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Shown (above and below) are some of the more than 250 volunteers who canvassed every Boston neighborhood conducting the annual homelessness census.

## City conducts annual homelessness census

Special to the Regional Review

On Thursday night, Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon led more than 250 volunteers, including

state and city officials, homelessness service providers, public health representatives, and first responders, in conducting the City of Boston's 45th annual homeless-

ness census. This comprehensive effort is part of Boston's yearly initiative to assess and address homelessness by counting unsheltered individuals and families in emergency shelters, transitional housing, domestic violence programs, and those living outdoors.

"Boston's annual homelessness census is an opportunity to evaluate the needs of unsheltered Bostonians and connect individuals to services," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The data from the census is crucial for the City as we act with urgency and care to make Boston a city for everyone. We are grateful to our partners and the dedicated volunteers throughout the City for

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## Josh Kraft officially announces candidacy for Mayor of Boston

By Cary Shuman

The great race for mayor is on. And mayoral candidate Josh Kraft, his supporters, and campaign team couldn't have asked for a better kickoff than what transpired Tuesday morning at the historic Prince Hall Grand Lodge in Dorchester.

Kraft walked confidently to the podium and delivered a speech that outlined his vision of Boston. People from neighborhoods across the city, from the Boys and Girls Club, the Urban League, and the Patriots Foundation stood behind

him holding blue and white "Josh Kraft For Mayor" signs.

The media presence was extraordinary and the coverage intense. Following his speech, Kraft answered questions from a swarm of reporters about a variety of subjects. He then walked over to embrace his daughter, Anna Kraft, who had been sitting proudly in the front row during the event.

Just 15 minutes later, Boston TV stations led their noon broadcasts with live reports from Dorchester

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Josh Kraft announces his candidacy for Mayor of Boston Tuesday at Prince Hall in Dorchester.

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# EDITORIAL

## 10 YEARS AGO, WE WERE AMIDST SNOWMAGEDDON

Yes, time does fly, and for those of us who lived through the Snowmageddon, it's hard to believe that 10 years have passed since we were in the middle of that epic winter season of 2015.

Major snowstorms just kept rolling in, week after week, from January through the end of February, eventually burying the Metro Boston area under a record total of 110 inches of snow for the season.

Even for those of us who enjoy a brisk snow-shoveling workout, the non-stop barrage of major snowstorms that barreled through our area at the rate of twice per week was overwhelming. Our driveway resembled a tunnel, with the snow piled 8-9 feet on either side, which made shoveling the snow extra hard because we also had to throw it up high just to clear the wall of snow to get it out of the way.

We also recall clearing our roof of snow (because of warnings that the snow could become too heavy and cause a collapse). We actually fell off the portion of our roof that -- fortunately -- was not too high off the ground. We plunged into a cushion of eight feet of snow that was only a few feet below the roofline and climbed back onto the roof to finish the task. No harm, no foul.

For those who park their cars on the street, the Snowmageddon was sheer torture. No sooner had you shoveled out your space, then another big storm came in and reburied your vehicle. Some folks eventually just gave up and their cars remained entombed for weeks at a time.

Cities and towns were overwhelmed in their efforts to keep up with snow removal. Not only did they exhaust their entire snow removal budgets by mid-January (the state and federal governments eventually reimbursed communities for some of their snow removal costs), but they could not find any place to put the tons of snow that had to be trucked away.

In Revere, National Guard units brought in heavy equipment just to make the city's streets passable. Some communities ended up dumping the snow onto their playing fields. In Winthrop, the mountain of snow that was piled high onto the high school baseball field still obstructed the field into late-April.

There were so many snowstorms and so many declarations of states of emergency by then-Governor Charlie Baker, that it seemed as though we were in one long State of Emergency.

So while we acknowledge the truth of the proverb that all of us tend to look back at the past through rose-colored glasses, we have to admit that we hope the Snowmageddon of 2015 was a one-and-done sort of event that we never will have to deal with again.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### WHERE IS THE PLANNING? WHERE IS THE PLANNER?

To the Editor,

Having recently read that the City of Boston has a new city planner, Mr. Kairos Shen, who in his own words stated, "to listen more", I was feeling a sense of hope.

Hope that after many years of advocating for better planning, by many here in Charlestown, we would finally be able to have someone at the Boston Planning and Development Agency listen to our concerns as to the future of building in our one square mile.

But after numerous attempts to make an appointment with Mr. Shen, as well as providing him with data and research with regards to climate change and quality of life issues for the community of Charlestown, it seems we still have no one to listen to us at City Hall.

Who is listened to, the developers, bankers, stakeholders? Why aren't the citizens able to get a seat at the table in advocating for reasonable building? Charlestown has a census of 20,000 residents and the BPDA is looking at adding another 20,000 residents. Does that make sense to anybody?

After the inauguration of Mayor Wu in January of 2020, we presented 4,000 signatures on a petition with an ask of a Master Plan. Mayor Wu never acknowl-

edged our efforts and never gave us in Charlestown an opportunity to present our concerns.

Building on filled wetlands, such as the Austin Street proposal, surrounded by six major traffic corridors, as well as the Boston Sand and Gravel Cement Co. [which is in a lawsuit with the city regarding pollution], is no place to build residential buildings. This is an egregious act that puts the health of anybody living at this site, on a downward spiral.

Under Mr. Shen's watch as the city's top planner, Seaport was developed and may soon be Inundation District One, as major flooding will one day obliterate this area.

Will Charlestown soon follow and be Inundation District Two? Flooding all over Boston, according to recent data and analysis is in the future.

Why am I so concerned about building? Climate change, the hospital crisis and our health is at stake.

I ask the BPDA, to spend more time analyzing the present data and research. Green landscape, trees, blue water, and open spaces have profound effects on our physical and mental health in a positive manner.

