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COURTESY PHOTO

WLP staff member Alyssa Moore is seen training on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall for next Monday's Boston Marathon.

WLP's Alyssa Moore to run Marathon in support of women experiencing homelessness

Special to Sun

Alyssa Moore, an integral member of the Direct Care team at Women's Lunch Place, is gearing up to run the iconic Boston Marathon on Monday. Her mission goes beyond personal achievement; she's running to raise funds and awareness for women experiencing homelessness and poverty.

Moore's decision to apply for the charity team was deeply rooted in her experiences at Women's Lunch Place. In her role, she forges connections with women in need, offering not just meals and basic necessities, but also a sense of dignity and respect.

"We meet women where they are, treat them with dignity and respect, and learn what we can without being pushy or requiring

any information," she said.

After a period of personal struggle following the loss of her father, Moore found solace in helping others navigate their own challenges. "It's important for me to help where I can in other women's lives because life isn't easy, and the things that seem so small to us can often make the biggest impact," she explained.

Having developed a knack for connecting with particularly vulnerable and impaired guests, Moore has found purpose in her work.

"I enjoy having the tough conversations and it's so rewarding when I can break through using patience, compassion, and empathy," she said. "I know that by showing up consistently, with

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Jazz Square working group applies for \$50,000 art-activation grant

By Dan Murphy

A newly convened working group for Jazz Square, located at Massachusetts and Columbus avenues in the South End, has applied for a \$50,000 art activation grant from the city to help educate the public about the area's rich musical history, according to Bob Barney, a

member of the working group.

Barney, who also serves as president of the Claremont Neighborhood Association, told those on hand for the Wednesday, April 3, virtual meeting of Chester Square Neighbors that a five-member working group was convened about five months ago to raise awareness of Jazz Square, which was designated in 2022.

Jazz Square is home to the venerable Wally's Café Jazz Club and was also once home to several other now-defunct jazz venues, including the Hi Hat, Chicken Lane, and the Wigwam, and the working group intends to work with Frank Poindexter, whose family owns Wally's. "We

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NAAB HOSTS ANNUAL SPRING FLING



DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

Members of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay enjoying each others company during the organization's annual Spring Fling event held at the Newbury Hotel. See more photos on Page 6.

City of Boston invests in enhanced emergency and coastal resilience planning with floodmap

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that the City of Boston has awarded the City of Boston Flood Modeling RFP to FloodMapp to provide real-time flood monitoring to

enhance emergency preparation, response, and recovery during flood events, marking a significant step forward in the city's resilience, an important part of the Mayor's Green New Deal.

"Making Boston a Green New

Deal city involves having the best means of preparing for, handling, and mitigating the long-lasting effects of climate change, including flooding," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Climate resilience

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EDITORIAL

A FREAKY FRIDAY.....

Did you feel the earthquake Friday morning?

We were sitting in our recliner in our home when the whole house started shaking and the chair started moving rapidly back and forth. We live on the coast, so at first we thought it might be a change of direction or increase in the velocity of the wind, which can cause our house to creak and the windows to rattle a bit.

But we saw no change in the ripples on the water, so we then thought that perhaps a big truck was on the roadway. But there was no truck. Those two thoughts came in rapid succession within about five seconds, so as the shaking of our chair continued, our next, panicked thought was, "It's an earthquake!"

Five seconds later -- about 10 seconds in total -- the shaking and rattling stopped.

We immediately looked out our windows to see if the water was receding from the shoreline, thinking that if it were an off-shore quake, under the ocean, there might be a tsunami. (Of course, there wasn't.)

We then went on the internet to search for "Boston earthquake," and there were a bunch of posts on X and other social media confirming that there had indeed been an earthquake.

The earthquake's center was in New Jersey, where the seismographic recording was a 4.8. The effect in our area was considerably less.

Although there was no damage reported from the quake (even at its epicenter in New Jersey), we have to admit we were shaken to our core. Our otherwise calm Friday morning had been upended by the most random event we could have imagined -- an earthquake. It made us realize how fragile our existence is and how at a moment's notice, our world can be upended.

It also made us empathize with those who are the victims of a major earthquake and for a few seconds, we understood the sheer terror that one feels amidst an event such as that.

We realize that some might say, "It is what it is," but we have a better one: "Everything is good.... until it isn't."

.....AND A MANIC MONDAY

We had not intended to view the eclipse, so despite the hype, we had not purchased special eclipse eyewear. We figured we'd focus on what was happening around us -- the birds and other animals, the shadows, the suddenly-cooler air -- rather than on the interplay between the moon and the sun.

But a neighbor drove up as we were standing outside our home and mentioned that he had an extra pair of eclipse eyewear, which he offered to us. So we took it and got a chance to view the eclipse safely -- and we are so glad we did.

Watching that black moon disc slide over the glowing sun (to about 92% of totality here in the Boston area) was indeed a spectacle that was jaw-dropping. Although the news was filled with reports of traffic jams and millions of people traveling to watch the event in places where the eclipse was 100%, viewing the actual eclipse itself brought about a sense of calm and serenity that we can't describe. It was as if our brains were hypnotized in some way by a celestial, supernatural event.

All of us take the sun and the moon for granted each and every day. But Monday's eclipse created a sense of wonderment that never will be forgotten by those who viewed it.

STATE BUDGET WOES: HERE WE GO AGAIN

With state revenue falling off a cliff and almost \$1 billion being spent (on an annualized basis) to house, feed, and care for immigrants who have made their way to Massachusetts from the southern border (and with no end in sight), the outlook is bleak for our state's finances.

Gov. Maura Healy last week announced a hiring freeze for state employees. In addition, the governor's \$58 billion budget proposal's allocation for local aid, particularly for education assistance, is falling far short of the needs of many cities and towns who are dealing with the influx of new migrant students.

For those of us who have been around for a while, we are well-familiar with the ups and downs of the state budget cycle. The down cycles seem to hit their trough every 12 years or so. The last downturn occurred during the Great Recession of 2008-09, but the state avoided a down-cycle during the pandemic thanks to the massive federal spending that occurred during COVID and its aftermath.

