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SCHOOL OF FASHION DESIGN MAKES ANOTHER DONATION TO WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE



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Students, faculty, and alumni from Boston's School of Fashion Design (SFD) on St. James Place, along with local community members, joined together over the holidays and hand-made a collection of scarves, mittens and hats for donation to Women's Lunch Place (WLP) in honor of this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend of Service. They made the donation on Jan. 17.

Women's Lunch Place inspires hope and supports the development of self-sustaining skills for women experiencing hunger, homelessness, and poverty. Honoring and supporting individual journeys to empowerment and stability is central to the mission of Women's Lunch Place. More information about their mission is available online at womenslunchplace.org.

This is the second time SFD has organized a maker event to donate warm items to WLP. The first effort, spearheaded by SFD faculty - was 2014 and the result of a surplus donation of fleece from Malden Mills as they were going out of business.

Pictured, left to right, are Jennifer Leclerc, executive director of the School of Fashion Design; Rachel Klein of Women's Lunch Place; Stacey Zellen, program manager for Women's Lunch Place; SadieAnn Strouse, administrative coordinator for School of Fashion Design; and Danielle Castelli, a School of Fashion Design student.

Plan announced to remove Boylston bus lane, evaluate bike lanes

By Dan Murphy

The city intends to remove a dedicated bus lane on Boylston Street only months after its installation while also pledging to undertake a study to evaluate existing bike lanes.

The Boylston Street Better Bus and Bike Lane project, which got underway last June, created a new bus lane from Ring Road to Arlington Street, along with a one-way, separated bike lane on Boylston Street between Arlington Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

"Based on observational analysis reinforcing community feedback following the permanent installation in July 2024, the dedicated bus lane has not functioned as intended to justify the space allocation," Mayor Michelle Wu wrote in a letter last week to Back Bay leaders. "In addition to buses often not having a clear path of travel, the bus lane is regularly used for driving and parking on parts of the street

that are very constrained serving area businesses, hotels, and the Boston Public Library."

As a result of these findings, the city intends to commence with the removal of the bus lane in the coming weeks, weather permitting, and to "work with local stakeholders to reallocate the space to improve overall flow (including for MBTA buses) and address loading needs," according to Mayor Wu.

Moreover, the city "will also ramp up enforcement to address traffic caused by ongoing double-parking related to food delivery pickups and construction, especially in the block between Dartmouth and Clarendon," added Mayor Wu.

In response to concerns surrounding the new bike lanes that have popped up around the Back Bay and in other parts of the city, Michael Brohel, the city's superintendent of Basic City Services, will "lead the review of

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Huntington Theatre Company approved for one of 37 new liquor licenses in city

By Sun staff

Huntington Theatre Company was approved by the city's Licensing Board for one of 37 new liquor licenses across the city on Thursday, Feb. 13.

"Each of these 37 local businesses brings vitality, jobs, and community to our neighbor-

hoods," said Mayor Michelle Wu in a press release. "I'm thankful to these entrepreneurs for investing in Boston, to the Licensing Board for their diligent efforts stewarding a smooth and thorough process, and to our partners at the state and local levels who advanced the legislation making this possible. I look

forward to celebrating each of these restaurants and community spaces as we build opportunity in our neighborhoods."

Besides 33 zip-code restricted licenses, the nonprofit Huntington Theatre Company was one of four establishments approved for Community Space All Alcohol Licenses.

"I am grateful to Mayor Wu and the community leaders whose advocacy made the availability of these licenses possible, as well as the commitment of the Boston Licensing Board and the Economic Opportunity and Inclusion team to advance the intent of the legislation by centering the growth of all of our

neighborhoods," Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, said in the press release. "By coupling these licenses with our wrap-around support services for each awardee, we will ensure the stability of these small businesses, the

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EDITORIAL

STATE OFFICIALS SHOULD SUPPORT AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES ASAP

Last week in this space we expressed our view that legislation to allow communities to install speed-detecting cameras is ill-advised and not a great use of resources, although we suggested that red light cameras would be more efficacious for improving traffic safety.

However, if our state and local officials really want to improve auto safety in this state, they should be doing everything they can to encourage the pioneering company Waymo to bring its autonomous-vehicles to Massachusetts.

It is ironic that we in Massachusetts consider ourselves a hub for technological innovation, but we are badly lagging other states across the country in bringing these computer-operated cars, which are the wave of the not-too-distant future, to the Commonwealth.

Autonomous cars offer a number of advantages over human-operated motor vehicles on our roadways.

First and foremost, they are far safer. Waymo, the Google subsidiary that has operated in San Francisco for many years and that has expanded into Austin, Phoenix, and Miami, among other places (with more on the way soon), has a safety record that far exceeds human drivers.

Consider these statistics from an insurance company study that was published just last month and that analyzed more than 500,000 claims and over 200 billion miles of driving:

- 90% fewer bodily injury claims than human drivers;
- An 85% reduction in crash rate involving any injury;
- An 88% reduction in property damage claims; and
- A 92% reduction in bodily injury claims.

Those statistics are astonishing and make clear that every day that state officials delay in bringing Waymo here adds another day of needless tragedies on our roadways.

Second, Waymo uses electric vehicles that will greatly reduce air pollution. With every public official in our state espousing that we need to do everything we can to combat climate change, the lowest-hanging fruit -- with no cost to the taxpayers and no trade-offs for individuals -- is to bring Waymo's electric vehicles here.

Third, fleets of Waymo vehicles will be a godsend for those who cannot afford the high cost of owning and maintaining a motor vehicle. Imagine a future with no car payments, no insurance premiums, no maintenance, no gasoline expense, and no hassles with the Registry of Motor Vehicles. For many people, especially those who drive very seldomly, the convenience, reliability, and safety of Waymo would represent a hugely-affordable alternative to the ever-rising costs of owning a motor vehicle.

Fourth, autonomous vehicles will be a salvation for senior citizens, many of whom are unable to drive or for whom driving is ill-advised, but for whom autonomous vehicles will be a tremendous option, whether for doctor's visits or trips to the grocery store. Autonomous vehicles would be especially useful for seniors in the suburbs surrounding Boston where public transportation is not available. In our best-of-all-worlds scenario, the state proactively would do everything possible to reach out to seniors to make it easy for them to access Waymo rides.

Finally, with Waymo offering an alternative to owning a car, this will have the added benefit of reducing the parking problem that exists in almost every community in the Greater Boston area.

We have written in the past about our wonderful experience with Waymo vehicles when we recently visited San Francisco. Our view mirrors that of everyone else who has used them -- they cannot say enough good things about Waymo's autonomous vehicles.

In short, we have seen the future and it is here.

But in Massachusetts, we are still stuck in the mid-20th century.

So whether it is Waymo or Elon Musk's promised Tesla robo-taxi, we urge our state officials to do whatever they can to bring this technology and these vehicles to Massachusetts. Our roads will be safer, our air will be cleaner, and there will be huge cost savings for our state's citizens once the widespread adoption of autonomous vehicles is underway.

NEWS IN BRIEF

GET A FREE "LIBERTY TREE" TO CELEBRATE THE 250TH!

The Bunker Hill Monument Association is commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 2025 as well as the 202nd Anniversary of the Bunker Hill Monument.

To commemorate these historic events the Monument Association is seeking private property owners who will partner with BHMA to plant a 250th Anniversary Commemorative "Liberty Tree", as a living tribute to our history and the founding of our country.

We are grateful for our partnership with the Massachusetts Audubon Society who graciously granted BHMA funds to make this important enhancement to Charlestown's tree canopy for these historic remembrances.

Funding was provided by the Boston Tree Alliance through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Boston Tree Alliance program advances goals

defined in the City of Boston's Urban Forest Plan and Heat Plan. The funds from the Alliance are for tree planting and care related to the Liberty Tree project.

We are working with a professional arborist who will evaluate the site, and provide a tree selected to thrive in the particular location. A variety tree species are available for a diverse canopy and to adapt to micro conditions.

If you or anyone you know wants to participate in the BHMA 250th Liberty Tree program, please contact us for any questions. Email foley.bill154@gmail.com or dianevalle@gmail.com for additional information. Be part of this historic season, and enjoy a new tree!

SOUTH END LIBRARY AUTHOR SERIES RESUMES FEB. 26

South End Library Author Series resumes with Nicole Treska discussing her latest book 'Wonderland' (about growing up in a Boston mob family) on

Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Union Church, Connection Room, 485 Columbus Ave. (access from Newton Street), as well as virtually. This free event starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by refreshments and book signings at 7:30 p.m.

Parkside Booksellers will offer books for sale at the in-person event.

Email info@friendsofsouthendlibrary.org to receive the virtual link.

UPCOMING EVENT SPONSORED BY THE GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM

Back by popular demand, the Gibson House Museum, located at 137 Beacon St., presents 'Elements of the American Wedding 1860-1920' on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

At this time, join Etiquetteer, Robert B. Dimmick, on an exploration of wedding customs in the United States from the Civil War to Prohibition. Aside from familiar customs like the

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roadway changes implemented in recent years and engage with local stakeholders and our engineering teams to identify recommendations for adjustments, with the first set to be returned to me within 30 days," according to Mayor Wu.

