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Durkan, Fitzgerald call for hearing to discuss issues surrounding contractor parking

By Dan Murphy

City Councilors Sharon Durkan and John Fitzgerald have called for a council hearing to discuss contractor parking regulations, permitting, and enforcement in the city.

The proposed hearing, according to the ordinance filed by the councilors on Feb. 7, would focus on “ongoing challenges related to contractor parking, including unauthorized use of residential spaces, expired permits, and improper use of temporary 24-hour parking signs.”

While contractors are required to require contractors to obtain permits for occupying public spaces, including street parking and sidewalk access, under the Boston Municipal Code,

enforcement remains inconsistent across neighborhoods, the ordinance states.

Likewise, “many contractors use temporary ‘No Parking’ signage to reserve spaces for dumpsters or vehicles, but these signs are often misused or not renewed properly, leading to confusion and frustration among residents,” according to the ordinance.

“The lack of clear and enforceable contractor parking regulations disproportionately impacts residents, small businesses, and other stakeholders who rely on limited parking availability,” the ordinance further states. “A thorough review of contractor parking policies—including potential reforms such as stricter

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CITY OF BOSTON MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON

Snowboarders in Zones 1 and 2 jump the gap as the record-breaking crowd gazes on during the Red Bull Heavy Metal street snowboarding competition held this Saturday at City Hall Plaza.

See more photos on Pages 8 through 10.



KT and Sal Lupoli making a pizza.

Sal's Pizza celebrates store manager's inspiring success story

Lupoli announces matching donations initiative for St. Francis House in Boston

Special to the Sun

Sal Lupoli, founder of Sal's Pizza and CEO of Lupoli Companies, honored store manager Katarian “KT” Andrews at the Sal's Pizza Tremont Street loca-

tion in Boston with a special fundraising campaign for St. Francis House.

The event recognized Andrews' remarkable journey. Just last year, he was experiencing homelessness, sometimes sleeping near the Sal's Pizza location. Today, thanks in part to St. Francis House's Moving Ahead Program, which provided Andrews with crucial resources like housing assistance and

clothing, as well as the skills and confidence to manage a team, he now leads one of Sal's Pizza's busiest stores.

During the event, Lupoli announced that Sal's Pizza would match up to \$10,000 in donations from customers to St. Francis House. This initiative aimed to support the organization that played a pivotal role in

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EDITORIAL

STATE, MUNICIPALITIES MUST ADJUST ASAP TO THE NEW REALITY

For those of us who have been around for a while, the warning signs are flashing red for the prospects of a budget crisis for our state and our cities and towns thanks to the promised changes in policies by the new administration in Washington.

It is (in the immortal words of Yogi Berra) *deja vu* all over again

We are not making a political judgment or statement of any kind. We simply are explaining what we see as the new reality for which our elected officials must be prepared.

We were around for the fiscal crises of the late 1970s under Gov. Michael Dukakis; the late 80s/early 1990s under Dukakis and Gov. William Weld; the early 2000s under Gov. Mitt Romney, and the period of the Great Recession under Gov. Deval Patrick in 2010.

Two of those governors were Republicans and two were Democrats, but they all shared one thing in common: Our state's finances were at the mercy of national politics and the national economy, both of which were beyond their control.

The consequences of those fiscal crises were profound and long-lasting. Cities and towns laid off scores of local employees, including teachers, police, and firefighters. Fire stations were closed and athletics and extracurricular activities were cut from school budgets.

At the state level, there were hiring freezes and layoffs. Many state employees, including those in the judiciary, agreed to pay cuts in the 1990s and again in the early 2000s amounting to two-weeks of their salary so that the jobs of their co-workers could be preserved. We would note that such drastic action had not been seen since the Great Depression among the state and local government workforce.

Part of the problem in the 1980s was that cities and towns had become dependent on the revenue-sharing program by the federal government (which was the pet

project of Wilbur Mills, the powerful U.S. House Ways and Means Chairman) in the 1970s. Every city and town in the country received a nice check directly from the feds with no strings attached. However, under President Ronald Reagan, revenue-sharing eventually disappeared (to pay for Reagan's tax cuts and defense spending) and cities and towns were left with gaping holes in their budgets that led to the layoffs of the 1980s. A similar scenario is playing out today with promised reductions in funds to the states from the federal government.

In addition, cities and towns in the early 1980s were greatly affected by the passage of Prop. 2 and 1/2, which reduced their revenue-raising capacity.

All of those fiscal crises also shared something else in common: Our officials did not realize until it was way too late that revenue was declining, month-by-month-by-month. The longer they waited to do the obvious, the more pain it caused.

Simple arithmetic informs us that those four financial crises from the late 1970s through 2010 occurred basically in 10-year cycles. We have been fortunate that we have avoided a similar fiscal calamity for almost 15 years. But it would appear that "the times they are a' changin'" and we soon will be in for a rocky road ahead.

Finally, we would note that the breadth of state government has grown hugely in the past few years. Former Gov. Charlie Baker's proposed budget for FY 2022 was about \$45 billion (the legislature eventually passed a budget of about \$48 billion), but this year's proposed budget by Gov. Maura Healey is about \$62 billion, which is more than 25% greater than the final budget of four years ago (and almost 40% more than what Baker initially had proposed).

While it is true that the state has about \$8 billion in its Stabilization Fund (a/k/a the Rainy Day Fund), state coffers have been reduced by more than \$1 billion in the past year and are facing further depletion because of the immigration crisis.

As we write about the goings-on in the local communities we cover, we are amazed at the growth of the bureaucracies at the state and local levels. There are new departments and new jobs that could not have been imagined back when we started our career in journalism 50 years

ago. But we think the time is now for our elected officials to face reality and make the difficult decisions to ensure that government's core functions, public safety and public education, are maintained, and eliminate things that are non-essential.

Maintenance for the MBTA is essential. Constructing new, seldomly-used bicycle lanes is not. (We ourselves are dedicated cyclists who train for triathlons, but as much as we'd like to see bike lanes everywhere, we have to concede that they rate at the bottom of the list of government priorities.)

In short, if our elected officials do not take steps now to pare back public spending, then, as history has shown time and time again, when the opportunity for making responsible choices has passed, the eventual day of reckoning will be far worse than we could have imagined.

IT WAS GREAT TO SEE CAPTAIN MIKE ERUZIONE AT THE BIG GAME

We just wanted to mention that it was great to see Winthrop's own Mike Eruzione serving as the honorary captain of Team USA for the big game with Canada (whose honorary captain was Wayne Gretzky) at the TD Garden last week for one of the biggest international hockey games in several years.

It was 45 years ago this past week (on Feb. 22, 1980) that Mike scored his epic, game-winning goal vs. the Russians at the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid and two days later led the U.S. to the gold medal victory vs. Finland -- the Miracle on Ice that Sports Illustrated labeled as THE #1 sports event of the 20th century.

