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Rob Henthorn has lived in Admiral's Hill, Chelsea, for more than 30 years. Looking towards Charlestown he said, "It is quite rare to see ice form on the Mystic River due to its fast currents. Last week, I took this picture of seagulls actually standing on the ice - a truly uncommon occurrence."

CNC MEETING DATES

CNC General Meeting, Tuesday, March 4, 7 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus. The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold an in-person public meeting on Tuesday, March 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford Street. The agenda includes an update from Councilor Coletta. Please bring your questions and concerns, or email them to cnc02129@gmail.com.

Licensing board approves 37 new liquor licenses

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The City of Boston Licensing Board has approved 37 new liquor licenses for various establishments across Boston's neighborhoods. The approved applicants—including 28 that received approval earlier today—span neighborhoods across Boston, including Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Oak Square, Roslindale, and Roxbury. In addition to today's approvals, the Licensing Board previously approved nine applications. The Licensing Board will send applications approved today to the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) for further review.

"Each of these 37 local businesses brings vitality, jobs, and community to our neighborhoods," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm thankful to these entrepreneurs for investing in Boston, to the Licensing Board for their diligent efforts stewarding a smooth and thorough process, and to our partners at the state and local levels who advanced the legislation making this possible. I look forward to celebrating each of these restaurants and community spaces as we build opportunity in our neighborhoods."

"I am grateful to Mayor Wu and the community leaders whose advocacy made the availability of these licenses possible, as well as the commitment of the Boston

Licensing Board and the Economic Opportunity and Inclusion team to advance the intent of the legislation by centering the growth of all of our neighborhoods," said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. "By coupling these licenses with our wrap-around support services for each awardee, we will ensure the stability of these small businesses, the growth of the local economy, and the vibrancy of our communities for generations to come."

After Mayor Wu and the Boston City Council filed a successful Home Rule Petition, Governor Maura Healey signed legislation on September 11, 2024, bringing

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Wu and the Office of Civic Organizing announce 2025 Love Your Block dates

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Mayor Michelle Wu and the Office of Civic Organizing (OCO) announced the 2025 Love Your Block spring cleanups will take place on Saturday, April 5 and Saturday, April 12. This year marks the tenth anniversary of Love Your Block, a program that has mobilized thousands of residents in community-led cleanups to beautify Boston's neighborhoods. Originally launched as Boston Shines and rebranded in 2015, Love Your Block has become a key initiative for civic engagement in Boston. Over the past decade, the pro-

gram has empowered residents to take ownership of their public spaces, fostering community pride and connection through hands-on neighborhood beautification projects. These projects include street cleanups, park revitalization, planting flowers, and mulching.

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

sites in their neighborhood that are accepting participants.

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

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For the latest news in Charlestown that you need to know, check Charlestownbridge.com

EDITORIAL

STATE OFFICIALS SHOULD SUPPORT AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES ASAP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEWS IN BRIEF

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

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

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

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

Funding was provided by the Boston Tree Alliance through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Boston Tree Alliance program advances goals defined in the City of Boston's Urban Forest Plan and Heat Plan. The funds from the Alliance are for tree planting and care related to the Liberty Tree project.

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

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

DINE OUT BOSTON WINTER STARTS FEB. 23

The 25th winter edition of Dine Out Boston will take place from February 23 to March 15, the first time the Greater Boston signature culinary program will run for three full weeks.

Presented by Meet Boston and in partnership with the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, this culinary program gives diners the opportunity to take-in over 175 participating restaurants.

Dine Out Boston features special priced menus across greater Boston offering something for everyone across 23 neighborhoods.

Restaurants will offer prix fixe menus for lunch and dinner with

many offering takeout and delivery options as well.

Lunch menu \$23, \$27, \$32 or \$36. Dinner menu \$36, or \$55.

For a listing of participating restaurants visit v1ww.rneet-bo,ton.com/cullnary.

Fourth Grade students from the Eliot K-8 Innovative School in the North End along with other schools participated in a Geometric as Public Art: Telling a Story Program held at the Armenian Heritage Park on the Greenway.

The program is an innovative curriculum inspired by the design and geometry features of the park that tells the story of the immigrant experience to unite and connect people, welcoming all coming together on common ground.

The Park was initially developed by teachers from the Eliot K-8 Innovative.

AFT SUPPORT GROUP MEETS FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Adoptive Families Together (AFT) Support Group meets on the first Friday of the month starting at 6:30 pm. This free event is a Parent-led adoption support group for parents who are about to, or have, adopted.

Adults with connection to adoption are also welcome. Free child care is available. Contact sturk@mspcc.org or adoptivefamilies-together@eliotchs.org, if you want to find out more information. The group meets on the first Friday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm, at 3313 Washington St. Jamaica Plain.

