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NEW HEALTH PROVIDES 100 THANKSGIVING MEALS



Over 120 fully prepared Thanksgiving meals were recently distributed to patients, seniors and community members by NEW Health. In addition, the Center held a #Giving Tuesday raising funds to help care for the community and provide the range of service that the neighborhood depends on. Gardner Resources Consulting offered a dollar for dollar match up to \$2,500. Shown above, volunteers prepare Thanksgiving meals.

Boston Common Tree Lighting set for tonight

Special to the Review

Mayor Michelle Wu, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and title sponsor The Province of Nova Scotia will host Boston's signature holiday celebration, the 82nd annual Boston Common Tree Lighting, on Thursday, December 5, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Boston Common, adjacent to the Visitor's Information Center at 139 Tremont Street. Mayor Wu will be joined by friends from Nova Scotia. This celebration marks the 53rd year that Nova Scotia has given a tree to the people of Boston as thanks for relief efforts following the December 6, 1917 explosion of a munitions ship in Halifax Harbor. Within 24 hours of the disaster, a train loaded with supplies and emergency personnel traveled

from Boston to Nova Scotia to aid in recovery efforts.

"Every holiday season we celebrate a special tradition with our friends in Nova Scotia to commemorate the warm and meaningful connection between our two communities dating back more than a century," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I want to thank Hugh & Liz Ryan and Nova Scotia for donating this beautiful treasure that will shine brightly throughout the holiday season in Boston. The Boston Common Tree lighting brings our residents together through compassion and holiday cheer each winter, and we're excited to continue the tradition."

WCVB Channel 5's Chronicle co-anchors Anthony Everett and Shayna Seymour will host Channel 5's live broadcast of the event beginning at 7:00 p.m. American

Authors, 5x platinum recording artists, and 2x Grammy nominees who got their start in Boston at Berklee College of Music, will headline with hit songs like "Best Day of My Life" and "Christmas Karaoke". This year's entertainment includes Halifax pop singer-songwriter Ria Mae, songs from A Christmas Carol performed by the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, the soulful melodies of Mi'kmaq folk artist and fiddler Morgan Toney, the legendary vocals of Boston-based jazz and gospel icon Renese King, a heartwarming performance by the Boston Children's Chorus, and more.

The official holiday season kickoff in Boston includes the lighting of the City of Boston's official Christmas tree with approximate-

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Public gets first look at conceptual plan for North Station Gateway Project

By Dan Murphy

A conceptual plan for the North Station Gateway Project, which would replace three existing buildings with a 40-story mixed-use building, including residential, hotel, and retail components, was unveiled on Thursday, Nov. 21 during a virtual public meeting sponsored by the city's Planning Department.

The RMR Group has proposed a project for 251 Causeway St., which would span 560,000 square feet of Gross Floor Area (GFA) and stand approximately 447 feet tall at its highest point. The project would comprise a mid-rise hotel containing 300 rooms; 420 residential units; and approximately 30,000 square feet of ground-floor retail, restaurant, and amenity space, as well as 150 parking spaces across two levels of below-grade parking.

"We're acknowledging that it's a substantial change from what's there today," said Jesse Abair, vice president of the RMR Group, who added that the project team is now hoping to solicit feedback from the public to inform the project's

program and design during this preliminary phase. "We think it's a legitimate site for some scale," he said.

The project would replace three largely vacant, existing buildings - two office buildings, Keany Square Building at 251 Causeway St, and the Thomas Butler Metals and Paper Stock Company Building at 100 North Washington St., respectively, as well as a small apartment building, the John McGraw Building at 126 North Washington St.

None of the three building are designated as landmarks per the state, the National Register of Historic Places, or the Boston Landmarks Commission, and all three have been significantly altered since their original construction, said Doug Kelleher of the Maynard-based environmental engineering firm, Epsilon Associates.

The project team has explored "every iteration" to save these buildings, including preserving the envelopes, or building on top of the existing structures, added Abair, "but we just couldn't make it work."

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Public safety concerns on the Common and downtown discussed at city hearing

By Dan Murphy

Concerns pertaining to public safety and quality-of-life issues on the Boston Common and in Downtown Crossing were the subject at hand during a special City Council committee hearing on Nov. 26 at City Hall.

Rishi Shukla, a co-founding leader of the Downtown Boston Neighborhood Association, as well as a panelist at the hearing, cited findings from a recent survey administered by his group, which indicated that 71 percent of 300 respondents feel less safe on the

Common than they did a year ago.

Within the past six to eight months, Shukla said he has seen a noticeable uptick in open-air drug dealing in the Common, along with open consumption of drugs and alcohol in the park. He noted that trend coincided with the city's effort to close down homeless encampments at Mass and Cass.

Shukla said within this same timeframe, some people have begun to avoid parts of the Common, including Brewer Fountain, and areas Downtown, including

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EDITORIAL

REMEMBER THE NEEDY ON YOUR SHOPPING LIST

Americans already have been spending a record amount of money thus far this holiday season, spurred on by the extended "Black Friday" (we are using air quotes because Black Friday sales began in early November), Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday shopping days.

However, amidst our zeal to find the "perfect" gifts for our family members and friends, we hope that our readers make the effort, no matter how small, to remember those in need this holiday season.

As we noted in this space two weeks ago, homelessness is at an all-time high in this country. For example, almost one-in-eight New York City school children experienced homelessness during the most recent school year.

The simple reality is that for far too many of our fellow Americans, the holidays bring little or no joy.

There are countless ways by which each of us can make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate, ranging from toy drives to food banks to Salvation Army Santas. With Christmas fast approaching because of the shortened holiday season, we urge everyone who has the ability to do so to make that small effort to help those for whom the holidays are just another day.

HOPEFULLY, MUSK WILL BRING US SELF-DRIVING CARS

Everyone concedes that Musk unquestionably is a visionary who already has revolutionized the automobile industry. He was named Time Magazine's Person of the Year for the success of Tesla, which made electric vehicles available to the mass market. Tesla has done more than any other company in the world to address the existential threat of climate change caused by fossil-burning fuels.

Two months ago, Musk held a publicity event for the press and investors to showcase his plans for self-driving robo-taxis, which he said will be available by 2027. Self-driving vehicles will be powered by AI and Musk's companies have committed to buying billions of dollars of AI computer chips from Nvidia, the American chip company founded by another visionary, Jensen Huang.

