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Shown are members of the NEMPAC Summer Theater program at the Charlestown Working Theater.

Planning Department hosts another meeting on Chain Forge

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Last week, another meeting was held regarding the disposition process for redeveloping the Chain Forge building, also known as Building 105, in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

The Chain Forge building, which opened in 1904 and was used to make chains for the United States Navy through World War II before it was transferred to the Boston Redevelopment Authority in 1975, has been undergoing a new process to redevelop the land.

This new process began months after the Boston Planning & Development Agency announced in January 2024 that a developer who planned to build a hotel and other amenities on the site had

defaulted on its ground lease.

Specifically, the site is undergoing a disposition process that involves developing and eventually releasing a request for proposals (RFP). Following the release of an RFP, developers can submit their proposals, which the Planning Department and community then evaluate to determine the best fit.

Two previous meetings, in September and October, respectively, were held during this process. These meetings focused on site analysis, site challenges like environmental remediation, development objectives created with the help of community feedback, and more.

Both of these meetings were

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Summer brings unique options for local kids

Staff Report

Even though the official start of spring doesn't arrive for another two weeks, it's already time for parents to look past the current school year and begin considering summer alternatives for their children. Boston-area kids can choose from a range of different offerings

this year, but enrollment for these unique programs is limited.

Registration is now open for the Advent School's Explore Design at Advent, its vibrant STEM program for kids aged 5-12.

Design at Advent is based out of 99 West Cedar St. on Beacon Hill.

Session 1 focuses on 'Theater Engineering' and runs from June 16 to June 27. Session 2, which explores 'Urban Agriculture,' runs from July 7 through July 18. Session 3, called the 'Cardboard Carnival,' runs from July 21 through Aug. 1.

"What makes The Advent School's summer program so special is that we utilize Greater Boston as an outdoor classroom, visiting iconic places such as The USS

Constitution, City Hall, George's Island, and the Puppet Library," said Advent's Director of Enrichment Stephanie Foland. "We also invite guest presenters -- artists, landscape architects, and more -- so kids can see what it's really like to work in these fields."

Also, 'Hiking Adventures,' in partnership with Guineafowl Adventure Company, offers kids on a variety of day hikes to the mountains, hills, and waters of Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. 'Art on the Trails,' also offered in partnership with Guineafowl, is a two-week program that runs from July 7-18. Kids will take day hikes in Massachusetts and Southern Hamp-

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Coletta Zapata seeks to reform the ZBA

Special to the Regional Review

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata (District 1) proposed a home rule petition to modernize and reform the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) in Boston. This legislation aims to improve transparency, representation, and accountability within the board, ensuring a fairer and more accessible zoning appeals process for all residents. A new key provision of the proposal embeds stronger Council oversight of the independent board, requiring members to provide justification for variances granted in deviation from hardship standards. Additionally, the proposal seeks to expand the board by

adding environmental protection and civil rights expertise as well as representation from both a homeowner and a renter.

"The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) plays a critical role in shaping the character and development of our communities, influencing how our neighborhoods evolve. By enacting these reforms, we are creating necessary Council oversight of a zoning appeal process that ensures all Boston residents have a voice in shaping their communities and zoning decisions reflect the diverse needs and interests of the people who call Boston home," said Councilor Coletta Zapata.

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EDITORIAL

OUR OPINION

MARCH IS THE CRUELEST MONTH

According to meteorologists, “meteorological spring” arrived last week on March 1. For those who prefer to mark the seasons astronomically, spring officially will arrive in two weeks on March 20 (at 5:01 AM), marking the vernal equinox.

But regardless of one’s preference, we always have viewed March as the ultimate tease.

The poet Emily Dickinson extolled the arrival of March (“Dear March—Come in— How glad I am—”). But Emily Dickinson lived in Amherst, far from the coast, where ocean breezes off the still-frigid Atlantic -- water temps are their coldest in March -- can lower the dreaded wind-chill factor by 10 degrees even on sunny days.

For those of us who have been lifelong residents of Eastern Mass., March is the month on the calendar that we long for with great anticipation after the harsh winter season. But it always disappoints, like an object of desire that fails to live up to our expectations.

Although this past winter was chillier than the past few, our recent winters have not been too tough to take, thanks to milder-than-normal temperatures and the lack of snow, which environmental scientists tell us is the beginning of a long-term trend of warmer winters because of climate change. Those milder winters have given us all the more reason to hope that March would be even more temperate compared to the past.

But our hopes regularly have been dashed by Mother Nature.

To be sure, the weather is getting warmer and the sun brighter. The crocuses and snowdrops have been pushing through the ground, especially in the areas of our gardens that are in full sun. But the cold weather and brisk winds that are forecast for the coming week, with below-freezing temperatures every night and in the early-morning, are anything but a harbinger of the coming spring season.

One of the earliest memories of our childhood was learning the aphorism, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” Despite the onset of climate-change, that saying remains as true today as it was then.

THE REAL REASONS OUR NATURAL GAS HEATING BILLS ARE SO HIGH

Everybody is complaining about the high cost of heating our homes with natural gas this winter, but this year’s spike in our bills, which has been exacerbated by the colder-than-usual winter, has been completely predictable.

Massachusetts has had the 5th-highest natural gas prices in the U.S. for many years for which there are two main reasons:

The first is that thanks to the Jones Act (which involves maritime shipping and unions and dates back to 1920), we have to import our liquefied natural gas (LNG), at far greater expense from Trinidad and other places outside the U.S., instead of from the LNG terminals along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Second, and more significantly, we have been unable to take advantage of the abundant supply of natural gas from the nearby Marcellus Field in Pennsylvania because of environmental regulations and lawsuits that have prevented the construction of new pipelines to our area.

We are within just a few hundred miles of the largest natural gas-producing area in the country, but we are unable to access it, which has resulted in our need to import LNG via tankers from foreign sources.

So yes, we are spending more this winter to heat our homes because of the colder-than-normal weather. But our natural gas prices are greater than almost everywhere else in the country -- and will continue to be for the foreseeable future -- thanks to a combination of our nation’s antiquated maritime shipping laws and environmental lawsuits that have prevented new pipelines from coming to our region from the Marcellus field in nearby Pennsylvania.

WHY CHARLESTOWN DESERVES A FIELD HOUSE

To the Editor,

This time last year, I attended the Boston Youth Soccer Summit hosted by Soccer Unity Project. The theme was Building Toward 2026 and Beyond: How to Elevate Play and Access for Youth Soccer in Boston. On a panel with Jennifer Epstein, Managing Partner of BOS Nation FC, and Brian Bilello, President of the New England Revolution, the question was posed: What does success look like after the 2026 World Cup?

Mr. Bilello’s answer was simple: We’ll know we’ve succeeded when a kid from Boston makes a national team.

Don’t be surprised if that kid comes from Charlestown.

Charlestown is known as a hockey town, with a legacy of producing top-tier players. You could argue we’re a basketball town too, with Charlestown High School thriving and Charlestown Youth Basketball as the fastest-growing program. But really, Charlestown is a sports town. Our fields, courts, and rinks are our “third places”—where we gather, compete, and grow, often rushing from one practice to the next, all within our one square mile.

As negotiations begin between the City and the proponents of the Everett stadium project, it’s worth asking what lasting community benefits we should seek. I won’t pretend to know the best path forward on issues like transportation, noise, or public safety. But I do know this: the only offer on the table for Charlestown so far is a one-time \$750,000 contribution to our athletic fields.

That’s not enough. As Councilor Gigi Coletta Zapata has said, Charlestown deserves more. We deserve a Field House.

Here’s why:

Charlestown makes up less than 3% of Boston’s population but accounts for nearly 22% of the city’s Mass Youth Soccer registrations. More than 25% of our school-aged kids play in Charlestown Youth Soccer—double the

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state average. Last fall, we sent 12 teams to the Mayor’s Cup and won half the competitive divisions. Soccer and basketball are the only sports played by both men and women at Charlestown High School and Bunker Hill Community College. We have two over-40 soccer teams, and two former New England Revolution players call Charlestown home.

That’s nearly 1,000 players and coaches on our fields each week during peak season, made possible by volunteer coaches, a few dedicated athletic directors, and our shared public spaces.

Still, we’re overcrowded. We share fields with other growing programs, and each year we send 30% of our operating budget to Winchester to rent indoor space during the winter. For context, Winchester’s 70,000-square-foot Teamworks facility—built with private funding and grants—hosts youth and adult leagues, events, and practices year-round.

