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Two South End businesses awarded city SPACE grants

By Dan Murphy

Two South End establishments are among the 32 Boston small business that recently opened, or about to open, to receive a total of \$2,875,000 in funding via the city's recently announced, third round of Supporting Pandemic Affected Community Enterprises (SPACE) grants.

These recipients are Leche y Miel, a bakery and café proposed for 610 Tremont St., and cacao – a new café and chocolate shop at 570 Columbus Ave. owned by Perla Rosario and Leo Baez, a couple who originally hail from the Dominican Republic.

The Columbus Avenue outpost is cacao's second existing location, with the original store in Newton while a third location will soon open at 4 Broad St. in the Financial District.

Leche y Miel, which is expected to open no later than next (SPACE GRANTS, Pg. 3)



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY MIKE MEJIA

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the 32 awardees of the final round of the Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion's SPACE Grant Program, which is funded by \$2,875,000 in ARPA dollars, on Nov. 18 at Dani's Queer Bar in the Back Bay. Dani's was among the recipients in the first round of the city's SPACE grants.

THE ADVENT SCHOOL HOSTS 'A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM' BENEFIT



PHOTO BY MARIANNE SALZA

Friends mingle during the Advent School's Fall Benefit, 'A Night at the Museum' held at the Boston Children's Museum on November 15. Proceeds raised will benefit school initiatives. See more photos on Pages 6 and 7.

Resurrection Lutheran Church turns 150 years old

By Richard Heath

The imposing 56 foot stone steeple of Resurrection Lutheran Church at 94 Warren Street has watched over Nubian (nee Dudley) Square for a century.

Resurrection Lutheran Church- originally Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church-built it in 1925 but it began in the rented vestry of the Harrison Avenue Presbyterian Church in 1874.

Reverend Miriam Sedzo welcomed everyone to the 150th anniversary of the church on Christ the King Sunday November 24, 2024.

Rev Sedzo was joined by Reverend Gwendolyn Spencer of Mt Sinai Baptist Church in what Rev Sedzo called an ecumenical service.

As the organist Keuhan Suan played "The Church's One Foundation", members took their seats and the Rev

Sedzo invited everyone to "pray together on the day of Christ the King Sunday."

"We pray for your blessing on our 150th anniversary today and for a plentiful harvest of resources we need to repair our home of Resurrection."

Rev Sedzo, a native of Ghana, has been minister of Resurrection Lutheran since May 23, 2010.

Originally established by the

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EDITORIAL

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Although a Harris poll a few years back revealed that Christmas is the favorite holiday of the year among all age groups of Americans, we think that Thanksgiving, our uniquely American holiday, has much more to recommend it than Christmas.

Thanksgiving has its roots with the Pilgrims, long before the concept of a United States had crossed anyone's mind. It always has been a secular celebration of peace and relaxation. It simply is a day to be grateful for what we have, however much that may be.

Thanksgiving is a day of no pressure. It is the ultimate family-centered holiday. It has no religious meaning, no national-celebration connotations, and no required gift-giving. It lacks the commercialism, solemnity, and political overtones of all of our other national observances.

In a world where anxiety follows us 24/7, Thanksgiving provides a welcome respite from the commercialism that accompanies Christmas and most of our other holidays. There is no obligation to spend a lot of money (that many of us do not have in the first place) to buy the perfect gift in order to be the perfect spouse, or the perfect parent, or the perfect friend.

Thanksgiving demands nothing more from each of us (other than for the person who is doing all the cooking!) beyond just showing up and enjoying the company of our family and friends and then having a great meal.

When we think of the Christmas vs. Thanksgiving debate, we think it's analogous to the late, great comedian George Carlin's skit about football vs. baseball (check it out on YouTube if you've never seen it!). In Carlin's telling, football is the equivalent of war in which the quarterback, known as the "field general," throws "bullet passes" and "long bombs" in the face of an opponent's "blitz" to pierce the "enemy defense." By contrast, the aim of baseball is to "be safe at home."

Similarly, while Christmas epitomizes our hyper-capitalist, consumerist, and frenetic society, Thanksgiving is its complete antithesis.

Thanksgiving is a national celebration that serves to remind us how blessed we are at a time when circumstances are so cruel for so many others in a world in which there are more refugees than at any time since the end of World War II.

Whatever our personal trials and tribulations may be, Thanksgiving reminds us how remarkably fortunate we are to live in this country. And in a day and age when so many of us are connected 24/7 to some instrument of communication, it truly is a relief to have a day when we can just shut it all off (other than perhaps watching a football game.)

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and restful -- Thanksgiving.

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GUEST OP-ED

All I want for Christmas is scooters off our sidewalks

By Sharon Durkan

This holiday season, as shoppers fill our streets and families visit our iconic neighborhoods, my greatest wish is that everyone has a safe and welcoming experience, but too often I hear about reckless scooters and mopeds overwhelming our streets. In District 8 and beyond, we have heard the familiar story that residents are dodging unregistered vehicles on sidewalks, cyclists are squeezed out of bike lanes, and pedestrians cross in fear.

