggested if same-day trash pickup isn’t an option, perhaps the city could instead move the time for Back Bay residents to leave their trash out for collection to 8 p.m. the night before, instead of the current time of the night before at 5 p.m.

In offering his concluding remarks, Councilor Flynn expressed his continuing frustration with the city’s current approach to rodent prevention.

“There was a major disconnect between what residents have expressed today and what the administration has expressed,” he said. “The issue is not getting better, in fact, it’s getting worse.”

NeighborHealth expands access to breast cancer screening during two-day community event

Special to the Regional Review

NeighborHealth hosted a two-day series of community events on October 13 and 14 in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, bringing breast health education, preventive care and no-cost mammograms for eligible patients directly to its East Boston and South End communities.

Held in partnership with Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Ellie Fund, the events took place at NeighborHealth's 10 Gove Street location in East Boston and 1601 Washington Street location in the South End. Along with mammograms, attendees enjoyed food, raffle prizes, giveaways and children's activities in a welcoming, community-centered setting.

"Preventive care is most effective when it is accessible, trusted and rooted in the community," said Mimi Gardner, Vice President and Chief of Community Partnerships at NeighborHealth. " By bringing screening, education and support together in familiar neighborhood spaces, we are helping more people prioritize their health while reducing barriers to care."

Across the two-day event, NeighborHealth provided a total of 16 no-cost mammograms. Eligible NeighborHealth patients were able to register in advance or visit during the events as walk-ins. Community members who were new to NeighborHealth could also enroll in advance or be connected with a primary care provider onsite to become eligible for a no-cost mammogram.

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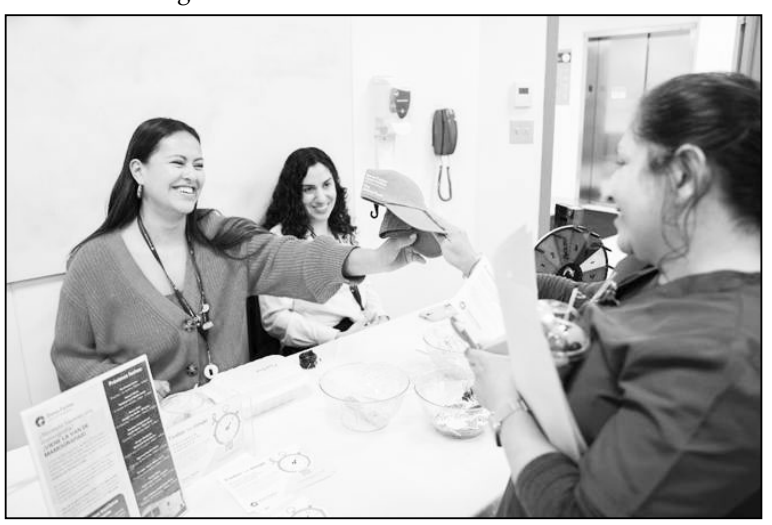
A South End visitor enters a chance to win a free NeighborHealth raffle with prizes donated by the Ellie Fund and the American Cancer Society, two organizations who also shared breast cancer resources at the event.

Radiology Director Siham Elalami gives a patient a no-cost mammogram at NeighborHealth's South End Radiology suite during the special event.

The NeighborHealth team welcomes patients to the breast cancer event in the lobby of 10 Gove Street. (From left to right) Dr. Julio Mazul, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer; Eugenia Coronado, Vice President, Specialty Services and Patient Experience; Susana Elman, Communications Manager; Doris Rubio, Board of Directors; Rita Sorrento, Chair, Board of Directors; Takesha Hurd, Chief of Staff; Jean Staropoli, Board of Directors; Joscar Mota, Radiology Aide; and Elida Acuna Martinez, Director of Interpreter Services and Patient Experience.



Sophia Bolanos and Anisa Nabily of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute quizzed guests on breast cancer prevention facts for a chance to win a prize in East Boston.

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Jody Scicchitani

Oct. 26, 2025 — Oct. 26, 2026

A year has passed, your voice now still.
We are trying to understand what only God will.

Through days of tears and nights so long your memory keeps our spirits strong.

We cook a meal & whisper your name. Life moves forward but never the same.

Pull up a chair and speak your mind, or rest your head. For doubts and honest words that were always said. We cherish our memories & are forever grateful to have been blessed to sit at Jody's table.

So Loved, So Missed
Family & Friends of Jody Scicchitani

NeighborHealth celebrates health, wellness and community at Fall Family Health Fair

Special to the Regional Review

NeighborHealth hosted its annual Fall Family Health Fair on Wednesday, October 7 at Central Square Park in East Boston, bringing together families, patients, and community members for a day full of seasonal fun and preventive care services.

