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BPDA holds first IAG meeting on residential project proposed for St. Mary's Street

By Dan Murphy

The Boston Planning & Development Agency held its first meeting of the Impact Advisory Group (IAG) for a 90-unit residential project proposed for 142-146 St. Mary's St. in the Fenway virtually on Monday, Nov. 13.

Newton developer and long-time owner of the property, Allen Associates Properties, intends to transform a two-story, non-conforming parking garage located along the tracks for the MBTA's

D train on the Green line into a new approximately 91,000 gross square-foot development.

The development's 90 rental units would include a mix of studios, one-bedrooms, and two-bedrooms, said Ben Wan, a principal at Boston-based RODE Architects, with 14 units, or about 15 percent overall, designated as affordable, IDP (Inclusionary Development Policy) units per the city's zoning requirements.

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COURTESY OF THE BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

A rendering of the 90-unit residential project proposed for 142-146 St. Mary's St. in the Fenway.

Boston's official tree arrives Nov. 21

The annual gift of an evergreen Christmas tree from Nova Scotia is scheduled to arrive by police escort at Boston Common at approximately 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21.

This is the 52nd year that a tree has been donated and commemorates 106 years of friendship with Nova Scotia. This recognizes the people of Boston

who provided emergency assistance when Halifax, Nova Scotia was devastated by a maritime munitions explosion in the harbor in 1917. The first Tree for Boston was donated in 1971 by Joseph Slauenwhite from Lunenburg County.

Boston's official 2023 tree is a 40-year-old, 45-foot-tall white

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COURTESY OF THE CASTLE GROUP

The crowd enjoys a powerful panel discussion on arts and culture in Boston at Embrace Boston's 2023 Culture Summit.

Embrace Boston hosts first-ever Boston Arts and Culture Summit

Special to Sun

Embrace Boston, the enterprise inspiring change to build an equitable and inclusive Boston, partnered with Arts Emerson, Boston Center for the Arts, A Beautiful Resistance and Mass Humanities to hold the first-ever Boston Arts and Culture Summit on Thursday, Nov. 2, at MassChallenge in Seaport.

The summit was the kickoff for Everyone 250 and the first in a series of annual convenings that bring Boston's diverse cultural institutions together. The Summit began the work of highlighting the unique contributions of arts and culture across the city with a goal to strengthen existing and build new institutional relationships. Each summit will build on the last and lead to a city-wide, curated cultural experience

in 2026 – "Everyone 250" - which will mark the United States' 250th anniversary. Beginning on Juneteenth and continuing through July 4, 2026, Boston will also be hosting FIFA Men's World Cup, and it is also when the Tall Ships return. To say that it will be a month of extraordinary opportunity for telling a more robust story of Boston and providing an incredible menu of experiences to the world is an understatement.

"Boston is at the intersection of promise and possibility. The people here are more motivated and willing to do the work to make a positive difference," said Jeneé Osterheldt, deputy managing editor for culture talent and development at the Boston Globe and A Beautiful Resistance during a panel discussion at the Summit. "Nationally, people look to us as leaders, and if

we can play a role in shaping the story of inclusivity, the rest of the country will follow."

Boston is one of America's premier storytelling cities, with a rich cultural history and many untold stories. The Summit and Everyone 250 are opportunities to tell a new and inclusive story that celebrates Boston's diversity and the community's commitment to equity and justice, according to a press release.

The first Boston Arts and Culture Summit, organized around the themes of racial justice and equity, included opening remarks from NBC10 Boston's Latoya Edwards, ArtsEmerson Executive Director David Howes, Mass Humanities Executive Director Brian Boyles and Boston Globe Deputy Managing Editor Jeneé Osterheldt, work-

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EDITORIAL

REMEMBERING PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

The assassination of President John F. Kennedy 60 years ago this week seared an indelible imprint into the memory of every American who was alive at that time. Just as the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on December 5, 1941, had been to an older generation and the terrorist attacks on the twin towers on 9/11 of 2001 has been for today's younger generations, every American can recall where they were and the shock they felt when they first heard the news that President Kennedy had been shot while on his motorcade in Dallas, Texas in the early afternoon of November 22, 1963.

We were in our fourth grade classroom at Our Lady of Grace School in Chelsea-Everett when the principal interrupted class to make the mind-numbing announcement and release everybody from school immediately. Though we were only nine years old at the time, we knew instantly that something had changed, both in our own lives and for the country, and that the world never would be the same again.

When people think of the cultural changes that took place in the 1960s, they think of President Kennedy as emblematic of those changes. But the reality is that the '60s of our popular culture really did not take place until after his assassination. America on November 22, 1963, still was very much as it had been for the previous decade during the Eisenhower years and through the three years of Kennedy's presidency: We were at peace (though engaged in a Cold War) and we were prosperous, but the evolving rights of minorities, women, and gays still were very much under the national radar screen in a culture dominated by white males. It still would be a few years before the multitude of societal changes that would shape our personal lives and America -- and the world -- into what we know it today.

The assassination of President Kennedy was the first of four major political assassinations over the course of the next four and one-half years -- Malcolm X in 1965, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, and culminating with that of Robert F. Kennedy, President Kennedy's brother, in early June, 1968.

But in November, 1963, that wave of assassinations, as well as the violent and incendiary protests and riots that were to engulf our inner cities and college campuses from the mid-'60s through the mid-'70s, were not even remotely imaginable. In particular, the war in Vietnam, the catalyst for much of the nation's decade of turmoil, still was a clandestine operation with only a few hundred American advisers in the field on behalf of the government of South Vietnam.

Was it just a coincidence that America, and indeed the world, underwent a transformation in the immediate aftermath of the Kennedy assassination? Or would all of these things have happened regardless of whether President Kennedy had been shot? Would Kennedy have escalated the war in Vietnam? And if not, might the violence that accompanied so many of the changes that occurred in the decade after his death have been averted if President Kennedy had been re-elected to a second term?

These and many other "what ifs" are questions that historians have been pondering in the decades since his death and will continue to do so.