A few months back, we wrote of our visit to San Francisco and mentioned that we drove in autonomous electric taxis operated by Waymo, which was founded by Google. Our experience, as has been the case with everyone who has used Waymo, was amazing.

Waymo is now expanding to Los Angeles, Phoenix, Austin, Atlanta, and Florida and clearly is the industry leader in robo-taxis.

Self-driving electric vehicles represent the future -- and it is coming faster than anyone ever expected thanks to Nvidia, whose AI chips will be key to the revolution. Self-driving electric vehicles not only will be good for the planet, but they also will benefit each of us in our everyday lives -- they will be safer (all but eliminating the carnage that exists on our highways today), they will reduce our auto insurance and repair costs, and they will allow for greater independence for both the young and old for whom driver's licenses are iffy propositions.

Although Waymo is doing great things with robo-taxis, a car manufacturer such as Tesla can scale-up production to meet the mass market. We would note here that GM tried the robo-taxi field with its Cruise fleet, but it presently is on hold because of safety issues.

Although Waymo already has a huge lead on Tesla, we have no doubt that once Elon Musk sets his mind to it, Tesla will catch up to -- and surpass -- Waymo. And, we hope, the sooner the better.

GUEST OP-ED

All I want for Christmas is scooters off our sidewalks

By Sharon Durkan

This holiday season, as shoppers fill our streets and families visit our iconic neighborhoods, my greatest wish is that everyone has a safe and welcoming experience, but too often I hear about reckless scooters and mopeds overwhelming our streets. In District 8 and beyond, we have heard the familiar story that residents are dodging unregistered vehicles on sidewalks, cyclists are squeezed out of bike lanes, and pedestrians cross in fear.

These dangers aren't just inconvenient, it's a situation that's waiting to escalate. That's why, as chair of the City Council's Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation, I convened a hearing earlier this year to address the urgent need for stronger rules and enforcement for micromobility devices like scooters, mopeds, and e-bikes.

The testimonies we heard from residents were sobering. Families described mopeds speeding on sidewalks, weaving through oncoming traffic, and ignoring pedestrians in crosswalks. Others pointed out the lack of clarity about enforcement—unsure when enforcement could occur in specific situations. One resident from Beacon Hill noted that while recent crackdowns have reduced some reckless behavior, the issue persists because offenders assume their actions will go unpunished.

It's clear we need a multi-faceted approach to reclaim our streets and sidewalks. One that requires a lot of partnership between the City of Boston Transportation Department, the Boston Police Department, residents, app-based delivery companies, and state lawmakers. Boston has made strides in expanding micromobility options, but as we introduce new modes of transportation, we must also ensure they can coexist safely with pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

Here's how we can do it:
Hold Delivery Platforms Accountable

Many of the scooters and mopeds creating chaos belong to delivery drivers for platforms like DoorDash, GrubHub, and Uber Eats. At our hearing, we discussed the importance of holding these companies accountable. We must demand that companies ensure

that their delivery drivers are registered, have valid licenses and insurance, and monitor their compliance with traffic laws.

Our office has already been proactive on these matters. We've met directly with UberEats, GrubHub, and DoorDash to urge them to adopt stronger training programs that acknowledge the "Rules of The Road" and enforce guidelines that demand, and incentivize safety among their drivers. These conversations are an important step toward holding these platforms accountable, but we still have a lot of work to do!

Enforce Traffic Laws Aggressively

Our hearing reinforced the need for stronger enforcement. Residents repeatedly cited reckless moped drivers as a major hazard, yet many operators seem undeterred by existing laws. Boston Police must have the tools, and the mandate, to confiscate unregistered vehicles, and crack down on violations like driving on sidewalks or blowing through red lights.

And I'm not asking the Police Department to chase scooters or mopeds, this may be unsafe for the operator and nearby pedestrians and the law enforcement themselves, but we need automated enforcement mechanisms, such as cameras that detect speeding and red-light running, which would require coordinated action between the State and City governments. Cities across the U.S. have used these tools to great effect, reducing dangerous behaviors without overburdening police.

The Boston Police Department has worked with the Boston Transportation Department, and in partnership with my office to remove the most dangerous users from the road, impounding unlicensed scooters in violation of the law recently. These measures, while impactful, must be part of a broader, more sustained approach.

Create a Culture of Safety

Education and incentives can and should complement enforcement. Drivers should complete safety training courses and understand the consequences of reckless behavior. Educational materials (available in multiple languages) should be widely distributed. At the same time, delivery platforms can incentivize safe driving by rewarding drivers with clean records and creating metrics to measure driving performance. Given the location based platform, they know which drivers skirt laws, speed and drive dangerously. We need to change the intensive system here to promote responsible behavior to improve public safety.

Engage and Empower Residents

Our neighborhoods are filled with vigilant residents who care deeply about their and their neighbors' safety. If you don't believe me, check out the 3-1-1 website! We should continue to encourage residents to document and share incidents on 3-1-1 and this data should directly inform enforcement locations. While some of this is already taking place, as a City

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TREE LIGHTING (from pg. 1)

ly 5,000 lights, and the lighting of more than 50,000 lights throughout the Boston Common and Public Garden. This year's tree is a 48-year-old, 45-foot-tall white spruce donated by Liz and Hugh Ryan of Mattie Settlement, Nova Scotia.

The holiday lights throughout both parks will light up in sequence shortly before 8:00 p.m. when Mayor Wu is joined onstage by Santa Claus and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. The show will close with a pyrotechnic display by Pyrotecnico.

The event is supported by title sponsor Province of Nova Scotia, presenting sponsor Amazon, signature sponsors JetBlue and Meet

Boston, community sponsors Bank of America and Constellation, and media partners WCVB Channel 5 and The Boston Globe. A sampling village will feature giveaways and refreshments from JetBlue, H.P. Hood, New England Coffee, Harry Potter, The Exhibition, and Raising Cane's while supplies last. Sponsors of the "Make the Common Glow for the Holidays" who make the lighting of the Common and Public Garden possible include The Lynch Family Foundation, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, the Friends of the Public Garden, and Gilbane Building Company.

Immediately following the celebration on the Boston Common,

the Friends of the Public Garden and the Committee to Light Commonwealth Avenue Mall will flip the switch to light up Commonwealth Avenue Mall in the Back Bay. This event marks the second year that the lights on Commonwealth Avenue Mall will extend all the way to Kenmore Square.

