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Lecture at Athenaeum explores evolution of West End over past nearly 400 years

By Dan Murphy

For his sold-out lecture on Friday, Dec. 1, at the Boston Athenaeum, Bob Potenza, the curatorial manager for the West End Museum, will discuss how that neighborhood has changed and evolved over the course of the last nearly 400 years.

In 1625, William Blaxton (surname alternately spelled 'Blackstone') first settled where the West End is located today. He was soon joined by Puritan settlers during their great migration to Boston, which took place roughly between 1630 and 1640, said Potenza ahead of his 'The West End: 400 Years of Urban Development' lecture.

As the Puritans took a closer look at the West End, however, they soon realized its geography, in close proximity to the three steep hills that then comprised

the Beacon Hill neighborhood, and the Mill Cove, a tidal basin of the Charles River, was less than inviting. The Puritans subsequently opted to settle on the east side of the Shawmut Peninsula, near Boston Harbor and a supply of fresh water.

"The West End became an industrial area because the Puritans thought it was like the outskirts of town," said Potenza.

Early industry in the West End started in 1643 with the damming of Mill Cove, which soon became home to two mills amid copper works; distilleries; and numerous ropewalks – specialized buildings where rope was manufactured.

The West End was also "more spacious" in that the area could accommodate more space for buildings, said Potenza, so the area was transformed into an

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Irene Shwachman, 'The West End. 18th and 19th Century Buildings,' 1959, courtesy of the Boston Athenaeum.

REMEMBERING COCONUT GROVE



PHOTO BY PATRICK O'CONNOR

Former Mayor Ray Flynn (speaking), Mayor Michelle Wu and City Councilor President Ed Flynn were the speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Coconut Grove memorial in the Back Bay on Sunday, November 26 that is near the site of the nightclub tragedy that claimed the lives of 490 people on the night of Sunday, November 28, 1942.

South End Stroll this Saturday, Dec. 2

Special to the Sun

Boston's Annual South End Holiday Stroll is Saturday, Dec. 2, from 11a.m. to 7 p.m. This annual event will be held throughout the entire South End.

Come visit, shop, dine and stroll through this historic neighborhood in Boston. This holiday stroll will be organized with over 100 businesses & organizations: retailers, ground floor uses, real estate offices, restaurants & fast casual establishments, non-profits, places of worship & SE neighborhood associations. More info: <https://www.sebaboston.com/>

This will be the 27th year that the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley

Tour will celebrate this festive tradition of lighting the Holiday Tree at Blackstone Sq at 5:30 pm on Washington St / West Newton St. in the South End. Bring your family, neighbors & friends to meet Boston's Mayor Michelle Wu as she turns on the festive Holiday Tree. The Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will have a special guest Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, with many holiday characters & holiday music!

More Information: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/tourism-sports-and-entertainment/mayors-enchanted-trolley-tour>

South End Business Alliance is sponsoring two pop-up maker

stores on Sat. Dec 2, 11-7 pm. The 1st pop-up maker store is at 1365 Washington St/ Union Park St. (next to Boston Chops restaurant) The 2nd pop-up maker store is at 671 Tremont St./Pembroke St. corner of these two pop-up maker stores will have artists, craft artists & home business that have created items: handmade chocolates, wonderful winter hats & gloves, items for dogs, women's & men's accessories, pottery, specialty food items, handcrafted children's clothing, ornaments, & home furnishing accessories. These are great gifts for the holidays. Soccer Unity Project will be at the

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EDITORIAL

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times."
-- Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*.

With Christmas fast approaching, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our holiday shopping in hopes of finding that "perfect" gift for our family members and loved ones.

Although economic uncertainty, spurred by the after-effects of record-high inflation, continues to afflict almost every American household, most of us are doing okay, if not extremely well, thanks to unemployment rates that are near historically record-lows.

However, the strong economy (from an employment standpoint) that is being enjoyed by the majority of Americans has not been shared by all. For a sizable number of our fellow citizens, the lingering effects of the pandemic, as well as the fraying of the fabric of our social safety net in recent years, have come together to represent an existential disaster.

Millions of Americans of all ages, in a percentage greater than at any time since the Great Depression, are struggling financially, even if they have a job. To put it in stark terms, more Americans, including families in our own communities, are going hungry than at any time in our recent history. One in eight households (12.8 percent) experience food insecurity, defined as the lack of access to an affordable, nutritious diet. An estimated 44.2 million Americans live in these households. A recent Feeding America survey found that 80% of network food banks reported either increased or steady demand for emergency food services, with almost 35% of responding food banks reporting an increase in the number of people they serve.

In addition, thanks to the lack of affordable new housing and sky-high rents, far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because our economy literally has left them out in the cold. Millions of Americans of all ages, including those in our own communities, are struggling financially, often through no fault of their own, thanks to a combination of low-wage jobs and a strong real estate market that ironically has made apartments (let alone buying a home) unaffordable. This dichotomy is most evident and acute in cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, and right here in Boston (most notably at the infamous Mass. and Cass intersection in the South End). Despite the vast wealth in those metropolitan areas, thousands of homeless Americans, including many who have full-time jobs, are living in tent and cardboard "neighborhoods" on city sidewalks.

The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what exists in major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy. Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Helping others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called "warm glow" effect.

Never in the lifetime of anybody reading this editorial has the need for contributions to local food banks been more urgent. There will be ample opportunities in the coming days to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate, whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs, or even just dropping a few dollars in the buckets of the Salvation Army Santas.

