Eagerly awaited Folio bistro set to open at Athenaeum

By Dan Murphy

As the last phase of the extensive renovation and expansion of the Boston Athenaeum, its eagerly awaited street-level bistro, Folio, will open on Tuesday, June 25.

“Folio will serve as a welcoming extension of the Boston Athenaeum,” said Leah Rosovsky, the Athenaeum’s Stanford Calderwood Director, in a statement. “Our goal is for it to become a favorite spot for our members, a social hub for the Beacon Hill neighborhood, and a gathering place for everyone. There will be delicious food and great drinks served in a historic and beautiful environment.”

Located on the ground floor of the Athenaeum, with a street entrance at 14A Beacon St., Folio will span 1,180 square feet, with seating for 45. The restaurant is modeled after a European bistro, where Chef de Cuisine Peter Laspia will offer European-inspired fare. The menu will be complemented by a wide selection of wines, as well as an array of craft cocktails, including the Athenaeum’s signature ‘Athena’s Ambrosia.’

Folio is a joint venture between the Athenaeum and The Catered Affair—a longstanding Rockland-based catering company that operates other restaurants in the Map Room at the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library; ICA (Institute of Contemporary Art) in the Seaport; and at the Harvard Art Museums.

In anticipation of Folio’s launch, Ken-Barrett-Sweet, vice president of catering at The Catered Affair, said in a statement: “With the launch of Folio,

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ANNUAL DUCKLING DAY PARADE IN BOSTON

Shown above, the Duckling Parade, held this past weekend, kicks off from Boston Common.

Shown right, Grandmother Rhomayne Humphrey keeps jet ducklings Quentin McNeil, Hennis Love, and Bobby Hall Jr in order.

See more photos on Pages 6 – 8.

Fenway Health’s LGBTQIA+ bereavement program awarded DPH grant

By Dan Murphy

A $35,000 grant from the state’s Department of Public Health for next year will allow Fenway Health to continue offering its bereavement groups for LGBTQIA+ people who’ve recently lost a partner, or someone else close or related to them.

“We offer LGBTQIA+ a safe place to talk about the losses they experience,” said Lisa Krinsky, program director of Fenway Health’s LGBTQIA+ Aging Project.

City of Boston kicks off free Summer Fitness Series

Special to the Sun

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) are pleased to announce the 2024 Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. The series offers free weekly classes both virtually and in 17 City of Boston parks through August 31, 2024.

The 2024 Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series is being launched with a kick-off event
PLASTIC, PLASTIC EVERYWHERE

In the classic 1967 movie, the Graduate, Dustin Hoffman's character, Benjamin Braddock, a recent college graduate, is taken aside by a family friend at his graduation party, who says to him, “Ben, I just have one word of advice for you. Are you listening? ‘Plastics’. There’s a great future in plastics. Think about it. Will you think about it?”

“Yes sir,” Benjamin replies meekly.

In 1967, plastics were nowhere near as ubiquitous as they are in 2024. But the advice given to Benjamin was prescient -- today, plastics are in everything, including our bodies. According to scientists, microplastics are flowing through every one of our organs and tissues, and the same is true for just about every animal on earth.

The problem is, plastics also are in everything, including our bodies. According to scientists, microplastics are flowing through every one of our organs and tissues, and the same is true for just about every animal on earth.

In addition, very little of the plastic that we generate is recyclable. We may think of ourselves as being virtuous when we dutifully recycle all of our plastic items every week, but a recent survey revealed that only about six percent of plastic items are recycled and that much of what is labeled as “recyclable” really is not recyclable at all. Those hard-plastic containers that hold our laundry detergent, for example, can be recycled only at a very few facilities across the country, which means that almost all of them end up in landfills, where they eventually disintegrate and make their way into the food chain and our water -- and into our bodies.