These dangers aren't just inconvenient, it's a situation that's waiting to escalate. That's why, as chair of the City Council's Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation, I convened a hearing earlier this year to address the urgent need for stronger rules and enforcement for micromobility devices like scooters, mopeds, and e-bikes.

The testimonies we heard from residents were sobering. Families described mopeds speeding on sidewalks, weaving through

oncoming traffic, and ignoring pedestrians in crosswalks. Others pointed out the lack of clarity about enforcement—unsure when enforcement could occur in specific situations. One resident from Beacon Hill noted that while recent crackdowns have reduced some reckless behavior, the issue persists because offenders assume their actions will go unpunished.

It's clear we need a multi-faceted approach to reclaim our streets and sidewalks. One that requires a lot of partnership between the City of Boston Transportation Department, the Boston Police Department, residents, app-based delivery companies, and state lawmakers. Boston has made strides in expanding micromobility options, but as we introduce new modes of transportation, we must also ensure they can coexist safely with pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

Here's how we can do it:
Hold Delivery Platforms Accountable

Many of the scooters and mopeds creating chaos belong to delivery drivers for platforms like DoorDash, GrubHub, and Uber Eats. At our hearing, we discussed the importance of holding these companies accountable. We must demand that companies ensure that their delivery drivers are registered, have valid licenses and insurance, and monitor their compliance with traffic laws.

Our office has already been proactive on these matters. We've met directly with UberEats, GrubHub, and DoorDash to urge them to adopt stronger training programs that acknowledge the "Rules of The Road" and enforce guidelines that demand, and incentivize safety among their drivers. These conversations are an important step toward holding these platforms accountable, but we still have a lot of work to do!

Enforce Traffic Laws Aggressively
 Our hearing reinforced the

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New tools to assist residents in building Accessory Dwelling Units

Special to the Sun

The City of Boston has announced a new program to support Boston homeowners in building Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on their property. This initiative, administered by the Boston Home Center (BHC), a division of the Mayor's Office of Housing, offers a new bank loan option alongside grants and other financial assistance to help cover costs related to designing, permitting, and building an ADU. Additionally, the Planning Department is releasing an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Guidebook, an illustrated manual that will help property owners in Boston who may want to build an ADU on their property. This book is available online, and in all Boston Public Library branches. Building on the Mayor's leadership to make Boston a home for everyone, these steps are important to increasing the

City's multigenerational housing stock, keeping families together and building wealth.

"Accessory Dwelling Units are a powerful tool in our efforts to address the housing crisis in Boston," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "By creating more flexible and affordable living options, ADUs allow homeowners to maximize their property while contributing to the availability of housing in our neighborhoods. This initiative not only supports families looking to generate extra income or house loved ones but also strengthens our communities with more diverse and accessible housing choices."

Through the loan programs, the BHC provides income-eligible owners of 1-3 unit homes who plan to add an ADU with a Technical Assistant Grant of up to \$7,500. This grant provides eligible homeowners with targeted funding and staff guidance throughout the pre-construction

phases of researching, designing, and permitting their ADU. Additionally, homeowners can apply for an ADU Loan from the City of up to \$50,000 to support construction costs. The ADU Loan carries 0% interest and is deferred, meaning there are no monthly payments. Homeowners approved for this program are paired with a BHC Construction Specialist who monitors progress throughout the building process. Eligible homeowners who receive an ADU Loan may also explore additional financing opportunities with participating lenders. To qualify for the program, applicants must meet specific income and asset limits.

"Accessory Dwelling Units are an important part of our strategy to expand housing options in Boston," said Sheila A. Dillon, Chief of Housing. "ADUs give homeowners a way to create

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SPACE GRANT (from pg. 1)

June, is described as a Puerto Rican-style coffee shop serving breakfast, lunch, and dessert items. Its sister establishment, Manà Escondido Café, is located only two blocks away at 68 Aguadilla St., according to an employee.

"Over the past few years we've seen this grant program change lives, bring vibrancy back to our neighborhoods, and transform Boston's economic landscape," Mayor Michelle Wu said in a Nov. 18 press release. "To make Boston a home for everyone we have worked hard to provide the crucial support that our small and local businesses need. I am grateful to our Economic Opportunity & Inclusion Cabinet for their consistent efforts to bring life back to vacant spaces across our City.

The first and second rounds of the city's SPACE grants distributed over \$7.3 million to more than 60 entrepreneurs to help create more than 600 new jobs for residents, according to the city.

"The third round SPACE grantees are dynamic business-ees that will strengthen both Downtown and Boston's neighborhoods," Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, said in a press release. "The awardees exude creativity and entrepreneurial spirit. Boston will benefit from the growth of both these companies, as well as those previously awarded grants through the SPACE program."

The SPACE program, according to the city, "provides opportunities for small business owners to open their new or next storefront location in major commercial districts like Downtown and Back Bay, bring vibrancy to all city neighborhoods, and help close the racial wealth gap."

Besides awarding the grants, the city is also providing each business with wrap-around services to assist with lease negotiation, accounting, taxes, regulatory compliance, marketing, and employee-ownership to ensure long-term success.

GUEST OP-ED (from pg. 2)

need for stronger enforcement. Residents repeatedly cited reckless moped drivers as a major hazard, yet many operators seem undeterred by existing laws. Boston Police must have the tools, and the mandate, to confiscate unregistered vehicles, and crack down on violations like driving on sidewalks or blowing through red lights.