There simply is no excuse for those of us who are among the more fortunate for failing to make some effort over the next four weeks to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate.

SKATING ON COMMON'S FROG POND OPENS FOR SEASON



D. MURPHY PHOTO

The Frog Pond on the Boston Common kicked off its skating season on the morning of Nov. 27. Managed by the Skating Club of Boston in a public-private partnership with the city, the Frog Pond offers year-round, family activities, including the 2023-24 skating season, which runs through March, as the Frog Pond's summer spray pool and its historic carousel. Visit bostonfrogpond.com for more information. Meanwhile, the Frog Pond Skating Spectacular is set for held tonight Thursday, Nov. 30, at 5 p.m., ahead of the 82nd annual lighting of the Boston Common tree at 6 p.m.

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pop up store at 1365 Washington St. and will be selling hot cider & cocoa. Bring all your purchases and they will happily gift wrap them for a fee. The Soccer Unity Project is made up of youth players & teens from South End Soccer teams.

At the Cathedral of the Cathedral Holy Cross at 1400 Washington St. 10am-3pm will have a Church Bazaar of handmade items created by parishioners, Montilio's Bakery will be selling bake goods, FREE petty zoo, food & drinks,

Christmas trees, plants, holly & a wreath sale. Come visit Santa & Mrs. Claus and "Frozen" Characters. There will be free tours of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross with organ music played throughout the day. The Cathedral Holy Cross is the cathedral of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston and is the largest Roman Catholic church in New England. This magnificent church & all the stain glass windows recently went through a multi-year major renovation

which was paid for by private individuals. It is a must visit in Boston. This event is organized by Monsignor Kevin O'Leary, the church priest.

Blackstone Franklin Sq Neigh. Assoc. is having their annual fundraiser selling Christmas Trees, Wreaths, Holly & Laurel on Sat. Dec. 2nd, 9am-noon. Come visit Santa Claus. Enjoy holiday music & a FREE pedicab that will peddle your purchases to your home. To preorder go to: <https://blackstonefranklin-treesale.square.site/>. This fundraiser funds the upkeep of the two historic squares : Franklin & Blackstone Squares & other activities throughout the year. More info: <http://www.blackstonefranklin.org/>

On Wed Dec. 6 th there will be a Special Shopping Night from 4pm-9pm. This annual shopping night will be at participating businesses throughout the SE. (Hours will vary..stay tuned for a list of the businesses & details). More info: <https://www.sebaboston.com/>

The SoWa Winter Festival returns to the Power Station on Harrison Ave. Fri. Nov. 24th - Sun. Dec. 17th. Thurs. - Sun. closed Monday & Wednesday . For your holiday shopping pleasure, we've assembled 100+ of the region's best makers, artists, designers,& specialty vendors together under one festive roof for our 8th annual Winter Festival. Browse the main floor & enjoy delicious food & drinks & be sure to venture to 2nd floor for live music & entertainment! More info: <https://www.sowaboston.com/sowa-winter-festival/>

The fun continues just a 3 minute walk away! Fri.- Sun. : exit the Power Station & head to Harrison Ave. Take a right, pass Randolph St. & enjoy a variety of food & beverage trucks, & explore the open artist studios in the Art + Design District on Thayer St.

More info on Holidays in the South End: <https://www.sebaboston.com/>

NEWS IN BRIEF

COMM AVE MALL HOLIDAY LIGHTS TO BE ILLUMINATED ON THURSDAY, NOV. 30

The Friends of the Public Garden is working with the community once again to produce Holiday Lights on the Mall. When Mayor Michelle Wu and Friends President Liz Vizza join with the Boston Parks Department to flip the switch on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m., the lights will stretch from Arlington Street to Kenmore Square.

The Nov. 30 celebration will immediately follow the lighting of the Boston Common holiday tree and will take place on the Arlington-Berkeley Street block of the Mall. Cocoa and cookies will be provided by The Newbury Boston, and all are welcome.

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy and the Charlesgate Alliance will once again bring their signature green lights to the Charlesgate Park block of the Mall.

'STORY TIME WITH LIBRARIAN MARGARET COMING TO USES

Story Time with Librarian Margaret will take place on Thursdays, Nov. 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.

GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM'S REPEAL DAY CELEBRATION RETURNS FRIDAY, DEC. 1

Gibson House Museum at 137 Beacon St. will host its Etiquet-

teer's 12th annual Repeal Day

Celebration on Friday, Dec. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Eagerly awaited by cognoscenti who love historic preservation, Victoriana, cocktail culture, and Perfect Propriety, and proudly sponsored by Rhode Island Spirits, Etiquetteer Robert B. Dimmick's Repeal Day Celebration returns for a 12th year to the museum. Any time Kirsten "Miss Kitty" Amann is behind the speakeasy bar is a special event, but 2023 is also the 90th anniversary of prohibition's repeal, so count on an extra-special evening of celebrating.

Admission is \$90 per guest, with all proceeds benefiting the preservation of the Gibson House Museum. Period attire is encouraged. Register at <https://www.thegibsonhouse.org/events>.

MASS AVE COALITION WREATH PREPARATION, CELEBRATION, AND HANGING

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.)

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.

FENWAY'S ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING SET FOR DEC. 6

The Fenway Civic Association, in partnership with Samuels & Associates and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, will sponsor the Fenway's Annu-

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industrial zone with little settlement. And as several bridges across the Charles River were built, the West End opened up as a gateway to the city, especially along Cambridge Street, added Potenza.