With a field house of our own, Charlestown could offer year-round development, host adult and young adult leagues (20–34-year-olds make up 30% of our population), and provide local preseason training for Charlestown High School and Bunker Hill teams. We could run player evaluations for Boston Public School athletes and Revs Academy prospects, keep our games in town, and relieve pressure on our outdoor fields.

This wouldn’t just benefit soccer. Other town programs could use the space during peak seasons, finally getting the practice time and space they need.

A field house creates opportunities for everyone—and it creates a clear win for both sides of the stadium negotiations. Charlestown Youth Soccer could host the Mayor’s Cup, with finals played in the stadium. We could hold community jamborees with Everett teams. By building a hub for town, club, school, and MLS partnerships, we could attract and retain top coaching talent and grow our sports community.

We don’t need a site picked out today. We simply need our elected officials to know this is what Charlestown wants. One option: allocate stadium mitigation funds to the Charlestown Impact Fund and earmark them for this project. Give the community five years to present a viable plan, or return the monies to the general fund.

For reference, the Impact Fund recently contributed \$6 million to cover the Ryan Playground renovation shortfall. With a similar seed amount, we believe we could finance and build this facility without needing more public dollars.

If you agree, join me next Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus. Mayor Wu, Senator Sal DiDomenico, Representative Dan Ryan, and Councilor Coletta Zapata will be there to discuss potential community benefits. Let’s make sure they know Charlestown wants—and deserves—a Field House.

Tim McKenna
VP of Charlestown Youth Soccer Association and CNC Treasurer.
The views expressed in the article are his own.

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Sen. DiDomenico hosts annual DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick's Day Kick-Off Roast on March 7

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The top elected officials in Massachusetts will join host State Senator Sal DiDomenico at the head table for the Annual DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Roast on Friday, March 7 beginning at 6:30pm at the Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus in Charlestown. This has become one of the most anticipated events of the year.

In addition to Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, over 75 federal,

state, an elected officials have confirmed they will join State Senator Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett) at the head table at the annual political kick-off of the St. Patrick's Day roast including: Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, Massachusetts State Senate President Karen Spilka, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, State Auditor Diana DiZoglio, Cambridge Mayor Denise Simmons, Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez, Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan, Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin

Hayden, Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian, Middlesex County Clerk of Courts Michael Sullivan, Governor's Councilor Terry Kennedy and more!

In addition to a traditional Irish dinner, the night will include live Irish music, bagpipers, Irish step dancers and Boston's best comedians to enhance the political humor. There will also be complimentary valet parking at the event.

This year's Golden Shamrock Award recipient is Tom MacDonald, the director of the Harvest on Vine Food Pantry in Charlestown.

He will be honored for his steadfast and tireless work to fight food insecurity throughout our neighborhoods. Tom is a kind and caring individual who always gives back to his community and he is someone everyone knows they can count on. Tom never looks for the spotlight and always leads with heart and it is fitting that he will be recognized for his great work to lift everyone up.

This event is one of the most popular St. Patrick's Day traditions in the Greater Boston area and Senator Nick Collins (D-South

Boston), the host of the Annual South Boston St. Patrick's Day Breakfast, will also be at the event.

For tickets (\$40.00 per person) and event information, please call (617) 387-3327. Proceeds will go to The DiDomenico Foundation, which funds educational scholarships for graduating high school students, as well as a large toy drive during the holiday season for domestic violence and homeless shelters throughout the Greater Boston.

Lynch virtual town hall discussed current situation in Washington, D.C. politics

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

On Monday night, U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch of District 8 held a virtual town hall via both Zoom and YouTube that provided an opportunity for listeners to submit questions, which Lynch fielded live.

The more than 90-minute event covered how Lynch views the cost cutting activities by the current administration and possible impacts affecting District 8 and more broadly. As a member of the Litigation Working Group, Lynch is involved directly in measures being taken to assess the legality of actions by the Trump administration. Lynch believes that Social Security and Medicare are not likely to be impacted, however it is unclear whether Medicaid will be affected.

Medicaid for Massachusetts residents is currently funded 50/50 between the Federal government and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. If Medicaid is touched, Lynch thinks the result could require the Commonwealth



U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch.

to shoulder a higher percent of the cost, a significant state burden and one not possible as an immediate solution, given the Commonwealth's budgetary process.

Lynch also discussed the impact of tariffs on Canada as the increased cost of lumber will affect our housing costs, which in turn may affect the construction industry.

In response to constituent questions, Lynch touched on the impact of Federal cost cutting on the US Postal Service, which has

already undertaken its own efficiency program cutting more than 100,000 employees since 1980 with increased automation, the various Veterans programs, which are already underfunded, and the loss of aviation oversight funding, another area already short on personnel. In response to concerns about citizens' personal information being assessed by the DOGE employees, Lynch said that initial access given to several young DOGE employees without the proper security clearances has been stopped, hence avoiding a security breach.

Lynch shared that there is a movement underway among some Democrats to ask all Democrats in the House to arbitrarily vote against every bill introduced by Republicans. He is not sure this is a good idea, as every bill needs to be read carefully and assess whether it is a "good" bill or not for Lynch's constituents and in general. As examples, two current bills being sponsored by Republicans would actually help add employees in the Veterans area and another support

Federally funded health centers throughout the country.

The bottom line was summed up by Lynch's replies to a few closing questions. When asked why Elon Musk cannot be stopped in his role as head of DOGE, Lynch explained since Musk has been retained as a Special Employee, much like Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner who were hired in the same status during the first Trump administration, an employee status the president has the prerogative to use. Musk has been empowered to execute the directive to make the Federal government more efficient, which is not in and of itself illegal. However, Lynch explained that he and others are pushing back on the aggressive approach Musk is taking in every way that they can. When asked if President Trump has yet to do anything that was an impeachable offense, Lynch replied "no, not yet."

Representative Lynch is planning to hold more Town Halls, both virtual and in person. With District 8 encompassing three cities and eighteen towns, he hopes to

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Coletta Zapata's home rule petition comes following concerns with the limited oversight of zoning variances and discretionary approvals with no formal mechanism to assess compliance with hardship standards. Additionally, the home rule petition comes following the approval of variances for projects that disregard PLAN: East Boston, a zoning plan developed over five years in collaboration with the community to shape the neighborhood's future and establish a sustainable, predictable framework for development. In 2021, the Council approved a similar docket sponsored by then Councilor Edwards.

The legislation includes reforms enacting changes to the current

board composition, expanding the ZBA to nine members and nine alternates, all of which must be Boston residents, diversifying the expertise of board members, and limiting them to two terms of three years each. The appointments will come from nominations by various organizations with expertise in environmental protection, urban planning, real estate, architecture, construction, and labor unions. Additionally, two members and two alternates will be chosen by the mayor from residential neighborhood organizations, ensuring representation from different city council districts and including both a homeowner and a renter.

It enacts conflict of interests

protections, preventing participation in cases involving personal financial interests while improving public notification and access by requiring electronic and mailed notice of hearings at least 20 days in advance and establishing an electronic database for public review of past ZBA decisions. Additionally, it mandates reports on zoning variances by neighborhood and zoning district and requires the ZBA to testify before the City Council. The home rule petition also establishes a variance review panel to review variance approvals to ensure compliance with zoning laws and issue findings on equity in variance approvals across Boston neighborhoods. Lastly, it ensures

neutral guidance is available at all ZBA meetings and provides public legal support for navigating zoning processes.

A hearing for the Home Rule Petition will be scheduled in the upcoming months and posted on

the Councilor's social media.

For additional information please contact the Office of Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata by phone at (617) 635-3200 or by email at gabriela.ramirez@boston.gov.

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Coletta Zapata announces community Budget Town Halls

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata is hosting a series of Budget Town Halls across District One to engage directly with residents and gather input on budget priorities ahead of the City Council's annual budget review for fiscal year 2026-2027.

"Budget Town Halls provide a valuable opportunity to shape my advocacy efforts and ensure our district's priorities are reflected in the city's budget," said Councilor Coletta Zapata. "Last year, we

successfully secured funding for trash containerization, expanded overtime for pest control inspectors, ESOL classes for parents, the right to counsel for residents, expanded city housing vouchers, and increased youth employment opportunities. The budget process allows us to invest in essential services and address critical issues like housing affordability, education, and climate preparedness. I look forward to hearing from residents in the coming weeks!"

This marks the fourth year

the Boston City Council has the authority to reject, reduce, amend, or approve line items in the city's operating budget. In April, the Mayor's Office will submit the initial proposals for the city's operating, capital, and Boston Public Schools budgets to the Council. Budget hearings, chaired by Councilor Brian Worrell (District 4), will begin shortly thereafter and continue through June. The Council is expected to vote on the finalized budget by the end of June, with approved measures taking

effect on July 1, 2025.

