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Council holds hearing on \$8 million expansion of fare-free bus pilot

By Lauren Bennett

The City Council Committee on Boston's COVID-19 Recovery held a hearing on November 29 regarding a "message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) in the form of a grant, awarded by the United States Department of the treasury, to be administered by the City of Boston's Chief Financial Officer/Collector Treasurer. The grant will fund the expansion of the fare free transit program."

Vineet Gupta, Director of Planning for the Boston Transportation Department (BTD), as well as Casey Brock-Wilson, Director of Strategic Partnerships at the City of Boston, were in attendance to provide a brief presentation on the proposed expansion of the fare free bus pilot started by Acting Mayor Kim Janey on the 28 bus, to be expanded to the 23 and 29 routes.

"Essentially, we want to launch a free fares pilot," Gupta said, on the three routes which serve residents in the Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury neighborhoods.

The 28 bus runs from Mattapan Square to Ruggles Station via Grove Hall and Nubian Square, the 23 bus runs from Ashmont Station in Dorchester up Washington St. to Ruggles Station, and the 29 bus runs from Mattapan Square to Seaver St. and Columbus Ave. before terminating at Jackson Square.

The pilot, which was announced last week by Mayor Michelle Wu, would be two years long, and will "give us a timeframe to do a very detailed evaluation of the program."

Gupta said that most riders of these routes are low income, and by offering free bus service, these families will be able to get a better grasp on their budgets and be able to use their money

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D4 sees 15-percent drop in Part One crime from last year

By Dan Murphy

Leading up to Thanksgiving, District 4 had seen a 15-percent drop in Part One crime from last year, according to Boston Police.

Between Jan. 1 and Nov. 21 of this year, 2,363 incidents of Part One crime had been reported in the district, which includes Back Bay, the South End, Lower Roxbury and the Fenway, compared with 2,782 during the same timeframe last year, and this was an approximately 23-percent drop from the five-year average of 3,073 incidents

The number of homicides held steady, with two incidents both this year and last, respectively,

while two incidents was also the five-year average in this category.

Rapes and attempted rapes were up more than 27 percent as the number climbed to 28 from 22 last year, although this still marked an approximately 7-percent decline from the five-year average of 30 incidents.

In contrast, robberies and attempted robberies were down around 31 percent as the number of incidents fell to 82 from 119 in 2020, and this also marked an around 46-percent decrease from the five-year average of 152 incidents.

Domestic aggravated assaults

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HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTS UP THE NIGHT IN COPLEY SQ.



The lit up holiday tree in Copley Square. Mayor Michelle Wu joined the Boston Park Department on Monday, Nov. 29, for the return of a beloved holiday tradition – the city's annual tree-lighting in Copley Square. See more photos on Page 7.

BPDA holds public meeting on new IBA community center at 85 W. Newton St.

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held a virtual public meeting in November 29 to present the proposal for the new Villa Victoria Center for the Arts at 85 West Newton St. in the South End.

Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA), was forced to raze the former Villa Victoria Center for the

Arts due to structural issues, and are now looking to construct a purpose-built community arts center.

According to the BPDA, "the site is adjacent to the City of Boston O'Day Park and the proposed project is designed to have a relationship to West Newton Street, the park, and its neighbors." The building will include a multipurpose room, as well

as practice rooms, classrooms, community rooms, and an art exhibition space. It will also feature IBA offices and space for youth programming and resident services.

"Our vision for the center is one that will have one building with all of the consolidated programs of IBA," said IBA CEO

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Elected officials endorse Edwards for State Senate

By Kenzie Bok

Sometimes a single election can make a huge impact. On Tuesday, December 14th, there will be a special election for the State Senator who represents Bay Village, Chinatown, Downtown, Beacon Hill, the North End, and East Boston. For someone who

will take bold action on the interlocking regional issues of climate change, housing affordability, and transportation access, and for someone who will be the best partner to our Boston neighborhoods at the State House, we—Mayor Michelle Wu, Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Rep. Jay Livingston, Rep. Adrian Madaro,

Councilor Ed Flynn, and Councilor Kenzie Bok—urge you to vote for Lydia Edwards.

Councilor Lydia Edwards represents East Boston, the North End, and Charlestown on the City Council, where she has been a remarkable colleague to

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EDITORIAL

PEARL HARBOR WAS 80 YEARS AGO

It was 80 years ago this coming week that the nation of Japan launched its attack on the United States at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941.

The very next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt convened a joint session of Congress in which he famously declared the attack as, “A day that will live in infamy,” and asked Congress for a Declaration of War against Japan.

Germany and Italy, allies of the Japanese who collectively were known as the Axis, then declared war on the U.S., setting the stage for what would become the largest conflagration in world history.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans would die in battlefronts stretching from the European continent to the jungle islands of the Pacific over the next three and one-half years before the German and Japanese war machines finally were subdued.

For more than two years prior to the attack, America had stayed out of the war that already had engulfed most of the rest of the world in the aftermath of the German invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939.

By the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hitler’s Nazis had conquered all of continental Europe and much of Africa, while the Japanese had invaded almost all of Asia, save for the U.S. outposts in the Philippines and other small islands in the Pacific.

Americans clung to the belief that our isolation, separated from the rest of the world by two oceans, would keep us out of the war. Americans had no appetite for re-engaging in another conflict just 23 years removed from the memories of World War I that still were fresh in our nation’s psyche.

But after Pearl Harbor, we no longer could keep our heads buried in the sand. Although America had re-instituted the draft some months prior to Pearl Harbor and had ramped up our military production capabilities, the suddenness of the Japanese attack still came as a shock to every American.

Americans realized that thanks to the capabilities of modern armaments such as Japanese aircraft carriers and German U-boats, even the continental United States was not insulated from attack by a foreign enemy. Citizens on the West Coast braced for a Japanese invasion in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor and curfews were instituted on the Eastern Seaboard.