However, the unrestricted COVID funding stream has run dry and state budgets now have to deal with the new reality of less aid from the federal government amidst a time of falling revenue and increased spending.

Hopefully, with federal infrastructure spending coming on-line and unemployment still at record lows, we'll get by with a little bit of belt-tightening -- and we'll avoid the starvation-diet mode that marked previous state budget troughs.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR 2024 BOSTON MARATHON PATRIOTS DAY ACTIVITIES

Special to the Sun

Marathon Weekend 2024, B.A.A. 5K Invitational Mile, Patriots Day Parade

Saturday, April 13, 2024 to
Monday, April 15, 2024

The Marathon Weekend Events this year will have two main races on the Saturday before the running of the 2024 Boston Marathon.

In addition to the events being hosted by the Boston Athletic Association, the City of Boston will be hosting Boston One Day on April 15, 2024, and the Patriots' Day Parade on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Parking restrictions will be in place for all of these events. Please plan accordingly and follow all posted signage.

People attending events are encouraged to walk, bike, or take public transit.

Information on Bluebikes, the regional bike share service, may be found on the website and information on the MBTA may be found online.

2024 B.A.A. 5K, Saturday, April 13, 2024

B.A.A. 5K route begins on Charles Street heading southerly to Boylston Street, west on Boylston Street, north on Arlington Street, west on Commonwealth Avenue Outbound using the underpass at Massachusetts Avenue, south on Charlesgate West, east onto Commonwealth Avenue Inbound using the underpass at Massachusetts Avenue, south on Hereford Street, east on Boylston Street, north on Charles Street. The starting time is 8:00 AM and organizers expect 6500 participants.

Parking restrictions will be in place on the following streets:

- Formation: Charles Street between Beacon Street and Boylston Street
- Charles Street-from Boylston Street to Beacon Street
- Arlington Street from Marlborough Street to Boylston Street
- Commonwealth Avenue Outbound from Arlington Street to Charlesgate West
- Charlesgate West from Commonwealth Avenue Out-

bound to Commonwealth Avenue Inbound

- Commonwealth Avenue Inbound from Charlesgate West to Hereford Street
- Hereford Street from Commonwealth Avenue to Boylston Street
- Boylston Street from Dalton Street to Charles Street

2024 B.A.A. Invitational Mile, Saturday, April 13, 2024

The Invitational Mile begins on Boylston Street near Exeter Street, turning left onto Dartmouth Street, turning left onto Newbury Street, turning left onto Boylston Street, ending at the Boston Marathon Finish Line and the route will need to be posted with No Stopping signs in the areas that will not already be posted because of the Boston Marathon. The start time is 10:30 AM.

Parking restrictions will be in place on the following streets:

- Formation: Boylston Street near Exeter Street
- Boylston Street, From Exeter Street to Dartmouth Street
- Dartmouth Street, From Boylston Street to Newbury Street
- Newbury Street, From Dartmouth Street to Exeter Street
- Exeter Street, From Newbury to Boylston Street

City of Boston Patriots' Day Parade – Monday, April 15, 2024

The Patriots' Day Parade begins with a ceremony at City Hall Plaza and the parade will kick off about 9:15 AM. The parade route is Court Street, Cambridge Street, Tremont Street, Winter Street, Washington Street, State Street, Congress Street, and Hanover Street ending at the Paul Revere Mall. Organizers expect 500 attendees.

Parking restrictions will be in place on the following streets:

- Congress Street (north side, Faneuil Hall side), State Street to Hanover Street
- Hanover Street (both sides), Congress Street to Commercial Street

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NEWS IN BRIEF

'CHURCH OF THE FINISH LINE' HOLDS BLESSING OF THE MARATHON ATHLETES SERVICES

This Sunday, April 14, Old South Church in Boston, located at 645 Boylston St. in Copley Square, will hold three Marathon Sunday worship services, featuring the Blessing of the Athletes and Highland Cathedral for bagpipes, drum, and organ at 9 and 11 a.m., and 1 p.m., respec-

tively. The services will also be livestreamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/4210358>.

As the 'Church of the Finish Line,' Old South Church salute one of the oldest and greatest races in the world. Marathoners join for worship, which is paused to acknowledge the runners, their families, and volunteers, and ask God to bless them, to keep them safe from injury and harm, and to give them perseverance.

"A marathon is a spiritual contest," said Rev. John M.

Edgerton, senior minister, Old South Church in a statement. "But the athletes are not competing against one another. They are competing against breath, against muscle, against gravity, against the temptation to give up. As the athletes prepare to embark, we are honored to offer them a blessing for that contest of spirit."

Old South Church is wheelchair accessible, and it has wheel-

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integrity and a non-judgmental approach, our team can change lives."

Beyond her role at Women's Lunch Place, Moore is an avid runner and dog lover. While she's experienced in mid-distance running, the Boston Marathon presents an entirely new challenge.

For Moore, the Boston Marathon is more than just a race. Having grown up in the area, she understands the significance of the event.

"To me, it's an opportunity to represent Women's Lunch Place and highlight the unique bar-

riers that women experiencing homelessness are facing," she expressed.

Acknowledging the disparities faced by women in homeless situations, Moore emphasized the critical work done by Women's Lunch Place. "The work that we're doing as a shelter and advocacy center recognizes the trauma our guests have experienced," she said.

Moore's dedication to running the Boston Marathon is not just about the 26.2 miles; it's about shedding light on the challenges faced by homeless women

every day.

Quoting advocate Doris Romero, a former WLP staff member who has also run the Boston Marathon, Moore said, "26.2 miles is nothing compared to what our ladies go through every day."

As Moore continues her training and fundraising efforts, she hopes to inspire others to support the vital work of Women's Lunch Place. To contribute to Alyssa's campaign, visit

<https://womenslunchplace.org/marathon-team>.

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begins with a sense of urgency for how these issues impact our communities today, while creating and adjusting both short-term and long-term plans to deal with them."