But for those of us who lived through the Kennedy assassination, such issues were far from our minds in its immediate aftermath. Instead, we recall the shock, and then the deep sadness and despair, that was felt universally by all of us as we watched our black and white TV sets and grieved for his young widow and their two small children. John F. Kennedy's assassination made us all realize the fragility of life and how everything we hold dear can change in an instant, both for ourselves and our loved ones, regardless of our station in life.

So as we think about the events of 60 years ago this week and contemplate how the assassination of John F. Kennedy profoundly affected the future direction not only of America and the world, but also each one of us — let us remember too, the effect that his loss had on his own family, who sacrificed so much on that terrible day in Dallas.

President Kennedy was only 46 years old when he was assassinated. His death brings to mind two phrases from literature, applicable both to Kennedy and the promise of America in that era.

The first is from the ancient Greeks, attributed to the historian Herodotus:

"Those whom the gods love, die young."

The second is the final paragraph from Gray's *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard*:

Yet ah! Why should they know their fate?

Since sorrow never comes too late,

And happiness too swiftly flies.

Thought would destroy their paradise.

No more; where ignorance is bliss,

'Tis folly to be wise.



Then-U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy and his wife Jacqueline hosted the leaders of the Massachusetts Democratic party at the Kennedy compound in Hyannis in 1956. Seated (left to right) are: State Representative James O'Dea from Lowell, who was the House Majority Whip; State Senator John E. Powers from South Boston, who was the Democratic floor leader and the future Senate President in 1959; and Jacqueline Kennedy. Standing (l-r) are Senator Albert Previte from Lawrence; Senator Maurice Donahue from Holyoke (who himself was elected Senate President in 1964 after Powers left the Senate); Senator John Gibney of Worcester. Mass. House Speaker Michael Skerry from Medford; John F. Kennedy; Senator Andrew P. Quigley, who represented Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, and part of Everett; to Quigley's left is Senator Elizabeth Stanton from Fitchburg; and behind Stanton is Senator Jim Hennigan from Jamaica Plain.

Celebrate the Holidays on Boston's Historic Freedom Trail

The Freedom Trail Foundation invites revelers to celebrate this holiday season on the annual Historic Holiday Strolls. The festive atmosphere of the city, set against the unique backdrop of Boston's historic sites and centuries of history, makes these merry 90-minute tours a perfect way to celebrate the holidays. Walk the Freedom Trail and discover how Boston's holiday traditions evolved on the Strolls offered Fridays and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. from November 18 through December 30.

Led by 19th-century Dickensian costumed guides departing from the Visitor Information Center on Boston Common, the Strolls are complete with a tour of holiday lights and Christmas trees along the Free-

dom Trail while learning about 19th-century holiday traditions. Following the Stroll, guests receive discounts off museum store purchases at Freedom Trail sites, including the Old South Meeting House, Old State House, Paul Revere House, and Old North Church's Heritage and Gift Shops (valid with any Historic Holiday Stroll receipt from November through December).

"The Freedom Trail helps usher in the holiday season with the annual Historic Holiday Strolls, which gives tour participants a glimpse into the unique holiday traditions practiced throughout history," said Suzanne Segura Taylor, Freedom Trail Foundation Executive Director. "The Strolls are one of many offerings to

experience Boston's historic sites and the Trail year-round."

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children for public tours. The Strolls may also be scheduled as private group tours pending availability. The Freedom Trail Foundation continues to offer daily public Official Freedom Trail Tours® throughout November and December and during the winter months. All Freedom Trail tours are available as private family or group tours by reservation. For more information and to purchase tickets for the Historic Holiday Strolls and Freedom Trail Tours, please visit TheFreedomTrail.org, and for group tour reservations, please call 617.357.8300.

Louijeune to be next Council President

Special to the Sun

Last week, Ruthzee Louijeune, At-Large Boston City Councilor, announced she would be leading the council as Council President for her upcoming term. This comes two days after Louijeune earned the place as top vote getter in her first bid for reelection. In a showing of incredible force, Louijeune earned more votes than any At-Large candidate has received in an off year in recent history.

"I am humbled that my colleagues believe in me to lead the Boston City Council in the next term. We have a lot of work to do when it comes to meeting the basic needs of residents and it's clear that is what our communities want us to focus on. I look forward to strengthening relationships with my colleagues and building relationships with my colleagues joining in January." Councilor Louijeune said in a statement. "We are a city of diverse people and diverse needs. We will not always agree, but we can come together to move this city forward and meet the pressing issues we are facing with joy, collegiality, and an unwavering work ethic on behalf of those

who are often excluded. As the second Black woman to top the ticket, and the third Black person to lead the Council, I am eager to bring my lived experience and deep love for the entire city of Boston to this role."

"I'm proud to support our new Council President Ruthzee Louijeune as not only an amazing colleague, but an incredible friend." Councilor Brian Worrell said in a statement "I'm honored to serve as Vice President of the Council and I look forward to working closely with her and the Council to best serve our city. The diversity of our leadership team is a great sign of the progress and potential of our city."

The Council Presidency is determined by the thirteen member body to identify the individual that will lead the body. The Council President holds responsibility to make key decisions on committee assignments, lead council proceedings, and set a culture for the body as a whole. Louijeune has proven her aptitude for this position by leading complex council processes such as redistricting, and remaining a cool head in times of unrest.

"Ruthzee is the steady and

competent leader ready to take the gavel as Council president," Councilor Gigi Coletta said in a statement. "She's demonstrated the decisiveness to lead this body through difficult and complex situations. I'm confident in her abilities, intelligence, and more importantly her heart."

First elected to the Boston City Council in 2021, Louijeune brings seven years' experience working on political and advocacy campaigns, fighting for working people and Black and Brown communities on issues of housing, education access, and voting rights. Most recently, Louijeune started her own legal and advocacy business, The Opening PLLC. Previously, Louijeune served as Senior Counsel for U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign. Prior to that, she was a lawyer at Perkins Coie LLP.

The daughter of Haitian immigrants, fluent in Haitian Creole, French, and conversant in Spanish, Louijeune is the first Haitian-American to hold elected office in Boston city government. You can find more information about her campaign at: www.ruthzeeorboston.com.