Capt. Mike's presence on occasions such as these not only brings back those stirring memories ("Do you believe in miracles!!!" in the immortal words of Al Michaels), but also reminds us of a time when sports uniquely had the ability to bring us together and to transcend whatever forces might divide us as a nation.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

FALLING CONCRETE DAMAGES SEVERAL CARS IN PRU TUNNEL

Several vehicles sustained damage on early Friday afternoon, Feb. 21, when concrete came falling down from the ceiling of the Prudential Tunnel.

At around 1:30 p.m., the incident unfolded in the left and middle travel lanes on the west-bound side of the Massachusetts Turnpike beneath Huntington Avenue, according to published reports.

No injuries were reported, and damage to vehicles was said to be minimal.

The cause of the incident was "a non-structural section of concrete at an expansion joint

fell due to a freeze-thaw cycle," according to Boston.com.

"Saturated concrete froze and became loose once temperatures rose and thawed it," the online news outlet reported.

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 Hurtao (District 7), Marvin Matheliner (at-Large), and Will Onuoha

(at-Large) as part of the committee's ongoing pre-election candidate sessions.

Visit bostonward4dems.org for more information.

READ ALOUD & RECESS

The Advent School is hosting a free family gathering and playdate at its 15 Brimmer Street campus on Saturday, March 8 from 10-11:30AM. During "Read Aloud & Recess" families can enjoy stories in the Advent library, and then head outside for fresh air and fun on the school's enclosed playground. Registration is not required, and interested attendees can email admissions@adventschool.org with questions.

Age Strong Commission to host Property Tax Application Assistance Clinics

Special to the Sun

Mayor Wu and the City of Boston's Age Strong Commission is hosting a series of in-person Property Tax Application Assistance Clinics to help Boston's older residents find out which various cost savings they may be eligible for now through the end of March. Clinics will be held across the city and support Boston residents age 60 and above for eligibility on property tax exemptions/deferral, fuel assistance, SNAP, water/sewer discount, and Medicare Savings Program. Mayor Wu, Age Strong Commissioner Emily Shea and advocates visited yesterday's clinic at Boston Public Library in Roxbury and connected with older residents.

"Thank you to our teams for always working to get City Hall out of City Hall and into our neighborhoods so everyone can access programs and resources," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "These clinics hosted across the city by Age Strong will support our older residents in identifying and signing up for every possible resource to save money and stay healthy throughout the year. I encourage all eligible older adults to get connected by signing up for a clinic now through the end of March."

Monday, March 3
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Location: BPL South Boston, 646 E Broadway, S. Boston

Tuesday, March 4
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Location: BPL Honan, 300 N Harvard St., Allston

Thursday, March 6
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: BPL Mattapan, 1350 Blue Hill Ave, Mattapan

Friday, March 7
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Location: BPL East Boston, 365 Bremen St., East Boston

Tuesday, March 11
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., BPL Lower Mills,
Location: 27 Richmond St., Dorchester

Thursday, March 20
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Location: Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford St., Charlestown

Wednesday, March 26
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Location: Boston Elks Lodge, 1 Morrell St., W. Roxbury

Thursday, March 27
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Location: BPL Grove Hall, 41 Geneva Ave, Dorchester

Friday, March 28
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Location: Boston City Hall, 1 City Hall Square, Boston
For more information regarding the clinics and eligibility,

please visit boston.gov/prop-tax-clinics. To register for an in-person clinic appointment, residents are encouraged to contact the Age Strong Commission directly by calling 617-635-4366.

"Our Age Strong Advocates are trained to help our older adults make sure they get the benefits and discounts they're eligible for," said Emily K. Shea, Age Strong Commissioner. "In addition, we have many partner departments and organizations at these events so that it is a one-stop shop for our older residents."

Older residents may be eligible for the following existing resources:

- Boston's Residential Exemption: This exemption can reduce property tax bill by up to \$3,984. The deadline to apply for this reduction is April 1.

- The Senior Exemption "41C": This exemption offers qualifying older residents up to \$2,000 in tax relief. Applications are due April 1.

- The City of Boston's Senior Property Tax Deferral Program: Program that allows qualifying older adults to defer all or part of your property tax bill, a 1% loan paid back when the property is sold or transferred. Applications are due April 1.

- Age Strong Commission's Property Tax Work-off Program: Older adults are provided an opportunity to "work off" up to \$2,000 from your property tax bill by volunteering with City

departments. Apply by July 11.

- Boston Water and Sewer Elderly and Disability Discounts: Through this program, BWSC gives eligible residents a 30% discount on their water, sewer, and stormwater charges.

- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP): This existing program helps eligible people with their winter heating bills.

- SNAP program: Key program that helps people expand their food budget.

- Massachusetts Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit: A tax credit program that gives eligible older adults a refundable credit of up to \$2730 on their personal state income tax return.

- Boston Home Center: Residents may be eligible through the Home Center for support with home repair costs.

- Community Choice Electricity: Residents may also be eligible for utility discounts or payment plans.

The Property Tax Application Assistance Clinics are hosted in partnership with various City departments including Assessing, Boston Home Center, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, Community Engagement, the

Worker Empowerment Cabinet/Boston Tax Help Coalition, and Environment. Additionally, various organizations partnered with the City to host these clinics including Action for I Community Development (ABCD), Mass-Save, Eversource and National Grid.

These clinics to support older adults with property tax assistance builds on Mayor Wu's work to make Boston a home for everyone and address the rising cost of living facing Boston residents. Mayor Wu continues to fight for residential tax relief legislation for Boston residents impacted by sharp increases in their Fiscal Year 2025 third-quarter property tax bills. This refiled tax proposal, which recently passed the Boston City Council last week, expands on Mayor Wu's relief package that passed the City Council and House of Representatives last year. Additionally, Mayor Wu and her administration have helped more families become homeowners than in any other three-year period since 1998 and adopted new policies and programs to reduce the cost of utility bills for homeowners.

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enforcement, increased fines for misuse, clearer regulations on temporary signage, and potential revenue-generating mechanisms—would enhance the efficiency and fairness of Boston's parking system."

In conclusion, Councilors Durkan and Fitzgerald have called for a hearing convened

by the appropriate City Council committee and include "representatives of the Boston Transportation Department, Public Works Department, Code Enforcement, neighborhood leaders, and other relevant stakeholders to explore solutions that ensure fair access to public parking and improve accountability."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

REGARDING DRIVING CAMERAS

Dear Editor,

I am sorry I missed last week's edition where I understand you expressed the view that speed-detecting cameras are ill advised. If we want to address the traffic problem I can't imagine why we would turn our back on this tool. Let me relate a recent experience.

I had the pleasure of driving around New Zealand and Australia for a month last year. When you pick up your rental car you are clearly warned that cameras are in wide use and you

will be ticketed; everywhere! City and country.

