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Cardinal O'Malley and Ripples of Hope carolers at the Pine Street Inn on Christmas Eve.



Cardinal O'Malley and Josh O'Brien, Director of Shelter Operations, Pine Street Inn.

Cardinal O'Malley, carolers from Ripples of Hope spread holiday cheer at Pine Street Inn

Special to the Sun

Pine Street Inn, New England's leading organization dedicated to ending homelessness, prepared close to 1,000 holiday meals for its guests on Christmas Eve Day at its South End headquarters at 444 Harrison Ave.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley joined Pine Street Inn President and Executive Director Lyndia

Downie along with volunteers to help serve a holiday meal and provide Christmas cheer. Ripples of Hope, a local choral group, performed Christmas classics as part of the Christmas Eve celebration.

Guests were served lasagna al forno, along with ceasar salad, garlic bread, and pie.

In addition to those at Pine Street's headquarters in the South

End and other shelter locations, Pine Street's 38 permanent housing locations will celebrate the holiday with tenants. For some, this is the first Christmas in many years that they have spent in a home. Pine Street's outreach teams will also deliver holiday meals to individuals on the streets.

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Cardinal O'Malley chats with a guest while serving up a holiday meal.



The Boston Sun Rewind

Looking back at '23 in the Hub

By Dan Murphy

• On Jan. 13, "The Embrace" - the long-awaited memorial to Martin Luther King Jr. - was unveiled during a ceremony on the Boston Common. The memorial was initiated via a partnership between the City of Boston and Embrace Boston.

• On Jan. 19, the Boston Planning & Development Agency and the Boston Transportation Department announced the findings of the 2022 Copley Connect pilot program via the launch of

a storymap that details the data collected over 10 days the previous June.

During the pilot, Dartmouth Street between the Boston Public Library and Copley Square Park was opened to pedestrians and closed to non-emergency vehicular traffic in an effort to formally unify Copley Square. This new public space allowed for café seating, food trucks, performances, dance lessons, and library programming over the course of the pilot.

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THE PRUDENTIAL LIGHTS UP THE NIGHT FOR BOSTON HARBOR NOW



COURTESY PHOTO

Recently, the Prudential Center illuminated the Boston skyline with vibrant blue and orange lights in support of Boston Harbor Now and their transformative work around Boston's waterfront and the Harbor Islands as part of their 31 Nights of Lights celebration.

The event highlighted Boston Harbor Now's commitment to crafting a waterfront that is both visually captivating and inclusive. Notably, leaders from Boston Harbor Now had the honor of participating in a ceremonial switch-flipping at the Prudential Mall.

EDITORIAL

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We often quote a verse from Alfred Lord Tennyson’s “Ring Out Wild Bells” when we write our annual New Year’s editorial. But after re-reading the poem in its entirety, we are printing the whole thing, because it sums up -- better than we ever could express -- our feelings about 2023 and our hopes for 2024. Although it was published in 1850, its verses are timeless. Indeed, one could apply every stanza to something going on in the world today. So we hope you take the time to read it and enjoy it, as we did the other day:

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.
Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

We wish all of our readers a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Mayor Wu announces 2024 Civic Summit for community leaders, members

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the Civic Summit, an event focused on uniting neighbors, civic leaders, and non-profit advocates in a dynamic forum featuring panels with local leaders and advocates. The Civic Summit, organized for the first time by the Mayor’s Office of Civic Organizing, will be held Saturday, January 13, at the Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground at Boston University. This event will feature a fireside chat with Mayor Wu, a networking tea hour, and five additional sessions hosted by community leaders. Up to 200 community members can register for the free event online at www.boston.gov/civic-engagement/civic-summit-2024. “Boston has always been a leader among cities because of the civic leaders in our neighborhoods and communities. The City of Boston is excited to connect and learn from all our civic leaders at this Civic Summit, which will convene those who know our neighborhoods best to share resources and best practices to empower our residents,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “I’m thankful everyday for the strong civic leadership that drives Boston, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the summit.” The Civic Summit is designed to foster connections to share knowledge and ignite inspiration for positive change within the diverse communities in Boston. The theme for this year’s summit is “Community Over Everything.” The City of Boston hopes that attendees will repre-

sent every corner of Boston to network and to identify opportunities to connect and collaborate after the summit. “I am so excited to breathe new life into the Civic Summit,” said Nathalia Benitez-Perez, Director of the Mayor’s Office of Civic Organizing. “My hope for this year’s summit is that it serves as a crucible of knowledge, forging insights that empower present and future civic leaders to translate wisdom into tangible actions within their communities.” “I believe knowledge is power. I am really thrilled about the upcoming Civic Summit,” said Margaret Farmer, Co-Chair of the Jeffries Point Association. “I look forward to connecting with other community members and learning more about how city government works, so I can better advocate for my neighborhood.” The Civic Summit will offer a fireside chat featuring Mayor Wu facilitated by Jeneé Osterheldt, Boston Globe’s Deputy Managing Editor For Culture, Talent, and Development, and Founder of A Beautiful Resistance. Featured sessions Include: • Empowering Change: How to Fund Your Inspiration led by Eric Leslie, Founder and Lead Organizer of Union Capital • Becoming a Civic Leader - Training the Next Generation of Leaders featuring panelists Lee Pelton, President and CEO of The Boston Foundation; Matthew Broude, Co-founder of The Queer Neighborhood Council; Commissioner Kristen McCosh, The Disability Commissioner for the City of Boston; Brianna