And I'm not asking the Police Department to chase scooters or mopeds, this may be unsafe for the operator and nearby pedestrians and the law enforcement themselves, but we need automated enforcement mechanisms, such as cameras that detect speeding and red-light running, which would require coordinated action between the State and City governments. Cities across the U.S. have used these tools to great effect, reducing dangerous behaviors without overburdening police.

The Boston Police Department has worked with the Boston Transportation Department, and in partnership with my office to remove the most dangerous users from the road, impounding unlicensed scooters in violation of the law recently. These measures, while impactful, must be part of a broader, more sustained

approach.

Create a Culture of Safety

Education and incentives can and should complement enforcement. Drivers should complete safety training courses and understand the consequences of reckless behavior. Educational materials (available in multiple languages) should be widely distributed. At the same time, delivery platforms can incentivize safe driving by rewarding drivers with clean records and creating metrics to measure driving performance. Given the location based platform, they know which drivers skirt laws, speed and drive dangerously. We need to change the intensive system here to promote responsible behavior to improve public safety.

Engage and Empower Residents

Our neighborhoods are filled with vigilant residents who care deeply about their and their neighbors' safety. If you don't believe me, check out the 3-1-1 website! We should continue to encourage residents to document and share incidents on 3-1-1 and this data should directly inform enforcement locations. While some of this is already taking place, as a City we should do a

better job communicating with residents that their feedback is utilized, creating true partnership for the safety of our streets. There have already been some wins in this department, but we need to continue to center the feedback of resident reporting.

Build Streets That Work for Everyone

The broader issue of micro-mobility safety is intertwined with Boston's transportation infrastructure. Making sure that drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians are out of conflict by providing dedicated space for all road users, will reduce conflicts. Physical traffic-calming measures, like bollards or cast concrete barriers, or raised rumble strips and speed humps, can prevent reckless driving.

I also want to recognize and celebrate the efforts already underway by the City of Boston Transportation Department (BTD). They've taken significant steps to enhance safety as more residents and visitors embrace two-wheeled transportation as a green, congestion reducing solution, and are working towards realizing Vision Zero.

Realize Vision Zero

Boston's commitment to "Vision Zero", eliminating fatal and serious traffic crashes by 2030, demands that we take swift and decisive action. This is about creating a city where every mode of transportation can coexist safely. The testimonies and emails we have received have underscored that residents want action, period.

I don't want a lot for Christmas

There is just one thing I need

I don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree

I just want safe streets for all
Paths where no one fears to fall

Let this dream come true
All I want this season is peace for you

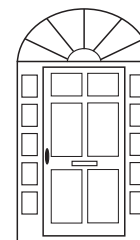
Happy holidays to all!

Sharon Durkan is Boston City Councilor for District 8, including the West End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Fenway and Mission Hill, and is Chair of the Council's Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

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SOWA WINTER FESTIVAL RETURNS TO SOWA POWER STATION

New England's largest indoor holiday marketplace, the ninth annual SoWa Winter Festival, will be open seven days a week between Nov. 29 and Dec. 22 at the SoWa Power Station.

The festival features more than 100 of the region's best makers, artists, designers, specialty food-and-beverage vendors, craft workshops, holiday lounge, photo opportunities, and the SoWa Winter Food Truck Village, along with on-site parking. Shoppers will find a wide array of unique items including

art, crafts, apparel and accessories, jewelry, home decor, gourmet foods, and holiday gifts from small businesses.

SOWA ARTISTS GUILD TO HOLD NOVEMBER EVENTS

SoWa Artists Guild's SoWa Black Friday takes place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Nov. 30 at 450 Harrison Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

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

CITY TO SPONSOR VIRTUAL MEETING ON PLANS FOR SOUTH END BRANCH LIBRARY

The city will sponsor its fourth community meeting virtually to discuss

plans for the South End Branch Library on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Register for the meeting at <https://bit.ly/3NN64u8>.

GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM'S REPEAL DAY CELEBRATION RETURNS DEC. 6

The Gibson House Museum

at 137 Beacon St. will host the Etiquetteer's 13th annual Repeal Day Celebration on Friday, Dec. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 each, with all proceeds benefitting the preservation of the Gibson House Museum. Register at <https://www.thegibsonhouse.org/events>.

BOSTON CHORAL ENSEMBLE TO BRING HOLIDAY CONCERT TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Boston Choral Ensemble will perform 'Northern Light' - a Nordic-inspired holiday musical program - on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. at the Old South Church

at 645 Boylston St.

Along with selections like "Valgusele (For light)" by Part Uusberg, "Northern Light" by Ola Gjelio, and "Sweeter Still" by Eric Barnum, the program will also feature traditional holiday carols. Advance purchase tickets are \$25 each; \$15 for students/seniors; and \$10 for children.

Tickets at the door cost \$30 each; \$20 for students/seniors; and \$10 for children. Special ticket prices for families and groups are available.

More information and tickets available at bostonchoral.org.

