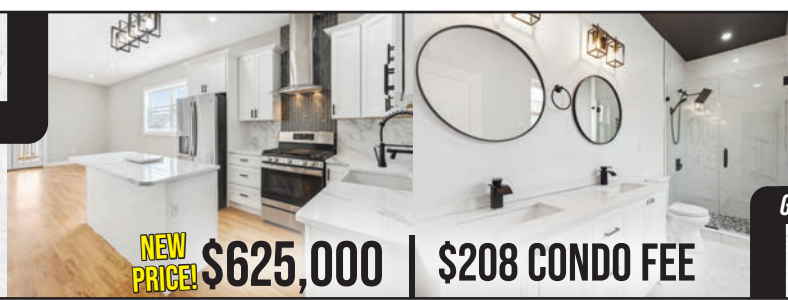


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Senator Sal DiDomenico recently spent the morning reading Hop on Pop to a class of young children at the Everett Head Start site in celebration of National Book Month. See Page 6 for more photos.

CNC MEETING DATES

CNC General Meeting, Thursday November 7, The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold an in-person public meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2024, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the BPD substation, located at 20 Vine Street. Captain Sean Martin Commander, District A1, and Sergeant Crossen will provide a public safety update. We encourage you to bring your questions and any neighborhood concerns to the meeting or to email us at cnc02129@gmail.com. For updates and our calendar, please check CNC02129.org.

CNC Precinct Election, The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold an election on Saturday, 11/16/24 to fill eight (8) precinct seats. Precinct candidates must live within the boundaries of the precinct that they will represent if elected.

Nomination papers with instructions will be available on our website, by email request to cnc02129@gmail.com, and at the Charlestown BPL Branch. Completed nomination papers must be postmarked or hand-delivered no later than November 2, 2024.

We hope you will take this opportunity to represent your neighbors and promote the well-being of Charlestown. Visit www.CNC02129.org for more information.

Top environmental leader calls for reform at Massport

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

In a letter to the state's top environmental leaders earlier this month, AIR, Inc. (Airport Impact Relief, Incorporated) a local community airport environmental activist group, claimed that Massport, the agency which runs Logan Airport, is not doing enough to reduce the airport's environmental impacts. The group says that state lawmakers created Massport in the 1950's to run the airport and promote the economy, but that today Logan has grown to become a mega-airport which causes pollution and traffic impacts. They want the state and Massport to do much more to address these impacts.

In a recently concluded review of Logan's operations, the state's top ranking environmental official Secretary Rebeca Tepper, head

of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) agreed. Now, she is directing Massport to step up its efforts to reduce Logan's impacts.

Pointing to rising passenger levels and pollution at Logan, the Secretary issued a strong directive to Massport to improve its environmental performance. Calling for improved reporting, community engagement, transparency, and performance, Tepper turned up the pressure on Massport, asking the Authority to address the health, air quality, and community impacts of Logan's operations.

The Secretary also ordered Massport to plan additional pollution reduction strategies to address the growth of environmental

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Coletta Zapata makes statement on property-tax classification

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Councilor Coletta Zapata's statement about the recent hearing on a petition for a special law regarding property tax classification in the City of Boston. A recording of the hearing can be found at youtu.be/ebJ8hh5WO6E.

"Today, the Government Operations Committee held a hearing on Mayor Wu's proposal to shield residential property owners from a sudden, one-time increase in their tax bills. This legislation has undergone eight months of rigorous review by both the City Council and State Legislature, with substantial media coverage through-

out the process.

My priority is to protect those who are economically vulnerable, such as homeowners who are house-rich but cash-poor and those on fixed incomes. The proposal also thoughtfully supports Boston's "mom and pop" small businesses by providing additional exemptions.

We heard compelling testimony from residents eager for these protections. As legislators, we must act swiftly to help people stay in their homes. If we do nothing, we help no one. I thank my colleagues and the community for their poignant questions and partnership throughout this process."

EDITORIAL

EARLY VOTING ENDS THIS FRIDAY -- ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOV. 5

In-person early voting for the 2024 Presidential election is underway and will continue through this Friday, November 1. If you are unable to make it to your local city or town hall for early voting (the hours vary in each city and town), then you will have to cast your ballot on Election Day, which is Tuesday, November 5.

The past few Presidential elections have been hectic, down-to-the-wire contests, and this year's contest between Democrat Kamala Harris and Republican Donald Trump promises to be the same.

In addition, this year we have a contested U.S. Senate race, with incumbent Democrat Elizabeth Warren facing a challenge from Republican newcomer John Deaton. With control of the Senate being crucial for the parties and for the incoming president, the choice we make for our U.S. Senator will be significant -- and that alone is a reason to vote.

Voting is the only obligation that the status as a citizen of the United States imposes on any of us. The vast majority of people on this planet live in countries where they do not have the opportunity to cast a ballot for their elected officials.

Every citizen should take advantage of the privilege we have as Americans -- and get out to vote.

THE FIVE BALLOT QUESTIONS

There are five questions on this year's ballot. All five of the questions involve complex changes to state law. We urge all voters to study the ballot questions and read the pros and cons of each. In sum, the questions are as follows:

-- Question 1 would change state law to permit the State Auditor to perform an audit of the state legislature. The proponents say that the change will enhance transparency of the state legislature's internal spending, while the opponents contend that the measure will violate the concept of the separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches of government. In addition, it should be noted that a "Yes" vote almost surely will result in the matter being taken to the State Supreme Judicial Court to determine its constitutionality.

-- Question 2 would eliminate the MCAS test as a prerequisite for receiving a high school diploma in Massachusetts. The MCAS, which requires students to pass tests in English, math, and science in order to receive a high school diploma, has been in existence since 1993, when the landmark Education Reform Bill (which was spearheaded by the late Tom Birmingham when he was the State Senator from Chelsea, Revere, and Everett) became law. The proponents of this question assert that the MCAS is a one-size-fits-all test that does not really measure whether a student has achieved sufficient proficiency to merit receiving a high school diploma. Conversely, the opponents of the measure argue that the MCAS represents the only means for objectively evaluating every student. In addition, the opponents of eliminating the MCAS assert that the MCAS has raised educational standards in Massachusetts, which annually is ranked among the best public education systems in the country.

-- Question 3 would give Transportation Network Drivers (such as Uber and Lyft drivers) the right to form a union. Under the law as it stands presently, those drivers are considered to be independent contractors, not employees.

