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Boston area offers wide range of school offerings for children

By Sun staff

A new academic year is just getting underway, but it's already time for parents and guardians to start thinking about options for next year, and with the Boston area's wide range of top-notch independent, private, and parochial schools, kids of all ages can find one that well suits them while still staying local.

The Advent School, located at 15 Brimmer St. in Boston, is a progressive, Reggio Emilia-inspired elementary school for children ages 4 through Grade 6. Advent students learn to be critical thinkers, confident scholars, and compassionate citizens of the world in a diverse academic community founded on the principles of social justice and dedi-

cated to respect and inclusion. Visit adventschool.org for more information.

Beacon Hill Nursery School at 74 Joy St. in Boston, was founded in 1955. Since then it has been a vital part of the downtown community since its inception with a consistent commitment to high quality early childhood education for ages 2 through 5. Their primary mission is to create a nurturing community that instills a lifelong love of learning in its students. They cherish children's innate curiosity through purposeful play guided by exceptional early childhood educators.

The school boasts two onsite playscapes, a library/community space, eight classrooms and an

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City holds public meeting to discuss Our Lady's Guild House proposed redevelopment

By Dan Murphy

The city's Planning Department held its only public meeting on the proposed redevelopment of the Our Lady's Guild House in Kenmore Square virtually on Thursday, Sept. 19.

The proposed project at 20 Charlesgate West, made possible via a partnership between the Fenway CDC (Community Development Corporation) and the city's Planning Office for Urban Affairs, would entail

the complete renovation and modernization of a 140-room lodging house into an 86-unit rental building. The six-story build would comprise include 22 enhanced permanent supportive housing Single Room Occupancy ('SRO') apartments, 45 studio apartments, and 19 one-bedroom apartments.

The redeveloped building would be 100-percent affordable, said Phil Crean, project manager,

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FOPG HOLDS OPENING CEREMONY



FOR RENOVATED CHILD WATER FOUNTAIN

MARIANNE SALZA PHOTOS

One of the early 20th century child water fountains restored by the Friends of the Public Garden (shown above) was recently reopened following renovations. Shown right, up close detail on the restored child fountain at the Arlington Street entrance to the Boston Public Garden. Shown below, Friends of the Public Garden celebrating the completion of the Child Restoration Project with a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 17. See more photos on Page 6.



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indoor gym. Programs have a strong emphasis on play, hands-on engagement, open-ended exploration and social/emotional development. Enriched by weekly yoga and music classes.

The Junior Kindergarten program integrates play-based programs for young children with “increased structure, exposure to academic readiness skills, leadership opportunities and preparation for the transition to next schools,” according to the school.

Visit www.bhns.net for more information on Beacon Hill Nursery School.

Belmont Day School, located at 55 Day School Lane in Belmont, fosters intellectual curiosity, honors differences, and empowers meaningful contribution through its core values of excellence, respect, responsibility, honesty, caring, and joy. From pre-K through Grade 8, students’ love of learning is nurtured through hands-on, collaborative, interdisciplinary, and process-oriented work. Belmont Day’s faculty also excel at offering each student the right balance of challenge and support. Graduates often go on to their chosen high schools as caring leaders and confident self-advocates. Register online at [day.org.](http://www.belmont-</p>
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Since 1965, Boston Children’s School, located at 8 Whittier Place in Boston, has been bringing the joy of learning to children between the ages of 2.9 and 7. Located at Charles River Park in the West End,, the school attracts students from the greater Boston area and children from around the world.

The BCS curriculum is designed to be age appropriate. Children learn and play in small groups, in individual, intimate classroom settings, allowing the classroom teachers to know each child and their individual learning style. In addition to daily classroom activities, the Boston Children’s School offers Spanish, Yoga, sign language and music as part of its curriculum. All children have daily access to the private on-site playground. Detailed information about the Boston Children’s School, its academic year and summer programs, are available on the BCS website at www.BostonChildrensSchool.Org.

Boston College High School, located at 150 Morrissey Blvd. in Boston, introduces students to today’s most pressing issues, such as climate change, AI, and racial and economic inequality, while shaping the lives of count-

less future generations.

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BC High alumni have changed the world as military and spiritual leaders, politicians and scientists, educators, and captains of industry. The school’s innovative House System sets an unparalleled standard of care that enables students to experience all the resources of a large private school, while being nurtured and mentored in a deeply personal way.

Visit bchigh.edu for more information.

Charlestown Nursery School (CNS), located at 124 Main St. in Charlestown, is an innovative program for children 20 months-5 years old that draws on the best research from Reggio Emilia, Montessori and other thoughtful approaches.

The curriculum is built around a series of explorations that grow out of the children’s own interests while emphasizing individualized development. Parks, museums, libraries, and historic attractions are also considered part of the school’s extended campus.

Learn more on Instagram or visit their website charlestown-nurseryschool.com.

Malden Catholic High School, located at 99 Crystal St. in Malden, is a co-divisional, college preparatory high school. Sponsored by the Xaverian Brothers and guided by their spiritual values of simplicity, humility, compassion, trust and zeal, the school and its faculty inspire students to lives of service, leadership and excellence while nurturing enduring personal relationships and lifelong learning.

Visit MaldenCatholic.org/ admissions to learn more.

The Newman School, located at 247 Marlborough St. in Boston, embodies its motto: “Heart Speaks to Heart.” Relationships are the foundation of students’ intellectual exploration and personal growth. The International Baccalaureate curriculum cultivates students’ abilities to think critically, ask questions, learn across disciplines, and develop research skills to thrive in college and become global contributors.

The Newman School serves students in Grades 7-12 (and postgraduate) from Boston, 55

towns, and 40 countries while offering the only comprehensive boarding program in the city. Students participate in activities citywide while developing global and community awareness.

Virtual open houses will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Register for a “coffee talk” in your neighborhood to learn more about Newman at newmanboston.org/coffeetalks.

Park Street School (PSS), based at 67 Brimmer St. on Beacon Hill in Boston (with its Preschool located at One Park St.), offers superior educational options for toddlers through Grade 6.