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ADUs (from pg. 3)

additional living spaces that can serve as a source of income, provide housing for family members, and help address the city's housing needs. By making it easier to build ADUs, we are supporting residents, increasing housing supply, and strengthening neighborhoods."

As part of this effort, the City is also piloting a new ADU Bank Loan in partnership with local banks, Leader Bank, Dedham/

Southshore Bank, Needham Bank, and the Cooperative Bank. Recognizing the challenges posed by construction expenses, the Boston Home Center and the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics initiated a collaboration with Harvard's Laboratory for Values in the Built Environment and local lending institutions to develop innovative solutions that ensure low- and moderate-income homeowners can

access the unique benefits ADUs provide. This resulting loan fills a gap in the market, providing affordable financing to cover construction costs associated with building ADUs.

"Our research shows that homeowners need new loan products to meet the unique opportunity that rental ADUs can offer homeowners, and provide equitable access to ADU financing," said Charu Singh,

Research Associate at the Laboratory for Values in the Built Environment at Harvard GSD. "I'm proud of the groundbreaking work our group has done to equitably expand the lending toolbox, especially during this time when Boston is struggling with too few housing options and high costs."

Building on Mayor Wu's commitment to remove barriers to building ADUs across Boston's neighborhoods, the ADU Guidebook is designed to provide homeowners with practical guidance and inspiration for adding an ADU to their property, whether it is for additional living space, rental income, or housing family members. The ADU Guidebook features realistic, buildable designs tailored to Boston's neighborhoods. Although the designs will still require permits and may need review by the Zoning Board of Appeal, they offer a clear starting point to help residents more easily move forward with their ADU. It will be available online and at all Boston Public Library branches.

"This Guidebook is a fantastic starting point for anyone looking to add another unit to their home, and we hope it will inspire people to see ADUs as an expedient and unique way to add to our housing stock," said Chief of Planning Kairos Shen. "I look forward to working with the community on new complementary zoning that will make the process of adding an ADU more flexible and affordable."

These initiatives align with the City's broader zoning reform

efforts to enable more housing options across Boston. By updating zoning regulations, the City aims to break down barriers and foster flexible housing solutions. ADUs not only help increase the housing stock but also offer residents opportunities to age in place, provide extra space for growing families, or generate rental income. ADUs can help residents stay in their neighborhoods, adapt their homes, and address their evolving needs. By allowing various forms of ADUs, the City aims to help homeowners fully utilize their properties, create more space, or unlock new income opportunities.

Founded in 2010 as one of the first municipal innovation offices in the world, the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics serves as the City's civic research and design team, building partnerships between internal and external agencies to pilot projects that increase the quality of life for all of Boston's residents and visitors.

The City of Boston's Planning Department shapes growth that serves Boston's residents and centers their needs. Our mission is to address our City's greatest challenges: resilience, affordability, and equity, and to take real estate actions and prioritize planning, development, and urban design solutions that further these priorities. We seek to build trust with communities through transparent processes that embrace predictable growth and shape a more inclusive city for all.



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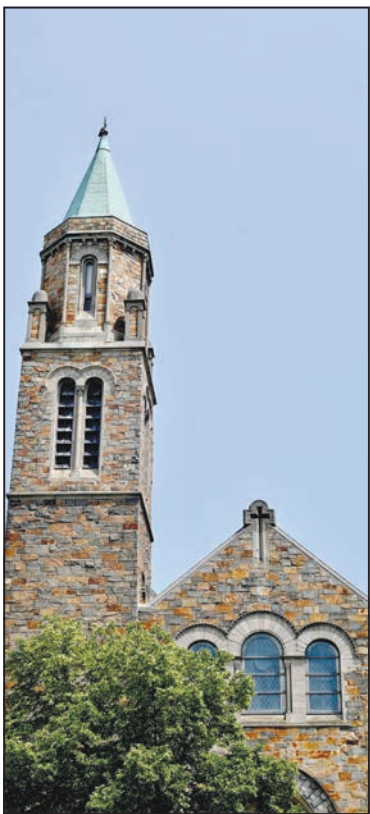
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This is a Public Meeting for the proposed 142-146 St. Mary's Street project located in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Draft Project Impact Report. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public.

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Meeting ID: 160 812 0792 Toll-Free Call-in Number: 833.568.8864



Resurrection Lutheran Church traces its Boston roots back to 1874. Shown above is the church that was completed in 1925.

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Swedish community of Boston in 1874, it built its own church at 20 Emerald Street in 1881 before removing to Dudley (now Nubian) Square following its congregation out of the South End in 1924: the new church was completed in 1925.

In 1965 reflecting the demographic changes in the congregation, the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church merged with St Marks Congregational Church at 29 Winthrop Street (now Southern Baptist Church) to become Resurrection Lutheran Church.



Rev Miriam Sedzu greets church members.



Rev Miriam Sedzu (right) and Rev Gwendolyn Spencer give the service.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY RICHARD HEATH

NEWS IN BRIEF

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OPEN NEWBURY: HOLIDAY STROLL COMING DEC. 1 AND 8

Open Newbury: Holiday Stroll is coming Sunday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, Dec. 8.