As I left Melbourne heading west (think leaving Boston on the Mass Pike) I was struck by a strange observation. Everyone was going the speed limit. No one was passing on the wrong side, no tailgating or excessive lane changing. There was an unfamiliar civility about the entire driving experience.

Compare that to home where for 25 years I have been walking my dogs on Commonwealth Ave. It has become a drag strip. High speeds, constantly seeing red lights ignored. And don't get me started on the new scourge:

that of the wrong way, unlit, sidewalk driving food delivery motorbikes.

By the way, I've never seen a traffic stop of a passenger vehicle on Comm Ave by the BPD.

So to those charged with making our world safer, let's use cameras to address the speeding and red light infractions. Let's use traffic calming devices seen elsewhere such as city street style speed bumps.

Oh and by the way, Australia, with a road system profile similar to ours, has 40% of the per capita driving deaths we have.

Michael Gallup

OBITUARIES

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Boston Forging & Welding owner at home on the job

By Dan Murphy

Chip Giovanni, the third-generation owner of Boston Forging & Welding, has early childhood memories of accompanying his father to work, and even then, he said he felt right at home there.

"It never felt like work or a chore," said Chip, who as the eldest of three siblings always diverged from his younger brother and younger sister in that unlike them, he always wanted to join the family business.

His paternal grandfather, Joseph Giovanni, started Boston Forging & Welding, around 70 years ago, setting up its operations on the Fish Pier in South Boston. For more 40 years, the business served exclusively the fishing fleet. But the company relocated to East Boston in 1998, amid new regulations on the fishing industry, which meant less work for them.

Chip's father, Ronald Giovanni, went to Valley Forge Military Academy before graduating from Northeastern University around 1970. He then went to

work full time at Boston Forging & Welding before assuming the reins of the company when his father retired circa 1980.

Throughout high school and college, Chip worked for the business during summer and school vacations. He started working there full-time in 1989 upon earning a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y.

Subsequently, Chip completed his AutoCAD training at Wentworth Institute of Technology. He has also earned a construction supervisor license, and is a licensed fire escape installer/inspector per the City of Boston.

When his father died in 2000, Chip assumed the company's reins. Sales have since tripled, making it a profitable business again after previously being in the red for a number of years.

"Everyone, family members, tell me their proud of me, and that my father would be proud of me," said Chip.

Boston Forging and Welding Corp. today has the experience

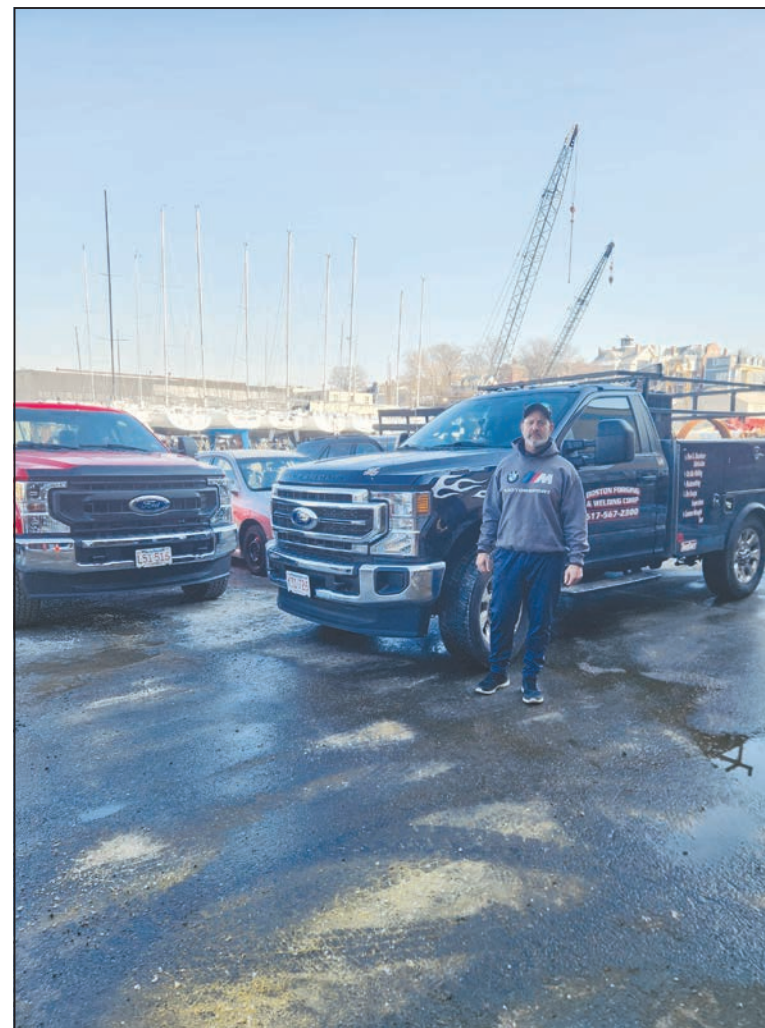
and credentials to respond to a wide range of commercial, marine or residential concerns, from fabrication to repair to fire escape inspections, and the company is fully insured/bonded.

Past customers have included U.S. Coast Guard-approved jobs, Mass Turnpike-approved jobs, City of Boston-approved jobs, and Boston Redevelopment Authority jobs, and for Logan International Airport, and the company has also done work for the World Trade Center, Prudential Center, Au Bon Pain, and various property management companies.

The vast majority of the company's residential work is in Boston and Cambridge, with the Back Bay and South End accounting for the bulk of that, Chip said.

And of the approximately 20 welding companies now operating in the City of Boston, Boston Forging & Welding has distinguished itself with a stellar track record over the years, including not having a single customer complaint against them.

Chip points to this as perhaps the truest testament to Boston



COURTESY PHOTO

Chip Giovanni, the third-generation owner of Boston Forging & Welding.

Forging & Welding's unwavering reputation for quality work.

Boston Forging & Welding is located at 336 Border St. in East Boston. For more information,

call Chip Giovanni at 617-567-2300 or email him at chippaggio@comcast.net, or visit the company's website at boston-forgingandwelding.com.

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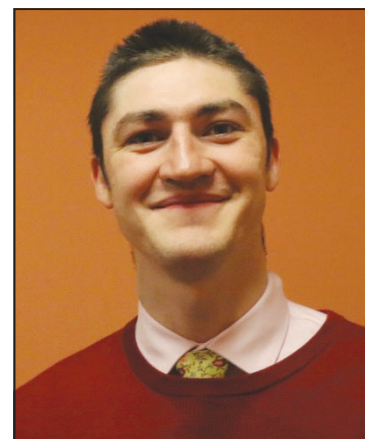
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Sen. Nick Collins appoints South Boston's Brian Hurley as Communications Director

Special to the Sun

Senator Nick Collins is pleased to announce the hiring of Brian Hurley as Communications Director for his office. A South Boston native and Emerson College graduate, Hurley brings extensive experience in media and communications, along with a strong connection to the community.