This collaboration underscores Boston's proactive approach in confronting the escalating challenges caused by climate change, particularly intensifying flooding and sea-level rise. As a low-lying coastal city, vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, Boston is experiencing more intense storms, frequent heavy precipitation, extreme flooding, and higher sea levels. This can pose hazards to the community, its residents, and emergency managers, causing impacts to infrastructure, property damage, and more.

"We are looking forward to taking this critical step towards enhancing the City's ability to be more informed about flooding across Boston," said Chief Shumeane Benford from Boston's Office of Emergency Management. "This tool will support the interagency coordination within the Emergency Operations

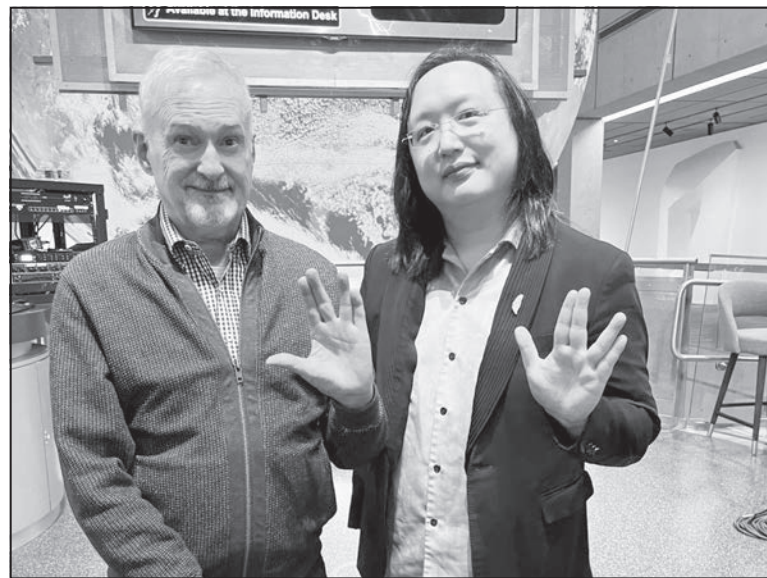
Center (EOC), improve operational preparedness, response, and recovery actions of individual City departments, focus and strengthen our City's resilience planning, and enhance public risk communication before, during, and after a storm!"

FloodMapp will work alongside the City of Boston in its ongoing efforts toward resilience and mitigation of the effects of climate change. The contract supplies the City of Boston's Office of Emergency Management with FloodMapp's ForeCast, NowCast, and PostCast products. With FloodMapp, the City of Boston aims to improve the City's operational response to flood hazards. This new level of insight supports targeted evacuation planning and risk mitigation, helping to protect lives and property. ForeCast shows the predicted extent and depth of a flood on a map which can support emergency managers with targeted alerts and evacuations, proactive road closures, deployment of flood barriers and resources, and more. NowCast is a dynamic, live mapping feed

that shows the current extent and depth of a flood in real-time, providing up-to-date situational awareness of the flood impact on people, property, and critical infrastructure. This supports emergency response activities such as search and rescue and eliminates the need to deploy personnel to dangerous environments to confirm the flood extent. PostCast is a map of the maximum flood extent after the water has begun to recede, which supports targeted distribution of disaster relief resources and supports rapid damage assessment, ultimately fast-tracking the recovery process.

"We are honored to partner with the City of Boston and work collaboratively to build resilience. We're truly inspired by the city's innovative leadership, and our team is excited to integrate FloodMapp ForeCast, NowCast, and PostCast into the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to improve the city's operational preparedness, response, and recovery," said CEO and Co-Founder of FloodMapp Juliette Murphy. "Working

LEONARD NIMOY REMEMBERED AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE



COURTESY OF TOM STOCKER

Audrey Tang, Minister of Digital Affairs of Taiwan and author of 'Plurality: The Future of Collaboration of Technology and Democracy,' talked about the book at the Museum of Science this past Friday, April 5.

A longtime admirer of native West Ender, Leonard Nimoy, Tang noted the Vulcan philosophy of "infinite diversity in infinite combinations," conveyed by the familiar greeting that Tom Stocker and Audrey are seen demonstrating here.

Stocker, a South End visual artist, is the main impetus behind a plan to erect a memorial to Nimoy on the museum's grounds. The proposed memorial would take shape as a 20-foot-tall, stainless-steel monument depicting the Vulcan hand salutation, which would be illuminated from within using LED lighting. The Vulcan hand salutation (along with its accompanying spoken expression of well-wishing, "Live Long and Prosper") ranks among the most indelible and instantly recognizable images from the 'Star Trek' universe.

As of Wednesday, April 10, the Museum of Science's fundraising campaign to build the memorial Nimoy had raised nearly \$390,000 towards the goal. To contribute, visit mos.org/Nimoy.

together with cities like Boston to build a safer future is rewarding in a way that I can't put into words."

As the City of Boston continues to focus on the impacts of these stronger and more frequent weather patterns on its residents, the partnership enhances the City's commitment to safety and resilience. In addition to taking near-term action to adapt to a changing climate, the City's Climate Ready Boston program is a roadmap for planning for the short-and-long term impacts of a warming planet in Boston. The City of Boston has completed coastal resilience solutions,

planning for all 47-miles of Boston's coastline and announced a partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assess coastal storm management, and determine eligibility for federal funding. With an unprecedented allocation of capital funding for coastal resilience initiatives, Boston is poised to lead by example in confronting the growing challenges of climate change. Through proactive partnerships, innovative solutions, and strategic investments, Boston is forging a path towards a safer, more resilient future for all its residents.