Please call (617) 635-4505 or visit boston.gov/boston-common-tree-lighting for more information about the festivities. To stay up to date with news and events in Boston parks, sign up for the email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and follow the social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

GATEWAY PROJECT (from pg. 1)

Meanwhile, the project's highest point would be a slender tower, measuring 65 feet wide, at the north end of the site in an effort to reduce the shadow impact, said Abair.

Jane Forrestal, a member of the city's IAG (Impact Advisory Group), as well as a longtime West End Place resident, expressed concern over the height of the proposed, nearly 450-foot tower.

Rather than a "tall, slender structure," Forrestal voiced her preference for a project that "spreads out more across the site."

David Kubiak, a long-serving member of the North End/Waterfront Residents Association (NEWRA), pointed out that proposed height far exceeds the 100-foot limit for buildings in the Bulfinch Triangle per the city's Article 80 zoning code, so he anticipates the project would require at least one variance to move forward as

proposed.

Kubiak suggested the developer should instead explore the possibility of splitting the project into two buildings – a luxury building and an affordable building, respectively, with the affordable building perhaps located at the corner of Medford and North Washington streets.

Regarding the project's affordable housing component, Abair said it "doesn't make sense economically" to build affordable units on the site, so the developer would be making a "sizable contribution" to the city to build affordable housing nearby instead.

Duane Lucia, a West End neighborhood activist and historian, as well as a 20-year resident of nearby 150 Staniford St., expressed concern that the project would be "homogenized," if all of its affordable housing units were located off site.

Lucia said he believes the proj-

ect's proposed parking, along with two loading docks and other anticipated activity at the site, would also only add to the neighborhood's current congestion.

Abair responded that the project site is perhaps better served by public transportation than anywhere else in the city, and that the project team expects the proposed parking provisions would be adequate for residents and hotel guests.

The city's public comment period for the PNF (Project Notification Form) for this project is open through Dec. 13; comments can be submitted via the Boston Planning Department's project page (<http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/north-station-gateway-project>), or sent directly via email to Sarah Peck, project manager, at sarah.peck@boston.gov.

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we should do a better job communicating with residents that their feedback is utilized, creating true partnership for the safety of our streets. There have already been some wins in this department, but we need to continue to center the feedback of resident reporting.

Build Streets That Work for Everyone

The broader issue of micromobility safety is intertwined with Boston's transportation infrastructure. Making sure that drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians are out of conflict by providing dedicated space for all road users, will reduce conflicts. Physical traffic-calming measures, like bollards or cast concrete barriers, or raised rumble strips and speed humps, can prevent reckless driving.

I also want to recognize and celebrate the efforts already underway by the City of Boston Transportation Department (BTD). They've taken significant steps to enhance safety as more residents and visitors embrace two-wheeled transportation as a green, congestion reducing solution, and are working towards realizing Vision Zero.

Realize Vision Zero

Boston's commitment to "Vision Zero", eliminating fatal and serious traffic crashes by 2030, demands that we take swift and decisive action. This is about creating a city where every mode of transportation can coexist safely. The testimonies and emails we have received have underscored that residents want action, period.

*I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I need
I don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree*

*I just want safe streets for all
Paths where no one fears to fall
Let this dream come true
All I want this season is peace
for you*

Happy holidays to all!

Sharon Durkan is Boston City Councilor for District 8, including the West End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Fenway and Mission Hill, and is Chair of the Council's Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation

ABCC kicks off 'Operation Safe Holidays'

Special to the Times

To ensure safety for everyone in Massachusetts during the holidays, the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) will be conducting alcohol enforcement at local bars in Massachusetts cities and towns through New Year's Eve.

In doing so, the ABCC hopes to prevent accidents caused by impaired driving and other alcohol-related harm that often occurs at this time of year. The ABCC will work with municipal police departments and focus enforcement efforts at bars that have been identified as the last to sell alcohol to a convicted drunk driver and other high-risk locations.

"It is extremely important to deter bars from over-serving and prevent problems before they happen," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, who oversees the ABCC. "We want to keep people safe and make sure everyone can enjoy the holidays with their family and friends, avoiding tragedies before they occur."

The program is run in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Impaired Driving Crackdown, from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year's Eve, and is funded through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security - Highway Safety Division.

According to the NHTSA, from 2017 to 2021, 137 drivers involved in fatal crashes on Thanksgiving Eve (6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m.), also known as 'Blackout Wednesday,' were alcohol impaired. In 2021 alone, 36 drivers were in fatal crashes on that day. Also, from 2017 to 2021, young drivers ages 21-24 represented the largest percentage of drivers involved in deadly crashes. The message before Thanksgiving is simple – the NHTSA says to stop the blackout trend on Wednesday.

Alcohol is involved in 40 percent of traffic crash fatalities, resulting in 17,013 fatalities and injuring an estimated 275,000 people annually. Data indicates that well over 50% of impaired driving arrests originate at bars.

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NEWS, NOTES AND WHATEVER By Phil Orlandella

NEW NORTH END COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING

A progress update meeting to share information on the newly proposed Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) North End Community Center adjacent to the Mirabella Pool on Commercial Street will be discussed at a community meeting on Monday, December 9 at 6pm at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

The City of Boston Public Facilities Department and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services will discuss the project's building schedule update and progress for the new center.

The city is apparently committed to a transparent, inclusive community process.

NORTH END LIBRARY BOOK SALE IMPROVES

Friends of the North End Library (FONEL) have improved the daily book sale at the library by adding more book shelf space, sorting the books for sale and maintaining the sale area in a pleasant and orderly manner, resulting in an immediate increase

in sales.

Sales help the Friends donate funds to the library to buy furniture, other needed resources and to sponsor library programs throughout the year.

Prices of the books are still a bargain; paperbacks are \$1 each and five for \$4. Hardcover books are \$2 each and three for \$5.

For additional information on buying a book or returning a book email info@friendsnelibrary.com.

TWO BOARD MEMBERS ADDED TO CONSERVANCY BOARD

Two new members have been added to the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, the non-profit responsible for the management and care of The Greenway.

Named to the volunteer Board of Directors were, Thomas N. O'Brien Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of The HYM Investment Group and Conan Harris Founder and Principal at Conan Harris and Associates.

O'Brien was nominated by Governor Maura Healy and Harris by MassDOT Secretary Modica Tibbits-Nutt.

The 21 members of the board was established by the legislator to include: community groups, government agencies and officials, the Greenway Business Improvement District and the Conservancy.