Additionally, this budget cycle will feature the city's second participatory budgeting process, allowing residents to contribute ideas and recommendations. To learn more about how to get involved, visit boston.gov/departments/participatory-budgeting.

The Budget Town Halls will be held on the following dates:

East Boston – Thursday, March 20 at 6:00 PM, East Boston Public Library, 365 Bremen Street

Charlestown – Thursday, April

3 at 6:00 PM, Judy Evers Community Room, Boston Police Station, 20 Vine Street

North End/Wharf District – Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 PM, Nazaro Community Center, 30 N. Bennet Street

Translation services, childcare, and food will be provided at all Budget Town Hall meetings.

For more information, please contact the Office of Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata at (617) 635-3200 or email gabriela.ramirez@boston.gov.

MBTA gears up for South Boston's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade celebration

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The MBTA is preparing for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade and festivities in South Boston on Sunday, March 16, 2025. With nearly a million people expected to attend the parade, the MBTA is implementing several measures to accommodate the increased ridership and to remind the riding public what everyone can do

to help maintain a safe and family-friendly environment. Riders are encouraged to check out the MBTA's St. Patrick's Day Guide for information on taking the T to the parade, how to pay fares, and more at mbta.com/StPatricksDay.

"The safety of our customers and employees is our top priority," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "We encourage everyone to cele-

brate the holiday responsibly and remain vigilant—if you see something, say something. We want everyone to enjoy the Saint Patrick's Day festivities while being mindful of fellow travelers and lending a helping hand to those needing directions or assistance."

"The MBTA takes great pride as we continue to improve daily service and increase service options every year so everyone

can enjoy St. Patrick's Day and all the festivities," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "Public transit services are essential, allowing everyone alternative ways to safely travel and celebrate. I thank our dedicated employees who ensure that our riders get to their destinations every day. Leave the driving to us and use caution when traversing the system as we all celebrate St. Patrick's Day together."

Additional Service and Bus Route Detours

To manage anticipated peak ridership and minimize platform congestion, the MBTA will strategically position additional personnel throughout the system to manage crowding, assist with passenger flow, and ensure a safe environment. The MBTA encourages all riders to be mindful while using escalators and navigating stairs during periods of heavy foot traffic. Service information is available at mbta.com/StPatricksDay.

Shuttle Bus: The MBTA will provide free shuttle bus service from South Station to South Boston between 9:30 AM and 5 PM on the day of the parade.

Red Line: The Red Line will operate rush hour service from 10 AM to 6 PM. Trains may bypass Broadway during certain times due to heavy crowds.

Bus Detours: Routes 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 47 will be detoured around the parade area. Buses will not stop at Broadway beginning at 9:45 AM or Andrew beginning at 10:15 AM.

Commuter Rail: Commuter Rail trains will run with additional cars to accommodate parade attendees. Additional customer service and management staff will be available at South Station to answer any questions and assist customers. More information about Commuter Rail service on the day of the parade will be available soon on [ricksDay.](http://mbta.com/StPat-</p>
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\$10 Weekend Passes are valid for unlimited travel on all Commuter Rail lines in all zones on Saturday and Sunday. Riders are encouraged to buy them in advance with the mTicket app.

"Our MBTA has seen so many improvements over the past year. Let's all enjoy the service, and the City, by celebrating responsibly and discouraging behavior that could damage our property or disrupt the transit system," said Chief Operating Officer Ryan Coholan. "By working together and respecting our shared public spaces, we can ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday for all."

"For the St. Patrick's Day parade, our top priority at Keolis is to get passengers to and from the festivities safely and reliably," said Abdellah Chajai, CEO and General Manager of Keolis Commuter Services. "We expect high ridership and encourage our riders to plan ahead and expect longer boarding lines, especially at South Station. I'd like to thank our crews for their hard work and dedication to delivering for our passengers on March 16 and every day."


Enhanced Security Measures & Safety Tips for Riders

The MBTA Transit Police Department, under the leadership of Chief Kenneth Green, will significantly increase uniformed officer presence throughout the system to deter crime and to respond swiftly to any incidents.

"We will be working closely with our law enforcement partners to ensure a secure environment for everyone who uses our public transit system," said Chief Green. "We want everyone to remember, St. Patrick's Day is a time for celebration, and it's essential to prioritize safety and responsible behavior."

The MBTA urges riders to celebrate responsibly, leave their vehi-

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY DIVISION

NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS — Project File No. 611940

PROJECT: Somerville – Bridge Replacement, Bridge # S-17-016, Webster Avenue over MBTA & BMRR

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed project in Somerville, MA.

WHERE: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>

WHEN: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project includes the replacement of Webster Avenue Bridge No. S-17-016 (3GF) over the MBTA & BMRR and reconstruction of each roadway approach between Prospect Street and Everett Street, exclusive of the intersections. In addition to the replacement of the bridge, Newton Street will be realigned west and east of the bridge, eliminating the skewed intersection by splitting the intersection into two "tee" intersections. Newton Street (West) will intersect Webster Avenue south of the proposed bridge and accommodate two-way traffic. Newton Street (East) of Webster Avenue will intersect with Webster Avenue north of the proposed bridge and remain one-way eastbound. The work along each section of Newton Street will be less than 500 ft in length.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to massdotmajorprojects@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7210, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Project File No. 611940. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is hosted.

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the meeting.

This meeting will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER

Coletta Zapata holds hearing on road safety ordinance regarding food delivery apps

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata (District 1) recently held a hearing as Chair of the Government Operations Committee to review a road safety ordinance that would require food delivery apps to obtain a permit to operate in Boston and create regulations to address safety concerns.

“With the increasing presence of third-party food delivery platforms in Boston, it is essential to implement accountability measures that protect residents and improve safety on our streets. The proposed ordinance ensures that

Boston implements these measures clearly and effectively. This is an iterative process, and I appreciate the collaboration of all involved in producing legislation that prioritizes safety with efficient and effective regulations. I look forward to continuing the conversation,” said Councilor Coletta Zapata.

During the hearing, Councilors heard from an administration panel including Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Chief of Streets for the Streets Cabinet, Nicholas Gove, Deputy Chief of Transportation, and Dan Humphreys, Deputy Superintendent of Field Services at the Boston Police Department.

The panel shared that the unregulated growth of delivery services has exacerbated parking shortages, congestion, and reckless driving, frustrating residents and public officials. They emphasized that the proposed Ordinance would allow the City of Boston to implement common-sense regulations focused on registration, insurance, and data sharing.

Under this Ordinance, large delivery platforms would be required to register with the City and obtain a permit to operate, a standard practice for all businesses impacting Boston’s streets. Additionally, the Ordinance pro-

vides requirements for insurance and data sharing. The insurance requirements would ensure that anyone injured in a crash involving a delivery driver has recourse, regardless of the type of vehicle used. Additionally, data-sharing provisions would give the city critical tools to address safety and congestion challenges more effectively.

Councilors emphasized the need for comprehensive regulations to address concerns regarding traffic congestion, safety risks and accountability for delivery companies. They discussed potential amendments to the ordinance,

including adding a fee to help cover enforcement costs, establishing a process for registration renewal and revocation, incorporating privacy protection language, and identifying specific public safety requirements.

A working session to review the current language in the ordinance will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks. A recording of the hearing can be found at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRawfJ-ddVI. For additional information please contact the Office of Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata by phone at (617) 635-3200 or by email at gabriela.ramirez@boston.gov.

TSA ready for busy spring break travel season

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

As spring break approaches, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is providing essential tips to help travelers have a smooth experience at security checkpoints across the country. TSA is expecting high passenger volumes during the peak spring break travel period running from March 6-24, when air travel numbers are anticipated to increase by more than 5%.

“Spring break is one of the busiest travel times of the year,” said Adam Stahl, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Admin-

istrator. “While we are focused on spring break, which is quickly approaching, TSA is also closely tracking and preparing for the summer travel season. With REAL ID’s May 7 deadline looming, it’s important to prioritize REAL ID registration now. By doing so, travelers can ensure a smooth and secure journey through the airport for both spring and summer travelers.”

To help travelers prepare, TSA recommends the following:

- Pack smart: Organize your carry-on bags and comply with TSA regulations. Text 275-872

(“AskTSA”) or @AskTSA with any questions.

- Arrive early: Allow plenty of time to get through security, especially during peak hours.

- Have a valid ID: Make sure you have your REAL ID or another acceptable form of identification.

- Pack your patience: Be prepared for busy airports and follow TSA guidelines to expedite the process.

For more details on preparing for airport security screening, visit tsa.gov.