CUB SCOUTS RETURN TO CHARLESTOWN!

After a 15-year absence, Cub Scouts is making a return to Charlestown, bringing with it a

renewed focus on fun, outdoor adventure, and character-building for local youth. Thanks to a collaborative effort from community organizations including St. Mary Church and the Charlestown Historic Society Cub Scouts is back and ready to provide boys and girls ages 6 to 10 with an exciting and enriching experience.


The program is designed to foster confidence, teamwork, and a love for the outdoors, while teaching valuable life skills. From hiking and outdoor adventures to building friendships and learning about citizenship, Cub Scouts offers a well-rounded experience for young explorers. One of the program's most iconic traditions, the Pinewood Derby Race, will return, along with a variety of hands-on activities that encourage creativity, leadership, and fitness. While Cub Scouts is strong in other Boston neighborhoods - including more than 80 Cub Scouts meeting at the Josiah Quincy School in Chinatown - Charlestown has not had Scouting opportunities.

"This is more than just a youth program, it is a way to bring families and neighbors together while helping kids develop confidence, character, and a lifelong appreciation for the outdoors," said Jennifer Erickson, local scouting representative.

Families interested in learning more are invited to an Open House on Monday, March 3, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at St. Mary's Parish Center at 46 Winthrop Street, across from the Training Field.

Join us in rekindling a Charlestown tradition and giving local youth the opportunity to explore, grow, and lead.

For more information, contact Jennifer Erickson at jennifer.erickson@scouting.org or call 978-835-7262.



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Flynn files hearing order to discuss all road users to be licensed, registered, and insured

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

At last week's City Council meeting, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn filed an order for a hearing to discuss requiring all micro-mobility devices and road users to be licensed, registered, and insured. Last week, the city administration proposed an ordinance that would require third party delivery providers such as DoorDash, UberEats and GrubHub to obtain a permit to operate within the city, and have liability insurance coverage for all drivers using their platform. While having 3rd party delivery operators

obtain a permit and insurance for their workers is a start - and there is a need for more enforcement to deter bad behavior - Councilor Flynn believes there should be consistency in having all road users licensed, registered, and insured to make sure everyone is playing by the same rules.

Last February in 2024, Councilor Flynn filed a hearing order to discuss community process with the Boston Transportation Department. At that time, he advocated that instead of not engaging with neighborhoods on street redesigns with a top down approach- we should also

listen to neighbors and address the increase of mopeds and other devices from third party delivery drivers.

Residents across Boston have reported speeding along our streets and sidewalks, frequent running of stop signs and red lights, going the wrong way on one-way streets, and navigating between vehicles at traffic lights by mopeds, scooters, dirt bikes, electric bikes, bikes, and other micro-mobility devices. Residents have consistently shared serious concerns about how these devices don't have a license, registration or liability insurance in

the event of a crash, and that they pose a danger to pedestrian safety. This new dynamic impacts road safety and can put all road users in harm's way

Moreover, a grant of \$775,855.00 was introduced at the City Council last week to electrify and replace BlueBikes Stations. Councilor Flynn remains concerned that city-sponsored electric BlueBikes may present similar public safety issues as the current dynamic with third-party delivery operators, due to the speed of electric bikes and potential for users who do not follow the rules of the road.

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

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225 new liquor licenses to Boston. This new batch is the single largest addition to Boston's liquor license quota since the end of Prohibition. With this influx, the City has the ability to support diverse local entrepreneurs and boost economic growth. Specifically, the legislation created:

195 zip code-restricted licenses (both all alcohol and beer and wine) in Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roslindale, Roxbury, South End, and West Roxbury, to be granted to the City over three calendar years

15 all alcohol licenses for community spaces, including non-profits, small theaters, and outdoor spaces