-- Question 4 would permit individuals to possess and grow their own psychedelic mushrooms and would provide for the sale of these substances at "licensed facilitators." In addition, the proposed law would establish a Natural Psychedelic Substances Commission that would regulate the sale of psychedelic products. Proponents cite the growing body of research that indicates that treatment with psychedelics provides benefits for those suffering from depression and PTSD. The opponents note that treatment with psychedelics needs to be highly-supervised by medical professionals, but the proposed law does not do so.

-- Question 5 would alter the compensation for tipped workers. The change in the law would affect workers most notably in the restaurant industry.

Councilors Flynn and Murphy to hold a hearing on BPS transportation challenges

Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn and Councilor At-Large Erin Murphy will hold a hearing to discuss Boston Public School (BPS) transportation challenges on Thursday, November 7th, at 2:00pm. The hearing will address the critical need to improve the transportation system for BPS families, which has been plagued with delays and no-shows since the beginning of the school year.

BPS Transportation serves approximately 22,000 students and transports them across the city's nine different districts every day. On the first day of school, two out of every three buses were late to school, the worst reported since 2015. Though there has been improvement on the accuracy of school bus arrivals, BPS transportation still has not reached the 95% on-time arrival rate. Many parents continue to contact the city regarding excessive delays and changes in their child's bus route, many of which had not been communicated with in advance.

Moreover, the unsteady debut

of the Zum app for BPS parents and families has seemingly exacerbated these issues. Many parents have written to city officials and their elected representatives about excessive delays for pick up and drop off, having to consistently drive their children due to buses failing to show up at all, the app becoming unavailable, or children having to provide directions to bus drivers.

"It is wholly unacceptable that, for months, BPS children and families, including students with disabilities, have had to endure the uncertainty as to whether their bus would arrive a half hour late, an hour late, or if it would arrive at all," said Councilor Flynn. "We cannot ignore or normalize the disruption this has caused for students, parents, teachers and administrators. We cannot continue to provide tone deaf answers to parents worried about the safety of their children, or blatantly disregard how this affects their quality of life."

"I have reached out to the Mas-

sachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Superintendent Skipper, and the Boston School Committee for leadership and collaboration with us on this important issue. Parents, teachers, and students continue to express their frustrations, and we receive numerous calls daily from concerned families. The impact of these delays goes beyond inconvenience; it disrupts the learning environment and disproportionately affects our most vulnerable students," said Councilor At-Large Murphy. "Given that we invest approximately \$170 million in our transportation system for around 22,000 students, including many with special educational needs, it is imperative that we hold ourselves accountable to the standards set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DESE. Our students, and their families, deserve that."

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

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Celebrate the holidays on Boston's historic Freedom Trail

The Freedom Trail® Foundation invites revelers to celebrate this holiday season on the annual Historic Holiday Strolls. The festive atmosphere of the city, set against the unique backdrop of Boston's historic sites and centuries of history, makes these merry 60-minute tours a perfect way to celebrate the holidays. Walk the Freedom Trail and discover how Boston's holiday traditions evolved on the Strolls offered select Fridays

and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. from November 22 through December 28.

Led by 19th-century Dickensian costumed guides departing from the Visitor Information Center on Boston Common, the Strolls are complete with a tour of holiday lights and Christmas trees along the Freedom Trail while learning about 19th-century holiday traditions. Following the Stroll, guests receive discounts off museum store

purchases at Freedom Trail sites, including the Old South Meeting House, Old State House, Paul Revere House, and Old North Church's Heritage and Gift Shops (valid with any Historic Holiday Stroll receipt from November through December).

"The Foundation's official Holiday Strolls are a great way to create excitement for and usher in the season each year," said Suzanne Segura Taylor, Freedom Trail

Foundation Executive Director. "Strolls' participants will be given a glimpse into the unique holiday traditions practiced throughout history, while experiencing Boston's historic sites and iconic Freedom Trail."

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children for public tours. The Strolls may also be scheduled as private group tours pending availability. The Freedom Trail Foundation continues to offer

daily public Official Freedom Trail Tours® throughout November and December and during the winter months. All Freedom Trail tours are available as private family or group tours by reservation. For more information and to purchase tickets for the Historic Holiday Strolls and Freedom Trail Tours, please visit TheFreedomTrail.org and for group tour reservations, please call 617-357-8300 press "0."

With autumn in the air, State Fire Marshal offers home heating reminder

With crisp autumn temperatures settling in across Massachusetts, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents that home heating equipment is the leading source of carbon monoxide and the second-leading cause of residential fires.

"Having your heating system serviced each year will help reduce the risk of a fire or carbon monoxide incident that puts you and your loved ones in danger," State Fire Marshal Davine said. "It will also save you money by helping you heat your home more efficiently."

Massachusetts fire departments reported nearly 6,000 fires related to home heating equipment in the past five years. These fires claimed eight lives, caused 139 injuries to residents and firefighters, and contributed to more than \$42 million in property losses. Fires that began with solid fuel heating equipment such as fireplaces, wood stoves, and their chimneys represent about half the total, while gas, oil, and electric appliances made up the other half.

Carbon monoxide is a hazard all year long, but especially in the winter as heating equipment returns to regular use. Firefighters encountered carbon monoxide hazards at more than 24,000 calls over the past five years, most of which took place in the colder months.

State Fire Marshal Davine

offered these tips to protect yourself and your loved ones:

Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Every household should have working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms installed on every level of the home. Test them every month to be sure they're working properly and replace alkaline batteries twice a year when you change your clocks. Smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years and CO alarms should be replaced after 5, 7, or 10 years depending on the make and model.

Fireplaces, Wood Stoves, and Pellet Stoves

Solid fuel heating appliances such as fireplaces and wood stoves have accounted for a rising share of home heating fires in recent years. Most chimney fires occur because of a build-up of creosote, a tarry byproduct of burning wood: using only dry, seasoned wood and having your chimney and flue professionally inspected and cleaned each year can reduce this risk. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away on all sides, and use a fireplace screen or keep the wood stove door closed to prevent sparks and embers from escaping. When the fire is out, shovel ashes into a metal bucket with a lid and place it outside on

the ground away from the building – not in the trash.

Natural Gas and Oil Heat

If you have a furnace, water heater, or oil burner with a pilot light, keep a three-foot "circle of safety" around it, clear of anything that could catch fire. Don't store gasoline, painting supplies, or other flammable solvents in the home: their vapors can be ignited by a pilot light. These heating systems should also be checked and serviced annually by a licensed professional. If you smell gas, don't use any electrical switches or devices: get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1 right away.

Space Heaters

Keep space heaters at least three feet from curtains, bedding, and anything else that can burn. Plug them directly into a wall socket,

not an extension cord or a power strip, and always turn the heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep. When purchasing a space heater, select one that's been tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Intertek (ETL). Newer space heaters should have an automatic shut-off switch that turns the device off if it tips over. Never use portable propane or kerosene heaters indoors – the fire and CO hazards are simply too high.