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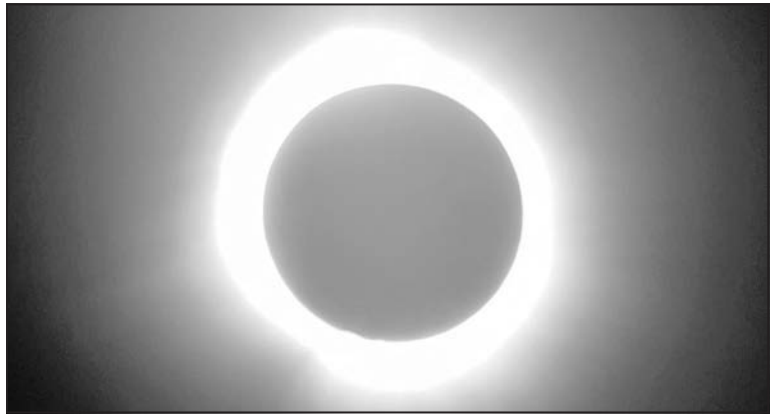
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TAKING IN THE ECLIPSE



Phillips Street resident Rob Whitney took this picture through a Celestron telescope in Newport, VT, which is close to the Canadian border. "The Baily's Beads effect is a phenomenon where sunlight peaks through a valley on the surface of the moon," wrote Whitney. "During Monday's eclipse, you could see a small Baily's Bead at the bottom of the sun around the corona, which is the outermost layer of the sun and what produced the ring of light when the moon passed over it."

TRAFFIC ADVISORY (from pg. 2)

- State Street (both sides), Congress Street to Washington Street
- Tremont Street (both sides), Cambridge Street/Beacon Street to Stuart Street
- Washington Street (both sides), Winter Street to State Street
- Winter Street (both sides), Tremont Street to Washington Street
- sides), Boylston Street to Commonwealth Avenue
- Exeter Street (both sides), Newbury Street to Huntington Avenue, unless otherwise posted.

"No Stopping Thursday to Monday"

- Clarendon Street (both sides), Newbury Street to Stuart Street

"No Stopping Saturday to Monday"

- Beacon Street, Bay State Road to Brookline Town Line (both sides)
- Berkeley Street (both sides), Stuart Street to Newbury Street
- Boylston Street (both sides), Dartmouth Street to Charles Street, unless otherwise posted
- Cambridge Street (both sides), Court Street to Sudbury Street
- Charles Street (both sides), Boylston Street to Beacon Street
- Saint James Avenue (both sides), Arlington Street to Dartmouth Street
- Stuart Street (both sides), Huntington Avenue to Arlington Street

"No Stopping Sunday & Monday"

- Clarendon Street (both sides), Public Alley 436 to Newbury Street
- Newbury Street (both sides) for Media Vehicles, #29 Newbury Street crossing over Berkeley Street to #69 Newbury Street

"No Stopping Saturday 12:01AM through 3PM"

- Newbury Street (both sides), Dartmouth Street to Exeter Street

"No Stopping Monday"

2024 BAA Marathon

Various parking restrictions will be in place to support the running of the 128th Boston Marathon.

"No Stopping April 8-18"

- Exeter Street (east side) Boylston Street to Blagden Street
- Blagden Street (south side, opposite side of library), from Huntington Avenue to Exeter Street
- Blagden Street (north side, library side), BPL Driveway to Exeter Street
- Boylston Street (both sides), Exeter Street to Dartmouth Street
- Boylston Street from Dartmouth Street
- Blagden Street (north side), Dartmouth Street to BPL Driveway

"No Stopping April 10-16"

- Exeter Street (west side), Alley 441 to Boylston Street

"No Stopping Friday, Saturday & Monday"

- Beacon Street (south side, Boston Common side), Charles Street to Joy Street
- Boylston Street (both sides), Dalton Street to Dartmouth Street, unless otherwise posted
- Dartmouth Street (both

chair bays in the pews. A hearing loop and large print bulletins are also available.

SOWA ARTISTS GUILD TO HOLD APRIL EVENTS

SoWa Artists Guild will hold its SoWa Sundays on April 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/>

NEWS IN BRIEF

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sowaartistsguild/ for more information.

GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM BENEFIT SET FOR APRIL 18 AT ST. BOTOLPH CLUB

The Friends of the Gibson House Museum invite you to its annual museum benefit, "The Sporting Life," on Thursday, April 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the St. Botolph Club at 199 Commonwealth Ave.

This fun and festive party will offer a nod to the Gibsons and

other 19th-early 20th century families who spent much of their leisure time enjoying outdoor activities. The event will honor Community Boating, the oldest public sailing organization in the country, for its mission of breaking down the physical, social, and financial hurdles that sailing frequently presents and providing opportunities for people of all backgrounds and abilities to experience the joys of being on the water.

All proceeds will support the preservation and operation of the

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- Arlington Street (both sides), Beacon Street to Isabella Street

- Beacon Street, Brighton (both sides), Chestnut Hill Avenue to Brookline Line

- Beacon Street, Back Bay (South side, Public Garden side), Charles Street to Arlington Street

- Berkeley Street (both sides), Columbus Avenue to Commonwealth Avenue, unless otherwise posted

- Belvidere Street (both sides), Huntington Avenue to Massachusetts Avenue

- Boylston Street (both sides), Massachusetts Avenue to Dalton Street

- Cambria Street (both sides), Boylston Street to the loading dock of the Hynes Center

- Charles Street South (both sides), Park Plaza to Boylston Street

- Chestnut Hill Ave. (both sides), Commonwealth Avenue to Beacon Street

- Clarendon Street (both sides), Commonwealth Avenue to Columbus Avenue, unless otherwise posted

- Cleveland Circle (both sides), (Parking area adjacent to Cassidy Playground parking area adjacent to Sutherland Road) from Beacon Street to Chestnut Hill Avenue, 24 hours

- Columbus Avenue (both sides), Arlington Street to Dartmouth Street

- Commonwealth Avenue (south, inbound, side), Beacon Street (Kenmore Square) to 80' east of Hereford Street, the section of roadway between the entrance to the Massachusetts Avenue underpass and Massachusetts Avenue does not need to be posted.