12 transferable all alcohol licenses

3 all alcohol neighborhood restricted licenses in Oak Square, Brighton

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

Zip Code Restricted Licenses

Crystal Spoons, Roxbury (02118), All Alcohol

El Centro, South End (02118), All Alcohol

La Parada Dominican Kitchen, Jamaica Plain (02119), All Alcohol

justBook-ish, Dorchester (02122), Beer and Wine

Minina Cafe, Dorchester (02122), Beer and Wine

One Family Diner, Dorchester (02122), Beer and Wine

Fresh Food Generation, Dorchester (02124), All Alcohol

Murl's Kitchen, Dorchester (02124), All Alcohol

Mofongo Factory, Dorchester (02125), Beer and Wine

Blue Mountain Jamaican Restaurant, Mattapan (02126), All Alcohol

Angela's Cafe Orient Heights, East Boston (02128), All Alcohol

Cabana Grill, East Boston (02128), All Alcohol

Cafe Dello Sport, East Boston (02128), All Alcohol

Con Sabor A Colombia, East Boston (02128), Beer and Wine

El Jardin, East Boston (02128), Beer and Wine

Florenza, East Boston (02128), Beer and Wine

Los Alebrijes, East Boston (02128), Beer and Wine

Mi Pueblito, East Boston (02128), All Alcohol

Taqueria Jalisco Orient Heights (02128), East Boston, All Alcohol

The Smoke Shop BBQ (02128), East Boston, All Alcohol

Peruvian Taste Restaurant, Charlestown (02129), Beer and Wine

bb.q Chicken, Jamaica Plain (02130), Beer and Wine

Don Tequeño y Doña Arepa, Jamaica Plain (02130), Beer and Wine

Jadu, Jamaica Plain (02130), Beer and Wine

Mangú Dominican Bistro, Jamaica Plain (02130), Beer and Wine

Momo Masala, Jamaica Plain (02130), All Alcohol

Stoked Pizza, Jamaica Plain (02130), All Alcohol

Harry's All American, Roslindale (02131), All Alcohol

Mi Finca Mexican Restaurant & Pizzeria, Roslindale (02131), Beer and Wine

From Scratch, Oak Square (02135), All Alcohol

SubRosa and Humaari, Oak Square (02135), All Alcohol

Las Delicias Colombianas, Hyde Park (02136), All Alcohol

Little Haiti International Cuisine, Hyde Park (02136), All Alcohol

Community Space All Alcohol Licenses

Huntington Theatre Company, Fenway (02115)

Zoo New England, Dorchester

(02121)

Jeffries Yacht Club (02128)

Roslindale Substation, Roslindale (02131)

"As these new liquor licenses start pouring into our communities, let us not only raise a glass to these businesses, but also toast to the economic growth across all our neighborhoods. We've heard from so many restaurateurs who are excited for this opportunity, and we could not be more happy for them," said City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune.

"These liquor licenses are great opportunities to spur economic growth in many of our neighborhoods. They are vital to empowering our black and brown business owners as well as making all of our neighborhoods a destination," said City Councilor Brian Worrell (District 4), who authored the initial legislation to create the licenses. "I applaud the Boston Licensing Board for its thoughtful approach to the distribution of these licenses, and I can't wait to raise a glass in some of these restaurants."

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

"I am thrilled to witness this legislation come to life and begin making a meaningful impact on businesses in my district and other communities of color," said State Representative Christopher Worrell. "This is just the beginning. In

the coming years, waves of new restaurants, bars, and community spaces will revitalize areas of the city that have long been neglected. These new licenses are a catalyst for creating vibrant business districts that Boston residents have been eagerly awaiting. I want to commend the Boston Licensing Board for its dedication and partnership in implementing these reforms in alignment with the bill's core mission: fostering equity and accessibility."

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

"We commend this first group of approved applicants for the quality and effort put into their applications," said Kathleen Joyce, Chair of the Boston Licensing Board. "By phasing the process, we aim

to give applicants the time they need to present strong proposals, ensuring those granted licenses are set up for long-term success. We look forward to reviewing the next round of applications and encourage all applicants to engage with the Licensing Board as a valuable resource throughout the process."

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

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

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

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Flynn files hearing order to review the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Program

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At last week's City Council meeting, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn filed an order for a hearing to review the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Program in the City of Boston. Boston is a city with a large number of colleges, universities, hospitals, museums, and other cultural institutions. They are a critical piece of our city's economy and character, but are also tax-exempt and represent over 50% of Boston's real estate property. Boston provides criti-

cal services, such as public safety protection among others, to our tax-exempt, large nonprofit institutions, while our city remains largely reliant on property taxes for funding - with three quarters of the City's FY25 \$4.64 billion budget derived from property taxes.

The PILOT program was established to encourage large, tax-exempt, nonprofit institutions in Boston to make annual, voluntary cash contributions or community benefits - due to basic city services provided by the city

such as police, fire, EMS, or snow removal, for instance. The City of Boston's PILOT program seeks 25% of what these institutions would be expected to pay to the city had their property not been tax exempt, to reflect the portion of the budget to essential services - half of that 25% in cash payments to the city, and the other half in the form of community benefits - like scholarships, parks and open spaces, workforce development and job-training programs.

According to the City's report, in fiscal year 2023, 45 institutions

provided \$35.7 million cash contributions, and 39 institutions submitted PILOT Community Benefits reports totalling \$219.8 million, of which \$183 million was considered eligible as PILOT benefits.