Heating Assistance

Residents struggling to pay for heating bills or maintenance may be eligible for assistance through the Massachusetts home energy assistance program (LIHEAP). No matter what type of heating equipment you use, LIHEAP may be able to help you pay your winter heating bills or maintain your

heating system so it runs more safely and efficiently. All Massachusetts residents are encouraged to explore eligibility for this free program and apply for assistance.

More Home Heating Safety Tips

The Department of Fire Services offers a wealth of home heating safety information, including the "Keep Warm, Keep Safe" tool kit for local fire departments, caregivers, and service providers, at www.mass.gov/keepwarmkeepsafe.



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Atlantic Works Gallery announces two upcoming mixed-media exhibitions

Atlantic Works Gallery announced that its November exhibition will consist of side-by-side solo shows by two member artists, one who uses mixed media to investigate the natural world and the other who uses it to comment on American society. Together, their complementary artwork delivers a visual collision that is intended to ask visitors to reflect on and question their beliefs.

Both shows will open on Saturday, November 2, with an opening reception on Sunday, November 3 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. There will be a second reception on Thursday, November 14 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. when the artists will talk about their work. The exhibition closes at 6:00 p.m.

on Saturday, November 30.

John Greiner-Ferris is an artist who borrows from, and combines, multiple disciplines to create artwork. For November 2024, he uses mixed media to fluidly address the perils inflicted on individuals by modern society. The intentionally lo-tech nature of his artwork is in response to what he believes is too much of an emphasis in the art world on commercialism and salability at the expense of originality and truth, and challenges viewers to question their notion of art.

“My artwork has always been about, and will continue to be about, the individual’s struggle to maintain individuality and dignity in the face societal pressures—both real and imagined,” he said.

The materials and resulting artwork of Takis, a former construction worker, reflect his deep love of nature, the outdoors, and art. He uses everything from found organic and inorganic materials to construction material to investigate the natural world to make what he calls “collage/paintings” whose textural, sculptural surfaces invite the viewer’s eye to linger in their complexity. “I want people to really get into the surface of my paintings,” he said.

For Pollination, Takis, who has been finding bee and wasp nests for years, contemplates and compares the role of bees and artists in their respective societies. “The artist’s job is to feed the soul, through art, music, and literature,” he said.

Takis will be exhibiting nine pieces, and cites influences as disparate as the writings of Hermann Hesse, the paintings of Cezanne and El Greco, and the music of Brian Eno and Nick Cave.

Greiner-Ferris will be showing a series of six 4’ x 3’ pieces he began in January 2024 and continued working on right up to October 2024. “They are my response to some of the events and issues that currently are prevalent in the United States, such as economic disparity, divisiveness, school and mass shootings, and our species’ ability to destroy itself,” he said. “The goal of this exhibition is to use text and images to have a conversation with the viewer. Just as an actor breaks the fourth wall on a stage

and talks directly to the audience, I use text and a visual language to break the picture plane to speak directly to the viewer.” Because the outcome of the November presidential election will still be unknown at the opening, Greiner-Ferris offers hope and encouragement with the final piece.

Atlantic Works Gallery, 80 Border Street, Boston, MA 02128, now in its twenty-first year, is an artist-run collaborative space for art and ideas located in East Boston. The gallery is open to the public every Friday and Saturday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. For private viewing, contact contact@atlanticworks.org. For more information, visit <https://atlanticworks.org/>.

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impacts if passenger or flights outpace forecasts. This idea answers community requests for Massport to stop using inaccurate planning forecasts.

Secretary Tepper gave Massport an extensive list of actions to take within the coming year to improve their future environmental performance:

1 Identify additional pollution cutting measures for neighborhoods near the Airport

2 Develop metrics to measure pollution and report levels in real-time

3 Identify additional strategies to address increased pollution if passenger and operations grow more than their forecasts predict

4 Participate in a working group which her office will create to:

- Identify ways to reduce Logan’s public health impacts
- Develop air quality monitoring and pollution reduction programs
- Form partnerships to distribute air filters
- Create an idling reduction plan
- Simplify and improve the pollution reporting process

The Secretary also made helpful suggestions about how she would like to see Massport enhance pub-

lic transparency and tracking of its environmental programming in their next report by presenting all of their pollution reduction programs in a single table which updates the program’s status and estimates their effectiveness. Air, Inc. believes this proposed system would make it easier to compare Massport’s success at reducing negative environmental impacts with their stated goals. They say this system could also be used to trigger additional requirements if impacts aren’t brought down.

“Our technical experts believe this sort of system is totally feasible and we are eager to work with the Secretary’s staff to help Massport implement the full slate of the Secretary’s requirements.” said Chris Marchi, AIR, Inc.’s longtime vice president.

Marchi adds, “If these changes are implemented, opportunities for significant environmental improvements will be unlocked.”

Sonja Tengblad, an East Boston resident and mother who leads the local chapter of Mothers Out Front, a group which has been leading the call for air quality improvements in and around East Boston since 2017, says there’s a lot of work to do, but she’s also eager to get started. She and other vol-

unteers with AIR, Inc. and a coalition of local environmental and community services groups calling itself the Logan Community Clean Air Coalition have been researching air quality testing and filtration programs since 2017. “Our coalition which includes Mothers Out Front, Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH), the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, and many other community-serving not-for-profits, has been working on airport air quality solutions for years,” said Tengblad. “We’ve monitored air quality in homes and classrooms and tested the effectiveness of air purifiers at removing pollutants. Our work shows that an air quality improvement campaign could protect us from exposure to emissions which cause low birth weight, childhood asthma, learning disabilities, COPD, heart disease, cancer and many more public health problems. Asthma costs the average family in the US over \$3,000 annually. On top of the economic costs, a 2022 Boston College study shows a decrease of 3 IQ points amongst Boston students due to air pollution. We know from decades of research done around Logan that the impacts are far worse the closer you are to the source.”

Tengblad continues, “We are literally stifling every aspect of our children’s future. We see patterns of health impacts amongst residents who have grown up around Logan Airport. To think that our kids might face the same - or worse - should give anyone pause. But Governor Healey has made climate and environmental justice a big part of her agenda, and elevating local perspectives and ideas as Secretary Tepper has proposed in state planning processes is the right

thing to do. Honestly, it’s about time that Massport starts helping out. This is definitely a big step in the right direction.”