It's concerning to me that we are experiencing a meltdown in our health care system and getting access to health care is getting harder and harder. Now is the time to advocate for reasonable

building with a look to the future. More building and less green open space is a recipe for disastrous health outcomes.

It seems the BPDA is not in tune with the climate change and our changing health care landscape, and why not? The BPDA needs to change their old way of doing things, spend more time doing critical and forward thinking of what Boston will be like in the next decade and beyond and do something besides more building and less open green space for the residents.

Put the people first and building second. We cannot sit around and do nothing while the BPDA is sabotaging our health and quality of life. As we are living longer, and as our health care workers are burnt out [over 300 physicians commit suicide each year according to AARP], we have little choice but to fight for the right thing to do and the BPDA should have our back.

Perhaps it is now time for new leadership in Boston that puts our well-being first and foremost. We are asking for someone to listen to our concerns, that is not a big ask but a necessary one as we face challenging times.


To the new planner Mr. Shen, we need you to listen to us, when will you be so kind as to give us an opportunity to hear our concerns?

Ann Kelleher

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and highlights of Kraft's speech.

Among the many people in the audience were colleagues, former city officials and public safety department leaders, and friends.

Also attending was a contingent from Chelsea, where Josh Kraft was a transformative figure who helped build the largest youth organization in the city and led a fundraising drive for a new state-of-the-art \$11 million youth center, the Jordan Boys and Girls Club, with new leaders now carrying on the remarkable legacy of the club's founder. His positive impact on thousands of lives of Chelsea's youth is truly immeasurable.

**'I've spent my entire career in the neighborhoods of Boston'**

"I am honored to be surrounded by family and so many friends," he began. "My name is Josh Kraft. For those who don't know me, for the past 35 years,

I've been doing community-based work in and around Boston, including twelve years as CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston, in my role with the Patriots Foundation, and as volunteer board chair of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts.

"I've spent my entire career in the neighborhoods of Boston – from Roslindale to East Boston, from Mattapan to Charlestown, from South Boston to Roxbury. From the moment I started working in Boston, I fell in love with this city – its many unique neighborhoods, and its people ... especially its people – hard working, humble... and above all, proud of this city, no matter which neighborhood you come from.

"Serving Boston has been my passion and a great source of joy and purpose in my life. But I also know there's more for me to give to this City.

And that's why, today, because I love this city and its people, I am excited to declare my candidacy to be the next Mayor of Boston."

Kraft acknowledged that he will be "an underdog" in the race for mayor.

"I enter this race as an underdog And I know that this will be an uphill fight," he said. "But I am excited for the challenge. Excited for the opportunity to listen and learn from the people of Boston ... Excited to share my ideas and vision for this great city.

"I am asking the people of Boston to set aside any ideas they might have about me based on my last name and let me tell you about the path of service I've forged ... the experience I've gained along the way ... and the plans I've developed to make life better for Boston."

In the speech, he criticized the current administration, stating that "we face some serious, serious challenges, challenges that Mayor Wu has not risen to."

"In fact, when it comes to the mayor's big campaign promises—to make the MBTA free for Boston residents ... to put in place a rent control program ... and to launch a Green New Deal for Boston's schools—she is 0 for 3," said Kraft.

"On the number one challenge facing our residents—access to housing that regular people can afford—production under Mayor Wu has ground to a dead halt.

"In fact, among similar sized cities across the nation, we have fallen to the very bottom when it comes to new housing production. As a result, rents are at an all-time high, and so is the median price of a home which is \$950,000.

"Sure, this is a complex problem, but at its core: you can't solve a housing crisis if you're building less of it.

"On schools, we spend more per pupil than any other big city school system in the nation, about \$30,000 per student – all for a school system that regularly fails our kids on virtually every measure, including the ability to provide even the most basic services.

"Can you believe this? Our city spends \$171 million every year to provide bus transportation for about 20,000 students. Eighty-five hundred bucks per student each year for buses that can't even make the opening bell. How can a family trust a school system to educate their kids when they can't get them to school on time? That is unacceptable.

"Meanwhile, our neighborhood streets have become jammed up by poorly conceived, hastily installed bus and bike lanes that all too often have increased congestion and eliminated parking. As a result, moving around has become a burden for families, seniors, and members of the disabled community – and the small businesses who rely on them. It's a mess!

"Don't get me wrong: I'm all for being creative about how we solve our transportation challenges. But our "transportation problem" under this administration has quickly spiraled into a "quality of life problem."

**His vision for Boston**

"Over the course of this campaign, I will offer my vision for Boston – forged not only by my own experiences, but more importantly, those of the people I've met along the way," said Kraft.

"And it starts with housing, the number one challenge facing our city.

Today, there are projects ready to be built that would result in more than 20,000 units of housing. But they are stuck, stuck due to regulations imposed by the current administration. To jump start new housing construction, I will put in place one-time incentives aimed at projects that are priced for middle-class and first-time homeowners.

"Having all these projects sit on the shelf generates no new housing, no new affordable housing, no new jobs, and no new tax revenue. Getting new construction going again must be a top priority because availability is the path to affordability.

In addition, I will put in place a rent control program that can work for both tenants and building owners.

"So, this is how the plan works. In exchange for capping increases in rents over a 10-year period, the city will provide a cut in real estate taxes to building owners. This program would be targeted at properties that serve middle- and lower-income residents and would exclude luxury rentals. Renters deserve to be protected from massive year-over-year increases and my plan will do that.

"Mayor Wu promised us rent control three years ago, but I will deliver it.

"Finally, I will take the tax revenue generated by jump-starting the 20,000-plus permitted units sitting unbuilt and create an affordable housing fund to help first-time homebuyers and provide rent relief.