COURTESY OF THE CASTLE GROUP

Dr. Imari Paris Jeffries, president and CEO of Embrace Boston, addresses the crowd about advancing policies to reduce the eight harm areas that have historically hindered communities of color at Embrace Boston's 2023 Culture Summit

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shops, a panel discussion, and networking opportunities for over 130 of Boston's cultural leaders. Through these activations, the summit explored strategies to promote inclusivity and belonging in the arts and culture sector, how to tell a more robust and complete story of our country's past, present, and future, and develop new collaborations that further advance the work. Embrace Boston is the lead organizer but is excited to see all intersecting programming that

this group will host, building a curated experience for residents and visitors.

"The future of the city is built on a foundation of the arts and culture. We recognize the importance of lifting all our cultural institutions in the conversation so that we can build the Boston that we truly are. We need to build a rich arts ecosystem that will power us forward as a community," Dr. Imari Paris Jeffries, President and CEO of Embrace Boston, said in a press release.

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A two-level, enclosed garage accessed off St. Mary's Street would include 105 parking spaces, along with 25 exterior spaces, said Wan, while parking provisions would include 75 spaces for an eight-and-a-half story, 149-unit residential development at 101 Monmouth St. in Brookline, also owned by Allen Associates Properties, along with 15 spaces for the neighborhood and two additional ride-share spaces. (The existing, 190-space garage at 142-146 St. Mary's St. currently provides parking for residents of 101 Monmouth St., which is the closest structure to the proposed development.)

The proposed building would also include a secured, internal bike room with 90 spaces, as well as external bike racks for visitors and a new Bluebikes station for the local bike-share network.

Wan said the "odd parallel-gram-shaped site" has many varied conditions, including frontage on Emerald Necklace.

The proposed building would have "rowhouse-inspired mass-

ing along the northern edge of the property facing the shared alley," said Wan, while it would also curve at the bend in the Muddy River to maximize views from dwelling units.

A lobby along St. Mary's Street would provide pedestrian access into the building, added Wan, while the building's second story would be home to a 2,700 square-foot "amenity lounge," which could have a "fitness aspect," as well as a landscaped amenity deck for residents.

The developer has also committed to capping the building's height at 69 feet, said Wan, while the duration of construction is expected to last between 20 and 22 months, depending on the "scope" of the project.

As part of the project, Allen Associates Properties has agreed to look at the feasibility of creating a new pedestrian connection between the site and the Fenway stop on the D train on the T's Green line. The developer has had early conversations with the Boston Transportation Depart-

ment and the BPDA about creating an at-grade connection to the T stop along the southern edge of the site, which abuts MBTA property on Monmouth Street in Brookline, said Wan.

Dolores Bogdanian, a resident of 467 Park Drive, said she and other residents would likely object to any plans to use a narrow, private alley that serves their building to create new access to the Fenway T stop.

Joe Hanley, an attorney for the applicant, assured Bogdanian that the alley in question wouldn't be accessible for this purpose due to slope and grade challenges, and that she and other residents of 467 Park Drive would be included in the community process surrounding the proposed T connection.

Michael Nichols, an IAG member who has lived in the Audubon Circle neighborhood for nearly 15 years, suggested that in addition to the donation of \$150,000 which Allen Associates Properties has committed to for the maintenance of

Monmouth Park in Brookline, the developer could make a contribution for the upkeep of the Emerald Necklace as well.

Nichols also said he would be willing consider increased density, especially in light of the larger building right next door at 101 Monmouth St. in Brookline, if the project could deliver new pedestrian access to the Fenway T station that doesn't cross Park Drive.

"It feels like there should be more units," said Nichols.

In contrast, Tess Cunard, another IAG member, as well as a Medfield Street resident, said as a direct abutter, she already feels the project is "pretty large." Cuard also said she had a petition that has garnered 67 signatures from neighborhood residents to date, including her own, imploring the developer to cap the building height at 45 feet to keep it within existing zoning regulations.

Cunard also expressed concern that the only way for vehicles to access the site would be

via Medfield Street, since drivers wouldn't likely go all the way around St. Mary's Street to reach it.

While she too was optimistic regarding the possibility of creating new pedestrian access to the Fenway T stop, she expressed concern about pedestrian safety.

Pam Beale, another IAG member, asked that the group be involved in future conversations regarding this potential pedestrian connection to the T stop.

"We're fortunate to have your service and everyone involved," responded Attorney Hanley in pledging that the IAG would be involved in these conversations.

The BPDA's public-comment period for this project ends on Jan. 2; public comments can be submitted on the BPDA's project webpage at <http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/142-146-st-marys-street>, or comments can be emailed directly to Ebony DaRosa, BPDA project manager, at ebony.darosa@boston.gov.

Chester Square Neighbors plans upcoming events

By Dan Murphy

Chester Square Neighbors will sponsor a neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, Nov. 18, beginning at 10 p.m.

Neighbors and friends will meet ahead of the cleanup at 9 a.m. in Chester Square to prepare planting beds for winter, and to

clean up the shared neighborhood space. Sara Mitchell, vice president of CSN, will be organizing the event, and leaf and trash bags, along with tools from the city, will be made available to volunteers. (Volunteers will also be treated to free pizza.)

Also, the Mass. Ave. Coalition, which comprises CSN,

along with three other neighborhood associations — the Claremont Neighborhood Association, the St. Botolph Neighborhood Association, and the Worcester Square Neighborhood Association — invites all neighbors to help prepare wreaths to “celebrate the Avenue.”

Juan Perez, neighborhood

artist-in-residence will host the Mass Ave Coalition Wreath Preparation and Celebration on Friday, Dec 1, at 6 p.m. at 607 Columbus Ave. Lights and bows will be provided to volunteers to dress wreaths for 84 light posts on Massachusetts Avenue. Bring your sweet tooth and your favorite cookies to share and swap cookies. CSN extends its thanks to Northeastern University for sponsoring the wreath program, as well as to Bob Barney for organizing the program, along with the many volunteers who help get it done.

The next day, Saturday, Dec. 2, at 10 a.m. the coalition and volunteers will begin hanging wreaths on Mass Ave light posts.