Although activists are encouraged that Secretary Tepper has acknowledged and embraced their suggestions, Gail Miller, the president of AIR, Inc. urges continued caution. “We’re closer to our goals today. But we’re still miles away.” Miller says that the Secretary’s requirement for Massport to work collaboratively with community stakeholders holds incredible promise, but it flies in the face of what Massport has actually done over recent decades. Miller continues, “I wholeheartedly embrace the Secretary’s mandate that a Logan working group be created so that the serious issues be addressed such as mitigating air and noise impacts which are tremendous burdens on the communities close to the airport. We need to look at the health costs, not only the perceived economic benefits of the airport.”

When asked about the history of Logan’s treatment of adjoining neighborhoods, Miller said, “Back in the day, Massport had a horrible reputation. They just smashed their way through the community in the 1960’s and 1970’s, taking hundreds of homes and businesses by eminent domain, leveling three harbor islands and two urban parks including East Boston’s Wood Island Park, an 83 acre Olmsted Park which anchored the northern side of Boston’s Emerald Necklace. They also destroyed 2,000 acres of Boston Harbor to build the airport. Later administrations, mostly in the 1980’s, tried to make amends by conducting sound insulation programs, building parks, and starting programs

like Logan Express to cut traffic. And they got a global reputation for environmental leadership due to all that. But in the 1990’s state politics shifted and a movement to curtail regulation and shrink government took root. Massport abandoned their commitments and reverted to their old ways. They stopped listening to community perspectives, stopped pushing the envelope and began to avoid accountability. So today we’re still far from where we need to be.”

John Walkey, Director of Waterfront and Climate Justice Initiatives at GreenRoots, a not-for-profit and long time leader in environmental justice and member of the Logan Community Clean Air Coalition agrees. “It’s been a long road to get to the point where we are today, with the Secretary of EEA requiring Massport to finally enter into a true collaboration with surrounding community stakeholders. This is exactly what we have always wanted. Now we need to get it done and Massport needs to act in good faith, which is something we haven’t really seen from them for a long time. But they have new leadership over there. The Governor and Massport Board appointed Rich Davey as the new Massport CEO just a few months ago. So we’ll need to give him a chance to turn things around.”

It remains to be seen whether community groups and Massport can make progress. But with Massport’s most recent environmental filing reporting that passenger and operational levels at Logan are slated to rise significantly over the next ten years, the state’s environmental brass are pushing them together to try, and activists say we can’t afford to fail.

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BOSTON SENIOR HOME CARE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS WITH GALA

State leaders and community advocates gathered as Boston Senior Home Care (BSHC) celebrated 50 years of service to older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston on Oct. 17.

The gala celebrated BSHC's efforts to expand access to home and community-based services and underscored the organization's vision to deepen its partnerships with community organizations and continue to champion policies that ensure everyone has the support they need to live with dignity and independence.

"This year's gala is a particularly special milestone, and we are thrilled to bring together people from so many sectors who embody our mission in their work and strive to make Massachusetts more inclusive and equitable," said BSHC CEO Margaret Hogan, "We have come so far but there is always more work ahead."

State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz presented Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell with the Elder Justice Advocacy Award for her leadership in establishing initiatives that protect older adults.

State Sen. Lydia Edwards presented Karen Chen, Executive Director of the Chinese Progressive Association, with the Community Advocacy Award for her grassroots work empowering Boston's Chinese American community.

The organization also remembered lawyer and lobbyist Patricia A. Lynch, a beloved advocate for people with mental illness and sub-



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Karen Chen, Executive Director of the Chinese Progressive Association (center right) accepts the Community Advocacy Award. From right to left: BSHC CEO Margaret Hogan, state Rep. Lydia Edwards and Master of Ceremonies Jorge Quiroga.

stance use disorder. State Rep. and Speaker Pro Tempore Kate Hogan and Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata introduced the Patricia A. Lynch Excellence in Public Service Award, which was presented posthumously following Lynch's passing in July.

Boston Senior Home Care (BSHC) is a private, nonprofit human services agency based in Boston. Since 1974, it has been

dedicated to making a difference in the communities it serves by connecting older adults, individuals with disabilities, and families with social services and resources



Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell (center left) accepts the Elder Justice Advocacy Award. From right to left: BSHC CEO Margaret Hogan, state Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and Master of Ceremonies Jorge Quiroga.

to live safely and independently in their homes and communities. BSHC also supports caregivers in their unique caregiving journeys, empowering them to provide

exceptional care while taking care of their own needs and well-being. For more information, visit bshcinfo.org.

CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

Standings for the week of 10/26/2024

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Massport's Finest	5	0	3
Duce 2	4	1	3
Halligan Club	2	2	4
YMCA	1	3	4
McCarthy Bros.	0	4	4
A-1 Convenience	0	4	4

Players of the week for 10/26/2024

- A-1 Convenience - Logan Fitzgerald, Boyd Doucette
- Duce 2 - Jack O'B., Dominic R., Mason M., Crew H
- Halligan Club - Landon Morales, Brody Lawton
- Massport's Finest - Carli Alexandre, Charlie Bagshaw
- McCarthy Bros. - Ben Marinaro, Liam Nelson.
- YMCA - Aidan Quirk, Callen Chambers.



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SENATOR DIDOMENICO VISITS LOCAL HEAD START

Senator Sal DiDomenico recently spent the morning reading Hop on Pop to a class of young children at the Everett Head Start site in celebration of National Book Month. "As a former Head Start child, it is always such a privilege to spend time with the incredible educators and bright children in this critical program," said DiDomenico. "I want to thank the teachers and ABCD staff for inviting me to join them."

After reading to the children, Senator DiDomenico spent some time touring the facility and speaking with educators working there. DiDomenico is a longtime supporter and champion of Head Start programming and will continue to advocate for budget priorities that invest in this essential program.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with Head Start educators and children.

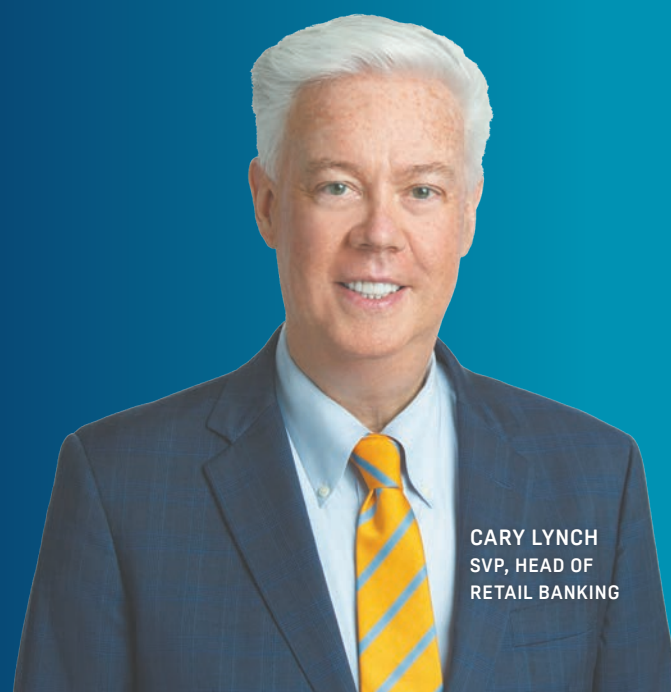


Senator Sal DiDomenico with a child in the Head Start class.