**Elected members of the School Committee**

"To improve our schools, we need a school committee that challenges city leadership and holds BPS accountable. It is time to have elected members along with appointed members on the school committee. And as Mayor, I'll make that happen.

"I will work hand in hand with the community and our partners at the state to bring an end to the human tragedy that is Mass and Cass. Listen, addiction doesn't have to be a life sentence. And among Boston's many prized possessions, is a robust and resilient recovery community who proves that one day at a time.

"I will breathe new life into Operation Exit – a powerful program started by Mayor Marty Walsh – and make Boston a national model when it comes to supporting individuals emerging from the criminal justice system and helping them gain skills and employment so they can build a new life and make our communities stronger.



*Josh Kraft, candidate for mayor of Boston, is pictured with his daughter, Anna Kraft, following his announcement Tuesday at Prince Hall in Dorchester.*

And, I will offer a common-sense transportation plan to deal with the congestion clogging our streets – and that starts with an immediate pause for all new bike lane construction.

"On all of these issues—housing, transportation, schools, city services—this isn't about ideology. It's about results."

**Choosing a career in public service**

Kraft said he chose a career of community service and he learned some important lessons along the way.

"I've met so many remarkable and resilient people that call Boston home," said Kraft.

"Each of them has taught me some pretty important lessons:

That leadership is not about talking -- but about doing the work and getting results. That it requires bringing people together to solve problems – especially people that might disagree with me. That the teachings of my faith and my family matter.

"My mother, Myra, taught us to always look out for the marginalized groups – the ones that are overlooked and don't have access to opportunities.

"And, lastly, you can learn from anyone, and that everyone has something to share, everyone has something to contribute.

"Perhaps the most important learning experience I've ever had was during my second semester in graduate school while I was volunteering at a methadone clinic. I met a man in his late 30s who was struggling with substance abuse and was also HIV positive.

He asked me if I could help him with something: --- would I teach

him how to read?

"Over the course of several months, I sat with him twice a week for an hour and did my best to teach him the basics of reading.

"Now, looking back, I guess I did help this man learn to read. But he taught me something just as valuable: about pressing forward with your life even in the face of almost unspeakable adversity and obstacles.

"Over the past 35 years, I have had the opportunity to meet so many different people – single parents and their kids. Police officers. Non-profit leaders. Community leaders. Teachers and advocates. People returning from incarceration. People fighting addiction.

And let me tell you: Every single one of them has something to teach us about how to press forward. Every single one.

"Here in Boston, we are fortunate to be the home of so much history and so many firsts, but what has always defined us is our focus on the future – on our relentless desire to adapt and grow and innovate and lead.

And today, when the future is uncertain, and the challenges are real – a healthy and vibrant Boston has never been more important to our citizens and our region.

"Yes, we have a lot to be proud of. But for me, I want to be more than proud of what we've already done – I want to be proud of where we're going. I want us to take these challenges head on no matter how hard they are.

"That's why I want to be your next Mayor – and that's what this campaign is going to be about. And I ask you to join me. Thank you!"



# The Boch Center Wang Theatre celebrates 100th anniversary

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

The Boch Center Wang Theatre commenced its centennial celebration on January 29 with an announcement that long-time sponsor and board member, Ernie Boch, Junior, will be extending his existing partnership with the non-profit performing arts institution for another ten years.

“The Wang Theatre has reflected the ever-changing world of arts and entertainment while continuing to bring people together in this beautiful, historic setting,” said J. Casey Soward, who has been serving as the Boch Center Wang Theatre President and CEO for 106 days. “We’re grateful for Ernie’s belief in the arts as a tool for the empowerment of the individual. It’s extraordinary.”

Soward and Boch formalized the agreement with a signing, pledging The Boch Family Foundation’s support until 2036, so that the theatre may continue to thrive and be an inspiration for future generations.

The Boch Family’s commitment will help preserve the historic theatre, which opened on October 16, 1925 as the Metropolitan Theatre. Developed by Max Shoolman and designed by architect, Clarence Blackall, the opulent, art deco Metropolitan was one of the largest theatres in America at the time, seating over 3,600 audience members.

A prominent entertainment destination, the Metropolitan evolved from a silent motion picture venue with lavish, live performances to showcasing concerts, comedy acts, and touring Broadway productions. The theatre was renamed the Music Hall in the mid-20th century.

“For nearly a century, this theatre has been a cornerstone of culture, creativity, and community here in Boston,” attested Soward.

In the late 1970s-early 1980s, the Music Hall fell into disrepair until local artists and advocates -- including computer engineer and inventor, Doctor An Wang, founder of Wang Laboratories -- rescued the theatre from potential demolition through generous contributions. The venue was renamed in Wang’s honor and underwent extensive restoration and renovation efforts to modernize the facility and revive its splendor.

“The Wang Theatre is the



J. Casey Soward, President/CEO Boch, Center Wang Theatre, hailing the theatre as “a cornerstone of culture.”



Sponsor, Ernie Boch, Junior, explaining why the Boch Center Wang Theatre is special to him personally.



Ernie Boch, Jr., with J. Casey Soward, President/CEO, Boch Center Wang Theatre, signing an agreement to extend his partnership with the theatre until 2036.



Boch Center Wang Theatre staff: Catherine Giorgetti, Jasmine Garcia, Anastasia Zay, and Corey Evans.



Anne Taylor, Senior Executive Assistant to President/CEO Casey Soward; Steve Giulietti, John Perkins, CFO, and Richard Alfred, Boch Center board member.

story of my life. The very first show I ever went to was in this building in the early 1970s. I saw Cat Stevens. I had never seen anything like it. I used to sleep on the sidewalk in front of this building to get tickets for shows, because in the ‘70s, by the time you got to the ticket box office the tickets were sold out unless you slept outside,” reminisced Boch, whose band had performed at the Wang Center as an opening act for one of his favorite bands. “The Wang Theatre has been everything when it comes to pop culture and music.”