Outdoor teams are needed to assist in the effort, and interested parties can contact Barney

via email at robert.l.barney@gmail.com. Three or four ladder crews will be needed to hang the wreaths will be needed, along with crews comprising one ladder climber and two assistants to carry wreaths to each light pole. In all, 12 volunteers would be needed for four teams.

The coalition also now has one ladder and is looking to add two or three more. (Contact Barney via email if you can help.)

Besides Barney, Carol Blair of CSN, Joan Carragher of the St. Botolph Neighborhood Association, and Desi Murphy of the Worcester Square Neighborhood Association hope all will enjoy the lighted wreaths up and down Massachusetts Avenue around Chester Square

GBFB’s Chain of Giving confronts sustained food insecurity

Special to the Sun

The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), the largest hunger-relief organization in New England, held its 18th annual Chain of Giving event last week, a yearly tradition convening civic leaders and community members to spotlight and alleviate holiday food insecurity and kick off GBFB’s Hunger Free Holidays campaign.

"Food insecurity is a challenge that we all must come together to solve. Together, we can end the root causes of food insecurity and end hunger once and for all in Massachusetts," said Governor Maura Healey. "I am grateful for the outstanding work The Greater Boston Food Bank does to assist our communities and for their partnership and commitment with our state."

As GBFB aims to provide nutritious and culturally responsive food to families in need this holiday season, Governor Maura Healey, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and GBFB President and CEO Catherine D’Amato shared remarks on the urgency of addressing food insecurity in the Bay State. Over 150 participants then passed nearly 1,000 turkeys from a delivery truck to GBFB’s freezer to donate to families in need. This represents only a portion of the 27,000 turkeys and other poultry options the nonprofit expects to distribute to pantries across Eastern Massachusetts throughout the holidays.

"Hunger is not an issue that anyone or any organization can tackle alone. We are working together with The Greater Boston Food Bank to help fund and provide resources to nearly 70 food pantries across the City, feeding nearly 50,000 people

every month," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Boston is blessed to have so many incredible organizations fighting food insecurity and expanding food access across our neighborhoods."

The event’s presenting sponsor was Affiliated Managers Group (AMG), and its lead sponsor was National Grid. State Representatives Brandy Fluker Oakley, Christopher Worrell, James Arena-DeRosa, John Moran, Kevin Honan, Rob Consalvo and Samantha Montañó; Commissioner for the Department of Transitional Assistance Jeff McCue, MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randalie, Deputy Commissioner Winton Pickoff, as well as other state and local officials joined the tradition, alongside the beloved mascots for the Red Sox, Patriots and Bruins.

The state of food insecurity in Massachusetts remains a stark reality for the 1.8 million individuals facing hunger this holiday season. GBFB’s average food pantry partners report a 12 percent increase in individuals served from 2022. The USDA found national food insecurity rates increased between 30-40 percent in 2022, echoing the trends revealed in GBFB’s annual study on the state of food insecurity.

The report found that:

- 1 in 3 MA residents continue to face food insecurity
- Alarming child-level food insecurity
- Deep-rooted disparities in food access based on race, ethnicity, geography and sexual orientation

"We know Hunger is not an emergency – it’s a daily experience for too many of our neighbors across the Common-

wealth," said Catherine D’Amato, GBFB President and CEO. "The pandemic may be over, but unfortunately hunger remains, and hunger should not be business as usual. With your help we have the power to end it and this holiday season we are urging the public to help us, help others."

Boston Public School Students Win Nally Award

Each year, GBFB honors outstanding young people who have championed hunger-relief in their communities with the Nally Award. Established in 2006, the award is named after Danny and Betsy Nally, who at ages 8 and 6, started their very first turkey drive for GBFB. This year’s Nally Award winners are Ita Berg, Niamh Govender, and Laura Nguyen, three exceptional Boston Latin High School students that are making a difference here in our community. Last year as sophomores, they took their love of baking cookies and turned it into a fundraiser for GBFB called “Cookies for a Cause” which raised over \$1,000.

Boston Mayor Wu presented the Nally award to the Boston Latin students alongside their teacher, Mr. Andrew Zou. In her remarks she noted these students realized that they didn’t need the money that they were making as much as other people might, and so with the help of their teacher, they decided to donate it to The Greater Boston Food Bank. The students have set up their own peer-to-peer fundraising webpage to support their upcoming holiday bake sale.

To learn more about The Greater Boston Food Bank or to play a role in their annual Hunger Free Holidays campaign visit GBFB.org/holidays,

NEWS IN BRIEF

‘STORY TIME WITH LIBRARIAN MARGARET COMING TO USES

Story Time with Librarian Margaret will take place on Thursdays, Nov. 16, and 30; and Dec. 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 10:30 a.m. at United South End Settlements, located at 48 Rutland St.

The program, which is presented in partnership with USES, welcomes babies to preschoolers and their caregivers to join in for stories, songs, dance, art, and play time (with *arts and crafts to follow for ages 2 years old and up) and is designed to draw children to love books, and to encourage interactive play with each other.

For more information, visit www.bpl.org.

COFFEE HOURS FOR CITY’S BACK BAY-FENWAY NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON

Maggie Van Scoy, the city’s neighborhood liaison for the Fenway, will hold Coffee Hours on Friday, Nov. 17, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Fenway Community Center.

SOWA ARTISTS GUILD’S NOVEMBER EVENTS CONTINUE

SoWa Artists Guild will hold its Sunday on Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Also, SoWa Artists Guild will open on Black Friday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

All events will be held at 450 Harrison Ave.

Visit <http://sowaartists.com>, <http://facebook.com/SoWaArtistsGuild>, or <https://www.instagram.com/sowaartistsguild/> for more information.

SOUTH END WINTER POP-UP EVENT SET FOR DEC. 5 AT SOUTH END LIBRARY PARK

A South End Winter Pop-up Event takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South End Library Park at 685 Tremont St. Before the year wraps up, visit this library card and free book-giveaway event.

Visit southend@bpl.org for more information.

City to host third annual Ship Lighting at Martin's Park on November 25

Special to the Sun

Boston's newest holiday tradition will once again be held on Saturday, November 25, from 4-6 p.m. in Martin's Park at the Smith Family Waterfront. Located in the Seaport District and Fort Point neighborhoods, this third annual children's celebration is hosted by the Friends of Martin's Park and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department.