In 1807, the decision was made to fill in Mill Pond, said Potenza, since the mills had by then closed while the pond itself became a stagnant pool filled with industrial waste and discarded animal carcasses.

It subsequently took around 20 years to fill in Mill Pond, said Potenza, with some of the fill coming from the lowering of Beacon Hill, which subsequently "flattened" the Hill so more homes could be built in that neighborhood.

As a "chief alderman" for the City of Boston at that time, Charles Bulfinch was involved in this process of infilling the West End, and as a pioneering architect, he would also design the new area which would become 'Bulfinch Triangle,' said Potenza.

The West End would then go on to become what Potenza describes as one of the "largest and most diverse" immigrant

neighborhoods of its time.

Tenement housing was "very important" to the evolving West End neighborhood, said Potenza, as "tenements eventually became a symbol of slums." And this stigmatization of tenement housing subsequently helped pave the way for urban renewal in the neighborhood in the 1950s and '60s.

While the West End was originally abandoned by the Puritans as an unfit place to live, its proximity to the Charles River and downtown Boston would make the neighborhood desirable place for living by the middle of the 20th century.

Potenza's discussion will additionally touch on the demolition of buildings and relocation of residents that came with urban renewal. He will recount how former West Enders organized to help "win" property back from Charles River Associates, the owner of Charles River Place, to get West End Place built. Potenza describes the construction of West End Place, which is now home to the West End Museum, as "really symbolic of old West Enders returning to the neigh-

borhood."

"It was a big win for them getting a space for the museum in the early 1990s," he said.

Meanwhile, Potenza describes of the "underlying theme" of both his lecture and a new permanent exhibit that will be unveiled when the West End Museum reopens in March is to "create awareness that development is constant, and that people need to be aware of what's happening in their community, if they want to have a say in what happens [there]."

In anticipation of Potenza's lecture, Sebastian Belfanti, executive director of the West End Museum, wrote in an email: "WEM is very happy to collaborate with the Athenaeum on their 'Developing Boston' exhibit and to provide programs in support of it. It's wonderful to have them giving West End history greater visibility."

Potenza's lecture is the latest of several programs offered by the Athenaeum in conjunction with its "Developing Boston: Berenice Abbott and Irene Shwachman Photograph A Changing City" – an exhibit running now

through Dec. 30 in the Athenaeum's Calderwood Gallery. (Visit bostonatheneum.com for more information.)

During the mid-20th century, two photographers, Abbott and Shwachman, captured Boston's developing landscape. Abbott, an acclaimed photographer, produced a 1934 photographic survey of Boston's 19th-century buildings, and 25 years later, Shwachman, a lesser-known yet crucial city chronicler, began "The Boston Document" (1959–1968) – a self-directed photographic series that chronicled Boston's redevelopment, according to Lauren Graves, curator of this exhibit, as well as the Athenaeum's assistant curator.

"Photographing at different times in Boston's history, Abbott and Shwachman's series each explores ways of viewing, dissecting, and preserving Boston. 'Developing Boston' invites visitors to explore Boston's past, present, and future, and find their place within the city," wrote Graves.

Next up for programs offered in conjunction with the ongoing 'Developing Boston' exhibit

is 'Photographic Coordinates: The Geographies of Abbott and Shwachman's Boston,' set for Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. at the Athenaeum. At this time, Garrett Dash Nelson, president and head curator of the Leventhal Map and Education Center at the Boston Public Library, will "examine both how the sites captured by these photographers did (and did not) cover the various spatialities of midcentury Boston and share historic map collections, which put this moment of urban change into its geographic context," wrote Graves.

The Athenaeum welcomes people of all abilities; email events@bostonatheneum.org with any questions.

To register for and to learn more about the Athenaeum's upcoming lecture, 'Photographic Coordinates: The Geographies of Abbott and Shwachman's Boston,' visit <https://community.bostonatheneum.org/s/events?event=a2K8a-0000077kVG..>

Henry Santana is ready to get to work

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Henry Santana, Boston's newest City Councilor At-Large elect, looks forward to hitting the ground running in 2024 when he officially takes his place on the City Council.

Santana, a 28-year-old who immigrated to Boston as a child from the Dominican Republic and grew up at the Alice Taylor Boston Housing Authority

(BHA) apartments in Mission Hill, had a stellar performance in the city's Municipal Election earlier this month to earn his at-large seat.

Out of the eight total candidates in the race, Santana finished within the top four, with 34,014 votes (15.53%), according to unofficial election results on the city's website, and shared his thanks to supporters in an interview with the Gazette.

"I'm just thankful and honored that residents believed in me and trusted me to be in this position," said Santana.

He specifically pointed out the strong support he received from neighborhoods like Jamaica Plain and East Boston and partly credited the result to campaign operations since April.

"We were just showing up in every neighborhood for months and months, and I think peo-

ple were excited to see a young, black, Dominican immigrant who grew up in public housing, who's a product of the city, who's a product of Boston Public Schools," said Santana.

Along with his lived experience, Santana also spoke about his professional experience, whether that be as a Field Director on the campaign to elect former City Councilor Kenzie Bok, Bok's Director of Operations and Mission Hill and Fenway Liaison, and Director of the city's Office of Civic Organizing.

"I had a very unique professional experience, combined with my lived experience, that I think resonated with so many people," said Santana.

Not only did he think his previous professional roles resonated with folks, but Santana is also of the mindset that it will now help him on the City Council.

In his previous work with Bok, Santana explained how he got to see firsthand how the council can work together to help residents. In his role in the Office of Civic Organizing, he built relationships with department heads and people on the ground.