"I'm pleased to welcome Brian Hurley to our team as Communications Director," said Senator Collins. "His experience in media and deep ties to our community will be invaluable in keeping constituents informed and engaged."



Brian Hurley

Hurley earned his degree in Communication Studies from Emerson College, developing his proficiency in media relations,

public affairs, and strategic messaging. He then spent several years in Los Angeles working across the film industry in production, coordination, and media strategy, further refining his ability to manage complex projects and communications. His diverse background uniquely positions him to lead the communications strategy for Senator Collins' office.

"It is a great privilege to join Senator Collins' staff" Hurley said, "I look forward to serving the communities I grew up in by working to improve policies, services and communications with the public."

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Demorian, KT and Sal Lupoli.

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Andrews' transformation.

In a surprise announcement, Demorian Linton, CEO of Inertia Resources, Inc., revealed that his company would cover KT's energy bills for a full year. This gesture further highlighted the support and recognition of Andrews' incredible story.

The event featured a showing of Katarian's inspiring story, "Katarian's Story: All the Way Home," showcasing his journey of resilience and success.

Attendees included:



COURTESY PHOTOS

KT and Sal share a hug.

Sal Lupoli, Founder of Sal's Pizza and CEO of Lupoli Companies

Katarian "KT" Andrews, Store Manager, Sal's Pizza Tremont Street

Kati Sigel, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, St. Francis House

Demorian Linton, CEO, Inertia Resources, Inc.

The event took place at Sal's Pizza, 150 Tremont Street, Boston, MA, at 11:30 am.

Sal's Pizza has been a family-owned and operated business since 1990. Sal Lupoli opened his first pizza store in Salem, NH, and now has 130 locations. They are known for using only the finest and freshest ingredients, as well as being home to the 19-inch, three-pound pizza. Sal's Pizza also offers a retail line of pizzas and sauces that can be found in stores like Market Basket, Big Y, and BJ's – along with hundreds of K-12 schools and universities nationwide. For more information, please visit www.sals.com and follow on social media at @salspizzaofficial and <https://www.facebook.com/SalsPizzaOfficial>.

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

With the current shortage of eggs and their high prices, we're saving ours for dishes that star eggs. For years, plentiful, low-cost eggs have served as binding agents, thickeners, glue for frying batter, and other supporting roles.

Newsweek recently reported three reasons for the current egg shortage. First, "A highly pathogenic strain of avian influenza (H5N1) is at the root of the supply crisis. The virus led to the culling of 13.2 million commercial egg-laying hens in December alone, with total bird losses nearing 145 million since the outbreak began in 2022." Second is a lingering shortage of refrigerated trucks and drivers. Finally, they pointed out that multiple states passed legislation "...that requires minimum space for egg-laying hens, reducing overall production capacity."

Egg Substitutes

Let's take one use of eggs that's driving up prices in restaurants that serve batter-fried food. The traditional batter station consists

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Is an egg the right choice?



Thanks to the growing community of vegan and flexitarian eaters, finding and using great substitutes for eggs is easier.

of flour, eggs, and crumbs. Sometimes, that extra-thick, crunchy crust is created by dipping the item in flour, eggs, and crumbs, then again in eggs and crumbs. Here, the egg is the glue used to make the batter stick.

A slurry of chickpea flour mixed with water can be used as a substitute for each egg needed. Try this at home the next time you pan-fry, air-fry, or deep-fry. For each required egg, mix three tablespoons of chickpea flour with three tablespoons of water, then adjust with more of either to get the thickness you like.

Sometimes, an egg substitute, like the one above, can add extra flavor and nutrition to the end product. Most legumes, beans, seeds, nuts, and fruit used as egg substitutes in vegan recipes are good for us.

Shopping List Additions

Thanks to the growing community of vegan and flexitarian eaters, finding and using great substitutes for eggs for many supporting functions is much easier.

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Mayors across U.S. file Amicus Brief in opposition to Trump Administration's drastic cuts to federal research funding

Special to the Sun

Last week, Mayor Michelle Wu co-led a coalition of Mayors from across the United States in writing and filing an amicus brief in federal district court in Boston to stop the Trump Administration's drastic and illegal cuts to federal research funding and immediate job losses in cities nationwide. Over 40 mayors, cities, and counties from across the country joined the brief. These cities are home to universities and hospitals that employ hundreds of thousands of Americans in cutting edge medical and scientific research, and the federally-funded research in these communities has made the United States the global leader in scientific discovery. The brief seeks a temporary restraining order against the Trump Administration, alongside the research universities, medical schools, hospitals, and 22 states that are plaintiffs in the three cases filed last week in federal district court.

"For decades, Congress has made a clear choice to use federally-funded research to invest in cities, build a broadly-distributed infrastructure for scientific discovery, create jobs, and drive economic growth in communities across the United States,"

said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We join with cities across the country – in red states, purple states, and blue states – to stop this illegal action that will cause layoffs, lab closures, and undermine scientific progress in American cities. I thank Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Campbell for her leadership on behalf of the research institutions of Boston."

This amicus brief is in response to the abrupt February 7, 2025 announcement by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) of an immediate reduction in funding for scientific and medical research institutions across the country. Under the NIH's new policy, which temporarily went into effect on Monday, February 10, payments for indirect costs reimbursed to research universities would be capped at 15%, down from 30-70%. The brief makes clear that NIH funding cuts would devastate research institutions in cities across the country, cause job losses, create severe economic disruption, and undermine a critical pillar of strength and civic pride in cities across the United States. The cuts would also undermine critical medical and scientific research that residents are counting on, including cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, and jeopardize the

cities' and country's position of global leadership on scientific advancement.

"The Gainesville community depends on this highly efficient, dependable investment of our tax dollars back into our city's innovation economy," said Harvey L. Ward, Mayor, City of Gainesville, Florida. "I'm glad to join other mayors in highlighting the vital role NIH funding plays in the lives of everyday hard-working American families."

"The breadth and diversity of this coalition highlights the devastating and widespread impact of these NIH funding changes, from Alzheimer's research to cancer clinical trials," said Jill Habig, Founder and CEO of Public Rights Project. "We're proud to partner with mayors, cities, and counties in opposing this threat to critical federal funding and the health and vitality of our communities."

On Monday, February 10th, twenty two states and associations of medical schools, hospitals, and universities, filed three related cases, and secured a temporary restraining order preventing the Trump Administration from slashing the reimbursement rates. That initial order will be revisited this week in a hearing scheduled for Friday, February

21.

The Public Rights Project served as amici counsel. The full list of mayors, cities and counties who joined the brief is below.