- Commonwealth Avenue,

- Lake Street to Chestnut Hill Avenue (inbound)

- Dartmouth Street (both sides), Saint James Avenue to Columbus Avenue

- Deerfield Street (both sides), Commonwealth Avenue to Bay State Road

- East Dedham Street (both sides), Harrison Avenue to Albany Street

- Exeter Street (both sides), Commonwealth Avenue to Newbury Street

- Fairfield Street (both sides), Boylston Street to Commonwealth Avenue

- Gloucester Street (both sides), Commonwealth Avenue to Boylston Street

- Hereford Street (both sides), Commonwealth Avenue to Boylston Street

- Hanover Street (both sides) for Patriot's Day Parade, Congress Street to Commercial Street

- Kenmore Street (both sides), Newbury Street to Beacon Street

- Nassau Street (for Tufts Medical), Both sides, from Washington Street to Harrison Avenue

- Newbury Street (both sides), Arlington Street to Brookline Avenue excluding the section already posted from #29 to #69 Newbury also over post any other signs on Dartmouth Street to Exeter Street

- Plympton Street (both sides), Harrison Avenue to Albany Street

- Raleigh Street (both sides), Bay State Road to Beacon Street

- Stanhope Street (both sides), Berkeley Street to Clarendon Street

- Scotia Street (both sides), Dalton Street to St. Cecilia Street

- St. Cecilia Street (both sides), Belvidere Street to Boylston Street

- Washington Street (for Tufts Medical), Both sides, from Oak Street to Nassau Street

- East side (even side), from Nassau Street to Kneeland Street

- Blagden Street (both sides), Huntington Avenue to Exeter Street, unless otherwise posted

- Congress Street (north side, Faneuil Hall side) for Patriot's Day Parade, State Street to Hanover Street

- Commonwealth Avenue, Charlesgate West to Deerfield Street (outbound)

- Dalton Street (both sides), Boylston Street to Clearway Street

- Huntington Avenue (northwest side, odd side), Blagden Street to Massachusetts Avenue

- New Chardon Street (both sides), Merrimac Street to Cambridge Street

- Providence Street (both sides), Arlington Street to Berkeley Street

- State Street (both sides) for Patriot's Day Parade, Congress Street to Washington Street

- Tremont Street (both sides) for Patriot's Day Parade, Cambridge Street/Beacon Street to Stuart Street

- Washington Street (both sides) for Patriot's Day Parade, Winter Street to State Street

- Winter Street (both sides) for Patriot's Day Parade, Tremont Street to Washington Street

- "Family Meeting Area"

- Clarendon Street
- Saint James Avenue
- Stuart Street

"No Stopping BAA Vehicles Only"

- Trinity Place (west side, hotel side), St. James Avenue to Stuart Street



KENMORE SQUARE ONE MILE TO GO BLOCK PARTY

April 15th, 10-4 pm on Beacon Street in front of Cornwall's



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- Family Activity Zone in Commonwealth Park hosted by ARCK
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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF THE BACK BAY SPRING FLING

Derek Kouyoumjian Photos

The Neighbor Association of Back Bay, NABB, held its annual Spring Fling event at the Newbury Hotel. It was an

opportunity for members to get an up close look at the many committees in the association and what services they offer the community.



Jonathan Day and Martyn Roeder, co-chair of the Spring Fling.



Members of the NABB Homelessness Task Force Vicki Smith, Patricia Corrigan, Melissa Taylor and Kathy Young with a Citation from the Commonwealth Of Massachusetts for their work in Back Bay.



Members of the Green Committee Lucy Rivera, Nancy Gertner, and Jacqueline Royce.



Vikki Smith with Massachusetts State Rep Jay Livingstone.



NABB committee chairs George Lewis, Tracy Hebeck, Jacqueline Yessian, and Serge Sabard.

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NABB Parking Committee members Jax Crerar and Willy Charleton who allocated 125 new residential parking spaces to Back Bay with NABB GraffitiBusters member Ally Foley.

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'LIVE CLEAN & GREEN' EVENT COMES TO ELLIS EARLY LEARNING



Zero Waste Boston team members Catherine Van Even and Hannah Mermin.



Lauren Dams and Erin Banfield of Charlestown-based Casella.

D. Murphy Photos

A well-attended event on the evening of Tuesday, April 9, at Ellis Early Learning in the South End focused on ways that neighbors can help reduce their carbon footprint while living in the city.

Dubbed 'Live Clean & Green,' the event was hosted by the Ellis South End Neighborhood Association in partnership with the managers of participating agencies, such as the City of Boston's Environment Department and Boston Water & Sewer Commission, along with Charlestown-based Casella, the fourth largest recycling company in the U.S.

The event was formatted like a trade show, with participating organizations each operating a table where they would greet guests and answer any questions they might have. Each table also disseminated information on their respective programs, including the city's composting program, as well as on the BWSC's "No Cost Private Lead Replacement Incentive Program," among other programs.

District Two City Councilor Ed Flynn, who was among the event's special guests, discussed his ongoing effort to create a dedicated Office of Pest Control to help address the city's persistent rat problem.



Jean Luc-Teixeira and Tom Bagley of the Boston Water & Sewer Commission.



Jennie Chang, Abraham Ferrera, and Sarah Yates from the City of Boston's Environment Department. See more photos on next page.

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want Wally's to stay as vibrant as it ever was," said Barney.

The working group applied for the activation grant about five weeks ago, said Barney, and expects to hear back from the city by late May or early June. If the working group receives the grant, the Claremont Neighborhood Association would then "hold" the funds for them, said Barney.

Meanwhile, the working group's plans for the grant money would include putting up banners on light-poles on all four corners of Jazz Square – something that, Barney said, is expected to cost around \$2,000.

The grant would also allow the working group to stage five to seven concerts in the "neighboring area," said Barney, as well as hire local jazz musicians to perform at these events. The working group also intends to host an inaugural concert at Union Church, said Barney, "before all

the money can be spent."

New historic signage could also be erected around the square, said Barney, and would come equipped with QR codes, one of which would allow passersby to access a one-hour recording of jazz great Miles Davis performing at the Hi Hat. Lightboxes could also be painted with a "Jazz Square theme," added Barney.

Jazz Square could then be officially dedicated in the fall, said Barney, "but that has to be contingent on some of these things happening."

