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The US Marines Honor Guard stands at attention for the National Anthem during the 57 annual Lt. Michael P. Quinn scholarship dinner dance.

## THE ANNUAL LT. MICHAEL P. QUINN SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE

The 2025 Quinn Scholarship recipient Grace Gans-Linnane offers remarks. She is attending Assumption University and is the first recipient from East Boston High School. See Pages 4-5 and 8-9 for more photos.



## Wu celebrates graduation of PowerCorps Boston cohort

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu celebrated the graduation of PowerCorps Boston's fifth cohort, the largest in the program's history. PowerCorps Boston is the City's green industry workforce development program that prepares young adults for high-quality careers that address Boston's most pressing environmental challenges. The 38 graduates spent the past 10 months learning about various green industries and acquiring skills in urban forestry, urban greening, and energy-efficient building operations and maintenance. This graduation builds on Mayor Wu's work to make Bos-

ton a home for everyone.

"Congratulations to this record-breaking cohort of PowerCorps Boston graduates, who have dedicated the past ten months to building skills, strengthening our neighborhoods, and advancing Boston's climate future," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Programs like PowerCorps are critical in expanding opportunity, developing a skilled green workforce, and ensuring Boston remains a city for everyone."

A joint program of the Worker Empowerment Cabinet and the Environment, Energy, and Open Space Cabinet, PowerCorps Bos-

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### CNC MEETING DATES

CNC General Meeting, Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 7 PM, Knights of Columbus

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold an in-person public meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus, located at 545 Medford Street, Charlestown. The agenda will include a presentation by the New England Revolution and Kevin Bogle, Boston Parks and Recreation, with an update on Barry Playground. Please bring your questions and neighborhood concerns to the meeting or email us at [cnc02129@gmail.com](mailto:cnc02129@gmail.com)

CNC Development Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 9, 2026, 6 PM – 191 Main St.

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council's Development Committee will hold an in-person, public meeting on Thursday, April 9, at 6 PM in the Charlestown Branch Library, Community Room at 179 Main St. in Charlestown, MA. The sole agenda item is a permit application for a change in zoning (use and occupancy) for the first-floor commercial unit at 191 Main St. to allow the temporary relocation of the liquor store at 10 Thompson Square while that site is developed per the plans approved last year by the ZBA. If approved by the ZBA, there will be a subsequent Licensing Board community process. A brief presentation by the project proponents will be followed by an opportunity for the committee and community to ask questions.



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# EDITORIAL

## HAPPY PASSOVER

Passover, which begins at sundown this Wednesday (April 1) and ends at nightfall next Thursday (April 9) celebrates the biblical story of the Exodus, when the Israelites were freed from slavery after the 10th plague on Egypt (each of which was more devastating than the last).

God spared the Israelites' firstborn by having them mark their doorposts with lamb's blood, which informed God's Angels of Death to "pass over" the Israelites' homes. This final plague, which claimed the Pharaoh's own firstborn son, demonstrated God's power and ultimately compelled Pharaoh to give the Israelites their freedom.

Passover commences with the First Seder, which is a special dinner that includes the recitation of the Kiddush, the Motzi, and other blessings in Hebrew. The story of Passover is retold during the Seder and the youngest person at the table recites, "The Four Questions" (Mah Nishtanah) that provide the answers to the primary question: "Why is this night unlike all others?"

The Four Questions highlight the unique rituals of the evening:

On all other nights we eat either leavened or unleavened bread. On this night, why do we eat only unleavened matzah (a bread made with flour and water that is baked quickly to prevent it from rising)?

Answer: To remind us of the haste with which our ancestors left Egypt.

On all other nights we eat all kinds of herbs. On this night, why only bitter herbs (maror)?

Answer: To remind us of the bitterness of slavery.

On all other nights we do not dip our herbs even once. On this night, why do we dip them twice?

Answer: It reminds us of the tears shed (dipping karpas in salt water) and the mortar used by our ancestors (dipping in charoset).

On all other nights we eat sometimes sitting and sometimes reclining. On this night, why do we all recline?

Answer: To remind us of how free people relax and dine.

We wish all of our friends and readers of the Jewish faith a Happy Passover (Chag Sameach)!

## HAPPY EASTER

This Sunday is Easter Sunday, the holiest and most significant day in the Christian faith, when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which occurred two days after his crucifixion on Good Friday. Our friends of the Eastern Orthodox faith will celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 12, according to the Julian calendar.

Christians believe that Christ died to redeem us from our sins. His resurrection represents the victory over death and sin, a testament to the power of God and a promise of eternal life, offering hope that they too, can have eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

We wish all of our Christian friends and readers a very happy and joyful Easter.

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### REGISTER NOW FOR CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

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### WU, CHIEF OF PLANNING KAIROS SHEN HOST FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE EVENT

Earlier this week, city experts, planners, Downtown business and property owners, and community members gathered for a public conversation on the future of Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

The event featured a series of panel discussions focused on reimagining the Marketplace as a catalyst for strengthening Boston's downtown ecosystem. Speakers discussed the district's layout, design, and historic evolution, while also highlighting the civic significance and symbolic role of the Marketplace.

The public program kicked off two days of tours and workshops with urban design and development experts from across the US and Europe who are exploring with Boston's leaders how the Marketplace can help revitalize the Government Center District.


### WU ANNOUNCES NEW SENIOR STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Michelle Wu announced new senior staff appointments, continuing ef-

orts to build an experienced, knowledgeable Cabinet and senior leadership team to advance her second-term agenda.

Veronica Yoo will serve as Chief of Communications. In this role, Yoo will lead the City's communications strategy and oversee a team focused on meeting residents where they are, building trust and transparency, and engaging communities across every neighborhood. She previously served as Press Secretary and

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# NEMPAC welcomes new members to Board of Directors

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) is pleased to announce the appointment of three new members to its Board of Directors: Jessica St. Louis, Bruce Rosendahl, and Karen Frost. Each brings a wealth of professional expertise and a shared commitment to arts education and community engagement.