Local Governments and Mayors

- City of Boston, Massachusetts
- City of Cleveland, Ohio
- Harvey L. Ward, Mayor, City of Gainesville, Florida
- Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee
- Erin Mendenhall, Mayor, City of Salt Lake City, Utah
- City of Alameda, California
- City of Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
- City of Baltimore, Maryland
- Emma Mulvaney-Stanak, Mayor, City of Burlington, Vermont
- Township of Canton, Michigan
- Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- City of Chicago, Illinois
- Sandra Welch, Mayor, City of Coconut Creek, Florida
- City of Columbus, Ohio
- City of Easthampton, Massachusetts
- Daniel Biss, Mayor, City of Evanston, Illinois
- City of Fairfax, Virginia
- Harris County, Texas
- Ravinder S. Bhalla, Mayor, City of Hoboken, New Jersey
- Quinton Lucas, Mayor,

Kansas City, Missouri

- Indya Kincannon, Mayor, City of Knoxville, Tennessee
- City of Madison, Wisconsin
- Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor, City of Millcreek, Utah
- Anissa Welch, Mayor, City of Milton, Wisconsin
- Montgomery County, Maryland
- City of New Haven, Connecticut
- Dontae Payne, Mayor, City of Olympia, Washington
- Adrian O. Mapp, Mayor, City of Plainfield, New Jersey
- Sue Noack, Mayor, City of Pleasant Hill, California
- City of Pittsburgh and Ed Gainey, Mayor, City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- City of Providence, Rhode Island
- John Clark, Mayor, Town of Ridgway, Colorado
- City of Rochester, New York
- City of Sacramento, California
- City and County of San Francisco, California
- City of Santa Monica, California
- Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor, City of Statesville, North Carolina
- Lisa Brown, Mayor, City of Spokane, Washington
- Tishaura O. Jones, Mayor, City of St. Louis, Missouri
- City of St. Paul, Minnesota
- Dennis R. McBride, Mayor, City of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin



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DESCRIPTION:

Join the Conversation: Fenway Transportation Action Plan We invite you to a public meeting to explore the Fenway Transportation Action Plan and provide your valuable input. Together, we'll walk through the newly released interactive story map, discuss the vision for Fenway's transportation future, and gather your feedback to shape the plan. Don't miss this opportunity to make your voice heard!

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The Boston Athenaeum hosted cultural historian Robin Bernstein and Assistant Professor of the Arts and Africana Studies at Brown University, Dr. Lisa L. Biggs, on Feb. 19 for an Author Talk conversation about Bernstein's new book, 'Freeman's Challenge.'

In 'Freeman's Challenge,' Bernstein tells the story of an Afro-Native teenager named William Freeman who was convicted of a horse theft he insisted he did not commit and sentenced to five years of hard labor in Auburn's prison. William Freeman's unforgettable story reveals how the North invented prison for profit half a century before the Thirteenth Amendment outlawed slavery "except as a punishment for crime"—and how Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and other African Americans invented strategies of resilience and resistance in a city dominated by a citadel of unfreedom. Through one Black man, his family, and his city, Bernstein tells an explosive, moving story about the entangled origins of prison for profit and anti-Black racism.

One of the country's oldest and most distinguished member supported libraries, the Boston Athenaeum hosts year-round events for members and non-members. Learn more about their exhibitions and upcoming events at www.bostonathenaeum.org/whats-on

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You'll find recipes that use bananas, avocado, and applesauce to add flavor and moisture to baked goods—a check of the Boston Public Library for vegan cookbooks generated pages of selections. Moreover, you can follow hundreds of vegan cooking articles, websites, blogs, and vlogs online.

You may already have some popular egg substitutes on hand. If not, here are a few to consider adding to your pantry. You can also buy a premade egg replacer. The one we have on hand is from Bob's Red Mill, and it consists of potato starch, tapioca flour,

baking soda, and psyllium husk fiber.

Have you heard of the magic of aquafaba? The word translates to "water" and "beans." Aquafaba is the liquid you get when you cook chickpeas and other beans. It is also available in canned versions. Drain the chickpeas for another use and whip the liquid into a meringue or whipped cream substitute. Or, use it in place of eggs in baked goods. America's Test Kitchen has a comprehensive article on how to use it on its website.

Popular seeds, nuts, beans, and fruit used as substitutes

Celebrate Women's History Month on Freedom Trail Revolutionary Women Tours

Special to the Sun

Freedom Trail® Foundation announces the return of the beloved tour experience, Revolutionary Women Tours throughout Women's History Month in March! Discover the indomitable women who took part in the American Revolution, and the generations of women that followed, inaugurating their own struggles for freedom and equality.

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Susan B. Anthony, and more. Walk the paths these influential women treaded, while visiting the places where their voices were heard, works published, and were laid to rest.

The tours feature official Freedom Trail historic sites from the site of the Great Elm on Boston Common, where women paid the ultimate price for refusing to conform to puritanical values, to the Granary Bury-

ing Ground, where those who fought fiercely for independence are remembered alongside their revolutionary male counterparts, and the Old Corner Bookstore and Old South Meeting House, where women made change through the power of literature and the spoken word. Revolutionary Women Tours culminate at Faneuil Hall, the Cradle of Liberty, which was prominent in both the abolitionist and women's suffrage movements.

Revolutionary Women Tours depart from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center on Saturdays and Sundays in March at 10:45 a.m. Led by 18th-century costumed guides, Freedom

Trail Foundation's walking tours are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students, and \$8 for children, and include a \$1 donation to the Freedom Trail Foundation's Preservation Fund. Tickets may be purchased at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center or online at TheFreedomTrail.org. All walking tours and specialty tours, including the Revolutionary Women Tours, are available as private tours year-round by appointment and are perfect for families, company outings, corporate activities and team building, tourist groups, and more. For additional information please visit TheFreedomTrail.org or call (617) 357-8300.

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Metal Meets Snow

Red Bull Heavy Metal nails Boston debut this past weekend



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Special to the Sun

Boston witnessed an electrifying debut of Red Bull Heavy Metal, as the iconic street snowboarding competition took over City Hall Plaza and Faneuil Hall for the first time. The event crowned Benny Milam and Jess Perlmutter as overall champions for the man and woman categories respectively, each earning a coveted CNCPTS x Burton 'Rabbit Hole' Collection board as well as a cash prize.

Over 20,000 spectators, the largest snowboard crowd in Boston history, experienced firsthand the high-energy action of the fifth edition of Red Bull Heavy Metal, the first in the sports-obsessed city.

"This is crazy how many people showed up," said Milam. "There is a parking lot out there full of people trying to get a view."

This is maybe the most insane turnout of a street snowboarding event like ever. I think its time for round two next year."

Snowboard icon, Zeb Powell secured first place in Zone 1, bringing a never-before felt energy to the iconic steps that lead to Congress Street.

"That was by far the biggest snowboard crowd I've ever seen at any event," Powell said. "The vibes that Boston brought were insane. I honestly don't have words. Simply the largest most electric crowd I've ever experienced."