Other longer-term plans for Jazz Square could include the working group contracting an artist to build a sculpture somewhere in the square, said Barney, who added that Columbus Avenue might be a suitable location because of its wide sidewalks.

In another matter, Barney outlined a plan to activate Columbus Avenue between Tremont and

Heath streets by transforming 27 concrete panels, each measuring 8-by-8 feet, into canvases to be painted by local artists.

Possible themes for the painted canvases could include local-interest topics, such as 'Stop the Highway Movement'; D7 heroes and heroines; D7's contributions to the City of Boston; and other community-based ideas, said Barney.

The property is owned by the MBTA but maintained by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, said Barney, while the panels themselves have been targeted for graffiti repeatedly in the past.

The D7 Advisory Council, which is spearheading this effort and includes Barney, along with Dr. Reginald Jackson and Louis Elisa, eventually plans to apply for \$100,000 art activation grant from the city to help bring this plan to fruition, said Barney.

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'LIVE CLEAN & GREEN' EVENT COMES TO ELLIS EARLY LEARNING



Lauren Cook, CEO of Ellis Early Learning, is seen flanked by Patti Keenan, the organization's vice president of advancement, community and equity.



Pictured, left to right, are Patti Keenan, vice president of advancement, community and equity for Ellis Early Learning; Lauren Cook, CEO of Ellis Early Learning; and Trea LaRaia of the Ellis South End Neighborhood Association board of directors.



Sarah Sharpe, the city's new South End liaison, and Steve Morgan of the Ellis South End Neighborhood Association board of directors.



District Two City Councilor Ed Flynn and Carol Blair, president of Chester Square Neighbors.

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Gibson House Museum. Tickets are \$150 and may be purchased via the link above, or by sending a check with the names of your guests to: the Gibson House Museum, 137 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02116.

<https://www.thegibsonhouse.org/museum-benefit>.

SPRING CLEAN-UP OF PETERS PARK SET FOR APRIL 20

Come out and join the Friends of Peters Park for an early spring clean-up on Saturday, April 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Peters Park.

Water, coffee, tools, and camaraderie will be provided by the Friends of Peters Park. Join in by raking up leaves and helping prepare the beds for flower planting in May.

MUDDY RIVER CLEANUP SET FOR APRIL 20

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy will be holding its 16th annual Muddy River Cleanup on Saturday, April 20.

The Cleanup is a part of the Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup, which takes place throughout the Charles River Watershed, and it builds on a national effort as part of American Rivers' National River Cleanup.

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SWAN BOATS RETURN TO THE PUBLIC GARDEN



D. MURPHY PHOTO

Workers are seen preparing the Swan Boats for the launch of the upcoming season on Monday, April 8, in the Public Garden. The Swan Boat season kicks off Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m.

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MBTA announces service information for the 2024 Boston Marathon

Special to the Sun

The MBTA today announced service information on Monday, April 15, the day of the 2024 Boston Marathon. Every year, the MBTA prepares for the Bos-

ton Marathon across all departments in many ways. It supports the annual event with increased service to accommodate spectators and runners, acknowledges the crucial role of public transit during this celebratory time, and

expresses sincere appreciation for its ridership and dedicated workforce.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated team of MBTA leaders from various departments, including operations, track, signals, and

safety, will be monitoring the system throughout the day, ready to troubleshoot any unforeseen issues that may arise. The MBTA's Security team will have representatives in the Unified Coordination Center, located at

the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency's headquarters in Framingham, which serves as the central hub for public safety operations on race day. The Transit Police Department

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Visit <https://www.emerald-necklace.org/volunteer/muddy-river-cleanup-2024/> to register and for more information on the Emerald Necklace Conservancy's 16th annual Muddy River Cleanup.

CHARLES RIVER CLEANUP SET TO RETURN APRIL 19-20

Join the Esplanade Association for the 25th annual Charles River Cleanup - one of the largest Earth Day cleanups in the nation - on Friday, April 19, and Saturday, April 20.

Registration is now open for individual and corporate/large groups; sign up for one or both days online at <https://esplanade.org/cleanup/>.

WORLD BOOK DAY POP-UP EVENT PLANNED FOR APRIL 23 ON TREMONT STREET

In celebration of World Book Day, come out and grab free books as the South End Branch Library staff hosts another pop-up event in the South End Library Park on Tuesday, April 23, from 1 to 5 p.m. at 685 Tremont St.

Find out the winner from the Book Madness Tournament at this time.

For more information, email southend@bpl.org.

AUTHOR TALK WITH DOUGLAS BAUER SET FOR APRIL 24

An author talk with Douglas Bauer will take place on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. at BCYF Blackstone, located at 50 West Brookline St., on the third floor.

During this talk by the award-winning Boston author of fiction and non-fiction and professor of writing at Bennington College, Bauer will discuss his recent book, 'The Beckoning World,' a



UNUSUAL WEATHER ACTIVITY FELLS ICONIC WILLOW TREE IN PUBLIC GARDEN



COURTESY OF FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN

Following the earthquake on the morning of Friday, April 5, along with the previous day's rain/snowstorm across Massachusetts, high winds and saturated grounds caused one of the iconic willow trees in the Public Garden to fall over. This came just days after the Friends of the Public Garden had pruned these trees to rid them of any disease or sickness, preserving their health and longevity. This event underscores the broader challenge of maintaining green spaces amid increasingly difficult weather.

novel set in the early 20th century featuring a coal miner whose baseball talent unexpectedly changes his life in wonderful and complicated ways.

Sponsored by the Friends of the South End L and BCYF, the event will be held in person and virtually. To join virtually, email info@friendsofsouthendlibrary.org and you will receive the Zoom info. FOSEL subscribers will receive the Zoom link in the Mailchimp newsletter just before the event.

FENWAY CDC ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR APRIL 25 AT SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

Fenway CDC's 51st annual meeting will take place on Thursday, April 25, from 5:45 to 8 p.m. at the Linda K Paresky Conference Center at Simmons University 300 The Fenway.