"We will also convene an advisory group focused on the transition from temporary to permanent infrastructure that matches the form, function and history of our neighborhoods," wrote Mayor Wu.

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growth of the local economy, and the vibrancy of our communities for generations to come.”

After Mayor Wu and the Boston City Council filed a successful Home Rule Petition, Gov. Maura Healey signed legislation on Sept. 11, 2024, bringing 225 new liquor licenses to Boston. This new batch is the single largest addition to Boston’s liquor license quota since the end of Prohibition. With this influx, the City has the ability to support diverse local entrepreneurs and boost economic growth, according to the city.

Specifically, the legislation created: 195 zip code-restricted licenses (both all alcohol and beer and wine) in Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roslindale, Roxbury, South End, and West Roxbury, to be granted to the City over three calendar years; 15 all-alcohol licenses for community spaces, including non-profits, small theaters, and outdoor spaces;

12 transferable all-alcohol licenses; and three all-alcohol neighborhood-restricted licenses in Oak Square, Brighton.

The list of approved first round applications following the 2024 legislation is as follows:

Zip Code Restricted Licenses

- Crystal Spoons, Roxbury (02118), All Alcohol
- El Centro, South End (02118), All Alcohol
- La Parada Dominican Kitchen, Jamaica Plain (02119), All Alcohol
- justBook-ish, Dorchester (02122), Beer and Wine
- Minina Cafe, Dorchester (02122), Beer and Wine
- One Family Diner, Dorchester (02122), Beer and Wine
- Fresh Food Generation, Dorchester (02124), All Alcohol
- Murl’s Kitchen, Dorchester (02124), All Alcohol
- Mofongo Factory, Dorchester (02125), Beer and Wine
- Blue Mountain Jamaican Restaurant, Mattapan (02126), All Alcohol
- Angela’s Cafe Orient Heights, East Boston (02128), All Alcohol
- Cabana Grill, East Boston (02128), All Alcohol
- Cafe Dello Sport, East Boston (02128), All Alcohol
- Con Sabor A Colombia, East Boston (02128), Beer and Wine
- El Jardin, East Boston (02128), Beer and Wine
- Florenza, East Boston (02128), Beer and Wine

- Los Alebrijes, East Boston (02128), Beer and Wine
- Mi Pueblito, East Boston (02128), All Alcohol
- Taqueria Jalisco Orient Heights (02128), East Boston, All Alcohol
- The Smoke Shop BBQ (02128), East Boston, All Alcohol
- Peruvian Taste Restaurant, Charlestown (02129), Beer and Wine
- bb.q Chicken, Jamaica Plain (02130), Beer and Wine
- Don Tequeño y Doña Arepa, Jamaica Plain (02130), Beer and Wine
- Jadu, Jamaica Plain (02130), Beer and Wine
- Mangú Dominican Bistro, Jamaica Plain (02130), Beer and Wine
- Momo Masala, Jamaica Plain (02130), All Alcohol
- Stoked Pizza, Jamaica Plain (02130), All Alcohol
- Harry’s All American, Roslindale (02131), All Alcohol
- Mi Finca Mexican Restaurant & Pizzeria, Roslindale (02131), Beer and Wine
- From Scratch, Oak Square (02135), All Alcohol
- SubRosa and Humaari, Oak Square (02135), All Alcohol
- Las Delicias Colombianas, Hyde Park (02136), All Alcohol
- Little Haiti International Cuisine, Hyde Park (02136), All Alcohol

Community Space All Alcohol Licenses

- Huntington Theatre Company, Fenway (02115)
 - Zoo New England, Dorchester (02121)
 - Jeffries Yacht Club (02128)
 - Roslindale Substation, Roslindale (02131)
- “As these new liquor licenses start pouring into our communities, let us not only raise a glass to these businesses, but also toast to the economic growth across all our neighborhoods. We’ve heard from so many restaurateurs who are excited for this opportunity, and we could not be more happy for them,” said City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune.

“These liquor licenses are great opportunities to spur economic growth in many of our neighborhoods. They are vital to empowering our black and brown business owners as well as making all of our neighborhoods a destination,” said City Councilor Brian Worrell (District 4), who authored the initial legislation to create the licenses.

“I applaud the Boston Licensing Board for its thoughtful approach to the distribution of these licenses, and I can’t wait to raise a glass in some of these restaurants.”

“I am grateful to Mayor Wu and the Licensing Board for their outreach work in communities who’ve historically been excluded from accessing liquor licenses,” said State Senator Liz Miranda. “They are making these licenses and new small businesses come to life in our communities. Although many barriers remain, enabling our current and prospective small business owners to secure neighborhood-restricted liquor licenses will help us tackle the racial wealth gap and support generational wealth building in our neighborhoods.”

“I am thrilled to witness this legislation come to life and begin making a meaningful impact on businesses in my district and other communities of color,” said State Representative Christopher Worell. “This is just the beginning. In the coming years, waves of new restaurants, bars, and community spaces will revitalize areas of the city that have long been neglected. These new licenses are a catalyst for creating vibrant business districts that Boston residents have

been eagerly awaiting. I want to commend the Boston Licensing Board for its dedication and partnership in implementing these reforms in alignment with the bill’s core mission: fostering equity and accessibility.”

“Jadu’s concept is to be a coffee shop by day, wine bar by night and a neighborhood gathering spot, always,” said Maya Mukhopadhaya, Owner of Jadu. “We love coffee and we love wine, but really, we believe good food and beverages are conducive to conversation and connection. Obtaining a liquor license was essential for our concept to work. While coffee shops are such vibrant community spaces, they are grueling businesses. A coffee shop of our size does not make a lot of profit. Being able to operate in the evenings as a wine bar gives our business a chance to really flourish, while giving Jamaica Plain residents a casual-yet-elevated evening meeting spot.”


“We commend this first group of approved applicants for the quality and effort put into their applications,” said Kathleen Joyce, Chair of the Boston Licensing Board. “By phasing the process, we aim to give applicants the time they need to present strong proposals, ensuring those granted licenses are set up for long-

term success. We look forward to reviewing the next round of applications and encourage all applicants to engage with the Licensing Board as a valuable resource throughout the process.”

All applicants completed the application and community process prior to Dec. 6, qualifying them for the first round of the allocation process. The second round deadline is Friday, May 23, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Potential applicants are encouraged to start the process as soon as possible. The Mayor’s Office of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, the Office of Neighborhood Services, and Office of Small Business staff will continue to support potential applicants through bi-weekly office hours, neighborhood information sessions, and drop-in appointments with the Boston Licensing Board at City Hall, Room 809.

When reviewing the second round of applications, the Board will continue to factor in evolving neighborhood needs, market realities, the strength and sustainability of an establishment’s business plan, and the applicant’s ability to further economic growth for surrounding businesses.

Learn more about applying for a liquor license on the Licensing Board website.



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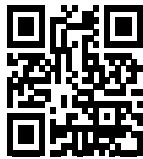
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PROJECT PROPONENT: Boston University

DESCRIPTION: This is a Task Force Meeting for the proposed Pardee School of Global studies project, located in the Fenway/Kenmore neighborhood of Boston. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the overall Institutional project and the potential impacts. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the Task Force and the public. How to Participate Please register for the meeting using the following Zoom link: bosplans.org/PardeeTFpub Meeting ID: 160 866 2775 Toll-Free Call-in Number: 833.568.8864

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Old North in the News

Angela Johnson named Board Chair of Old North Illuminated, prioritizing inclusive history

Special to the Sun

As a Black woman who grew up in the Episcopal church, it's important for Angela Johnson to see Black and Indigenous congregants' contributions included in Old North Church's story. As the new Chair of the Board of Directors for Old North Illuminated, which operates and preserves Old North Church Historic Site, the Dedham resident will help to uncover the hidden history of, preserve, and protect the national landmark.

Raised in the American South, the daughter of an Episcopal priest who died when she was 10 years old, Johnson first remembers visiting Old North Church Historic Site the summer after her freshman year of high school while joining her mother, a delegate for the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee, at a Union of Black Episcopalians conference in Boston. The church, the conference, and the Commonwealth left an impression on her as she would go on to pursue her post-secondary education at Wellesley College and build a decades-long career in nonprofit management

and fundraising.

"As the new Board Chair of Old North Illuminated, I'm most excited about preserving and sharing the rich, multi-faceted history of Old North Church," says Johnson. "While many people focus on the story of Paul Revere's ride, the church itself has been a cornerstone of our history for over 300 years. It's not just about the lanterns and the revolution – it's about remembering the full story, including the roles played by early church members and the diverse histories of all who were part of it, including free and enslaved Black congregants and others who contributed over the years. As someone who wasn't initially a history buff, I've come to deeply appreciate the significance of this place. Old North is a unique church with a rich past that speaks to everyone, and I'm committed to ensuring its stories are preserved and shared for generations to come."