2025 Boston Winners

- Overall Winners: Benny Milam & Jess Perlmutter
- Zone 1 Winners: Zeb Powell & Jess Perlmutter
- Zone 2 Winners: Benny Milam & Jess Perlmutter
- Zone 3 Winners: Benny Milam & Jayva Jordan



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Mayor Wu shares Boston's preparations for climate emergencies

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu, Emergency Preparedness Chief Adrian Jordan, Chief Climate Officer Brian Swett, Chief of Operations Dion Irish, and public safety officials shared Boston's preparations for extreme weather events, including efforts to lower risks with long-term climate resilience plans and ongoing efforts to update the City's emergency response. As a coastal city, Boston faces the increasing climate risk of extreme heat, rising coastal flooding, and intense stormwater. The city's cross-departmental approach has shifted the emphasis from planning to implementation, focusing on empowering residents, supporting communities at greatest risk of flooding and other emergency events, and lowering the risk citywide through resilience efforts.

"Climate risks require an all of government approach, and here in Boston we've been working on short and long term initiatives to better respond in emergency situations and protect our residents in the generations to come," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Emergency weather events in other parts of the country have highlighted the need for us to share our progress and remind residents to take precautions now such as signing up for AlertBoston and familiarizing themselves with our coastal flood map. I'm grateful to our City departments and external partners for all of their work behind the scenes to keep our communities safe."

"Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility. At the City of Boston, we are committed to providing the plans, resources, and communication necessary to keep our community safe," said Chief of Emergency Preparedness Adrian Jordan. "However, the more our residents are informed, engaged, and prepared, the stronger our response will be in the face of any emergency. I encourage all residents to sign up for AlertBoston, consider joining our CERT program, and most importantly, create an emergency plan for themselves and their families."

"As climate risks intensify, our

approach must be both proactive to our current risks and adaptive to our changing climate. Boston is not only strengthening its emergency response capabilities but also making longer term infrastructure investments to protect our neighborhoods from rising seas, extreme storms, and dangerous heat," said Brian Swett, Chief Climate Officer. "I'm grateful for Mayor Wu's leadership, the dedication of our city teams, and the engagement of residents and business owners in making Boston a national leader in climate resilience and emergency preparedness."

The City has been working to develop and implement climate resilience projects to address coastal flooding, stormwater management, and extreme heat. Today, Mayor Wu announced the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) brought on a Floodplain Administrator who is working to improve floodplain management practices. These efforts can increase access to lower cost flood insurance through FEMA's Community Rating System Program, which hiring a Floodplain Administrator is a key first step towards qualifying for. Landlords and housing property managers will also see on this year's rental registration forms the opportunity to identify if their buildings include basement units. Residents of these units are at a higher risk in the event of flooding, and the City is prioritizing knowing where they are to proactively provide support.

"Boston is taking actionable steps to prepare our City's built environment for future climate emergencies, following through on previous planning work. Hiring the new Floodplain Administrator is an example of how we're enacting Boston's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan," shared Dion Irish, Chief of Operations. "We're focused on making both our public safety facilities more resilient and on ensuring the buildings where our communities gather together can weather storms and continue to serve residents during and after major climate events."

Mayor Wu joined city officials

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for a press briefing at the District A-7 police station in East Boston, which the Mayor opened in 2023. The new building design incorporates resiliency features, including stormwater chambers under the parking lot and stormwater planters that capture stormwater that falls on site, and a cool, white roof to help with extreme heat mitigation.

"As a representative of one of Boston's most vulnerable coastal communities, I know firsthand that climate change isn't a distant threat—it's a present reality," said Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata. "Our neighborhoods are already seeing the effects of rising seas, extreme storms, and dangerous heat. I commend the administration for moving from planning to action, ensuring that residents, businesses, and infrastructure are better prepared for climate emergencies. From floodplain management to emergency response, these efforts will help protect our most at-risk communities and create a more resilient city."

Other recent efforts to better respond to potential coastal flooding events include the Boston Fire Department's new high water rescue vehicles, hosting the nation's first Deployables Day training exercise last fall, and upgrading the City's flood forecasting and tracking system. The City has also been working to lower the risk of flooding events in the long-term by implementing the Coastal Flood Resilience Overlay District (CFROD), a national-leading standard to embed coastal resilience into our Zoning code; redesigning parks and green spaces for resiliency such as McConnell Park in Dorchester and Ryan Playground in Charlestown; and

allocating the highest amount of Capital funding in Boston's history to coastal resilience projects. A new stormwater grant and credit program launched by the Boston Water and Sewer Commission and new green infrastructure standards are now in place to update the City's aging water and sewer system and its capacity during heavy rain.

Similarly for extreme heat events, the City launched the Urban Forestry Division to bring shade to the hottest neighborhood streets. For instance, 1,912 new street trees were planted in 2024. Additionally, the City of Boston launched the Boston Tree Alliance while planting over 160 trees on private properties, and has installed the nation's largest implementation of green roofs on bus shelters. New misting towers and tents are put in place at key sites, including nine Boston Public Library locations and three community centers, during heat emergencies to keep residents cool where they are.

"The Healey-Driscoll Administration is fortunate to have a strong group of emergency management partners at the local and state level addressing the increasing complexity and frequency of crisis events caused by climate change," said Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Director Dawn Brantley. "Through collaboration, training, and planning, Boston is increasing community-level resilience and reducing long-term vulnerability, especially within disadvantaged communities that are often disproportionately impacted by disasters."

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The Chestnuts: Community and Conversation for women over 50

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

Committing oneself to pause and savor a cup of coffee is a practice of self-care. Cobblestones owner, Jennifer Gallagher, starts each day with the intention of adhering to this morning ritual: drinking coffee prepared hot with oat milk and sugar, and served in a white cup and saucer

for charm. Inevitably, Gallagher becomes distracted by tasks after her first sip; but arranging a breakfast spread of fresh parfaits and quiche is one expression of love that she is always devoted to.

On February 11, Gallagher invited The Chestnuts Group – a non-profit, social organization for Boston women over 50

-- to her Beacon Hill eatery to share a meal with new friends. The ladies have bonded over the past three years since Gallagher opened her café, where The Chestnuts often meet for their Community Coffees, a morning or early afternoon event held once or twice a month at a local coffee shop. Members individually purchase their own coffee or tea, and The Chestnuts Group provides pastries.

"I love the activities that they do in the city, together. I was always curious about them. I was very happy to be accepted into membership," said Gallagher, who begrudgingly admitted that she met the age requirement to qualify. "It's a fun, low-key group of women who are out for good, clean fun. It's special."

The Back Bay resident revealed that she has not developed friends like The Chestnuts since college, and that the club is a unique opportunity in an urban setting. As society continues to evolve, Gallagher considers The Chestnuts Group as a remarkable, safe space.

"It's a wonderful addition in our world," expressed Gallagher.