"I know how to get things done. I've been doing it — I was doing it as a City Council Aid, I was doing it as part of the leadership team for Mayor Michelle Wu, and now, being in this position, I know where to go, who to go to in terms of how to get things done," said Santana.

Speaking about getting things done, as Santana prepares to officially take his position in the coming months, he talked about his goal to be a representative of the next generation that is coming and three distinct priorities he would like to focus on.

The first priority he discussed was housing affordability — a topic he indicated needed to be acted on with urgency.

"Housing is a human right, and I believe right now, week to week, month to month, year to year, we're losing young professionals, families, seniors because they cannot afford to stay here," he said.

Specifically, Santana spoke about working with public housing residents, fixing public housing infrastructure, creating more units across the city, and creating more homeownership opportunities for people from subsidized housing, low-income communi-



Boston City Councilor-at-Large Henry Santana.

ties, and public housing.

Education is another top priority for Santana, and he spoke at length about the investments being made in schools. While he acknowledged investments are being made in the city's education system, he does not think they are being seen in the classroom by students, teachers, and families.

"When you're walking into these facilities, and you have broken ceilings, and you have broken bathrooms, and you have technology that's not working, textbooks that are decades old, what message are you sending to the kids," he said.

"We want to be able to see the investments that we're making actually being seen in the classroom," he later added.

Finally, Santana prioritizes public safety and points to the loss of young kids due to gun violence and how it has been normalized.

"We're so quick to go to Twitter or to Facebook and send our condolences and prayers. That's thoughtful and nice, but what are we doing as the City of Boston to try to prevent some of these situations from happening? What are we doing to really try to protect our youth and our families here in the City of Boston," he said.

Santana pointed to his personal experience of having truly affordable after-school and summer programs as the best thing that ever happened to him from the standpoint of public safety.

"I want to make sure that these programs, the non-profit programs here in the community, have the support of the city," said Santana.

While some might view these priorities as complex topics to tackle, Santana believes it is something that is achievable.

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al Tree Lighting on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. outside the Kelleher Rose Garden in the Back Bay Fens (across from 77 Park Drive).

Join families for a special pre-lighting event at the Fenway Community Center, with arts and crafts activities, as well as a chance to snap photos with Red Sox mascots Wally the Green Monster, and Tessie. Gather to celebrate outside the Kelleher Rose garden, and enjoy cocoa, cider, refreshments, and music by the Boston Children's Chorus.

Enjoy an illuminated walk with Grooversity to The Station at 6:45 p.m., with free, fresh waffles, installations by Jewish Arts Collaborative and a tree farm - and a free community skate at The Rink @ 401 Park from 7 to 9 p.m.

For information, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../fenway-tree-lighting-2023>.

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.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE UNDERWAY IN THE FENWAY

The Boston Public Health Commission, in partnership with the Fenway Community Center, is holding a Winter Clothing drive.

The drop-off location is the Fenway Community Center at 1282 Boylston St. (enter off Jersey Street), and drop-off times includes on Mondays and Tuesdays through Dec. 19 from noon to 4 p.m.; on Thursdays from Nov. 30 to Dec. 21 from noon to 7 p.m.; and on Saturdays from Dec. 2-16 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Please bring your new or clean, gently worn clothing and shoes, and new warm winter clothing is particularly appreciated. New undergarments and socks will also be accepted.

For more information, email hello@fenwaycommunitycenter.org or visit www.fenwaycommunitycenter.org.

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.

GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM'S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE SET FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 17

Gibson House Museum at 137 Beacon St. will offer its annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec. 17, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Come see the Gibson House decorated in all its finery, and experience 19th-century Christmas. Light seasonal refreshments will be served, and select rooms will be open for viewing. The event is free to attend, and no reservation is necessary.

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.

BPDA to hold Dec. 11 public meeting on residential project proposed for St. Mary's Street in Fenway

By Dan Murphy

The Boston Planning & Development Agency will host a virtual public meeting on Monday, Dec. 11, to discuss a 90-unit residential project proposed for 142-146 St. Mary's St. in the Fenway. 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. A two-level, enclosed garage

accessed off St. Mary's Street would include 105 parking spaces, along with 25 exterior spaces, said Ben Wan, a principal at Boston-based RODE Architects, during the BPD's first meeting of the Impact Advisory Group (IAG) for the project, which was held virtually on Nov. 13. 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, added Wan, 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 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 Department 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. 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.



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.

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"These are very achievable things I'm speaking about. I'm not saying crazy promises that are not obtainable. I think the things that I campaigned on are very achievable are things that we can work with the City

Council and the administration to make happen," he said. As 2024 draws near, Santana shared his excitement and how he is ready to get to work for Boston residents. "I'm very excited. I'm thank-

ful for the trust that the residents of Boston have put in me, and I'm proud to say that there was a clear direction that the City of Boston took on November 7th in electing me, and I'm ready to get to work."

LENOX HOTEL DRESSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS



The Lenox Hotel in the Back Bay has again been adorned with holiday lights.

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BHCA HOLDS 'THE SHINDIG' AT THE UMASS CLUB

Photos by Marianne Salza

Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA) Young Friends gathered for cocktails, light bites, and dancing above the Boston skyline for The Shindig at the UMass Club on November 10.



Laura and Chris Sands.



Margaret Nubuor and Tara Opalinski.



Kristin and Dave Pawlowski.



Caroline Federer and Robert Craven.



Rory Hanrahan, Morgan Michelson, and Adam Goulet.