Students build strong foundations of knowledge, beginning in their early years to help develop critical thinking skills. Active learning experiences for Preschool and Elementary children include field research in tidal pools, becoming knights in Grade 4, discovering animals’ habitats in Ponds and Meadows, or learning to classify leaves. Students flourish as they make connections in and out of the classroom and between subjects.

As a Christian school, PSS is committed to helping students develop character and an understanding of God’s love for them. Working together, the school’s faculty and families seek to form relationships that nurture and help children thrive.

Visit online at www.parkstreetschool.org.

St. John School, located 9 Moon St. in Boston’s historic North End, has been educating children since 1895. The school welcomes Pre-K through Grade 8 students, providing a Catholic education dedicated to fostering a spirit of community, faith, and academic excellence. The school’s dedicated teachers and small class sizes help bolster each student’s unique progress as well.

Students at the school benefit from a rigorous academic curriculum, enriched by integrated STEM programming, Italian language instruction, and hydroponic gardening, among other educational opportunities. The school also partners with the Lynch Early Childhood Project - an extraordinary initiative founded by Carolyn and Peter Lynch which enhances learning for 3- and 4-year-olds.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Julianna Lopez-Picardi at jlpicardi@sjsne.com or call 617-227-3143.

Spruce Street Nursery School,

located at 5 Avery Place in Boston, offers educational opportunities for children from 2 through 5 years of age. Four open classrooms are designed to stimulate creativity and enhance development while dedicated teachers provide both individual and group instruction and support. Lessons are planned thematically to allow opportunity for exploration and guided instruction. Daily trips to the on-site playspace and nearby playgrounds are also part of the curriculum.

Visit their website to learn more about all of the programs at [Spruce St.sprucest.org](http://SpruceSt.sprucest.org).

Walnut Hill School for the Arts, located at 12 Highland St. in Natick, was founded in 1893 and provides an immersive and intensive learning environment for arts students in Grades 9-12 and in Postgraduate Studies as one of the nation’s top boarding and day schools.

Area of focus include Music, Dance, Theater, Visual Art, and Writing, Film, and Media Arts, combined with a comprehensive academic curriculum. Professional artists and instructors from Boston Ballet, the New England Conservatory of Music, and other major arts institutions are also on hand to educate students.

Visit walnuthillarts.org for more information.

For those who need a little more academic attention, Dr. Katrina Tamvakologos (a.k.a. ‘Dr. T’), an experienced teacher with a passion for education, and her Unlock Your Potential offer personalized tutoring for K-12 students at their Beacon Hill offices.

In addition to assisting students in the fundamentals of writing, such as composition, essay writing, and reading comprehension, in one-on-one or small-group tutoring.

Reading intervention tutoring is also available to children who may be experiencing some difficulty reading while tutoring focusing on developing their will teach students how to remember instructions, plan Executive Functioning Skills. Unlock Your Potential offers older students assistance with college applications as well.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

JAZZ SQUARE DEDICATION, MASS AVE COALITION'S COMMUNITY FEST BOTH SET FOR SEPT. 28

The official Jazz Square Dedication is set for Saturday, Sept. 28, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the intersection of Columbus and Massachusetts avenues (in front of Cacao, a coffee shop located at 570 Columbus Ave.). Musicians from the New England Conservancy will be on hand to perform jazz selections for the occasion, and guest speakers expected at the dedication include Bonnie Johnson from WICN's Colors of Jazz, City Council President Ruthzee Louijene, District 7 City Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson, and State Rep. John Moran.

This event is part of the two-day Jazz Square Celebration, which includes other events in and around the South End on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27

and 28. For more information, visit bostonjazzfoundation.org.

The Mass Ave Coalition's Community Fest 2024 will follow the Jazz Square Dedication from 1 to 4 p.m. in Chester Square Park, which will include music by Mike Garry Band as part of free community event, which will also feature children's activities, food, and even an interactive game that will allow participants a chance to win prizes from local businesses.

The coalition comprises Chester Square Neighbors, the Claremont Neighborhood Association, the St. Botolph Neighborhood Association, the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association, and the Hurley Blocks Neighborhood Association. Visit the Mass Ave Coalition's website at <https://massavecoalition.wixstudio.io/home> for more information on its Community Fest 2024.

REP. LIVINGSTONE TO HOLD OFFICE HOURS

Rep. Jay Livingstone will hold

his Back Bay Office Hours on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m. at the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library at 700 Boylston St.; his East Fenway Office Hours on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 9 a.m. at Caffe Nero at 4 Edgerly Road; and his West Fenway Office Hours on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 5 p.m. at the Fenway Community Center, as well as his virtual Office Hours via Zoom on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m., and on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 5:30 p.m.

To receive the link for Rep. Livingstone's virtual office hours, or to set an alternate time to meet with him, email Cassidy.Trabilicy@mahouse.org.

NABB HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE FORUM SET FOR OCT. 9 AT COPLEY BPL

The Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay Homelessness Task Force will sponsor its fifth annual Citywide Public

Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Rabb Hall in the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library at 700 Boylston St.

This year's educational forum will be moderated by Jenifer McKim, interim investigations editor for WGBH, and include panelists Dr. Howard Koh, professor of public health and director of the Initiative on Health and Homelessness at Harvard SPH; Kenzie Bok, administrator of the Boston Housing Authority; and Joshua Cuddy, director of interagency coordination at EOHLC.

Register online at <https://bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/66e47f5379c37d9f5da6e2fa>.

SOWA ARTISTS GUILD TO HOLD FINAL SEPTEMBER EVENT

SoWa Artists Guild will hold its final SoWa Sunday of the month on Sept. 29 from 11 a.m.

to 4 p.m. at 450 Harrison Ave.

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

SOWA ARTISTS GUILD TO HOLD OCTOBER EVENTS

SoWa Artists Guild will support Boston Design Day on Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with many of the studios at 450 Harrison Ave. open for the event.

Also, SoWa First Friday will take place on Oct. 4 from 5 to 9 p.m., and SoWa Sundays will be held on all four Sundays in October from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All SoWa Artists Guild events are held at 450 Harrison Ave., and are free and open to the public.