Joining forces with the East Boston Farmer's Market, the Health Fair offered free flu and COVID vaccines, health screenings, educational resource booths, and hands-on activities including pumpkin decorating, face painting and music designed to engage attendees of all ages while fostering community wellness. Attendees also enjoyed healthy snacks donated by Farmer's Fridge, Stop and Compare Market, La Hacienda and Pollo Campero.

"The Fall Family Health Fair is a meaningful opportunity to meet our communities where they are with preventative care, trusted health information and fun, family-friendly activities for the kids" said Courtney Senechal, Director of Nursing at NeighborHealth. "By connecting with families in person, we can help them feel informed, supported and prepared to protect their health during flu season and throughout the winter."

From left to right: Maria Coppenrath, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Jamie Hazard, president and CEO of NeighborHealth; Dr. Julio Mazul, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, NeighborHealth; Eugenia Coronada, Vice President, Specialty Services and Patient Experience, NeighborHealth.

NeighborHealth volunteers, staff and community partners connected with visitors, offering families opportunities to learn more about services and resources available year-round from health educators, behavioral health clinicians, and community outreach teams. The event also provided opportunities for new patients to connect directly with staff and explore NeighborHealth's broad network of family care, radiology, dental, recovery, older adult and behavioral health programs.

NeighborHealth plans to continue to support healthier, more connected communities across Boston through education, prevention and care.

This year's health fairs are made possible thanks to the generosity of presenting sponsor Mass General Brigham Health Plan as well as Quest Diagnostics, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Santander Bank, Beth Israel Lahey Health Mt. Auburn OBGYN Dept., Boston Children's Hospital, Boston Medical Center, Boston Public Health Commission, Cataldo Ambulance, and Rockland Trust. Other in-kind sponsors include Farmer Dave, Costco, Wegman's, and Whole Foods Market.

To learn more about upcoming community events, visit NeighborHealth Events.

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Courtney Senechal, Director of Nursing, and NeighborHealth nurses provided nearly 100 flu shots and COVID vaccines at the East Boston Fall Family Health Fair.

Orange Line speeds increased to 55 mph between Assembly Station and North Station

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The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) announces that for the first time, Orange Line subway service will be able to operate up to 55 MPH between Assembly Station and North Station in the inbound and outbound direction.

This success builds upon speed increases implemented in August 2025 where the Orange Line reached 55 MPH between Oak Grove and Assembly Station. The increased speeds are attributable to track improvement work completed as part of the Track Improvement Program (2023 – 2024) and recent infrastructure work.

"When we took office, we made a commitment to fix the T and deliver the faster, safer and more reliable service that riders deserve," said Governor Maura Healey. "Today, Orange Line trains can reach speeds of up to 55 miles per hour north of North Station because of the investments we've made to improve tracks and infrastructure. I'm grateful to General Manager Eng and the hardworking MBTA employees who are making these improvements possible. We're going to keep building on this progress and delivering better service for riders across the entire system."

An Orange Line train pulls out of North Station.

"We have removed slow zones, upgraded signal systems, scaled accessibility efforts, delivered new fleets, and worked smartly to improve infrastructure across the entire MBTA system under the leadership of Healey-Driscoll Administration," said Interim Secretary and MBTA General Manager Eng. "Today we are proud to deliver improvements that will make travel even more efficient giving riders back more time in their days. I'm proud of what our workforce continues to accomplish and thankful for our riders for their patience. As a result, we are providing our Orange Line riders shorter trip time and 76% more service every weekday compared to winter 2023."

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Celebrate the holidays on Boston's historic Freedom Trail

As the Freedom Trail celebrates 75 years, the Freedom Trail Foundation invites revelers of all ages to experience this year's Historic Holiday Strolls. The festive atmosphere of the city, set against the unique backdrop of Boston's historic sites and centuries of history, makes these merry 60-minute tours a perfect way to enjoy the holiday season. Walk the Freedom Trail and discover how Boston's holiday traditions evolved on the Strolls offered Fridays and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. from November 20 through December 26 (excluding Christmas Day, Friday, December 25).

Led by 19th-century Dickensian costumed guides departing from the Visitor Information Center on Boston Common, the Strolls are complete with a tour of holiday lights and Christmas trees along the Freedom Trail and the history of 19th-century holiday traditions. Following the Stroll, guests receive discounts off museum store purchases at Freedom Trail sites, including Old South Meeting House, Old State House, Paul Revere House, and Old North Church's Heritage and Gift Shops (valid with any Historic Holiday Stroll receipt from November through December).

Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children for public tours may be purchased at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center or on-line at TheFreedomTrail.org. Strolls may also be scheduled as private group tours pending availability. The Freedom Trail Foundation continues to offer daily public Official Freedom Trail Tours® throughout November and December and during the winter months. All Freedom Trail Foundation tour offerings are available as private family or group tours by reservation. For more information, please visit TheFreedomTrail.org and to schedule group tours, please call 617-357-8300 press "0."

"Fall Back" into safety: When you change your clocks, check your alarms

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine and the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts are reminding residents to replace the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and replace outdated alarms when they change their clocks this weekend.

"Smoke and CO alarms can save your life and protect the people you care for, but only if they're working properly," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "As we 'fall back' this weekend, please take a few minutes to check the manufacturing date on the back of your alarms, replace them if they're outdated, and put fresh alkaline batteries in the alarms that use them."

"Smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years," said Brockton Fire Chief Brian Nardelli, who serves as president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. "Carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced according to the manufacturer's instructions – usually 5, 7, or 10 years, depending on the make and model."

A 2015 update to the State Fire Code requires that replacement smoke alarms in most Massachusetts homes have sealed, 10-year batteries. Now, more than 10 years later, many alarms purchased to comply with the update are at or near the end of their useful lifespans.

State Fire Marshal Davine and Chief Nardelli offered these tips for anyone replacing out-of-date single-station smoke alarms. Following these guidelines will reduce the risk of a disabled or outdated alarm failing to alert residents:

- Choose photoelectric alarms from a well-known, national brand
- Look for the mark of an independent testing lab like UL or Intertek/ETL
- Select alarms with a sealed, long-life battery and a "hush" feature"
- Alarms that meet UL Standard 217, 8th edition or later, use the latest multi-criteria technology to reduce nuisance alarms caused by cooking smoke

If your alarms are less than 10 years old and take alkaline batteries, then put in fresh batteries to be sure you're protected all winter long. And remember to test your smoke and CO alarms once a month to be sure they're working properly.

Fire and CO Hazards Rise During Heating Season

In an average year, about 54% of Massachusetts residential fire deaths take place between November and March, State Fire Marshal Davine said, with home heating equipment being the second-leading cause of house fires in 2025. Carbon monoxide incidents start even earlier as residents start turning up the heat for the first time since summer.

"Carbon monoxide is a leading cause of accidental poisoning, and heating equipment is the main source of carbon monoxide at home," Chief Nardelli said. "We can't see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide. Working CO alarms on every level of your home are the only way to detect this invisible killer."

Create & Practice a Home Escape Plan

"Changes to building construction and furnishings mean we have less time to escape a fire at home than ever before," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "You could have just three minutes to get out safely."

"Working smoke alarms and a practiced home escape plan are among the most fundamental and important tools for surviving a fire," said Chief Nardelli. "Be sure everyone in the home knows what to do and where to go when the alarm sounds, including young children, older adults, and persons with disabilities."

Fresh and Local

You can make soup

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

For those new to cooking at home, soup is a great place to start. Food writer Ruth Reichl said, "If you've got chicken stock, you've got a meal." And it doesn't have to be chicken stock. You can make soup with water or make your own stock from what you have on hand. Some cooks even freeze their peelings and vegetable scraps until they have enough to make a vegan soup stock.

Unlike fussy preparations, soup is very forgiving. If you don't have one ingredient, you can usually substitute another. Soup cooks over low heat, so it's unlikely to burn or scorch. It's also a great way to learn how to adjust any dish's flavor.

If your soup tastes flat, ladle some into a small bowl and add a dash of vinegar to see if it helps. If you like the result, add some vinegar to the whole pot. You can do the same with herbs, spices, salt, and pepper.

Use Leftovers and Eat Your Veggies

We often make a pot of soup by using up what's in our refrigerator. We usually have stock or stock base; aromatic vegetables like carrots, onion, fennel, and celery; starches like rice, pasta, or noodles; and seasonings. We often cook and store the starch components separately and add them to each serving since they tend to swell and drink up all the stock.

We'll add bits and pieces of leftover meat and whatever vegetables are in the crisper. We keep a few additions to soups, like chicken meatballs in our freezer. Not every ingredient has to be made from scratch.

We keep jars of legumes and beans ready to add hardiness to even the simplest soups. And a flavorful sausage, like Italian sausage, chorizo, or kielbasa, can take a basic vegetable soup to a new cuisine.