NEW HEALTH AWARDS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

New Health has awarded the John Foster and Elaine Wilson 2024 community health scholarships.

Abadit Wineh, a dedicated community health worker at NEW Health since 2022, received the Foster scholarship. She is pursuing her master's in public health at UMASS Lowell.

This award is designed for employees like Wineh who are passionate about advancing their careers in health care.

Juliana Vitello was the recipient of the Wilson scholarship for her deep dedication to women's health, labor and delivery nursing has truly moved the Center.

Vitello is working towards her nursing degree at Emmanuel College.

BOSTON'S NEWEST HOLIDAY TRADITION

Boston's newest holiday tradition, a Candlelight Labyrinth Walk in Peace and Harmony will be held at Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway with a meet and greet followed by the walk.

Scheduled for Sunday, December 8 at 4:45pm, event participants will enjoy hot chocolate and sweet treats.

The new tradition promises to be a great holiday activity for everyone that chooses to attend.

CHRISTMAS IN THE NORTH END

An Italian/American Christmas concert with conductor Dr. Dan Drzymalski, presented by the Saint Leonard Choral Society and Orchestra "Christmas in the North End" will be held on Saturday, December 14 from 4-5pm at Sacred Heart Church, 12 North Square.

The concert will include special guests.

NEMPAC PRESENTS HOLIDAY CONCERT

A Community in Song Holiday: Holiday Concert with free entry will be held by the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) at Sacred Heart Church, 12 North Square on Wednesday, December 11 at 7pm.

Artistic Director Stefano Manchese.

SANTA ARRIVING AT COLUMBUS PARK

Columbus Park will be a great place for families to be when Santa Claus lands in the park about 12:30pm (weather permitting) on Sunday, December 8, hosted by the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) each year.

Santa will meet and greet as many children as possible before he embarks on a parade through the park in the North End surrounded by many characters including Rudolph.

Many people at the arrival event will also participate in the parade.

Santa's arrival in the North End has taken place many years through the efforts of the NEAA.

Old North Church Restoration Digital Speaker Series Digital Speaker Series continues at the Old North Church and Historic Site with lead conservationist Gianfrano Pocobene speaking about the once-in-a-lifetime paint restoration project currently at the historic site located in the North End of Boston.

Pocobene and his team are painstakingly removing layers of white overpaint of the church's colonial era artwork,

Sixteen angels in the balcony arches that were painted in the late 1720s and 1730s by congregation member John Gibbs will be uncovered by the spring of 2025.

He will discuss the techniques, tools and technology that have allowed his team to penetrate layers of white over paint to reveal the beautiful artwork hidden underneath, allowing the thousands of visitors that will flock to the church in the fall of 2025 for a glimpse of the site as Paul Revere saw it.

ST. AGRIPPINA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

St. Agrippina DiMineo Benefit Society's 29th Christmas Program for North End children only will be held on Sunday, December 8 from 12noon to 2pm at the Chapel at 450 Hanover Street.

Photos with Santa and his elves, gift bags, face painting, balloons and many popular characters.

Call 617-363-2678 for more information.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING STROLL

Many North End businesses will

hold a Holiday Stroll on December 13 from 5pm to 9pm. A night of light bites, refreshments and raffle prizes while supporting your favorite community businesses.

CARE AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS AND GIFT CARDS

North End Cares (NEC) had a very successful scholarship and gift card year, according to President John Pregmon.

"Care was able to present 10 scholarships and 10 \$100 gift cards to purchase school supplies," Pregmon said.

BUONA SERA EVENT RAISES \$30,000

The 12th annual Buona Sera An Evening with Friends was a huge success, raising \$30,000 for the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center.

The evening began with a wine reception at the UMASS Club, followed by dinner at a North End restaurant with a celebrity guest at each table. North End Senator Lydia Edwards and Representative Aaron Michlewitz were among the many special celebrities that participated in the community event that provides many events, activities and meals for seniors.

MAYOR'S ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR

Mayor Michelle Wu's Enchanted Trolley Tour and Tree Lighting will be held in the Paul Revere Mall (Prado) in the North End on Sunday, December 8 at 4pm.

NBSS OPEN HOUSE

North Bennet Street School (NBSS), 150 North Bennet Street will hold an Open House on December 6 + 7, 10am to 2pm on both days. Must register.

WINTER WONDERLAND

DePasquale Ventures will hold a Winter Wonderland, the best Christmas Party in Boston, on Sunday December 8 from 2pm to 7pm, at Paul Revere Mall (Prado) between Hanover and Unity Streets.

A giant 40-foot Santa Claus will arrive at the Mall. Christmas presents, a petting zoo, Santa's sleigh with real reindeers, a tree lighting, a Gingerbread Snowman, free pizza, free cooked food at the site and chestnuts roasting. Life-size Nativity Scene, Holiday music, caroling and photos with Santa Claus.



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THE ADVENT SCHOOL HOLDS ANNUAL FALL BENEFIT

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

The power of play in education is essential to The Advent School experience; and so, on November 15, parents and faculty celebrated the joyfulness of the Reggio Eme-

lia approach during A Night at the Museum. Attendees explored the Boston Children's Museum in outfits inspired by their children and students. Proceeds from the

annual, fall benefit support school initiatives, such as cutting-edge curriculum, financial aid, faculty professional development, and social justice learning.



Friends gathering for The Advent School's Fall Benefit at the Children's Museum on November 15.



Jeff Morgan and Lynn Mandel. See more photos on Next Page.



Cassie Pagnam, Erik Wormwood, Kate Boswell, and Caroline Collins.



Molly McDermott and Anthony Bacigalupo.



Holly and Ulunma Fetter. See Pages 6-8 for more photos.



Bethany Moffi with Emily and Kelly Holland.



Michel Otto and Michael Goldberg in front of the "Mez Mirage."



Adam Bottis, Amy Hayde, and Jaz Nettrour.

THE ADVENT SCHOOL HOLDS ANNUAL FALL BENEFIT

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA



Nicole DuFauchard, Head of School, with Ted Schwartzberg, board chair, Jon Lee, board treasurer, and Sarah Lee.



A patron enjoying The Advent School's Fall Benefit at the Children's Museum.



Friends greeting each other during The Advent School's Fall Benefit.



Divia Mani, Aimee Nezhad, Sarah Patrick, and Steven Nezhad.