Visit <http://sowaartists.com>, <http://facebook.com/>

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EDITORIAL

FOREVER CHEMICALS ARE IN ALL OF OUR BODIES

On top of the recent news that micro-and nanoplastics are in our bodies and in just about every living thing on the planet, a new study published last week has revealed that of the 14,000 known chemicals -- commonly referred to as 'forever chemicals' because they do not break down in the environment -- that are used in food packaging, about 3500 have been found in the human body.

Microplastics and forever chemicals, which long have been known to exist in fruits and vegetables, land animals and fish, plastic water bottles, cosmetics, and household dust, now have been found to exist in almost every part of the human body, including in breast milk, the placenta, testicles, hearts, livers, and kidneys.

In short, plastics and chemicals are coursing throughout our bodies and are being passed onto our newborn children.

Although scientists have not been able to link these substances to specific health issues in humans, we have long known that these chemicals disrupt the endocrine system and cause cancer and other diseases.

We do not pretend to be scientists, but you don't need a Ph.D. to surmise that the presence of this stuff in our bodies is not good -- and unfortunately bears out the truth of the old adage, "We are what we eat."

WE NEED TO BAN STYROFOAM

While on the subject of harmful chemicals and substances in our environment, we'd like to take the opportunity to commend the efforts of Revere City Councilor Joanne McKenna for ensuring that the city's ordinance banning the use of single-use styrofoam containers will go into effect on July 1, 2025.

The Revere City Council originally passed the ban in 2021, but held off on enforcing it because it was thought it would place a burden on local businesses, which were dealing at that time with the effects of the pandemic.

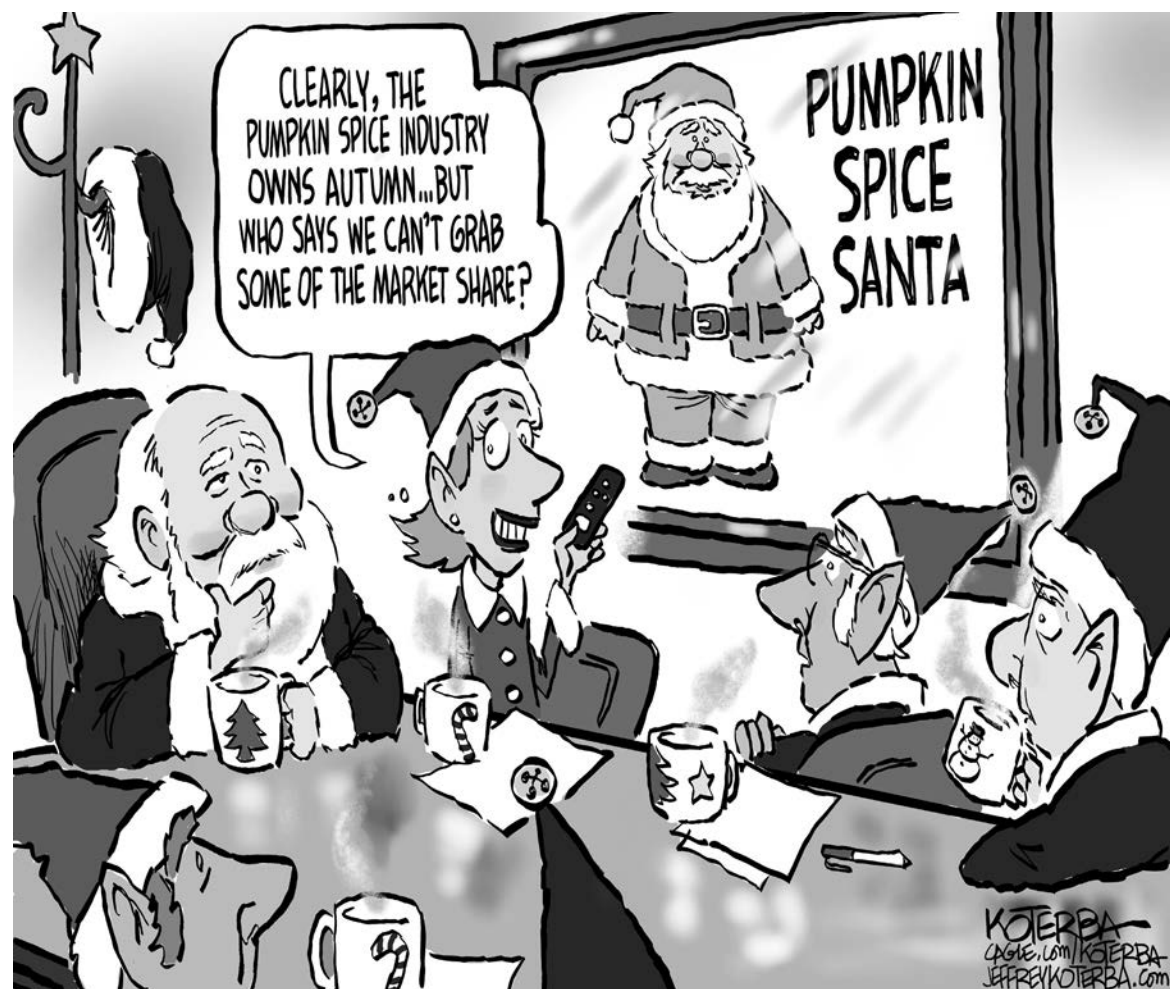
However, last week Councilor McKenna (who also led the effort to bar the use of plastic bags in Revere) made a motion to make the styrofoam ban become effective next summer, giving Revere businesses plenty of time to ensure compliance.

For those of us who are beachcombers and who bring along a bag to pick up trash that washes up on our shores, among the most common items we find are random pieces of styrofoam that have broken apart from styrofoam cups and other containers. However, styrofoam is not biodegradable -- so while it may break apart into small chunks, it doesn't break down -- and marine animals often ingest it.

Although about 20 percent of the communities in Massachusetts ban the use of single-use styrofoam containers, it is unfathomable to us that our state legislature has failed to do so in order to make the ban effective everywhere in our state.

Bills have been filed year-after-year, but they never get very far -- and we call upon our state legislators to make this legislative session the one that gets this important measure enacted.