If you need a formula to start with, we recommend Pam Anderson's book, How to Cook Without A Book. She begins her chapter on soup with this rhyme, "Sauté an onion, then add vegetables, starch, and meat. Cook it in a quart of broth for a meal that can't be beat." Then she teaches the reader to improvise around that theme.

Meat is optional. Anderson starts with a recipe for pureed vegetable soup and tells readers how to prepare variations with broccoli, cauliflower, potatoes, and squash.

Soup as Medicine

Cooks often stir up a pot of healing soup when a friend or family member has a cold or the flu. Today, scientists agree that chicken soup has many properties that relieve symptoms of those viruses.

The Mayo Clinic website explains how it helps. "Researchers say that chicken soup acts as an anti-inflammatory and temporarily speeds up the movement of mucus through the nose. This relieves congestion and limits how long viruses contact the lining of your nose. Plus, soup and other liquids help loosen congestion and prevent dehydration."

Not every ingredient in a soup has to be made from scratch. These meatballs were purchased frozen and added to the soup near the end of cooking.

Recently, someone said to us, "I would give anything for one more bowl of my Mother's chicken soup." We associate homemade soup with family, tradition, and perhaps good memories. Every so often, Penny makes a batch of the clam chowder that was served at Rhode Island shore dinner halls in years past. It reminds her of fun times with her extended family.

So, for the sake of memories, to help someone feel better, or to clean out the refrigerator, reach for a big pot and brew yourself some soup.

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

MBTA releases new round of collectible CharlieCards celebrating Boston

Special to the Regional Review

The MBTA shared it has released five new special edition collectible CharlieCards featuring iconic Boston landmarks including: the Massachusetts State Capital building, Bunker Hill Monument, the Boston Tea Party Ship & Museum, the Old State House, and TD Garden.

The MBTA's Customer Experience team in partnership with the MBTA Fare Revenue Department previously released three commemorative cards in summer 2026.

"Riding the T is one of those things that makes Boston, Boston," said Interim Secretary of Transportation and MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng. "I say that myself as someone who is proud to call Boston home. The T is one of the best ways to travel and see all that Massachusetts has to offer, and today we're excited to reveal a new set of limited edition CharlieCards, which feature iconic Boston landmarks that remind so many people of the amazing city we live in and its rich history."

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Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No.SU26P1894EA
Estate of: Annmarie Blythe
Date of Death: 06/04/2026
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kirsten Af Klinteberg of Gloucester, 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: Kirsten Af Klinteberg of Gloucester, 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 11/19/2026.
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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 13, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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Estate of: Bridget Phyllis Pasciucco
Also Known As: Bridget Pasciucco
Date of Death:06/25/2026
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Elizabeth Pasciucco of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU26P2082GD
In the matter of: John Doe
Of: Boston, MA
RESPONDENT: Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Tufts Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that John Doe 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.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/19/2026. 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.
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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. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 23, 2026
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Composer André Previn turns a classic American drama into a searing opera of desire, illusion and two worlds colliding

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Next up in its 50th Season, Boston Lyric Opera (BLO) presents André Previn's acclaimed opera adaptation of Tennessee Williams's Pulitzer Prize-winning play A Streetcar Named Desire at the Emerson Cutler Majestic Theatre. A co-production with Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, Streetcar plays three performances November 5-8. Coupled with a libretto by Philip Littell, Previn's lyrical score brings new dimension to Williams's iconic drama, illuminating through music the story's volatile tensions between fantasy and reality, desire and destruction.

The production is conducted by Daniela Candillari (l.) – who led the score for BLO's national, award- winning 2022 film of Ana Sokolović's "Svadba" and makes her BLO stage debut here. STREETCAR is directed by New Hampshire native Patricia Racette (r.), an acclaimed soprano with a longstanding connection to BLO. Early in her career, Racette sang four roles in the company's 1992 production of Offenbach's The Tales of Hoffmann. Reviewer Richard Dyer said Racette "flooded the Emerson Majestic with gloriously full lyric-soprano tone…she will certainly have a successful career."

The Story. Set in a sweltering New Orleans, the opera follows the magnetic, self-deluded Blanche DuBois, who leaves her Mississippi home and seeks shelter with sister Stella and Stella's husband Stanley. Clinging to a romanticized past, Blanche finds herself at odds with the domineering Stanley, whose brutal realism clashes with her world view. Cruelty, desire, illusion and fear of change draw tensions between the characters, sending everyone involved careening toward destruction.