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House Salad	\$45.00	\$90.00
Caesar Salad	\$55.00	\$110.00
Antipasto	\$65.00	\$130.00
Eggplant Parmigiana	\$70.00	\$140.00
Ziti Saldade	\$55.00	\$110.00
Baked Ziti	\$60.00	\$120.00
Fusilli & Broccoli	\$60.00	\$120.00
Fusilli, Eggplant, Garlic & Oil	\$60.00	\$120.00
Chicken & Ziti Saldade	\$70.00	\$140.00
Chicken, Pasta & Broccoli	\$75.00	\$150.00
Chicken Marsala	\$75.00	\$150.00
Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana	\$75.00	\$130.00
Sausage Cacciatore w/Ziti	\$75.00	\$150.00
Chicken Cacciatore w/Ziti	\$75.00	\$150.00
Shrimp Margarita	\$80.00	\$160.00
Swordfish, Pasta & Broccoli	\$90.00	\$180.00
Shrimp Cacciatore w/Ziti	\$80.00	\$160.00
Veal, Pasta & Broccoli	\$90.00	\$180.00
Veal Marsala	\$90.00	\$180.00
Veal Parmigiana	\$90.00	\$150.00
Chicken w/Sausage, Vinegar, Peppers and Potatoes	\$80.00	\$160.00

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Winter Fest, a large-scale, immersive winter experience has transformed Hood Park in Charlestown into a dazzling wonderland featuring a breathtaking festival of lights. From December 5th through January 25th, guests can enjoy ice skating, an Après Ski Veuve Clicquot Gondola Lounge, charming shopping vendors, festive food & beverage, and a life-size ice castle adorned in twinkling lights.

Presented by team behind Wicked Haunt Fest, highlights include special meet-and-greets with Santa on the weekends, a whimsical toy workshop, and a life-size gingerbread house. Winter Fest will offer themed food and beverage stations featuring winter warmers such as decadent hot

chocolate with seasonal toppings like house-made marshmallow and crushed peppermint as well as select beers and wines. The Après Ski Veuve Clicquot Gondola Lounge transports guests to Aspen and is the perfect photo-worthy place to make a champagne toast.

The festival's stage comes alive with local artists performing beloved holiday classics that capture the spirit of the season. The festivities kick off with the lighting of a majestic 32-foot Christmas tree and continue with attractions for visitors of all ages. Winter Fest is proudly sponsored by Beasley and Bent Water Brewing, whose support helps bring this magical celebration to life.

"We set out to create an experience that feels like you're stepping into a storybook, where every corner brings a new moment of magic," said Creative Director,

Carl Rugato. Katie Kwiatkowski, Director of Events and Marketing at MNM Restaurant Group says Winter Fest is more than a festival, "it's a celebration of community, seasonal traditions and the beauty of winter."

With its easily accessible location and ample parking—offering three hours of free parking—Winter Fest promises an enjoyable experience without the hassle of overcrowded spaces. Whether guests are planning a festive family outing or a romantic winter escape, Winter Fest ensures a relaxed and spacious environment for everyone. The festival is located at 100 Hood Park Dr., Boston, MA, 02129. For tickets, event hours, and additional information, visit www.winterfestboston.com or follow on social media @ [bostonwinterfest](https://twitter.com/bostonwinterfest).

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Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy announces two new board members

Special to the Times

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, the non-profit responsible for the management and care of The Greenway, is proud to announce the addition of two new members to its volunteer Board of Directors: Thomas N. O'Brien, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of The HYM Investment Group and Conan Harris, Founder and Principal at Conan Harris & Associates. O'Brien was nominated by Governor Maura Healey and Harris was nominated by MassDOT Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt.

"The Rose Kennedy Greenway is such a treasured green space in Boston, and the Greenway Conservancy does incredible work to care for it. I'm proud to appoint Tom O'Brien to the Board. He is a proven leader with a record of bringing people together to create stronger, healthier neighborhoods for us all," said Governor Maura Healey.

"MassDOT is incredibly proud to partner with the Conservancy to steward The Greenway," said Transportation Secretary & CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "I am certain that Conan Harris will ensure



Thomas N. O'Brien.

this treasured Commonwealth asset remains accessible for all."

Legislatively established, the 21 members of the Greenway Conservancy's Board of Directors are nominated by community groups, government agencies and officials, the Greenway Business Improvement District, and the Conservancy. Through their diverse perspectives, experiences, and expertise, and their shared passion for The Greenway, these committed volunteers work to ensure the Conservancy's mission and sustainability.

"We are thrilled to welcome both Conan Harris and Tom O'Brien to the Greenway Conservancy Board," said Hilina D.



Conan Harris.

Ajakaiye, Chair of the Greenway Conservancy Board and Executive Vice President at Meet Boston. "Conan's deep commitment to uplifting marginalized communities and fostering economic inclusion, combined with Tom's exceptional expertise in urban development and community-focused real estate projects, align perfectly with our mission. Together, their diverse perspectives and proven dedication to an equitable, vibrant Boston will be invaluable as we continue to enhance and sustain this treasured green space for all."

"The Greenway is a signature open space and destination for residents of both the city of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massa-

chusetts, as well as visitors," said Rebecca A. Lee, Chair of the Conservancy's Nominating Committee. "Tom and Conan's expertise and commitment to a more equitable Boston will only enhance the public's enjoyment of our park."

Thomas N. O'Brien

Through his professional career, public service tenure, and personal civic involvement, Thomas O'Brien has become innately familiar with the market forces, community needs, and politics that drive planning and development in the Boston region. At HYM, he has put that depth of knowledge to work, leading the successful development of some of the area's most notable real estate projects, including Boston Landing, Northpoint, Bulfinch Crossing, and Suffolk Downs.

As the Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of HYM, Mr. O'Brien has intentionally built a company representative of Boston's diversity, drawing talented individuals with multidisciplinary backgrounds to bring new perspectives to commercial real estate development.

Mr. O'Brien previously served as a Managing Partner for JPI, a national owner of multifamily

communities, and as a Managing Director in Boston and New York for Tishman Speyer, one of the world's leading real estate firms. O'Brien also led the Boston Redevelopment Authority as its Director and Chief of Staff, overseeing the development of over 12 million square feet of projects in Boston, from 1993 to 1999.

With his wife Patricia, he is a parent to five children and lives in Boston, MA.