Almost 60 years after the Graduate, we are drowning -- literally -- in a sea of plastics, and with the demand for plastics ever-increasing, the problem is only going to get worse. It is estimated that by 2050, the demand for plastics will triple and the amount of plastic in the world's oceans actually will outweigh the fish.

Yes, as foretold in 1967, the future was indeed, “Plastics.” But that future -- today's present -- turned out to be a grim one.
Wu to attend climate summit at
the Vatican to showcase Boston’s leadership on climate action

Mayor Michelle Wu this week shared the events she will participate in while attending a climate summit at the Vatican, hosted by Pope Francis, “From Climate Crisis to Climate Resilience.” Mayor Wu will give remarks for a discussion called “Governance, Energy,” as part of Vatican Summit Session VII - Best Practice in Governance and co-chair a discussion called Session XI - Financing Resiliency.

As a participant at the summit, Mayor Wu will showcase Boston as a champion on climate action, while learning from other global leaders about best practices. A key part of Boston’s Green New Deal is ensuring that the City’s work supports the climate, livability and opportunity of Boston’s neighborhoods for residents, taking action to address environmental protection while also enhancing public health, housing affordability, better public transit options, and access to green jobs.

While in Italy, she will also meet with the Mayor of Rome to discuss ways to partner to tackle the climate crisis while bringing home solutions from innovative cities around the world.

Mayor Wu is champion of climate action for Boston. The City’s leadership has delivered results through growing its PowerCorps green jobs program and Boston’s Community Choice Electricity program, transitioning to electric school buses and vehicles, decarbonizing existing buildings and adopting green building standards for new construction, launching networked geothermal energy in public housing, enhancing Boston’s green spaces and building green infrastructure to protect against flooding, bolstering electric vehicle infrastructure, and aggressively fighting for federal funding. Mayor Wu has set an ambitious agenda.

Mayor Wu’s commitment to climate action advances sustainability, resilience, and environmental justice. Last month, Mayor Wu shared her FY25 Budget which included groundbreaking investments in climate action and adaptation. These investments range from new personnel investments, such as a park administrator and six new maintenance staff to maintain Franklin Park, to transformative Capital investments, such as a new $75 million City fund that leverages State and Federal climate resilience grants. Under Mayor Wu’s leadership, the City will enhance climate resilience across Boston to prepare for climate change while supporting the lives of Boston residents.

The international conference is organized by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences under the leadership of UMass Boston Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco and Ram Ramanathan, Distinguished Research Professor at UC San Diego and climate solutions scholar at Cornell University. Pope Francis will preside over the summit.

SOWA ARTISTS GUILD TO HOLD UPCOMING EVENTS
SoWa Artists Guild presents SoWa Sundays take place on May 19, and 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
All events will be held at 450 Harrison Ave.

FOLIO (from pg. 1)
we are creating a unique dining experience and journey. Our vision is to establish a vibrant hub of community enrichment where every carefully curated dish catalyzes deeper connections within our neighborhood. We believe that Folio will become a cherished gathering place, enhancing the fabric of our community.

Likewise, Alex Marconi, CEO of The Catered Affair, stated: “We are ecstatic to join the Beacon Hill community, where Folio Bistro goes beyond mere dining. In partnership with Boston Athenaeum, we hope Folio becomes a visitor and community gathering hub while enjoying thoughtfully prepared food and beverage.”

GRANT (from pg. 2)
organizations that are reimagining Boston’s nightlife.”

The Grant is open to individuals, nonprofit organizations, or businesses working in partnership with community partners. Applicants must be Boston residents or demonstrate that their project is led by partners who are Boston residents.

The Wake Up the Night Grant is an Office of Nightlife initiative. The Office, launched in March 2023, works to create a more robust and equitable nightlife economy to enhance the overall quality of life for residents of Boston. For more information about the Office of Nightlife Economy, visit http://www.cityofboston.gov/nightlife

FENWAY PORCHFEST RETURNS SATURDAY, JUNE 15
The fifth annual Fenway Porchfest, a collaboration between the Fenway Community Center and the Fenway Community Development Corporation, takes place on Saturday, June 15, from noon to 4:30 p.m.
This free festival, that transforms outdoor spaces through our neighbor into impromptu concert stages, will feature musicians from across Fenway and beyond at locations...
Interested in volunteering (and getting free lunch and a T-shirt)? Register at https://www.fenwayporchfest.org/signup/help?