Jessica St. Louis brings extensive leadership experience in program and project management across the higher education, healthcare, and nonprofit sectors. She currently serves as Senior Project Manager for Mass General Brigham's Health Careers Training Partnership, where she leads initiatives that expand access to healthcare career pathways for Boston-area high school students. Previously, she directed research pathway programs at Harvard Medical School and has co-authored more than 15 publications focused on disparities in healthcare and education. She holds a Master's degree in Education Leadership from the Harvard Graduate School of Education



Karen Frost.



Bruce Rosendahl.



Jessica St. Louis.

and a Bachelor's degree from Tufts University.

Bruce Rosendahl is a Relationship Development Manager at Granite Telecommunications, with over 15 years of experience building and maintaining partnerships with national account clients. A former Grammy voting member, Bruce previously worked in artist relations for 429 Records in Santa Monica, CA. He currently serves as Treasurer for Old North Church and is an accomplished six-time Boston Marathon finisher. In his free time, he enjoys learning piano and woodturning.

Karen Frost is a seasoned financial professional with more

than 25 years of experience in corporate and nonprofit financial management. She currently serves as Financial Officer at the MIT Museum and previously held the role of CFO at the Boston Lyric Opera. Karen has also held senior financial leadership positions in the financial services sector in New York, Boston, and London. She holds a degree from the College of William & Mary and an MBA from the Wharton School. Her service on the NEMPAC Board and Finance Committee reflects her passion for the arts, opera, and arts education.

NEMPAC's Board Clerk,

Tchad Court, shared, "We are delighted to welcome our new board members. Each brings a deep commitment to community engagement and a genuine passion for the arts that reflects the values we hold as an organization. NEMPAC has experienced a significant amount of change over the past year, and we've navigated it with

resilience and purpose. I'm excited for the opportunities ahead and look forward to working together to strengthen our impact."

For more information about NEMPAC and its programs, please visit [nempacboston.org](http://nempacboston.org).

NEMPAC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) community music school and performing arts center, founded in 2001 to expand access to high-quality arts education. Each year, NEMPAC serves over 2,900 students and community members through lessons, classes, and partnerships with Boston schools. Through its concerts and professional productions—including many free programs such as Jazz in the Park and Opera on the Prado—NEMPAC advances equitable access to the arts while supporting a vibrant network of local artists.

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Communications Advisor at the U.S. Department of Labor, as a spokesperson for Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign, and a speechwriter for the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon.

Pedro Spivakovsky-Gonzalez will serve as Director of Cabinet Affairs, leading internal coordination efforts to ensure Cabinet and community members are informed and working together on key initiatives and priorities. He previously served as Executive Director of the Community Dispute Settlement Center, a community mediation and training center that provides conflict resolution services and workshops in the Boston area. Prior to that he worked as a legal aid lawyer for low-income veterans in Massachusetts at a Boston-based non-profit. He also serves as a Captain in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps Re-

serves.

"Especially in challenging times, Boston must keep the City connected to our communities. Ensuring all our efforts are coordinated across City departments will help us deliver more impactful results and stretch every dollar," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm honored to serve alongside them as we

take on the hard work ahead to keep Boston moving forward."

"As staff step into new roles and new team members join us, our mission remains unchanged: making Boston a city that works for everyone," said Chief of Staff Clare Kelly. "I'm grateful to this team for their commitment to delivering results for residents."

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### • DIVERSITY STEM SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to high school seniors who reside or attend school in the city of Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, Revere, Worcester, Bedford, Concord, Lexington or Lincoln, and are involved in community service with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Scholarship applications must be received by Massport **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026**. For more information on these scholarships, including application links and criteria please visit, [www.massport.com](http://www.massport.com)

# THE ANNUAL LT. MICHAEL P. QUINN SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

Lt. Michael P. Quinn grew up in Charlestown, attended Boston Latin School then Holy Cross where he enrolled in the Marines ROTC and received his Commission when he graduated. He served bravely in Vietnam when he killed in action on Aug 29, 1969.

He lived a life devoted to service and his friends refused to let

that spirit perish. They established the Lt. Michael P. Quinn Scholarship, keeping his name alive and enriching students from Charlestown by helping them achieve their education.

This is the 57th Annual Dinner Dance with over \$354,000 awarded. A fitting "Testimonial To A Townie."



Bunker Hill Associates VP John Caldwell and his daughter Vanna.



Massachusetts State Rep. Dan Ryan with Bennett Walsh and Christian Bach.



Jim Harvey and family at the March 28 annual dinner dance.



Christian Bach with Mahesh Babani and Allie Burns.



The U.S. Marines Honor Guard approaches the head table.

**Happy Easter!**

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James Greatorex of Bunker Hill Pipe Band led the Honor Guard to start of the official program.

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Previous recipients of the Quinn Scholarship.



Quinn Scholarship Board members.



Massachusetts State Rep. Dan Ryan and Quinn Scholarship Treasurer Ronan Fitzpatrick with the 2025 scholarship recipient Grace Gans-Linnane.



Noel Gallagher, Jen Buxton, previous Quinn Scholarship recipient Devin Gallagher, Meghan Collins, and Annemarie Walsh.