Conan Harris

Conan Harris, Founder and Principal of Conan Harris & Associates (CHA), has worked with a wide range of professionals and organizations from various sectors. Prior to founding CHA, he worked in the public sector as a senior aide to former Mayor Martin J. Walsh in Boston. At the City of Boston, Conan was recruited to lead My Brother's Keeper Boston, and serve as the Deputy Director of Public Safety. Under his supervision, Conan played a leadership role in establishing Boston's first ever Office of Returning Citizens, where he worked with the formerly incarcerated to design the vision, programs and services of the new office.

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Park and Tremont streets and parts of Winter Street, due to public safety concerns.

By way of a remedy, Shukla suggested that all stakeholders, including representatives from the city and state, along with those from shelters, universities, and neighborhood civic groups, among others, should be convened and "locked in a room" until they can arrive at some solution.

"This moment calls for our highest ideals and sensibilities," said Shukla. "We need to put aside partisanship and get a few things done. The future of our city depends on our collective action."

Another panelist, Liz Vizza, president of the nonprofit Friends of the Public Garden, which works in partnership with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department to maintain and enhance the Common, along with the Public Garden and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall, also acknowledged that the Common has recently been plagued by more problems than usual.

This apparent trend, Vizza believes, is due in large part to

drug dealers who prey on addicts in the park, along with violence and other adverse consequences of this activity.

Vizza pointed out that the Friends group has no jurisdiction over enforcing rules and regulations on the Common while commending the work of Boston Police. She acknowledged officers "couldn't be everywhere at once" in the park, however.

Echoing Shukla, Vizza called for a "collective response" to address the problems on the Common, including exploring the possibility of issuing 'stay-away orders' to individuals who have habitually caused serious problems in the park in the past.

Michael Nichols, president of the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (BID) and another panelist, said despite the city's low crime rates, a park user's overall impression of the Common, as well as of Boston, comes down to their most recent experiences there.

Colin Zick, president of the Beacon Hill Civic Association and longtime chair of its Parks and

Public Spaces Committee, as well as a Friends of the Public Garden board member, joined the hearing virtually as a panelist.

While Zick said the Common has always had its issues during his 30-plus years living and working in Boston, he believes a "different kind" of problem exists in the park today.

Zick acknowledged safety conditions on the Common improved recently after more police were deployed to the area, but he said "that was only after things got completely out of control."

Looking ahead, Zick suggested that Park Rangers, who now have no authority to enforce rules and regulation on the Common, be given the "tools to protect the park they're serving."

He also called for more cameras on the Common, as well as for more services for homeless individuals who frequent the park.

If the goal is for people to ultimately return to working and visiting Downtown, Zick said they would first need to feel safe there.

Boston Police Deputy Superintendent of Field Services Dan

Humphreys said as part of a recent strategy, officers have been redeployed into areas of community concern to increase their visibility in 'hot spots.'

City Councilor Sharon Durkan commended the Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox and the department and pointed to the city's low crime rates as a testament to their work. She also cautioned against "perpetuating the narrative" regarding increased crime in the Common and downtown, which could adversely impact the city while "arousing unnecessary fear."

Instead, Councilor Durkan suggested striking a balance between legitimate public safety concerns, with the work that the city has done – and what still needs to be done to address the ongoing issues.

Meanwhile, Councilor Ed Flynn, lead sponsor for the hearing, emphasized the need for mutual respect when it comes to further addressing these concerns.

"The last thing I'm trying to do is fear-monger," he said. "I'm not here to criticize anybody. It's about working together and respecting each other."

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MGfC HOLDS ANNUAL STORYBOOK BALL FUNDRAISING EVENT

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Brian Ruballos and Lizsany Ruballos shown during the annual Storybook Ball fundraiser hosted by MGfC.

The energy was palpable as nearly 600 guests came together for Mass General for Children's (MGfC) Storybook Ball on Saturday, November 2, celebrating 25 years of the spectacular fundraising event.

Led by Co-Chairs Sarah and Walter Donovan and Laura Will and David Nicholson, the evening raised \$2.1 million for MGfC's extraordinary work and highlighted Complex Care, which includes Pediatric Coordinated, Supportive and Palliative Care programs.

Rafanelli Events transformed the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport into the world of Corduroy, the 1968 children's book that follows a tattered teddy bear's journey inside a bustling department store. As cocktail hour progressed into dinner, guests were whisked away from the store floor to the welcoming home of Lisa, the little girl who surrounds Corduroy with love.

The seated program opened with patients, clinicians, volunteers and former event co-chairs taking the stage to share how 25 years of Storybook Ball has paved the way for fellowships and training, vital pediatric research, Child Life and Integrative Therapies programs and family-centered care.

Joanne Wolfe, MD, MPH, Physician-in-Chief of MGfC, Allan M. Goldstein, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief of MGfC, and David F. M. Brown, President, Academic Medical Centers, Mass General Brigham, shared MGfC's state-of-the-art clinical and surgical work in Complex Care and introduced the March family's remarkable journey with their son's complex diagnosis and wraparound MGfC care.

Six-year-old Logan and his family have been receiving treatment,

support and guidance at MGfC since he was diagnosed with a rare genetic mutation soon after birth. In a given week, Logan can have six to ten appointments with various specialty departments. MGfC's Pediatric Coordinated Care and Palliative Care teams have helped Logan's family navigate his medical needs and ensure his quality of life is at the center of his care.

Guests enjoyed dinner and dancing, carnival booth games with luxury prizes, the sweet sounds of singer Andrew Marshall, finalist of NBC's "The Voice" Season 20 and a Boxford native who underwent treatment for leukemia at MGfC, and a lively auction led by radio personality Rich Shertenlieb, which included a premiere African safari and an incredible Irish castle getaway.

Throughout Storybook Ball's quarter-century history, donor generosity has helped raise nearly \$40 million. These funds directly help MGfC lead the way as one of the top pediatric research institutes in the country, engaged in groundbreaking studies on a variety of



Dr. David F.M. Brown.



Rich Shertenlieb.



Garth Hoffman and Remy Strossenger.

conditions, including brain trauma, cancer, celiac disease, food allergy, epilepsy, Down Syndrome, mental and behavioral health, neurogastrointestinal disorders and substance use disorders.



Dr. Mark Richardson, Dr. Kris Kahle and Logan March.



Dr. Frank McGovern, Betsy McGovern, Melissa Lees, and Herb Chambers.