SAVE THE DATE: GARDEN CLUB OF THE BACK BAY’S TWILIGHT GARDEN PARTY SET FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 4, AT THE NEWBURY HOTEL
The Garden Club of the Back Bay will present its annual Twilight Garden Party Tuesday, June 4, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Newbury Hotel at 1 Newbury St.
The Twilight Garden Party is the Garden Club’s largest source of funds that go directly towards tree care and community outreach while this year’s event also celebrates the Garden Club’s 60th anniversary.
For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ twilight-garden-party-tickets-85109928988?aff=oddudt-creator.

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By Dan Murphy

Newly renovated West End Museum to reopen to the public on May 23

After being closed to the public for more than two years following a substantial flood, a newly renovated and reimagined West End Museum will formally reopen on Thursday, May 23.

“It's totally different from the old museum,” said Simon Belfanti, executive director of the museum located at 150 Staniford St., Suite 7. “Almost no walls are the same—it's just a different space. It's completely redesigned and a modern museum. It's interactive, and it contains digital elements and [aspires] to be welcoming for people across generations and also to support schools and educational programs.”

On Jan. 15, 2022, a sprinkler check-valve ruptured on the fourth floor of West End Place, leading to flooding in nearly 30 units on the building's bottom four floors, as well as in the adjacent West End Museum and its office space.

More than two dozen large images, which made up about half of the museum's main permanent exhibit, 'The Last Tenement,' were damaged to some extent. But in all, only around 50 items were lost in the flood—about 40 of which the museum had duplicates of—while some other documents had already been scanned. Just two or three photos were completely destroyed due to the flood.

When the museum reopens, the erstwhile 'Last Tenement' exhibit will be completely reimagined and vastly expanded as 'Rise, Fall, Rebirth: Stories of the West End.' This new permanent exhibit tells the West End's story from when the neighborhood first comprised fields, farms, factories, and a few mansions around Bowdoin Square, though the immigrant era and the demolition that came with urban renewal, and up until the modern age (and beyond). The exhibit now covers the "full breath of the neighborhood," said Belfanti, going from 1625 to 2035, even taking it a few years into the future.

This first phase of the rebuild project has cost around $1 million while a second phase will cost approximately $400,000. Besides individual donors, the Boston Planning & Development Agency, Boston Properties, HYM Investment Group, Delaware North, Mass Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism, and Mass General Hospital have made financial contributions to the project. But the museum is still accepting donations to help push it over the finish line, said Belfanti.

The second phase will include the development of two new films—one focusing on abolitionists in the old West End (and now Beacon Hill) and another exploring the experience of displacement from the West End. An interactive map will also be developed as part of the project’s second phase.

Trivium Interactive of the North End is developing the museum’s interactive elements, including touchscreen and video elements, along with the interactive map, among other features, for both project phases. New York-based Chan Ascher Architecture has offered its services pro bono for the project's design.

Belfanti said “one benefit of digital media” is that the museum will now be able to constantly update and add content to existing exhibits.

“The museum is completely new and won't be repetitive for people who’ve seen it before,” he said. “You also can come back and explore because it's multi-layered—and not something we expect you'll be able to take in in one visit.”

The first event in the new museum space will be its Boston Trivia Night at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30. Tickets cost $10 each and can be purchased online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boston-trivia-night-tickets-885625278047.