Johnson brings more than 30 years of experience in communications, project management, teaching, and development to the Old North Illuminated Board of



Angela Johnson

Directors. As Senior Director of Philanthropy at Year Up United, she focuses on building relationships with donors, mainly Massachusetts-based, to support the organization's national mission. She works closely with stakeholders to encourage volunteering, giving, and other forms of support. A passionate volunteer, Johnson has been active on the boards of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), The Lenny Zakim Fund, Sisters in Development in Massachusetts, and Minds Matter Boston. She also contributed to an Advisory Committee for Massachusetts State Treasurer Steve Grossman for four years and was a nine-year volunteer mentor for Big Sister of Greater Boston, where she was honored as a Community-Based Big Sister

of the Year.

"I'm thrilled that the Board of Old North Illuminated has selected Angela to serve as our next Board Chair," says Nikki Stewart, Old North Illuminated Executive Director. "Her expertise in fostering partnerships and building support for both national and community-based non-profits will be invaluable as we begin this important anniversary year and look to our future. She is a powerhouse public speaker, a dynamic fundraiser, an adept event planner, and a warm and encouraging leader."

As a member of the Old North Illuminated Board of Directors, Johnson will help with general oversight of the strategic direction and financial health of the organization and serve on committees that provide guidance in areas such as education, marketing and development, preservation, finance, and investment, all of which enable the organization to execute on its mission and live its values. Board members serve for up to three terms of three years each and act as goodwill ambassadors who actively advocate on behalf of the nonprofit.

This year, Old North Illuminated celebrates the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, marking Paul Revere's legendary midnight ride and the iconic "two if by sea" lantern signal in Old North Church's steeple. For information

about upcoming celebrations, visit: www.oldnorth.com/250th.

Established in 1991 as the Old North Foundation, Old North Illuminated is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is responsible for historic site operations and interpretative, educational, and preservation programs at the iconic Old North Church Historic Site. A secular organization that is independent of Christ Church in the City of Boston, Old North Illuminated welcomes approximately 500,000 visitors annually while overseeing the preservation of an enduring symbol of American independence. Old North Illuminated serves a wide audience by creating meaningful experiences through educational outreach, site-specific programming, and historical analysis. ONI works collaboratively with the City of Boston, the U.S. National Park Service, the Freedom Trail Foundation, and other partners to foster educational and interpretive programs for students and visitors while engaging the public in Old North Church's history and its role in inspiring liberty and freedom. In 2023, Old North Church Historic Site was designated as a Site of Conscience by the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC), joining a global network of historic sites, museums, and memory initiatives that connect past struggles to today's movements for human rights.

Call to Artists! SPRING'S INVITATION: EXPRESSIONS OF THE NATURAL WORLD

The Artists' Group of Charlestown Spring 2025 Exhibition
Exhibition Dates: March 28 - April 13, 2025

Submissions: Through March 13, 2025 at Midnight
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Detail of "Pond Reflections"
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Old North Illuminated receives Operating Grant of \$20,800 from Mass Cultural Council

Special to the Sun

Old North Illuminated, the non-profit organization that stewards Old North Church Historic Site, has received a grant of \$20,800 from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, through its Operating Grants for Organizations program.

"The Mass Cultural Council plays a vital role in preserv-

ing the rich history and cultural fabric of our Commonwealth. This investment in Old North Illuminated ensures that future generations will continue to have access to the educational and historical experiences that help define our shared American heritage. I'm proud to support this crucial funding that enables organizations like Old North to thrive and continue making

meaningful contributions to our community," said State Senator Lydia Edwards.

This grant signifies that Old North Illuminated, which manages all interpretive, educational, and preservation programs at the Old North Church Historic Site in Boston's historic North End neighborhood, provides signifi-

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Red Bull Heavy Metal brings top snowboarders to City Hall Plaza

Special to the Sun

Red Bull Heavy Metal, a showcase of street snowboarding's grit and creativity, is coming to Boston's City Hall Plaza on Saturday, February 22, 2025. The event, featuring top athletes including X Games Gold Medalist Zeb Powell, will run from 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM ET, with gates opening at 2:00 PM. Spectating is free and open to the public.

Originally launched in the early 2000s and revived in 2022, Red Bull Heavy Metal has become a premier street snowboarding competition. This year, 300 tons of snow, provided by mountain and parks partner Loon Mountain, will transform City Hall Plaza into a challenging urban terrain.

The competition will feature three distinct zones, each testing

different aspects of street snowboarding with custom-designed rails, gaps, and creative features.

Event Schedule (Saturday, February 22nd):

- 2:00 PM: Gates Open
- 2:30 PM: Opening remarks from Mayor/City
- 2:33 PM: National anthem recording
- 2:35 PM: Zone 1 Qualifier
- 3:05 PM: Zone 1 Finals
- 3:25 PM: Zone 1 Awards & Photos
- 3:45 PM: Zone 2 Qualifier
- 4:05 PM: Zone 2 Finals
- 4:30 PM: Zone 2 Awards & Photos
- 4:50 PM: Zone 3 Qualifier
- 5:20 PM: Zone 3 Finals
- 5:40 PM: Zone 3 & Overall Winner Awards & Photos
- 5:45 PM: Zone 3 & Overall Winner Interviews
- 6:00 PM: Event concludes

Competitor Information:

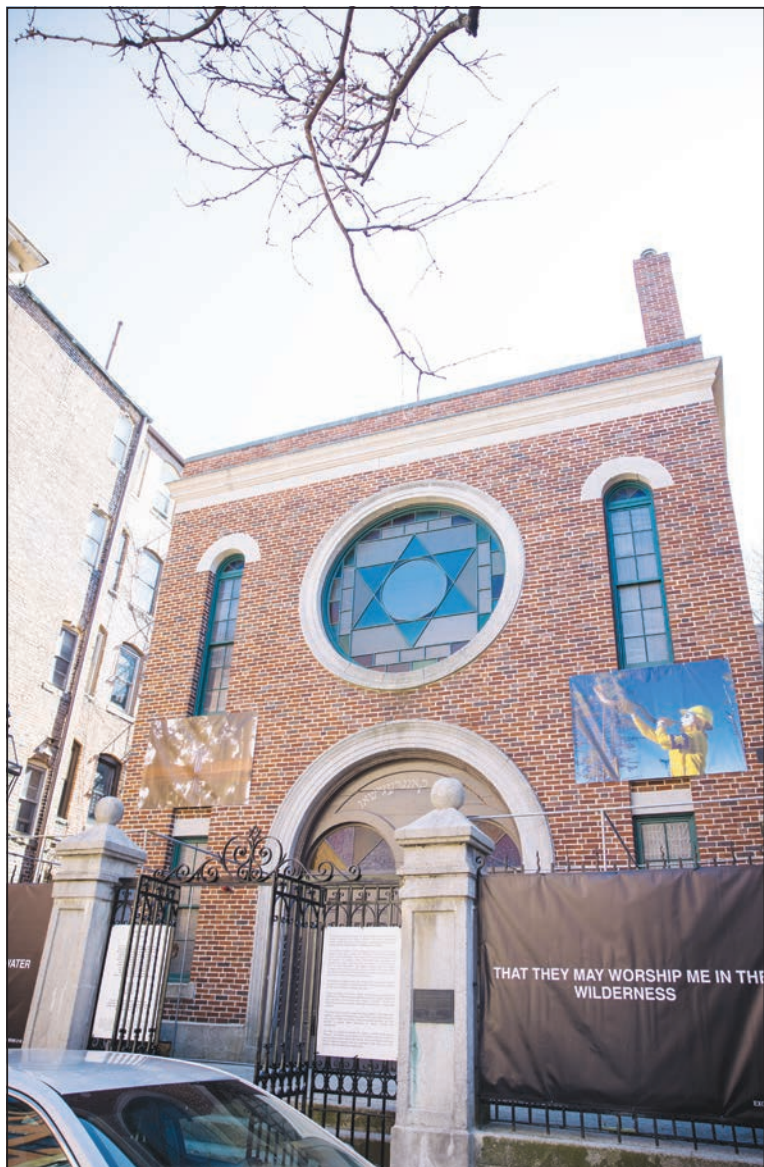
- 36 total competitors (12 women, 24 men)
- 9 first-time competitors
- 4 returning overall winners: Maggie Leon, Pat Fava, Benny Milam, and Veda Hallen

Prize Information:

- Zone 1 male and female top winners: \$2,500 each; runner-ups: \$1,000 each
- Zone 2 male and female top winners: \$2,500 each; runner-ups: \$1,000 each
- Zone 3 male and female top winners: \$2,500 each; runner-ups: \$1,000 each
- Overall male and female top winners: \$4,500 each and a CNCPTS x BURTON "Rabbit Hole" collection snowboard
- For more information, visit Redbull.com/HeavyMetalBOS.



Zeb Powell grinds down a rail at a previous Red Bull Heavy Metal.



The Vilna Shul at 18 Phillips St.