Thanks to the countless number of documentaries and movies over the past 20 years that tell the stories of the brave Americans who fought in WWII, we are fortunate to have a living history of the sacrifices made by The Greatest Generation.

The lessons of Pearl Harbor are many, but chief among them is that freedom isn’t free -- and that we always must be vigilant to recognize the forces of evil that seek to destroy our way of life.

HAPPY HANUKKAH

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, started this past Sunday evening and will culminate this coming Monday, December 6.

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days by lighting the candles of the Menorah, one on each day of the eight-day celebration. (The Menorah itself consists of nine candles, one of which typically stands above the rest and is used to light the other eight.)

In summary, Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees -- a group of fierce warriors who used guerilla tactics against an occupying army -- in 166 BCE when the Maccabees liberated the Jewish people from the Greek-based rulers who essentially had outlawed the Jewish religion.

When the triumphant Maccabees captured the city of Jerusalem, they quickly entered the Holy Temple, tossing out the images of the Greek gods that had been installed there by the occupying rulers.

When the Maccabees went to light the Menorah candles in the Temple, they thought they only had one day’s worth of oil. However, the lights remained lit for eight days -- hence the miracle of the Festival of Lights.

Although Hanukkah celebrations this year will be much more subdued than is typical because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we want to take the opportunity to wish our friends and readers of the Jewish community a happy, healthy, and meaningful Hanukkah season.

GUEST OP-ED

Gubernatorial candidate, Bret Bero, recalls his personal journey with prostate cancer in an effort to raise cancer awareness

By Bret Bero

It’s a call no one ever wants to be on the receiving end of: “As you can see from the lab results, we have confirmed that you do have cancer.”

But, now I knew. From July 2017, when my PSA blood test during my annual physical first indicated a slight risk of Prostate Cancer, through twice a year PSA screenings, to a biopsy in January 2018 to an MRI in March of 2019, the medical data was inconclusive. It was after another routine PSA test in October 2020 indicated a 95 percent probability of cancer that a second MRI in November 2020 showed spots on the prostate, and a second series of biopsy extractions confirmed the diagnosis in January 2021. Now it was time to consider the options—wait and watch, radiation, or surgery to remove the prostate—and make a decision.

I was 62—which is a little earlier than the average age of men diagnosed with prostate cancer, but certainly within what is considered the normal window. I am a son, brother, husband, father, and grandparent. I am also a Democratic candidate for Lt. Governor. And because “Movember” (Google it) is prostate cancer awareness month, I am sharing my story in hopes that it will play a small role in

helping to save the men you love.

Now for some facts: Prostate Cancer is the second leading cancer in men. The American Cancer Society estimates that 1 in 8 men will develop prostate cancer, and one in 41 will die from it. Prostate cancer can be easily detected by a simple blood test that takes less than two minutes to complete. If caught before the cancer spreads beyond the prostate, the five-year survivability rate is almost 100 percent. However, if the cancer spreads outside the prostate, five-year survivability levels decline to around 30 percent.

There are multiple methods of treatment after diagnosis and although each option has unique risks and benefits, all are about equal in effectiveness. Because I wanted to be 100 percent sure the cancer was removed, I elected for surgery. However, because I teach at Babson College, I chose to put off my treatment until the end of the semester in May. And in that short time, the cancer had escaped my prostate.

I make this point because the barriers to early detection and treatment are largely self-generated. We let life get in the way of saving our life. I was fortunate. I had an excellent surgeon at Mass General Brigham, and he was able to remove all the cancer. Had I waited much longer,

the story might not have had a happy ending. But the sad fact is that for some, the decision to delay treatment or even testing is made because they do not have access to the proper healthcare that would provide this simple blood test. And while my story is about prostate cancer, the same decisions are being made to put off screening for breast cancer, colon cancer, and numerous other forms of the disease that have high rates of survival when caught in the early stages. We must do better, we have to ensure that not only are we increasing awareness about screening and early detection but we have to help those who do not have access to healthcare get it. In 21st century America this is not hard when we have the will.

I want to conclude by issuing a call to action. Ask every man that you love to please get a PSA test at their next annual physical. And keep the pressure on for a national healthcare system that will provide for all so that a simple, inexpensive blood test can prevent unnecessary deaths.

Bret Bero is a Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor and college professor. The piece is about his personal journey with prostate cancer and the need to raise awareness. For more information on Bero, visit www.bretbero.com.

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The Mayor's Trolley Tour is coming to a block near you

The Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour is back for its 25th year, and will include tree lightings, visits with Santa, and more. The tour begins on Friday, December 3, and ends on Sunday, December 5.

The schedule is as follows:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:30 pm: Mattapan Square, Mattapan

6:15 pm: Wolcott Square, Readville

7:00 pm: Hastings Street Lot, Centre Street, West Roxbury

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

1:00 pm: Codman Square, Dorchester

1:45 pm: Hyde Square, Jamaica Plain

2:30 pm: J.P. Monument, Jamaica Plain

3:30 pm: Brigham Circle, Mission Hill

4:15 pm: Bolling Building, Roxbury

5:30 pm: Blackstone Square, South End

6:45 pm: Oak Square, Brighton

1:00 pm: M Street Park, South Boston

2:00 pm: Beach Street & Har-

ison Avenue, Chinatown

3:00 pm: Paul Revere Mall, North End

4:00 pm: Thompson Square, Charlestown

5:00 pm: Maverick Square, East Boston

7:00 pm: Adams Corner, Dorchester

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elsewhere while still relying on the bus to get them to places like work, school, and medical appointments.

"These neighborhoods are currently underserved by quality public transportation," Gupta said, and this pilot will help connect residents to opportunities in other parts of the city.

Additionally, Gupta said that these fare free routes would also allow passengers to board at all doors, reducing the amount of time spent at each bus stop.