The museum will also welcome the public for 'West End Stories: Scanning Party' on Monday, June 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. At this event, attendees can bring their items (i.e. 'photos, letters, records, or objects that tell the story of the neighborhood before urban renewal, just after, or up through the present day') for a scanning project to help augment the museum's already extensive archives collection. Or instead, attendees can have the items scanned and bring the originals back home with them, along with new digitized copies, courtesy of the museum. R.S.V.P. for this free event at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/west-end-stories-scanning-party-tickets-902752225207.

For more information on the West End Museum, and to contribute to the museum’s renovation costs, visit thewestendmuseum.org.

FITNESS SERIES (from pg. 1)

Fitness Series on The Boston Common on Thursday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m., featuring free ZUMBA® from Z-Spot and Yoga plus fun giveaways.

The series offers a wide range of classes, including Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Chair Yoga, HITT, ZUMBA®, Rock ‘n’ Roll Dance, Walking Group, Strength Training and Conditioning, and Salsa Dance. The program is tailored to the interests of residents and participants, including age-friendly classes for families, older adults, and those new to fitness classes. For more information and a link to the full schedule, visit boston.gov/fitness.

"Cultivating vibrant communities through accessible, engaging programming is at the heart of our mission in the West End Parks and Recreation Department," noted Commissioner Ryan Woods. "By activating public parks with initiatives like the Summer Fitness Series, we’re not only providing opportunities for physical activity but also fostering social connections and enhancing the overall well-being of Boston residents."

“The Summer Fitness Series provides a free opportunity for residents to be active in our City’s parks while bringing our communities together to connect socially,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. “Being active is one of the best ways to prevent many chronic diseases as well as improve mental health. The series is available in most neighborhoods and online and is a continuation of the work being done to improve the health and well-being of all residents.”

Series partners echoed the focus on community engagement and holistic health. “The Boston Park Fitness series showcases the vibrant neighborhoods and cultures of Boston, and what better way to experience that than through community fitness?” said Jeff Bellows, vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs at Blue Cross.

“The program has something for everyone, including in-person and virtual classes for people of all abilities. We’re proud to partner with the City of Boston to support the physical and mental health of our community.”

To stay up to date with events, competitions, and improvements in Boston parks—including weather-related cancellations for outdoor fitness classes—call (617) 635-4505, visit Boston.gov/Parks, join our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails, and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on X, Facebook, and Instagram.
On Friday, May 10, supporters of Women’s Lunch Place joined together for the annual ‘eat LUNCH give’ fundraiser. Thanks to the incredible support from the WLP community, over $350,000 was raised to aid vulnerable women facing hunger, homelessness, and poverty.

Held at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston, the event featured a fireside chat between Jennifer Hanlon Wigon, Executive Director of WLP, and M. Lee Pelton, President & CEO of the Boston Foundation. The conversation was moderated by GBH’s Paris Alston.

Hanlon Wigon and Pelton addressed the pressing issues of the housing crisis in Boston, including the shortage of affordable units and the critical need for safe, gender-specific housing for women. The conversation was followed by a moving video featuring testimonials from WLP guests.

WLP extends its deepest appreciation to everyone who took part in this event, including volunteers, donors, sponsors, and attendees. Their involvement will be instrumental in amplifying the voices of women within WLP’s organization and beyond.

For more information on Women’s Lunch Place, visit womenslunchplace.org.

Courtesy of Women’s Lunch Place

See more photos on the next page.

**‘EAT LUNCH GIVE’ FUNDRAISER RAISES $350,000 FOR WOMEN’S LUNCH PLACE**
Friends Of The Public Garden held its annual Duckling Day Parade on Mother’s Day. The event is a celebration of the classic children’s book Make Way For Ducklings by Robert McClosky. It begins as a family friendly festival at The Gazebo in Boston Common. Music, dancing, activities, and more greeted fans of the Mallard Family as many arrived dressed as ducklings. A parade then matches from the Common to the Public Garden where in the book the Mallard family take up residence. A fun day for all!

Duckling fans pay homage to the beloved story and characters by visiting the sculpture in the Public Garden.