COURTESY OF THE VILNA SHUL

The Vilna joins together with JArts

By Sun staff

The Vilna Shul, Boston's Center for Jewish Culture based at 18 Phillips St., has officially joined Jewish Arts Collaborative (JArts) "to elevate and expand access to Jewish culture and community across Greater Boston," according to a Feb. 1 press release.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for The Vilna to expand its reach and deepen its impact by thinking in bigger and bolder ways about how we inspire, engage and educate people of all backgrounds about Jewish culture," said Dalit Horn, executive director of The Vilna.

The Vilna and JArts have long been collaborators, curating cultural events and art installations that highlight the diversity of the Jewish experience. JArts will become integrated into The Vilna, establishing the central hub for Jewish culture, learning, and connection through

their diverse and complementary offerings.

As part of this transition, Laura Mandel, formerly executive director of JArts, has stepped into the role of managing director of program strategy and impact at The Vilna.

"Jewish cultural institutions are essential outlets for translating Jewish tradition, history and heritage in ways that are relevant, compelling, and meaningful for today," said Mandel, who also serves as board chair for the Council of American Jewish

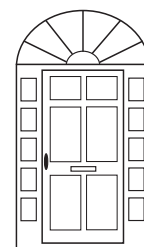
Museums.

Of this historic union, Rabbi Marc Baker, president and CEO of Combined Jewish Philanthropies, said: "The Vilna and JArts are vibrant treasures of our community, and their coming together marks an exciting step forward in nurturing Jewish culture holistically. This partnership strengthens our community and serves as a beacon of light and creativity."

Visit vilnashul.org or email info@vilnashul.org for more information.

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Office of Civic Organizing announce 2025 Love Your Block dates

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Office of Civic Organizing (OCO) announced the 2025 Love Your Block spring cleanups will take place on Saturday, April 5 and Saturday, April 12. This year marks the tenth anniversary of Love Your Block, a program that has mobilized thousands of residents in community-led cleanups to beautify Boston's neighborhoods. Originally launched as Boston Shines and rebranded in 2015, Love Your Block has become a key initiative for civic engagement in Boston. Over the past decade, the program has empowered residents to take ownership of their public spaces, fostering community pride and connection through hands-on neighborhood beautification projects. These projects include street cleanups, park revitalization, planting flowers, and mulching.

The Love Your Block registration is now open for volunteers to sign up as hosts. Alternatively, individuals who wish to join an existing neighborhood cleanup as a volunteer can pre-register. After registration closes on March 3, 2025, the Office of

Civic Organizing (OCO) will provide registered volunteers with a list of cleanup sites in their neighborhood that are accepting participants.

"Love Your Block cleanups have been a fantastic way of bringing communities together across Boston and one I have personally enjoyed taking part in," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "For the past 10 years, this program has empowered residents to take pride in their communities by giving them the tools to keep their neighborhoods sparkling. Together we celebrate the start of spring and take ownership of keeping our public spaces beautiful."

The Love Your Block program was established in 2015 through a three-year grant awarded to the City of Boston by Cities of Service. Following the expiration of the grant in 2018, Love Your Block was integrated as a permanent city program.

Cleanups will take place in every neighborhood of Boston over the course of two weekends. The 2025 dates are as follows:

- Saturday, April 5: Allston, Brighton, Charlestown, Chinatown, Dorchester, Downtown, Leather District, Mattapan,

Mid-Dorchester, North End, Roslindale, South Boston, West End, West Roxbury and Wharf District.

- Saturday, April 12: Bay Village, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, East Boston, Fenway-Kenmore, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill, Roxbury, and South End.

"Love Your Block is a reflection of Boston's spirit, neighbors coming together not only to care for the places we call home but also to strengthen the bonds that connect us," said Nathalia Benitez-Perez, Director of the Office of Civic Organizing. "I am deeply grateful for the dedication of our volunteers who work closely with us to keep this tradition alive."

Love Your Block had record participation numbers last year, with more than 2,000 volunteers across 121 sites citywide. After last year's success, the Office of Civic Organizing is partnering again with Boston Public Library and Boston Centers for Youth & Families to serve as centralized locations where community members can conveniently pick up and return cleanup tools. All participating sites are listed on the Love Your Block page, along with tips on how to

host your own Love Your Block cleanup site. Tool collection is scheduled from 9:00-10:00 a.m., with returns to the same location between 12:00-2:00 p.m.

On Friday, April 4, the Downtown Boston Alliance (DBA) will kick off this year's Love Your Block cleanups with its annual Friday beautification project, marking the official start of the citywide initiative. The DBA coordinates this cleanup, but people can sign up through the City as individual volunteers.

"For ten years, the City of Boston's Love Your Block event has brought the community together to celebrate the emergence of spring and to take pride in our respective neighborhoods through an annual day of service. The Downtown Boston Alliance congratulates the City on this milestone, and for the leadership of each city official who has supported the ongoing success of this treasured volunteer activity," said Michael J. Nichols, President of the Downtown Boston Alliance. "Further, our organization has been honored to host a volunteer site downtown since 2008, back when Love Your Block was known as Boston Shines, and we look forward to continuing to bring together residents, students and Downtown's business community in support of beautifying our shared neighborhood."

"The Codman Square Neighborhood Council and the

BOLD Teens have participated in Love Your Block for all of the years that it has been Love Your Block and before that with Boston Shines. We truly appreciate the resources and energy this city initiative brings to our neighborhood," said Cynthia Loesch-Johnson of Dorchester. "It has helped us to take care of both Codman Square Park and the Dr. Loesch Family Park over the decades. Residents of all ages look forward to this event each year where they get to clean, paint, plant and beautify our neighborhood parks and have the support of the city in doing so."

The Office of Civic Organizing will provide volunteers with cleanup tools including trash bags, gloves, brooms, rakes, trash pickers and a Love Your Block t-shirt. Hosts leading a cleanup can request tools until Friday, March 3 at 5:00 p.m. here.

"The Community Engagement Cabinet is thrilled to celebrate 10 years of our city's Love Your Block initiative," said Brianna Millor, Chief of the Community Engagement Cabinet. "This initiative inspires Boston residents, community leaders, and volunteers each year to think about a street, local park, or neighborhood that could use some extra care. Together, we collaborate to beautify Boston, one block at a time."



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white wedding dress and tossing the bouquet, Etiquetteer will look at fads like the floral bell, how wedding breakfasts were conducted, and the home wedding. Two of the most celebrated weddings of this period included President Cleveland's White House wedding to Frances Folsom and Consuelo Vanderbilt's wedding in New York to the Duke of Marlborough. Etiquetteer will also share the stories of Gibson family weddings, especially those of sisters Mary Ethel (held in Nahant) and Rosamond, held in the Music Room of the Gibson House six months after the death of her father.

Admission is \$25 per person for the general public and \$20 per person for museum members. Purchase tickets online at

<https://www.thegibsonhouse.org>.

BOSTON WARD 4 DEMS MONTHLY MEETING SET FOR MARCH 18

The Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Union Church, 485 Columbus Ave.

Three new candidates for Boston City Council Samuel Hurtado (District 7), Marvin Mathelier (at-Large), and Will Onuoha (at-Large) as part of the committee's ongoing pre-election candidate sessions.

Visit bostonward4dems.org for more information.

OLD NORTH *(from Page 4)*

cant public value through its programs and services. Established in 1723, Old North Church is the oldest surviving church building in the city of Boston and a popular Freedom Trail destination. Old North is famous for the events of April 18, 1775, when two men climbed the church's steeple to hold two lanterns aloft as a signal from Paul Revere to fellow Patriots that British troops were headed to Concord "by sea" across the Charles River. This coded message and Paul Revere's midnight ride helped spark the Revolutionary War, which erupted the following day with the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Old North's lantern signal was immortalized in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem "Paul Revere's Ride" with the phrase "one if by land, and two if by sea."

"This operating grant from the Mass Cultural Council will allow us to continue providing history programming that is honest, inclusive, sometimes challenging, and always thought-provoking," said Nikki Stewart, Executive Director of Old North Illuminated. "We are especially grateful to have this critical support in 2025 as we mark the 250th anniversary of Old North's famous lantern signal."

In recent years, Old North Illuminated has made significant investments in research and educational programming. In June 2022, Dr. Jaimie D. Crumley

of the University of Utah joined the organization for a year-long research fellowship focused on recovering the stories of Black and Indigenous people who were part of Old North's early history. Dr. Crumley's fascinating research was incorporated into Old North's new exhibit and audio guide, which received an Award of Excellence from the American Association for State and Local History in September 2024. Members of the public can also access her research without traveling to the historic site through the Illuminating the Unseen video series.

For this fiscal year, Mass Cultural Council has adopted a \$34 million spending plan, allowing the Agency to award at least 2,500 grants totaling approximately \$38 million to the Commonwealth's creative and cultural sector. This is funded primarily through public dollars, including the Agency's \$26.7 million state budget appropriation and support from the National Endowment for the Arts. The agency also runs the Mass Cultural Facilities Fund in partnership with MassDevelopment.

Mass Cultural Council funds reach every community in the Commonwealth. Its mission is to advance the Commonwealth's creative and cultural sector by celebrating traditions and talents, championing its collective needs, and equitably investing public resources.