Harris Rosenhein, Maggie O'Connell, Jessica Baldasaro, Caroline Federer, Drew and Ellie Bard, and Matthew Ostrow.



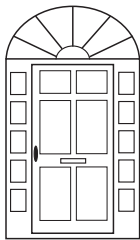
Melanie Bertani and Patricia Tully, BHCA Executive Director, drinking champagne at the welcome desk.



Friends gathering for "The Shindig," a Beacon Hill Civic Association Young Friends social event at the UMass Club on November 10.

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Young Friends "The Shindig" Committee: Courtney Colonese, Paola Rossetti, Alex De Oliveira, and Richelle Gewertz.



Courtney Colonese, Kristin and Dave Pawlowski, Keneddy Lavour, and Rachel Subl.



Courtney Colonese hugging Kristin Pawlowski.

Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour Schedule

Boston's Enchanted Trolley Tour continues the festive tradition of lighting holiday trees throughout Boston.

For the 27th year, the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will continue the festive tradition of lighting holiday trees while bringing holiday spirit to children across Boston. The event is sponsored by Bank of America, and includes visits with Santa, tree lightings, and more.

This year, the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will start on Saturday, December 2, and end on Sunday December 3, in neighborhoods throughout Boston.

Day 1

11 a.m. - Hastings Lot, West Roxbury
2 p.m. - Hyde Square, Jamaica Plain
3 p.m. - J.P. Monument, Jamaica Plain
3:45 p.m. - Brigham Circle, Mission Hill

4:30 p.m. - Bolling Building, Roxbury

Day 2

4 p.m. - Paul Revere Mall, North End
5 p.m. - Winthrop Square (the Training Field), Charlestown
6:15 p.m. - Maverick Square, East Boston

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Dartmouth, Columbus, Mass Ave + Union Park

Tree + Wreath Sales
Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association
+ Cathedral of the Holy Cross

Enchanted Trolley Tour + Tree Lightings
with Mayor Michelle Wu

SoWa Winter Festival
The SoWa Power Station at 550 Harrison Avenue

Visit the Animal Rescue League of Boston
10 Chandler Street

for more information visit
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National Parks of Boston host Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Charlestown Navy Yard on Dec. 7

Special to the Sun

The National Parks of Boston will host a gathering of remembrance at the USS Constitution Museum followed by a wreath-laying ceremony on the World War II-era destroyer USS Cassin Young to remember and honor those who perished in the December 7, 1941 attack on the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. USS Cassin Young was named in honor of U.S. Naval Commander Cassin Young, who received honors for his actions during the Pearl Harbor attack.

December marks the 80th anniversary of the commissioning of the USS Cassin Young. On Thursday, December 7, this free three-part public program will be held in the Charlestown Navy Yard starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and a speaking program at the USS Constitution Museum, followed by an outdoor ceremony beside USS Cassin Young, and concluding with warm beverages at the Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center. Lunch is provided by the Mayor's Office for Veterans' Services and Boston Harbor Now is sponsoring the beverages. Ceremony speakers include National Parks of Boston Superintendent Michael Creasey, USS Constitution Commander Billie J. Farrell, USS Constitution Museum President & CEO Anne Grimes Rand, Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services Secretary Jon Santiago, and Boston Commissioner of Veterans' Services Robert Santiago. State and city elected officials will be among the attendees, along with veterans and USS Cassin Young volunteers. The program

will include the USS Constitution and Flying Leatherneck Honor Society Color Guards and rifle and cannon salutes from both USS Cassin Young and USS Constitution.

USS Cassin Young was named for U.S. Navy Commander Cassin Young, recipient of the Medal of Honor for his distinguished and heroic actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor, which initiated the United States' entry into World War II. As commanding officer of USS Vestal, which was moored to USS Arizona, Cmdr. Young took personal command of his ship's three-inch anti-aircraft gun at the beginning of the attack. When the forward magazine of Arizona was hit, Cmdr. Young was thrown overboard and incredibly swam back to his ship amidst burning oil on the water between the two ships. Despite the subsequent bombing

of Vestal, Cmdr. Young moved his ship away from Arizona to save the ship and countless lives. USS Cassin Young has similarly served the country with distinction.

It was built in San Pedro, California, typical of the many Fletcher-class destroyers serviced in the Charlestown Navy Yard during World War II. The ship was commissioned at the end of 1943 and first saw action in the Pacific Theatre in 1944. It took part in the landings in the Philippines, rescued survivors from the stricken carrier USS Princeton, screened the American force that sank four Japanese carriers in the battle of Cape Engano, and survived two separate kamikaze hits, one of which killed 21 crew members. No stranger to Charlestown, the ship was recalled to service in 1951 and underwent modernization at the

shipyard on several occasions during the next decade before finally hauling down its commissioning pennant in 1960.

"On this day of remembrance and reflection, the National Parks of Boston is proud to honor the service people of the United States Navy past and present, and share the history of USS Cassin Young with visitors from around the world," said National Parks of Boston Superintendent Michael Creasey.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day marks the beginning of a weekend of programs and events related to the U.S. Navy and Armed Forces. On December 8, Navy midshipmen and Army cadets compete in "Patriot Games" around the city, which includes a relay race from the Charlestown Navy Yard to Bunker Hill Monument and back. Later that evening, USS Constitu-

tion hosts its annual tree lighting ceremony. The 2023 Army-Navy Game takes place at Gillette Stadium on December 9.