For these events, Newbury Street will be car-free from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Dec. 1 and 8. The route will be the same as the summer Open Newbury series, with Newbury Street closed to cars from Berkeley Street to Massachusetts Avenue. The City encourages Newbury Street businesses to activate their outdoor spaces with programming with family-friendly activities, pop-up parklets, brand activations, and much more.

In case of inclement weather, a make-up date will be held on Dec. 15.

CO|SO ARTISTS' HOLIDAY SMALL WORKS 2024 RUNNING THROUGH DEC. 22

Running through Dec. 22, the Copley Society of Art, located at 158 Newbury St., will offer ColSo Artists' Holiday Small Works 2024, appearing in both the Upper and Lower Galleries.

Featuring work from hundreds of artists, Holiday Small Works is one of ColSo's most eagerly anticipated exhibitions

each year. In their Best of Boston 2018 feature for Best Art Gallery, Boston Magazine spotlighted this traditional holiday show, which offers hundreds of affordable small artworks in a variety of media including painting, sculpture, mixed media, and photography.

Several newly admitted artists will contribute their small works for the first time as well.

The Copley Society of Art (ColSo) is America's oldest non-profit arts organization, which is committed to the advancement, enjoyment, and promotion of its member artists and the visual arts. The organization, founded in 1879, comprises juried artists who are selected by a credentialed art committee. ColSo provides artists with a gallery for exhibiting and selling their work and a platform for engaging and educating the community.

Visit copleysociety.org for more on ColSo.

EMERALD NECKLACE CONSERVANCY'S WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE CONTINUES

Since 2021, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has collected over 2,000 items of cold-weather gear for Action

for Boston Community Development (ABCD) – a nonprofit human services organization that each year provides more than 100,000 low-income residents in the Greater Boston region with the tools and resources needed to transition from poverty to stability and from stability to success.

Please donate a new or lightly used winter clothing to help keep the community warm in this season of giving. Items to donate

include coats and jackets, sweaters, boots, hats, mittens and gloves, scarves, blankets snow-pants and snow bibs, and warm socks.

Donations are accepted until Dec. 2 at the following locations: Shattuck Visitor Center, 125 The Fenway, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; James Michael Curley House - 350 Jamaica Way, Monday through Friday from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; REI, 401 Park Drive, Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to – 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; City Feed & Supply, 66 Boylston St., Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and City Feed & Supply - 672 Centre St., Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 8 am. to 8 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving!

From your State Representative Jay Livingstone!
 May your Thanksgiving be filled with the warmth of loved ones, the comfort of good food, and the joy of cherished memories.

THE ADVENT SCHOOL FALL BENEFIT

Photos by Marianne Salza



Stephanie Foland, Connor Page, Holly Hennick Marroquin, Mark Lowenstein, Mike Marroquin, and Jamie Tara.

The power of play in education is essential to The Advent School experience; and so, on November 15, parents and faculty celebrated the joyfulness of the Reggio Emilia approach during A Night at the Museum. Attendees explored the Boston Children's Museum in outfits inspired by their children and students. Proceeds from the annual, fall benefit support school initiatives, such as cutting-edge curriculum, financial aid, faculty professional development, and social justice learning.



Maria and Andres Charidimou.



A gentleman enjoying The Advent School's Fall Benefit at the Children's Museum.



Friends greeting each other during The Advent School's Fall Benefit.



Jeff Morgan and Lynn Mandel.



Michel Otto and Michael Goldberg in front of the "Mez Mirage."



Molly McDermott and Anthony Bacigalupo.



Nicole DuFauchard, Head of School, with Ted Schwartzberg, board chair, Jon Lee, board treasurer, and Sarah Lee.

THE ADVENT SCHOOL FALL BENEFIT



Holly and Ulumma Fetter.



Adam Bottis, Amy Hayde, and Jaz Nettrour.



Bethany Moffi with Emily and Kelly Holland.



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RENOVATED SPARROW PARK IN SOUTH END REOPENS

Mayor's Office Photos by John Wilcox

The city held an official opening event on Saturday, Nov. 16, for the recently renovated Titus Sparrow Park in the South End. Improvements to the park



Guests on hand for the event.

made by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department included the installation of new play equipment, updated sport courts, new lighting, rehabilitated lawn and planting, improved drainage, and new hardscaping.



Mayor Michelle Wu.



City Councilor Ed Flynn.



Kids making use of the new play equipment.

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Boston's Prudential Tower shines teal, gold, and purple in support of The Ace Mentor Program of Greater Boston

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Beginning in December, Prudential Tower will once again shine bright with the help of local community organizations. ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston, will flip the switch to light up Boston on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 as part of Prudential Center's 16th Annual 31 Nights

of Light program. The top of Prudential Tower will beam teal, gold, and purple in support of ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston's mission of encouraging high school students to pursue careers in architecture, engineering and construction (A/C/E). The program's goals include engaging, enlightening, and supporting students, advancing

into the industry, and building a diverse and better-prepared workforce.

The ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston is a volunteer-driven organization that introduces high school students to the professions of architecture, construction management, engi-

(ACE MENTOR PROGRAM, Pg. 10)

Boston's biggest and most magical festive experience is coming

Special to the Sun

Winter Fest, a large-scale, immersive winter experience has transformed Hood Park in Charlestown into a dazzling wonderland featuring a breathtaking festival of lights. From December 5th through January 25th, guests can enjoy ice skating, an Après Ski Veuve Clicquot Gondola Lounge, charming shopping vendors, festive food & beverage, and a life-size ice castle adorned in twinkling lights.