Since 2016, The Boch Family

Foundation has been a leading sponsor whose vision and generosity have significantly impacted the Wang Theatre’s prosperity by presenting world-class performances, fostering community connections, and supporting youth education programs.

“We are in the business to save this venue; but also, to promote incredible programming that transforms people’s lives. We are in a new era. We are extraordinarily well-positioned to go into that era. We not only continue, but we flourish,” said Mark Weld, Chairman of the Boch Center Wang Theatre, who

remembers attending concerts at the theatre some 50 years ago to hear The Who and The Allman Brothers Band perform. “Ernie is the Boch Center. He is involved in everything we do, and so is his family.”

Described by Soward as one of Boston’s most cherished cultural landmarks, the Boch Center Wang Theatre announced this year’s initiatives, such as the Century Cinema Series. The free community movie events begin on Friday, February 14 with a viewing of “Good Will Hunting.”

Soward revealed the Boch

Center Wang Theatre’s 100 Acts of Kindness year-long campaign to continuously give back to the community that has supported the theatre for almost a century.

Soward also mentioned a new exhibit in the Folk Americana Roots Hall of Fame, located in the basement of the Boch Center Wang Theatre. Rare photographs and artifacts of songwriter and musician, Joan Baez, will be on display starting March 6.

“As someone who has grown up in the area, and has attended performances at this theatre,



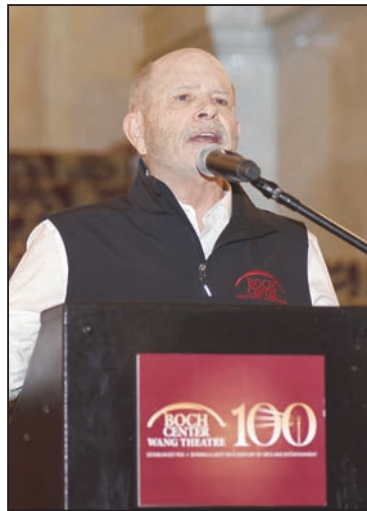
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standing here today is truly special to me,” shared Soward. “This has been a place of inspiration to me since I was a boy

in the 1980s. It’s made countless memories for so many in the community. It’s a privileged for me to help lead it into its future.”



Ernie Boch, Jr., with J. Casey Soward, President/CEO, Boch Center Wang Theatre, holding the agreement to extend his partnership with the theatre until 2036.



Mark Weld, Chairman, Boch Center Wang Theatre, commending Ernie Boch, Jr., for his generosity.



Sponsor, Ernie Boch, Jr., with his girlfriend, Loa Patman, during the January 29 Boch Center Wang Theatre 100th anniversary celebration.



Mark Weld, Boch Center Wang Theatre Chairman; Bryan Dumais, Vice President of Sales, Subaru; Bob Weiss, CFO, Subaru; Ernie Boch, Junior, The Boch Family Foundation; Bruce Mittman, CEO Mittcom; and Jeffrey Ruble, COO, Subaru.



Boch Center Wang Theatre President/CEO J. Casey Soward enjoying the 100th anniversary ceremony breakfast.



Sponsor, Ernie Boch, Jr., speaking with Boch Center board members, sponsors, and guests.



Boch Center Wang Theatre 100th anniversary guests enjoying the January 29 celebration.



# Mayor Wu announces new road safety ordinance to increase accountability of third-party delivery providers

Special to Patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu announced Feb. 3 she has filed an ordinance with the Boston City Council to require food delivery apps such as DoorDash, UberEats, and GrubHub to obtain a permit to operate within the City of Boston.

The permit would require the companies to have liability insurance coverage for all drivers using their platform, including those using motorcycles, mopeds, and electric scooters, and to share aggregate data on delivery trips. The City first sent a letter to DoorDash, UberEats, and GrubHub in June of 2024, calling for more accountability in response to growing resident complaints around public safety on Boston's streets. This new ordinance will further address street safety concerns in an emerging industry that

currently lacks regulation.

To obtain a permit, delivery companies must submit to the City proof of adequate insurance coverage for operators and share data pertaining to deliveries, including data on unsafe and illegal vehicle operations on city streets. This carefully tailored ordinance is focused on the largest third-party delivery providers, which concentrate large volumes of traffic in certain areas of the City, particularly at certain times of day. The ordinance does not apply to small businesses with a small number of delivery drivers or other types of deliveries, such as those made by FedEx, UPS, or Amazon. By establishing this new permit process, this ordinance will establish rules and regulations governing the oversight of third-party delivery services within the City of Boston in furtherance of the public interest, safety, and convenience.

"This ordinance is an important step toward making app deliveries safer for our city's pedestrians and drivers on our streets, and toward ensuring delivery app drivers have insurance coverage from the large, national companies they work for," said Mayor Wu. "As this new technology continues to develop, we want to make sure Boston is leading the way in safe and efficient regulation."

Under this ordinance, coverage would be required for liability, personal injury, collision, and medical payment if any uninsured or underinsured driver is involved in a crash and would need to cover drivers using all modes of transportation. Currently, delivery companies are not required to hold insurance to protect uninsured or underinsured drivers.

"We hope to create an incentive for these companies to encourage safer driving instead of the current incentive—speed at all costs," said Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Chief of Streets. "The data we collect will allow us to plan for the impacts of food delivery, rather than just reacting to double parking, unsafe operation, or congestion made worse by a high volume of deliveries. These common-sense requirements, along with data-informed curb regulations and targeted enforcement, will contribute to a safer environment for residents and drivers."