Friends Of The Public Garden President Liz Vizza with Josiah Quincy School students Grey Schroeder and Lakin Haigh, and WCVB Channel 5 journalist Rhondella Richardson hold citations issued from the City Of Boston commemorating the Duckling Parade.

Matriarch of ‘the first family of Duckling Day’ Melissa Krygowski shows off her Duckling style with a stylish fascinator.

Jenny The Juggler wows the crowd with some native bubble magic.

The Harvard University Marching Band provided the perfect music to accommodate a Duckling Parade.

Jess, Willow, AJ, John, Mike, and Kelsey came to represent the wild ducklings.
Friends of the Public Garden Celebrate Duckling Day

Daddy Duck Sahil and Momma Duck Alicia with their Duckling who is undecided on embracing her moniker.

Dancers Nicole Volpe and Cayla Blake of the City Ballet Of Boston, run by Tony Williams, preform a dance routine passing homage to Make Way For Ducklings.

A Lion Dance is performed by members of the Woo Ching White Crane King Fu school.

The Duckling Parade makes its way to the Public Garden.

Candy goes out of the mouth of one of the Lions during Woo Ching White Crane King Fu school’s performance.

Daddy Duck Sahil and Momma Duck Alicia with their Duckling who is undecided on embracing her moniker.

WCVB Channel 5 award winning journalist Rhondella Richardson gets into the Duckling spirit as MC as she officiated the Duckling Parade activities.

Nica Stawski Haldane upon the Duckling Parade with her family as they visited from New Jersey.

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FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN CELEBRATE DUCKLING DAY

Monroe Lee wants to make sure that his duckling companion is safely secured for their ride around the fun.

The gentle giant Duckling mascot generated a lot of attention.

Tiffany, Ben, and Owen Horn watch the Duckling Parade march by.

Sarah De Alba with daughters Caroline and Julienne and family friend Nancy.

Kids gather at the Feast And Fettle booth to work on decorating their own cookies.

Laura Lott with her duckling Theodora.

Dancers from the City Ballet Of Boston, run by Tony Williams perform for a duckling audience.

Dave carries his daughter Mari who was happy to hear that tigers were welcomed on Duckling Day too.

Dana Shepard with her daughter Jaclyn Smith seeing the latest generation in their family, Summer.

Friends Of The Public Garden Communications Associate Jan Trousdale and Development Manager Amanda McGuire helped organize the event.

From atop The Gazebo Northerly Echo surveys Boston Common on a duck steed.

Iain and Anne Greenwell are dressed to the nine for this duckling affair.

Moxie Tu with mom Xi and an upcoming duckling.
Mayor Michelle Wu announced Aidan McDonough as the new SPARK Boston Director. SPARK Boston empowers 20 to 35-year-olds to play a greater role in planning for the city’s future. Its office is within the Community Engagement Cabinet, focused on eliminating silos between Boston residents and City Hall. McDonough will be filling a vacancy to lead the SPARK Boston Council.

“SPARK Boston is a unique way for young leaders in our city to have their voices heard in Boston’s future,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Aidan’s experience in community organizing makes him a great fit for this passionate, innovative group and I look forward to working with him and the rest of SPARK Boston on issues most important to millennials and Gen Z.”

Aidan McDonough graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with his bachelor’s degree in communications. He moved to Boston in 2010 to pursue his career in public service. When he moved to Boston, he knew right away that he wanted to make Boston his home. After being active in the Brighton community and for local and state campaigns, it became clear to him that he had a passion for civic involvement and helping others to find and build their own community in Boston. McDonough served on the SPARK Boston Council in 2018-2019. He was formerly the Executive Director of Brighton Main Streets.

“Aidan’s passion for empowering young adults and enthusiasm to deepen his work in public service makes him a great addition to the Community Engagement Cabinet,” said Community Engagement Cabinet Chief Brianna Millor. “The SPARK Boston Council is an integral part of Boston’s local government. I am excited to welcome Aidan working closely with the SPARK Boston Council empowering them to continue to be changemakers in our city.”