"Our large nonprofit partners - higher education, medical, and cultural institutions - are crown jewels for the City of Boston that provide services, employment, and research. In the interest of fairness, our city also asks them to contribute towards funding the services that they themselves benefit from,

and provide community benefits for our residents," said Councilor Flynn. "In the final analysis, with over 50% of our land absorbed by large nonprofit partners and long-term fiscal issues in our city - it is critical that we continue to examine both fairness with the people of Boston and fairness among partners who are meeting their responsibilities within the program."

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

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

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

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

"The work being done by grassroots nonprofit organizations to advance social, racial, and economic justice in communities throughout eastern Massachusetts is more critical today than perhaps at any time since LZF was founded 30 years ago," said LZF Executive Director Allison Picott. "The Lenny Zakim Fund is proud to support the 53 grassroots organizations who make up our 2025 grantee portfolio and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with them - and the nearly 400 grassroots partners we've proudly supported since

1995 - on the front lines of this 21st Century Civil Rights Movement."

Keynote speakers at the Awards Ceremony was Joan Ilacqua, Founder and Executive Director of The History Project, which is focused exclusively on documenting and preserving the history of New England's LGBTQ communities and sharing that history with LGBTQ individuals, organizations, allies, and the public, and Cassandra Brandao, Board Vice President of Gratis Healthcare, Inc, which recognizes the growing need for access to basic health care for those communities that are uninsured or underinsured in the MetroWest and Greater Boston area by providing free medical and mental health services to those in need. The evening will also feature special performances by Refugees & Immigrants Cultural Empowerment Massachusetts (RICEMA) who uses performance art and education to preserve the culture of refugee and immigrant communities, while deepening individuals' connection to their heritage.

With both new and returning grantee partners in attendance, the Awards Ceremony honors Lenny Zakim's mission that was the impetus for his founding of

this Fund in 1995: to develop deep relationships and build bridges among people and communities to advance social, economic, and racial justice.

2025 Lenny Zakim Fund Grant Recipients by Funding Area:

Access To Food, Housing & Economic Opportunity
2Gether We Eat
CodeSquad
East Boston Community Soup Kitchen
Lamplight Women's Literacy Center
Mercy Meals & More, Inc.
New Lynn Coalition
Reclaim Roxbury
The Upward Project

Child & Youth Development & Education
Bryce's Journey, Inc.
Cape Ann Art Haven
Circus Up, Inc.
City Strings United
Cultural Exchange Through Soccer
DEAFinitely, Inc.
JOYweavers, Inc.
KodeConnect, Inc.
My Brother's Keeper 617
Pride Productions, Inc.
Sisters Unchained
Somali Parents Advocacy Center for Education, Inc.
Teen JUST-US at Temple Israel of Boston
Vong Tay Cha Me Viet

Civil & Human Rights Advocacy & Support
Neighbors United for a Better East Boston
Pleasant Street Neighborhood Network
Center, Inc.
Right to the City Boston

Health Promotion & Accessibility For All
Community Caring Clinic, Inc.
DeeDee's Cry Suicide Prevention & Family Support
Gratis Healthcare, Inc.
Heart of a Giant Foundation, Inc.
Neighborhood Counseling and Community Services, Inc.
New England Medical Association, Inc.
SCIBoston
Think Outside the Vox, Inc.
Urban PowerHouse

LGBTQIA Community Support & Organizing
Boston LesBiGay Urban Foundation, Inc.
OutstandingLife
The History Project: Documenting LGBTQ Boston
Translate Gender

Organizing & Support For Immigrants & Refugees
African Community Center of Lowell
Brockton Workers Alliance
Eritrean American Civic Asso-

ciation
Mount Olives Community Center
Nigerian American Multi-Service Assn.
Open Door Immigration Services
P&O Behavioral Health Initiative, Inc.
Refugees & Immigrants Cultural
Empowerment Massachusetts
Revive In Action, Inc.
South Boston en Accion

Violence Prevention, Criminal Justice Reform & Family Outreach
365Dad, Inc.
I Have A Future
Love Life Now Foundation
Our Deaf Survivors Center, Inc.
The Dream Network
About The Lenny Zakim Fund
The Lenny Zakim Fund has worked since 1995 to develop deep relationships and build bridges among people and communities to advance social, economic, and racial justice. The LZF mission is to listen to those most impacted by inequity and provide the funding, essential resources, and support they need to create lasting change. The Lenny Zakim Fund envisions a more just and equitable world where communities thrive because of the contributions and leadership of grassroots organizations.

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Red Bull Heavy Metal brings top snowboarders to City Hall Plaza

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

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

The competition will feature three distinct zones, each testing different aspects of street snow-

boarding with custom-designed rails, gaps, and creative features.