Bourne, Boston University Class of 2024 • EmpowerED: Leveraging Social Media for Community Impact led by Emily Schario, Head of Content for Boston Globe’s B-Side • Sustainable Cities: Empowering Communities for a Greener Future, a fireside chat with Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Boston’s first Green New Deal Director and a cabinet-level Senior Advisor to Mayor Michelle Wu, and Jaye Meakem, Boston Harbor Now’s Community Engagement Manager “The Civic Summit was planned to empower neighborhood community leaders and individuals in Boston who have a desire to make a difference in their community, but don’t know where to begin,” said Brianna Millor, Chief of the Community Engagement Cabinet. “This is going to be an incredible opportunity for constituents to be in the same space and to get City Hall out of City Hall.” This year’s Civic Summit is a collaborative effort between community partners, City staff, civic leaders, local businesses, and residents to help shape an event that will be empowering and transformative for all attendees. The City of Boston is excited to work with Anais Summer Day, a local woman-owned event planning company led by Anais Ramos. Ramos is the lead event planner for the Civic Summit. Side Presents, a Boston-based creative production company, will be the Civic Summit’s featured emcee. Boston University is the lead partner of the Civic

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PINE STREET INN (from pg. 1)

Founded in 1969, Pine Street Inn is the largest homeless services provider in New England, offering a comprehensive range of services to more than 2,000 individuals each day, including

permanent housing, workforce development, emergency shelter and street outreach. Our goal is to end homelessness by making permanent housing a reality for all, as we support people in moving off the streets, out of shelter, and into a permanent home, reaching their highest level of independence. For more information on Pine Street Inn, go to www.pinestreetinn.org. Follow @PineStreetInn at Facebook, X, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Our Offices will be closed on

MONDAY, JAN. 1

in observance of the

New Years Day holiday

See you again on the 2nd

News in Brief

'STORY TIME WITH LIBRARIAN MARGARET COMING TO USES

Story Time with Librarian Margaret will take place on Thursday, Dec. 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.

SOWA ARTISTS GUILD TO HOLD JANUARY EVENTS

SoWa Artists Guild will hold its SoWa First Friday on Jan. 5 from 5 to 9 p.m., as well as its SoWa Sundays on Jan. 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 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.

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING SET FOR JAN. 8 TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR SOUTH END BRANCH LIBRARY

The Boston Public Library and the city's Public Facilities Department will sponsor a virtual community meeting to discuss plans for the South End Branch of the BPL on Monday, Jan. 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. At this time, the meeting can be accessed online at <https://qrco.de/bplse>.

The meeting will be hosted by Mayor Michelle Wu; Dion Irish, Chief of Operations; David Leonard, President of BPL; and Kerrie Griffin, Public Facilities Department Director. The new architects from Utile Inc will be introduced and the project plan will be shared with the community as well during the meeting.

SECOND BACK STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT MEETING TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON FEB. 1

The Esplanade Association

will hold its second Back Street Neighborhood Project Meeting to discuss ongoing safety projects at Esplanade entrances on Back Street. The meeting will take place via Zoom on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m.

During this gathering, EA rep-

resentatives will review progress made to-date, hear neighborhood feedback, and discuss proposed plans for additional safety improvements. Your presence and insights will greatly contribute to the success of the meeting, and the project.

Register for the meeting via zoom at <https://bit.ly/BackSt-Meeting>.

To learn more about the project, visit esplanade.org/crosswalks; and to learn about other pathway safety initiatives, visit esplanade.org/pathways.

HARVARD BOOK STORE TENTATIVELY EXPECTED TO OPEN NEXT FALL IN THE PRU



While the Harvard Book Store won't open its second location at the space formerly occupied by Barnes & Noble inside the Prudential Center by the end of '23 as was previously targeted, the store is now tentatively expected to open next fall, according to a company spokesperson. Nothing's official yet, however, they said, but an opening date will be announced once it becomes definite.

CIVIC SUMMIT (from pg. 2)

Summit. Boston University and The Boston Foundation are event supporters.

"Boston University is honored to host the City of Boston's Civic Summit, in support of Mayor Wu's commitment to fostering community engagement and collaboration," said Kenneth W. Freeman, President Ad Interim of Boston University. "The Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground with its mission to connect people through creative, shared experiences is a fitting venue for this forum. We're pleased to play a part in facilitating conversations reflecting diverse viewpoints and experiences as we work to build a more inclusive and vibrant community."

"Our work at the Boston Foundation has taught us time and again that the best solutions are those that are driven by and responsive to the knowledge and

insights of community members and leaders," said M. Lee Pelton, President and CEO of the Boston Foundation. "We appreciate Mayor Wu for creating this opportunity to listen, learn and share ideas for making Boston a more equitable city."

The Civic Summit is free and open to the public with registration. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. For more information and to register visit boston.gov/civicsummit.

The Mayor's Office of Civic Organizing is committed to collaborative partnerships and programs that encourage proactive community engagement, awareness, and service in our neighborhoods. Follow the Mayor's Office of Civic Organizing on social media @bostoncivicorg and visit boston.gov/civicsummit to register and learn more about the Civic Summit.