"We do want to start a marketing campaign," Gupta added. "We do want to get the word out in neighborhoods." The campaign will be multi-lingual, just as the one for the Route 28 pilot was.

Gupta said that when the Route 28 pilot was first in effect this past August, flyers in multiple languages—Spanish, Haitian Creole, Chinese, Vietnamese, Cape Verdian Creole, and Somali—were distributed throughout the neighborhoods.

"We had ads on those panels you see in the bus over the seats," Gupta said, as well as a social media campaign, "spread the word to community groups," and conducted in-person surveys.

Several councilors had questions and comments regarding the proposal, and most seemed to be in favor of it, including Lydia Edwards, who could not make it to the meeting but submitted a letter saying she was in support.

Councilor Michael Flaherty asked when this expanded pilot was expected to be in effect.

Gupta said that the city is working with the MBTA on the expansion and the hope is to have it running in early 2022, but there is no official date yet. He said certain "logistics" need to be worked out, such as letting bus drivers know about the program ahead of time.

Casey Brock-Wilson added that they "wanted to estimate out over two years what we thought the program would

cost," and though there are still a lot of unknowns, there were "assumptions" made "based on the route 28 pilot."

An estimation was made about ridership over the next two years and how much it would cost, and contingencies were built in in case ridership ends up exceeding pre-pandemic levels.

She added that they need to "make sure we're budgeting properly for marketing and evaluation. That's a really important part of this program." She said that any unused funds out of the \$8 million will be used for a further extension of the program or contributed to general fare-free transit.

Gupta said that the city and the MBTA will examine data from this pilot and look for extension opportunities.

Brock-Wilson said that the money that will fund this pilot from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) are eligible to be spent through December of 2024, per the US Treasury.

"We look forward to conversations about longer-term funding options," she said.

Councilor Kenzie Bok said she is "excited about this and definitely in favor of passing the appropriation." She wondered how ridership will be counted if people are not tapping their cards or tickets onboard.

Gupta said that "a majority" of the buses are equipped with technology that counts people as they board the bus, and the estimation of funds needed for this pilot were calculated based on "actual passenger count" from a formula created in conjunction with the MBTA.

Bok said that district councilors "all have routes running through our districts" that constituents rely on daily, and wondered about future expansion of the program.

Gupta said that it is "something we can develop over the coming months," and it is "not something we've looked into great detail system-wide."

He said the focus has been on "neighborhoods not well served by subway service," especially when it comes to the impact of the pandemic on those who live in these neighborhoods.

"We need to be more mindful about who is going to benefit from this service," Councilor Julia Mejia said, and referenced third-shift workers who rely on late night MBTA service to get home from their jobs.

Councilor Matt O'Malley said he is a "full and enthusiastic supporter" of the expansion, and like many district colleagues, I can think of a number of added routes that would be a welcome addition, but we have to start somewhere."

Councilor Baker had concerns about funding in the future. He said that "I'm happy for it; I'm glad we're providing a service," but "where is the money coming from" once the two year pilot

is over, he asked, wondering if it would be cut from something like parks or police. "There's only so much pie here," he said.

Brock-Wilson said that discussion of further funding for this program will be "part of the budget process in two years with a public process around it."

She also said that a "close eye" is being kept on the federal infrastructure bill and the Build Back Better Act as "potential sources of funding for this too."

Councilor Andrea Campbell said that she believes all voices need to be able to weigh in, and was grateful for this hearing so people could do so. She asked about the "overpayment" for the Route 28 pilot that had been brought up recently by Mayor Wu.

"We did have to make some assumptions," Brock-Wilson said, and data from the 28 pilot was used to create a "rough esti-

mate of weekly costs" that were based on levels from before the pandemic. She said that those ridership numbers were used to help construct the budget while also allowing for some growth as well.

For the Route 28 pilot, \$500,000 was allocated from the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget for a three month pilot, and there was still money left over at the end of those three months, so the pilot was extended for another month.

There was further discussion of what the program would look like after the two year pilot and what would happen moving forward and expanding as well.

At its weekly meeting on December 1, City Council voted to approve the expenditure of the \$8 million, with the exception of Councilor Frank Baker, who was in opposition.



Virtual Public Meeting

2 Charlesgate West

Wednesday, December 15
6:00 PM

Project Proponent:
Scape North America

Project Description:
The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the 2 Charlesgate W Project in the Fenway. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Project Notification Form. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments from the public. The proponent is proposing to construct a 254,000 square feet of mixed-use building, comprised of 400 residential housing units, 3,000 square feet of ground floor retail, and 75 below grade parking spaces.

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ABCD kickoff annual Fuel Assistance program

By John Lynds

With temperatures in Boston expected to dip into the 20s at night this week and not exceed 54 degrees for the next few days many low-income residents will be left out in the cold.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause uncertainty in the neighborhood as job loss, food insecurity and loss of income has become more prevalent and many residents will find

it hard to pay their heating bill this winter.

However, there's relief from paying those high New England heating costs for hundreds of low-income residents in the neighborhood.

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) recently kicked off the annual Fuel Assistance Program at ABCD offices in the South End and Chinatown.

Residents can apply by calling ABCD Fuel Assistance at 617-

357-6012 or get in-person help with applications at ABCD's South End Neighborhood Service Center, 554 Columbus Avenue; the Asian American Civic Association, 87 Tyler Street, 5th floor; or the Harrison Avenue Head Start & Children's Services, 595 Harrison Avenue.

There is also a new online system for first-time fuel assistance that can be accessed at toapply.org/MassLIHEAP.

ABCD administers the fed-

eral Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for income-eligible residents in Boston, Brookline, Newton and seven communities north of Boston. Last year ABCD provided fuel assistance to more than 25,000 households.

ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew thanked the Biden-Harris administration for deploying an unprecedented \$4.5 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to mitigate the burden of

skyrocketing home heating costs for lower-income families across the nation.

"This is a watershed moment," said Drew. "We know that LIHEAP keeps households running -- and saves lives. The ARP funding is a major commitment at the highest levels to the well-being of at-risk seniors and people living with disabilities, to hard-working families struggling

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Vanessa Calderon-Rosado. She also said that the goal is for the building to connect to the adjacent playground, as well as "be transparent" in the community.

To date, the project has undergone five staff reviews at the South End Landmark District Commission (SELDC), as well as two Advisory Reviews with commissioners. There have been nine community and neighborhood meetings, and seven meetings with the BPDA, according to a slide presented.

Architect Ann Beha of Ann Beha Architects said that the design team blended a contemporary design with the historic qualities of the South End that "speaks to the next generation."

The proposed building would

be about 26,000 gross square feet and would be 62 feet tall with a penthouse and four stories. The zoning limit in the area is 70 feet. Relief will need to be sought for the Floor Area Ratio (FAR), as the limit is 2.0 and the proposed is 2.85.

Natasha Espada of Studio Enée Architects went through the layout of the proposed building, mentioning the "large multipurpose room" as well as the lobby that will be "right off the street.

The second level will feature things like a conference room, community services, and a roof deck. On the lower level, there will be more programs and support. The penthouse will feature the mechanical equipment.

Proposed materials for the building include granite, pewter, terra cotta, and brick.

"The idea of breaking up the heights has been helpful to us," Beha said, as the proposed building abuts townhouses in the back.

"The idea of the transparency of the building is important to us," she added. "We want people to be able to see into it."

There were not many people interested in making comments or asking questions at the meeting, but a few people weighed in.

Rile Rhodes, Business Manager for Local #327 Carpenters Union, wondered who the contractor would be for this project,

but Calderon-Rosado said it is still early in the process and no contractor has been selected yet.

Phyllis Barajas said she is a "big fan of IBA and the great work it does on so many levels. I am beyond delighted with the approach you all have taken." She said that "I love the combo of maintaining commitment to community and at the same time the architectural integrity of the area."

Other comments were also positive, with Yvette Jarreau writing in the chat that "I like the colors and the integration with the park and street. Patricia Alvarado wrote, "Thank you, Vanessa. Very excited about this

project and the benefits it will bring to our community."

Calderon-Rosado said that construction is expected to start either in the fall of 2022 or "late winter of 2023, depending on how we move ahead with all the permitting and approval process."

For more information and to leave a comment, visit the BPDA project page at bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/85-west-newton-st. Comments, concerns, and questions can also be emailed to 85westnewton@ibaboston.org.

The BPDA comment period ends on December 2.

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were down around 9 percent, with 40 incidents compared to 44 last year, which was also an around 17-percent decline from the five-year average of 48 incidents.

Non-domestic aggravated assaults dropped around 40 percent, with 141 incidents, compared to 236 in 2020, as well as a nearly 34-percent reduction from the five-year average of 213 incidents.

Commercial burglaries saw a nearly 73-percent reduction as the number dropped to 40 from 148 last year, which was also an approximately 45-percent decline from 73 incidents.

Likewise, residential burglaries were down nearly 33 percent, with 90 incidents as opposed to 134 in 2020, as well as an almost 39-percent decrease from the five-year of 146 incidents.

Incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle were down around 30 percent as the number dropped to 347 from 484 last

year, which also an approximately 27-percent drop from the five-year average of 478 incidents.

Other larcenies also were down slightly as the number dropped to 1,448 from 1,477 in 2020, and this also round a 19-percent drop from the five-year average of 1,796 incidents.

In contrast, auto theft was up 25 percent, with 145 incidents as

opposed to 116 last year, which was also a more than 7-percent increase from the five-year average of 135 incidents.

Citywide, Part One crime was down 15 percent from last year, with 2,383 incidents, compared to 2,782 in 2020, and also down around 23 percent from the five-year average of 3,073 incidents.



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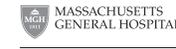
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Back Bay, surrounding area's COVID cases increases

By John Lynds

After hundreds of Back Bay residents and residents from surrounding communities gathered with friends and family over Thanksgiving weekend, public health officials are keeping a close eye for increases in COVID-19 infections in the neighborhood.

While the Back Bay and surrounding area's weekly COVID positive test rate did increase last

week, health experts say isolated spikes in infections may not show up until next week's report if some residents were exposed to the virus over the Holiday Week-end.

According to the weekly report released Monday by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 2,701 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents were tested

and 3.5 percent were positive. This was a 35 percent increase from the 2.6 percent that tested positive between November 15 and November 22.

The citywide weekly positive test rate also increased last week. According to the BPHC 27,014 residents were tested and 4 percent were COVID positive--this was a 5.3 percent increase from the 3.8 percent reported by the

BPHC on November 22.

Ninety-five additional residents have been infected with the virus between November 22 and November 29 and the total number of cases in the area increased to 4,618 cases overall since the pandemic began.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infec-

tion rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 2 percent last week and went from 86,157 cases to 87,916 confirmed cases in a week. There were five additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,468.

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Michelle, Ed, and Kenzie. She has authored and led passage of a series of important pieces of legislation: reforming the Zoning Board of Appeals to make it more transparent, embedding the federal obligation to affirmatively further fair housing in our zoning code, expanding a property tax reduction for low-income homeowners, and most recently taking steps to divest the City of Boston from fossil fuel stocks. At Suffolk Downs in East Boston, she successfully fought for better environmental protections, higher labor standards, and more housing affordability. Mayor Wu has endorsed her because we urgently need her as a legislative partner at the State House.