Event Schedule (Saturday, February 22nd):
 2:00 PM: Gates Open
 2:30 PM: Opening remarks from Mayor/City
 2:33 PM: National anthem recording
 2:35 PM: Zone 1 Qualifier
 3:05 PM: Zone 1 Finals
 3:25 PM: Zone 1 Awards & Photos
 3:45 PM: Zone 2 Qualifier
 4:05 PM: Zone 2 Finals
 4:30 PM: Zone 2 Awards & Photos
 4:50 PM: Zone 3 Qualifier
 5:20 PM: Zone 3 Finals
 5:40 PM: Zone 3 & Overall Winner Awards & Photos
 5:45 PM: Zone 3 & Overall Winner Interviews
 6:00 PM: Event concludes

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

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



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

City announces plan to remove Boylston bus lane, evaluate bike lanes

By Dan Murphy

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

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

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

As a result of these findings, the city intends to commence with the removal of the bus lane in the coming weeks, weather permitting, and to "work with local stakeholders to reallocate the space to improve overall flow

(including for MBTA buses) and address loading needs," according to Mayor Wu.

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

In response to concerns surrounding the new bike lanes that have popped up around the Back Bay and in other parts of the city, Michael Brohel, the city's super-

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

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

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Old North Illuminated receives operating grant of \$20,800

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

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

“The Mass Cultural Council plays a vital role in preserving the rich history and cultural fabric of our Commonwealth. This investment in Old North Illuminated ensures that future generations will continue to have access to the educational and historical experiences that help define our shared American heritage. I’m proud to support this crucial funding that enables organizations like Old North to thrive and continue making meaningful contributions to

our community,” said State Senator Lydia Edwards.

This grant signifies that Old North Illuminated, which manages all interpretive, educational, and preservation programs at the Old North Church Historic Site in Boston’s historic North End neighborhood, provides significant public value through its programs and services. Established in 1723, Old North Church is the oldest surviving church building in the city of Boston and a popular Freedom Trail destination. Old North is famous for the events of April 18, 1775, when two men climbed the church’s steeple to hold two lanterns aloft as a signal from Paul Revere to fellow Patriots that British troops were headed to Concord “by sea” across the Charles River. This coded message

and Paul Revere’s midnight ride helped spark the Revolutionary War, which erupted the following day with the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Old North’s lantern signal was immortalized in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s poem “Paul Revere’s Ride” with the phrase “one if by land, and two if by sea.”

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

In recent years, Old North Illuminated has made significant investments in research and educational programming. In June 2022, Dr. Jaimie D. Crumley of the University of Utah joined the organization for a year-long research fellowship focused on recovering the stories of Black and Indigenous people who were part of Old North’s early history. Dr. Crumley’s fascinating research was incorporated into Old North’s new exhibit and audio guide, which received an Award of Excellence from the American Association for State and Local History in September 2024. Members of the public can also access her research without traveling to the historic site through the Illuminating the Unseen video series.

For this fiscal year, Mass Cul-

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

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

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

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

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

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

Older adults also face greater challenges with cold weather due to factors such as diminished compensatory mechanisms and medications that can interfere with normal temperature regulation. Additionally, Alzheimer’s disease

can impair their ability to recognize when they are too cold or at risk of hypothermia.

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

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

Safeguard the home. Objects such as car keys, jackets, and purses, especially when left near a door, can provide motivation for the person to leave suddenly. Avoid keeping these items out in the open. Install electronic chimes or doorbells on doors so someone

is alerted if the individual tries to exit. Consider utilizing a smart doorbell with an app that can notify you when someone is entering or exiting the home.

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

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

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

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The article “Historic Houses of Charlestown, Lost Charlestown: A Mansion and a Meetinghouse”, printed on February 14, 2025 was written by Nancy Kueny.

Artwork by late Charlestown artist, Donald C. Kelley, to be given away

Artists' Group of Charlestown cordially extends an invitation to members of the Charlestown Community to come to the Stove-Factory Gallery, 523 Medford Street, Charlestown, to select any of Donald C. Kelley's remaining collection artwork, you wish, For Free.

Donald Kelley, a prolific artist, founding member of the Artists' Group of Charlestown, and a dear friend to many in our community, left behind his vast collection of artwork to his executor and friend of the Artists' Group of Charlestown. The StoveFactory Gallery, dedicated to Donald, has held many exhibitions of his work, however, a significant amount of artwork remain in his collection.

Therefore, we would like to distribute his pieces amongst you, the members of the Charlestown Community.

Here is the important information – please read through this thoroughly:

- All artwork available is on a first come/first serve basis. Once the pieces are gone, this liquidation is over.

- All artwork chosen is to be taken immediately. We are not

able to keep holds as the gallery is scheduled for another use shortly after.