Virtual Public Meeting

2 Charlesgate West

JANUARY

11

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/47TPaSy

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 161 549 0248



Project Proponent:
SCAPE CHARLES_GATE LLC

Project Description

The BPDA is hosting a virtual Public Meeting for the proposed 2 Charlesgate West project in Fenway. This meeting, originally scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2023, has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR) and its potential impacts. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public.

Please request interpreting services no later than 5 days before the meeting date.

Se encuentra disponible el servicio gratuito de interpretación de la información brindada en estas reuniones. Si necesita servicios de traducción, contáctese con: (scott.greenhalgh@boston.gov) (617.918.4271). Por favor, solicite los servicios de interpretación a más tardar 5 días antes de la fecha de la reunión.

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Close of Comment Period:
1/23/2024

Website:
bit.ly/2-Charlesgate-West

Wu announces First Night public safety preparations

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu joined City leadership to share the City's preparations for First Night, Boston's annual New Year's Eve celebration. The free and family-friendly event is moving to the newly refurbished City Hall Plaza, and will feature performances, ice sculptures, fireworks, and more. The City is a partner of the New Year's Eve event, which is formally run by Boston Celebrations, Inc. and managed by Conventures, Inc. All parties are taking steps to ensure public safety as Boston celebrates the New Year.

"First Night is a beloved tradition in Boston and beyond, having created delightful experiences for neighborhood residents and

visitors from around the world," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Our newly renovated City Hall Plaza is the perfect venue to welcome families from all over to ring in the New Year. I encourage all our residents to celebrate safely as we welcome 2024."

First Night will feature more than 13 hours of free programming on the recently renovated City Hall Plaza. The event has moved to City Hall from its usual hub in Copley Square due to the park's reconstruction. New this year, there will be programming inside Boston City Hall, comedy at the ImprovAsylum, and six hours of free carousel rides on the Greenway.

The Boston Police Department will be present at First Night to support this family-friend-

ly event. Additionally, Boston Police are reminding attendees not to consume alcohol or marijuana in public spaces or prohibited private spaces, not to fly drones at any First Night activities, to dress accordingly for the weather, and to report any suspicious activity.

"Families participating in the Official First Night celebrations, as well as residents celebrating in our neighborhoods, can expect to see a strong police presence," said Commissioner Michael Cox, Boston Police Department. "We are working with our public safety partners to make sure that this family friendly event is safe and secure for all in attendance. If you see something concerning or need to report a party or disturbance, please report it to an

officer nearby or call 911."

A parade from City Hall Plaza to the Boston Common at 6:00 p.m. will lead up to the Family Fireworks over the Common starting at 7:00 p.m. Midnight Fireworks over Boston Harbor presented by Meet Boston will cap off the night. More information on programming for Sunday, December 31, can be found at firstnightboston.org.

"We are again proud to help organize this proud Boston tradition, and excited to celebrate in this year's home of City Hall Plaza," said Dusty Rhodes, organizer of First Night. "We're appreciative of the many organizations that help support this annual event, and we're excited to put forth an enjoyable event for Boston's residents and visitors alike."

The public is reminded that it is illegal for private citizens to use, possess, or sell fireworks, and that illegal fireworks pose significant dangers to the safety of residents and their property.

Boston EMS will be deploying additional personnel at dispatch operations and in ambulances across the city to support emergency medical needs on New Year's Eve.

"Whether you are celebrating at First Night events or another venue, please keep in mind that many illnesses and injuries can be avoided through sensible measures. Dress appropriately for the weather, have a transportation plan, and be a good friend, making sure everyone gets home safely," said Boston EMS Chief of Department, Jim Hooley.

Boston Public Health Comm. encourages vaccination as respiratory virus cases rise

Special to the Sun

Recent data analyzed by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) shows low vaccination rates and an increase in cases of respiratory viral illness in Boston. BPHC recommends people protect themselves and their communities from getting sick, especially as they travel and gather with loved ones.

According to data from the

Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), twice as many people have been hospitalized with the flu or COVID-19 in Boston compared to October.1 BPHC also measures virus levels in wastewater in Boston to track transmission of infection and has noted significant increases in the amount of COVID-19, Flu, and RSV. Compared to two weeks ago, the amount of COVID-19

in wastewater across the city of Boston is 23% higher, the flu virus is 23% higher, and RSV is 34% higher.

Staying up to date on vaccines for respiratory viruses, such as COVID-19, flu and RSV is an important strategy to reduce the risk of severe illness and hospitalization. Using DPH data, BPHC found only 15.7% of people in Boston have received the updat-

ed COVID-19 vaccine. The data also show only 33.8% of people in Boston have received a flu vaccine this season.2

"Vaccination is the best way to prevent severe illness and hospitalization from COVID-19, flu and RSV, and it is not too late to protect yourself this season," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "We encourage residents to take advantage of opportunities for free walk-in COVID-19 vaccination and testing as well as flu shots."

To make it easier for people to get vaccinated ahead of the holidays, BPHC is holding a vaccine event at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building in Roxbury on Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23. With a winter wonderland theme to kick off the holidays, the vaccine event will offer free COVID-19 and flu immunizations, giveaways, face painting, treats, and an opportunity to meet Santa. (See flyer attached.) For RSV vaccination, people should reach out to their healthcare provider to determine eligibility.