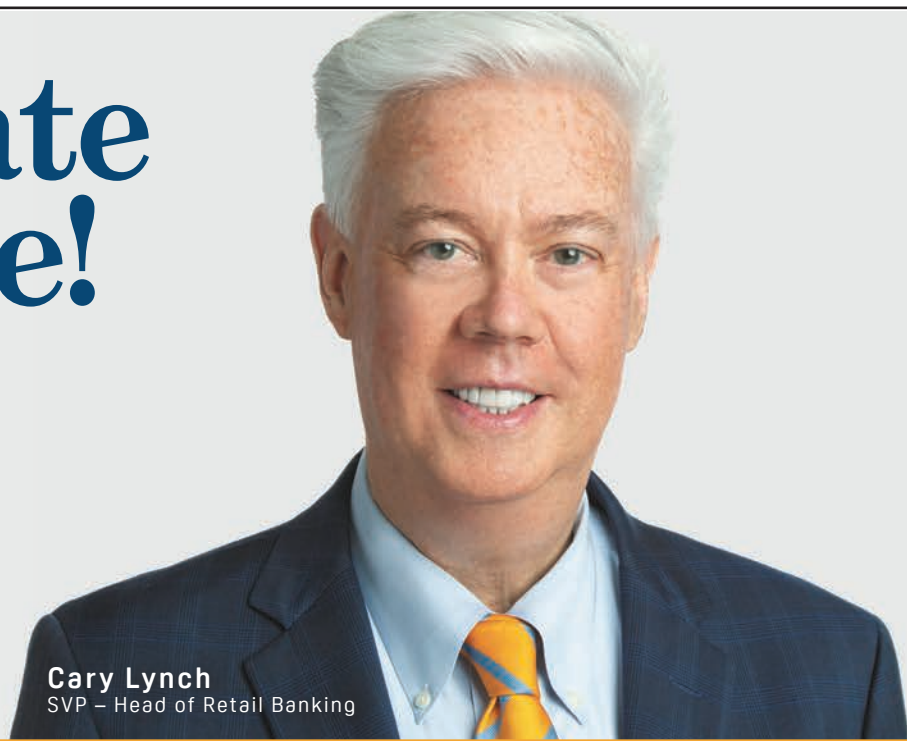
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# Massachusetts House passes fair-share supplemental budget

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The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a \$1.8 billion supplemental budget that invests \$885 million in public transportation and \$417 million in public education, and funds several Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) deficiencies. The bill passed today also includes the tax conformity legislation filed by Governor Healey that delays the state's alignment with the corporate tax changes passed by Congress in the OB3 Act last year.

"From significant investments in public transportation and public education, to support for DTA caseworkers and expenses related to the World Cup, to fiscally prudent tax conformity measures – this legislation is representative of the responsible approach that the House will continue to take as we navigate a period of significant economic uncertainty," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I want to thank Chairman Michlewitz for his hard work, as well as all my colleagues in the House for recognizing the importance of the investments and reforms that this legislation makes."

"The use of these one-time surplus funds provides us with a unique opportunity to better strength the Commonwealth in numerous ways. By further improving our educational and transportation sectors we will build off the work we have done in the last several budget cycles with a judicious use of the Fair Share funds. The tax changes contained in this bill will help support the state's economic competitiveness, while giving us time to absorb the expected loss in revenue," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston). "I want to thank Speaker Mariano and all our House colleagues for

their input and support on this critical funding legislation."

I'm excited to have secured Fair Share funding for organizations across East Boston, which will provide critical transportation and education resources for our community," said Representative Adrian Madaro, Chair of the Joint Committee on Revenue (D-East Boston). "From expanding East Boston ferry service, now with year round service and longer hours, supporting senior transportation through NeighborHealth's PACE program, and providing more resources for educational and youth programs across East Boston, I'm proud to support these vital assets for our neighborhood!"

"In addition to my work advocating for East Boston, I'm grateful to my colleagues for the opportunity to lead the work on the tax change provisions in this bill in my role as Chair of the Joint Committee on Revenue," continued Representative Madaro. "These adjustments are limited in scope and make timely, necessary changes in response to the 5 costliest provisions of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, simultaneously mitigating significant state revenue loss while maintaining Massachusetts' economic competitiveness."

Representative Madaro was able to secure \$2,725,000 in provisions for organizations and services that benefit the East Boston community. In line with the guidelines for Fair Share funding, these investments are focused on education and transportation projects.

Projects funded include:

- East Boston Ferry – continues funding for the East Boston Ferry service between Lewis Wharf Mall in East Boston and Long Wharf in the North End, including new year-round service and longer hours

- NeighborHealth PACE – supports medically necessary transportation and home meal delivery services through the PACE program out of NeighborHealth

- Boston Debate League – funds after-school debate league programs

- Friends of the Children – supports the expansion of professional K-12 youth mentorship programs

- Piers Park Sailing Center – provides funding for sailing and maritime education and operations in East Boston

- East Boston Social Center – supports their mission to provide community-based initiatives for kindergarten

- Boston Scores – supports the operations of east Boston FC and Festival 2026 programming to involve youth in celebrating Boston hosting the World Cup

- East Boston School STEM – provides funding for experiential STEM and innovation programming for public schools serving K-6 in East Boston

- YouthConnect – provides for community-based mental health services for high-risk youth and their families

- Salt Marsh Education – supports the UMass Stone Living Lab's research of salt marsh rehabilitation in East Boston

The bill delays conforming to the federal corporate tax changes that were passed by Congress in the OB3 Act last year, which will represent approximately a \$400 million revenue loss for the Commonwealth when fully implemented. Under the bill, the Research and Experimental expense deduction will be delayed one year, the deductions for the Modification of Business Interest, Depreciable Asset Expensing, Qualified Production Properties will be delayed two years, and the Modification of Qualified Opportunity Zone Investments program will also

be delayed two years. However, should the ballot question to lower the state income tax from 5 percent to 4 percent pass in November, which would result in a \$5 billion revenue loss when fully implemented, the Commonwealth would permanently decouple from these tax credits, preventing them from going into effect.