At this time, Fenway CDC will recognize its accomplishments, as well as bestow its annual Community Service awards. Steven Farrell, the group's new executive director, will also discuss his vision for the future.

R.S.V.P. to www.eventbrite.com/e/fenway-cdc-51st-annual-meeting-tickets-847110800207

WLP'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND NETWORKING LUNCHEON SET FOR MAY 10 AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL

Women's Lunch Place Executive Director Jennifer Hanlon Wigon and M. Lee Pelton, President and CEO of the Boston Foundation, will have a fireside chat at WLP's annual fundraiser and networking luncheon, eat LUNCH give on Friday, May 10, in the Oriental Ballroom at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and concludes at 1:15 p.m.

Hanlon Wigon and Pelton will address the pressing issues of the housing crisis in Boston, including the shortage of affordable units and the critical need for safe, gender-specific housing for women in the community. The event will be held in the Oriental Ballroom at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston.

This luncheon will include a

delicious meal, an opportunity to network with Boston's best and brightest leaders, and an inside look at the context behind Women's Lunch Place's life-changing work from two experts in their fields. There will also be a raffle with local prizes.

All proceeds from the fundraising luncheon will be donated to Women's Lunch Place.

Tickets cost \$200 each and are available online at womenslunchplace.org/elg, along with sponsorships, program advertisements, and opportunities to support the raffle.

DUCKLING DAY RETURNS MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 12

Join the Friends of the Public Garden on Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, for the return of Duckling Day - an annual celebration of the children's classic book 'Make Way for Ducklings' by Robert McCloskey.

Duckling Day is a family-friendly celebration held each year on Boston Common. Duckling Day features activity booths, lawn games, magic, and live music all at Parkman Bandstand.

The event ends with a parade retracing Mrs. Mallard's steps to the Ducklings sculpture in the Public Garden.

Registration for a family of any size is \$35 and includes a goody bag for every child and entertaining Duckling activities for the whole family; register online at <https://friendsofthepublicgarden.org/events/ducklingday/>.

Save the date: Garden Club of the Back Bay's Twilight Garden Party set for Tuesday, June 4, at The Newbury Hotel

The Garden Club of the Back Bay will present its annual Twilight Garden Party on Tuesday, June 4, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Newbury Hotel at 1 Newbury St.

The Twilight Garden Party is the Garden Club's largest source of funds that go directly towards tree care and community outreach while this year's event also celebrates the Garden Club's 60th anniversary.

For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/twilight-garden-party-tickets-851099289887?aff=oddtcreator>.

Mass House passes bill to remove outdated and offensive terms in general laws; changes Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission's name to 'MassAbility'

Special to the Sun

Massachusetts House of Representatives passed two bills on Wednesday, April 3, that update the Massachusetts General Laws by removing out-of-date and offensive terms related to persons with disabilities, and by renaming the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) as MassAbility.

"As lawmakers, we know that words matter," said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "This legislation is our latest effort to ensure that our state laws do not use antiquated words that carry negative connotations, words that also serve as a reminder of past injustices. I would like to thank Chairman Livingstone and the entire Joint Committee of Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities, as well as Governor

Healey and the bill sponsors, for their work on this important legislation."

"The name 'MassAbility' will help to reduce stigma and better reflect the strengths and capabilities of the people we serve," said Gov. Maura Healey. "We're grateful to Speaker Mariano and the House for advancing this critical legislation."

An Act relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities removes out-of-date and offensive language from the Massachusetts General Laws when referencing people with disabilities. The language in the bill removes all variations of outdated terms such as "handicapped," "disabled," and "retarded." The bill replaces these terms with current terminology such as "person with a disability" and "person with an intellectual disability." Additionally, the term "autis-

tic" is replaced with "autism" in reference to Autism Awareness Month. Originally filed by Governor Healey, the House also passed legislation to rename the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission to MassAbility and to update the outdated terms included in its enabling statute.

"Removing out-of-date, antiquated and offensive language from the Massachusetts General Laws to describe people with disabilities is an important step in ensuring that our values, as a Commonwealth, are also reflected in statute," said Rep. Jay D. Livingstone (D-Boston), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. "As legislators, it is our job to help make sure that people with intellectual or developmental disabilities feel included, accepted and embraced for who they are, and this is an

important step in doing so. I am appreciative of all those who have worked on this effort before me who helped make this possible. I'd also like to thank the Speaker, Chairman Michlewitz, Chairman Honan, and all of my colleagues in the House for their support on this important issue."

The Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities heard from many advocacy organizations in the disability community in support of the bill and all changes were vetted with relevant agencies, including Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Executive Office of Education, and the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

"Today with the passage of this legislation the Commonwealth is taking a critical step towards fostering inclusivity and upholding our long-held prin-

ciples of dignity and respect for all who call the Commonwealth home," said Rep. Michael J. Finn (D-West Springfield), a lead sponsor of the bill. "We can all celebrate that it is long past time for the Commonwealth to update its General Laws, ensuring that no individual is subjected to negative and harmful language."

"Today the House of Representatives takes a transformational step towards a more inclusive Commonwealth," said Rep. Sean Garballey (D-Arlington), a lead sponsor of the bill. "By removing outdated words like 'handicapped', 'disabled', and the 'R Word' from MA General laws, we make a collective statement that Massachusetts is a place for all."

Having passed the House of Representatives, the bills now go to the Senate for their consideration.

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will also continue to monitor the system with robust support available as needed. Additional staff and Transit Ambassadors will be strategically positioned throughout the system to assist with passenger flow and answer any questions or concerns from riders.

Riders are encouraged to hold handrails and use care and caution while traversing stairs and escalators due to anticipated crowding and high ridership. Additional porters will also proactively identify and address cleaning needs throughout the system, from sweeping floors and disposing of trash to maintaining restrooms and replenishing supplies.