SPARK Boston is housed in the Mayor’s Community Engagement Cabinet, and is responsible for advising Mayor Wu on issues affecting millennial and Gen Z populations and working with City departments and community stakeholders to create innovative solutions. The council meets monthly with City Hall leadership and creates free programming for their peers including voter resources, events highlighting the City’s ongoing initiatives, and professional and social networking opportunities across Boston’s many neighborhoods.

“As an alumnus of SPARK Boston, I am looking forward to getting back into the program and giving council members the opportunity to expand their knowledge of Boston,” said SPARK Boston Director Aidan McDonough. “I plan on taking the lessons learned from my time on the council and continue providing opportunities for council members to be engaged in what is happening in local government. I hope to help council members have access to cabinet chiefs and program directors so that their ideas of how Boston can continue to grow can be heard by decision makers within City Hall.”

The Trustees are pleased to announce that the 29th Annual South End Garden Tour will take place this year on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each year the South End Garden Tour features gardens in a different section of the country’s largest district of surviving row houses and this year’s tour is centered on gardens and green spaces in and around the area bordered by Tremont Street and the Southwest Corridor Park between Dartmouth Street and Massachusetts Avenue. The self-guided tour features a mix of public and private spaces including private back yards, front gardens, community gardens, and neighborhood pocket parks. For more details about the tour, please visit thetrustees.org/communitygardens. For more details on Trustees’ gardens, please visit thetrustees.org/communitygardens.

Admission to the tour is $24 for Trustees members, $30 for non-members, and available online at thetrustees.org/SEGT. On the day of the tour, ticket prices are $28 for Trustees members and $35 for non-members. Information about volunteering or purchasing an advertisement in the booklet can also be found on the South End Garden Tour webpage as well.

Founded by landscape architect Charles Eliot in 1891, The Trustees has, for more than 130 years, been a catalyst for important ideas, endeavors, and progress in Massachusetts. As a steward of distinctive and dynamic places of both historic and cultural value, The Trustees is the one of the oldest preservation and conservation organizations, and its landscapes and landmarks continue to inspire discussion, innovation, and action today as they did in the past. We are a nonprofit, supported by members, friends and donors and our more than 120 sites are destinations for residents, members, and visitors alike, welcoming millions of guests annually. www.thetrustees.org.

**Trustees Announce the 29th Annual South End Garden Tour Will Be Held on June 15**

**Fenway Health (from pg. 1)**

Fenway Health’s LGBTQIA+ Aging Project offers four eight-week sessions each year, which are free to attend and take place virtually via Zoom. The group is also open to LGBTQIA+ people of all ages, not just older adults, added Krinsky.

The program has received funding for the past 10 years, said Krinsky, but prior to the pandemic, its sessions took place only in-person and therefore weren’t easily accessible to someone from Worcester, for instance.

With sessions going virtual during the pandemic, the program became easily accessible to people throughout the state, said Krinsky, regardless of their geography.

Closing these gaps can now help the program reach more grieving individuals most in need of compassion.

“Disenfranchised grief can really increase people’s sense of isolation, desperation, and risk for suicide,” said Krinsky.

When someone in a same-sex relationship loses a partner, people around them, like their family or coworkers, don’t always acknowledge these relationships. “It can make [the bereaved] much more isolated in their grief,” said Krinsky.

People can also be uncomfortable expressing themselves in more-traditional bereavement groups, said Krinsky, especially if they’re the only members of these groups in same-sex relationships.

Besides losing their spouses, many participants have also lost a parent or a sibling, said Krinsky, and sometimes, those lost weren’t supportive or affirming of them.

“It’s a place where people can talk about the complexities of their relationships,” she said.

With this in mind, Krinsky refrains from using the term ‘loved one’ when referring to a partner who might have rejected their child years earlier because of their sexuality. “That’s a complicated loss to talk about,” added Krinsky.