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cles at home, take public transportation to festivities, and follow these safety tips:

Alcohol consumption and/or unruly behavior will not be tolerated on the MBTA.

Secure personal belongings, especially in crowded areas. If wearing a backpack, remove it and hold it at your side or set it between your feet. Leave large items like coolers at home.

Let riders off the trains before you board.

Travel on the T without bikes. Bikes (including folding bikes) are not allowed on the MBTA at any time the day of the parade.

Report any suspicious activity or individuals in distress to the nearest police officer, call the Transit Police at 617-222-1212, or dial 911.

Download the MBTA See Say App to quickly and discreetly report suspicious activity to Transit Police. Using this app, riders can send Transit Police pictures, text messages, and locations of suspicious activity.

Follow the instructions of MBTA Transit Police officers and

staff who are there to ensure everyone’s safety.

Take care of yourself and others. Seek medical attention when necessary.

The MBTA is stressing the importance of celebrating responsibly on public transit. Vandalism and disorderly conduct can create safety hazards, delays, and additional cleaning costs, which can divert valuable resources away from essential maintenance services and improvements that benefit all riders.

For more information, visit mbta.com/StPatricksDay or connect with the T on X @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) opened America’s first subway tunnel in 1897, pioneering public transportation in the United States. Today, the MBTA is one of the largest public transit systems in the country, operating an extensive network of subway, bus, Commuter Rail, ferry, and

paratransit services across 176 cities and towns. The MBTA is undergoing a transformative period, focusing on cultivating a culture of safety and excellence, modernizing infrastructure, and improving reliability and accessibility. Current priorities include accelerating critical infrastructure repairs, expanding accessibility, and reducing emissions. The MBTA is committed to providing dependable, frequent, and accessible service that riders can rely on while supporting the region’s economic vitality. Through initiatives like the unprecedented Track Improvement Program, Bus Network Redesign, and Rail Vision, the MBTA aims to connect communities and improve riders’ daily experiences and trips. For questions or assistance, riders are encouraged to contact the MBTA Customer Center at 617-222-3200. Members of the press are encouraged to contact mediarelations@mbta.com. For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit MBTA.com or follow @MBTA on social media.



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SUMMER (from pg. 1)

shire and create art based on their observations.

Visit adventschool.org/summer for more information.

BC High, based at 150 Morrissey Blvd. in Boston, is offering a wide range of Summer Camps and Programs.

For boys and girls ages 5 to 10, Eagle Day Camp provides a full-day camp experience for two to eight weeks. Campers, ages 5 to 7, can take part in myriad activities, such as arts and crafts, organized sports, scavenger hunts, LEGO sets, water games, painting, and tie-dyeing, among other offerings. Half-day option available for ages

5-7 while campers ages 8-10 can customize their schedules to suit their personal interests.

Additionally, the Adventures in Boston! program will offer a new field trip each day while the Inspir-it AI class will teach middle and high school students in separate sessions about the fundamentals of AI and how to use it responsibly.

“I believe what sets our camps and programs apart from the rest is our dedicated staff and our beautiful campus which provides a safe oasis for kids to learn, grow and have some summer fun,” said Sara Feloney, BC High’s director

of summer camps and programs and external events.

Other offerings will include Sports Camps, including soccer, baseball, basketball, football, and flag football for Grades 4–12; High School Academics, with courses including Inspir-it AI, Chemistry, Intro to Chemistry, Intro to Algebra, ACT/SAT Prep, Spanish Language and Culture, High School Writing, and The Common Application and The College Essay; Middle School Academics, with courses including Intro to Algebra, Math Fundamentals, English Fundamentals, and Study Skills; and Middle School Specialty Programs: including Inspir-it AI, Art, Coding and Robotics, Minecraft, Theatre, Roblox Mission to Mars!, Dungeons & Dragons, and The Art of Cooking.

Visit www.bchigh.edu/summer-camps or call 617-474-5181 for more information.

The Boston Children’s School Summer-Fun-Program will begin its 43rd year on July 7 and continue for six weeks, ending Aug. 15, at 8 Whittier Place in the West End.

The program, designed for children between the ages of 3 and 8, is located at Charles River Park in the West End. The Boston Children’s School has its own private



Summer artmaking fun at Advent.

playground, which allows children to play safely outdoors, away from the noise, congestion, and traffic. Inside, the facility is fully air conditioned.

The program is organized by age, and each group is taught and nurtured by state certified teachers with the help of teacher interns from local area colleges and universities. All activities are designed to be developmentally appropriate for each age group.

Besides daily play activities, children can use the swimming pools on a daily basis at The Clubs at Charles River Park. The program also offers children science, music appreciation, and field trips.

Visit BostonChildrensSchool.Org for more information. Early registration is encouraged because space is limited.

If you have any questions about the BCS Summer-Fun-Program, please call Judy Langer, Program Director, at 617-367-6239 or 617-BCS-KIDS.

BCS is also registering students for 2025 academic year, and applications are available online (BostonChildrensSchool.Org).

Buckingham, Browne & Nichols School, a pre-K-12 private school in Cambridge, provides a valuable and enjoyable, ACA-accredited summer camp experience for campers from 4 years old through rising 10th grade every summer. This year’s program runs from June 16 through Aug. 8.

Summer@BB&N offers specialty camps (such as Chess, Outdoor Explorers, Parkour, and Codemoji); sports camps (i.e. Soccer, Basketball, Golf, Fishing, and Ultimate Games), and its Classic Camp for pre-K through Grade 10, which provides rotating activities each day, like arts and crafts, sports, theater, hands-on fun, water play, and archery. The Teen Camp also offers more time for activities, as well as off-site trips. Each camp offering has a variety of weeks to choose from and is grade specific.

“Summer@BB&N is unique because it combines the warmth of a close-knit community with the excitement of hands-on exploring, offering campers the opportunity to explore their passions while developing valuable skills in an environment that fosters both creativity, personal growth, and community,” said Emma O’Loughlin, Director of Summer@BB&N.

Visit <https://bbnssummer.com> for more information on the Summer@BB&N program.

This summer, **Essem Art Studio**, located at 15 Tufts., third floor, in Charlestown is offering five-day Minicamps designed for kids who love to create.

With exciting themes like Furry Friends, Deep Blue Sea, and COLOR!, young artists will dive into painting, mixed media, and

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BC HIGH summer camps & PROGRAMS

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For more information:
www.frenchlibrary.org/summer-in-french/

SUMMER IN FRENCH PROGRAM

TEENS CLASSES
(ages 13+)
start on July 7

KIDS CLASSES
(ages 3-12)
start on June 23

Give your child or teen a full immersion experience of summer fun and learning!

Our program is the perfect way to improve their skills and confidence in French, thanks to our team of engaging teachers.

Registrations are open, and you can benefit from an early bird discount until March 28. Weekly enrollments focus on a theme with special activities each week.

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design, building skills, confidence, and endless creativity along the way. Minicamp hours run from 9 a.m. to noon, with an option to extend to 2 p.m.

“We provide a boutique art camp experience in our sunny studio. We get to know each young artist while providing instruction and support so they can have a joyful and magical experience while growing as individual artists,” said Sophia Moon, the studio’s founder.

For more information, visit essemartstudio.com.

French Library, located at 53 Marlborough St. in the Back Bay, offers ‘Summer in French for Kids’ (with classes for ages 3-5; ages 6-8; and ages 9-12, respectively) and ‘Summer in the French for Teens.’

For Kids, participants can participate in half-day (from 9 a.m. to noon) or full-day programming (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) The first week of five-day programming kicks off Monday June 23, with ‘Robots and Advanced Technologies.’ The 10th and final week begins Monday, Aug. 25, with a focus on ‘Magic and Fantastical World.’

Teens can choose from three options, including a one-week, half-day program with a specific theme, which is offered once in July, once at the end of July/early August, and once in August; a one week, morning-only option at the end of August, which is a perfect refresher before going back to school; or afternoon workshops.

Visit frenchlibrary.org/summer-in-french/ for more information, or email youthprograms@frenchlibrary.org with any questions.

The Newman School, located at 247 Marlborough St. in Boston’s Back Bay, offers educational programming via its renowned International Baccalaureate curriculum, including small classes, and individualized attention.

As Boston’s only day and boarding all-gender 7-12 independent

School, Newman’s student body holds passports from 40 different nations while the faculty hails from 10 countries.

Additionally Newman offers more than 25 clubs and activities, as well as a range of sports for first-time participants through D1 recruited-collegiate athletes.

Visit newmanboston.org for more information.

North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) will be offering programs at the Charlestown Working Theater this

summer, including a range of full-week-long summer workshops for youth and teens in Charlestown, as well as one-off workshops and class sessions.