Standing COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics remain at the Bruce C. Bolling Building and Boston City Hall:

• Boston City Hall – 1 City Hall Square, Room 115

§ Open Mondays from 7 am - 1 pm and Wednesdays from 12 - 5 pm.

§ Holiday Hours:

• Monday, January 1 - CLOSED

Follow the recommended respiratory virus safety steps to reduce your risk:

- Stay home when sick.
- Consider wearing a mask:
- If you must leave the house while sick.

- If you are going to be in crowded outdoor spaces.

- And/or, if you are at a high risk of severe illness.

- Have COVID-19 rapid testing kits available at home to test if you have symptoms of COVID-19.

- Visit walk-in and by-appointment testing sites throughout the City.

- Seek treatment from a trusted healthcare provider if you test positive for COVID-19 or flu and are at a high risk for severe disease.

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

- Regularly disinfect and clean high touch surfaces.

Older adults, adults aged 60 and older, children younger than 5 years old, pregnant people, and people with chronic medical conditions are among those at higher risk for severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

BPHC has several resources to help people stay healthy ahead of the holidays, including COVID-19 test kits and health education materials in 12 languages. Visit boston.gov/bphc-infectiousdisease to learn more.



Virtual Public Meeting

Fenway Corners (West)

JANUARY
16
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/4ar6BvV

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 161 484 3031



Close of Comment Period:
1/26/2024

Website:
bit.ly/Fenway-Corners-West

Project Description

The BPDA is hosting a joint Impact Advisory Group (IAG) and Public Meeting for the Fenway Corners (West) project located in the Fenway. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the recently filed Notice of Project Change (NPC) and Planned Development Area (PDA) Development Plan Amendment. The meeting will include a presentation followed by a conversation with the IAG members, then Q&A and comments from the public.

The information at this meeting is crucial to you as a Boston resident and stakeholder. Language Access services are available at no cost to you. If you require these services, please contact quinn.w.valcich@boston.gov no later than: 1/9/24

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APPRECIATION

Remembering Robert Mann (1952-2023)

Robert E. "Bob" Mann, of Gainsborough Street, formerly of Buffalo, N.Y., died suddenly on Dec. 18.

The beloved son of the late Eugene and Adeline (Brzezowicz) Mann, and the loving brother of Richard Mann of Redondo Beach, Calif., Mr. Mann was born on April 16, 1952, in Buffalo, N.Y. He attended Bishop Turner High School in Buffalo and graduated in 1970, and then St. Bonaventure University in New York before graduating in 1974. He started his career in the computer industry working for IBM in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He

then moved to Boston in 1982 and settled in the Back Bay. Over his career, he worked for several computer companies as a performance engineer, most recently at Kforce in Boston.

Mr. Mann was an active member of St. Cecilia Parish, volunteering as a lector at Masses. He was also a member of the Fenway CDC (Community Development Corporation), among other organizations.

Additionally, Mr. Mann was an avid Boston sports fan, as well as a proud Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots season-ticket holder.



Robert Mann.

In an online tribute to Mr. Mann on the Boston Ward 4

Democratic Committee's website, Carol Lasky, the group's co-chair, wrote that "he could always be counted on to show up for rallies, house parties, and organizing meetings for progressive candidates and causes, and that "his courteousness and generosity were remarkable."

The online tribute also contained an outpouring from elected and city officials honoring Mr. Mann, including from Rep. Jay Livingstone; City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune; Julia Leja, chief communications officer for Mayor Michelle Wu's office; Anshi Moreno, the city's senior

policy advisor; and Kennedy Avery, chief of staff for District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan.

"I am having a tough time believing I won't be seeing him around the neighborhood. Gosh, he was dedicated to so many efforts and a friend to so many people," Avery wrote in remembering Mr. Mann.

Family and friends honored and remembered Mr. Mann's life by gathering for a visiting hour on Dec. 21 at St. Cecilia Church in Boston. A graveside service and burial was held on Dec. 23 at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Healey proposes regulations to strengthen resilience from coastal and inland flooding

Special to the Sun

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) today issued draft regulations to strengthen wetlands and stormwater resilience by providing flood control and preventing storm damage to shorelines and infrastructure from the impacts of climate change. The proposed regulations will help protect areas vulnerable to sea-level rise and storm surge, promote nature-based solutions to flooding, streamline certain permitting processes, and use updated precipitation data to inform decision-making.

The regulations are proposed under the Wetlands Protection Act and the Massachusetts Public Waterfront Act. MassDEP will accept comments on the draft regulations until March 1, 2024.

"Data tells us that inland and coastal flooding are two of the biggest threats to Massachusetts. The storms we saw this summer showed us that there is no time to waste," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "These updates strike a balance to preserve and protect development along our waterways. These changes also present Massachusetts with another opportunity to lead – we're promoting the most cutting-edge nature-based solutions along our coastlines."

"We cannot continue a 'business-as-usual' approach if we want to build more resilient communities," said MassDEP Com-

missioner Bonnie Heiple. "With these regulations, we've integrated the latest science and green infrastructure techniques to mitigate climate change impacts and protect residents, municipalities, and businesses from costly rebuilding efforts. MassDEP is grateful for the engagement of stakeholders and agencies in developing this proposal and looks forward to continued feedback on these regulations."