This ordinance follows a concerning uptick in complaints regarding the impact of third-party food delivery on City streets. Residents made 105 reports through 311 about increased traffic and congestion, illegal double parking, as well as reckless and unsafe delivery drivers on scooters, mopeds, motorbikes, and e-bikes in 2024. The City of Boston, and in particular the Boston Police Department, remain focused on enforcing the traffic violations across Boston. This new ordinance will complement existing enforcement efforts by providing new data. In 2024, at least 475 mopeds were towed, impounded, or seized.

In June of 2024, Chief of Streets Franklin-Hodge and Police Commissioner Michael Cox sent a joint letter to the leadership of DoorDash, GrubHub, and UberEats. The letter detailed a major increase in dangerous and unlawful behavior by delivery drivers in Boston and alerted the companies of increased enforcement actions by BPD in the interest of serious public safety concerns. The enforcement is occurring in neighborhoods across the City, including Copley Square, Washington Street in Downtown, and in the Fenway. Since then the City has issued traffic violations and impounded hundreds of mopeds. BPD will continue to enforce state and local laws, and encourages the companies operating these delivery services to partner with the City to discourage reckless driving and ensure public safety.

"As a City, we are safer and stronger when we work together, and that includes our partners in the business community. Each of us has a role in ensuring public safety and we are asking these corporations to do their part in helping us keep pedestrians and drivers in our City safe," said BPD Commissioner Cox.

Additionally the data submitted by delivery companies required by this new ordinance will help inform the City about the types of vehicles used to complete deliveries in Boston, which restaurants experience the highest number of orders, and where and how quickly trips are completed, including routes that drivers make using illegal turns. This informa-

tion will give the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) a more accurate understanding of how third-party delivery is affecting Boston's streets. Currently, third-party delivery apps do not have to share information with the city detailing common delivery routes or how fast delivery drivers are operating. Access to this information would allow the City to better design roadway configurations, tailor enforcement, and better manage the safe operations of our streets.

"For too long, third-party delivery platforms have ignored the rules, prioritizing profit over safety and putting residents, pedestrians, and their own drivers at risk. When I called on them to use their own data to curb their impact, they refused. This ordinance ends their indifference by requiring transparency, permitting, and insurance. Boston has no obligation to cater to tech giants who won't play by the rules—especially when their reckless behavior endangers our streets," said Councilor Sharon Durkan, Chair of Planning, Development, and Transportation on the Boston City Council.

"I appreciate the Mayor's leadership on this issue. We need to work together to make the city's streets safer for everyone," said State Sen. William Brownsberger.

State Rep. Jay Livingstone said: "I'm pleased that Mayor Wu is taking this important step to help make our streets and sidewalks safer and I look forward to continuing to work with her and her administration to realize this important goal."

Meg Mainzer-Cohen, President of the Back Bay Association, said: "On behalf of residents and businesses in the Back Bay, I am grateful to see Mayor Wu and the Boston Police Department take on unsafe and illegal mopeds and work to hold delivery companies accountable for safety in our neighborhood."

In addition to communications with the delivery companies, the City continues to reach out to delivery workers directly to educate them about traffic safety. BPD and the Office of Neighborhood Services have distributed flyers in eleven languages to delivery workers across the City.

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# Negotiations on Everett soccer stadium draw considerable attention

By Cary Shuman

The issue of the Kraft Group building a new soccer stadium in Everett for its New England Revolution team is back in the spotlight following successive Boston newspaper stories on negotiations between the Kraft Group and Mayor Michelle Wu over mitigation agreements.

Boston media did reveal that the City of Everett, led by Mayor Carlo DeMaria, has signed a very productive, preliminary agreement with the Kraft Group. That agreement would result in a \$5 million payment for the construction of a year-round community center, \$10 million for a housing stabilization fund, a \$1 million annual payment to the City of Everett from ticket

revenues, a new waterfront park that would totally transform and enhance the environment along the Mystic River, and 75 parking spaces on the site. According to the Boston Globe story, an offer was reportedly made to the City of Boston in the amount of \$750,000, which would go to the improvement of athletic fields in Charlestown (see related story).

The tax revenues from the new stadium would also be a huge boost financially for Everett, not to mention the prestige and glamour of having a world-class casino/resort (Encore Boston Harbor) and an MLS soccer franchise, led by the NFL's six-time Super Bowl champion ownership team, operating on adjacent properties in the City of Everett.

## DeMaria comments on CBA

Everett Mayor DeMaria spoke about the successful negotiations with the Kraft Group and the preliminary Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) that was signed on November 6, 2023.

"Previous discussions with the Kraft Group have been productive, but there is still much work to be done," said Mayor DeMaria. "We look forward to collaborating with stakeholders to ensure that the needs of the City of Everett, its residents, and businesses are fully considered and reflected in the future community benefits agreement."

The DeMaria Administration noted that there is a full understanding by the parties (Kraft

Group and the City of Everett) that additional items will be negotiated into the final CBA. The purpose of the initial CBA was, essentially, to set a framework for a future CBA and was crafted in preparation for the State Legislature to review while contemplating the legislation to remove the parcel from its Designated Port Area (DPA) status. Therefore, it is accurate to say that future negotiations with the Kraft Group are going to occur as the project progresses, but that conversations and commitments made thus far have been productive.

one-year term as council president, is hoping that Everett will hold community meetings to discuss the agreements before they are finalized.

"While I have learned through media reports about certain items already negotiated that appear beneficial to our community, it is imperative that the Administration conduct community meetings and seek input from those directly impacted before any agreements are finalized," said Van Campen. "The people of Everett deserve a voice at the bargaining table."

Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers said she has submitted a request for an update on the soccer stadium for the Feb. 11 Council meeting agenda.