The \$1.8 billion bill is funded in part by \$1.3 billion from excess Fair Share surtax funds to invest in public transportation and education. Highlights include:

- \$885 million towards transportation:

- \$740 million towards the MBTA

- \$525 million for the Deficiency Reserve

- \$125 million for the Workforce & Safety Reserve

- \$60 million for physical infrastructure with a focus on the core subway system

- \$20 million for low-income reduced fares

- \$10 million for water transportation infrastructure

- Other transportation items include:

- \$50 million for snow and ice costs

- \$25 million for Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) workforce development

- \$30 million to fund the Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Credit

- \$30 million for MassDOT Service Investments

- \$417 million towards education:

- o \$150 million towards Special Education Circuit Breaker costs

- o \$150 million to fund Early Education Child Care costs

- o \$38.7 million for the EEC income eligibility waitlist

- Includes \$8 million for child care for providers and \$7.5 million for the loan forgiveness program for providers

- o \$20 million for Green School-Works program to help schools with clean energy upgrades

- o \$18.3 million for Financial Aid Supplements

- o \$20 million endowment Match for UMass and other state colleges and universities

- o \$5.1 million for Tomorrow's Teachers Loan Forgiveness program

- o \$5 million for ESOL Services Waitlist

The bill also allocates \$507 million from the General Fund:

- \$300 million for the Group Insurance Commission (GIC)

- \$54.4 million for sheriffs, representing half of the deficiency

- o Requires reporting on the expenses of proposed usage of the funds

- \$41.6 million for DTA caseworkers

- \$10 million for FIFA Boston for World Cup related expenses

The bill also includes the following outside sections:

- Food Donation Tax Credit: Establishes a food donation tax credit for farm businesses based on the amount of food donated to a nonprofit food distribution organization. The credit is capped at \$5,000 annually per individual.

- Sustainable Aviation Fuel Credit: Allows taxpayers to take a credit against the tax imposed on fuels used for aircraft propulsion and, subject to limitation, requires the amount of credit per gallon of sustainable fuel to increase by \$0.015 for each additional 1 percent reduction in life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions above 50 percent. The credit is capped at \$10 million total for all cumulative tax credits over a fiscal year.

- Ratifies eight Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs)

The bill passed the House of Representatives 150-3 and now goes to the Senate for consideration.

## DPH advises extending RSV immunizations for infants for an additional month

Special to the Patriot-Bridges

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) issued a clinical advisory to health care providers recommending that respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) monoclonal antibody immunizations continue to be administered to eligible infants through April 30, 2026, in response to ongoing RSV activity across the state and throughout the region.

RSV monoclonal antibody immunizations are typically administered from October through March. The current RSV

season, however, began later than usual, and it is continuing further into the spring. Surveillance data show sustained RSV activity in Massachusetts and surrounding states, prompting the extension of the immunization window beyond the usual March 31 endpoint.

"RSV continues to circulate at meaningful levels later into the spring than we typically see," said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. "Public health guidance must reflect the reality of the moment. Extending access to these preventive tools is about matching data and risk with

proven measures that can prevent and protect our youngest residents from the most severe effects of this illness."

RSV, a common respiratory virus, is a leading cause of hospitalization among infants in the United States. While RSV often begins as a mild, cold-like illness, it can lead to serious conditions such as bronchiolitis and pneumonia. This illness can be particularly problematic for very young infants and those with underlying medical conditions that make them especially vulnerable to the disease.

In the clinical advisory, DPH

urged clinicians to assess the RSV immunization status of infants and encourage monoclonal antibody protection for those who are eligible and have not yet received the immunization during the current season.

Infants younger than 8 months of age should receive RSV monoclonal antibody immunization if their mother was not vaccinated during pregnancy, if maternal vaccination status is unknown, or if they were born within 14 days of maternal vaccination. Certain children aged 8 to 19 months are at increased risk for severe RSV

disease – including those with chronic lung disease or prematurity, severe immunocompromise, cystic fibrosis, or other qualifying conditions – and should also receive RSV immunization.

"RSV remains the leading cause of serious respiratory tract infection in infants, and too many young children still are at risk of preventable hospitalization," said Larry Madoff, MD, Medical Director of DPH's Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences. "We have a safe,

# Boston Athenaeum revisits Constantine Manos's iconic 'Where's Boston?' in 50th anniversary exhibition

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The Boston Athenaeum will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the seminal 1975 exhibition, 'Where's Boston?', featuring the photography of Constantine Manos.

This new exhibition opens June 15. 'Where's Boston? 50 Years Later' reexamines Manos's vivid portraits of everyday life across Boston's neighborhoods, highlighting the city's cultural diversity and shared humanity.

Curated by Lauren Graves, the exhibition explores Manos's expansive lens as he highlights the dynamic everyday life of Boston. To make this series, Manos immersed himself in the rhythms of city life. His photographs explore Boston in all its complexities, highlighting the medley of old and new architecture, residents of all ages, and varied cultural traditions. Created as Boston grappled with desegregation, shifting demographics, and political uncertainty, Manos's photographs reflect both the vitality of the city and the tensions embedded in its public spaces. He documents iconic Boston hubs like Faneuil Hall and the Boston Common and expands his lens to Roxbury, Dorchester, and the South End. The series captures bustling streets, protests, markets, and parades alongside quieter interior moments and intimate gestures. The aim of this exhibition is to explore Manos's vivid

composite portrait of Boston at a moment of profound social and cultural change.

"Manos's work is multilayered—at once intensely intimate and strikingly legible." Lauren Graves, Associate Curator at Boston Athenaeum, said in a press release. "Each photograph invites close looking, revealing new stories as its layers unfold. What first appears simple ultimately prompts questions of perspective, voice, history, and access within Boston's landscape."

While researching this exhibition, Graves and Michelle LeBlanc, Athenaeum director of education, conducted an extensive search to identify people featured in Manos's photographs. Through weeks of tabling at senior and community centers and monitoring and engaging with online community groups. Graves and LeBlanc identified 27 photo subjects and conducted oral history interviews with more than 15 people. These oral histories, featured in the exhibition and preserved in the Athenaeum's archive, invite subjects to share their stories, memories, and reflections on the moments captured and on the era they represent.

"Where's Boston? 50 Years Later' is a visual celebration that captures the vibrant spirit of the city and is a joy for anyone who loves Boston," added Leah Rosovsky, Stanford Calderwood



'Librarian at work, Boston Athenaeum' by Constantine Manos.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BOSTON ATHENAEUM

Director at the Boston Athenaeum. "The photos are absolutely fabulous—each one tells a story and sparks memories of the many neighbors that bring our city to life. We're delighted to share Manos's work, which will call viewers back to the city in 1975."

Manos's photographs are timeless as the nation starts America250

activations. His work holds a mirror to Boston and asks viewers to reflect on how changes and conflicts have shaped the city and how half a century can transform a place while remaining rooted in historical identities.