Community Resilience

The proposed Wetlands regulations would protect the coastal floodplain, which hosts nearly \$55 billion in structures, of which about \$40 billion is residential, \$12 billion is industrial, and \$2.5 billion is commercial. Of the nearly 2.5 million people living within the 78 coastal communities in Massachusetts, approximately 55 percent live within Massachusetts-designated Environmental Justice Block Groups, representing communities of color, low-income populations, and/or communities facing language barriers.

Coastal and Inland Flooding Resilience

The proposed Wetlands regulations will promote resilience by creating performance standards to protect the natural buffering function of wetlands and floodplains and help prevent damage to both the natural and built environment. The standards will require elevation of new development in areas of the coastal floodplain where

most storm damage occurs and minimize new development in the most vulnerable area of the coastal floodplain where waves are higher than three feet. The regulations encourage nature-based approaches to improve resilience, such as restoration of salt marshes, coastal dunes, and barrier beaches on the coast, as well as inland wetlands. Updated stormwater management standards will reduce stormwater pollution to water bodies throughout the state, helping to improve the water quality of our rivers and streams.

The regulations are designed to be flexible for homeowners and families. Single-family homes and housing development with four or fewer units are exempted from the stormwater requirements of the Wetlands regulations and new housing developments with five to nine units per lot must meet new standards only to the extent possible.

Updates to Waterways regulations – which protect and promote public use of tidelands and other waterways in Massachusetts and are commonly known as "Chapter 91" – require license applications to consider projected sea-level rise for certain projects and encourage relocation of building mechanical systems away from the ground floor.

Incentives for Nature-Based Solutions

The Wetlands regulations promote Green Site Design, which uses natural solutions – like trees and buffer zones – to

manage stormwater, instead of more expensive detention basins and other traditional infrastructure. By using nature to address

stormwater runoff and pollution, developers will receive Green Site

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• In February, Rep. Jay Livingstone was named the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

• In February, the Charles River Esplanade finished in eighth place in the category of Best Riverwalk in USA Today's latest 10Best Readers' Choice Travel Awards. Over the course of four weeks, votes were tallied for the 20 nominees in the Best Riverwalk category, which were chosen by an expert panel from the newspaper.

• On Feb. 17, former 9th Suffolk District State Rep. Jon Santiago was named as Massachusetts' first ever Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services.

• On March 1, the public got

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its first look at the proposed 1033-1055 Washington St. development in the South End during the city's initial Impact Advisory Group (IAG) meeting for the project, which took place virtually. The Druker Co. is proposing a project comprising two life science/office buildings, with an above-grade connection between them. The project would also include ground-floor retail and restaurant space in both buildings, as well as 8,000-9,000 square feet of community/non-profit space.

• On March 22, the Fenway Civic Association held its 61st annual meeting at 1325 Boylston St.

• On April 11, the Gibson House Museum honored the French Library at "À la Belle Époque," the museum's 26th annual benefit at the St. Botolph Club.

• On April 16 - one day ahead



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON

"The Embrace" memorial on the Boston Common was unveiled on Friday, Jan. 13.

of the 127th Boston Marathon - Old South Church in Boston offered its Marathon Sunday services, which included the traditional Blessing of the Athletes.

• On April 27, the Fenway CDC (Community Development Corporation) held its 50th annual meeting at St. Cecilia's Church.

• On April 28, Kenzie Bok stepped down as District 8 City Councilor to assume her new role as administrator of the Boston Housing Authority.

• On May 2, South End resident John Moran was victorious in the State Special Election for the 9th Suffolk District state rep seat.

• On May 14, the Friends of the Public Garden again partnered with the Boston Parks

Department to host Duckling Day - an annual Mother's Day tradition that pays tribute to Robert McCloskey's classic children's book, "Make Way for Ducklings" - in the Public Garden.

• On May 23, the city's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Fenway Corners met virtually on Tuesday, May 23, for the first time in about a year to discuss the latest iteration of and changes to the project.

WS-Fenway-Twins Realty Venture LLC - a partnership made up of the Fenway Sports Group, which owns the Red Sox; the D'Angelo family, who own the 47 sports apparel and memorabilia company; and Newton-based WS Development, which led the redevelopment effort in the Seaport - intend to redevelop 13 parcels located south of the Massachusetts Turnpike near Fenway Park on four major blocks along Jersey Street, Brookline Avenue, Van Ness Street, and Lansdowne Street,



COURTESY PHOTO

Massachusetts' first ever Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services, Jon Santiago.



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Tim Horn, president of the Fenway Civic Association's board of directors, is seen during the group's 61st annual meeting on March 22 at 1325 Boylston St.

respectively, which collectively total around 5.32 acres.

• On June 22, the public got its first look at details of the proposed Charlesbank Landing on the Esplanade, including a timeline for the project, as well as several alternatives for its multi-purpose recreational space, during a public meeting held at the West End Branch Library, as well as virtually.

• On July 2, a new season of the city's Open Newbury Street program returned and for 16 consecutive Sundays, temporally transformed the stretch of Newbury Street between Arlington Street and Massachusetts Avenue into a pedestrian-friendly and vehicle-free walkway.