Presented by team behind Wicked Haunt Fest, highlights

A new tradition lights up Hood Park with massive light displays and seasonal magic for the entire family

include special meet-and-greets with Santa on the weekends, a whimsical toy workshop, and a life-size gingerbread house. Winter Fest will offer themed food and beverage stations featuring winter warmers such as decadent hot chocolate with seasonal toppings like house-made marshmallow and crushed peppermint as well as select beers and wines. The Après Ski Veuve Clicquot Gondola Lounge transports guests to Aspen and is the perfect

photo-worthy place to make a champagne toast.

The festival's stage comes alive with local artists performing beloved holiday classics that capture the spirit of the season. The festivities kick off with the lighting of a majestic 32-foot Christmas tree and continue with attractions for visitors of all ages. Winter Fest is proudly sponsored by Beasley and Bent Water Brewing, whose support helps bring this magical celebration to life.

"We set out to create an experience that feels like you're stepping into a storybook, where every corner brings a new moment of magic," said Creative Director, Carl Rugato. Katie Kwiatkowski, Director of Events and Marketing at MNM Restaurant Group says Winter Fest is more than a festival, "it's a celebration of community, seasonal traditions and the beauty of winter."

With its easily accessible loca-

tion and ample parking—offering three hours of free parking—Winter Fest promises an enjoyable experience without the hassle of overcrowded spaces. Whether guests are planning a festive family outing or a romantic winter escape, Winter Fest ensures a relaxed and spacious environment for everyone. The festival is located at 100 Hood Park Dr., Boston, MA, 02129.

For tickets, event hours, and additional information, visit www.winterfestboston.com or follow on social media @boston-swinterfest.

RMV reminds residents of Real ID requirements

Special to the Sun

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding residents that beginning May 7, 2025, anyone traveling by plane domestically or entering certain federal facilities will need a Registry-issued REAL ID-compliant driver's license or ID, or a valid passport. The Registry is strongly encouraging everyone seeking a REAL ID-compliant license or identification card to go online now at Mass.Gov/REALID to learn what documents are needed for a required in-person appointment. Appointments are available right now. Customers who already have a compliant credential may renew online as long as they have not had a name change.

The fee to obtain or renew a REAL ID compliant credential is the same as obtaining or renewing the equivalent non-compliant credential:

- The fee for renewing a non-commercial standard or a REAL ID driver's license is \$50.
- The fee for renewing a Mass ID is \$25.
- The amendment fee for upgrading to a standard or REAL ID credential before an

existing credential's expiration is \$25.

• Customers with a less than five-year stay in the U.S. pay a pro-rated fee.

"Do not wait. We are six months away from the REAL ID federal requirement going into effect and strongly urge Massachusetts residents who wish to upgrade to a REAL ID-compliant credential to act as soon as possible," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "For customers who qualify for a REAL ID and want to renew and upgrade, we recommend you schedule your appointment at least three weeks before your birthday so that you can receive your credential in the mail ahead of your expiration. The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, and its partner AAA Northeast, have successfully been issuing REAL ID credentials since 2018 and are prepared for interested residents prior to the May 2025 deadline."

Appointments can be scheduled by visiting the RMV's Online Service Center at Mass.Gov/myRMV or if you are a AAA member at <https://northeast.aaa.com/automotive/registry-services/massachusetts>

CITY PAWS

Interacting with Dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

How does your dog react to people entering your space when you're out walking? Dogs, like people, can be introverted, extroverted, anxious, easily frightened, or protective of you or their space. As your dog's spokesperson, you must communicate their preferences to approaching humans.

How to Greet a Dog

First, ask the person with the dog permission to say hello and be gracious about whatever reply they give. If we may approach, we always ask the dog's name and use it to gain the dog's attention.

Let the dog approach you. Stay where you are, lower your body so you don't tower over the dog. Tuck your thumb and fingers under, forming a soft fist. Then, extend the back of your hand in the dog's direction low enough for the pup to come over and sniff you if they choose to meet you.

The American Kennel Club suggests, "To make yourself appear as friendly as possible, turn your body slightly to the side and look at the dog with your peripheral vision. In dog language, head-on approaches and direct eye contact are threatening, so avoid them if possible. You can also kneel down to the dog's level so you aren't looming overhead. However, if you are in any way uncertain about the dog, stay standing. After all, kneeling will put your face at bite level."



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Recently, we came across a chart illustrating more mistakes (from a dog's point of view) humans make when interacting with a dog they don't know well. These include patting or grabbing a dog's head, squealing or making any loud sound, and grabbing or hugging the dog.

Finally, pay careful attention to the dog's body language. There are excellent tutorials online that you can use to learn the signals that tell you a dog is stressed. Perhaps they keep looking away from you; their ears are back or flattened; their tail is tucked; or they are squinting, blinking, or shaking.

Rules for Visitors in Your Home

When people (of any age) visit your home, they need basic

information and the house rules regarding your dog. A successful visit starts with preparation before the visit and supervision of the dog and the guests.