- You are responsible for all transport of your chosen artwork. We will have packing materials on hand if you need it We are not responsible for transport or shipping.

- Again, all artwork is FREE. However, if you wish to make a financial contribution, there will be donation options available to the Artists' Group of Charlestown via our website, PayPal and check/cash.

The StoveFactory Gallery will be open to the Charlestown Community as of:

- Saturday February 22nd and Sunday the 23rd from 1:00 – 3:30 PM

- Friday February 28th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

- Saturday March 1st and Sunday March 2nd from 1:00 – 3:30 PM

- Saturday March 8th and Sunday March 9th from 1:00 – 3:30 PM

Please direct any questions to contact@artistsgroupofcharlestown.com, subject: Donald Kelley Artwork.

MassDOT to host public information meetings on upcoming traffic revisions and Phase 2 Construction

Public Information Meeting 1: Monday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m., Charlestown. Public Information Meeting 2: Wednesday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m., Somerville.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing two in-person public information meetings to discuss upcoming revisions to traffic alignments, bike paths, and bus lanes at Lombardi Street, as well as updates on plans for Phase 2 construction and the Orange Line shutdown in May 2025. Identical information will be presented at both meetings.

The first meeting will be held on Monday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m. at Schrafft's City Center, Café (1st Floor), 529 Main Street, Charlestown. The second meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m. at Schrafft's City Center, Café (1st Floor), 79 Highland Avenue, Somerville.

At each meeting, the project team will provide a detailed presentation covering the upcoming infrastructure changes and

construction plans, followed by a Q&A session where attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and share their feedback.


For more information on the project, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/maffa-waymystic-avenue-bridge-superstructure-replacements>

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LOVE YOUR BLOCK (from pg. 1)

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

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

Saturday, April 5: Allston, Brighton, Charlestown, Chinatown, Dorchester, Downtown, Leather District, Mattapan, Mid-Dorchester, North End, Roslindale, South Boston, West End, West Roxbury and Wharf District.

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

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

Love Your Block had record participation numbers last year, with more than 2,000 volunteers across 121 sites citywide. After last year’s success, the Office of Civic Organizing is partnering again with Boston Public Library and Boston Centers for Youth &

Families to serve as centralized locations where community members can conveniently pick up and return cleanup tools. All participating sites are listed on the Love Your Block page, along with tips on how to host your own Love Your Block cleanup site. Tool collection is scheduled from 9:00-10:00 a.m., with returns to the same location between 12:00-2:00 p.m.

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


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

and Downtown’s business community in support of beautifying our shared neighborhood.”

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

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

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



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

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

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

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

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

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

At the February 11 Beacon Hill Women's Forum (BHWF) meeting at The Hampshire House, Doctor Trent explained the origins of Black History Month, a national observance created almost 100 years ago by historian, Carter G. Woodson, who was the second

African American to receive a Ph.D. degree from Harvard University.

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

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

Doctor Trent described how the

See BHWF Page 12



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



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



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



Rachel Von Nieda, BHWF Special Events Coordinator, Courtney Jones, BHWF Secretary, Calliope Cortright, and Cailey Sapienza.

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CITY PAWS

Test your training

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

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

In the February 2025 issue, she confessed that she considered having her two dogs take the ASPCA Canine Good Citizenship test. She set up a trial run and found that her dogs would not succeed in three required behaviors.

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

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

The test for awarding a Canine Good Citizen certificate requires that a dog accept the approach of a friendly stranger and sit politely for petting. The pups must lie down, stay on command, and then come when called. The dog must walk on a loose lead, including walking through a crowd and reacting appropriately to distractions. Finally, it must allow basic grooming procedures and, hardest

of all, calmly endure supervised separation from its guardian.

Urban Canine
Good Citizen Test

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

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

Ready, Set, Train!

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

Some people participate in a formal program, while others



Could your dog pass the "3-minute stay-down test?"

train dogs independently. Consider your specific goals if you want your dog to be welcome in typical social settings. If you opt for private behavioral training, ensure the trainer uses positive reinforcement techniques rather than punishment methods such as shock collars or choke chains. Fortunately for us,

Poppy is extremely food-driven, and a tiny training treat reward is all it takes to have her instantly respond to "Come to Me."

The MSPCA has classes to put your dog's paws on the path to the Canine Good Citizenship certification. They begin with Puppy Kindergarten for the youngest train-

ees, Good Manners Classes, and training and testing for the Canine Good Citizen certifications.