But Lydia is also a fierce advocate for the day-to-day needs of our residents. Every city budget

season, she comes to the table with a long list of specific projects from all the corners of her district that need Public Works repairs, an additional trash can, or the consistent attention of a street-sweeper. She will continue to bring that kind of block-by-block care as our State Senator as well, partnering with Aaron, Jay, and Adrian whenever we need state agencies to take action.

Lydia has also been credited by local business leaders for the speed and effectiveness with which she got a proposed Tourism Destination Marketing District passed through the City Council, enabling the hotels in our area to band together and more effectively encourage tourism to downtown Boston. At the height of the pandemic, Lydia also launched the city pilot pro-

gram called High Roads Kitchens to both bail out local restaurants and raise worker pay. She will be an advocate for local business and industry workers at the State House throughout this economic recovery.

Lydia is the only candidate in this race with the experience, thoughtfulness, and tenacity to get complex legislation through at the State House to tackle our most urgent issues.

One case in point: her successful advocacy leading the push for the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights, even before she became an elected official. Lydia and a coalition of domestic workers managed to get that bill introduced and passed in a single term—an impressive feat at the State House!

Lydia identified with the



Mayor Michelle Wu endorsing Lydia Edwards for State Senate at Belle Isle Marsh, a fragile East Boston salt marsh in need of environmental protection.

domestic workers because her mom, an Air Force veteran, also worked multiple jobs for low wages as a single mother of twin girls. Again and again throughout her career, Lydia has jumped into the fray on behalf of the most vulnerable—even learning any useful language along the way, from Portuguese to Spanish to American Sign Language. She has the heart, and the mind, and the determination that we need in our next State Senator.

As elected city and state representatives for the Boston neighborhoods in this district, we all agree how important it is that Boston get out and vote in this election, whether by mail or at

an early vote site or in-person on December 14. If you live in Bay Village, Chinatown, Downtown, Beacon Hill, the North End, or East Boston, you're eligible to vote. Early voting will be available at City Hall, the BCYF Quincy in Chinatown, and the Paris Street Community Center in East Boston on Saturday, December 4 from 11AM-7PM, on Tuesday December 7 from 12PM to 8PM, and on Thursday, December 9 from 12PM to 8PM. You can also vote early at City Hall between 9AM and 5PM any day during the week of December 5th through 10th.

Please join us in supporting Lydia Edwards for State Senate!



Lydia Edwards stands with endorsers, including Mayor Wu, Reps. Michlewitz, Madaro, and Livingstone, and Councilors Flynn and Bok.

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CITY LIGHTS COPLEY SQUARE TREE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Mayor's Office Photos by Isabel Leon

Mayor Michelle Wu joined the Boston Park Department on Monday, Nov. 29, for the return of a beloved holiday tradition – the city's annual tree-lighting in Copley Square.

The well-attended free event included appearances by Santa Claus, Frosty the Snowman, and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer along with musical perfor-

mances by vocalist Ackeem Hill, the Boston Children's Chorus, the Boston Pops Esplanade Brass Ensemble, and Berklee College of Music's own Esperanza Delgado.

Additional support for the event was provided by AT&T Mobility and H.P. Hood, LLC. Light refreshments provided by H.P. Hood, LLC. Event production partners include Boston Properties, Encore Global, and Fairmont Copley Plaza.



Rep. Jay Livingstone and Mayor Michelle Wu are seen Monday at the tree-lighting in Copley Square.



Shown above, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks Department help light a holiday tree at Copley Square as Rep. Jay Livingstone (back left) and Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, the city's Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space (front right), look on.



Shown to the right, Mayor Michelle Wu greets a young reveler during Monday's tree-lighting in Copley Square.



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to make ends meet. Frigid winter temperatures are here now and inflation is on the rise. The president's call to action is a rallying cry for those of us in the 'supply chain' to communicate, collaborate, and implement as seamlessly as possible."

The Biden administration officials call for all parties to coordinate efforts to ensure the swift deployment of funds. The \$4.5 billion in American ARP funding expands on the November 4th U.S. Health & Human Services allocation of \$3.3 billion, bringing total federal LIHEAP funding this winter heating season to \$7.8 billion – more than twice the normal annual expenditure.

"Massachusetts has an outstanding record for implementation of federal funding initia-

tives," said Drew. "We thank Governor Charlie Baker in advance for expediting LIHEAP funding at a time when the cost of energy has sky-rocketed! These additional funds will increase benefits substantially."

Drew said right now the fuel assistance benefit for Boston residents at the lowest income levels or 100 percent of poverty is \$1,030. ABCD estimates that at least \$2,000 will be needed to heat an average home for the season. The 2021 federal poverty level for a family of four is \$26,500 in earnings annually or \$12,880 for a single person.

To keep struggling families and elders from falling through the cracks, help with fuel costs is also available to those slightly above poverty level. For exam-

ple, a family of four in Boston earning \$78,751 or a single person with an income of \$40,951 may currently qualify for \$618 in fuel assistance.

However, once the new ARP funds are received the benefits should double according to Drew.

"This week, home heating oil in Massachusetts is at \$3.43 a gallon and up, almost twice the cost last year," said Drew. "It costs about \$800 to fill a tank, and that can run out in a matter of weeks in bitter New England weather. Vulnerable elders and others who cannot afford to keep their thermostats at a comfortable level put themselves at risk of getting sick – or worse."