‘Act! Sing! Dance!’ - a series of week-long musical theatre workshop for ages 5-9 where students will work on a short production presented at the end of the week, including ‘101 Dalmatians,’ ‘The Jungle Book,’ and ‘Where the Wilds Things Are.’

‘Broadway Bootcamp Jr.’ for ages 10-13 is a week-long program which allows participants to learn, rehearse, and perform selections of songs, dances and scenes from some favorite musicals and plays.

‘Broadway Bootcamp’ is week-long program for ages 12 – 15, which allows participants to learn, rehearse, and perform selections of songs, dances and scenes from some favorite musicals and plays.

“NEMPAC is so excited to be expanding our summer programming into Charlestown to further engage with the many amazing families this neighborhood has,” said Shannon Fitzgerald, NEMPAC’s Charlestown outreach and engagement coordinator. “Our popular Music Theatre Production Workshops, Broadway Bootcamp, and PlayLab: Create, Produce, Perform, will now be hosted on site at the Charlestown Working Theater, with early drop

off and extended day, to make our programming even more accessible to Charlestown families. With programs open to ages 5 - 15, in theatre, music, and dance, there’s something for everyone! Enrolling your student in a performing arts program will build their confidence, communication skills, creativity, and collaboration skills.”

Visit nempacboston.org for more information.

School of Fashion Design, located at 31 St. James Ave, second floor, offers two sessions of its Teen Program in Fashion Design this summer.

This program will provide an introduction to the fashion design process, from conception to sketch to garment completion, with no prior experience necessary. The curriculum, which offers a taste of SFD’s adult Certificate in Fashion Design program, is taught by the school’s expert faculty.

“Our high school program in fashion design is a great experience for students who want to explore fashion design as a career option, boost their college application profile, or just explore a new creative outlet,” said Executive Director Jennifer Leclerc. “Students in our program have access to the same expert faculty and tools as our adult students, and will leave SFD with a fashion mood board, a garment of their own making, and hopefully some



Summer robotics at BC High.

new fashion friends.”

Projects will include creating a fashion garment from a pattern, as well as creating a mood board of inspiration and fashion-plate illustrations of an original garment collection.

Visit <https://www.schooloffashiondesign.org/pre-college-program> for more information.

Walnut Hill School for the Arts in Natick offers a range of summer programs taught by the school’s own world-class faculty and featuring special guests artists.

Programs include the String Quartet Intensive for ages 11-18; Summer Voice Intensive for ages

12-16; a range of dance classes, including the Children’s Ballet Program for ages 4 to 7, and Boston Ballet Summer Intensive for ages 9-12; a Jazz Intensive for ages 13-17; Theater Intensive for ages 13-17; Fashion Immersion for ages 12-16; Visual Art for ages 13-17; Cameraless Photography for ages 13-17; and Game Design: Crafting Interactive Stories for ages 13-17, among other offerings. All programs include excursions into Boston to enhance the curriculum, such as visits to museums, exhibits, and concerts.

“The true magic of our programs lies in the sense of camaraderie that develops as students learn and grow together,” said Michelle Rush, associate director of auxiliary programs and admissions. “Time and again, we hear students say, ‘Wow, there are kids like me here!’ This feeling of belonging, of finding their tribe, is what makes the Walnut Hill experience so special.”

Day and boarding options are available for some programs, with boarders getting a taste of college life residing in air-conditioned dormitories.

Visit www.walnuthillarts.org for more information.

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Summer@BB&N

CLASSIC CAMP

Traditional summer day camp experience with rotating activities each day like arts and crafts, sports, hands-on fun, archery, and more. Teen Camp offers off-site trips. In addition, we offer our LIT 1 and 2 programs for campers in grades 8-10



SPECIALTY CAMPS

Specialty Camps are dedicated to a niche activity for a week of focused learning, play, and exploration for the inquisitive camper



SPORTS CAMPS

We offer sports such as Crew, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Fishing, Flag Football and Ultimate Games. Each camp week is dedicated to each sport with practice drills, skills, and scrimmages through the week.



ALL CAMP ACTIVITIES

Campers come together as a camp community for spirit days and all camp activities like lip sync battles, scavenger hunts, and more!



Registration for Summer is now open!
Check out our website to learn more!

bbnsummer.com





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Theater Engineering, Urban Agriculture, Cardboard Carnival & more

adventschool.org/summer



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THE ADVENT SCHOOL

Design at Advent
15 Brimmer St.
Boston, MA 02108
adventschool.org

The Advent School Design at Advent summer program offers four unique STEAM-based two-week sessions for children ages 5 through 12.

Summer 2025 Themes
Theater Engineering: 6/16 - 6/27 (There is no session on 6/19 as the school is closed during June-teenth.)

Urban Agriculture: 7/7-7/18
Art on the Trails: 7/7-7/18
Cardboard Carnival: 7/21-8/1



Summer for aspiring teen designers at the School of fashion design.

Each child learns proper tool use, engages in the design process, and builds prototypes out of recycled materials. Designers explore Boston daily, play games, and gather inspiration. The designers share their creations with friends and family on the last Friday of each session at the Design Expo. Find out more at <https://www.adventschool.org/summer>.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

Summer Fun Program
8 Whittier Place
Boston, Ma 02114
617-367-6239
617-BCS-KIDS

BostonChildrensSchool.org
The Boston Children's School Summer Fun Program celebrates its 43rd year of providing exceptional summertime experiences and academic enrichment to children between the ages of 3 and 8 years old. The Summer Fun Program at The Boston Children's School is conveniently located at Charles River Park, in the historic West End section of Boston. Our location is fully air-conditioned. The school has its own private playground, which allows children to safely play outdoors away from the noise, congestion and traffic

of the city streets. Our location also allows children to explore the cultural richness of the City of Boston through field trips to museums, theaters, libraries and historic sites. The Summer Fun program is organized by age. Each age group is supervised, taught and nurtured by certified teachers, along with teacher interns from local area colleges. All activities are designed to be developmentally appropriate for each age group. Children can use the pool areas, on a daily basis, at The Clubs at Charles River Park. The Summer Fun Program also offers children yoga, music appreciation, science, arts and crafts, and interactive storytelling. Parent involvement and participation are always a part of the program, which begins July 7, 2025 and ends Aug.15, 2025.

If you would like your child to become part of the 2025 Summer Fun Program at the Boston Children's School, please call Judy Langer,

Program Director, at 617-367-6239 or 617-BCS-KIDS, or email: BostonChildrensSchool@aol.com

We are also now taking enrollment applications for the September 2025 Academic year for: pre-school, kindergarten and grades 1-3.

Applications are available on the B.C.S. website, BostonChildrensSchool.Org.

BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Summer Camps & Programs
Boston, MA |617-474-5181
bchigh.edu/summer-camps

BC High has something for every child this summer. The goal of all its programs is to provide children the space to develop their independence, make new

friends, and have some summer fun. Eagle Day Camp provides boys and girls ages 5-10 with a full-day camp experience from 2 to 8 weeks. Campers ages 5-7 will enjoy a variety of activities, such as arts and crafts, organized sports, scavenger hunts, LEGO sets, water games, painting, tie-dye, and more. Half day option available for ages 5-7. Campers ages 8-10 can customize their schedule to match their interests. Lunch is available for purchase in the dining hall. Schedules will provide both outdoor and air-conditioned indoor activities.

Adventures in Boston! program will provide a new field trip each day while our Inspirit AI class will teach middle and high school students in separate sessions the fundamentals of AI and how to use it responsibly.

Additional offerings include:
Sports Camps: Soccer, baseball,

basketball, football and flag football are available for grades 4-12.

High School Academics: Courses include Inspirit AI, Chemistry, Intro to Chemistry, Intro to Algebra, ACT/SAT Prep, Spanish Language and Culture, High School Writing, and The Common Application and The College Essay.

Middle School Academics: Courses include Intro to Algebra, Math Fundamentals, English Fundamentals, and Study Skills.

Middle School Specialty Programs: Programs include Inspirit AI, Art, Coding and Robotics, Minecraft, Theatre, Roblox Mission to Mars!, Dungeons & Dragons, and The Art of Cooking.