As Councilor McKenna noted, "If we can help this environment just a speck, we are doing our job."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LONGTIME BACK BAY RESIDENT STRONGLY OPPOSES PROPOSED DARTMOUTH STREET BIKE LANE

Dear Editor,

As a resident in Back Bay by Dartmouth/Commonwealth Avenue, my family has lived here for 14 years. We use Public Alley 435, which exits to Dartmouth Street between Newbury Street and Commonwealth Avenue.

We were not made aware of the [Dartmouth Street bike lane] proposal until last year and only become aware of it a month ago. It is extremely discouraging to see on your posted signs that the

work has already been scheduled. This work will be disruptive to the neighborhood and destroy the beauty of my neighborhood.

We are entirely against this proposal, since it will cause more congestion from our alley as we will have to look both ways walking or driving. The parked cars will be extended out, and there is no room for deliveries to the Saltie Girl, which will force them to illegally park and block our alley even more. The lack of police resources means there has been, and will be, no enforcement on illegally parked cars/trucks in Public Alley 435.

{The city is} discriminating against senior citizens who are

not bike riders, given their age, and yet you are telling people such as my wife and myself that we should be bike users even when six months out of the year the weather is not conducive. As for the Dartmouth/Storrow Overpass, bike riders never get off their bikes for the pedestrians. This reeks of city planners forcing their views on the residents of Back Bay when they did not get their Berkeley Street bike wish, and they are now pushing it on Dartmouth residents.

We are 100-percent against this, and will be voting accordingly.

Phil Dubuque
Commonwealth Avenue

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

CHARLESGATE FARMERS MARKET CONTINUES EVERY SUNDAY UNTIL OCT. 13

The Charlesgate Farmers Market continues every Sunday until Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in DCR Charlesgate Park at Commonwealth Avenue between Charlesgate East and West.

Some of the 20 vendors on hand will be Dicks Market Garden for fresh produce; Captain Marden's Seafood; and Cape Ann Fresh Catch. The new Eastern Standard bakery has joined the market as well, with fresh bread, croissants, and other delectables. Berklee Students will also be performing at the weekly markets.

For more information, email Charlesgatefarmersmarket@gmail.com.

WLP'S ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER RETURNS OCT. 18 TO THE FAIRMONT COPLEY PLAZA

Women's Lunch Place's annual fall gala, its Spaghetti Dinner, will take place on Friday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel.

WLP will celebrate its donors and partners who have invested in building a healthy community for women experiencing homelessness, hunger, and poverty.

This year's event will include a dynamic musical performance by local artist Miranda Rae, as well as speeches from Kate Walsh, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Chef/Owner Douglass Williams of MIDA Restaurants, and the Honorable Linda Dorcea-Forry, former State Senator.

To reserve a seat, sponsor the event, or learn more, visit womenslunchplace.org/sd.

FOSEL author talks resume October 15 with Dawn Tripp

Special to Sun

Friends of the South End Library (FOSEL) welcomes the return of author talks with an expanded reach beyond the South End and Boston to entice our friends and neighbors to experience acclaimed authors, their books, and the conversations they generate.

The first of its fall series will be a stimulating evening connecting with Dawn Tripp, acclaimed author of 'Jackie,' a novel meticulously researched with a goal of understanding "some sense of who she might've been beyond the woman we think we see. The magnitude and reach of her mind. I wanted to create a portrait of her intellectual life, a holistic understanding of a woman who's been written into American myth and who took a role in forging that myth, even as she was living it." See the Globe article [here](https://www.bos-) <https://www.bos->



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Dawn Tripp.

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On Oct. 15 at 7 p.m., come enjoy a conversation with Dawn Tripp at the United Church at 485 Columbus Ave., in the Sanctuary, an accessible space. The event will also be available by

Zoom for those who are unable to come in person and enjoy the comradery of these events.

This will also be a great time to connect with friends and neighbors! After the talk and Q&A discussion, take advantage of the opportunity to purchase the showcased book(s), enjoy the signing, and appreciate delicious appetizers, wine or soft drinks with other readers from the South End.

Parkside Books, the new neighborhood bookstore at 260 Shawmut Ave, will be on site to sell the books and it will be a good moment to connect with them as well. <https://www.parksidebookshop.com/>

To join virtually, email info@friendsofsouthendlibrary.org and you will receive the ZOOM link in the Mailchimp newsletter just before the event.

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with five units set aside for long-term tenants. Building amenities would include 24/7 on-site management and security; a fitness center; multiple community rooms; a library; and health and wellness facilities, among others,

he said.

As for a start date for the project, Crean said they still need to apply to the state for funding, and that construction likely start no sooner than the middle of 2026.

"The Project and neighborhood are extraordinarily well situated because of the Project's proximity to transportation, medical facilities, shopping, places of worship, recreational facilities, places of employment, and other necessary services for the prospective residents," according to the city's project page (<https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/20-charlesgate-west>). "This Project is the culmination of years of advocacy on behalf of residents to purchase the building and return it to its original mission of providing affordable housing."

The Archdiocese of Boston purchased the property in 1946 at the urging of female parishioners for the purpose of providing affordably priced housing for women in Boston. Following the purchase, Archbishop Richard Cushing created a Massachusetts

charity, now known as Our Lady's Guild House, Inc., to own the property, as well as to fulfill its charitable mission.

During public testimony at the Sept. 19 virtual meeting, Pam Beale, president of the Kenmore Business Association and co-founder of the Charlesgate Alliance, said "All of us in Kenmore Square are excited about

the project. It's an exciting time for Kenmore Square and this project."

Moreover, Beale also offered the project team any assistance she could provide them going forward.

The city's public comment period for this proposed redevelopment project closed on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

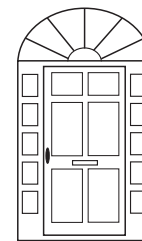


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FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN CHILD FOUNTAIN RESTORATION PROJECT RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Friends of the Public Garden celebrated the completion of its Child Fountain Restoration Project, including a redesigned landscaping of the botanical garden, with a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 17 at the iconic Arlington Street entrance.

“We are thrilled that this day has finally arrived,” beamed Liz Vizza, President. “Everyone is welcome here. These parks belong to you. Come. Enjoy. Relax. Drink in the view. All of it is new and beautiful, including the native and tropical plantings at the entrance.”