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

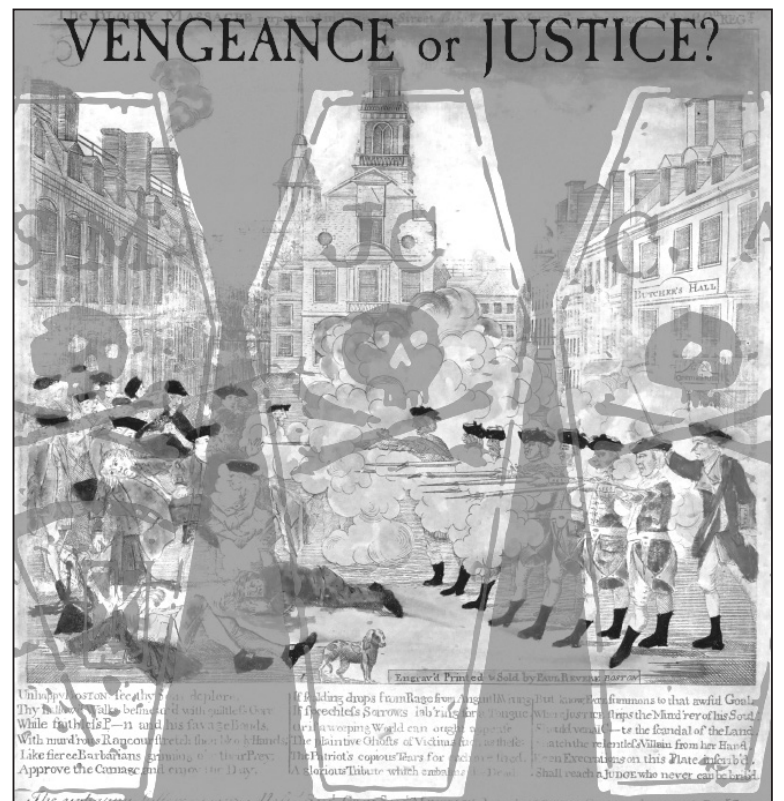
Vengeance or Justice?
A Boston Massacre Town Meeting

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

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

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

Pre-register now at revolutionaryspaces.org for this free event and join us in commemorating the event that sparked a revolution.



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BHWF (from pg. 8)

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

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

"Early historians were concerned about demonstrating that African American history is rooted in this country's existence. The academic writing and research using historic methodology was one phase of preserving this critical piece of history. The objects and physical spaces are another piece to that," exclaimed Dr. Trent. "The Museum of African American History exists within a community that has been actively researching, interpreting, and preserving its history for over 150 years."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The African Meeting House, located at 8 Smith Court, Beacon Hill, was the first building to come under MAAH's stewardship. It was acquired in 1972, and is the oldest existing black church building in the country, and served as a founding place for the Massachusetts General Colored Asso-

ciation. In 1832, William Lloyd Garrison started the New England Anti-Slavery Society in the Meeting House.

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

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

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

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

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



Doctor Noelle Trent, President/CEO, and Alexia Layne-Lomon, Director of Development, Museum of African American History.



Tricia Stone, BHWF Co-President, and Lorie Conway.



Kim Freedman, Jean Zick, and Kristin Lacroix.



Alison Quartermain Gersten and Sandra Gilpatrick.

The Vilna officially joins together with JArts

Staff Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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The Vilna Shul's patio plaza.



The Vilna Shul at 18 Phillips St.

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The Construction Look-Ahead through March 1 for the North Washington Street Bridge is as follows:

Scheduled Work

- West sidewalk concrete placements
- Marine fender pile concrete fill
- Lovejoy walkway pile cap concrete placements
- FRP fascia screening 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: February 22 at 7 p.m., February 25 at 7 p.m., and February 27 at 7 p.m.

• Celtics: February 23 at 1 p.m. and February 28 at 7:30 p.m.

• Other events: February 20 at 8 p.m.

How can I find more information?

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

Project website: Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement

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

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Newtowne Market	87 Medford St.
Community Center	255 Medford St.
365 Convenience Store	275 Medford St.
Annas Café	275 Medford St.
Jenny's Pizza	320 Medford St.
Waverly Café	229 Bunker Hill St.
Bunker Hill Liquors.....	200 Bunker Hill St.
Kennedy Center	55 Bunker Hill St.
McCarthy's Liquors.....	9 Moulton St.
Bunker Hill Cleaners	Moulton St.
Police Station	20 Vine St. Hayes Sq.
Santander Bank	437 Rutherford Ave.
7/11 Store	269 Main St.
Zelma Lacey House.....	9 W School St.
Gatehouse Apartment.....	75 W School St.
Ace Hardware	Bunker Hill Mall
CVS	Bunker Hill Mall
Citizens Bank.....	Bunker Hill Mall
Whole Food Market.....	Bunker Hill Mall
MGH Health Care Center.....	73 High St.
7/11 Store	Thompson Sq.
Charlestown Liquors	Thompson Sq.
Starbucks	Thompson Sq.
Cambridge Savings	Thompson Sq.
Warren Tavern.....	2 Pleasant St. & Main St.
Constellation Wharf Condos	1 Constellation Wharf
Harborview	250 First Ave.
Basilica.....	106 13th St.
Anchorage Apartment	103 13th Ave.
Parris Landing	42 Eighth St.
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From Charlestown to the Prado: The 57-Year Quest for Boston's Paul Revere Monument