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Wu announces start of Supplier Diversity Week

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Mayor Michelle Wu kicked off the City's second annual Supplier Diversity Week, reaffirming the City's commitment to supporting local, diverse businesses in city contracts. As part of this effort, Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Cambridge City Manager Yi-An Huang signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) entitled "Compact to Build Local Economic Growth," a public commitment by the City of Boston and City of Cambridge to work together to advance shared supplier diversity goals. This includes increasing public contracting for minority-owned (MBEs), women-owned business enterprises (WBEs), veteran-owned (VBEs), and LGBTQ-owned business enterprises (LGBTQBEs). The Mayor also announced the opening of applications for the Supplying Capital and Leveraging Education (SCALE) Grant Program, the release of the annual Equity in City Contracts Report paired with a new data dashboard, and a series of events and workshops aimed at supporting residents and local business.

"We are blessed in Boston to have incredible businesses who strengthen our local economy and bring so much vibrancy to our community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "To make Boston a home for everyone, we must keep building on our work to support small, local businesses across neighborhoods. I'm thrilled to partner with the City of Cambridge to ensure that we coordinate our efforts and increase contracting opportunities for businesses that have traditionally not had access to public contracts. Through the opening of the SCALE program and Boston's strong progress towards our supplier diversity goals, I'm excited for the work the City and all of our partners will continue to do together to build wealth in our communities and support businesses across Boston."

"Thanks to Mayor Wu and her commitment to closing the racial wealth gap, ensuring that a greater share of City contracts are awarded to local, small, diverse firms continues to be a top priority for the Administration. This is evidenced by a second year of continued process improvements, deeper collaboration across the City team, and important achievements like exceeding \$100 million in spending with these firms in just one fiscal year," said Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Segun Idowu. "I am grateful for the hard work of the Sup-



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plier Diversity and Procurement teams who are not just creating pathways to contract opportunities, but providing on-ramps for local and diverse firms to become competitive. This type of progress will not only transform the lives of business owners, workers, and residents, but also cast the city in a new light as a place where all dreams can grow."

"As a major buyer of goods and services, it is important that the City of Boston uses its buying power to empower local, small, and diverse businesses and to help close the racial wealth gap," said Chief Financial Officer Ashley Groffenberger. "Under Mayor Wu's leadership, our teams have worked to streamline processes, uplift our data and lower barriers to City contracting. Now, we have the ability to hold ourselves accountable through an interactive public dashboard that will show progress in reaching our supplier diversity goals. I am grateful to the Mayor, Chief Idowu, and the Supplier Diversity, Procurement and Auditing teams for their dedication to this effort."

The Boston/Cambridge compact will build local economic growth by strengthening the relationship between the City of Boston's Department of Supplier Diversity (DSD) and the City of Cambridge's Community Development Department (CDD). This signed compact will ensure both departments work closely together, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to increase con-

tracting opportunities for, and supporting the growth and development of, MBEs, WBEs, VBEs, and LGBTQBEs. This compact will allow the City of Boston to certify Cambridge-based businesses, work with the City of Cambridge to provide access and assistance to MBEs, WBEs, VBEs, LGBTQBEs, and other diverse businesses in City of Boston procurement opportunities and business initiatives. The City of Cambridge will provide City of Boston certified businesses with access to Cambridge training opportunities and help the City of Boston with determining eligibility of Cambridge-based businesses to be certified in Boston. This initiative aims to build on Boston's ongoing goal of building generational wealth, expanding economic opportunities for residents across Boston's neighborhoods and better support

local MBEs, WBEs, VBEs, and LGBTQBEs.

"The City of Cambridge is excited to partner with the City of Boston and elevate opportunities for minority-owned, veteran-owned, women-owned, and other historically disadvantaged businesses," said Cambridge City

Manager Yi-An Huang. "We are deeply committed to creating a more equitable and welcoming procurement process, while more broadly supporting and uplifting the many diverse businesses' in our area. This is the latest step of

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many that Cambridge has undertaken to improve its supplier diversity. I am especially grateful for the collaboration between the Cambridge’s Community Development and Purchasing Departments and Mayor Wu’s Office and the City of Boston. If they are not already, we encourage diverse Cambridge and Boston businesses to become certified now.”

Supplying Capital and Leveraging Education (SCALE) Grant Program

In line with ongoing City efforts, Mayor Wu and the Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet also announced that the City’s Supplying Capital and Leveraging Education (SCALE) grant program will open this Friday, November 1 at 12:00 p.m. and close on Monday, December 2, 2024. The program will provide selected participants with a grant of up to \$200,000 and industry-specific technical assistance for three to six months. Selected participants will be small, local, businesses and a part of industry categories that currently represent a large share of the City’s public contracts. The grant program funding, provided by the American Rescue Plan Act, is anticipated to total \$5 million and will be disbursed in the beginning of 2025.

Mayor Wu first announced the foundation for SCALE during Supplier Diversity Week 2023. The BDC Community Capital Corporation will now administer and execute the SCALE grant program. Once grant recipients

have been selected, BDC Community Capital Corporation and technical assistance providers will work with SCALE participants to create a plan to use the funding to address key pain points that limit their businesses’ ability to perform larger institutional contracts or identify investments that will help them scale.

“We are absolutely thrilled to work with the City of Boston to launch this program. The City’s focus on assisting the scaling up of underserved businesses by securing public contracts, is critical to fostering economic growth and ensuring equitable opportunities for all members of our community,” said Karim Hill, President of BDC Community Capital Corporation.

Equity in City Contracts Annual Report and Data Dashboard

In an effort to ensure residents and local businesses have a clear understanding of the City’s contracting and spending, the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion (OEOI), Department of Supplier Diversity (DSD), and Procurement Department are releasing its annual Equity in City Contracts Report. For the first time, in partnership with the Auditing Department, this report will be released with an interactive data dashboard that will better show the City’s contract spending and provide transparency on the City’s progress towards Boston’s supplier diversity goals.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, the City of Boston achieved the following:

- Diverse companies got contracts that were worth more: The City of Boston awarded a total of \$1.8 billion in contracts that began in FY24, of which \$224.7 million, or 12%, was awarded to certified minority- and women-owned businesses (MBEs, MWBEs, and WBEs), representing a 40% increase in contract award value.