MBTA Service Information for the 2024 Boston Marathon:

For the first time ever, the Route 1 bus will operate with increased Saturday service from 9 AM to 9 PM with buses arriving as frequently as every 5 minutes (the Route 1 typically operates every 9-15 minutes on Saturdays) – the Route 1 travels across both sides of the Marathon route, making it an easy way for spectators to traverse the Marathon to cheer on runners. The Framingham/Worcester Commuter Rail Line will also offer additional inbound and outbound trips to accommodate anticipated increases in ridership.

To find the best Marathon viewing location on the T, riders are encouraged to visit the MBTA's Boston Marathon Guide at mbta.com/Marathon, which highlights MBTA stations closest to the Marathon route and includes other helpful information on purchasing fares, parking, and more.

Station Closures:

- For public safety reasons, Copley Station is closed for the entire day on April 15. Riders are instead encouraged to use Arlington Station (serving all Green Line branches), Prudential Station (Green Line E branch), Hynes Convention Center Station (Green Line B, C, and D

branches), or Back Bay Station on the Orange Line.

- From approximately 10 AM to 6 PM, above-ground Green Line stops at South Street (B branch), Kent Street (C branch), and St. Mary's Street (C branch) will be closed.

- In the interest of public safety, the MBTA may adjust service or temporarily close additional stations near the finish line.

Service Information:

- The Green, Red, Orange, Blue, and Silver lines will operate a regular weekday schedule on April 15 with additional service before and after the race.

- Buses will operate a Saturday schedule on April 15 with some routes detoured to accommodate the Marathon and other festivities. Route 1 will operate an increased Saturday schedule from 9 AM to 9 PM on Marathon Monday with buses arriving approximately every five minutes.

- Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts for more information on bus route diversions. Visit mbta.com/Marathon for a complete list of changes.

- All Commuter Rail lines will operate a regular weekday schedule on April 15. There will be a special Marathon Monday schedule in effect on the Framingham/Worcester Commuter

Rail Line offering four additional inbound and five additional outbound trips with more information on mbta.com soon.

- All ferry and RIDE paratransit services will operate a regular weekday schedule. The RIDE may be detoured to accommodate the Marathon and related events.

- Bicycles are prohibited onboard all MBTA subway vehicles (including folding bicycles) for the entire day on April 15. Additionally, bikes and scooters (including folding ones) will not be allowed on board Framingham/Worcester Commuter Rail Line trains starting at 5 PM on Sunday, April 14 (the first inbound train impacted is No. 2512 and the first outbound train impacted is No. 2513) through end of service on April 15 due to anticipated extra Marathon ridership. Backpacks, coolers, cans, bottles, and large items are not permitted at the Marathon.

Paying Fares:

- On the Commuter Rail, the MBTA recommends purchasing the \$10 Holiday Weekend Pass, which will be available for passengers to travel all weekend from Saturday, April 13, through Monday, April 15. The \$10 Holiday Weekend Pass is valid for all Commuter Rail lines and zones with unlimited hop-on and hop-

off travel. Passengers should note that Holiday Weekend Passes are not valid on subway or bus.

- For subway and bus travel for those that do not already have a monthly pass, the MBTA recommends loading at least \$5 on a CharlieCard on Marathon Monday, which is enough fare for a round trip on the subway.

- For those traveling to the Boston area, a 7-day pass might be the most useful – the MBTA's 7-day passes are \$22.50 and provide unlimited travel for a week from the date of purchase on the subway, buses, Commuter Rail Zone 1A, and Charlestown and East Boston ferries.

- For more information on paying fares, visit mbta.com/fares and mbta.com/Marathon.

Parking Information:

- Riders planning to park in an MBTA garage or lot on April 15 should allow additional travel time and note that some garages and lots may fill very quickly due to heavy parking demand.

- For more information, visit mbta.com/Parking.

- For more information, visit mbta.com/Marathon or connect with the T on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook / TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

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RMV cautions public to beware of scam websites

Special to the Sun

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding customers to use only Mass.Gov/RMV for information or to perform many transactions, including when trying to renew a license or registration. While there has been no sharp increase in reports of deceptive and mimic websites to the RMV, this is a busy time of year for customer transactions so the RMV is issuing this reminder to the public about sites which have been created to mislead customers into thinking they have reached the official RMV website.

"We urge everyone to be vigilant when performing transactions or providing information online for RMV-related services. Customers should avoid using any unofficial third-party websites claiming to assist with RMV services, and inform their relatives and friends about this as well," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "On our official website Mass.Gov/

RMV, customers can look up how much specific services cost and see which services are available to them at no charge."

To ensure you are accessing the official RMV site, please remember the following:

- In Massachusetts, we use the term "Registry of Motor Vehicles" and "RMV," so log-off if the site references the "DMV" or the "Department of Motor Vehicles."

- At Mass.Gov/RMV, you will never be charged to check your license, registration or title status.

- At Mass.Gov/RMV, you will never be charged to access Registry forms and information.

- At Mass.Gov/RMV, you will never be charged to change your address on file.

The Registry actively posts online about this topic including on X @MassRMV, and a warning regarding third party websites remains featured in the RMV's Driver's Manual.

Reports of fraudulent websites can be directed to the Attorney General's Office at <http://www.mass.gov/ago/consumer-resources/consumer-assistance/consumer-complaint.html> and the Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.ftc.gov/>.

In addition, customers should beware of text messages or emails which claim to be from MassDOT or the RMV, as these communications often are dangerous phishing scams and not official MassDOT and RMV sources. These fraudulent texts and emails may include links, which do not lead to official MassDOT or RMV websites, and customers should not follow the links nor reply to these messages with personal information.

Customers with additional questions about how to identify and avoid scams can contact the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation by calling the Consumer Hotline at (617) 973-8787, or toll-free in Massachusetts at (888) 283-3757.

For the latest Registry updates and information, follow the RMV on X @MassRMV.

Attention to Detail

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The stair detail in the last clue is on 191 Commonwealth Avenue, built circa 1873 and designed by the architectural firm of Weston & Rand. In 1968, the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay added a plaque to this building noting that it was the home of Henry Lee Higginson, the founder of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

You'll find the next clue in the Kenmore area.

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

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