Vazza asserted that the Boston Public Garden, Boston Common, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall are necessities to the city, insisting that it is everyone’s responsibility to maintain the parks and pass them along to the next generation in the best possible condition.

“One of the things that is special about the Friends is that

we are always focused on the future,” noted Leslie Singleton Adam, Board Chair. “The care over the next ten years is crucial. We are excited about these child fountains, and we want them to look great today; but we really want them to look great in ten years and continue to keep functioning.”

Adam acknowledged supporters and elected officials for their contributions, and expressed her gratitude for the specialized workers involved in the design and construction of the area, which features a replication of the historic pink paving stone.

Beneath the child fountains, created in the early 20th century, an underground vault houses modern plumbing, electrical, and mechanical systems. An environmentally sustainable water re-circulation system will conserve resources by recycling the water.

“We want to make Boston feel like home,” explained Ryan Woods, Commissioner, Boston Parks and Recreation. “By creat-



Leslie Singleton Adam, Board Chair, Friends of the Public Garden.



Ryan Woods, Commissioner, Boston Parks and Recreation.



Liz Vizza, President, Friends of the Public Garden.

ing this welcoming, clean, beautiful space, we foster a sense of ownership and pride that inspires all of us to contribute to the care and upkeep of this cherished space.”

Four benches have been placed around the sculptures, and the ground grade has been raised and leveled to improve accessibility. New lighting has been added to enhance the safety and nighttime beauty of the art.

“This restoration project is more than just restoring these beautiful fountains,” said Woods. “It’s also revitalizing one of the most important entrances to the Public Garden. By making it more welcoming and accessible, we ensure that this oasis in Boston remains a place of beauty



Back Bay residents, Alison Quartermain Gersten and Gail Flatto, members of the Friends of the Public Garden

and serenity for all.”

On behalf of the Boston City Council, Councilors Sharon Durkan and Ed Flynn also presented the Friends of the Public

Garden with certificates of recognition, congratulating them on the completion of the project, and extending their wishes for continued success.



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Supporters gathering in the Boston Public Garden for the re-opening of the child fountains on September 17.

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Grades: Age 4 (pre-Kindergarten) - Sixth Grade

Hours: 8:10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. with extended hours from 3:30-5:45 p.m.

Application deadline: January 15

Financial aid: Need-based aid is available.

Beacon Hill Nursery School
74 Joy St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-227-0822

www.bhns.net

Beacon Hill Nursery School was founded in 1955 and has been a vital part of the downtown community since its inception with a consistent commitment to high quality early childhood education. Our primary mission

is to create a nurturing community that instills a lifelong love of learning in its students. We cherish children's innate curiosity through purposeful play guided by exceptional early childhood educators.

Our school is warm and welcoming, with two onsite play-scapes, a library/community space, eight classrooms and an indoor gym. All of our programs have a strong emphasis on play, hands-on engagement, open-ended exploration and social/emotional development. Enriched by weekly yoga and music classes, our program nurtures and engages children in an environment that cultivates creativity and joy in learning. Our Junior Kindergarten program is designed to maintain the hallmarks of our play-based programs for young children while offering increased structure, exposure to academic readiness skills, leadership opportunities and preparation for the transition to next schools.

Programs: Toddler (2-2.9 years) - 2 or 3 mornings (8:45am-12:00pm) or afternoons (1:00-4:15pm)

Preschool (2.9-4 years) - 5 mornings (8:30am-12:00pm)

Junior Kindergarten (4-5 years) - M-Th (8:30am-2:30pm), F (8:30am-12:00pm)

Extended Day: Early Drop-off from 8:15am

Extended Day for Preschool and JK until 3:30 or 5:45pm

Deadlines: Sibling & Legacy Applications - November 15

All other Applications - January 15

Meet us at Little Lovage Club - October 10, 5:30-7:00pm

Open Houses - October 22 and November 6, 6:45-8:00pm

Pre-register for our Open Houses online at www.bhns.net/meet-bhns

Financial Aid: Need-based

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Belmont, MA 02478
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Belmontday.org

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Grades: Pre-K through grade 8
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bring- ing the joy of learning to children between the ages of 2.9 and 7 years of age for over 60 years. Located in the historic West End section of Boston, at Charles River Park, the Boston Children's School attracts students from the greater Boston

area and children from around the world.

The BCS curriculum is designed to be age appropriate. Children learn and play in small groups, in individual, intimate classroom settings, allowing the classroom teachers to know each child and their individual learning style. In addition to daily classroom activities, the Boston Children's School offers Spanish, Yoga, sign language and music as part of its curriculum. All children have daily access to the private on-site playground. The Boston Children's School also offers a "Summer-Fun-Program" to children between the ages of 3 and 7 years old starting in July.

Detailed information about the Boston Children's School, its

academic year and summer programs, are available on the BCS website at www.BostonChildrensSchool.Org. Please feel free to call BCS Director Judy Langer, at 617-367-6239 with any questions that you may have about the school.

Academic Year - September through June. Ages - 2.9 through 7 years old

Hours - 8:45 a.m. through 5 p.m., half day programs are available.

Early arrival at 8:15 a.m. and late stay until 5:30 p.m. also available.

Application Deadline: January 17

Charlestown Nursery School

124 Main St.

Charlestown, MA

617-242-5169

charlestownnurseryschool.org
admissions@charlestownnurseryschool.org

Charlestown Nursery School (CNS) is an innovative program for children 20 months-5 years old that draws on the best research from Reggio Emilia, Montessori and other thoughtful approaches. Our curriculum is built around a series of explora-

tions that grow out of the children's own interests and integrates individualized development - combining the power of the children's boundless curiosity with an expertly guided investigative approach that immerses the children in the process and joys of real discovery, with the goal of nurturing self-motivated, life-long learners. CNS has been recognized by educators from around the world and has been highlighted in many studies of high-quality early childhood. CNS is known for the teacher researchers and experts.

The city's resources - including parks, museums, libraries, and historic attractions - are considered part of the school's "campus," and our frequent visits foster the child's feeling of being at home in the wider world. In the last years, we have taken even more of our learning outside. See more on Instagram.

Ages: 20 months - 5 years.

Tuition variable by program.