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Emerald Necklace Conservancy lights Charlesgate Park trees in conjunction with Commonwealth Avenue tree lighting

Trees to be lit emerald green to call attention to the Charlesgate Revitalization Project

Staff Report

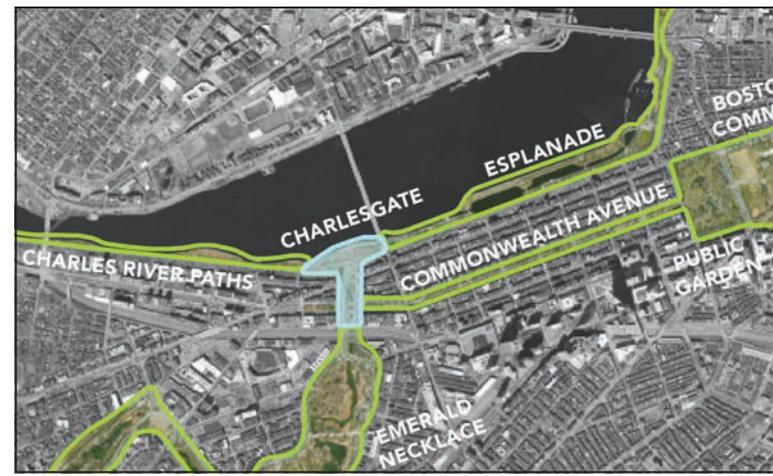
On Thursday, December 2, in conjunction with the annual tree lighting on Boston Common and the tree lighting along Commonwealth Avenue Mall, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy will bring light to Charlesgate Park by illuminating ten trees in green at the western end of the Mall. Boston Mayor Michelle Wu will lead the lighting of the Commonwealth Avenue Mall and Charlesgate Park at approximately 8:00PM on December 2, immediately following the Boston Common lighting, and trees will remain lit each evening through March 2022.

The Commonwealth Avenue Mall has been lit every holiday season for over 20 years while the trees in neighboring Charlesgate Park have never been illuminated before. Separate from the annual lighting facilitated by The Committee to Light the Commonwealth Avenue Mall, the trees to be lit in the Charlesgate area will be adorned with emerald green lights to distinguish Charlesgate as the connecting point between the Commonwealth Avenue Mall and the rest of the Emerald Necklace, and to raise awareness of the ongoing efforts to restore Charlesgate Park.

The Charlesgate Revitalization Project is led by the Conservancy and Charlesgate Alliance to restore and revitalize Charlesgate Park, a 13-acre area of parkland at the intersection of Boston's Back Bay, Fenway and Kenmore Square neighborhoods.

Designed by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted as a critical link to connect the Emerald Necklace, the Commonwealth Avenue Mall and the Charles River Esplanade, the park has been compromised by decades of urban development that prioritized road construction over greenspace, covering it with a highway overpass, dividing it with new roads and on-ramps and turning its central waterway, the Muddy River, into an armored and polluted environment.

The Conservancy's proposed design for Charlesgate Park will rebuild and expand a people-friendly and regional pathway network, restoring connections between the Emerald Necklace, Charles River Esplanade and Commonwealth Mall for the first time in more than five decades. When complete, this



Charlesgate (in blue) connects Boston's major park systems (in green).

restored system will allow direct walking and cycling connections between locations as distant as Boston's North Station, Charlestown, Dorchester, Cambridge and Watertown. More information can be found at www.emeraldnecklace.org/charlesgate.

In addition to the Charlesgate tree lighting, the Conservancy will illuminate other areas of the Emerald Necklace in February-March 2022 as the second-annual iteration of its Lights in the Necklace installation. More details to come.

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Boston's Prudential Tower shines green in support of Esplanade Association

Esplanade Association participates in Annual 31 Nights of Light

Staff Report

Beginning in December, Prudential Tower will once again shine bright with the help of local community organizations. The Esplanade Association (Esplanade.org) will flip the switch to light up Boston on December 16 at 5:00pm as part of Prudential Center, Boston's Annual 31

Nights of Light program. The top of Prudential Tower will beam green in honor of the Esplanade's essential 64 acres of green space and picturesque tree canopy.

"The Esplanade Association is thrilled to bookend our successful 20th anniversary year by lighting the iconic Prudential Center in celebration of Boston's beloved riverfront park," said Emma Feeney, Marketing & Events Coordinator at the Esplanade Association. "From the month-long multisensory illumination show of Hatched: Breaking through

the Silence at the DCR Hatch Memorial Shell last January/February to the park's extensive variety of programs and signature events that took place throughout the spring, summer, and fall, the Esplanade Association is thankful to the Prudential Center for giving our nonprofit the opportunity to shine a light on the incredible work of our staff, Board, members, and volunteers this year."

The 31 Nights of Light program was introduced in 2008 to celebrate local Boston-area

organizations and draw attention to the great work they do in Boston and beyond. Utilizing a state-of-the-art LED lighting system, the 51st floor of the Prudential Tower will change color daily to honor 29 community partners. For more information on Prudential Center, Boston, and the 31 Nights of Light event, visit www.prudentialcenter.com, follow @pruboston on Twitter or Prudential Center Boston on Facebook.

The Esplanade Association (Esplanade.org) is a nonprofit

organization that works to revitalize and enhance the Charles River Esplanade, sustain its natural green space, and build community in the park by providing educational, cultural, and recreational programs for everyone. Working in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Esplanade Association is dedicated to improving the experiences of the millions of visitors who enjoy Boston's iconic riverside park.

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Boston Common Tree lighting on Thursday, Dec. 2

Mayor Michelle Wu, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and title sponsor Province of Nova Scotia will host the 80th Annual Boston Common Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 2, with a holiday celebration beginning at 6 p.m. Grammy Award winner Darlene

Love headlines the event. This is the 50th year that Nova Scotia has given a Christmas tree to the people of Boston as thanks for relief efforts following the December 6, 1917, explosion of a munitions ship in Halifax Harbor.

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Artsemerson production of White Rabbit Red Rabbit set to start December 7

ArtsEmerson, Boston's leading presenter of contemporary world theater and film and the professional presenting and producing organization of Emerson College, is thrilled to bring Iranian playwright Nassim Soleimanpour's original play, *White Rabbit Red Rabbit* to audiences as a virtual theatre offering from December 7 through 12. This contemporary piece features a different actor each night who reads the play for the first time in front of a live virtual audience. From there the actor gives their interpretation of the words of Soleimanpour – resulting in a theatrical experience that can never be replicated.