Nellie King, who became a Chestnut this past fall, regularly attends Community Coffees. Formerly from San Diego, California, King joined in hopes of making more friends to enjoy life and experience Boston with.

"A lot of people later in life move to the city, and when they



Ladies gathering for breakfast during The Chestnuts Group Community Coffees at Cobblestones on February 11.

do that, all of the friends that they had get left behind. I think women – especially at our age – are looking for new connections. They've raised their kids and are ready to start a new phase," explained King, a Back Bay resident. "It's great. Everybody is super friendly. It's easy to talk to people."

Also new to Massachusetts is Donna Hellman, who has been a Chestnut for three years. A friend of hers from back home in New York, moved to Boston, and suggested she join the community. Now the Back Bay resident enjoys participating in the wide range of activities, from cultural tours to canasta.

"A lot of our members are people who have raised their children in the suburbs and have moved back to Boston," noted Hellman. It's a nice, eclectic group of women. We're interest-

ed in friendship and bonding."

Hellman describes The Chestnuts as a group of like-minded women who are enthusiastic, interested, and engaged, which is precisely what she was in search of and found.

On February 14, Hellman organized the second meeting of a new Chestnut event, a Documentary Film Group, which began in January with a discussion about Martha Stewart. Each month, members can screen a documentary that is chosen by consensus, and viewed at their leisure before the meeting. The Documentary Film Group then gathers for a thoughtful exchange about the movie.

"The conversation develops organically," said Hellman, who facilitated the conversation held at the Capitol One Café. "We're

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Community Coffees organizer, Paige Lescure, Tina Truedson, and Judy Newton.

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really excited because one is on human rights, and one is on medical care. These are both relevant topics today.”

The ladies viewed two works by documentary filmmaker and new Chestnuts member, Lorie Conway.

“Forgotten: Ellis Island,” which has a companion book, expands on the immigration hospital located on Ellis Island, New York. The massive 22-building facility was constructed during a time when there were no antibiotics created to fight the exotic diseases infecting those arriving to the immigration station.

“It’s about the lost chapter in immigration history,” said Conway. “Ellis Island was the largest port of entry for European

immigration during the turn of the 20th century. Many of them were sick. The saying was, ‘If you weren’t sick when you got on the steamship, and you landed in New York Harbor three weeks later, you might be sick.’”

Conway is one of the 40% of Americans today who can trace their lineage to the immigrants who entered the United States through Ellis Island. She finds it impressive that only 1% of the 12 million immigrants were deported from Ellis Island for medical reasons.

“These doctors and nurses on Ellis Island were faced with thousands of patients. They knew they could get sick themselves; and yet, they were there day after day, taking care of these patients

with compassion,” Conway emphasized. “In spite of nativism, which we are experiencing today, there was a prevailing attitude that the immigrants were good for us. The debate continues: do we take them in or do we not? I think we’re a better nation with immigrants.”

The second documentary illustrates the life and work of Beatrice Mtetwa, a civil rights lawyer in Zimbabwe, a country of desperate starvation and conditions.

“In a country where courage can get you killed, the dramatic series, ‘Beatrice,’ tells the story about one of the bravest women in the world,” Conway exclaimed. “This is a story that is near and dear to my heart. Nothing has changed in Zimbabwe. The system is dysfunctional and remains a corrupt country. A huge diaspora has left the country; and only those without the means to leave remain there if they’re not the ruling elite.”

Conway believes that the documentaries about Ellis Island and Beatrice Mtetwa are relevant topics today.

“Being a filmmaker of these kinds of stories elevates their voices because they’re strong and passionate about what they do,” said Conway, who enjoyed sharing her experiences with fellow Chestnuts.



Cynthia Kelly enjoying conversation and coffee during The Chestnuts Group Community Coffees at Cobblestones on February 11.



Eleni Kinney and Anna Protopapas, Documentary Film Group members.



Galentine’s Day friends, Rachel Healey and Cheryl Lynch, on February 14.



The Chestnuts Group member and documentary filmmaker, Lorie Conway, describing her projects: “Forgotten: Ellis Island,” and “Beatrice”



The Chestnuts Group Documentary Film Group gathering at the Capitol One Café on February 14.

Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The last clue is on sculptor and BU alumni Russell Jacques’ Point-Counterpoint, located at the rear of the Marsh Cappel on the BU campus. This work is often incorrectly called “Counterpoint” or the “Whale Sculpture.”

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ADUs officially allowed statewide under Affordable Homes Act

Special to the Sun

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are now permitted by-right statewide in Massachusetts thanks to the Healey-Driscoll Administration's Affordable Homes Act, signed into law by Governor Maura Healey in August 2024. Sometimes called tiny homes or in-law suites, ADUs are small, independent living spaces located on the same lot as a principal dwelling in a residential zoning district. Garages, attics, and basements can be converted into ADUs. Or an ADU can be a newly constructed detached cottage or addition onto the primary home with a separate entrance.

"We said from the beginning that we were going to make housing more affordable by creating homes for every kind of household and at every stage of life," said Governor Maura Healey. "By allowing homeowners the freedom to create an Accessory Dwelling Unit, we can provide more housing options for seniors, creating opportunities for young adults with special needs looking for more independence and developing smaller, more affordable, housing options for our state."

"This is a real solution that creates additional housing throughout our communities in small ways that can have a big impact for an individual or a family," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "The Affordable Homes Act is continuing to open up new housing at every level across the state and allowing Accessory Dwelling Units is an example of the problem-solving focus of our administration."

The undersupply of housing in Massachusetts has dramatically increased housing costs in recent years. ADUs are part of the solution to build more homes and drive down costs for tenants and homebuyers.

As of Sunday, February 2nd, ADUs less than 900 square feet can be built by-right in single-family zoning districts statewide, and the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities estimates that 8,000 to 10,000 ADUs can be constructed over the next five years thanks to this simplification of the ADU permitting process.

"ADUs can provide supplemental rental income to homeowners, add value to sin-

gle-family homes, and deliver new options for renters in a tight market," said Ed Augustus, Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities. "Previously, if a homeowner wanted to build an ADU for an aging parent, they would have had to apply for special permits and variances, which in many cases can be outright denied due to restrictive zoning bylaws. Now, ADUs are allowed by-right statewide, making it easier for residents to build in their own backyards, or onto their existing homes."

ADUs can have a profound effect for homeowners and their families. They can allow older adults to age in place and remain close to their grandkids and children. ADUs can also offer independent living for young adults with special needs.

Following a public comment period, EOHLC has now issued final regulations intended to help cities and towns adjust their local ordinances and allow for ADUs by-right. You can visit Mass.gov/ADU to learn more specific details about the ADUs by-right policy.

Municipalities who need assistance drafting, conducting community planning, and enacting local ADU rules may apply for funding through the Community One Stop for Growth.