Flynn files Hearing Order to discuss requiring all road users to be licensed, registered, and insured

Special to the Sun

At last week's City Council meeting, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn filed an order for a hearing to discuss requiring all micro-mobility devices and road users to be licensed, registered, and insured. Last week, the city administration proposed an ordinance that would require third party delivery providers such as DoorDash, UberEats and GrubHub to obtain a permit to operate within the city, and have liability insurance coverage for all drivers using their platform. While having 3rd party delivery operators obtain a permit and insurance for their workers is a start - and there is a need for more enforcement to deter bad behavior - Councilor Flynn believes there should be consistency in having all road users licensed, registered, and insured to make sure everyone is playing by the same rules.

Last February in 2024, Councilor Flynn filed a hearing order to discuss community process with the Boston Transportation Department. At that time, he advocated that instead of not engaging with neighborhoods on street redesigns with a top down approach- we should also listen to neighbors and address the increase of mopeds and other devices from third party delivery drivers.

Residents across Boston have reported speeding along our streets and sidewalks, frequent running of stop signs and red lights, going the wrong way on one-way streets, and navigating between vehicles at traffic lights by mopeds, scooters, dirt bikes, electric bikes, bikes, and other micro-mobility devices. Residents have consistently shared serious concerns about how these devices don't have a license, registration or liability insurance in the event of a crash, and that they pose a danger to pedestrian safety. This new dynamic impacts road safety and can put all road users in harm's way

Moreover, a grant of \$775,855.00 was introduced at the City Council last week to electrify and replace BlueBikes Stations. Councilor Flynn remains

concerned that city-sponsored electric BlueBikes may present similar public safety issues as the current dynamic with third-party delivery operators, due to the speed of electric bikes and potential for users who do not follow the rules of the road.

"In the final analysis, the development of new devices on the road in recent years has created a less safe environment when all road users are not following basic traffic laws. Whether it's cars, mopeds, scooters, dirtbikes, electric bikes, or bikes- everyone using city roads needs to abide by the rules of the road," said Councilor Flynn. "Everyone should have a license, registration, and liability insurance in the event of an accident and injury. It can no longer be the Wild West on the streets of Boston."

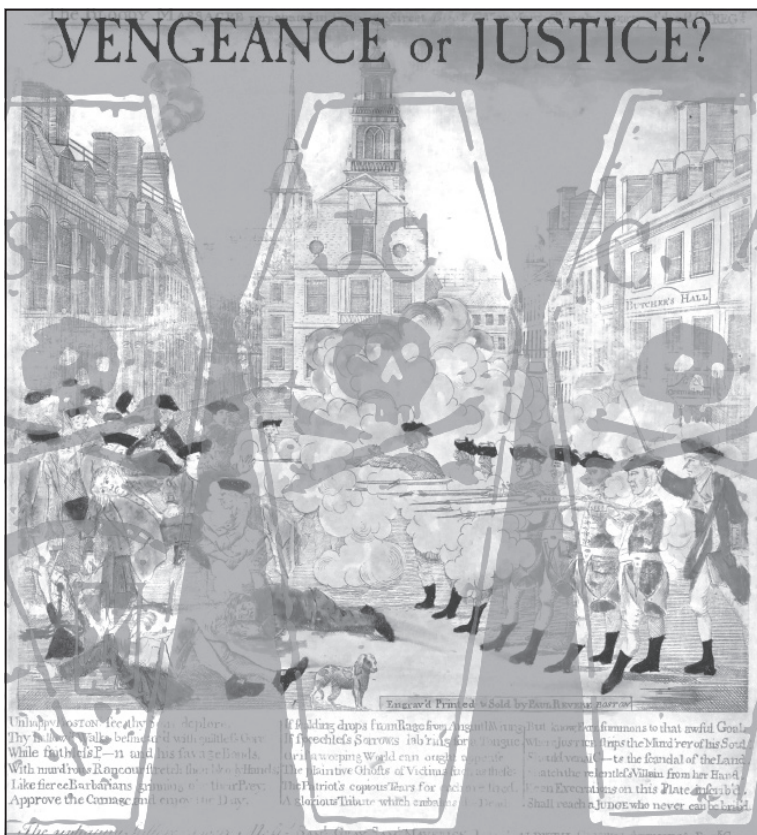
Vengeance or Justice? A Boston Massacre Town Meeting

Two hundred and fifty-five years ago, on March 5, 1770, British soldiers opened fire on a crowd at King Street in Boston. Three men lay dead and many more were wounded. Was it a plot to commit murder or self-defense? Should the people of Boston extract vengeance against the soldiers or call for law and order above all else?

Have your voice heard in a Town Meeting debate and help decide: vengeance or justice?

Join Revolutionary Spaces and National Parks of Boston at Old South Meeting House on March 5, as we recreate this historic meeting. Doors open at 5:15 PM and the program begins at 5:30 PM, running for approximately 30 minutes to 45 minutes.

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BEACON HILL WOMEN'S FORUM WELCOMES GUEST SPEAKER DR. NOELLE TRENT

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

When public historian Doctor Noelle Trent looks at the over 200-year-old wooden floor planks of the African Meeting House she sees the path of prominent figures who have come before her, like abolitionists, Frederick Douglas and William Lloyd Garrison. Doctor Trent also imagines the common, working people, tired and with little disposable income, attending a lecture and donating their funds for a liberated future beyond their comprehension.

"Every time you enter the sanctuary, you are stepping in the footsteps of history," said Dr. Trent, President & CEO, Museum of African American History (MAAH), Boston and Nantuck-



Doctor Noelle Trent, President/CEO, Museum of African American History.

et. "I want to honor that history, the sacrifices people made, the vision, the daring resilience, and endurance that the community had."

During Dr. Trent's presentation, "Museum of African History: Part of a Larger Story," she described the empowering experiences of the black community members whose outspokenness and persistence led to Boston becoming the epicenter of the Abolitionist Movement, and home to a respite for all at the Meeting House.

At the February 11 Beacon Hill Women's Forum (BHWF) meeting at The Hampshire House, Doctor Trent explained the origins of Black History

See BHWF Page 9



Doctor Noelle Trent, President/CEO, Museum of African American History, and Tricia Stone, BHWF Co-President.

CITY PAWS

Test your training

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We're devoted readers of the Whole Dog Journal and consider the Founding Editor, Nancy Kerns, one of the most knowledgeable dog writers today.

In the February 2025 issue, she confessed that she considered having her two dogs take the ASPCA Canine Good Citizenship test. She set up a trial run and found that her dogs would

not succeed in three required behaviors.

She wrote, "... I do feel challenged now to sign up for the next local offering of this test, and actually train and practice for it. Though I feel that the expectations of the test should be within every dog's easy ability to accomplish, clearly they take a bit more training and practice to pass, even with very well

behaved dogs!"

We suggest following her example. This test allows dog guardians (experts and regular folks alike) to improve on specific aspects of training. You can find a copy of the test online and have a friend with a dog help you do a run-through.

The test for awarding a Canine Good Citizen certificate requires that a dog accept the approach of

a friendly stranger and sit politely for petting. The pups must lie down, stay on command, and then come when called. The dog must walk on a loose lead, including walking through a crowd and reacting appropriately to distractions. Finally, it must allow basic grooming procedures and, hardest of all, calmly endure supervised separation from its guardian.

Urban Canine Good Citizen Test

The ASPCA developed a more specific set of behaviors for urban residents needed to earn a good citizen certificate. Here is a simplified list of the tasks.

- Exit and enter doorways with no pulling
- Walk through a crowd on a busy urban sidewalk
- React appropriately to city distractions (horns, sirens, etc.)
- Wait on leash and cross streets under control
- Ignore food and food containers on the sidewalk
- Allow a person to approach on the sidewalk and pet the dog
- 3-minute down and stay in the lobby of a dog-friendly building
- Safely negotiate stairs and elevators
- Must be housetrained
- Enter, exit, and ride dog-friendly transportation (e.g., car, subway, or cab)

Ready, Set, Train!

Winter is an excellent time to work on your dog's skills inside your building. Although our dog Poppy can not pass the test requirements, we can improve her behavior in specific areas. Training doesn't end with puppyhood; our 12-year-old Westie is always learning new behaviors.

Some people participate in a formal program, while others train dogs independently. Consider your specific goals if you want your dog to be welcome in typical social settings. If you opt for private behavioral training, ensure the trainer uses positive reinforcement techniques rather than punishment methods such as shock collars or choke chains. Fortunately for us, Poppy is extremely food-driven, and a tiny training treat reward is all it takes to have her instantly respond to "Come to Me."

The MSPCA has classes to put your dog's paws on the path to the Canine Good Citizenship certification. They begin with Puppy Kindergarten for the youngest trainees, Good Manners Classes, and training and testing for the Canine Good Citizen certifications.

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



Could your dog pass the "three-minute stay-down test?"

BHWF (from pg. 8)

Month, a national observance created almost 100 years ago by historian, Carter G. Woodson, who was the second African American to receive a Ph.D. degree from Harvard University.