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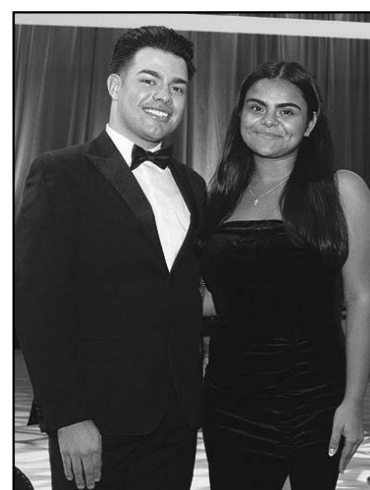
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT Docket No. SU22P1220PM In the matter of: Sally Luger Of: Boston, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the Permanent Conservator's First and Final account(s) of Brian McLaughlin Esq. of Boston, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance. You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 01/02/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s). Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is

based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you. **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 cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. **WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.** Date: November 26, 2024 **Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate** 12/05/24 RR

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 190B, ss5-304 Docket No. SU24P2568GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

In the matter of: William Day Of: Boston, MA **RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person** To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by McLean Hospital of Belmont, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that William Day 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 01/02/2025. 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 af-

fairs 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: November 29, 2024 **Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate** 12/05/24 RR

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU24C0476CA In the matter of: Tiago Fragao Aires de Queiroz

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Tiago Fragao Aires de Queiroz of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Tiago Aires Queiroz **IMPORTANT NOTICE** Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at:Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m.on the return date of 12/19/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. **WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.** Date: November 18, 2024 **Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate** 12/05/2024 RR

Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 16, 2024 **Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate** 12/05/2024 RR

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU24C0508CA In the matter of: Miriam Dora Kudler-Flam

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Miriam Dora Kudler-Flam of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Miriam Dora Kudler-Flam Lev **IMPORTANT NOTICE** Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at:Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m.on the return date of 12/19/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. **WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.** Date: November 18, 2024 **Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate** 12/05/2024 RR

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P2476EA Estate of: James F. Rafferty Date of Death: 07/10/2024

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jo Ann Rooney of Plymouth, 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: Jo Ann Rooney of Plymouth, MA and William Williams of Halifax, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond 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 01/02/2025. 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. **UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)** A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. **WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.** Date: November 21, 2024 **Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate** 12/05/24 RR

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their name to: Daniel Kieval Lev **IMPORTANT NOTICE** Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at:Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m.on the return date of 12/19/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. **WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.** Date: November 18, 2024 **Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate** 12/05/2024 RR

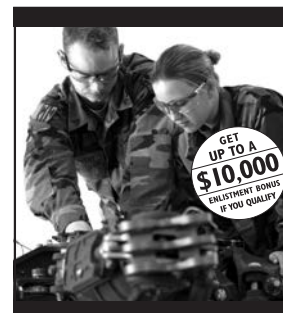
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P2197EA Estate of: Betty Lee Chin Also known as: Betty L. Chin Date of Death: 02/03/2024 To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Karen I Chin of Braintree, 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: Karen I Chin of Braintree, MA be

appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond 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 12/30/2024. 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. **UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)** A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. **WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.** Date: November 21, 2024 **Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate** 12/05/24 RR

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City receives \$9.8 million to build a climate-ready workforce

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Mayor Michelle Wu recently joined Senator Ed Markey, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) officials, state officials and local partners to announce that the City of Boston has been awarded \$9.8 million from the Inflation Reduction Act to develop the workforce needed to enhance climate and coastal resilience across Boston neighborhoods. The grant will assist City departments in developing training programs that build in-demand and emerging climate resilience skills, offer wraparound services to ensure workers' success, and place workers in good jobs and career pathways. The Office of Workforce Development (OWD), under the leadership of the Worker Empowerment Cabinet (WE) and in collaboration with the Environment, Energy, and Open Space Cabinet (EEOS), Green New Deal Office, and the Office of Green Infrastructure applied for the grant.

"Boston is the economic engine of New England. We are the national leader in education, healthcare and biotechnology. If we want to continue being the best home for innovators, entrepreneurs and working families, we need to not only invest in creating more jobs but protecting our coast and our residents from the effects of climate change," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This nearly \$10 million dollars in funding from

NOAA is going to help us do all of that in partnership with dozens of community partners across labor, academia, non-profit and the private sector. This Alliance will create a pipeline of highly skilled workers ready to fill the good paying jobs it'll take to protect our communities from higher tides and stronger storms. Thank you to all of our partners across industries who are forging this alliance with us and to NOAA for helping execute on our responsibility as a city to keep our community safe with a once in a generation opportunity for Boston's workforce."

This funding comes from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate-Ready Workforce initiative. This represents a \$60 million investment to support sectoral partnerships that will develop and implement job training programs to help train and place people in jobs that advance a climate-ready workforce for coastal and Great Lakes states, Tribes, and Territories as part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda under the Inflation Reduction Act. The City of Boston received the largest grant among the nine projects selected for funding through a competitive process. Modeled after the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration's successful Good Jobs Challenge, the Climate-Ready Workforce initiative is uniquely focused on preparing and placing people in good jobs that will

advance climate resilience nationwide, ensuring coastal communities are prepared for the worst impacts of climate change. The program will also assist employers in developing a 21st-century workforce that is climate literate and skilled at addressing climate challenges.

"Thanks to this grant funding, Boston's Office of Workforce Development is uniquely positioned to implement climate resilience plans for the City of Boston," said Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Deputy NOAA Administrator, Jainey Bavishi. "The cohort they will be a part of highlights the importance of regional public and private partnerships in climate careers, and will ultimately strengthen efforts to build a community that is more ready, resilient, and responsive to the impacts of climate change."

Boston is uniquely vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. According to the 2016 Climate Ready Boston Report, by the 2070s annualized losses from coastal and riverine flooding could amount to \$1.4 billion. To reach our climate goals, the public, private, and institutional sectors must make unprecedented investments that will require a larger, more diverse workforce. Boston has become a leader in coastal resilience planning and implementation. Since the 2016 Climate Ready Boston report, the City of Boston has worked with community part-

ners to complete coastal resilience solutions plans for all 47 miles of Boston's coastline, presenting district-scale and nature-based solutions to reduce coastal flood risk while simultaneously improving connectivity along and access to the waterfront, enhancing public open space and recreation, and restoring natural ecosystems.

In addition, Mayor Michelle Wu established the Green New Deal as a framework for tackling the climate crisis in Boston — with policies that address economic, social, and racial inequities, while advancing health, livability, and justice throughout our neighborhoods for all Boston residents. Through a series of ambitious policies and city-wide investments, Boston has been steadily advancing towards its climate and equity objectives, striving to achieve carbon neutrality in our built environment, promote economic vitality, and enhance climate resilience across the city for all our residents.