BUCKINGHAM, BROWNE & NICHOLS SCHOOL - BB&N

80 Gerrys Landing Rd,
Cambridge, MA,
bbns.org

BB&N provides a valuable and enjoyable summer camp experience for campers from 4 years old through rising 12th grade every summer. The program runs for 8 weeks starting June 17th through August 9th. We have a variety of programming from classic camp to speciality/sports camps, there is a little something for everyone! Classic camp is a Traditional summer day camp experience with rotating activities each day like arts and crafts, sports, hands-on fun, archery, and more. Teen Camp offers off-site trips. In addition, we offer our LIT 1 and 2 programs for campers in grades 8-10. Specialty Camps are dedicated to a niche activity for a week of focused learning, play, and exploration for the inquisitive camper. Sports Camps we offer sports such as Crew, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Fishing, Flag Football and Ultimate Games. Each camp week is dedicated to each sport with practice drills, skills, and scrimmages through the week. We hope you choose Summer@BB&N, please visit our website to register.

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Visit essemartstudio.com for more information.

FRENCH LIBRARY

Summer in French for Youths
53 Marlborough St., Boston, MA
frenchlibrary.org

The French Library offers immersive "Summer in French" programs for children and teens, providing age-appropriate language learning and cultural experiences.

Summer 2025 Programs:
Summer in French for Kids (Ages 3-5, 6-8, 9-12):

Half-day (9 a.m. to noon) or full-day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) options available.

Ten weeks of themed programming, starting June 23rd with "Robots and Advanced Technologies" and concluding August 25th with "Magic and Fantastical World."

Summer in French for Teens:
One-week, half-day thematic programs offered in July and August.

One-week, morning-only refresher course at the end of August.

Afternoon workshops.
Children will participate in a variety of activities to enhance their French language skills and cultural understanding.

For more information, visit frenchlibrary.org/summer-in-french/

THE NEWMAN SCHOOL

247 Marlborough St,
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Boston's only day and boarding all-gender 7-12 independent school!

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we provide a global education fostering intellectual growth, personal responsibility, and engaged dialogue. Newman offers over 25 clubs and activities and an array of sports for first-time participants through D1 recruited-collegiate athletes. At Newman, no one is anonymous, each is unique, and everyone belongs, we embrace our founding motto: "Cor ad Cor Loquitur/Heart Speaks to Heart".

Visit us in action!

NORTH END MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS (NEMPAC)

Summer Programs
Charlestown Working Theater
442 Bunker Hill Street
Charlestown, MA 02129
nempacboston.org

NEMPAC Offers a wide variety of full-week-long summer workshops for youth and teens, as well as one-off workshops and class sessions! From Musical Theatre Troupe themed musical weeks, to Broadway Bootcamp, to Dance – we have it all!

MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP (ages 5-9)

Act! Sing! Dance! In this week-long program, students will work on a short production presented at the end of the week

July 14 – 18: 101 Dalmatians
July 21 – 25: The Jungle Book
July 28 – August 1: Where the Wilds Things Are

BROADWAY BOOTCAMP JR (ages 10-13)

In this week-long program, tweens ages 10 – 13 will have the chance to learn, rehearse and perform selections of songs, dances and scenes from some of your favorite musicals and plays

June 30th - July 3rd

BROADWAY BOOTCAMP (ages 12-15)

In this week-long program, teens ages 12 – 15 will have the chance to learn, rehearse and perform selections of songs, dances and scenes from some of your favorite musicals and plays

August 11 - 15
Visit nempacboston.org for more information and to register

SCHOOL OF FASHION DESIGN

Teen Program in Fashion Design
31 St. James Ave, 2nd fl, Boston, MA 02116

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Spend your summer in style at the School of Fashion Design! If you are interested in fashion and sewing as a hobby or considering majoring in fashion design, this is the place to be this summer! Our program provides an introduction to the fashion design process, from conception to sketch to garment completion with no prior experience necessary. The curriculum is a taste of SFD's adult Certificate in Fashion Design program and is taught by our expert faculty. Whether you're a fashionista or aspire to a career in fashion, this is the course for you!

WALNUT HILL SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

12 Highland St.
Natick, MA 01760
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Unlock your artistic potential this summer at Walnut Hill School for the Arts! Nestled on an idyllic campus just outside of Boston, we offer immersive one to four-week intensives designed for aspiring artists aged 12-18. With boarding



The Walnut Ballet.

and day options, students immerse themselves in intense rehearsals and skill-building workshops, all while forging lifelong friendships with like-minded peers from around the globe. All programs include excursions into the city that enhance programming, such as visits to museums, exhibits and

concerts. Under the guidance of world-class faculty, students can delve into a variety of disciplines, including chamber music, voice, jazz, theater, dance, visual art, fashion design, photography, and game design. <https://www.walnut-hillarts.org/summer> Apply Now!



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Beacon Hill Village and Cindy Sullivan Fitness team up to offer Annual “Spring into Aging” free Fitness Week

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Spring is almost here, and so is Fitness Week for our active agers! Each year, Beacon Hill Village (BHV) and Cindy Sullivan Fitness partner to offer a full week of free fitness classes in March for Boston’s older adults. This year marks the 9th time this program is being offered to adults aged 50 and over in Boston. Three of the classes will be virtual and two will be offered in person. The dates for this year’s fitness week are March 17-21, 2025.

Spring is a great time to jump into or strengthen your fitness routine. Exercise is a cornerstone of healthy aging, and fitting physical activity into one’s day can improve life in many ways. Regular exercise can improve strength and balance, boost mood and improve memory, and help manage or lessen the impact of chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and osteoporosis.

“Running our Spring into Aging Fitness Week program for the ninth year fills me with immense

excitement and pride,” said Cindy Sullivan, Certified In-Home Personal Trainer and Midlife/Senior Fitness Specialist. “It’s not just about the years we’ve been at it, but the countless lives we’ve positively impacted. This program is about fostering community, promoting vitality, and celebrating the incredible resilience of our senior participants!”

This year’s class lineup includes: Monday, 3/17, 9:30 AM – stretch and flow (Zoom): This NO FLOOR stretch class is designed to increase flexibility and range of movement to improve activities of daily living. There is a combo of dynamic or flow stretching, with static stretching throughout class. At the end we will add deep breathing and final relaxation exercises to promote stress reduction and relaxation. Suitable for all fitness levels.

Tuesday, 3/18, 10:30 AM – Better Balance (In Person at Beacon House): Exercises and tips on the importance of staying strong and preventing falls. Balance is the cooperation between the brain, nervous system, muscle and bones,



Participants in the 2024 Spring into Aging Fitness Week.

and the class will focus on improving that connection. Suitable for all fitness levels.

Wednesday, 3/19, 10:30 AM – Total Body Workout (Zoom): Join us for our traditional weekly workout for Active Agers. This class combines a little bit of everything including low impact cardio, strength training, balance and flexibility to target the entire body. Hand weights (or alternative), a chair and 10 minutes of mat work will be included. Can be modified for many levels.

Thursday, 3/20, 10:30 AM – Strength & Conditioning (Zoom): Learn the most important exercises to stay strong and independent. We will incorporate light hand weights (or alternatives such as

canned goods), resistance bands (or towels), and body weight exercises into this fun class! Help to improve overall strength and balance and increase bone density. Can be modified for many levels.

Friday, 3/21, 10:30 AM – Functional Fitness Over 50 (In Person at the Community Room at The Hub on Causeway): This workout will improve your “activities of daily living” – functional exercises that support four fitness goals for older adults: endurance, strength, balance, and flexibility. Can be modified for many fitness levels.

For this special week only, the class fee will be waived for all participants. Advance registration is required for all classes.

To register for one or any num-

ber of “Spring into Aging” classes and discover new and fun ways to incorporate physical activity into your day, call the BHV office at 617-723-9713 or visit the website at www.beaconhillvillage.org/ events. For questions on class descriptions or more event details email cindysullivanfitness@gmail.com. Don’t delay, classes are filling up fast.

Beacon Hill Village has been redefining aging in downtown Boston for two decades. We are a member-driven organization for Boston residents age 50 and over which provides programs and services so that members can lead vibrant, active, and healthy lives, while living in the homes and neighborhoods they love.

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Lesley University and BHCC announce joint admissions agreement

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Lesley University and Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) are excited to announce the renewal of their Joint Admissions Transfer Program, which has helped hundreds of Boston-area students who opt into the program complete their bachelor's degrees and is expected to help hundreds more.

The Lesley-Bunker Hill Joint Admissions Program, established in 2015, has provided over 350 students with a pathway to degree completion. Students interested in earning a degree in one of Lesley's four pillars of study—education, mental health and wellbeing, art and design, or liberal arts and business—are admitted to both schools as first-year students and earn credits at Bunker Hill that will transfer to Lesley. Then, these

students enter Lesley as juniors, having already established solid relationships with Lesley's faculty and staff, with an understanding of how Lesley works, and knowing what they need to do and how Lesley will help them complete their degree. Lesley University President Janet L. Steinmayer says, "Lesley University is grateful to be able to continue to strengthen opportunities for students interested in careers in education, mental health and the arts, and to be able to help fill the gap in some of these critically need professions."