**Council Van Campen seeks community meetings on stadium**  
Ward 5 Councilor Robert Van Campen, who just completed a

# Charlestown Neighborhood Council seek meeting with the Kraft Group

By Cary Shuman

Crystal Galvin, secretary of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) and a member of Soccer Stadium Subcommittee, said the CNC is seeking a meeting with representatives of the Kraft Group to discuss the preliminary mitigation agreement and quality-of-life issues relating to the new soccer stadium that is being proposed for Everett.

"I read the reports that the City of Boston is being offered \$750,000 that would go to the improvement of Charlestown athletic fields," said Galvin.

The CNC has not discussed the \$750,000 offer specifically at a meeting, "but the reaction to the figure, as expected, was that it was significantly low and won't meet any of our expectations."

Galvin said the CNC subcommittee has met on two occasions, the most recent a Jan. 28 session with Rep. Dan Ryan, to learn what was next in the legislative process concerning the proposed soccer stadium project. Ryan has been closely monitoring the issue, recognizing the major impacts that the 24,000-seat stadium would have on his constituents.

"We discussed with Rep. Ryan how we can organize and raise issues such as the stadium's impact on the quality of life and mitigation in particular," said Galvin.

The proposed construction of a new soccer is understandably a huge matter for discussion in Charlestown.

"On our side, it's a very topical

issue as we watch the process on the legislative level unfold while also trying to have a seat at the table to get in on the conversations from the ground-level about the impact the soccer stadium will have on the lives of residents," said Galvin.

Galvin indicated that New England Revolution soccer team officials are willing to speak at a CNC meeting, "but honestly, we're just waiting for the legislation conversation first, rather than having it become a debate about people's preference for soccer and lose sight of the focus."

Residents are welcomed to join the still-forming subcommittee that is being led by CNC Chair Tom Cunha. CNC Vice Chair Mary Boucher and Treasurer Tim McKenna are other members who have taken on an active role on the subcommittee.

Galvin said while a meeting with the Kraft Group was most preferable, "we would like to meet with anyone that has the best interest of Charlestown residents in mind."

"There's been a lot of interest

in getting MassDOT to the table and hopefully trying to hear from Mayor Wu's office about their negotiation process [with the Kraft Group]," said Galvin. "There's the issue of the traffic impacts in Sullivan Square. It's been kick-the-can with Sullivan Square for years. Nobody wants responsibility for it, and here we are, just trying to live with the current situation."

## Sen. DiDomenico weighs in on community agreements

Sen. Sal DiDomenico, who championed the legislation to bring a new soccer stadium to Everett, said, "I am hopeful that all parties, the cities of Everett, Boston, and the Kraft Group, can come together and produce a Community Benefits Agreement for both cities that will reflect the needs and wants of our communities. I know this project will provide tremendous economic and environmental benefits to our area, and I look forward to the day we can all come together and finalize an agreement that everyone will be happy with."

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### ZUMIX HOLDS A BENEFIT CONCERT FUNDRAISER

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Zumix presented a benefit concert on February 1, featuring the rock band, Don't Be Denied, with lead vocalist and former Zumix board member, Steven Snyder. The annual fundraiser was broadcast live on Zumix Radio 94.9FM. The event included free pizza provided by Carmella's Market, and a cash bar served by guest bartender, Josh, from The Quiet Few.

"Zumix is an unbelievable not-for-profit here in East Boston. They do youth development through music and art," said

Snyder, a Zumix volunteer. "It is a celebration of community and friendship through music."

Don't Be Denied, comprised of many Zumix instructors and alumni, performed socially-conscious original pieces and cover songs, inviting friends from the audience to join them on stage.

"The band has brought so much joy into our community, to me personally, our students, and staff," expressed Madeleine Steczynski, Co-Founder/ Executive Director, Zumix. "It has given us

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Steven Snyder, lead vocalist of Don't Be Denied.



Saxophonists: Jon Briggs, Pedro Moreno, and Callum MacKenzie.



Omar Sosa, lead guitarist, Don't Be Denied.



Zumix Co-Founder/ Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski praising the staff of Zumix.



Joey Blake, Amanda Cee, and Mike and Allison Bogosh.

*Bring Your Bestie!*

# *Galentine's Wedding Gala*

Wednesday, February 12th  
6:00-8:00 PM

*Tulle Bridal*  
47 High St., North Andover, MA



Dan Sudenfield, Lauren Marino, and Roy Retzer.



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something to work hard for that is life-giving. It also involves our neighbors and friends."

Steczynski believes that Snyder, who returned to playing his guitar during a difficult time in his life, is a testament to the healing power of music, and praised him for building a community around his guitar. Following the performance, Steczynski offered tours of the classrooms, radio station, and common areas of the three-story facility, which

Zumix has owned since 2010.

"Starting in 1991, I, along with my then boyfriend and friends, had an idea of getting young people involved with music as a way of keeping them safe, occupied, and making some noise in a good way," remembered Steczynski. "That was the beginning of a crazy journey that has gone on now for 34 years. We've got an incredible team of people."



Mayanne MacDonald and Kevin Callahan.



Jamie Storella, Kathy Franklin, Janet and Jeff Breen, and Jeff and Joyce Camenker.



Don't Be Denied band: Steven Snyder, lead vocalist/rhythm guitar; Pedro Moreno, saxophone/ vocals; Callum MacKenzie, saxophone; Omar Sosa, lead guitar; Juan Gutierrez, bass; Linecker Da Silva, drums/ vocals; Edward Meradith, piano; and Jon Briggs, saxophone.



Ashley Soto and Angel working sound.



A guest enjoying conversation at the Zumix Benefit concert on February 1.