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

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

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

Join Nancy Blanton, Director of Outreach and Engagement at the Cyrus Dallin Art Museum in Arlington (MA) to hear the riveting story behind the creation of this beloved Boston landmark. Learn about the supportive role the Hall family of Charlestown played in Dallin's efforts to secure the commission and see it through. Neither Dallin nor the Halls could have predicted that the project would involve the creation of seven different models over five decades. Dallin's vision was finally realized in 1940, when the Paul Revere Monument was dedicated in Boston's North End Prado where it still stands today.

The talk will be followed by a Q&A, since many of Cyrus Dallin's 260 plus works are located here in Massachusetts, including public sculptures and pieces in the Cyrus Dallin Art Museum. Some

of the local pieces, one in particular, have come under a national and international discussion regarding public monuments and cultural appropriation.

Listings info. for March 6:

Cyrus Dallin, His Time in Charlestown, and 57 Year Quest to Raise Boston's Paul Revere Monument. Presentation given by Nancy Blanton, Director of Outreach and Engagement at the Cyrus Dallin Art Museum. Hosted by the Friends of the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library. Thursday, March 6, 6:30 pm. Free and open to all. Wheelchair accessible; conveniently located near public transportation. Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street, Charlestown. For more information: www.facebook.com/FriendsCharlestownBranchLibrary,

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

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

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

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

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

The Friends of the Charles-



The monument in honor of Paul Revere created by Artist Cyrus Dallin.

town Branch of the Boston Public Library was formed in 1953, becoming the second Friends group to organize within the Boston Public Library system. As a non-profit organization, the Friends schedule four to six

evening adult programs per year, helps to support programs for children held during the day, and maintains the library's landscaping. The mission of the Friends remains today what it was in 1953: to serve as an advocacy and

support group for the needs of the Charlestown Branch Library, its staff, and users.

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Opening reception for The West End Museum's new exhibit 'An Illusion of Freedom' set for Feb. 27

By The West End Museum Staff
(Bob Potenza)

In 1641, Massachusetts became the first of England's colonies in North America to legalize slavery. After Massachusetts abolished slavery in 1783, Boston became known as a safe haven for freedom-seeking slaves. However, Southern slave-holding states, fearing the growing opposition to slavery and the successful thwarting of slave catchers, sought more and more legal protection from the federal government. This fight for protections resulted in the Fugitive Slave Act of 1793 and later the Compromise of 1850. The latter included a much stronger Fugitive Slave Law that forced every state's officials to assist in slave catching and threatened individuals who assisted runaway slaves with fines and jail sentences. This new law posed the greatest obstacle yet to Boston's abolition movement, pit-

ting it against emboldened slave owners and the federal government.

The West End Museum's new special exhibit, "An Illusion of Freedom: Boston and the Fugitive Slave Laws," opens to the public on Feb. 27, with a special opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. This exhibit explores the documentary history of the legalization of slavery in the United States, and the creation of federal laws prioritizing the rights of slaveholders over basic human rights. Focused on the period from the 1830s to 1850s, the exhibit explains how brave Bostonians from the Black community on Beacon Hill and abolitionist organizations defied the Fugitive Slave Laws in order to help escaped enslaved people defend their freedom. Visitors will learn the stories of former enslaved people, such as Anthony Burns, Ellen and William Craft, and Thomas Sims, who fled cap-

tivity and found freedom in Boston, only to be pursued by former enslavers and their agents set on returning them to servitude. The exhibit also features rare artifacts, on loan from Revolutionary Spaces, most notably the handcuffs used to bind Anthony Burns after his capture by slave catchers, and a club used by activists from Boston's Black community during the failed rescue attempt of Burns.

The opening reception for "An Illusion of Freedom" takes place on Thursday, Feb. 27, from 5-7 p.m. at The West End Museum (150 Staniford St., Suite 7, Boston). Tickets are \$10 for the general public, and free for Museum members. They can be purchased through the events tab on The West End Museum website (thewestendmuseum.org), on the Museum's Eventbrite, or at the door. Snacks and refreshments will be served. The special exhibit will run through the end of May.



The plaque located at 57 High St. in Charlestown.