Bunker Hill Community College President Pam Y. Eddinger says "This joint admissions agreement between Lesley University and Bunker Hill Community College will give students a seamless path from associate to bachelor's

degree, with the support they need to be successful every step of the way." She adds, "BHCC and Lesley have a long history of collaboration, and this partnership will pave the way toward professional and economic mobility for our student

Lesley University is proud to be the first private university to partner with Bunker Hill Community College in a Joint Admissions Program, and proud to continue this program for another decade. Learn more about this groundbreaking program here.

Lesley University graduates more mental health professionals than any other college or university in New England. Located just outside of Boston near Harvard and Porter Squares in the vibrant city of Cambridge, Massachusetts,

Lesley is renowned for its unique portfolio of programs focused on Education, Mental Health and Art and Design. The university also offers Liberal Arts and Business Programs that support these key disciplines and a special program, the Threshold Program, for neurodiverse students seeking a college experience to learn independent living and working skills. About two-thirds of Lesley's more than 4,500 students are graduate students; one-third are undergraduate and Threshold students. More at [Lesley.edu](https://lesley.edu).

With more than 50 years of academic excellence, Bunker Hill Community College is Massachusetts' largest community college, annually welcoming a diverse community of around 16,000 students. With campuses in Charles-

town and Chelsea, BHCC extends its reach across several locations in Greater Boston. The College offers associate degrees and certificates, early college and dual enrollment, community education, corporate training, and industry-specific training programs. BHCC is celebrated for its diversity, boasting a student body where 65% identify as people of color and more than half are women. The College also embraces a global perspective, with over 600 international students representing 90 countries and conversing in more than 65 languages. Our commitment to diversity is further reflected in BHCC's designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI).

CHAIN FORGE (from pg. 1)

covered extensively in the September 19th (<https://charlestown-bridge.com/2024/09/19/planning-department-hosts-meeting-on-chain-forge-building-by-michael-coughlin-jr/>) and November 14th (<https://charlestownbridge.com/2024/11/14/chain-forge-rfp-process-and-brownfields-grant-discussed-at-meeting/>) editions of the Patriot-Bridge.

However, according to Scott Greenhalgh, a real estate development officer with the Planning Department, last week's meeting objective was to "review the development objectives we drafted, as well as the draft design guidelines and evaluation criteria."

These development objectives, which were created through community feedback, emphasized mixed-use adaptation, historic preservation, public destination, and resilient design.

Greenhalgh also said, "It's also expected that the proposal follows the recent resilience initiatives in the Charlestown Navy Yard given its location within a Coastal Flood Resilience Overlay District."

"It's also important that the design incorporates sustainable and green building practices."

Additionally, Greenhalgh highlighted the key urban design guidelines. These guidelines call for preserving the structure, incorporating complete street guidelines, encouraging multi-modal transportation options, and more.

Finally, the criteria by which eventual proposals will be evaluated were also revealed. The criteria are as follows: demonstration of ability to execute the project as presented and strength of financial plan, development program, exceptional design and public realm, and diversity and inclusion plan.

After the presentation, the floor was opened for comments and questions from the public.

One resident asked about the environmental remediation tied to the project. Specifically, the Planning Department applied for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields cleanup grant to help with site cleanup.

This resident was concerned about the current uncertainty related to federal funding and wondered if the project would be halted if the Planning Department did not receive the grant or if there were backup plans.

Greenhalgh, who noted that they have not heard back about the grant yet, said, "I think we'll look at other sources of funding either at the state level or other financial sources if the EPA Brownfields grant is not given to us."

Yoon Cha, a real estate development officer at the Planning Department, also provided more information regarding the question and said, "The project will continue to pursue potential funding from other sources as they become available."

Another resident suggested creating a survey to help residents express their ideas about what they want to see at the site and narrow down the possibilities.

A question was also raised regarding whether this RFP would differ from the past since other proposals, like the aforementioned hotel, fell through.

Greenhalgh said that the market differed from past years and that the Brownfields grant is an example of steps taken to find more funding for the project.

Questions related to transportation and parking were also raised. One resident wondered if other means of public transpor-

tation were planned for the site since the 93 bus is currently the only option, and there is limited parking in the area.

In response, Rebecca Tomasovic, director of real estate at the Planning Department, indicated that transportation improvements are beyond the scope of this specific project but are something they are looking at in general and mentioned there may be some bike infrastructure.

Another resident wondered why parking on the site was not feasible. Greenhalgh chalked it up to zoning regulations, and Cha also noted that parts of the remediation and the site's location in a flood zone also hamper the ability

to include parking.

Following the discussion, Greenhalgh provided an overview of the next steps. The RFP is being drafted and is planned to be released in late spring. Developers will then be able to submit their proposals.

After the proposals are submitted, they will be presented at a community meeting in quarter three or four of this year.

For more information about this process, to view the recordings of all meetings, and to make comments, visit <https://bit.ly/ChainForge>. The current comment period closes on March 12.

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The Chestnuts: Community and Conversation for women over 50

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

Committing oneself to pause and savor a cup of coffee is a practice of self-care. Cobblestones owner, Jennifer Gallagher, starts each day with the intention of adhering to this morning ritual: drinking coffee prepared hot with oat milk and sugar, and served in a white cup and saucer for charm. Inevitably, Gallagher becomes distracted by tasks after her first sip; but arranging a breakfast spread of fresh parfaits and quiche is one expression of love that she is always devoted to.

On February 11, Gallagher invited The Chestnuts Group – a non-profit, social organization for Boston women over 50 -- to her Beacon Hill eatery to share a meal with new friends. The ladies have bonded over the past three years since Gallagher opened her café, where The Chestnuts often meet for their Community Coffees, a morning or early afternoon event held once or twice a month at a local coffee shop. Members individually purchase their own coffee

or tea, and The Chestnuts Group provides pastries.

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

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

“It’s a wonderful addition in our world,” expressed Gallagher.

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

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

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

“A lot of our members are people who have raised their children in the suburbs and have moved back to Boston,” noted Hellman. It’s a nice, eclectic group of women. We’re interested in friendship and bonding.”

Hellman describes The Chestnuts as a group of like-minded



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



Karen Fiorile, Maura Harty, Kristen Pluntze, Tina Truedson, Jennifer Gallagher, Nellie King, Judy Newton, Cynthia Kelly, Paige Lescure, and Lisa Purcell.

women who are enthusiastic, interested, and engaged, which is precisely what she was in search of and found.

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

“The conversation develops organically,” said Hellman, who facilitated the conversation held at the Capitol One Café. “We’re really excited because one is on human rights, and one is on medical care. These are both relevant topics today.”

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

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

“It’s about the lost chapter in

immigration history,” said Conway. “Ellis Island was the largest port of entry for European immigration during the turn of the 20th century. Many of them were sick. The saying was, ‘If you weren’t sick when you got on the steamship, and you landed in New York Harbor three weeks later, you might be sick.’”

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

“These doctors and nurses on Ellis Island were faced with thou-

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



Eleni Kinney and Anna Protopapas, Documentary Film Group members.

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The Massachusetts Association for Community Action (MASSCAP) honored Senator Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Marjorie Decker with their Community Action Champion awards at their public policy briefing. Richelle Cromwell, Executive Director of Chelsea's Community Action Programs Inter-City, and Tina Alu, Executive Director of the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (CEOC), spoke at the briefing to highlight their anti-poverty work and the importance of their collaboration with Senator DiDomenico and Rep. Decker.

"I am proud to stand with all the community action agencies in my district and across our state to fight against poverty and support individuals and families in need of food, housing, healthcare, and essential services," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "I look forward to working with MASSCAP and my colleagues this legislative session to ensure we support people in need throughout the Commonwealth."



Senator DiDomenico speaking at the event next to Rep. Marjorie Decker.



Senator Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Decker with their awards and the Community Action Agency leaders who introduced them, Richelle Cromwell, Executive Director of Chelsea's Community Action Programs Inter-City (far left), and Tina Alu, Executive Director of the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (far right).

CHESTNUTS (from pg. 2)

sands of patients. They knew they could get sick themselves; and yet, they were there day after day, taking care of these patients with compassion," Conway emphasized. "In spite of nativism, which we are experiencing today, there was a prevailing attitude that the immigrants were good for us. The debate continues: do we take them in or do we not? I think we're a better nation with immigrants."