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## Boston Cares, TJX work together in support of Bunker Hill Community College students

In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and National Day of Service, Bunker Hill Community College's (BHCC) DISH (Delivering Information, Sustenance, and Health) food pantry received a generous restock of food and essential winter supplies, thanks to our longstanding partner The TJX Companies, Inc. and new partnership with Boston Cares.

The BHCC community welcomed a special delivery of 250 soup kits, 500 winter warmth supply kits, and 100 birthday celebration kits. These donations reflect the College's commitment to empowering students to focus on their health, happiness, and success without the barrier of hunger. As a student-driven and supported resource, the DISH is dedicated to maintaining a safe, dignified, and

stigma-free environment.

"When BHCC reached out about needs in their community, we were happy to partner with them, and TJX, to ensure students have the support needed," said Sara Hamilton, Executive Director of Boston Care. "Winter gear and birthday celebrations are a small way we can collectively care for our collective community, as is volunteering our time to address local needs."

The volunteer-packed kits were provided by TJX, a longtime supporter of BHCC, which is known for championing the College through its scholarship programs and internship opportunities. Boston Cares organized this community engagement initiative, helping to coordinate the distribution of supplies to ensure they reached those in need.

"Boston Cares and TJX's joint effort is an exemplar of civic partnerships that address critical needs," said BHCC President Pam Eddinger. "Their contribution to the DISH Food Pantry supports the well-being of our students and embodies the spirit of community and service that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. envisioned."

The DISH Food Pantry remains a vital resource for BHCC students, offering sustenance and dignity to those facing food insecurity. Through the support of partners like Boston Cares and TJX, the College reaffirms its dedication to creating a nurturing and equitable environment for all.

Chelsea Alexander, Academic Coordinator of the DISH Food Pantry, emphasized the impact of these donations: "Our students face many challenges, and hun-



From left to right: Justin Wonou, DISH Student Staff; Chelsea Alexander, DISH Food Pantry Coordinator; and Anika Vojir, Mike Francis, and Diana Duran, volunteers from Boston Cares stand in front of a fully stocked pantry ready to serve the BHCC community.

ger should never be one of them. The kits provided by Boston Cares and TJX bring comfort and relief, allowing our students to focus on

their education and goals. We are deeply grateful for their unwavering support."

## Wu announces passage of groundbreaking net zero carbon zoning

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the approval of an amendment to the City's zoning code by the Boston Zoning Commission to include Net Zero Carbon (NZC) Zoning. This new zoning will introduce decarbonization requirements for development projects that accelerate progress on the City's goal of being carbon-neutral by 2050. Additionally, it will help Boston lead in the transition to a sustainable, low-carbon future for both building materials and energy. Under NZC, most new large buildings permitted and delivered will emit net zero carbon emissions from the day they open.

"Around the world and here at home, the dangers of climate change are clear and intensifying. To protect families across our neighborhoods and keep our city running, we need urgent action to ensure resiliency for the safety and well-being of all Bostonians," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "By embedding sustainability into new projects, we set Boston on a direct path towards a cleaner and healthier future for generations to come."

Buildings account for nearly 71 percent of our community's carbon emissions and by adjusting operational performance requirements of new buildings, Boston can minimize emissions and its impact on climate. This includes reducing energy use, easing our reliance on fossil fuels, increasing electrification, and using renewable energy sources. NZC Zoning introduces a net zero emissions standard for new project filings after July 1, 2025, with 15 units

or more, a minimum of 20,000 square feet, or additions of a minimum of 50,000 square feet or more to existing buildings. Projects will demonstrate compliance with this standard during Article 80 Development Review moving forward. Additionally, Small and Large Projects, as defined in Article 80, will be required to report on embodied carbon, which is the carbon emitted construction of a building and the manufacturing of its materials. Large Projects will also be required to conduct an embodied CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions life cycle assessment analysis. These amendments build upon and better reflect updated state building codes and city ordinances, including the Specialized Stretch Energy Code and Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO), respectively.

"This zoning is the first of its kind that will ensure that all new buildings achieve net zero operational emission. It is the right thing to do, and it will make Boston more competitive in the future," said Chief of Planning Kairos Shen. "Thank you to our partners in the development community for working with us to keep building a healthy, green, and growing city."

"This Net Zero Carbon Zoning policy represents a tremendous step forward in reducing Boston's carbon footprint by requiring most major new buildings from now on to be net carbon neutral in operations from the moment they open," said Brian Swett, Chief Climate Officer. "By addressing both operational and embodied carbon in new developments, we're not only tackling emissions but

also beginning to understand and reduce the carbon intensity of our building materials. We are deeply grateful to the real estate community for their partnership and willingness to align with the City's climate action goals, ensuring a resilient and equitable Boston for generations to come."

The NZC Zoning policy excludes renovations, additions under 50,000 square feet, and changes of use, encouraging large-scale adaptive reuse projects that combine energy efficiency upgrades. This policy allows for a phased in approach for hospitals, general manufacturing sites and labs. Recognizing the unique energy and ventilation needs of labs and hospitals, new labs will be required to meet net zero emissions by 2035, and new hospitals and general manufacturing buildings must meet net zero emissions by 2045. The NZC Zoning policy will ensure that Boston's newest, state-of-the-art buildings maximize their impact on greenhouse gas emissions reductions. If this policy had been in effect for large buildings beginning operation in 2023, it would have reduced Boston's total annual greenhouse gas emissions by 0.58%, which is equivalent to all waste-related emissions in the city.

"We are proud to be a part of a community that challenges us all to imagine and build a better future," said Principal of Millennium Partners Boston Joe Larkin. "As the developer of Winthrop Center, the most energy efficient large scale office building that can be built in a cold weather climate, we applaud the City's leadership in

decarbonization."