Early admission begins Nov.15 and is first come, first serve. Applications on the website

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At Park Street School, children build strong foundations of knowledge in the early years - an approach foundational to developing critical thinking skills necessary for lifelong learning. Learning here is active! Creativity, imagination, and social development are fostered through lessons, learning centers, and play. Whether collecting leaves, discovering animals' habitats in Ponds and Meadows, or bicycling in gym, children are "out of the chair" - making connections in and out of the classroom and between subjects. The learning is authentic and sets us apart. As a Christian school, we're committed to guiding students in the formation of character and an understanding of God's love for them. Connecting the mind and the heart - classroom learning and character education - is what makes Park Street School special.

Ages: 2-5 years Tuition: \$12,680-\$26,150; \$2,200-\$8,900 additional for afternoon programs

Financial Assistance: Available for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6, with limited availability for Preschool. Hours: 8:00 a.m.-noon for morning programs, Creative Afternoons noon-3:00 p.m. for ages 2.9 and up. Two, three, four, and five-day programs are available. Application deadline: Jan. 6 for priority for fall programs.

St. John School
9 Moon St.

Boston, MA 02113
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Spruce Street Nursery School

**5 Avery Pl.
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 482-5252
sprucest.org**

Spruce Street Nursery School offers a joyous early learning experience for children from 2 through 5 years of age. Four open classrooms are designed to stimulate creativity and enhance development. Dedicated teachers lovingly provide both individual and group instruction and support. Lessons are planned thematically, with ample opportunities for exploration and guided instruction. Physical development is enhanced through daily trips to our on-site playground and nearby playgrounds. Parent involvement is an integral part of the Spruce Street experience, and the communication between teachers, parents, and children ensures a strong community.

Ages: 2 - 5 years
Tuition: \$13,800-\$28,300
Hours: Day Program 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Acorns 2 - 2.9 years; T/TH or M/W/F
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Maples late 3s - early 4s; 3, 4, and 5 day scheduling options;
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Early Arrival: 7:30 - 8:30 am, separate fees apply
Afternoon Play and Enrichment Activities (tennis, soccer, dance, swimming, etc.): 1:00 - 3:30 pm; separate fees apply
Late Day: 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Application deadline for the 2025-26 school year is January 15, 2025
Financial aid: Need-based Admissions Open House: November 2, 2024, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Children are welcome!

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Grades: Kindergarten-Grade 6
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Hours: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Grades 1-6; Kindergarten hours are M-TH 8:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.; Fridays 8:00a.m.-noon with optional Kindergarten Enrichment, noon-3:00 p.m. After-school program, clubs, and private music lessons are available until 5:30 p.m.

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The Newman School
 247 Marlborough St.
 Boston, MA 02116
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 12 Highland St.
 Natick, MA 01760
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Founded in 1893, Walnut Hill School for the Arts is located in

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UYP founder Dr. Katrina Tamvakologos is a highly qualified and experienced teacher with a passion for education. She has a Bachelor of Arts in English, a Master's in Literacy Education Grades 5-12, and a Doctorate in Educational Administration, Leadership, and Policy. She has taught in private, parochial, and

public schools, and is a certified teacher in English and reading. She has done reading intervention in schools and worked as a learning center instructor. In addition to her teaching duties, Dr. T has also been tutoring at all different levels. Her experience ranges from teaching English to people just moving to the country, teaching children to read, and preparing students for standardized tests. She has taught high school seniors for over a decade and has helped many students with college applications and preparing for the various steps involved.

"I have known Katrina for the past 5 years and she has worked with two of my children in different capacities; in both group and 1:1 settings. They both connected with her immediately and always enjoyed working with her. She is an amazing teacher who is kind, caring, flexible, and easy to work with. She develops strong connections with her students which

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serves as the foundation for working on challenging skills in a safe way. Katrina is a wonderful and skilled teacher who knows how to scaffold information and teach skills in a way that is accessible to each student. My kids love working with her and have made huge improvements in the areas of English comprehension and writing skills, as a result of her teachings."

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FRESH & LOCAL

Same Flavor, New Form

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Many traditional, charming, and well-loved foods are delicious but fiddly and time-consuming. These include stuffed cabbage rolls, lasagna, cassoulet, moussaka, French onion soup, and empanadas. You can enjoy them when you find an excellent example on local menus. However, you can restyle the ingredients for your favorite recipe for one of these into a more manageable form, like a soup, salad, one-pan dish, or casserole.

Stuffed Pepper Skillet Supper

During farmers' market season, we enjoy take-away stuffed peppers from a Middle Eastern purveyor. Recently, Penny began refining a skillet version of this family favorite adapted to our preferences and the time she has to cook on a particular day.

She uses the typical stuffed pepper ingredients: bell peppers and cooked rice, olive oil, ground meat with onion and garlic, tomatoes, cheese, and seasonings like paprika, oregano, salt, and pepper to create a quick version that relies on freezer and pantry staples.

We usually have some form of ground meat preparation in our freezer. Penny makes large batch-

es of ground meat, onions, garlic, and sometimes minced sautéed mushrooms ready to make ragu, shepherd's pies, or the many great meals that begin with this as a base.

This time, she simmered some well-seasoned frozen meatballs, frozen brown rice, a jar of roasted red peppers, tomato sauce, and some frozen stock. Perhaps it lacked the charm of a personal serving of stuffed pepper, but it delivered on flavor and was a weeknight meal rather than a cooking project.

Stuffed Cabbage & Kielbasa Soup

Fiddling with stuffed cabbage rolls is fussy work. You have to separate the leaves, blanch the cabbage, make the stuffing, fill and roll the cabbage leaves, and then bake your creation in a special tomato sauce.

However, cabbage soup is easy and routinely appears on our menu roster. For a flavor kick, we sautéed sliced kielbasa with onions and ground beef, then added chicken stock, shredded cabbage, tomatoes, rice, smoked paprika, sweet paprika, and a dash of vinegar right at the end. It has the flavor of stuffed cabbage with a lot less work.

Another twist on cabbage



This stuffed cabbage & kielbasa soup has all the flavor of traditional stuffed cabbage rolls with a lot less work rolls is a layered casserole of the ingredients. Layers of sauce, meat, rice mixture, sliced kielbasa, and shredded cabbage are put in a baking dish and baked until everything is cooked and tender. For a potluck, you can make a big pan of this without the fuss of rolling individual servings.