- The City spent more than ever before with certified businesses: Contract spending with certified minority-and women-owned businesses (MBEs, MWBEs, and WBEs) in FY24 totaled \$144.3 million, or 11% of all City of Boston discretionary spending, representing an 88% increase in discretionary spending with certified businesses. Since the City began tracking these metrics, this is the first time in the City’s history that diverse firms have been awarded more than \$100 million in a single fiscal year.

- The City ramped up utilization of Inclusive Quote Contracts (IQC): Established by Mayor Wu’s home rule petition in 2022, the IQC procurement method now allows City officials to use the written quote process, a simpler and cost-effective process for both small, local businesses and City departments, instead of procurements through a Requests for Proposals or Invitation for Bids to procure supplies and services up to \$250,000 when purchasing from certified small, local, disadvantaged businesses. The City has awarded 26 total IQC’s, 19 of which were awarded in FY24.

- FY24 saw a measurable increase in the number of Certified Businesses: DSD certified 209 new businesses, an increase from 157 new certifications in 2023. DSD increased the total number of City-certified businesses in the directory to 916, a 13.4% increase from the previous fiscal year.

Throughout this week, the City of Boston’s Department of Supplier Diversity is hosting a variety of free and open resource fairs, sessions, and workshops to highlight and promote diversity and inclusion within Boston’s business community. These workshops will provide small business owners with essential tools and knowledge to successfully navigate the City’s contracting processes. To register for Supplier Diversity Week Workshops, please visit this link or boston.gov/sd.

This announcement builds on the Mayor’s commitment to break down barriers for businesses, expand opportunity for residents and make Boston a home for everyone. Last year, the City of Boston’s Contracting Opportunity Fund awarded approximately \$750,000 in grants of up to \$15,000 with a focus on six priority sectors that represent areas of high municipal spending. To advance equity in procurement, Mayor Wu

launched the Sheltered Market pilot program, which allowed the City of Boston to designate certain contracts for procurement from minority- and women-owned businesses. In 2016, then-Councilor Wu and then-Councilor Ayanna Pressley presided over the City Council hearing that examined the City’s procurement process and efforts to support local businesses. In 2017, then-Councilor Wu and then-Councilor Ayanna Pressley co-sponsored an ordinance that required the City to collect more data on contracting.

The Department of Supplier Diversity (DSD) of the City of Boston is dedicated to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in City contracting. DSD certifies businesses owned by people of color, women, veterans, and small and local businesses, and manages programs to encourage their participation in public contracting and foster their growth. More information about business certifications is available here.

The Procurement Department’s mission is to purchase the highest-quality goods and services at the lowest possible price for the City and its residents. We also support non-profits through community grantmaking.




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Boston issues reminders ahead of Election Day in one week

The Boston Election Department is reminding voters that Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The State Election determines the winner of various state and federal races, including the presidency. Voters can also decide the result of five statewide ballot questions. A sixth public policy question will appear in State Representative Districts 2, 10, and 14. Early voting will continue through November 1 at sites around the City.

In-Person Early Voting

In-person early voting will continue through Friday, November 1. City Hall is Boston's primary early voting site, with voting from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Voters are encouraged to enter City Hall using the Haymarket entrance on Congress Street.

Additional early voting locations are available in neighborhoods throughout the city on Tuesday, October 29, and Thursday, October 31 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For a full list of early voting locations click here.

All early voting sites are equipped with electronic poll books for voter check-in. Early voting locations are well-staffed with poll workers and interpreters. All sites are fully accessible to voters with disabilities.

Vote By Mail Application

The vote by mail application deadline is Tuesday, October 29 at 5:00 p.m. Voters may apply for a vote by mail ballot through the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website, by visiting the Election Department in room 241 at City Hall, or by mailing an application. All applications must reach the Election Department by 5:00 p.m. on October 29.

Ballot Return

Voters who planned to return their ballots by U.S. Mail and have not mailed their ballots within one week of Election Day are encouraged to return their ballots through other means, to ensure they will be counted. Ballot packages must be postmarked by November 5, 2024, and received by the Boston Election Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 8, 2024.

The Boston Election Department has placed 23 ballot drop boxes across the City, including at both the first and third floor entrances of Boston City Hall. All drop boxes are monitored under 24-hour video surveillance. To

find a ballot drop box location, visit here.

Voters may return their ballots in person until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day to any of the 23 drop boxes across the City, or in person at the Election Department in City Hall. Ballots cannot be returned to a polling location on Election Day.

Ballot drop boxes will be closed on Halloween, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on October 31 and reopening by 12:00 p.m. on November 1.

Voters can track their ballot through the state's website here. If there is no movement indicated in the "Track My Ballot" system, voters should plan to vote in person on Election Day.

Accessible Voting

The Accessible Electronic Voting System allows voters who are unable to independently read, write, hold, or physically manipulate or mark ballots to submit their ballot via a secure electronic delivery system. Voters who qualify for an Accessible Electronic Ballot may apply here. The deadline to apply for an accessible ballot is Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Please note: To get access to the electronic ballot, you will need to provide your email address.

Voting On Election Day

Polling locations open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. A list of polling locations can be found here. As a reminder, voters should check their registration status via the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website. Printed ballots will be available in English and Spanish. Chinese and Vietnamese ballots will be available where required. Language interpreters will also be available upon request. All voting locations are wheelchair accessible and are equipped with an AutoMark Voter Assist Terminal for voters with disabilities to assist with marking the ballot independently.

Polling Location Changes Ward 6, Precinct 10

Previous Location: James F. Condon School
200 D Street,
South Boston
New Location: Artists for Humanity
100 West Second Street,
South Boston

Ward 6, Precincts 11 & 12

Previous Location: Building at 55 Pier Four Blvd.
55 Pier Four Blvd.,
South Boston Waterfront
New Location: Building at 1 Boston Wharf Road

1 Boston Wharf Road,
South Boston Waterfront
Ward 15, Precincts 2 & 3
Previous Location: Fire Station
7 Parish Street,
Dorchester

New Location: Fire Station
44 Winter Street, voters enter from Parish Street,
Dorchester
Ward 17, Precincts 1 & 3
Previous Location: Great Hall at Codman Square Health Center
6 Norfolk Street,
Dorchester

New Location: Codman Square Tech Centre
450 Washington Street,
Dorchester

Central Tabulation

On Monday, October 28, 2024, the City of Boston began removing State Election ballots from their envelopes and depositing these ballots into a tabulator at Boston City Hall. The city will process ballots to the extent feasible during the dates and times listed here.