Located at 64 Sleeper Street and visible from the Northern Avenue Bridge, Martin's Park at the Smith Family Waterfront is a climate-resilient park built in memory of eight-year-old Martin W. Richard, the youngest victim of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. The accessible park provides play opportunities for children, families, and visitors of all abilities.

The Park's wooden playship is the centerpiece of the space and will be transformed into a beautiful holiday display when the ship, surrounding beach fencing,

and pedestrian bridge are illuminated with over 5,000 feet of white and blue LED lights.

Visitors are encouraged to head inside the park for the celebration, sponsored by the Friends of Martin's Park and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, with additional support from Nan Fung Life Sciences Real Estate, MacKay Construction, WS Development, Cambridge Trust, Barking Crab, and Lusterity Design + Events. Refreshments will include eggnog from H.P. Hood, hot cocoa from Tuscan Kitchen, and coffee from Caffe Nero Seaport.

Santa Claus and The Grinch will arrive by boat with the Boston Police Harbor Unit at the Harborwalk and enter the park to switch on the lights. Entertainment will be provided by the a cappella group Ball In The House, performing a selection of holiday classics. Special guests include the Boston Red Sox official mascot Wally the Green Monster, and the Seaport's own Betty the Yeti. In addition, the Boston Park

Rangers Mounted Unit horses will be on hand, along with a fire truck from the Boston Fire Department.

The City of Boston celebrates the lighting of Boston's official 2023 Christmas tree from Nova Scotia on Boston Common on Thursday, November 30, beginning at 6 p.m. This year's tree is a 40-year-old, 45-foot-tall white spruce donated by Bette Gourley of Stewiacke, N.S., and her family. The celebration will be immediately followed by the lighting of the trees on Commonwealth Avenue Mall at Arlington Street and Commonwealth Avenue at 8:15 p.m.

Visit boston.gov/lighting-martins-park or call (617) 635-4505 for more information or visit [Boston.gov/LightsOnBos](https://boston.gov/LightsOnBos) for information on other holiday lighting events. To stay up to date with news, park improvements, and events, sign up for our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.



A scene from last year's Ship Lighting at Martin's Park.

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spruce donated by Bette Gourley of Stewiacke, N.S., and her family.

Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods, Santa Claus, and local school children will greet the tree at its final destination near the Boston Visitors Center at 139 Tremont Street. The tree will be lit at approximately 7:55 p.m. on Thursday, November

30, as the City of Boston's Official Tree Lighting is celebrated on Boston Common from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The ceremony will be broadcast live on WCVB Channel 5 starting at 7 p.m.

The annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common is co-sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and title sponsor, The Province of Nova

Scotia. Amazon serves as the presenting sponsor, Meet Boston is the signature sponsor, Bank of America, JetBlue, Constellation, and the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District are the Community Sponsors, and media sponsors are WCVB Channel 5 and the Boston Globe.

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BOOK CLUB SET TO MEET DEC. 12 AT FOMU

The Scoop: Book Club -the South End Branch of the Boston Public Library's new book club - will meet on Dec. 12 from 2 to 3 p.m. at FoMu Ice Cream at 655 Tremont St. (Purchases are encouraged but not required.)

November's book is "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich, and December's book will be "Five Tuesdays in Winter" by Lily King. Pick up a copy of November's book every Thursday in October at United South End Settlements or for December's book, every Thursday morning in November at USES, or send an email to schedule a pickup appointment. The eBook is also available on Hoopla Digital (with no waitlist).

To register, email southend@bpl.org.

BPL SEEKING FEEDBACK ON SOUTH END BRANCH DESIGN

The Boston Public Library needs your input on the South End Branch Library design process.

What would you like to see in a new building? Provide your branch improvement feedback by visiting bpl.org/south-end-project/ or email the Boston

Public Library's Director of Neighborhood Services Priscilla Foley at pfoley@bpl.org.

YOUNG FRIENDS WINTER PARTY SET FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 8 AT 8 PARK ST.

The Young Friends of the Public Garden will hold its Young Friends Winter Party on Friday, Dec. 8, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at 8 Park St., fifth floor.

Enjoy drinks and light hors d'oeuvres overlooking the holiday lights in the #threeparks. Gather with friends, meet new ones, and spread festive cheer at this annual celebration benefiting our continued care and maintenance of the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

It's holiday time, so come dressed to dazzle; no sneakers, jeans, or athletic attire will be permitted inside the venue.

Ticket cost \$95 each and include two drink tickets and passed hors d'oeuvres. VIP tickets include four drink tickets, passed hors d'oeuvres, and two raffle tickets.

Visit <https://friendsofthepublicgarden.org/2023/11/07/winter-party/> to purchase tickets and for more information on the event.

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Public meeting ponders planned redevelopment of Star Market site

By Dan Murphy

The proposed mixed-use redevelopment of the Star Market site in the Fenway, along with an associated, proposed zoning amendment, was the matter at hand during a virtual public meeting sponsored by the Boston Planning & Development Agency on Monday, Nov. 6.

Boston-based commercial real-estate developer Samuels & Associates intends to develop the approximately 2.4 acre, L-shaped acre site at 1380-1420 Boylston St., which is currently occupied by a single-story Star grocery store, a decommissioned gas station, and surface parking lots, into a mixed-use building comprising four terraced, interconnected sections.

The approximately 553,000 gross square foot project will include approximately 498,000 square feet of office/research and development space; approximately 17,000 square feet of retail/restaurant/service and accessory uses and facilities on the ground floor; approximately 33,000 square feet of enclosed loading and back-of-house space; more than half an acre of landscaped green space along the Emerald Necklace; and underground parking to support the building's programming.

Peter Sougarides, a Samuels & Associates principal, detailed the \$55 million in community benefits promised from the project, including an \$18 million contribution to support the creation of Boston-based Transom Real Estate's 117-unit residential project (of which 48 percent would be affordable homeownership

units) at 165 Park Drive in the Fenway.

An additional \$1.3 million has been earmarked to support additional affordable housing in partnership with the Fenway CDC (Community Development Corporation), said Sougarides, while \$6.8 million has been allocated for linkage for housing and jobs, as well as another \$3 million for transportation and job improvements.