Soleimanpour wrote *White Rabbit Red Rabbit* in 2010 while he was forbidden from leaving his home country because of his refusal to participate in military service. The play dissects power in a wild, truly original structure, pairing the experience of isolation with daring, unexpected comedy. A new actor will open the script in front of a live virtual audience for the first and last time during the play's run at ArtsEmerson; in total, six actors will perform the piece as part of this engagement.

"We all changed in the many months of navigating a global pandemic, and *White Rabbit Red Rabbit* is no exception," says playwright Nassim Soleimanpour. "Rabbit is a tough play. I say tough because the

original play was written under certain circumstances and it was written to overcome my travel restrictions. So it was natural for this particular play to be adapted during the lockdowns."

To support Soleimanpour's desire to reimagine his hit play as a virtual theatre experience, ArtsEmerson offered a virtual residency, providing technical collaboration, and in February of this year, two workshop presentations were given to audience comprised of members of ArtsEmerson's long-running Play Reading Book Club, with post-performance Q&As that allowed audiences to connect with Soleimanpour and discuss the experience of the virtual presentation.

"Nassim has been a celebrated artist here at Emerson College and ArtsEmerson for quite some time, and we are very excited to be presenting his widely admired *White Rabbit Red Rabbit*," says David Howse, Executive Director at ArtsEmerson. "This work is utterly original, and it's a piece about contemporary Iran and Nassim's generation – we can assure our audiences they won't ever see something quite like this."

Since its joint premiere in 2011 in Edinburgh and Summerworks festival, *White Rabbit Red Rabbit* has been translated into more than 25 different languages and been performed over 2000 times by some of the biggest names in

theatre and film including actors John Hurt, Whoopi Goldberg, Nathan Lane, Stephen Rea, Sinead Cusack, Marcus Brigstocke, Dominic West and Laura Linney.

Tickets for *White Rabbit Red Rabbit* may be purchased 24/7 at ArtsEmerson.org, or by calling 617-824-8400 (Tue-Sat from 12:00PM ET - 6:00PM ET). For walk-up service, the Paramount Center Box Office (559 Washington Street, Boston) is open Thu-Sat from Noon - 6:00 PM ET. Tickets may also be purchased as part of an ArtsEmerson Season Package, featuring discounts up to 40% off. Groups of 10+ attending a performance save up to 30%. Thanks to generous support from Rockland Trust, a limited number of \$10 Mobile Rush tickets will be available at 10:00 AM ET each performance day on a first-come, first-served basis, exclusively through the TodayTix mobile app. For more information, please click on "General Public" when you visit ArtsEmerson's Offers web page.

Performance Schedule:
 Tuesday, December 07, 2021 7:30pm (Press Performance)
 Wednesday, December 08, 2021 7:30pm
 Thursday, December 09, 2021 7:30pm
 Friday, December 10, 2021 8:00pm
 Saturday, December 11, 2021 8:00pm
 Sunday, December 12, 2021



Nassim Soleimanpour.

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2:00pm

Content Warning:

Recommended for audiences 14+, ArtsEmerson understands that certain types of content could trigger past traumatic experiences for some viewers. Please be aware that this production contains scenes discussing suicide.

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Tickets cost \$35 (subject to change)

Rooted in Roxbury offers pop up shops for local, BIPOC businesses at their downtown cannabis retail locations

Staff Report

Community-conscious cannabis business Rooted in Roxbury announced its plans to incorporate locally owned businesses into their proposal at 13-15 West St. Rooted is seeking to open a recreational cannabis dispensary in Downtown Crossing.

"Our entire business model is based on leveraging the cannabis industry to support our neighbors and especially people of color," said Joanne Keith, Co-Owner of Rooted in Roxbury. "We are providing an

opportunity to diverse small and local businesses, which might otherwise not have an opportunity to be located in the heart of Boston's shopping district."

Rooted in Roxbury is a locally owned, Boston Equity business with an equity investment model providing communities of color access to the emerging cannabis industry through shares that cost as little as \$1,200. Investors are 99% people of color, 51% female, and 100% Boston residents. Its ownership team, Brian and Joanne Keith and Solmon and Rokeya Chowdhury, bring

over 20 years of combined experience as small business owners and 30 combined years as community advocates. Their proposal for 13-15 West St has received over 100 signatures of support from the community at large.

As both a local and a minority-owned business Rooted In understands how costly a location in Boston's shopping districts are, 331 Newbury Street along with 13-15 West Street will serve as an opportunity for other local businesses that can't afford retail space in these districts. It will provide a chance for them

to engage with new customers as well as provide much-needed retail diversity in our city.

Rooted in Roxbury will pres-

ent their plans for 13-15 West St to the Boston Cannabis Board on December 8.

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CITY PAWS

Veterinary professionals need your help

by Penny & Ed Cherubino

All of us who have animals owe an abundance of thanks to the professionals who help us keep our companions healthy and stand ready to serve us in times of need. These front-line emergency responders have had a challenging time during the pandemic. Not only should we thank everyone who helps care for our animals, but we should also do our part in making their jobs easier.

Emergency Services

To deal with Angell Animal Medical Center's Emergency Services demand, the organization decided to temporarily close their Angell West Emergency/Critical Care service in Waltham to all but inpatients. This allowed them to better staff the Boston location.

We have a nationwide crisis in animal emergency care. Dr. Mark Will, president of the New York State Veterinary Medical Society, told NPR's Morning Edition, "...the COVID-19 pandemic fueled

a perfect storm of circumstances: A labor shortage, staff turnover, and temporary limits on non-essential care that created a backlog of appointments."

"Emergency medicine is probably hit the hardest," Will said. "He blames that, in part, on the fact that emergency vets are expected to work nights, weekends, and holidays and it's become harder to find people who want to do that."