Unofficial Results

After polls close at 8:00 pm, the Election Department will receive and upload unofficial results of ballots counted at polling places as they are returned from each precinct. Poll workers need time to tally election results and transport materials from polling places to City Hall. Uploading of election results may not begin until after 10:00 p.m.

The initial results reported on the website on election night will include:

- Ballots cast in person on election day;
- Early voting and mail-in ballots, including those from precincts being centrally tabulated at the City Hall central tabulation facility.

The unofficial results uploaded to www.boston.gov/election on election night will NOT include the following groups of ballots:

- Mail and absentee ballots that arrive on time on election day, but too late to be sent to polling locations to be counted;
- Ballots retrieved from the drop boxes at 8:00 p.m. on election night;
- Ballots postmarked by November 5 that arrive at City Hall by November 8 at 5:00 pm for domestic mail;
- Ballots postmarked by November 5 that arrive at City Hall by November 15 at 5:00 pm for foreign mail.

Mail or absentee ballots that

arrive on time at the Election Department as allowed by state law, will be counted at City Hall on a date determined by the Board of Election Commissioners.

Media Guidelines

Where To Stand

Members of the press must remain behind the guardrail. While many polling places are not equipped with a physical guardrail, the area within the "guardrail" encompasses the check-in table, the voting booths, and the ballot box. Only poll workers and voters should be within this area.

Interacting With Voters and Poll Workers

Members of the press, like all other observers in the polling place, may not interact with voters while they are in the polling place. Further, observers who have questions about where they should stand and what they are allowed to do while observing should ask to speak to the warden. The warden may provide members of the press with information regarding their rights as observers.

Photography

Photography of the voting process

in the polling place is permitted, though marked ballots may not be photographed. Photographers are allowed inside the polling place to photograph the area from outside the guardrail. The warden may instruct the photographer not to take photos of any marked ballots.

Video & Audio Recording

As with photography of the polling place, video recording of the polling place is allowed. Audio recording of the polling place is not permitted under state law. Anyone recording in the polling place must have the ability to record without capturing audio and should be instructed to do so by the warden. Those who are using electronic equipment may not use the electricity in the polling place to power their equipment.

Exit Polling

Exit polling and interviews of voters are permitted outside the polling place, within 150 feet or more of the entrance to the polling place, but only those voters who are leaving the polling place should be stopped. Voter access to the polling place should not be impeded in any way.

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Scheduled Work

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- Bridge utilities installation
- Architectural trellis lighting installation

- City Square median construction
- Steel touch-up painting
- Marine fender installation

Work Hours

- Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Travel Tips

For everyone using the east sidewalk of the new bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events. For your awareness, the following TD Garden events are scheduled during this look-ahead

period:

- **BRUINS:** Nov. 3 at 5 p.m., Nov. 7 at 7 p.m., and Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.
- **CELTICS:** Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m.
- **OTHER EVENTS:** Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 2 at 8 p.m.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

You can also sign up to receive project updates via email by clicking this link.

Project website: [Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement](https://www.mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement)

Project email: NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us

The Broadway National Tour of 'The Addams Family' comes to Boston

A comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, the magnificently macabre hit musical THE ADDAMS FAMILY comes to the Boch Center Wang Theatre in Boston for five performances only from March 21 – 24, 2025.

Tickets for THE ADDAMS FAMILY are on sale on Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 10:00AM ET and start at \$35. Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#). Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets by filling out this form.

Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family. A man her parents have never met. And if that weren't upsetting enough, she confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before - keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

On the heels of Wednesday, the 3rd most-watched show on Netflix of all time, Big League Productions, Inc. presents THE ADDAMS FAMILY, a devilishly delightful musical comedy based on the creepy, kooky characters by legendary cartoonist Charles Addams.

BIG LEAGUE PRODUCTIONS (Producer) is celebrating

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and more.

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Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114

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CITATION ON
PETITION FOR

FORMAL
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Docket No.

SU24P2247EA

Estate of:

Kathleen M.

Elliott

Date of Death:

09/04/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Julia A. Beard of Charlestown, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Julia A. Beard of Charlestown, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/25/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the ad-

ministration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 21, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

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CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No.

SU21C0371CA

In the matter of: Jingyi Huang
Petition to Change Name of
Minor has been filed by Jingyi
Huang of Charlestown, MA
requesting that the court enter
a Decree changing their name
to Jingyi He

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00a.m. on the return day of 11/29/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 11, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR
RESIGNATION OF
A GUARDIAN OF
AN INCAPACITATED
PERSON
Docket No.

SU19P1252GD

Commonwealth of

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The Trial Court

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA, 02114
In the Interests of: Unique Joseph Of: Charlestown, MA
RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Leah A Weinrich of Gloucester, MA

in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent. The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 11/14/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,
First Justice of this Court.

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Healey appoints Tom McGee as next chair of the MBTA Board of Directors

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Governor Maura Healey announced that she is appointing Thomas M. McGee as the next Chair of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Association (MBTA) Board of Directors. McGee has served as a board member since April 2023. He is the former Mayor of Lynn and previously served in the Senate, where he chaired the Transportation Committee. Current Chair Thomas P. Glynn has announced his intention to step down from the Board effective November 1.

"I'm deeply grateful to Tom Glynn for his lifetime of service to the people of Massachusetts, and particularly for his leadership as Chair of the MBTA Board of Directors. Working together with Secretary Tibbits-Nutt, General Manager Eng and the entire Board, Tom has overseen a transformative period at the T and worked to improve safety and reliability across the system. I thank him for his constant guidance and wisdom and wish him the best of luck in this next chapter," said Governor Healey. "I'm proud to be appointing Tom McGee as the next Chair of the MBTA Board of Directors. As the former Mayor of a Gateway City and Senate Chairman of the Transportation Committee, he knows how critical our transportation infrastructure is for the communities in and around Boston, and across our entire state. He has been a trusted and reliable voice on the MBTA Board, and I'm excited for the future of the T with his leadership."

"Massachusetts couldn't ask for stronger leaders in transportation than Tom Glynn and Tom McGee.

Working together these past two years with the entire team, they have delivered improvements at the T that haven't been seen in decades," said

Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "I'm thankful for Tom Glynn's years of service to Massachusetts and congratulate Tom McGee as he steps into this new role."

As Chair of the MBTA Board of Directors, Tom Glynn has helped to steer the agency through a transformative period. He has worked closely with Transportation Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt, MBTA General Manager Phil Eng, and the entire Board to improve safety and reliability across the system. In the past year and a half, the T has made historic progress on removing slow zones on every subway line, launched a low-income fares program and contactless pay, overseen significant improvements with hiring and retention, achieved labor agreements with the entire workforce, and renegotiated the contract for new Orange and Red Line subway cars to get the project back on track.