Constantine Manos (1934-2025) was born in Columbia, S.C., and started his photography

career in a school camera club. At 19, he arrived in Boston to be the official photographer for the Boston Symphony Orchestra. In 1963, he was invited to join the photography collective Magnum Photos, known for maintaining high ethical standards and intentional storytelling through photography.

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effective way to reduce that risk, and extending access now will help to protect more infants while RSV continues to circulate. We will continue to closely monitor RSV trends and will adjust our approach based on real-time data and what we are seeing in communities across the Commonwealth."

This extension applies only to infant monoclonal antibody immunization for the 2025-2026 RSV season. The seasonal window for maternal RSV vaccination – September 1 through January 31 – remains unchanged and should not be extended, as maternal vaccination timing cannot be adjusted

once pregnancy has progressed.

In addition to infant protection, RSV vaccination is recommended for older adults. Adults aged 75 and older and those aged 50 to 74 with certain underlying conditions should receive a one-time RSV vaccine dose. Unlike infant immunization, RSV vaccination for older adults is not seasonal and can be administered year-round.

For more information, visit the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Respiratory Illness Dashboard and review current American Academy of Pediatrics guidance on RSV prevention.

## Boston, union leadership reach agreement to manage growing health care costs

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Public Employee Committee (PEC) today announced an agreement to curb growing health care costs, generating an estimated \$10.6 million in savings for the City and its employees through the implementation of utilization management.

"Amid one of the most challenging budget environments in recent years, this agreement reflects the strength of our labor-management partnership and what's possible when the City and our unions work side by side," said Mayor Michelle Wu and PEC Chair Elissa Cadillac in a joint statement. "Together, we

are taking steps to responsibly manage rising costs while protecting the health care coverage that our workforce depends on, and the high-quality core City services that our residents deserve."

Like municipalities across the Commonwealth, Boston is facing mounting inflationary pressures and significant cost increases heading into FY27. While revenues are projected to grow by only 1.5%-2.5% over FY26, costs—especially health care expenses—are rising significantly, driven in part by increased use of GLP-1 drugs for weight loss. This imbalance presents a major budgetary challenge for the City.

Under the agreement, which the PEC voted to pass with unanimous consent, the City's Blue Cross Blue Shield health plan will implement utilization management, an industry-standard cost containment tool that ensures prescription drugs are only prescribed when clinically appropriate.

This reform is expected to save approximately \$10.6 million for the City budget and employee premiums. The City committed to reinvesting the resulting employer savings to minimize the impacts of any targeted reductions driven by the overall budget challenges facing the City in the upcoming fiscal year.

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DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



Bob Quinn with his family.



Massachusetts State Rep. Dan Ryan speaks at the podium. Regarding the character of Lt. Michael P. Quinn "An athlete, a scholar, someone who had it all and he put it on the line for his country."



Attorney Bill Simmott offers remarks: "You remember, you honor, you come together as a community" in linking the parallels between the comradeship of The Marines and the residents of Charlestown.



City of Boston Veterans Services Commissioner Robert Santiago offers remarks: "There is a theme here tonight, and that theme is community."



Caroline Collier, Brenna Galvin, Bridgette Collier, and Jake Scanlan.



The Keynote Speaker was US Marines Brigadier General Joseph Katz. After noting that many of the Marines from the Boston area who fought in Vietnam came from Charlestown. To Quinn Scholarship recipient Grace Gans-Linnane he said "You carry his name into the classroom."



Quinn Scholarship Treasurer Ronan Fitzpatrick offers remarks.



Keynote Speaker U.S. Marines Brigadier General Joseph Katz speaks with guests.



Kevin Kelly and Jason Gallagher.



Keynote Speaker US Marines Brigadier General Joseph Katz is presented with a print of the USS Constitution from Quinn Scholarship Treasurer Ronan Fitzpatrick and Board member Bill Hughes.

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DJ Alan Labella entertained the crowd (photo above and below) with music and dancing.



DJ Alan Labella And Maureen Collier.

# THE ANNUAL LT. MICHAEL P. QUINN SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE

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Stan Leonard, Joe Zuffante, and Walter Southern, known as the "Three Wise Men" stand to be recognized for working to renovate Memorial Hall where the first Quinn Scholarship Dinner Dance in 1970.



Bill Sinnott and Tom Cunha.



Attorney Bill Sinnott and Quinn Scholarship Treasurer Ronan Fitzpatrick.



The Best Defensive Player of the Year Award for the Holy Cross College team recipient for a second year in a row was Mack Oliphant (center) with Quinn Scholarship Board members Chris O'Brien and Larry Brown. Lt. Michael P. Quinn attended Holy Cross College and played on the hockey team before joining the Marines to serve in Vietnam.



Keynote Speaker U.S. Marines Brigadier General Joseph Katz is presented with a print of the USS Constitution from Quinn Scholarship Treasurer Ronan Fitzpatrick and Board member Bill Hughes.



Representing Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta-Zapata was her Charlestown Liason Elaine Donovan (right) with Boston Veterans Services Commissioner Robert Santiago.

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# Massachusetts House passes the PROTECT Act

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The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed the PROTECT Act, landmark legislation led by State Representative Judith Garcia and State Representative Andy Vargas, Chair of the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, in partnership with the Caucus. The bill establishes clear statewide standards governing how state and local systems interact with federal immigration enforcement, strengthening due process protections while ensuring public safety and trust in the Commonwealth's institutions.

Originally filed by Representative Garcia and Representative Vargas, the PROTECT Act delivers a practical and legally sound response to growing concerns across Massachusetts, particularly in communities like Chelsea, where residents have raised alarm about the impact of federal immigration enforcement in courthouses and the broader justice system.

"This legislation is a direct response to what I have seen and heard as the State Representative for Chelsea and Everett," said Representative Judith Garcia. "Residents shared urgent concerns about what was happening in our courthouses, including fears about showing up for their own cases. I met with families who were directly impacted and visited the Plymouth correctional facility, where I spent hours speaking with individuals who had been detained. Their experiences played a critical role in shaping this bill.