As a result, Angell's Boston facility has had to divert emergency patients to other hospitals from time to time. They've asked that you call before arriving at the ER. They've set up a page on the MSPCA website with alternative Veterinary Emergency resources. We suggest you figure out where these options are located and think about how you would get to another facility if you had to do that.

Primary Routine Care

Most veterinary clinics are happy to provide routine care under conditions that feel safe for the animal's guardians. We waited in a Zipcar and commu-

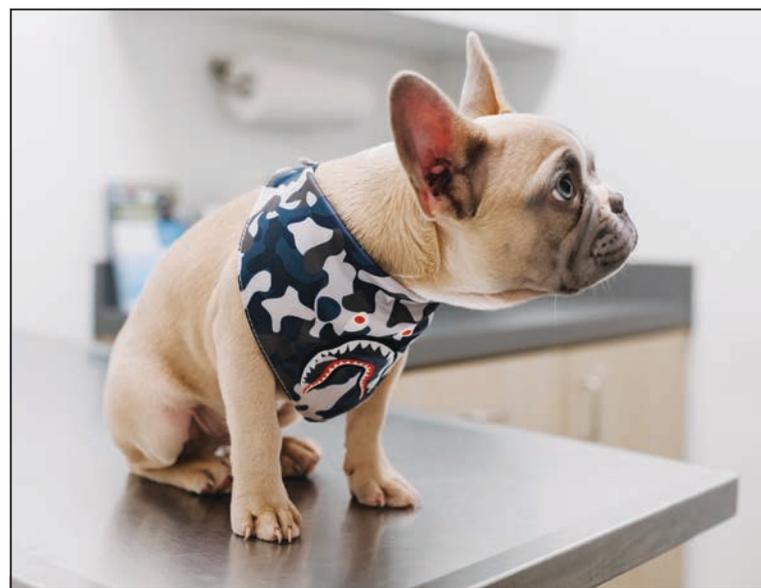
nicated by phone with the Angell Animal Medical Center team last June. Many veterinarians will still allow you the choice of remote or masked-in-person care.

With the number of animals added to families during the past twenty months, everyone who provides services for animals is extraordinarily busy. Given that, it is far better for you to choose a team as your primary care group and schedule routine care as recommended for your animal.

Consider using an in-home visit veterinary service for some of your needs. These are especially good for animals who dislike going to the veterinarian's office. Under the current circumstances, we like having more than one option for our Poppy's health care.

Doing Your Part

It's easy to put off routine care and minor issues. However, consider how much more time it could take to let something



Please thank those who help care for our animals and do your part to make their jobs easier.

go rather than a call to ask for advice or schedule an appointment to have your vet take a look.

Postponing care can turn a minor concern into a significant issue for your pet. It will also take more of your time and money to resolve and put a more significant strain on your overworked veterinary team. Sometimes an itchy ear just needs to be cleaned by a vet tech. A full-blown ear infection may require weeks of

medications and a few follow-up visits.

Finally, you should try to be a great partner with your team of professionals. Give them the information they need, follow the instructions they give you, and be patient with them and grateful for the vital work they do in these stressful times.

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

First Night Boston 2022 returns

Annual celebration of New Year's Eve returns to Copley Square

Staff Report

First Night Boston, New England's largest New Year's Eve Party, returns this year to celebrate the start of 2022. After a successful online celebration last year, First Night will gather in-person throughout the Back Bay for hours of entertainment, dazzling ice sculptures, the "People's Parade", and fireworks. The completely free and family-friendly event will run from 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 31, 2021 through 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 1, 2022, and will feature a wide range of local musicians, artists, and performers.

Centered in Copley Square with 12 hours of entertainment, First Night Boston showcases the best of Boston, and will have additional performances in the Boston Public Library, Copley Place, Boston Common, and surrounding churches. From

organ concerts to hip-hop, country music to figure skating, a full schedule will be released in the weeks ahead, and all event details will be available at www.firstnightboston.org.

First Night, produced in partnership with the City of Boston, is the longest-running First Night celebration in the world. Founded in 1977 and annually uniting tens of thousands of guests in the city, the event showcases Boston's beauty in a night of light, music, and ice. Among the event's leading sponsors are Mass General Brigham, Amazon, T-Mobile, CVS Health, and the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau. Interested donors are invited to visit www.firstnight.org, where donations of any amount can be easily made.

First Night Boston will adhere to all current city and state safety precautions as it relates to COVID-19, including mandatory mask wearing at indoor venues. If city and state recommendations are adjusted as the New Year draws closer, First Night Boston will similarly adjust its guidelines to comply with those set by governing bodies.

For more information on

First Night Boston 2022 please visit www.FirstNightBoston.org or follow on Facebook, @FirstNight on Twitter, @firstnightboston on Instagram, or follow the conversation using #FirstNight-Boston.

First Night Boston is a project of Boston Celebrations, Inc. Boston Celebrations is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization that hosts the annual New Year's Eve celebration in the city of Boston. The citywide celebration features family-friendly traditions such as a parade down Boylston Street; handcrafted ice sculptures; performances from local musicians and artists, and of course, the highly anticipated "Copley Countdown" to the New Year, that kicks off the much-anticipated spectacular midnight pyrotechnic show. Family friendly entertainment options will be offered at Boston Public Library, at Old South Church, Trinity Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, and the Copley Place Mall. All First Night Boston activities are free and open to the public. For more information and a list of events, visit www.firstnightboston.org.

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BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The frieze detail in the last clue is on 204 Commonwealth Avenue constructed in 1888 and designed by architect Samuel D. Kelley. The history sleuths from www.backbayhouses.org have filled in the details for this less well-known but prolific architect. Those of us who enjoy architectural history appreciate their updated Samuel D. Kelley biography. You'll find the next clue in the Fenway! Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

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