The National Parks of Boston is a collection of three National Park Service sites – Boston National Historical Park, Boston African American National Historic Site, and Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park. Established by individual legislation and for designated purposes, the three units have come together under a unified organizational umbrella to collaborate in ways that celebrate our cultural heritage, reconnect people to history and nature, and provide outdoor recreation opportunities on land and on the water. For more information, visit: www.nps.gov/bost, www.nps.gov/boaf, and www.bostonharborislands.org.

The USS Constitution, America's Ship of State, is the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat and played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855. USS Constitution was undefeated in battle and destroyed or captured 33 opponents. The ship earned the nickname of Old Ironsides during the War of 1812 when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the ship's wooden hull. The active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the ship's mission of promoting the Navy's history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence. For information, visit www.navy.mil/uss-constitution/.



The USS Cassin Young in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Public invited to USS Constitution's annual tree-lighting ceremony

The public is invited to attend USS Constitution's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 8, beginning at 4 p.m. on the ship.

The free event will include a visit and photo opportunities with Santa Claus, free hot chocolate and cookies, holiday music, ship tours, and remarks from the

ship's commanding officer.

Guests are invited to view the ship's gun firing in observance of evening colors, a ceremony for lowering the American Flag on the ship at sunset, which will be at 4:13 p.m.

The tree-lighting ceremony will begin at 4:30 p.m. and photos with Santa Claus will be

available after the ceremony.

Entry to board USS Constitution will begin at 3:30 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. and guests will be allowed to remain on the ship for free tours until 6 p.m.

USS Constitution is open to free public visitation Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The USS Constitution Museum is currently open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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tioned aboard USS Constitution provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the ship's mission of promoting the Navy's history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence.

Boston officials announce choice of electricity rates

Special to the Sun

The City of Boston announced new electricity rates through Boston's Community Choice Electricity (BCCE) program, and encouraged all customers to choose BCCE as their electricity supplier. The new rates will be in effect beginning December 2023 until December 2025 using a new contracted supplier, Direct Energy. BCCE's default and Green100 rates offer more renewable energy and cost less than Eversource's Basic Service Rate. Eversource's winter rates will begin on January 1, 2024. For a period of at least seven months, all three BCCE rates will remain lower than the utility.

Since the beginning of the program, the BCCE Standard rates have always been lower than Eversource Basic Rates. The average resident that uses 600 kilowatt hours of electricity a month on the BCCE Standard option is expected to save nearly \$15 per month compared to the Eversource Basic Service Residential rate (\$0.17251/kWh). In the first six months of 2023, Boston residents on BCCE saved nearly \$60 million, with an average household savings of \$340 compared to Eversource Basic Service. Since the program's inception in 2021, BCCE has helped Boston residents and business owners have access to affordable, clean energy

while supporting Boston's carbon neutrality goals.

"I'm excited to announce the new electricity rates through Boston's Community Choice Electricity program—allowing Boston residents to further reduce utility bills as they support clean energy options," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This program is an important part of the City's efforts to serve constituents through affordable, environmentally-friendly initiatives and also accelerate progress toward our carbon neutrality goals."

Mayor Wu is committed to Boston's Green New Deal, making Boston affordable, healthy, and sustainable for all residents and business owners. The City of Boston has elected to increase the renewable energy content in BCCE's Standard (default) product by an additional 15% beyond the State's required renewable portfolio standard, increasing the total renewable energy content in the default product to 39%. Boston Community Choice Electricity uses the City's collective buying power to provide more renewable electricity to Boston's residents and businesses at a competitive rate. BCCE is the largest municipal aggregation program in Massachusetts and includes three options for electricity supply: Optional Basic, Standard (default), and Optional Green 100. These plans include

between 24% and 100% local, renewable energy, and customers are able to choose which electricity rate and renewable energy portfolio is the best option for them. Eversource continues to serve as the utility delivering electricity to BCCE customers. Eversource also handles customer billing and service, grid maintenance, and power outages.

Recently, Eversource filed its proposed new Residential Basic Service rate (\$0.17251/kWh) and its Small Business rate (\$0.17587/kWh) with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. These rates will be effective January 1, 2024 until July 31, 2024. As the City moves into the winter months, electricity usage is expected to rise. The City of Boston cannot guarantee that the BCCE rates will remain lower than Eversource's Basic Service rates after July 31, 2024, because the local utilities change their rates twice a year.

Some Boston residents and businesses are enrolled in contracts with third-party suppliers, whose rates can be significantly higher than BCCE. Competitive electric suppliers often mislead and take advantage of residents, particularly seniors, people of color, and residents who speak a language other than English, promising them unreliable savings. According to a report from the Massachusetts Attorney Gen-

eral's Office, third-party suppliers charged Massachusetts residents \$525 million more than the general utility would have between 2015 and 2021. The Attorney General's Office also reported that these suppliers continue to target low-income residents and communities of color, charging them higher rates for their electricity. The report found that residents in Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, East Boston, Hyde Park, and Roslindale were heavily targeted, with more than 40% of low-income residents in these neighborhoods signing competitive electric supply contracts. In Roxbury, 57% of low-income residents are enrolled in third-party supply. As a part of Mayor Wu's 2023-2024 State legislative agenda, she supported proposals to ban residential predatory competitive electric supply companies (bills H.3196 and S.2106). Boston residents and business owners can compare electricity rates here. Technical support is available from City of Boston experts by scheduling an appointment, emailing bcce@boston.gov, or calling 3-1-1.

"At a time when many Bostonians are making difficult choices about paying for food or fuel, utilities or rent, the City of Boston has a program to help residents reduce electricity costs while supporting the health of

our planet," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "I am grateful to Mayor Wu for her commitment to supporting Boston residents and small businesses through this program and to our team in the Environment Department who have been steadfast in their efforts to ensure affordable energy prices, especially to those who are being targeted by predatory energy companies."