Racette says that while the opera is inspired by one of the great works in the American theater canon, she wants operagoers to find a new perspective with this staging. "I want the audience to have a seat in Blanche's mind," she says, "to feel the heat, the claustrophobia, and the emotional intensity with which the story unfolds. It helps that André Previn's score is magnificent...it has a little bit of everything, from jazz to classical shadings and traditional New Orleans music."

Cast And Creative Team. Brittany Renee makes her BLO debut as Blanche DuBois. Thomas Glass (also in his BLO debut) is Stanley Kowalski. The full cast includes: Jane & Steven Akin Emerging Artist alum Angela Yam as Stella Kowalski; Brenton Ryan as Mitch; Erica Brookhyser, who made her professional debut at BLO in 2006, returning as Eunice Hubbell; East Boston native and 2026/27 Emerging Artist Juliette Kaoudji as the Flower Seller; Emerging Artist alum and Daughter of the Regiment scene-stealer Neal Ferreira as Steve Hubbell; current BLO Emerging Artist Suowei Wu as the Young Collector; Jessica Jacobs as the Nurse; Boston native David J. Castillo, who makes his BLO mainstage debut as The Doctor; and Dallas-born, 2026/27 Emerging Artist Ricky Lee Owens, Jr. as Pablo.

In addition to Racette and Candillari, the creative team includes Set Designer Andrew Boyce, Costume Designer Amanda Gladu, Lighting Designer Eric Southern, Projection Designer Kylee Loera, Fight Director/Intimacy Coordinator Angie Jepson, and Associate Stage Director Alexandra Dietrich, a current BLO Emerging Artist. F

History Of "Streetcar" In Massachusetts. The Bay State played prominently in the development of Tennessee Williams's 1947 play, on which this opera is based. Williams lived in an oceanside cottage near Provincetown that summer, famously receiving a visit from actor Marlon Brando, who read the part of Stanley Kowalski and went on to star in the play's premiere. It was in that cottage where Williams says he wrote Blanche's famous exit line, "...I have always depended on the kindness of strangers."

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Opera Theatre of Saint Louis production of A Streetcar Named Desire.

The pre-Broadway run of STREETCAR played two weeks at Boston's Wilbur Theatre, in November 1947, where Williams, Brando, Jessica Tandy (who starred as Blanche) and director Elia Kazan refined the play after its New Haven tryout. The Boston run shaped one of America's most celebrated dramas and the enduring legacy of a Pulitzer Prize-winner that also earned Tony and Olivier Awards.

Schedule and tickets. A Streetcar Named Desire is sung in English with English supertitles. Performances are Thu., Nov. 5 at 7:30 pm, Fri., Nov. 6 at 7:30 pm and Sun., Nov 8 at 3 pm. All performances are at the Emerson Cutler Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont Street in Boston. Tickets start at $40 and are available at blo.org/streetcar.

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24/7 emergency response to reports of knocked-down street lighting poles, prioritizing public safety and ensuring urgent hazards are addressed promptly.

Reliable street lighting plays an essential role in public safety, helping create safer, more accessible streets for everyone. These critical street lighting upgrades support the City's ongoing work to keep residents and families safe and prevent violence across Boston neighborhoods. With targeted lighting upgrades in key corridors and locations, the City has worked closely with residents to improve visibility, which also helps prevent nighttime crashes and incidents of violence.

"Continued strategic investments in our built environment, specifically street lighting, are good for our neighborhoods, keep our residents safe and help prevent violence," said Isaac Yablo, Director of the Boston Public Health Commission Office of Violence Prevention and Senior Advisor for Community Safety. "I'm thankful to the Street Lighting Division and the entire Streets Cabinet for their critical work in advancing these upgrades across our city.

The Street Lighting Division is also investing in Boston's future workforce through its ongoing partnership with the Madison Park Technical High School Electrical Program. This partnership creates career pathways for students and recent graduates interested in the electrical trade, providing hands-on experience and exposure to municipal operations. To date, nine graduates of the Madison Park Electrical Program have gone on to become full-time employees with the Street Lighting Division, demonstrating the partnership's role in connecting classroom learning to meaningful career opportunities. By helping students build on their technical training and pursue employment with the City of Boston, the program strengthens the pipeline of local talent needed to maintain and modernize the city's street lighting network.

"Our partnership with the City of Boston's Street Lighting Division has been a great success, creating valuable opportunities for our students to apply their technical training and build careers in the electrical trade," said Livingston Williams of Madison Park Technical Vocational High School. "Seeing nine of our graduates go on to become full-time employees with the City is a testament to the value of this partnership and the opportunities it creates for our students. We're proud to work with the City to help prepare the next generation of skilled electrical professionals."