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the Special Election to succeed Kenzie Bok as the District 8 City Councillor.

• On June 10, the fourth annual Fenway Porchfest again transformed outdoor spaces throughout the neighborhood into impromptu concert stages that hosted a variety of free music performances across a range of genres. This year's event was jointly sponsored by the Fenway Alliance, the Fenway CDC (Community Development Corporation), and the Fenway Community Center, and featured around 80 acts performing on around 30 improvised stages.

• On July 25, Sharon Durkan, who had chaired the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee since 2019, was victorious in

• On Sept. 12, Tania Fernandes Anderson cruised to an easy victory in the Preliminary Municipal Election on to secure her reelection as District 7 city councillor in a five-way race.

• On Sept. 17, the Mass. Ave. Coalition's second annual festival returned to Chester Square. The free, self-described "festival like no other," was again made possible by a collaborative effort among the four neighborhood associations comprising the coalition – Chester Square Neighbors (CSN), the Claremont Neighborhood Association, the St. Botolph Neighborhood Association, and the Worcester Square Neighborhood Association.



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Grace, an employee at Sniffs of Adventure, a shop specializing in soy wax-based candles at 254 Newbury St., is seen during the second installment of the city's Open Newbury Street this year on Sunday, July 9.



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Runners rise to receive their blessing during the traditional Blessing of the Athletes on Sunday, April 16, at Old South Church in Boston.



COURTESY OF JOHN MORAN
Rep. John Moran.

• On Sept. 18, the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay's annual meeting returned to Fisher College. Elliott Laffer, who had served as chair of NABB's board of directors for the past three years, then relinquished the role to Martyn Roetter. Roetter previously chaired NABB from 2017 until 2020, at which time Laffer assumed the reins from him.

• On Sept. 21, Rev. John Edgerton officially assumed the reins of Old South Church as its 21st Senior Minister during the "Welcome Back Sunday" services. Rev. Edgerton had previously served as their Associate Minister of Old South Church from 2012 to 2019, before going on to serve as the Senior Minister for First United Church of Oak Park, Ill.

• On Nov. 7, District 8 City Councillor Sharon Durkan cruised to an easy reelection victory in the city's municipal election.

• On Nov. 9, more than 100 revelers celebrated at the third



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY MIKE MEJIA
Sharon Durkan is seen upon being sworn in as the new District 8 City Councillor during a special ceremony on Tuesday, Aug. 15, in the Public Garden.

annual Harvest Festival and Auction, sponsored by the Homelessness Task Force (HTF) of the Neighborhood 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.

• On Nov. 30, Mayor Michelle Wu joined Liz Vizza, president of the Friends of the Public Garden, and the Boston Parks Department to flip the switch on the holiday lights on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall from Arlington Street to Kenmore Square.

• On Nov. 30, Mayor Michelle Wu joined Nova Scotia Premier Tim Houston and representatives from the Boston Parks Department for the 82nd annual lighting of the Boston Common



JAMIE GARUTI SAGE PHOTO
Rev. John Edgerton, who officially became Old South Church's as its 21st Senior Minister on Sept. 10.



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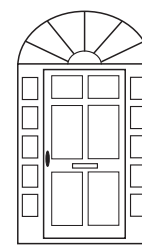
Martyn Roetter, incoming NABB board chair, assumes the gavel from his predecessor in the role, Elliott Laffer, during the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay's annual meeting on Sept. 18 at Fisher College.

holiday tree – this year, a 45-foot white spruce.

Each year, a tree is delivered to the city from Nova Scotia as a token of appreciation for Boston's help after two military ships collided in Halifax Harbor in 1917, resulting in an explosion that killed approximately 2,000.

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PowerCorpsBOS plans to increase the program duration from six months to ten months to offer participants a more comprehensive and immersive experience and enhance the depth of the program's curriculum. The new schedule will align with the traditional college academic calendar and seeks to capitalize on peak hiring seasons in the green industry. Learn more about PowerCorpsBOS at boston.gov/powercorps.

The third graduating cohort of the PowerCorpsBOS program, a green jobs program focusing on workforce development opportunities.

BOSTON FOR THE HOLIDAYS



The Boston Common is seen on Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24.



An oversized wreath adorning the gate to the Public Garden.

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The Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library is seen on Christmas '23.

FLOODING (from pg. 5)

Design credits and will substantially reduce the need to build and maintain more costly stormwater management systems.

Updated Precipitation Data

The proposed Wetlands amendments use up-to-date data sources to evaluate precipitation – replacing the 1961 data that is currently used with 2019 data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Storms have been increasing in intensity with climate change so that today's storms deliver more precipitation than they did 60 years ago. Using outdated data to design stormwater systems means pipes that are too small to carry increased volumes of water – resulting in overflows and flooding. The switch to data that are more reflective of current conditions will prevent resulting damage to buildings and bridges, scouring of riverbanks, and other problems.

Streamlined Permitting

The proposed regulations streamline certain permitting processes. The Wetlands regulations are updated to align with the EPA Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit and the Transportation Separate Storm Sewer System Permit to improve consistency and protect surface waters, including wetlands, from stormwater runoff pollution. The Waterways regulations allow modifications to licenses for identified smaller structures (primarily small docks and piers) to account for sea-level rise and maintaining public water access.