"Building climate resilience is not just about infrastructure and innovation — it's about people. This funding from NOAA enables Boston to lead in creating a workforce that is both climate-ready and equity-driven," said Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Environment Commissioner and Green New Deal Director. "By investing in training programs and job opportunities that prepare individuals for high-demand resilience roles, we're not only fortifying our city against climate impacts but also breaking

down barriers to economic opportunity for historically underserved communities. The Greater Boston Climate and Coastal Resilience Workforce Alliance is a testament to our commitment to a just, inclusive, and sustainable future."

Boston cannot have a climate-ready city without a climate-ready workforce. The funding announced today creates the Greater Boston Climate and Coastal Resilience Workforce Alliance, an equity-based initiative that will advance new sectoral workforce development systems aligned with achieving the objectives of a green economy and growth. By creating workforce development programs centered on equity and engaged employers, this generational green investment can address age-old inequalities in the city. The Alliance brings together 30+ key stakeholders, including employers, training providers, community engagement partners, climate policy practitioners, adult basic education programs, and wrap-around service agencies to develop and implement training pathways aimed at filling over 1,200 committed jobs in coastal and climate resilience occupations over four years. Workers trained through the grant will be placed in jobs that help advance coastal resilience strategies, especially in the municipal and public sector including:

- Installation of green infrastructure and other nature-based solutions which are key strategies for flood protection and water quality.
- Working to ensure our water

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Mayor Michelle Wu with City and State officials and leaders, celebrating the award.

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REAL ID will be necessary starting May 7

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding residents that beginning May 7, 2025, anyone traveling by plane domestically or entering certain federal facilities will need a Registry-issued REAL ID-compliant driver's license or ID, or a valid passport. The Registry is strong-

ly encouraging everyone seeking a REAL ID-compliant license or identification card to go online now at Mass.Gov/REALID to learn what documents are needed for a required in-person appointment. Appointments are available right now. Customers who already have a compliant credential may

renew online as long as they have not had a name change.

The fee to obtain or renew a REAL ID compliant credential is the same as obtaining or renewing the equivalent non-compliant credential:

- The fee for renewing a non-commercial standard or a REAL ID driver's license is \$50.
- The fee for renewing a Mass ID is \$25.
- The amendment fee for upgrading to a standard or REAL ID credential before an existing credential's expiration is \$25.

- Customers with a less than five-year stay in the U.S. pay a pro-rated fee.

"Do not wait. We are six months away from the REAL ID federal requirement going into effect and strongly urge Massachusetts residents who wish to upgrade to a REAL ID-compliant credential to act as soon as possible," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "For customers who qualify for a REAL ID and want to renew and upgrade, we recommend you schedule your appointment at least three weeks

before your birthday so that you can receive your credential in the mail ahead of your expiration. The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, and its partner AAA Northeast, have successfully been issuing REAL ID credentials since 2018 and are prepared for interested residents prior to the May 2025 deadline."

Appointments can be scheduled by visiting the RMV's Online Service Center at [Mass.Gov/myRMV](https://mass.gov/myrmv) or if you are a AAA member at <https://northeast.aaa.com/automotive/registry-services/massachusetts>.

Charlesbank Playground closed due to construction

Special to the Review

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) closed the Charlesbank Playground on the Esplanade in the City of Boston to replace the existing playground with the new Gronk Playground, which is expected to open in summer 2025. The Gronk Playground is a part-

nership between the Gronk Nation Youth Foundation, the Esplanade Association and DCR to create an accessible play space featuring new and exciting elements for children of all ages. While the playground is under construction visitors can use nearby Paul Revere Park Playground on North Washington Street and the Charles River Esplanade Playground as alternatives.

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and wastewater systems are reliable.

- Building critical flood and coastal protection infrastructure.
- Strengthening the City's emergency preparedness and response capabilities.
- Climate and coastal resilience community education and outreach.


"To create a climate resilient city for all, we must create a trained, well-paid, diverse talent pool to tackle these pressing issues with a focus on equity and engaged employers," said Trinh Nguyen, Chief of Worker Empowerment. "We are incredibly grateful to NOAA for providing this funding to create the Greater Boston Climate and Coastal Resilience Workforce Alliance that will allow us to address critical workforce development needs to support Boston's coastal climate and coastal resilience goals."

"Developing a workforce with climate-informed skills is essential for building statewide capacity for advancing climate adaptation and resilience," said Rebecca Tepper, Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary. "The City of Boston's leadership on equitable workforce development for regional climate resilience is commendable, and this collaboration among municipal, state, and private sector partners underscores the City's and the state's dedica-

tion to creating climate career and education pathways for people from underrepresented populations. We are proud to support this initiative through positions at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and we deeply appreciate NOAA's support."

The Alliance is employer-driven with employer engagement in the curriculum, assessment, pre-hiring, and support services for graduates. Unlike other employer-driven approaches, this initiative is unique in that the City of Boston is leading the way as a model employer. In addition, the Alliance will benefit individuals from historically underrepresented communities and incorporate wrap-around services like childcare, career coaching, and training stipends to ensure their success.

"Parterre Ecological Services is proud to partner with the City of Boston to help prepare our company and our city for the ever-advancing impacts of climate change," said Jason Harris, Owner of Parterre Ecological Services. "The Alliance will assist us greatly in finding the people we need to grow and rise to this challenge. As an employer, this presents us with a rare chance to add skills and talent to our base while working closely with local government and non-profits to impact our local communities while improving our business prospects."



'Tis The Season! Ho! Ho! Ho!

Merry Christmas

St. Agrippina DiMineo Benefit Society **29th Annual**

Christmas Program for **North End Children Only**

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING WITH GIFTS FOR ALL THE NICE BOYS & GIRLS.

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★ All who wish to attend please call **617-363-2678** between November 20 and December 3rd. To confirm you must supply your child's name, age, gender, address and phone number so that we can report to Santa's elves.

★ Please, you must confirm no later than **December 3rd**. All children **10 and under** will receive a picture with Santa and a gift. Children must be present & accompanied by an adult. Also: Face Painting, Balloons, Characters, Gift Bags. Please Bring a Camera!

★ Saint Agrippina's Christmas Program is for North End Residents Only.



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