Prior to his service on the MBTA Board, Glynn served as the General Manager of the MBTA under Governor Michael Dukakis, CEO of Massport

under Governor Deval Patrick, Deputy Secretary of Labor in the Clinton Administration, and Chief Operating Officer of Partners Healthcare (now called Mass General Brigham | Integrated Health Care System). He also served as Co-Chair of the Public Transportation Committee for the Healey-Driscoll Transition Committee.

"I'm proud of the work that the MBTA Board has done these past

couple of years with the strong partnership of Governor Healey, Lieutenant Governor Driscoll, Secretary Tibbits-Nutt and General Manager Eng," said Tom Glynn. "This Board showed up every day with the urgency necessary to meet the challenges facing the T, and we refused to settle for the status quo. As a result, we've been able to deliver major improvements across the system and dramatically improve safety and reliability. I'm confident that the T will continue making important progress under the leadership of Tom McGee."

Tom McGee has served on the MBTA Board of Directors since April 2023 and on the MassDOT Board of Directors since June 2023. He was Mayor of the City of Lynn from 2018 to 2022. Previously, he served as Massachusetts State Senator from the Third Essex district. He was a member of the Joint Committee on Transportation starting in 2003 and served as Senate Chair of the committee from 2011 to 2018. Before his election to the Senate in 2002, McGee served four terms in the Massachusetts House of Representatives where he represented West Lynn and Nahant. Prior to holding office, McGee practiced law at Quinn and Morris (1990-1994) and served as an Assistant District Attorney for Essex County (1988-1990). McGee is a lifelong resident of Lynn where he lives with his wife Maria and has two children. He is committed to improving the state's transportation system and strongly supports regional equity.

He currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees at the St Mary's School in Lynn. He is also a member of the Pickering

Middle School Building Committee in Lynn.

"I'm honored that Governor Healey has placed her faith in me to lead the incredible team at the MBTA Board of Directors," said Tom McGee. "We have done important work together since coming together as a Board, and I'm looking forward to partnership further with Secretary Tibbits-Nutt and General Manager Eng to deliver on our promise of a world-class public transportation system that we can all be proud of. I'm grateful for the strong leadership of Tom Glynn and look forward to continuing to build on the progress he has started."

The other members of the MBTA Board of Directors are Secretary Tibbits-Nutt, Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch, Framingham Mayor Charlie Sisitsky, Robert Butler, Eric L. Goodwine, Mary Skelton Roberts and Chanda Smart. Governor Healey will be appointing another member in the near future.

"It has been such an honor to work together alongside Chair Tom Glynn to ensure that the MBTA had the investment, support, and infrastructure it needed to meet the Commonwealth's tran-

sit demands now and in the future. He has led with intentionality and grit, and the MBTA is better for it," said Transportation Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "Having Director Tom McGee step in as the incoming Board Chair is a gift. I can't think of a better ally, advocate, and champion than him. His considerable experience and lifelong commitment to service will help us create a more robust, equitable, and reliable transit system."

"Tom Glynn has had such a storied career, and with every role he has taken on, he has led with an unmatched devotion to Massachusetts and the people he interacted with. His time as Chair of the MBTA Board was no different, and under his leadership, the T has made great strides. I've been blessed to have had this opportunity to work with Tom, and I am forever better," said General Manager Phillip Eng. "Governor Healey made a slam dunk game-winner with Tom Glynn's appointment, and Director McGee is a true professional who has also served the Commonwealth throughout his career. I'm confident the future of the MBTA is bright with him as the Chair."

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Corgi fun facts!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

If you've ever followed a Corgi down a sidewalk and enjoyed the sight of their adorable gait, you'll understand why so many people adore this breed. Following one such experience, we began a quest to learn more about these dogs.

Two Different Breeds

The AKC recognizes two similar yet different breeds: The Cardigan Welsh Corgi and the Pembroke Welsh Corgi. The AKC explains the historical distinctions "...the Cardigan, one of the oldest breeds in the British Isles, being older by over two

thousand years." "Their ancestors were brought to Wales by the Celtic tribes of central Europe ...in roughly 1200 BC."

The Pembroke Welsh Corgi "...arrived in Wales with the Vikings and are descended from the Nordic Spitz breeds." The relatively younger breed's appearance can be traced back to 1000 AD. Except for a brief period in the 1930s, the two Corgis have never been interbred."

You can tell them apart by the length of the tail and the shape of the ears. The Cardigan's ears are rounder and have a longer "fox-like" tail, and the Pembroke has pointed ears and a short tail close



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to the body. Cardigans are the slightly larger and heavier of the two.

Working Life

Both Corgis are herding dogs and excellent all-around farm dogs. Their short legs allow them to nip at the heels of cattle while avoiding kicks. They are also excellent guard dogs and have been used for vermin control. Some farmers joke that these little dogs can do any job they can reach with their short legs. Their intelligence makes them capable of learning to master many jobs, but they also require proper training.

Today, in this country, most Corgis are companion animals. They master this role with proper training that makes the most of

their affectionate, loyal, and social nature.

Genetics

The word "Corgi" means "dwarf dog" in Welsh. The National Institutes of Health has reported, "Disproportional dwarfism, or chondrodysplasia, affects more than a dozen domestic dog breeds, including the dachshund, corgi, Pekingese and basset hound. It's caused by calcification of growth plates, which curtails long bone development and results in short legs with a curved appearance." In Corgis, this is a dominant gene.

Some Pembroke Corgis carry a natural bobtail trait, the T locus, which results in a short tail. This was an advantage in their herding

role.

Personality

Charming is a great word to describe either Corgi. They were extremely popular dogs in the Provincetown community for years, and we had the pleasure of meeting many of them. Today, we see more and more of these in the Boston area.

While both breeds are intelligent and great farm or family dogs, there are some personality differences. Pembrokes are more outgoing, and Cardigans are more laid-back and may be reserved with strangers. Both can be barkers since those upright ears hear everything; however, Cardigans are more likely to need some training with this issue.

Corgi Butts

Online there is an obsession with Corgi butts. Reddit has a Corgibutt subreddit with thousands of members. Online retailers supply fans with mugs, pillows, bottle openers, socks, pants, and even neon signs. Clickbait headlines declare, "15 Corgi Butts That Might Break The Internet."

With their smiling faces and winning personalities, it's possible to forget that these are intelligent, hard-working dogs capable of fulfilling many roles successfully, all the while loving being part of a family and enjoying time with their people.

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