As early as the 1890s, there had been celebrations across the country in black communities around Negro History Week, recognized during the second week in February to coincide with the birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas.

“It evolved to become a month. The goal of this celebration was for it to not be the only time of the year you talk about black history, but it’s the time when you most uplift it,” said Dr. Trent. “It’s a great tradition.”

Doctor Trent described how the cataloging of black history dates back to the mid-19th century, with early writers of African American history, such as William Cooper Nell (1816-1874), who was born and raised in Boston. The civic activist resided on the North Slope of Beacon Hill, a well-established African American neighborhood.

Nell’s major works include “Services of Colored Americans and the Wars of 1776 and 1812,” published in 1851, and “The Colored Patriots of the American Revolution,” published in 1855.

“Early historians were concerned about demonstrating that African American history is rooted in this country’s existence. The academic writing and research using historic methodology was one phase of preserving this critical piece of history. The objects and physical spaces are another piece to that,” exclaimed Dr. Trent. “The Museum of African Amer-

ican History exists within a community that has been actively researching, interpreting, and preserving its history for over 150 years.”

The Museum of African American History, located at 46 Joy Street, Beacon Hill, was founded by Sue Bailey Thurman, who arrived in Boston with her husband, Howard Thurman, in 1953, when he became the dean of Marsh Chapel, at Boston University.

“She began to ponder the Abolitionist Movement,” said Dr. Trent. “As a point of pride, Boston was the epicenter of action. She wondered where the monuments and houses of the participants of the Abolitionist Movement were. In the 1950s, she didn’t see any plaques mark-

ing African American History. Every town she found herself in, she was active in preserving the buildings that were hallmarks of the black community.”

The couple were advisors of the Civil Rights Movement, and early participants of the Interfaith Movement. Thurman was known for her tolerance and willingness to engage with people of all faiths. She also devised a walking tour connecting sites that would eventually become Boston’s Black Heritage Trail.

“We know the ‘60s as a period of sit-ins and marches; but there was also a revolutionary spirit within how we present this story,” beamed Dr. Trent. “Boston was center-stage in that conversation.”

Exhibitions and programs at

MAAH began as early as 1963. By 1967, the museum was formally organized, became officially incorporated in 1972, and in 1986, Congress passed legislation establishing the National Park Service’s Boston African American National Historic Site, which included the Black Heritage Trail.

“Today, MAAH remains a private non-profit, and the Black Heritage Trail is its intellectual property,” noted Dr. Trent. “We are also an affiliate site for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.”

The African Meeting House, located at 8 Smith Court, Beacon Hill, was the first building to come under MAAH’s stewardship. It was acquired in 1972, and is the oldest existing black

church building in the country, and served as a founding place for the Massachusetts General Colored Association. In 1832, William Lloyd Garrison started the New England Anti-Slavery Society in the Meeting House.

“This place was a haven – a refuge – from the rest of the world,” revealed Dr. Trent.

Part of the Boston campus includes the Abiel Smith School, at 46 Joy Street. In 1815, white businessman, Abiel Smith, bequeathed \$4,000 to the City of Boston to benefit the education of African American children. The Abiel Smith School opened in 1835, and was the first public school in the country specifically built for African Americans.

Doctor Trent remembers being awe-struck at the MAAH’s Boston site, which is entirely dependent on generosity of the community. She encourages BHWF members to visit as she and her team usher the museum into the 21st century by exploring digital technology.

The Museum of African American History’s latest exhibition, “Being Frederick Douglas,” features a hologram of Frederick Douglas that uses artificial intelligence with a closed dataset to answer inquiries from the audience.

“We find ourselves in a challenging time; but we know the importance of this story. It’s deeply ingrained into the legacy of this country,” asserted Dr. Trent. “We lean into our mission, which is to explore the presence of black people in early American history prior to 1900 in Boston, Nantucket, Massachusetts, and the greater New England region, while also connecting it to contemporary society.”



Beacon Hill Women’s Forum members gathering for cocktail hour at The Hampshire House during a February 11 meeting.



Maureen Yoder and Betty Lykins.



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Tips to prevent winter wandering for those caring for loved ones with Dementia

Special to the Sun

Many parts of the U.S. are expected to be impacted by a winter storm over the next couple of days. The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) wants to remind caregivers of those living with dementia how to protect them from the potential dangers of wandering during this time when they may experience frigid temperature, snow, and ice.

Wandering is a common and potentially dangerous behavior in individuals with dementia. Someone who wanders can quickly become lost or disoriented, unable to remember how to get back home, or know how, or who, to call for help. They may also leave the home without dressing appropriately for the weather. Cold winter weather adds to the dangers of wandering with the risks of hypothermia, injuries from slipping on ice or snow, and reduced visibility.

Older adults also face greater challenges with cold weather due to factors such as diminished compensatory mechanisms and medications that can interfere with normal temperature regulation. Additionally, Alzheimer's disease can impair their ability to recognize when they are too cold

or at risk of hypothermia.

AFA encourages family caregivers to follow these five steps to protect their loved ones:

- Watch for nonverbal cues. Wandering often stems from an unmet need or desire (i.e., hunger, thirst, a need to use the bathroom, a wish to engage in an activity). Looking for a signal that the person may need something (i.e., tugging on pants can be a sign that the person may need to use the bathroom) and quickly addressing it can reduce the chances of wandering. Sometimes, wandering can be a form of communication, especially if the person's verbal skills are impaired. Watch for signs that loved ones may be frightened, anxious, stressed, or overstimulated, and take action to soothe and reassure them.

- Safeguard the home. Objects such as car keys, jackets, and purses, especially when left near a door, can provide motivation for the person to leave suddenly. Avoid keeping these items out in the open. Install electronic chimes or doorbells on doors so someone is alerted if the individual tries to exit. Consider utilizing a smart doorbell with an app that can notify you when someone is entering or exiting the home.

- Know your loved one's patterns. Know what times of the day may be more triggering than others and provide activities during those periods. Encourage healthy sleep habits to reduce chances the person might leave in the middle of the night. If your loved one does wander, keep a record of their patterns (frequency, duration, time of day, where they were found, etc.) to help guide you in the future.

- Develop a safety plan. Compile pertinent information (i.e., recent close-up photo, medical information, a list of places the person may go) so that it can quickly be provided to first responders in an emergency. Maintain a list of people to contact if the person goes missing and ask neighbors to call you if they see the person out alone. When possible, encourage and incorporate input from the person when developing your plan.

- Connect with your local public safety agency. Many communities have programs, such as Project Lifesaver, that allow you to voluntarily enroll your loved one to receive locating technology that first responders can activate if the person goes missing. Contact your local public safety agency to see if they offer this service or one that is similar.



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Senator Collins votes to broaden public access to Senate operations

Rules package aimed at increasing transparency

Special to the Sun

Last week, the Massachusetts Senate approved rules proposals for the 194th General Court that would increase transparency and public accessibility.

The Senate's rules proposals for the 2025-2026 session aim to create a transparent and efficient Legislature that meets our current moment. These proposals will build on the Senate's commitment to transparency and create a framework for increased productivity during legislative sessions.

"We take pride in the work we do," said Senator Nick Collins (D-Boston). "Updating our procedures to make our work more transparent will strengthen the work we do. Public engagement is essential to good policy making."

The Senate's rules proposal includes measures to improve transparency, and ensures that in the absence of joint rules, the

Senate would be able to still take steps to make information public.

Senate Votes in Committees: Senate rules would require that the votes Senators take in joint committees, such as whether to advance a bill out of committee, be posted online. In addition, the Senate currently requires Senate-only committees to make committee votes available online.

Testimony Received by Committees: Senate rules would require that written or in-person testimony received by Senate members of a joint committee be provided publicly online. To facilitate this, an email or online portal would exist where testifiers can submit testimony that would be made available online. In addition, the Senate currently requires public testimony in Senate-only committees to be made available to the public.

Bill Summaries: Senate rules would direct Senate committees to make bill summaries available online for legislation reported favorably out of the committee. Summaries from Senate Ways and Means have long been pro-

vided to Senators and members of the public who ask for them, but this provision would make the same information easily available online.

Cybersecurity Training: Senate rules would require every Senator and employee to undergo cybersecurity training every session. The Senate rules already require members and employees to undergo anti-harassment training, implicit bias training, and ethics training.

The Senate's proposal for joint rules would take additional steps to make the work of both branches accessible and available to the public.

Joint Committee Reform: Allows Senate and House members to vote only on their respective branch bills after joint hearings, preventing deadlocks and improving efficiency.

Public Hearing Notice: Increases notice time for joint committee hearings from 72 hours to five days, giving residents and stakeholders more time to prepare.

Reporting Deadline: Requires joint committees to report bills

by the first Wednesday in December of the first session year to prevent legislative backlogs.

Open Conference Meetings: Mandates that the first conference committee meeting be open to the public and media for greater transparency.

Conference Report Review Time: Requires at least one full day between a conference committee report filing and a legislative vote to allow more time for review.

Bill Summaries: Requires sponsors to submit bill summaries, which joint committees must make publicly available

alongside the bill text.