The project's promised community benefits also include a contribution of up to \$12 million to build a 5,000 square-foot, free-standing civic building on the far south end of the project site, which would likely be programmed as a new Fenway neighborhood branch of the Boston Public Library in response to the wishes of the community, added Sougarides.

Mallory Rohrig, a member of the city's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for the project, as well as executive director of the Fenway Community Center, said the proposed civic building "sounded a lot like a community center" while adding that it "might be an option for synergy or collaboration [with the Fenway Community Center]... rather than having two entities two or three blocks apart doing relatively the same thing."

Diana Fernandez, the BPDA's deputy chief of urban design, noted that there seems to be a "real desire to find some kind of synergy" between the proposed civic building and the Fenway Community Center.

Marie Fukuda, co-chair of Fenway Civic Association's Parks and Open Space Commit-



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A rendering of the mixed-use development project proposed for the Star Market site in the Fenway.

tee and a longtime neighborhood resident, expressed her "vocal support" for bringing a public library to the Fenway, which she described as "exactly the kind of community that needs this kind of resource." She requested that the building offer "flexible" space that would allow for a wide range of programming as well.

Likewise, Tim Horn, president of the Fenway Civic Association board, called the proposed library "a turning point" in terms of getting more city resources allocated to the neighborhood, as well as for having "a civic space that's funded" in the Fenway.

Another Fenway resident, Freddie Veikley, said she feels very strongly that the proposed library should focus on its literary and educational mission, rather than on merely providing entertainment.

Joe Creason from Rep. Jay Livingstone's office said while the project would be located just outside Rep. Livingstone's 8th Suffolk District, it would still affect many of his constituents, so the representative subsequently supports the idea of a proposed library and appreciates Samuels working with the community to reach this end.

Public-realm improvements from the project will include the creation of a total of three acres of new publicly accessible open space along Park Drive between the Fenway T station and Peterborough Street, said Sougarides, along with the creation of 1,000

linear feet of public-realm frontage along the Emerald Necklace "to help create new front door into the Fenway."

As for zoning, Sougarides said Samuels is requesting that the city make a "minor map amendment" that would allow Fenway Triangle NDA (Neighborhood Development Area) to extend to the backside of the project site. This matter would need to go to the BPDA board for a vote, before being taken up by the city's Zoning Commission, he said.

Dolores Bogdanian, a longtime neighborhood resident, expressed concern with the 250-foot height limit for the project per the city's zoning regulations and asked that the zoning be modified to reduce allowable heights. "I think the height and scale is massive," she said.

While the proposed mixed-use building would be extremely narrow at only 108 feet wide, all loading would take place inside an enclosed loading area, said David Manfredi, CEO and founding principal of Boston's Elkus Manfredi Architects. Trucks would head off Boylston Street and through a private alley, said Manfredi, while never having to go through Private Alley #932. Trucks would then make all movements inside the building before exiting onto Kilmarnock Street, he said.

Keith LeBlanc, a landscape architect for the project, said a cycle-track would be installed above the curb outside the side-

walk on both sides, Park Drive and Boylston Street, to connect with the citywide bike network.

The project would also result in opportunities for new seating, said LeBlanc, as well as for new trees along the edges and throughout the site, including "occupiable groves of trees."

Meanwhile, Sougarides assured meeting-goers that the existing Star Market would remain open until the opening of a new supermarket during the third phase of the proposed 401 Park development (for which Samuels will be the property manager, as well a minority owner), so that Fenway residents wouldn't be without a grocery store at any time throughout the project.

Sougarides was less committal, however, when it came to guaranteeing that the Star Market redevelopment project wouldn't be home to Biosafety Level 1 or 2 lab activities and instead be limited to less-intensive Level 3 activities.

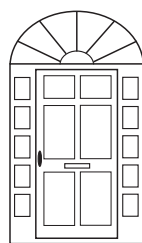
"I can't commit to you this evening," he said. "We will definitely talk about it internally."

The public comment period on the Draft Project Impact Report for this project is open through Dec. 4; comments can be submitted via the BPDA's project page at <https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/1400-boylston-street>, or by emailing them to Quinn Valcich of the BPDA at quinn.w.valcich@boston.gov.

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FENWAY FALL FEST

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The Fenway Fall Fest was moved from outside to the Com-

munity Center on account of the rainy weather. That didn't stop Fenway residents from enjoying the season together.



Attendees gather for some Fall Selfie fun.



Executive Director Of Fenway Community Center Mallory Rohrig with her daughter Fiona.



Fenway CDC Director Of Community Programs Sage Carbone with Fenway resident Richard Dunshee.



The Fenway Community Center was decorated in the spirit of Fall and Halloween.



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Volunteer Gabby Serra shows off some of the pumpkin art.



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NABB 2023: A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Special to Sun

On Nov. 9, more than 100 revelers celebrated at the third annual Harvest Festival and Auction, sponsored by the Homelessness Task Force (HTF) of the Neigh-

borhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) and hosted at Women’s Lunch Place (WLP) at 67 Newbury St. The party raised almost \$50,000 to further Back Bay’s efforts to prevent and reduce

homelessness. The HTF’s mission is to produce public education programs about homelessness and promote effective prevention and stabilization services. The complex nature of the problem and the professionalism of the city’s public and private programs were mentioned in brief remarks by NABB President, Martyn Roetter, Debra Bulkeley, the Event Committee Chair, and Kathy Young, Co-Chair of HTF.

Jennifer Hanlon Wigon, Executive Director of WLP, pointed out the special needs of unhoused women, which WLP is focused on addressing. By offering guests free food, medical care, and individualized assistance with housing and other barriers to homelessness, WLP engages unhoused women and guides them into more stable lives.

State Rep. Jay Livingstone was in attendance and expressed support for the management team at WLP and the work of NABB’s



Kate Evans Correia of the NABB Benefit Committee; Paula White, WLP’s chief development officer; and Debra Bulkeley, event chairperson, are seen preparing for the Harvest Festival.