Nine months ago, I was

appointed to serve on an immigration task force charged with developing a response that is both legally sound and grounded in the authority we have at the state level. From the beginning, my focus has been clear: we cannot control federal immigration policy, and we cannot pursue blanket approaches that fall outside our jurisdiction. But we do have a responsibility to ensure that our state systems, especially our courts, operate safely, fairly, and with integrity.

I was proud to co-lead the filing of the PROTECT Act alongside Representative Vargas to deliver a bill that is both practical and enforceable. This legislation establishes clear standards for what happens in our courthouses, protects due process, and ensures that all residents can access our justice system without fear. For communities like Chelsea, Everett and across the Commonwealth, this is about restoring trust, upholding the rule of law, and making sure our institutions work for everyone."

After constituents raised concerns last year, Representative Garcia called for an investigation into courthouse conditions. The Trial Court confirmed the increasing challenges facing court operations as a result of federal immigration enforcement activity.

The Trial Court submitted a letter of support for this legislation emphasizing the high number of ICE arrests within their courthouses over the past 15 months. In 2025, there were at least 614 arrests within courthouses across



Representatives of the Black and Latino Caucus joined Chair of Ways and Means and Speaker Ron Mariano after the vote.

the Commonwealth. Since the start of this year, they have documented another 137 courthouse arrests by ICE. They expressed how prohibiting ICE arrests without a judicial warrant within the courthouse will allow the judicial branch to operate free from external interference and ensure that courthouses remain safe and accessible to all court users.

"We are grateful for the leadership and swift action of our legislature on the PROTECT Act. These efforts build back trust and sense of safety in our community. The PROTECT act ensures that families in Chelsea feel safe and supported. It reinforces established constitutional rights. It does not weaken public safety. It strengthens it. We will continue moving forward, building a strong commonwealth that protects all of our residents," said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.

"We were extremely happy to be in the State House witnessing this great day when the House passes the PROTECT Act," said Gladys Vega, President & CEO of La Colaborativa. "This bill was drafted and based on feedback from our communities. This bill will limit ICE's presence in our courtrooms and ensure that witnesses and victims can continue to come forward and participate in our judicial system with no fear. We are also extremely grateful for reforming the certification process of the U and T visas, which will help many in our community cooperate in investigations of crime and human trafficking. This legislation is very needed for cities like Chelsea and Gateway Cities, and we urge the Senate to pass it quickly."

"Since the beginning of President Trump's second term, ICE and Border Patrol agents have

continued to carry out aggressive enforcement actions that have created fear and uncertainty in communities across Massachusetts," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "That's why this legislation is so important, as it takes steps to ensure that all residents are treated equally under state law and helps protect the trust between communities and law enforcement. I want to thank Chairman Michlewitz, Chairman Cahill, Representative Garcia, Chairman Vargas, and the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus for their leadership and dedication to this issue."

"By passing the PROTECT Act, we will create a statewide standard for governing interactions between state and local systems and federal immigration enforcement," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston), Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means. "This legislation ensures uniform protections and fundamental civil rights for all residents, regardless of immigration status."

"This legislation affirms that due process is not a courtesy extended at the government's discretion, it is a constitutional right," said Representative Andy Vargas (D-Haverhill), Chair of the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus. "This bill ensures that our courts function, that trust in our communities is preserved, and that the promise of due process is upheld for all."

Following the filing of the PROTECT Act in January, House leadership convened discussions with legislators and stakeholders, including immigration advocates, law enforcement officials, district attorneys, sheriffs, union leaders, civil liberties organizations, and representatives from the Attorney General's Office, the Healey-

Driscoll Administration, and the Trial Court.

## Key Provisions of the PROTECT Act

**Limits on Law Enforcement**  
Restricts state and local involvement in federal civil immigration enforcement, including limiting when immigration status can be questioned and restricting the use of local resources.

## Courthouse Arrest Protections

Requires a judicial warrant or order for civil immigration arrests in courthouses and limits arrests in courtrooms.

## Detention and Legal Access

Establishes uniform standards in correctional facilities, including access to legal counsel, language services, and transparency in custody status.

## Worker Notification

Requires employers to notify employees within 48 hours of federal immigration inspections.

## U and T Visa

## Certification Reform

Improves and streamlines the certification process for victims of crime and human trafficking.

## Bail Considerations

Allows courts to consider the likelihood of deportation when making bail determinations to preserve case integrity.

## State Facilities and Public Guidance

Authorizes restrictions on enforcement in nonpublic state facilities and requires multilingual public guidance.

## Enforcement

Empowers the Attorney General to enforce compliance through civil action.

The bill passed the House of Representatives 134-21 and now moves to the Senate.

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# Project Bread CEO Erin McAleer rolls burritos for a cause at Anna's Taqueria

On Thursday, March 19, Project Bread partnered with Anna's Taqueria to host a successful community fundraiser at the restaurant's Brookline location. The event brought together supporters, community members, and local leaders for an evening dedicated to raising awareness and funds to combat food insecurity across Massachusetts.

Project Bread President & CEO Erin McAleer joined the Anna's team behind the counter, rolling burritos and engaging directly with guests, adding a unique and interactive element to the evening. A portion of all in-person entrée sales during the event was donated to the 2026 Walk for Hunger, helping to support Project Bread's statewide efforts to connect families to reliable food resources and advocate for policies that make nutritious meals more accessible.

McAleer, alongside Anna's Taqueria Marketing Director Laurel O'Keefe, spoke with attendees about the growing urgency of addressing food insecurity, as hundreds of thousands of families across Massachusetts continue to face challenges affording food. The event highlighted the importance of community partnerships



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**Pictured (left to right) are Project Bread President and CEO Erin McAleer wraps burritos to support the nonprofit's 2026 Walk for Hunger alongside Anna's Taqueria Manager, Jose Lopez, in Brookline on Thursday, March 19. A dollar from every burrito sold supports Project Bread's year-round, statewide work helping families keep food on the table.**

in advancing solutions, from direct support services like Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline to long-term policy advocacy.