Residents interested in developing an ADU should contact their city or town services who will be able to give them an understanding of the local rules and how they can apply for a permit. Additionally, residents seeking to build an ADU for people with disabilities or people over 60 may be eligible for no-interest financing through the state's Home Modification Loan Program.

Statements of Support

Jen Benson, Massachusetts State Director, AARP:

"Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are not only a vital tool in creating additional affordable housing, but they are also one of the best ways for older family members to age in place. ADUs can help create multi-generational housing opportunities while giving those generations the comfort of their own living spaces."

Maura Sullivan, CEO, The Arc of Massachusetts:

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR PROJECT BREAD'S 57TH WALK FOR HUNGER



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The Walk for Hunger, Project Bread's flagship community fundraiser, is seeking walkers to mobilize their neighbors and join the celebration. The one-day event is set for Sunday, May 4 on the Boston Common, and will feature family-friendly activities, food and entertainment along the 3-mile loop. In its 57th year, Project Bread invites you to help raise more than \$1 million to support the leading statewide food security organization's approach to ensure food access for all children and families in Massachusetts. Likeminded anti-hunger organizations can enroll in the nonprofit's co-fundraising program, The Commonwealth, forming teams to raise money to support their own work, while also furthering Project Bread's statewide effort.

Ready to walk? To register for the event and create a personal or team fundraising page for the Walk for Hunger or to make a donation, visit projectbread.org/walk or email walk@projectbread.org.

ADUs (from Page 14)

"The Arc of Massachusetts is grateful to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for releasing regulations that provide additional details on the Accessory Dwelling Unit provision of the Affordable Homes Act. ADU's have been a long-time policy priority of The Arc because we recognize the critical need to create more housing for people with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities. These individuals and their families face many challenges related to housing, including safety, gaining independence, and maintaining tenancy. ADU's provide an option for some people with disabilities to live and thrive in their community, where they often have family and natural supports. We look forward to working with individuals and families to interpret and understand these regulations."

Rachel Heller, CEO, Citizens' Housing and Planning Association:

"Today, Massachusetts takes another significant step forward on the path to a vibrant future. When we allow for a range of housing types in our neighborhoods, people have opportunities to live in homes they can afford in the communities they choose. Accessory Dwelling Units can make housing more affordable for homeowners that build them

and for renters looking for housing at different price points. As communities allow for Accessory Dwelling Units, multifamily housing, and smaller homes on smaller lots, we are fostering an environment where people, our neighborhoods, and our economy can thrive."

Jesse Kanson-Benanav, Executive Director, Abundant Housing Massachusetts:

"We were proud to partner with the Healey-Driscoll administration, Secretary Augustus and EOHLC, and advocates in ensuring the Affordable Homes Act included a strong ADU provision that will unlock more housing production across the commonwealth. Advocates have spoken of the need for standardization and fewer barriers to building ADUs and we have finally answered the call. ADUs are a gentle tool in the Massachusetts toolbox to address our severe housing storage. This provision allows homeowners to generate additional income or house loved ones with disabilities, aging family members, or young adults who might not otherwise be able to afford to live in the community where they were raised. Legalizing Accessory Dwelling Units by-right in every city and town is an investment in the future of the commonwealth and its residents."

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Moniz, Nancy	Moltz, Evan J	189 Beacon St #6	\$549,000
Macnamara, William K	Janet Hurwitz Lt	174 Commonwealth Ave #4-6	\$1,875,000
Macnamara, William K	Janet Hurwitz Lt	174 Commonwealth Ave #5	\$1,875,000
Robert D Walter RET	Strachan, Aleece	29 Commonwealth Ave #4	\$10,350,000
Miller, Lance A	Stanely Greenwood Jr T	90 Commonwealth Ave #15	\$2,250,000
Derek Robert O Brien Lt	Murray, Kathleen M	171 Marlborough St #1	\$1,175,000
Durkin, Brian P	Gardner, Jordan	199 Marlborough St #102	\$1,337,500
Mdr Construction Co Inc	Pomper, Steven D	11 Durham St #1	\$1,475,000
BEACON HILL			
Stetson, Anne	Winthrop, Grant	70-72 Mount Vernon St #4A72	\$3,147,500
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Ma Rsg 2024 LLC	Wasserman, Tegan M	9 Batchelder St #1	\$527,500
Sullivan, Benjamin	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	55 Lagrange St #12F	\$630,000
430 Stuart St Rt	Ts Residence Holdings LL	430 Stuart St #35A	\$11,250,000
Johnson, Elizabeth	Stempel, Jennifer	195 W Brookline St #1	\$1,800,000
Ng, Gordon	Gadish, Orit	39 Warren Ave #3	\$660,000
910 Benatown Realty LLC	Rivka Nir RET	910 Beacon St #7	\$1,190,000
32 Dwight Rt	Renaissance Invs At 32 D	32 Dwight St #2	\$3,850,000
Minahan, Timothy	32 Dwight St LLC	32 Dwight St #1	\$3,350,000
Menard, Maylander	Page, Brittany T	35 E Springfield St #D	\$377,691
Terranova & Locola T	Hayes, Kelly	111 Jersey St #23D	\$379,000
Valiakis, Nikolaos	Digeronimo, Nicholas	608 Massachusetts Ave #5	\$900,000
Renaissance Invs At 18 Mi	Milford St Associates Lp	18 Milford St	\$2,605,000
892 N Main St LLC	Alron Rt	452 Park Dr #12	\$4,100,000
892 N Main St LLC	Alron Rt	452 Park Dr #19	\$4,100,000
892 N Main St LLC	Alron Rt	452 Park Dr #2	\$4,100,000
892 N Main St LLC	Alron Rt	452 Park Dr #4	\$4,100,000
892 N Main St LLC	Alron Rt	452 Park Dr #6	\$4,100,000
892 N Main St LLC	Alron Rt	452 Park Dr #C	\$4,100,000
Bhargava, Ankur	Alron Too Rt	452 Park Dr #14	\$1,025,000
Lucky Pawar LLC	Berfield, Alan	452 Park Dr #17	\$1,025,000
Dupre, Tess	Divincenzo, Mark	30 Union Park St #404	\$1,550,000
Nancy J Gilbert RET	Li, Lingyao	3531 Washington St #321	\$770,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Caouette, Pierre	Weisman, Howard J	1 Franklin St #4905	\$3,600,000
Martin, Dustin	Podolski, Jacquelyn	100 Fulton St #3V	\$281,552
Vrr2 LLC	2 Power Ct LLC	2 Powers Ct	\$2,095,000

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Prime Storage - Boston South End located at 100 Southampton St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com.

com on 3/11/2025 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Joao Ferreira unit #1027; Lanyeli Santos unit #3038; Jared Wainwright unit #3179; Danielle Carley unit #3253; Dijana Zobic unit #3259; Jean Marie Jr unit #3310; Nelson Bernard Bell unit #4141.

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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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 at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 3/11/2025 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the con-

tents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Harry Holder unit #250. 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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