HTF. The Harvest Festival proceeds will be divided, with 60 percent going to Women’s Lunch Place to further their efforts to end homelessness and 40 percent to NABB for its civic projects in the neighborhood and HTF’s mission. For more information on NABB, visit nabbonline.org. For more information on WLP, visit womenslunchplace.org.



Jennifer Hanlon Wigon, executive director of Women’s Lunch Place, discusses plans with Rep. Jay Livingstone

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Pictured, left to right, are Diane Young-Spitzer, Marisa Bulkeley, Jennifer Hanlon Wigon, Debra Bulkeley, and William Bulkeley.

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CITY PAWS

Boredom can be dangerous

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We're sure you've heard the old saw that a tired dog is a good dog. There is a corollary that a bored dog can be a dangerous dog. Many of our canine companions were bred to do a job, a specific task that humans needed help in doing.

That job could be herding sheep, pulling carts, tracking prey, retrieving birds, killing vermin, or guarding animals or a

home. Even lap dogs are refined along the way to be excellent companions to people. Since some of these traits are innate and strong, your dog may need a way to compensate and use that drive.

Animal behaviorist Patricia B. McConnell, Ph.D., CAAB Emeritus, in a recent "Other End of the Leash" column, answered the question "Do Dogs Need A Job?" She replied, "... dogs don't necessarily need to accom-

plish a task. I think the standard advice is trying to say that dogs need mental exercise as much as physical exertion. That dogs can get bored, and boredom often creates behavioral problems like chewing on TV remotes, incessant barking, or somewhere, someday, a late-night order on QVC by a standard poodle."

Is Your Dog Bored?

You should be alert for commonly recognized signs of bore-

dom in dogs. Destructive chewing, licking, or scratching can indicate a bored dog. However, there may be other reasons for this behavior, like separation anxiety, allergies, or other medical issues that call for a visit to the veterinarian.

Barking out windows, at a television, or computer screen can be related to boredom. Since it is troublesome to you and your neighbors, you need to use training, alternative activities, or taking away temptations to address the behavior.

When we leave Poppy alone, we confine her to a comfortable room with the window blinds down and music masking any sounds she might hear. When we are at home with her, we've tried another McConnell tip of addressing her in a calm, quiet voice and asking her to do something like, "Hush!" "Come to me!" or "Go to your quiet spot!" She receives random treats for quieting herself successfully. We've learned that yelling makes the barking worse.

Stealing things and escaping are two of the most dangerous things bored dogs can do. Grabbing your sock can be a way for the dog to engage you in a game of chase. However, playing with or chewing on the wrong object can lead to surgery if some of the

item is destroyed and swallowed. There is no need to explain the dangers of a dog that escapes your home or yard.

Ways to Avoid Boredom

McConnell suggests that you "Take Your Dog on a Sniff" instead of just a walk. "I've gone on record, as have many others, that a primary need of dogs is to use the sense of smell, often more than we let them."

With a noise-averse dog, we always rejoice when our Poppy pauses to sniff on a walk. It means that she is relaxed a bit and enjoying the outside world for a few moments. She will sniff more often when we walk in unfamiliar places like a beach or a quiet park.

Exercise, training, and mental stimulation are ways to burn off the excess canine energy that causes unwanted behavior. More walks, interactive toys, and sometimes leaving a television on for the dog to watch can help.

It may take some work to keep your dog from being bored out of his mind, but the reward for you will be less destruction and unwanted behavior.

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



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You may not think of the Great Pyrenees as a sheepdog, but they have protected herds like this for centuries.

NFPA urges extra caution when preparing your feast this Thanksgiving

Special to the Sun

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) urges added caution when cooking on Thanksgiving Day, by far the leading day of the year for home cooking fires. In 2021, an estimated 1,160 home cooking fires were reported to U.S. fire departments on Thanksgiving Day, reflecting a 297 percent increase over the daily average.

"Thanksgiving is a hectic holiday with multiple dishes cooking and baking at the same time, along with lots of guests, entertaining, and other distractions that can make it easy to lose sight of what's on the stove or in the oven," said Lorraine Carli, vice

president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "With all these factors at play, it's not surprising that the number of cooking fires spikes so dramatically."

Overall, cooking is the leading cause of U.S. home fires and injuries, and the second-leading cause of home fire deaths. Unattended cooking is the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.

"Keeping a close eye on what's cooking and minimizing the likelihood of getting distracted are key steps people can take to ensure a festive, fire-free holiday," said Carli.

Following are additional tips and recommendations from NFPA to help cook safely on

Thanksgiving:

- Never leave the kitchen while cooking on the stovetop. Some types of cooking, especially those that involve frying or sautéing with oil, need continuous attention.
- When cooking a turkey, remain at home and check it regularly.
- Make use of timers to keep track of cooking times, particularly for foods that require longer cook times.
- Keep things that can catch fire like oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers, and towels at least three feet away from the cooking area.
- Avoid long sleeves and hanging fabrics that can come in con-

tact with a heat source.

- Always cook with a lid beside your pan. If a small grease fire starts, smother the flames by sliding the lid over the pan, then turn off the burner. Do not remove the cover because the fire could start again. Let the pan cool for a long time.

- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. Only open the door once you're confident the fire is completely out, standing to the side as you do. If you have any doubts or concerns, contact the fire department for assistance.

- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Hot foods and liquids should be placed away from table and counter edges.

In addition, NFPA strongly discourages the use of turkey fryers that use cooking oil, which can cause devastating burns. For a safe alternative, NFPA recommends purchasing a fried turkey from a grocery store or restaurant or buying a fryer that does not use oil.

For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research and resources, please visit the NFPA press room.

For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

Massport, Local 103 IBEW, and the Greater Boston Joint Apprenticeship Training Center launch prestigious apprenticeship program

Special to the Sun

Massport and Boston's electrical workers union and its highly-rated joint apprenticeship training center are teaming up to create more career pathways in the communities they serve.

On Friday, October 27, Massport CEO Lisa Wieland and Local 103 IBEW Business Manager Lou Antonellis toured the Greater Boston Joint Apprentice Training Center (JATC) together and observed new apprentices learning hands-on skills as they forge new careers. With an IBEW apprenticeship, students "earn while they learn," and are paid competitive wages and receive first class benefits as soon as their training begins.