Regulatory Process

These regulatory updates are among the 142 priority actions for

state agencies to direct under the ResilientMass Strategy released in November 2023. The Strategy was developed to address the impacts of climate change, such as flooding from precipitation, high heat, and coastal flooding and erosion. ResilientMass identified inland flooding as the most significant climate hazard in Massachusetts.

The proposed amendments were developed over several years in close consultation with a broad range of stakeholders, including more than 10 sessions with stakeholder groups, more than 25 presentations, and meetings with various groups and interested parties.

MassDEP is accepting public comment on the draft regulations until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024. Virtual information sessions and public hearings on both sets of regulations will be held throughout January and February; more details are available here. For more information on the Wetlands Regulations, turn here. For more information on the Waterways Regulations, turn here.

Validators:

"The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners (MACC) is pleased that MassDEP is publishing important updates to the Wetlands Protection Act," said MACC Executive Director Dorothy A. McGlinchey. "These proposed regulations, along with the climate related goals established by the Healey-Driscoll Administration, will help minimize impacts from severe storms in a changing climate. Additional urgency and coordination will be needed in our continued fight to preserve wetlands, open space, and bio-

logical diversity. MACC supports the Conservation Commissioners who are on the front lines of protecting our precious resource areas."

"The urgency of these regulations is underscored by this week's major rainstorm causing extreme flooding, power outages, damage to homes and businesses and most tragically, a death. How we manage water has profound implications on not only our environment, but also public health and safety," said Charles River Watershed Association Executive Director Emily Norton. "We are pleased that

these proposed regulations offer so many improvements in terms of updated precipitation models, stricter rules around building in floodplains, more consistency for developers and municipalities between state and federal rules, and more. We do not have the luxury of moving slowly when it comes to climate resilience, so kudos to MassDEP and the Healey-Driscoll Administration for acting now to protect our communities and natural spaces from the impacts of our changing climate."

MassDEP's mission is to protect and enhance the Common-

wealth's natural resources – air, water and land – to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all people, and to ensure a clean and safe environment for future generations. In carrying out this mission, MassDEP commits to address and advance environmental justice and equity for all people of the Commonwealth; to provide meaningful, inclusive opportunities for people to participate in agency decisions that affect their lives; and to ensure a diverse workforce that reflects the communities we serve.



Virtual Public Meeting

1400 Boylston Street

JANUARY

17

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 202 2276



Close of Comment Period:

1/29/2024

Website:

bit.ly/1400BoylstonStreets

Project Description:

The BPDA is hosting a joint Impact Advisory Group (IAG) and Public Meeting for the 1400 Boylston Street project located in the Fenway. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the recently filed Planned Development Area (PDA) Development Plan, currently under review alongside the previously filed Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR) Filing. The meeting will include a presentation followed by a conversation with the IAG members, then Q&A and comments from the public.

The information at this meeting is crucial to you as a Boston resident and stakeholder. Language Access services are available at no cost to you. If you require these services, please contact quinn.w.valcich@boston.gov no later than: 1/12/24

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Boston finalizes regulations to ensure large buildings achieve carbon neutrality by 2050

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston's Environment Department have finalized regulations for Boston's Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO). The updated regulations were adopted by the Air Pollution Control Commission during their December hearing. These rules set the standards for implementation of BERDO, which sets carbon targets for existing buildings that decrease over time with all buildings achieving net zero emissions by 2050. This vote for adoption marks the end of the third and final phase of BERDO 2.0 regulations development. Additionally, the City of Boston has invested \$3.5 million in the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund. The Equitable Emissions Investment Fund is an innovative funding tool that will support emissions reduction projects in Boston buildings, while prioritizing benefits to Boston's environmental justice communities.

Buildings in Boston account for nearly seventy percent of city-wide greenhouse gas emissions. BERDO buildings are responsible for five percent of the building stock in Boston and account for over forty percent of the total

greenhouse gas emissions.

"Policy is only as strong as its implementation, so I'm very grateful to the team for working hard over two years to translate the landmark BERDO ordinance's mandate into specific regulatory details that will make implementation clear and accountable, with dedicated resources to ensure equitable progress across the city," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The official vote on these BERDO regulations marks a critical milestone and turning point in building a greener and healthier city for everyone. The properties covered by this mandate are the 5% of buildings that comprise 40% of Boston's total emissions, so full implementation to decarbonize this sector will be the most significant step we can take. Our charge is to lead the way on climate action for cities, and Boston will continue to accelerate decarbonization through every means possible."

In 2021, the amended ordinance was unanimously approved by the Boston City Council with the goal of significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions, encouraging efficient use of energy and water, and developing investments in a green economy. The BERDO ordinance sets

emissions targets and reporting requirements for non-residential buildings greater than or equal to 20,000 square feet and residential buildings that have 15 units or more. The ordinance also established the BERDO Review Board with community representation to increase accountability and transparency, as well as an environmental-justice focused Equitable Emissions Investment Fund. In order for buildings to reduce their emissions, building owners may choose to carry out: energy efficiency improvements, switch to clean, efficient and electric heating systems, or fossil fuel free systems, purchase clean energy, and/or make alternative compliance payments into the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund. Building owners must reduce emissions from their buildings below a sector-specific emissions standard, or limit, and all buildings are expected to reach net-zero by 2050. Buildings must begin complying with these emissions limits in 2025 or 2030 depending on their size.