The Standard BCCE rate is the default option for Boston residents and business owners. Customers may choose to "opt up" to enroll in the Optional Green 100 rate, with 100% of electricity coming from local, renewable energy sources, like solar or wind. By opting up, customers can support the City of Boston in reducing carbon emissions, improving local air quality, and taking climate action within our communities. Boston Community Choice Electricity's Optional Green 100 plan costs less than Eversource's basic residential rate while utilizing 100% renewable electricity compared to Eversource's 22%, the state requirement for renewable electricity. Residents and business owners can opt-up, down, or out of BCCE at any time with no penalties.

CITY PAWS

Holiday Temptations

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The last thing you want included in the holiday season is an emergency veterinary visit. The weeks ahead are busy for everyone. Meanwhile, your animals face more temptations from visitors, decorations, celebratory food, holiday events, and less watchful guardians. Those with a new furry companion may not know that critters can decide to eat items we might not see as dangerous.

Shopping Notes

When you shop, take note of possible dangers for your cat or dog. Perhaps the rest of the year, you don't put a bowl of candy on an end table or hang cookies on

a tree.

String and ribbon are a particular danger to cats. They could end up in surgery if they swallow it. Emergency veterinarians talk about the items they've removed from canine digestive systems. Socks, pacifiers, and small toys are common problems.

Consider dangers from the toys you purchase for your pets and take a good look at anything someone gives them as a holiday gift. Some toys may be dangerous if left alone within the animal's reach.

Your cat may adore playing with a feather on a string toy. This toy can be safe when you actively supervise the play and examine the toy for any weak spots. Anything that can



PHOTO BY JAMIE STREET

If a visitor walks your dog, remind them that a stick, even this large, can be dangerous if a piece is swallowed while chewing.

be pulled apart and swallowed might cause a blockage.

A dog's interaction with toys and the danger posed depends on the animal's size and the vitality of their chewing. Our Westie

Poppy doesn't tear stuffed animals apart but is hard on chew toys. Our experience with small terriers is that they can destroy a regular Kong toy but not the Kong Extreme designed for the

hardest chewers.

Visitors and Gatherings

The lack of group celebrations during the pandemic may

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Mayor Wu shares Boston's winter weather preparations

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu today joined City officials at the Public Works yard on Frontage Road to discuss winter preparations currently underway in the City of Boston and resources available to residents including older adults and individuals experiencing homelessness.

"The City is ready to support Boston residents through inclement winter weather and in keeping energy bills down as temperatures drop," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Our City departments are working around the clock to keep our communities safe, and I encourage Bostonians to utilize City services and look out for vulnerable neighbors."

The Public Works Department (PWD) currently has 44,000 tons of salt on-hand to treat City streets. PWD has 175 pieces of in-house snow clearing equipment and has the capability to place over 800 additional pieces on the roads during larger storms. As part of their neighborhood plowing operations during winter storms and to ensure the safety of riders following events, PWD allocates pieces of equipment to clear snow from Boston's dedicated bike lanes.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) monitors forecasts and maintains open lines of communication with the National Weather Service. OEM also works across City departments and with external partners to ensure coordinated response plans are in place leading up to extreme weather events. Residents can sign up to receive AlertBoston, the City's emergency mass notification system, notifications by phone, text, or email in the event a snow emergency/parking ban is declared. Safety tips on how to prepare for winter storms are on boston.gov. Alert-Boston notifications are available

in 11 languages.

This year, two Boston-based minority-owned businesses will assist the Public Works Department during snow and ice control operations clearing City-owned stairways and footpaths. Both contracts are part of the City of Boston's Sheltered Market Program to advance equity in procurement with direct outreach support from the Department of Supplier and Workforce Diversity. These contracts were awarded to A & M Home Services and Mass Trucking as three year contracts (the contracts awarded last year to minority-owned businesses were for a one year duration). Both A & M Home Services and Mass Trucking are owned by people of color and are located in Roxbury.

As temperatures drop and utility costs are expected to rise, Mayor Wu is reminding residents, small businesses, and local organizations to opt in to Boston Community Choice Electricity (BCCE). This City-run program gives residents three options for electricity pricing and renewable energy. On Monday, Mayor Wu announced the City of Boston has increased the default renewable energy content by an additional 15% beyond state requirements to support the transition to a regional clean energy grid. Since the beginning of the program, the BCCE Standard rates have been lower than Eversource Basic Rates. The average resident that uses 600 kilowatt hours of electricity a month on the BCCE Standard option is expected to save nearly \$15 per month compared to the Eversource Basic Service Residential rate (\$0.17251/kWh). Individuals interested in learning more should visit boston.gov/BCCE to opt in, opt up, or opt out at any time.

Rules on clearing snow:

- Property owners must fully

clear snow, sleet, and ice from sidewalks and curb ramps abutting the property within three hours after the snowfall ends or three hours after sunrise if the snow ends overnight. Curb and pedestrian ramps to the street should be cleared fully and continually over the duration of the storm to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities. If a storm will last over an extended period of time, property owners are asked to continually check ramps abutting their property for compliance.

- Removal of snow and ice from a private property to the street or sidewalk is prohibited.

- Failure to comply with the rules can result in fines issued by PWD's Code Enforcement Division. Fines associated with improper removal of snow can be found here.