One such apprentice is Alejandro Cardenas, an East Boston resident who always wanted to work with his hands. "I'm learning everything, from small outlets to part of the high voltage system. This is an amazing opportunity. Everyone is for you, nobody is against you, and that's one of the things about this

place. If you ask something of a teacher, they will go out of their way to find the answer for you," said Cardenas.

In April of 2023, Massport and Local 103 IBEW signed a three-year contract ensuring the highest standards of electric and technician services for Massport's infrastructure and facilities and a shared commitment to creating good, family-sustaining jobs throughout Greater Boston.

"Massport is proud to partner with IBEW Local 103 and the Greater Boston Joint Apprentice Training Center (JATC) to hire East Boston resident and apprentice electrician Alejandro Cardenas at Boston Logan International Airport," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "Supporting programs like these ensure employment opportunities that are reflective and inclusive of Massport's surrounding communities. The hands-on experience Alejandro gains at the airport will be essential throughout his multi-year training program."

One of the highest-rated and



Massport CEO Lisa Wieland and Local 103 IBEW Business Manager Lou Antonellis prepare to tour the Joint Apprentice Training Center.

most prestigious apprenticeship programs in the country, the JATC Training Program was created by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 103, and the Greater Boston Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) with one goal — to produce the most highly skilled and professional electricians and technicians in the industry. Each

apprentice completes 10,000 hours of on-the-job training with experienced journeypersons, plus 1,000 hours of intensive classroom instruction with qualified instructors, leaving with a Journey level electrician or Systems Technician Commonwealth of Mass electrical license.

"We deeply value our partnership with Massport," said Lou Antonellis, Business Manager

and Financial Secretary with Local 103 IBEW. "Workforce development and training are crucial to keep creating the kind of good, union jobs our communities need. We're very proud that our partnership will produce highly skilled workers capable of maintaining and expanding operational services at Logan Airport and other crucial transportation infrastructure overseen by Massport.

About IBEW Local 103: The mission of Local 103 IBEW is to provide Greater Boston's developers with the best-trained, most-efficient, safest electricians and telecommunications specialists, while fostering our Union's values of economic fairness, equal opportunity and charitable giving in the communities we work, live and raise our families.

Powering What's Possible. The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, public terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport.

NatGrid recommends home preparations ahead of winter

With colder weather and storm season on the horizon, National Grid is encouraging customers to proactively prepare their homes and businesses for the winter season and take advantage of energy and cost-saving measures available through National Grid and our partners at Mass Save. As the weather gets colder, and with more frequent and more powerful storms becoming the norm, it is important for customers to be prepared, stay connected, and take action in advance of the upcoming winter heating season.

At National Grid, our teams

work day in and day out to ensure that our customers receive the safest and most reliable energy service possible. The company is continuously inspecting, investing in, and upgrading critical infrastructure, performing vegetation management services to keep power lines clear of obstructions, and preparing our crews to respond to significant weather events.

In 2022, National Grid upgraded and modernized infrastructure across Massachusetts, including work that made our critical facilities that help power

and heat homes and businesses more resilient and more secure, added more automation to our system to be able to identify issues before they happen and more quickly restore power if an event occurs, and clear vegetation that is near our infrastructure to avoid outages.

These investments, along with other efforts, have resulted in National Grid having strong system performance in 2023, with our Massachusetts electric network operating at 99.95 availability, providing customers with reliable electric service. In support of our storm preparation and restoration efforts, National Grid routinely conducts training drills and tabletop exercises and is in regular contact with local public safety and emergency response officials. Additionally, National Grid has community liaisons assigned to every city and town the company serves. We make outbound calls to critical care customers and undertake robust communication efforts to keep our customers informed.

"As we head into the fall and winter months, the chance for harsh weather to potentially

impact our customers in Massachusetts is greatly increased," said Tim Moore, Vice President of New England Electric Operations. "Ahead of these more unpredictable seasons, we recommend all our customers ensure they are prepared in case of outages in their area. National Grid takes steps throughout the year to make our system more resilient, but major storms can cause significant damage. In the event of a power outage, our crews and support teams will be ready and working for as long as needed to safely restore service as quickly as possible."

National Grid is offering customers the following tips and reminders to help keep them prepared for the months ahead:

Prepare your home:

- Customers with generators are encouraged to conduct regular maintenance checks to ensure the generator is operating safely.
- If applicable, schedule a home's furnace tune-up to ensure it is in proper working order, and ensure it and any water heaters are properly vented.
- Test smoke and carbon mon-

oxide detectors and change the batteries every year.

- Remove dead or rotting branches on trees.
- Schedule a free Mass Save home energy assessment to learn ways to reduce winter energy use. Call 888-774-3167 to schedule an appointment.

Prepare a winter emergency kit in the event of a major storm with the following items:

- Water – the American Red Cross recommends one gallon of water per person per day.
 - Food – at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food, plus a can opener.
 - Battery-powered or hand crank radio.
 - Flashlight and extra batteries.
 - First-aid kit.
 - Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The stained glass windows in the last clue are on 647 Boylston Street, built in 1886 as a single-family home without the copper façade. In the early 1900s, L. Haberstroh and Son purchased the building and added the distinctive four-story copper bay.

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.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



NATGRID (from pg. 10)

website.

Winter also means increased energy usage. Our Customer Savings Initiative is designed to help customers reduce their energy use and lower energy costs, manage their energy bills and payments, and help them secure available energy assistance. More information can be found at ngrid.com/heretohelp. Additionally, National Grid is continuing to meet customers in the communities where they live and work to offer assistance through our Customer Saving Events across Massachusetts.

Stay Safe:

- People who depend on electric-powered life support equipment, such as a respirator, should let National Grid know. To register as a life support customer, call the company's Customer Service Center at 1-800-322-3223.

Customers Should Stay Connected:

- Report power outages at www.nationalgridus.com or call 1-800-465-1212.
- Use a mobile device to track outage information and storm-re-

lated safety tips through National Grid's mobile site, accessible at www.ngrid.com/mobile.

- Like National Grid on Facebook and follow on Twitter and Instagram; National Grid posts all the latest storm and restoration updates.

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