Others come to the LGBTQIA+ Aging Project because they’ve lost a best friend – a loss not always acknowledged by traditional bereavement groups.

Meanwhile, many lasting friendships have been forged via this Fenway Health program, including a couple who married after meeting in the group.

“It’s an opportunity for people to make connections they can sustain after the group,” said Krinsky, who added that Fenway Health is able to continue offering the program free of charge to participants, thanks to grants like the recent one from DPH.

Fenway Health was among 19 community organizations that provide suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention services statewide which will receive $1.9 million in annual state funding over the next 11 years awarded via grants from DPH’s Suicide Prevention Program.

To learn more about, or to get involved in Fenway Health’s LGBTQIA+ Aging Project, email lgbtqiaagingproject@fenwayhealth.org.
RMV reminds residents of May 25 deadline for REAL ID

By Special to the Sun

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding residents that beginning May 7, 2025, anyone traveling by plane domestically or entering certain federal buildings will need a Registry-issued REAL ID-compliant driver’s license or ID, or a valid passport. To help ensure compliance, a countdown clock is now live at Mass.Gov/RMV.

The Registry is encouraging everyone seeking a REAL ID compliant license or identification card to go online at Mass.Gov/ID to learn what documents are needed for a required in-person appointment.

“The countdown is on for REAL ID federal enforcement and the RMV reminds residents of the May 25 deadline,” said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. “We want Massachusetts residents to know they can upgrade to the REAL ID driver’s license or identification card during their normal renewal process for the same cost as a renewal. For the customers who wish to do this, we highly recommend you schedule your appointment at least three weeks before your birthday so that you can receive your credentials in the mail ahead of your expiration.”

The RMV has posted helpful information on REAL ID requirements that customers can use to prepare for their in-person visits, including convenient document checklists to help pre-stage REAL ID applications, at Mass.Gov/ID. Documents required for this transaction include two proofs of Massachusetts residency, proof of a full Social Security Number (SSN), and proof of lawful presence. Customers who have had a name change since the issuance of a birth certificate, passport or other document, will need to show the reason for the name change by presenting documentation like a marriage certificate, divorce decree or court document. These required documents must be original or certified versions. The RMV recommends customers gather these documents well in advance of appointments to ensure they have the information required by federal law.

Currently, Massachusetts is at 54 percent REAL ID adoption with almost 3 million credentials being REAL ID-compliant. Customers are eligible to renew up to one year in advance of the expiration date printed on their license or ID, and up to two years after the expiration date.

Prior to May 7, 2025, customers will need a federally compliant REAL ID for the purposes of boarding domestic flights or entering certain federal buildings.

The fee for a required in-person appointment at Mass.Gov/ID is $50. The fee for renewing a Mass ID is $25. The fee for upgrading to a standard or REAL ID card is $25. Customers with a less than five-year stay in the U.S. pay a pro-rated fee.

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

For additional information and details on these and other RMV service offerings, please visit www.mass.gov/rmv.

Breed Reality Check

FRESH & LOCAL

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

A recent social media post anthropomorphized several dogs, explaining what they were bred to do and how hard it is to live in a world without that work. It ends with a plea that people do a breed reality check before they buy or adopt a dog.

Responsible Selection
Read about the breed’s history or the predominant breeds for a canine with a generous gene pool. We still turn to our ancient copy of “The Roger Caras Dog Book” when someone asks about a breed.

In addition to an expert narrative about each breed, rates each from one to ten for three key factors: the amount of coat care and exercise required and the suitability for apartment life. Consider those aspects of living with the dog you think you want.

When you see one of your favored breeds in the wild, start a conversation with the guardian and ask about the best and worst aspects of living with their dog. What they find a problem, like the need for lots of exercise, may not be for everyone.

While Westies may look cute and cuddly, they are actually very independent, intelligent, and strong-willed. For many, a Bichon Frise is a better choice.

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Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.
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