Before guests arrive, decide if your dog or cat would be happier staying in a private space until everyone is settled. We use puppy gates to keep our dog Poppy confined to specific areas. This is very helpful when we have workers in our home. When we have guests, one of us controls our excited pup while the other greets the guests. Once everyone is settled, we let our Westie visit.

Our house rules are simple. Poppy is allowed on the furniture if you want her to sit beside you. She is a devoted scavenger, so don't leave anything containing food within her reach. Please

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**SEND
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NEWS:**

The Sun encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication. Items should be e-mailed to deb@thebostonsun.com.

State Fire Marshal offers tips for serving up safety on Thanksgiving

With Thanksgiving a few days away, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is asking residents to practice fire safety in the kitchen on the number one day for home fires in Massachusetts.

"There are about twice as many fires on Thanksgiving as on the next-closest day, and almost all of them start with unsafe cooking," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Don't let a fire ruin this special day with your family and loved ones. Practice fire safety when cooking and heating your home, and be sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that can alert you to danger."

Thanksgiving Cooking Fires

There were 705 Thanksgiving Day residential fires in Massachusetts from 2019 to 2023. That's more than double the 318 residential fires on Christmas Eve, the second-leading day. Last year, Thanksgiving cooking fires increased by more than 25%, from 103 to 130, with 84% taking place at home. These fires injured one resident and one firefighter and caused \$1.3 million in reported damages.

State Fire Marshal Davine offered cooking safety tips that everyone can follow to stay fire-safe in the kitchen this year:

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms Save Lives

- Be sure you have working smoke and CO alarms on every level of your home
- Check the manufacturing date printed on the back of the alarms: smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years, and CO

alarms should be replaced after 5-10 years depending on the model

- Never disable a smoke alarm: modern smoke alarms should have a "hush" feature that is much safer than removing the batteries
- If your alarms take alkaline batteries, replace the batteries twice a year: if you aren't sure when they were last replaced, do it today

Keep it Clean:

- Keep up grease spills
- Keep groceries, food packaging, towels, and other flammable materials away from the stovetop
- Keep pot handles turned inward to prevent spills
- Create a three-foot child-free zone around the stove
- Only use the oven for cooking, not for heating or storage, and be sure it's empty before you turn it on

Stand by Your Pan

- Stand in the kitchen when boiling, broiling, or frying food
- Set a timer when baking or roasting so you don't lose track of time
- Loose sleeves can ignite if they get too close to burners or heating elements: wear clothing with short or tight-fitting sleeves

Put a Lid on It

- In the event of a fire on the stovetop, cover the pan with a lid or cookie sheet to smother the flames
- Never try to move a burning pan or douse it with water
- For a fire in the oven or microwave, leave the door closed, turn off the appliance,

and call the fire department

- Have the appliance professionally checked before using it after a fire
- If you can't extinguish the fire quickly, get to safety and call 9-1-1
- If your clothing catches fire, stop, drop, and roll to put out the flames. Put burns in cool running water for 10-15 minutes. Call 9-1-1 for help.

Turkey Fryers

A devastating turkey fryer fire in New Bedford caused severe injuries and displaced almost 30 people in 2020. Fire safety experts strongly discourage the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. There are no outdoor turkey fryers that have a listing from an independent testing laboratory such as UL or ETL,

and the risk of hot oil spilling or igniting is high. The National Fire Protection Association states that home use of "turkey fryers that use cooking oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer." They recommend using new "oil-less" turkey fryers.

Gas Ovens:

A Source of Carbon Monoxide

Generally, the confined space of a closed gas oven does not produce enough carbon monoxide (CO) to present any dangers, but it can present a hazard if used for several hours consecutively – such as when roasting a turkey. If you have a kitchen exhaust fan, use it; if not, crack a window for fresh air when using the gas oven for a prolonged period. Working CO alarms are vitally important

to protect you and your loved ones from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Home Heating: #1 Source of Carbon Monoxide, #2 Cause of Fires

Heating is the second leading cause of fires on Thanksgiving and the primary source of carbon monoxide in the home. Give your furnace an annual check-up, have chimneys cleaned and inspected by a professional at the beginning of heating season, and place space heaters on flat, level surfaces where in locations where they won't be bumped or tripped over. Keep a three-foot "circle of safety" free of anything that can burn around all heat sources.

For more information, contact your local fire department or the Department of Fire Services' Thanksgiving web page.

ACE MENTOR PROGRAM *(from pg. 8)*

neering, and the trades. Their flagship program is a free, collaborative after-school program that convenes students from multiple schools at six sites around Boston and virtually as well. Each year, dozens of volunteers from ACE's industries coach student teams through an end-to-end interdisciplinary design project, such as renovating a subway station or improving a neighborhood's resilience to climate change. Students can participate for up to four years, trying out a different profession each year, or sticking with a topic of compelling interest.

In addition to activating student interest in chosen industries, ACE also curates summer internship opportunities and raises money for scholarships

to support college or training in the trades. In March 2024, ACE presented \$250,000 in awards to graduating ACE seniors.

ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston also places an emphasis on helping high school students from underrepresented communities. By prioritizing outreach to students from different racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds, ACE provides students with access to mentors, resources, and networking opportunities that students might not otherwise have. This diversity reflects ACE's commitment to making post-secondary opportunities available to all, not just those who typically have access. The program's diverse mentors also serve as role models, showing students paths to success in fields where one may

not have seen before. Through this inclusive approach, ACE aims to build a workforce that better reflects society and brings together a wide range of perspectives to strengthen the industry.

The 31 Nights of Light program was introduced in 2009 to celebrate local Boston-area organizations and draw attention to the great work they do in Boston and beyond. Utilizing a state-of-the-art LED lighting system, the top of Prudential Tower will change color daily to honor its 28 community partners.

For more information on Prudential Center, Boston, and the 31 Nights of Light event, visit www.prudentialcenter.com, follow @pruboston on Instagram or Prudential Center Boston on Facebook.

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CITY PAWS *(from pg. 9)*

don't feed her anything without checking with us. Your house rules will be different depending on your dog and your choices.

When to Stay Away

This information is aimed at situations when a person is

with the animal to guide your actions. Some may apply when you encounter a stray or loose dog. Look around for someone connected to the dog. If no one appears, call animal control for assistance.

None of these suggestions apply if you have seen any sign of aggression, are afraid of the dog,

or the person is on the phone or otherwise disengaged from the animal. Then, you should simply stay away.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.



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Robinson, Hilary C	Vogel, Mary B	293 Beacon St #2	\$605,000
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Lynch, Elizabeth J	Capone, Patricia	361 Beacon St #3	\$8,750,000
Sprong, Mary	Richter, John A	169 Commonwealth Ave #4	\$1,200,000
222 Commonwewealth Ave LL	222 Commonwealth Ave LLC	222 Commonwealth Ave #3	\$10,200,000
Boston Ft	Archibald Jr, Paul A	32 Commonwealth Ave #1	\$2,700,000
35 Comm Ave Holdings	35 Commonwealth Rt	35 Commonwealth Ave #1	\$15,000,000
35 Comm Ave Holdings	35 Commonwealth Rt	35 Commonwealth Ave #2	\$15,000,000
Johnston, Anne E	Aracali Corsini Lt	90 Commonwealth Ave #18	\$1,975,000
Arakawa, Masahiro	Hu, Hanzhong	106 Marlborough St #7	\$1,218,000
Kele & Letricia Perkins T	Nesson, Marie P	483 Beacon St #87	\$600,000
Lin, Shirley	Knightsky LLC	50 Charlesgate E #189	\$473,000
Dalzell, Maya	Smythe, Gretchen C	362 Commonwealth Ave #4A	\$1,020,000
961 Comm Ave LLC	961 Comm Avenue LLC	961 Commonwealth Ave	\$5,700,000
Brocenschi, Nathan	Brightwell, Webb A	69 E Berkeley St #2	\$545,000
Rupp, Jennifer	Khayami Marlborough LLC	405 Marlborough St #42	\$815,000
BEACON HILL			
Latraverse, Gregory	Fahey, Patrick F	23 Mount Vernon St	\$930,000
Psyhogeos, Nicholas J	Laidlaw, Caitlin K	57 Mount Vernon St #5	\$1,000,000
Denslow, Maria J	Chien, Shyur-Jen P	67 Mount Vernon St #H	\$2,050,000
Bryson, Matthew B	Christian, Christopher D	131 Myrtle St	\$3,200,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Yang, Ernest M	Vailas, June G	126 Appleton St #126	\$1,070,000
Tang, Stephen	Pritchard Suffolk Rt	285 Columbus Ave #205	\$1,800,000
Phalen, Albert	Streiff Ft	578 Massachusetts Ave #1	\$1,165,000
Rao, Prashant	Spanos, Nicholas	43 Upton St #4	\$2,250,000
Taramar LLC	Anzlovar, Alexis	121 W Newton St #1	\$2,800,000
Knoll, Laura	Shine, Jonathan M	76 Waltham St #2	\$1,090,000
Adams, John	L Shlager & A Langenberg	3531 Washington St #304	\$805,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
140 Beach St LLC	Propernation Realty LLC	140 Beach St #140	\$1,735,000
Mignosa, Donald	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #4610	\$2,550,000

Attention to Detail

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The stained glass window in the last clue is on 400 Commonwealth Avenue. Today's answer is from a circa 1910 photo of the building as the Hotel Somerset not long after was built in 1897. It was converted to condominiums in the 1980s.

You'll find the next clue in the Fenway.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Prime Storage - Boston Traveler St. located at 33 Traveler St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 12/10/2024 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Jeremy

Dominguez unit #261; Evariste Gindrey unit #540. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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- Boston South End located at 100 Southampton St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 12/10/2024 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Latoya Vance unit #1061; Paul Hughes unit #2042; Elsa Gomez unit #3024; Michael Collins unit

#3100; Joseph Banks unit #3263; Thomas Wright unit #4043; Jesse Hester unit #4060; Edward Suarez unit #4208; Johan Alexander Toribio unit #5014; Damon Ely unit #5022; Francisco Carmona Melo units #5033 & #5037. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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