More Recipe Sources

While experienced cooks might be happy to create a dish from the ingredients and flavor profiles, some people like to work from recipes. If you search for deconstructed recipes, you may find references to molecular

gastronomy that El Bulli's Chef Adrià followers use to create more elaborate and time-consuming dishes. That's not what you're seeking.

Instead, search for "simple deconstructed recipes" or, for example, "simple deconstructed cassoulet recipes," and you'll find versions of your favorite fiddly dishes.

Our next quest is to find a simple cassoulet recipe. Our search yielded dozens of recipes, and we'll begin by outlining the common ingredients that most recipe developers use. Next, we'll pick the recipe that fits our time to

cook and taste. With a little trial and error (which will most likely produce a good weeknight meal), we'll soon enjoy cassoulet in our regular meal rotation.

Think about that traditional food your family made when there was more time to devote to cooking. You may be fortunate to have someone who can share the recipe. Search for a recipe in your family cookbook or recipe cards.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Brace yourself for Boston's hauntingly immersive 'Wicked Haunt Fest'

Special to the Sun

Get ready to experience Halloween like never before in Boston, as the inaugural Wicked Haunt Fest makes its highly anticipated debut this fall in Charlestown's Hood Park. Running from September 29 through November 3, the immersive Halloween experience by the same team behind Urban Wild and Tradesman will transport visitors into a world of spooky delights, featuring cinema-caliber haunts, spirited fall activities, and captivating family-friendly seasonal entertainment.

"With a variety of state-of-the-art theatrical elements, Wicked Haunt Fest is going to impress even the most discerning Halloween enthusiasts. From intricate set designs and professional scare actors to state-of-the-art animatronics

and immersive lighting, every aspect of the spirited experiences have been crafted with the utmost care and attention to detail," said the festival's creative director, Carl Rugato. "Visitors can expect to be transported to a fully realized festive world. Wicked Haunt Fest is poised to redefine what a Halloween event can be."

The festival's centerpiece will be three Hollywood-caliber haunted experiences, each with its own distinct storyline and theme. Each haunt will feature detailed pre-entry facades setting the scene before visitors step inside the walk-through enclosures, filled with 16-foot towering animatronics, atmospheric scare actors, and terrifying scares. Visitors can brave the "Harvest Awakening," where the once thriving farm has become a nightmarish place where taint-

ed pumpkins, emitting an eerie glow, come to life with malevolent intent. Explore the cursed tomb of "Rise of Annkh," where a team of archaeologists have unleashed the vengeful Pharaoh and his mummified servants. Or venture "Into the Astray," a shadowy realm where the boundary between the living and supernatural dissolves.

Beyond the haunts, Wicked Haunt Fest will offer a variety of daytime activities and attractions perfect for the whole family. Guests can enjoy an Oktoberfest-style beer garden, two themed walk-up bars inspired by prehistoric creatures and classic movie monsters, a diverse selection of festive seasonal food from some of Boston's best restaurants, and a variety of vendor booths for shopping.

Non-scare, family-friendly experiences will also be available, including an immersive

graveyard walk-through featuring over 150 themed tombstones and a real 1800's hearse, plus pumpkin painting, face painting, mock trick-or-treating and more. Spanning two-acres, the property will come to life with over 300 skeletons, 20-foot props, suspended décor, lighting, themed music and projection imaging. The festival will provide the perfect backdrop for memorable photo opportunities.

Wicked Haunt Fest is the brainchild of seasoned entertainment producer Carl Rugato, who brings a wealth of expertise to the event as Creative Director. Rugato holds a bachelor's degree in Technical Theatre and Design from High Point University with an impressive resume, having held leadership roles at Busch Gardens, SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment, and Feld Entertainment, where he worked on projects like Marvel Universe

Live, Age of Heroes, and the Jurassic World Live Stunt Show.

The festival will be open weekdays from 4pm-11pm and weekends from 11am-11pm. Free parking is available on a first come, first serve basis for up to three hours in the Hood Park Garage. Ticket options include General Admission (\$25-30), General Admission & Haunt Access (\$50-60), or Spectral Speed Fast Passes (\$70-90) which allows guests to skip the line and head right to the scare. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit tickets.bostonwickedhauntfest.com/boston-wicked-haunt-fest or follow along on social at @bostonwickedhauntfest on Instagram and TikTok.

The fun is not over after Halloween as the group will introduce a special 'Winter Fest' experience in Hood Park at the end of November.

State health officials announce 12th human case of West Nile Virus

Special to the Sun

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced the twelfth human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in the state this year. The individual is a man in his 50s exposed in Essex County.

As a result, WNV risk levels in the following communities are being raised to moderate: Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Manchester, Peabody, Salem, and Wenham in Essex County.

“This has been an active year for mosquito-borne disease, including West Nile virus,” said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. “The risk for disease will continue until the first hard frost, so we continue to recommend that people take steps to protect themselves.”

There have been 330 WNV-positive mosquito samples so far this year detected from Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol,

Dukes, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester counties. Last year, there were six human cases of WNV and no animal cases. No animal cases of WNV have been detected so far this year.

Starting this week, DPH will update the public on WNV cases in Massachusetts via weekly press releases each Friday as necessary if new cases are confirmed. Surveillance information, including cases, will continue to be updated on a daily basis and posted online at Massachusetts Arbovirus Update. DPH encourages everyone to use this online resource regularly to stay up to date on risk levels in their community and around the state.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

- Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient, such as DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), or oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-menthane-3,8-diol (PMD) or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

- Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

- Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wearing long sleeves, long pants and socks

when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

- Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

- Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding

habitats and should be flushed out to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent West Nile virus (WNV) and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at Mosquito-borne Diseases | Mass.gov, which is updated daily, or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

Mayor Wu announces 2024 Latinx Heritage Month events throughout the city

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston announced the start of Latinx Heritage Month celebrations, which will run through October. Latinx Heritage Month is celebrated annually and coincides with the Independence Day celebrations of several Latin American countries. Latinx cultures and communities are celebrated during this month to honor their contributions to the cultural fabric of Boston.