Committee Name Updates: Renames the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy to the Joint Committee on Climate, Utilities, and Energy, the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs to the Joint Committee on Aging and Independence, and the Joint Committee on Agriculture to the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries to better reflect their focus.

The Senate Rules will now govern the Senate this session. The Senate's Joint Rules proposal will need to be reconciled with the House of Representatives.

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Lenny Zakim Fund distributes \$678K to 53 nonprofit organizations

Special to the Sun

The Lenny Zakim Fund (LZF) hosted its 29th annual Awards Ceremony last week celebrating the work of its 2025 grant recipients. A total of \$678,000 in unrestricted grants will be awarded to 53 nonprofit organizations, whose work ranges from food security, housing, and accessibility to youth development, violence prevention, and LGBTQ+ organizing. In addition to grant funds, LZF offers grantee partners an array of support services, such as expert advising, executive coaching, capacity-building educational seminars and workshops, and pro bono legal services.

"The work being done by grassroots nonprofit organizations to advance social, racial, and economic justice in communities throughout eastern Massachusetts is more critical today than perhaps at any time since LZF was founded 30 years ago," said LZF Executive Direc-

tor Allison Picott. "The Lenny Zakim Fund is proud to support the 53 grassroots organizations who make up our 2025 grantee portfolio and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with them - and the nearly 400 grassroots partners we've proudly supported since 1995 - on the front lines of this 21st Century Civil Rights Movement."

Keynote speakers at the Awards Ceremony was Joan Ilacqua, Founder and Executive Director of The History Project, which is focused exclusively on documenting and preserving the history of New England's LGBTQ communities and sharing that history with LGBTQ individuals, organizations, allies, and the public, and Cassandra Brandao, Board Vice President of Gratis Healthcare, Inc, which recognizes the growing need for access to basic health care for those communities that are uninsured or underinsured in the MetroWest and Greater Boston area by providing free medical

and mental health services to those in need. The evening will also feature special performances by Refugees & Immigrants Cultural Empowerment Massachusetts (RICEMA) who uses performance art and education to preserve the culture of refugee and immigrant communities, while deepening individuals' connection to their heritage.

With both new and returning grantee partners in attendance, the Awards Ceremony honors Lenny Zakim's mission that was the impetus for his founding of this Fund in 1995: to develop deep relationships and build bridges among people and communities to advance social, economic, and racial justice.

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City holds virtual meeting on West End Branch Library redevelopment plans

By Dan Murphy

The city's Planning Department convened a virtual meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 12, to discuss plans for the redevelopment of the West End Branch Library, including its affordable housing component.

Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc. (POAH), a national nonprofit committed to creating and sustaining affordable housing which also manages the Blackstone Apartments on Blossom Street, together with the Boston-based private equity firm, Caste Capital, LLC, have been designated to transform the existing library at 151 Cambridge St., - a building built in the late 1960s - into a modern library branch below 119 units of affordable housing.

The 165-foot building would comprise a two-story library, including 19,000 square feet of community space, with 12 floors of residential above. Although

the project makes no provisions for vehicle parking, it has 160 bicycle parking spaces, including 128 long-term and 32 short-term bike spots.

The residential unit mix will include 12 studios, 29 one-bedrooms, 70 two-bedrooms, and eight three-bedrooms. Forty apartments will be affordable to households earning up to 30 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) while the other 79 apartments will be designated for households earning up to 80 percent of AMI, according to the city.

Construction is scheduled to get underway at the end of 2026 and take two years to finish, with completion expected in the first quarter of '29, said Kristel Salinas, project manager for POAH, who added that the project team is now working to secure all financing for the project to coincide with this timeline.

One eagerly anticipated community benefit from the project



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A rendering of the redeveloped West End Branch Library, with affordable housing above.

will be the creation of a publicly accessible pedestrian plaza between the renovated library and the adjacent Otis House at 141 Cambridge St.

Gigi Saltonstall, a principal at Waltham-based G2 Collaborative, said the project team is working together with Historic New England, which is based at Otis House, on future plans for programming the plaza.

A strong supporter of the project since its inception, Rep. Jay Livingstone recalled how the first seeds were planted when three longtime neighborhood residents, John Achatz, Susanne Besser, and Karen Cord Taylor, first came to him about a decade ago and broached the idea of creating affordable housing on the library site.

(Achatz is the former chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association [BHCA], while Taylor is the founding publisher emeritus of this publication. Besser served as the former editor of this publication, as well as former chair of the Civic Association, among myriad other roles in neighborhood organizations.)

At last week's meeting, Achatz commended the project team on how much progress they've made to date, but he expressed deep concern that like almost "every open space on Cambridge Street," this site would become a place for homeless individuals to congregate, sleep, and sometimes use drugs.

"This is an area, which for whatever reason, has been very attractive to homeless people and drug users," said Achatz.

"Fencing is clearly the only way that will prevent undesirable uses of that area."

Salinas responded the project team is well aware of individuals loitering in the area, and that they have already had internal and external conversations with library staff on this matter.

"We don't think this it's a quick fix and think it will take some time," said Meena Jacob, POAH's vice president for real estate development. She added that the team is open to suggestions on how to best address the problem.

Patricia Tully, executive director of the BHCA, asked if any provisions are being made for an interim library in the neighborhood when the branch library is closed for renovations.

The Boston Public Library project team responded that prior to the start of construction, it would be "confirming partnerships with local organizations and businesses to provide access to services," and that the BPL's Community Learning Department is also working with the branch staff to find alternate spaces for computer classes, Conversation Circles, ESL classes, and workforce preparedness workshops.

The BPL is also exploring the possibility of providing unstaffed book lockers where neighbors can pick up library materials during the branch library's closure, but that idea is still in the exploratory phase due to the expected high cost, among other factors.

Following what was the first

meeting in the city's Article 80 design-review process for the project, Colin Zick, president of the BHCA board, wrote in a statement: "The Beacon Hill Civic Association has been supportive of this project from the beginning; indeed, it was former leaders of the Beacon Hill Civic Association who came up with this idea and pushed for it until the city finally got behind it."

"There was an excellent initial process with the city's Housing Department led by Joe Backer, which encouraged public input received and incorporated it. Given that, it was a real surprise when no notice was made except a modest advertisement in a local newspaper which happened to be picked up by BHCA's executive director [Tully]."

"It was an even greater surprise and a huge disappointment when only nine days were allowed for public comment after the public meeting. The Planning Department has indicated it will be receptive to comments even after that time, and we hope that is true. There are many things to recommend this project, although there are certainly issues that look like they could benefit from further refinement," added Zick.

The city's public comment period for this project is open through tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 21. Visit the Planning Department's project page at <http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/west-end-library> to submit a comment, or for more information on the project.

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From Charlestown to the Prado: The 57-Year Quest for Boston's Paul Revere Monument

Special to the Sun

The Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library will host a special presentation on the remarkable story behind the creation of the Paul Revere Monument. Nancy Blanton, Director of Outreach and Engagement at the Cyrus Dallin Art Museum, will delve into the sculptor's time in Charlestown and his decades-long dedication to bringing his vision to life.

Artist Cyrus Dallin (1861-1944), originally from Utah Territory, moved to Boston in 1880 to study sculpture. He was just a 22-year-old fledgling sculptor, when he shocked the Boston art scene by winning a national competition to create a monument in honor of Paul Revere, to then be installed in the North End. Dallin lived in Charlestown when he began his work on creating this monument.

Join Nancy Blanton, Director of Outreach and Engagement at the Cyrus Dallin Art Museum in Arlington (MA) to hear the riveting story behind the creation of this beloved Boston landmark. Learn about the supportive role the Hall family of Charlestown played in Dallin's efforts to

secure the commission and see it through. Neither Dallin nor the Halls could have predicted that the project would involve the creation of seven different models over five decades. Dallin's vision was finally realized in 1940, when the Paul Revere Monument was dedicated in Boston's North End Prado where it still stands today.

The talk will be followed by a Q&A, since many of Cyrus Dallin's 260 plus works are located here in Massachusetts, including public sculptures and pieces in the Cyrus Dallin Art Museum. Some of the local pieces, one in particular, have come under a national and international discussion regarding public monuments and cultural appropriation.

Listings info. for March 6:

Cyrus Dallin, His Time in Charlestown, and 57 Year Quest to Raise Boston's Paul Revere Monument. Presentation given by Nancy Blanton, Director of Outreach and Engagement at the Cyrus Dallin Art Museum. Hosted by the Friends of the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library. Thursday, March 6, 6:30 pm. Free and open to all. Wheelchair acces-

sible; conveniently located near public transportation. Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street, Charlestown. For more information: www.facebook.com/FriendsCharlestownBranchLibrary,

friendsofcharlestownlib@gmail.com, 617-242-1248.