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

"In a country where courage can get you killed, the dramatic series, 'Beatrice,' tells the story about one of the bravest women in the world," Conway exclaimed. "This is a story that is near and dear to my heart. Nothing has

changed in Zimbabwe. The system is dysfunctional and remains a corrupt country. A huge diaspora has left the country; and only those without the means to leave remain there if they're not the rul-

ing elite."

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

"Being a filmmaker of these

kinds of stories elevates their voices because they're strong and passionate about what they do," said Conway, who enjoyed sharing her experiences with fellow Chestnuts.


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- 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: March 11, at 7 p.m., and March 15 at 7 p.m.
- Celtics: March 6 at 7:30 p.m., March 8 at 8:30 p.m., March 10 at 7:30 p.m., and March 12 at 7:30 p.m.
- Other events: March 7 at 7 p.m., March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

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When you change your clocks, check your alarms

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

With daylight saving time beginning on March 9, Massachusetts fire officials are reminding residents to check their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when they change their clocks.

“Working smoke and CO alarms are your family’s first line of defense against an emergency at home,” said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. “As we spring forward this weekend, remember to check your alarms when you change your clocks. Be sure they’re present on every level of your home and within their useful lifespan. And unless you have newer alarms with sealed, long-life batteries, this is a great time to replace the alkaline batteries in all your alarms.”

“Smoke and CO alarms are like any other appliance – they don’t last forever,” said Foxborough Fire Chief Michael Kelleher, presi-

dent of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. “An alarm’s manufacturing date is printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms need to be replaced after 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms need to be replaced after 5, 7, or 10 years, depending on the make and model. If your alarm is out of date, or if there’s no date at all, it’s time to replace it.”

Most Fire Deaths Take Place at Home Overnight

Of the 50 fire deaths in Massachusetts last year, [1] 80% took place in dwellings – and more than half of these took place between 8:00 pm and 7:00 am. Overall, DFS code compliance officers could only confirm that smoke alarms were present and operated at about 35% of the fatal fire scenes they inspected.

“Here in Massachusetts, most fire deaths take place at home and they’re most common during the overnight hours when we’re sleep-

ing,” State Fire Marshal Davine said. “Tragically, we see this fact pattern play out again and again, especially with seniors in homes without working smoke alarms.”

Older Adults at Greatest Risk

More than half of last year’s residential fire deaths involved adults aged 65 and older. State Fire Marshal Davine and Chief Kelleher asked residents to check in on older relatives, friends, and neighbors who may need help installing, testing, or replacing their alarms. Seniors can also contact their local fire department, council on aging, or senior center for assistance: Department of Fire Services’ Senior SAFE grant program awarded nearly half a million dollars to fire departments across Massachusetts last year to support assistance with alarm installation and testing.

Replacing an out-of-date alarm?

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code requires

replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one- and two-family homes to have sealed, long-life batteries and a hush feature. These alarms are easier to maintain and less likely to be disabled while cooking or by someone using the batteries for other household appliances.

“Disabling a smoke alarm puts you and everyone in your building at risk,” said Chief Kelleher. “Never remove the batteries from a smoke alarm until it’s time to replace the batteries or the alarm itself.”

Fire officials recommend that you choose alarms from a well-known, national brand. Look for the mark of an independent testing laboratory such as UL or Intertek. Many Massachusetts fire departments have found alarms purchased through Amazon and other online retailers that do not meet the Fire Code – and may not perform when they’re needed

most. “If the price seems too good to be true, then it probably is,” said State Fire Marshal Davine.

Carbon Monoxide Hazards

Heating equipment is the leading source of carbon monoxide at home, Chief Kelleher said, and CO remains a hazard even in warmer weather. While many carbon monoxide incidents involve furnaces and other heating appliances, CO is also produced by stoves, grills, and vehicles, as well as generators put into use during a power outage.

“Massachusetts firefighters report detecting carbon monoxide at about 5,000 calls each year,” said Chief Kelleher. “We can’t see, smell, or taste this silent, invisible killer. Working CO alarms are the only way to detect it. Please be sure you have them in place at home. If you hear them sounding, get out to fresh air right away and call 9-1-1 for help.”

Healey declares March to be American Red Cross Month

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Gov. Maura Healey has issued a proclamation declaring March to be American Red Cross Month in Massachusetts, joining a national celebration of the work of Red Cross volunteers.

This tradition began over 80 years ago when President Franklin Roosevelt issued the first national Red Cross Month proclamation.

“Since Massachusetts’ own Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross over 140 years ago, multiple generations have stepped up to deliver relief and care across our country and around the world, bringing out the best of humanity in times of crisis,” reads the proclamation. “More than 2,400 Red Cross volunteers in Massachusetts remain unwavering in their commitment to prevent and alleviate

human suffering in the face of emergency.”

In addition to responding to home fires and other local disasters an average of twice a day around the state, Red Crossers who live in Massachusetts have already deployed more than 300 times since July 2024 to aid large disaster relief operations in other parts of the country, including the California wildfires and Hurricanes Helene and Milton which impacted several Southeastern states. In fact, 2024 recorded the second-highest number of billion-dollar disasters in a single year, due to major events like hurricanes, floods and tornadoes, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Governor Healey’s proclamation will be displayed TODAY MARCH 5 at the State House in

Nurses Hall, from 10-3, then will be brought to its permanent location at a Red Cross office.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org/MA or CruzRojaAmericana.org. Follow us on social media: Red Cross of Massachusetts on Facebook and LinkedIn, @RedCrossMA on X (formerly Twitter) @AmericanRedCross on Instagram and TikTok.

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CITY PAWS

License Your Dog

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We have reminders on our calendar to license our dog in March. Typically, we receive email and snail mail reminders from the City of Boston. Massachusetts law requires all dogs to be licensed with their city or town by April 1st of each year.

There are many good reasons to license your dog. In addition to being a legal requirement, licensing dogs is a form of advocacy. Adding your residence to the list of homes with dogs supports organizations fighting for services for those who share their lives with companion animals.

It's easy for politicians to ignore the wishes of dog owners when setting funds for recreational space and services when the official number of dogs is vastly decreased by those who don't get a license. In addition, dog walkers, kennels, dog parks, and some residential buildings require licensing.

Finally, the lack of a license says something about you should you ever face a legal situation regarding your dog. Something that might result in a warning could escalate to a fine when an enforce-

ment official sees you as a scofflaw. In the case of a lawsuit or an insurance issue, your lack of a license could undermine your credibility.

Rabies Vaccination Required

You must have proof of a current rabies vaccination to license your dog. With rabies vaccinations, you don't have a choice since state law requires, "Each owner or keeper of a dog, cat or ferret that is 6 months of age or older shall cause such dog, cat or ferret to be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian using a licensed vaccine ..."

However, Massachusetts is one state that allows medical exemptions for rabies vaccinations. There are precise guidelines that begin with your veterinarian explaining to the licensing agency why your dog should not be vaccinated at this time. Refer to Chapter 93 Section 145B of Massachusetts laws for details.

Below are the Low-cost Rabies Clinics scheduled in Boston. Your municipality may have a similar program. Non-residents can't license their dogs at these clinics. However, they can get a rabies vaccination for \$10.



We received our license at the well-organized Animal Rescue League Clinic last year.

RABIES VACCINE FEES for Cats and Dogs

- Boston residents: \$5
- Boston residents over the age of 70: \$2
- Non-residents: \$10

2025 Clinic Dates and Locations

- DORCHESTER | MARCH 1.

BCYF Perkins Community Center | 155 Talbot Ave.

• WEST ROXBURY | MARCH 15. BCYF Roche Community Center | 1716 Centre St.

• SOUTH END | APRIL 5. Animal Rescue League of Boston | 10 Chandler St.

• DORCHESTER | MARCH 1. BCYF Perkins Community Center | 155 Talbot Ave.

• JAMAICA PLAIN | MAY 3. BCYF Curtis Hall Community Center | 20 South St.

• EAST BOSTON | MARCH

29. BCYF Pino Community Center | 86 Boardman St.

• CHARLESTOWN | APRIL 12. BCYF Charlestown Community Center | 255 Medford St.


• ROXBURY | MAY 31. BCYF Condon Community Center | 200 D St.

• SOUTH BOSTON | MAY 17. BCYF Condon Community Center | 200 D St.

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

PAUL REVERE COMES TO CITY SQUARE PARK

Cheer on Paul and Brown Beauty as they make their way to Concord and Lexington on Patriot's Day.

 April 21, 9:45am - 10:30am (Paul arrives around 10:15am but can run early or late)

 City Square Park Fountain & Near Ken Stone's Bench

Special guest appearances by Deacon John Larkin & Co. plus enjoy an abridged version of Longfellow's poem, "Paul Revere's Ride" as performed by local students.

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