“Boston’s Latinx residents bring so much joy and rich culture to our communities,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “This month we have an exciting lineup of events to celebrate our residents’ Latinx heritage where Bostonians can learn about this incredible community and the vibrancy they bring to our city.”

“As we celebrate Latinx Heritage Month, we honor diversity within the Latinx community as our greatest strength and potential for impact,” said Chief of Equity and Inclusion Mariangely Solis Cervera. “We, Latinx people, influence culture, policy, education, and the global economy. While we celebrate our gente this month, we work with them

all year long.”

To kick off the festivities, the City of Boston hosted Fiesta en la Plaza on September 15 on City Hall Plaza, organized by Ágora Cultural Architects and co-sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Office. Fiesta en la Plaza featured performances by award-winning Puerto Rican saxophonist Edmar Colón & pianist Alain Mallet, Fabiola Méndez Trio, Meta Movements dance group, and the Colombian artist Manuela Sánchez Goubert and her band.

“As a Dominican-born Latina who immigrated to Boston at a young age, Latinx Heritage Month holds a deep, personal significance for me. It’s a time to celebrate not only the richness of our diverse cultures but also the incredible contributions that Latino communities have made to this city,” said Alexandra Valdez, Director of Cultural Affairs. “The Office of Cultural Affairs plays a critical role in creating spaces where all cultures can thrive and be celebrated. We are committed to ensuring that Boston remains a place where every voice is heard, and every heritage is honored, because it is through this diversity that our city grows stronger and more vibrant.”

The Boston Public Library will be offering resources and hosting programming throughout Latinx Heritage Month to expand opportunities for residents to learn more about Latinx culture. A full list of events and resources is available on the BPL website.

Below are other celebrations taking place through Latinx Heritage Month:

East Boston Latin Music & Dance Festival

Saturday, September 21, 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

This event will feature Latin American music and dance, food, kids’ activities, local arts & crafts vendors, and more.

Location: East Boston Memorial Park, 143 Porter Street, East Boston

Age Strong Senior Luncheon
Wednesday, October 2, 11:00am - 2:00 p.m.

Come celebrate LatinX Heritage Month with Boston’s older residents. This is the 20th year the Age Strong Commission has hosted this event.

Location: Reggie Lewis Track Center, 1350 Tremont Street, Roxbury

City of Boston Latinx History Month Celebration

Wednesday, October 2, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Office of Cultural Affairs and Latinx Employee Resource Group will co-host a Latinx Her-

itage Month celebration party. The celebration will feature food, music, dance, and other resources from city departments.

Location: City Hall Plaza, 1 City Hall Square, Downtown

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Please take notice Prime Storage - Boston South End located at 100 Southampton St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 10/8/2024 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Roberta Hires unit #1015; Eolar Stewart unit #1109; Eva Schoenthal unit #3055; Michael Collins unit #3100; Joseph Banks unit #3263; William Walker unit #4031;

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49 Boston illegal firearm arraignments in August, 58 guns seized

Special to the Sun

District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office handled 49 Boston gun arrest arraignments in August, resulting in 58 illegal firearms being taken off the streets and 21 defendants being held pre-trial for at least 120 days after being declared dangerous by a judge. Other defendants were ordered held on various bail amounts or had their bail revoked if they had existing open cases.

Some arrests involved the seizure of multiple guns.

The August snapshot of gun arraignments prompted Hayden to reiterate his charge that states

like Massachusetts, with stricter gun-purchase regulations, are target zones for gun traffickers who buy weapons in easy-purchase states like Alabama, Georgia and Florida and transport them for street sale to cities like Boston.

"We know where these guns are coming from. We know that these traffickers are perfectly knowledgeable about where they can easily buy guns and where they can easily sell them, which are markets like Massachusetts where we have strict, sensible gun purchase regulations. This perilous stream of trafficked weapons is a direct result of our patchwork national approach to

firearm sales," Hayden said.

Boston police made 306 firearm arrests from January to August and seized 382 guns.

Hayden said police and prosecutors employ a comprehensive approach to illegal gun enforcement, including:

- Strict enforcement of Massachusetts gun laws
- Familiarity with repeat offenders
- Knowledge of how individuals conceal weapons on their bodies and in cars
- Targeted investigations of those known to be causing firearm violence
- Swift apprehension of violent offenders with warrants

• Use of dangerousness hearings to hold individuals deemed a threat to the community

• Prioritizing investigation of non-fatal shootings. Every non-fatal shooting in Suffolk County is assigned to a prosecutor who partners with district detectives to investigate.

Hayden said the wide-ranging enforcement approach combined with neighborhood outreach by Mayor Michelle Wu's administration and the involvement of social service groups, neighborhood organizations and clergy have contributed to the drop in shooting victims in Boston to 95 through August of 2024, compared to 111 for the same period in 2023. Shooting incidents dropped by 11 percent over the same year-to-year period.

The number of Boston shooting victims and homicides have steadily decreased since 2020. That year there were 275 shooting victims and 44 homicides. In 2021 there were 196 victims and 25 homicides; in 2022 there were 180 victims and 32 homicides, and in 2023 there were 142 victims and 26 homicides. There were 12 homicides in Boston through August.

"Any positive trends we see from the many different elements at work on reducing gun offenses—and crime in general—motivates all the organizations and individuals involved to work even harder. But I think it's important for the public to be aware of what police and prosecutors are experiencing every day when it comes to the volume

of illegal guns, and the August numbers paint that picture pretty clearly," Hayden said.

Data collected by Hayden's office and federal authorities show that most illegal guns seized in Boston come from Maine, New Hampshire, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Guns have also been traced to Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Ohio.

The data show that of the 441 traceable guns seized in Boston in 2021, 271, or 61 percent, originated in those nine states; 67, or 15 percent, originated in other states; and 103, or 23 percent, originated in Massachusetts.

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The chimney stack in the last clue is on 40 Hereford Street, built in 1886 and designed by architects Shaw and Hunnewell. According to the website www.backbayhouses.org, it was built for Henry Hunnewell's sister Jane and her husband, Francis Williams Sargent. A lovely inset front door is one of many striking details on this property.

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