Parking during a declared snow emergency:

- If a snow emergency is declared, cars will be ticketed and towed if parked on a posted snow emergency artery.

- Space savers must be removed within 48 hours after a snow emergency has been lifted. Please note: space savers are NOT allowed in the South End and Bay Village.

- During declared snow emergencies, discounted parking is available at some parking lots and garages for Boston residents. A list of discounted parking garages can be found here.

Trash and recycling:

- During severe snowstorms, recycling and trash collection may be canceled, but this is extremely rare. Most often, severe snowstorms can cause delays in service. Residents can download the free Trash Day App to view neighborhood recycling and trash schedules, locate a textile dropbox in their neighborhood, and to find out what items they can and can't recycle.

- Crews have a difficult time reaching trash barrels and recycling carts placed behind snowbanks. Residents and business owners are asked to please clear an area at the curb for collection or place containers next to or in front of snowbanks.

Caring for

vulnerable populations:

- If you see homeless and vulnerable individuals out in the cold who appear immobile, dis-

oriented, or underdressed for the cold, please call 911.

- The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) utilizes a city-wide network of emergency shelters, outreach providers, city agencies, and first responders to assist those in need of shelter.

- Boston's emergency shelters are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and when temperatures are below freezing (32 degrees) amnesty is in place for those with nonviolent restrictions. Men can access shelter at the 112 Southampton Street Shelter, and women should go to the Woods-Mullen Shelter at 794 Massachusetts Ave. BPHC and the City work closely with shelter providers in the city to ensure that no client is without shelter, food, resources, and a warm respite from the cold.

- Any person needing shelter should access shelter directly, any time of day or night. Providers and community partners looking to facilitate shelter access may call 617-534-4440, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

- During extreme cold weather, street outreach teams operate with extended hours and provide mobile outreach vans on the streets in the evening and throughout the day.

Safety tips:

- If you are able, keep catch basins and fire hydrants clear of snow and debris. This will help prevent flooding and allow for access in the event of an emergency. For a map of catch basins and fire hydrants, visit here.

- Shoveling snow requires significant exertion; please be cautious and pay attention to symptoms. Stop if you feel chest pain, shortness of breath, lightheaded, nauseous/vomiting. Call 911 if those symptoms do not resolve quickly.

- Snow piles can make navigating intersections dangerous for walkers and drivers. Please take extra care when turning corners with snow piles that might limit visibility.

- Carbon monoxide poisoning is a concern during winter weather, especially with the use of generators. Residents should use their home heating systems wisely and safely, and have a working carbon monoxide detector on each floor of the home. Call 911 immediately if you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Sitting in a car while idling

can be deadly if the tailpipe is blocked. Do not let children sit in an idling car while shoveling. Clear any household exhaust pipes of snow.

- Have a contractor check the roof to see if snow needs to be removed. If roof snow can be removed from the ground with the use of a snow-rake, do so with caution. Avoid working from ladders and be mindful of slippery surfaces.

Dress for the weather:

- Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing.

- Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.

- Always wear a hat and cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.

- Dress children warmly and set reasonable time limits on outdoor play.

- Restrict infants' outdoor exposure when it is colder than 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Watch for signs of frostbite:

- Signs of frostbite include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.

Watch for signs of hypothermia:

- These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. If you or someone you know shows any of these symptoms, get in touch with a healthcare provider immediately. If symptoms are severe, call 911.



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have made us less aware of how visitors can add to the possibility of exposing our pets to items they've not seen, smelled, or been tempted with before.

A handbag or coat pocket left within reach could contain something as simple as sugarless gum, mints, or candy your dog might ingest. These products often contain xylitol. The FDA says that if your dog eats this artificial sweetener, "...the consequences could be deadly." They warn, "If you think your dog may have eaten a product containing xylitol, call your vet, emergency clinic, or animal poison control center right away."

Guests might slip your animal

a tasty tidbit from their plate or bring a treat or toy that's not appropriate for your cat or dog. We don't give our dog wheat treats since those can cause skin problems in Westies. If someone offers an unknown biscuit to Poppy, we give them one of our oatmeal treats instead.

Festive Settings

Holiday wreaths, trees, and plants can also interest dogs and cats. For the most part, plants that are labeled toxic are not necessarily deadly. For example, poinsettia is irritating, can cause discomfort and vomiting, and should be out of reach of pets. On the other hand, a piece of

a broken glass ornament could damage the mouth and GI system if ingested.

One of the best ways to protect your animals is to see your world from their point of view. Play a quiet game of follow and see where they go and what they can reach. Watch what interests them. And, when you know you will be busy, consider asking someone else to supervise your animals during a gathering. You might even hire a young person who loves animals for this task.

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

Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The window pediment in the last clue is on the Hotel Alexandra, 1761 Washington Street. It was built circa 1875 and was designed in the Ruskinian Gothic style by architects Caleb Walworth and Emil C. Hammer. Today's answer is a photo of the building from 1899.

You'll find the next clue in the Back Bay.

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



LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Prime Storage - Boston South End located at 100 Southampton St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 12/13/2023 at 12:00PM. Unless stated

otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Vera Imasuen unit #2040; John McGill unit #3017; Johnny Torres unit #3093; Melissa Daddario unit #3107; Larry Banks unit #3111; Junior Mota unit #3118; Bob Paret unit #3209; Alexander Garcia unit #3250; Shannell Tindall unit #3323; Lisa Henry unit #4190; Dennis Arthur Harleston unit #4306; Jose Ortiz unit

#4307; Keon Hinson unit #4311; Sarai Berrios unit #4316. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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