The event also underscored Anna's Taqueria's ongoing commitment to community impact and demonstrated how local businesses can play a meaningful role in supporting food access initiatives. The restaurant team will contin-

ue its support by participating in Project Bread's upcoming Walk for Hunger, the organization's sig-

nature community fundraiser and one of Massachusetts' most enduring anti-hunger events.

Registration is now open for The 58th annual Walk for Hunger, taking place Sunday, May 3 on Boston Common. This one-day, family-friendly event will bring together thousands of participants for a 3-mile loop featuring food, entertainment, and activities for all ages. The Walk continues to serve as a powerful platform for turning compassion into action, supporting Project Bread's statewide efforts to advance food security and expand access to nutritious meals for children and families.

In addition to individual participants, anti-hunger organizations across the Commonwealth are invited to join through Project Bread's co-fundraising program, The Commonwealth, which enables partners to raise funds for their own missions while contributing to a broader collective impact.

Community members can register to walk in person or virtually, start a personal or team fundraising page, or make a donation by visiting [projectbread.org/walk](http://projectbread.org/walk). For more information, email [walk@projectbread.org](mailto:walk@projectbread.org).

People experiencing food insecurity should call into Project Bread's toll-free FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential assistance to connect with food resources, including SNAP benefits, in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. For more information, visit: [www.projectbread.org/get-help](http://www.projectbread.org/get-help).

Project Bread, the leading statewide food security nonprofit, connects people and communities in Massachusetts to reliable sources of food while advocating for policies that make food more accessible—so that no one goes hungry. For more information, visit: [www.projectbread.org](http://www.projectbread.org).

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# PINE STREET INN HOLDS ANNUAL HOME REMEDY BREAKFAST

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Pine Street Inn held its annual Home Remedy breakfast on Thursday, March 26, bringing together corporate, civic, and philanthropic leaders to support the organization's mission to end homelessness.

The event included featured speaker Liz Murray, a New York Times bestselling author and subject of the film Homeless to Harvard, and a presentation of "The Key to Pine Street Inn" to Massachusetts State Representative Aaron Michlewitz.



MA State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz receiving the "Key to Pine Street Inn" from Lyndia Downie.



Pine Street Inn President and Executive Director Lyndia Downie speaking.



Pine Street Inn Board of Directors Life Trustee Dave Manzo, MA Senator Bill Driscoll, Lyndia Downie, Pine Street Inn BoD member Fr. John Unni.



The crowd applauds at Pine Street Inn's Home Remedy breakfast.



Keynote speaker Liz Murray.



Co-Founder and Executive Director, Breaktime Connor Schoen, and Marty Martinez President & Chief Executive Officer, United Way.



Omar, Pine Street's tenant speaker, and Christian Petit-Frere, Pine Street Inn case manager on stage.



Pine Street\_Home Remedy 2026\_1: (l-r) - Pine Street Inn Board of Directors member Fr. John Unni, Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Pine Street Inn Deputy Director April Stevens, Chair of the Pine Street Inn Board of Directors Lorn Davis, Pine Street Inn President & Executive Director Lyndia Downie, Liz Murray — featured speaker and New York Times bestselling author, Home Remedy emcee and GBH radio host Callie Crossley, Pine Street Inn tenant speaker Omar, Pine Street Inn case manager Christian Petit-Frere.

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ton is a “learn and earn” program that pays Boston’s young adults aged 18-30 to participate in hands-on training while providing career readiness support and connections to employers in the green industry. According to the Climate Ready Workforce Action Plan, Boston will need approximately 67,000 workers across 45 occupations each year over the next 25 years to design, build, and operate a thriving green economy. Workforce development programs like PowerCorps Boston are a critical part of Boston’s 2030 Climate Action Plan, an implementation roadmap to achieve the City’s climate mitigation and resilience goals, as well as achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. The final draft of the plan will be released later this spring.

“The Wu Administration prioritizes career pathway jobs in all growth industries in Boston,” said Trinh Nguyen, Chief of Worker Empowerment. “PowerCorps graduates receive industry-recognized credentials and experience that positions them for a wide range of options post graduation including obtaining good paying jobs, pursuing advanced training, and/or enrolling in post-secondary education through our partnerships.”

“PowerCorps demonstrates how climate action and economic development go hand in hand,” said Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Environment Commissioner and Green New Deal Director. “Achieving our 2030 and 2050

emissions goals will benefit every neighborhood in Boston through good paying jobs, less pollution, and improved public health. We are so proud of this year’s graduates for reaching this impressive milestone and giving back to their communities.”

PowerCorps Boston collaborates with over 60 Boston-based non-profits, higher education institutions, and private sector organizations to offer participants job training, classroom learning, and wrap-around services. Over the past 10 months, the 38 graduates committed to an immersive experience that included two phases. The first phase, Foundations, included four-months of training where they focused on workforce-readiness skills, an introduction to green industry careers, and received necessary support services to complete the program. The second phase, Industry Academy, was a six-month training where participants chose to specialize in one of the three tracks: Urban Forestry, Urban Greening, or Building Operations.

“As we celebrate the graduation of our fifth and largest Power Corps Boston cohort to date, I’m inspired by the determination, growth, and leadership of our members,” said Davo Jefferson, Executive Director of PowerCorps Boston. “Their self-determination and commitment to their communities has undoubtedly strengthened the fabric of Boston, making it a more sustainable and equitable



COURTESY PHOTO

Mayor Michelle Wu is surrounded by the recent graduates of PowerCorps Boston’s fifth cohort, the largest in the program’s history.

city.” The participants in Urban Greening and Urban Forestry have made a significant impact across the environment. In Cohort 5, they planted 110 trees to increase urban greening and improve air quality, assisted the urban farming efforts in growing 25,000 lbs of produce to support local food

security, removed two tons of invasive materials to improve the health of local ecosystems, conducted 2,000 feet of trail maintenance, and planted 28,000 square feet of grass seed and 94,000 tulip bulbs all contributing to a greener, healthier Boston for the communities that need it most.