"The final regulations were designed to accomplish significant emissions reductions while paying attention to equity and affordability," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "I am thrilled that Mayor Wu has committed to investing in the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund that will ensure that environmental justice communities have the resources needed to decarbonize and retrofit their buildings."

The finalized regulations range from topics that address complex building portfolios, individual

compliance schedules, hardship compliance plans, fines and enforcement, compliance with emissions standards, and the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund. The new investment fund will collect all alternative compliance payments and penalties made to BERDO and invest them in local building carbon abatement projects that support environmental action while directing funds towards environmental justice communities. In addition to funding carbon reduction projections in buildings, projects supported by the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund may have supporting benefits including improving or promoting affordable housing and tenant protections, local air quality improvement, indoor environmental quality and health for building tenants, economic inclusion, training, and technical assistance for Minority, Women, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (MWDBE) and cooperative contractors, equitable workforce development training programs for residents who have been disproportionately impacted by the effects of climate change, projects with community ownership of housing and renewable energy infrastructure, and reduced energy burdens. All funding awards will be overseen by the BERDO Review Board, a nine-member independent board of volunteers who monitor, enforce, and make decisions on the day-to-day operations of BERDO. The Review Board is charged with ensuring projects funded by the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund directly benefit the communities that disproportionately bear the

burden of climate change.

The regulations and policies that guide the implementation of BERDO were developed in collaboration with a Community Advisory Group composed of ten community-based organizations and leaders in environmental justice, climate action, affordable housing, workforce development, and social justice. Community leaders frequently collaborated with the City to identify the potential impacts of BERDO on environmental justice communities and to provide advice on how to integrate equity into the rules of BERDO. Additionally, over the past two years, the Environment Department hosted seven working sessions and thirteen focus groups with hospital and healthcare institutions, commercial and multifamily real estate, affordable housing, cultural institutions, universities, Boston residents, and various other stakeholders across the City.

"With the finalized regulations for BERDO, the City of Boston is taking a crucial step to equitably achieve net zero emissions by 2050," said Lee Matsueda, Acting Chair of the BERDO Review Board. "I am grateful to the Mayor, the Environment Department team, and all of my colleagues on the Review Board for working to secure a just transition to a more sustainable future."

The ordinance was originally passed in May 2013, and required large buildings to report their energy and water use to the City of Boston every year. The ordinance required the City of

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Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Manuel Crisostomo unit #2007; Dustin Ward unit #2105; Matthew Workman unit #2127; Wayne Vonkanel unit #3039; Bryce Thaxton unit #3125; Ryan Mahoney unit #4260. 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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Patel, Neil V	398 Beacon St Nt	398 Beacon St #1A	\$6,999,000
Slanetz, Phoebe G	Elaine M Sullivan RET	180 Commonwealth Ave #21	\$988,500
Boston388a LLC	388a Comm Avenue Hldg LL	390 Commonwealth Ave #108	\$1,040,000
Sozippora LLC	Gallagher, Amelia J	370 Marlborough St #7	\$1,005,000
Zhang, Bei	Bergholtz, Nancy A	423 Marlborough St #1	\$880,000

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Ostreich, Stephanie	Scmidt, Evan	31 Brimmer St #8	\$495,000
45 Temple Street 101 Nt	dmd Owner LLC	45 Temple St #101	\$4,250,000

BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Kawai,	Xie, Fang	2 Avery St #17E	\$1,945,000
Taylor, Richard H	Lau, Christina	80 Broad St #501	\$1,090,000
Monica A Matthews RET	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #5908	\$3,850,000
Seifert-Gerney, Jennifer	Millennium Place 202 LLC	580 Washington St #202	\$1,915,000
J & Irina Kulinets Ft	Kravit, Sara L	580 Washington St #	\$1,425,000
Cancer Killers LLC	Zheng, Didy L	188 Brookline Ave #25D	\$1,330,000
Claremont Park Two Rt	Lent, Jeffrey D	11 Claremont Park #2	\$2,975,000
Lin, Ya-Chun	Nicholson, Katharine	38-40 Saint Botolph St #44	\$730,000
Leitir Moir LLC	Real Estate Boston LLC	12 Stoneholm St #2	\$92,500
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CARBON NEUTRALITY (from pg. 10)

Boston to make this data publicly available. This revised ordinance is the single most impactful initiative to curb Boston's carbon emissions. Building owners or managers who are looking for

technical support in complying with BERDO can contact retrofit@boston.gov.

Mayor Wu recently announced the City of Boston's new rates for the Boston Community Choice Electricity (BCCE) program, which is the largest municipal aggregation program in the commonwealth. 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. BCCE Green 100 is one compliance pathway that residents can choose to pursue in alignment with the 2025 compliance deadline. 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%, which is the state requirement for renewable electricity. Residents and business owners can opt-up, down, or out of BCCE at any time with no penalties.

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The curved section in the last clue is on One Dalton Street, designed by Pei Cobb Freed & Partners and completed in 2020. It contains the Four Seasons Hotel and Private Residences.

It is currently the tallest residential building in New England and the third tallest in Boston.

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

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