Save the following dates for the Friends' Spring 2025 program, in collaboration with the Bunker Hill Monument Association, to present the following Thursday evening talks at the Library starting at 6:00 pm:

-- April 3: Keith Stokes, a black descendant of the New Orleans Jewish merchant and philanthropist Judah Touro will talk about how that man made a major contribution to the completion of the monument.;

-- April 10: Historian Allan Hoffman will reflect on the Marquis de Lafayette's role in the Revolutionary War and his tour of the US during the cornerstone laying at the Bunker Hill Monument.;

-- May 15: Melanie Kirkpatrick, author of "Lady Editor" a biography of Sarah Josepha Hale will discuss the intriguing woman and connect her to the Monument.

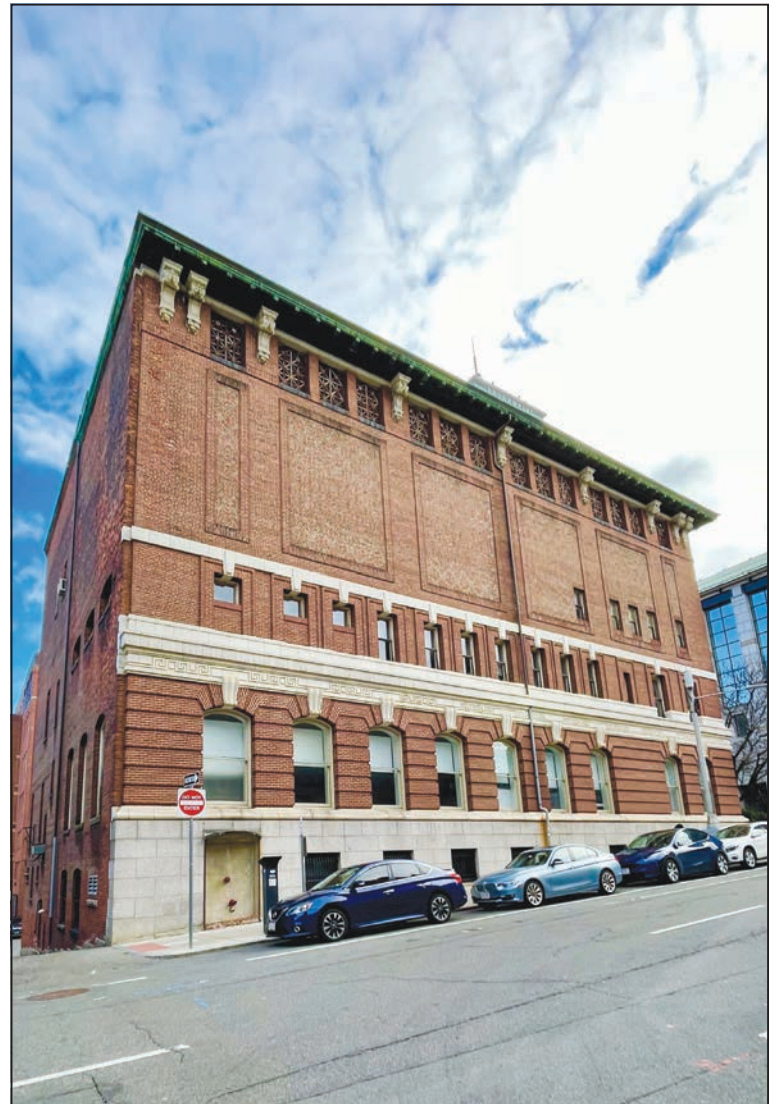
The Friends of the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library was formed in 1953, becoming the second Friends group to organize within the Boston Public Library system. As a non-profit organization, the Friends schedule four to six evening adult programs per year, helps to support programs for children held during the day, and maintains the library's landscaping. The mission of the Friends remains today what it was in 1953: to serve as an advocacy and support group for the needs of the Charlestown Branch Library, its staff, and users.

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Attention to Detail

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The door awning in the last clue is on the Herford Street side of 939 Boylston Street. This was built in 1902 as the home of The Tennis and Racquet Club and was designed by architects Parker and Thomas. As the club website says it, "remains the oldest athletic and social club in the city."

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



The plaque located at 57 High St. in Charlestown.

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Sami Cleaners		Guitar Center	1255 Boylston St.
Antua Nua Bar	834 Beacon St.	The Verb Hotel	127 Boylston St.
Boston Public Library	700 Boylston St.	Red Mango	300 Longwood Ave.
Citizens Bank		Supreme Pizza	313 Old Colony Ave.
Teriyaki House	1110 Boylston St.	Fenway Studios	301 Ipswitch St.
A Little Stevie's Pizza	1114 Boylston St.	Fenway Health	1340 Boylston St.
Pad Thai	1116 Boylston St.	Fenway Community Center	1340 Boylston St.
Crazy Dough	8 Park Plaza	Development Corporation	70 Burbank Rd
Tasty Burger	145 Dartmouth St.	Wahlburger	Brookline Fenway
Cask and Flagon	62 Brookline Ave.	Starmarket	Boylston St.
Back Bay Bicycles	362 Comm. Ave.	Blaze Pizza	Fenway/ Boylston
Sheraton Hotel	39 Dalton St.	Neighborhood Coffee	96 Peterborough St.
Hilton Boston	40 Dalton St.	Bennets Sandwich	86 Peterborough St.
Copley Square Hotel	47 Hunnington Ave.	Thortons Fenway Grill	98 Peterborough St.
The Green House	150 Hunnington Ave.	Tapestry	69 Kilmarnock St.
B Good	955 Washington St.	Tasty Burger	1301 Boylston St.
Bangkok City Restaurant	167 Mass. Ave.	Elliot Hotel	370 Comm. Ave.
Tomodachi Sushi	201 Mass. Ave.	B good	137 Mass. Ave.
City Hair Thai Body	333 Mass. Ave.	Starbucks	145 Mass. Ave.
Snappy Sushi	108 Newbury St.	Guitar Center	59 Mass. Ave.
Laurens Nails	164 Newbury St.	Supreme Pizza	79 Mass. Ave.
Fairfield Reality	219 Newbury St.	Choice wine annd spirits	181 Mass. Ave.
Newbury Guest House	261 Newbury St.	CVS	249 Mass. Ave.
Starbucks	165 Newbury St.		
Ben and Jerrys	174 Newbury St.		
Hem Pest	301 Newbury St.		
Bush Cleaners	219 Newbury St.		
Back Bay Ace Hardware	221 Newbury St.		
Delucas Market	239 Newbury St.		
Boloco	569 Boylston st'		
Town Nail Salon	336 Newbury St.		
Pavement Coffee	286 Newbury St.		
Berry Line	303 Newbury St.		
Back Bay Hair Design	291 Newbury St.		
Bauer Wines and Spirits	330 Newbury St.		
Newbury Comics	332 Newbury St.		
Trident Book Sellers	338 Newbury St.		
Converse	348 Newbury St.		
Capital One Coffee	795 Bolyston St.		
Starbucks	755 Bolyston St.		
Bank of America	699 Bolyston St.		
Citizens Bank	607 Bolyston St.		
CVS	587 Bolyston St.		
Clarendon wine	563 Bolyston St.		
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KENMORE SQUARE			
Above all burger	636 Beacon St.		
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Canestaras	16 Peterborough St.		
El Pelon Taqueria	92 Peterborough St.		
Jersey Street Liquors	48 Queens Berry St.		

Flynn files Hearing Order to Review the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Program

Special to the Sun

At last week's City Council meeting, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn filed an order for a hearing to review the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Program in the City of Boston. Boston is a city with a large number of colleges, universities, hospitals, museums, and other cultural institutions. They are a critical piece of our city's economy and character, but are also tax-exempt and represent over 50% of Boston's real estate property. Boston provides critical services, such as public safety protection among others, to our tax-exempt, large nonprofit institutions, while our city remains largely reliant on property taxes for funding - with three quarters of the City's FY25 \$4.64 billion budget derived from property taxes.

The PILOT program was established to encourage large, tax-exempt, nonprofit institutions in Boston to make annual, voluntary cash contributions or community benefits - due to basic city services provided by the city such as police, fire, EMS, or snow removal, for instance. The City of Boston's PILOT program seeks 25% of what these institutions would be expected to pay to the city had their property not been tax exempt, to reflect the portion of the budget to essential services - half of

that 25% in cash payments to the city, and the other half in the form of community benefits - like scholarships, parks and open spaces, workforce development and job-training programs.

According to the City's report, in fiscal year 2023, 45 institutions provided \$35.7 million cash contributions, and 39 institutions submitted PILOT Community Benefits reports totalling \$219.8 million, of which \$183 million was considered eligible as PILOT benefits.

"Our large nonprofit partners - higher education, medical, and cultural institutions - are crown jewels for the City of Boston that provide services, employment, and research. In the interest of fairness, our city also asks them to contribute towards funding the services that they themselves benefit from, and provide community benefits for our residents," said Councilor Flynn. "In the final analysis, with over 50% of our land absorbed by large nonprofit partners and long-term fiscal issues in our city - it is critical that we continue to examine both fairness with the people of Boston and fairness among partners who are meeting their responsibilities within the program."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

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Hammond, Matthew D	Fantuzzi, Graig	111 Pembroke St	\$4,710,000
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Gill, Caroline	Whittier Homes LLC	8 Whittier Pl #20F	\$546,000
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