The Building Operations partic-

ipants have interned at seven large building sites over six months, working on energy-efficient general maintenance and operations, including HVAC, electrical, and plumbing work. This work, and these jobs, are critical to facilitating compliance with the City’s Building Emissions Reduction and

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## Swan Boats opening day set for April 18

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Mayor Michelle Wu, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and the Paget family will host the first ride of the season on the iconic Boston Swan Boats as they open at the Boston Public Garden Lagoon on Saturday, April 18, at 10 a.m.

2026 marks the 149th season for the Swan Boats, a beloved tourist attraction and iconic symbol of Boston and the Public Garden. The oldest and smallest boat in the fleet just celebrated its 116th season, while the newest was launched in 1993. The swan on the

boats is made from either copper or fiberglass, depending on the age of the boat, and encloses a paddle mechanism that is used to propel the boat through the water.

Launched in 1877 by Irish immigrant and shipbuilder Robert Paget, the Swan Boats continue to be owned and operated by the Paget family. Mr. Paget designed the Swan Boats after attending the opera Lohengrin in New York City. At the end of the opera, the hero crosses a river in a boat drawn by a swan. In 2025, the Swan Boats were added as a site on the Boston Irish Heritage Trail.

Fully loaded, each Swan Boat weighs three tons and is powered by the driver using a foot-propelled paddle wheel. The Swan Boats are built on oak-framed pontoons sheathed in copper, just as they were initially constructed in 1877. After being stored in a safe place for the winter, the boats will return to the Public Garden Lagoon in the spring, with Mayor Wu celebrating the first ride of the season.

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Planning a move?

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

While we have not moved in many years, we think about how difficult it can be to move with companion animals. When animal-loving friends are planning a move, we're happy to help by sharing the tips we've found over the years.

Finding a Pet-Friendly Home

Unless you're shopping for a single-family home, you have to find a pet-friendly building or landlord. Even places that allow some animals may have weight restrictions, a limit on the number of animals you may have, require an interview process, or require you to obtain permission from the building owners.

Ask about these conditions when you work with a realtor and inquire about the details if a friend tells you about a possible listing. To aid in this process, you should be prepared to supply good references from former neighbors or landlords and, if needed, offer a pet deposit.

Planning Moving Day

People coming and going, open doors, things out of place, excitement, and a change of routine can add up to a very stressful day for you and your dogs or cats. While you're busy coordinating the move and protecting your household goods, you may not pay as much attention to safeguarding your animals. You don't want to add an escapee to the stress of moving day.

Your animal's specific personality and behavior will help you determine the approach to take. It may be better to board highly excitable pets at a professional facility or with a trusted friend or pet sitter for the day.

If your cat or dog will be



These kitties had time to adjust to their crate before moving day.

around for the move, consider keeping them in a room that can be closed off. Some people suggest a bathroom, but we say a bedroom. First, you and anyone else helping with the move will probably need to use the bathroom, and every time that door opens, it will give your cat or dog a way out.

A bedroom, on the other hand, can have a sign on the closed door alerting everyone that your pet is inside and they are not to open the door. When the rest of the home is empty, you can go in, put your animals in carriers or on leashes, and let the movers load the bedroom furniture last.

At the new location, your bedroom will be the first to come off the truck and be set up. You can then put the animals in that room while the rest of the new home is arranged.

Moving Tips

- Order new tags if the phone number or address on your pet's tags will change.
- Change your contact infor-

mation with the registry for your pet's microchip and with the local dog license database.

- Update your veterinary records, or obtain copies of your pet's medical records, if you will be changing animal hospitals.
- Leave your carrier or crate out in the weeks before the move if your pet is not used to it, and put some treats in it from time to time to make it a more attractive spot.

• Don't forget medications, food, water, and relief breaks for your critters on moving day.

• Provide a litter box or puppy pads in the sanctuary room, or arrange regular relief walks for your dog.

• Plan meals around a long drive to a new home if your pet is a queasy traveler.

• Make certain the new home is pet-proofed before you allow a dog or cat to explore.

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# PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION AT ST. CECILIA CHURCH

St. Cecilia Church on Belvedere Street held a procession before their Palm Sunday Mass.

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St. Cecilia Pastor Fr John Unni delivers the reading at the start of the Palm Sunday procession held outside of the church.



Parishioners follow into St. Cecilia Church to continue the Palm Sunday service.



The sidewalk on Belvedere Street is readied for the Palm Sunday procession outside of St. Cecilia Church.



St. Cecilia Pastor Fr John Unni finished the Palm Sunday procession outside of the church.



Parishioners inside St. Cecilia Church.



Children of the St. Cecilia Parish bring up canned and boxed food donations for the Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry in Uphams Corner in Dorchester.



Parishioners take palm fronds made available to participate on the Palm Sunday procession.



St. Cecilia Assistant Director of Music and Tenor sings All Glory Laud, and Honor



St. Cecilia Pastor Fr. John Unni



St. Cecilia parishioners hold palm frods during the start of the Palm Sunday procession outside of the church.



A live simulcast of the Palm Sunday service on the main cathedral of St. Cecilia Church was made available down-stairs for the overflow crowd.



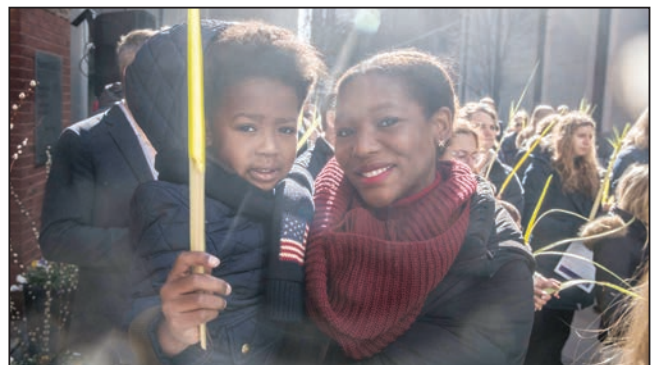
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St. Cecilia Pastor Fr. John Unni delivers his sermon.



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