"On behalf of the Environmental League of Massachusetts Action Fund, we greatly appreciate the work done by the Wu Administration and the members of this Commission to provide the best outcome for resilient and efficient housing," said Casey Bowers, Executive Director of the Environmental League of Massachusetts. "To this end, we need to address the largest source of emissions in Boston, our buildings. While we are working to decarbonize, an efficient place to start is new construction. Beginning with this Amendment, Boston can take a step to safeguard its future."

"By making new large buildings net-zero emissions immediately with this policy, we accelerate BERDO's timeline and avoid costly retrofits. We also improve air quality, keeping our families healthier," said Hessann Farooqi, Executive Director of the Boston Climate Action Network. "When we build the right way, we chart a faster, less expensive course to fight climate change. I'm thrilled that Boston is taking this historic step, creating a model for cities everywhere. I am deeply grateful to Mayor Wu and our City Hall partners, as well as the incredible housing developers, residents, and businesses who made this vision a reality."

"We are ecstatic to see the Boston Zoning Commission be climate leaders and adopt this important building code requirement. The adoption of this code will improve air quality for our children and community, protect our long term economic inter-

ests, and keep Boston on track to reach its greenhouse gas reduction goals," said Andee Krasner, a Boston leader for Mothers Out Front. "We appreciate Mayor Wu's leadership and her team's tireless work, and the contributions of countless Boston architects, engineers, and developers who helped make this ground-breaking policy possible."

"By embedding carbon requirements within the zoning by-laws, Boston will be leading the way with a groundbreaking initiative focused on reducing carbon," said Rickie Harvey, environmental advocate. "NZC Zoning addresses important carbon issues left out of the building codes: allowing for offsets and procurements and taking into account embodied carbon, emissions from construction, and life cycle analysis. All of these are crucial to correctly evaluating the costs and impacts of new construction. The NZC Zoning update puts in place a pillar of Mayor Wu's promised Green New Deal while illustrating her leadership and willingness to break new ground in order to achieve important results."

The approval of this policy by the Zoning Commission marks a significant milestone in Boston's climate action efforts. It reinforces Mayor Wu's commitment to reducing emissions, enhancing energy efficiency, and prioritizing sustainability in all aspects of urban development. As Boston progresses toward its 2050 carbon neutrality target, policies like NZC Zoning are vital to achieving a greener, healthier, and more equitable city for all.



# Parks Department hosts February school vacation week activities

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Children, parents, and caregivers are invited to join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department for February school vacation week. From sports clinics, to our annual Children's Festival, and nature exploration with the Park Rangers, these activities are FREE and open to all. To learn more and register, visit [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks).

Franklin Park Snowshoeing Safari with the Boston Park Rangers

Monday, February 16th

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Franklin Park, 1 Circuit Drive - Meet in the William J. Devine Golf Course parking lot

Join us for an hour snowshoeing tour (weather dependent) around Boston's historic Franklin Park. A limited supply of snowshoes will be available for use during the

event. Please dress accordingly. For ages 12+.

[boston.gov/park-rangers](http://boston.gov/park-rangers)  
Horse-of-Course at Jamaica Pond

Wednesday, February 18th

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Jamaica Pond, 507 Jamaicaaway - Meet outside the Jamaica Pond boathouse

Join the Boston Park Rangers for a 30-minute meet-and-greet with one of our equine partners and learn how they're fed, groomed, tacked up, and ready for their patrol in your parks.

[boston.gov/park-rangers](http://boston.gov/park-rangers)  
Softball Hitting and Fielding Clinics

Tuesday, February 18 and

Wednesday, February 19

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Bubble at Carter Field, 709 Columbus Avenue

The program features UMass

Boston softball players and coaches and is open to teams and individual players of all skill levels.

Pre-registration required  
Ages 10 and up  
[Boston.gov/parks-sports](http://Boston.gov/parks-sports)  
Children's Winter Festival  
Wednesday, February 19  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Boston Common (corner of Beacon and Charles Streets)

This beloved annual festival offers winter-themed activities, inflatable attractions, and fun giveaways.

All ages  
[boston.gov/winterfest](http://boston.gov/winterfest)  
Baseball Hitting and Fielding Clinics

Thursday, February 20 and Friday, February 21

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Bubble at Carter Field, 709 Columbus Avenue

The program features UMass

Boston baseball players and coaches and is open to teams and individual players of all skill levels.

Pre-registration required  
Ages 10-14  
[Boston.gov/parks-sports](http://Boston.gov/parks-sports)  
Horse-of-Course at Boston Common  
Friday, February 20, 2025  
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Boston Common, 139 Tremont St - Meet near the Tadpole Playground by the Frog Pond

Join the Boston Park Rangers for a 30-minute meet-and-greet with one of our equine partners and learn how they're fed, groomed, tacked up, and ready for their patrol in your parks.

[boston.gov/park-rangers](http://boston.gov/park-rangers)  
Open Gym

Thursday, February 20 and Friday, February 21

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Bubble at Carter Field, 709 Columbus Avenue

Open Gym is available to students, families, and community members to play pick-up sports such as kickball, wiffleball, soccer, football, run laps, and more.

[Boston.gov/parks-sports](http://Boston.gov/parks-sports)  
Jamaica Pond Nature Center Open Schedule

The JP Nature Center will be open on select dates throughout February, including during the following February Vacation dates:

Saturday, February 15 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Friday, February 21 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Jamaica Pond, 507 Jamaicaaway - Meet at Nature Center

Discover the forgotten past of JP's ice industry, view our natural history collection, or check in with a Boston Park Ranger as we open up the Nature Center for a limited schedule.

[boston.gov/park-rangers](http://boston.gov/park-rangers)

Call (617) 635-4505 or email [parks@boston.gov](mailto:parks@boston.gov) for more information.

To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks, visit [Boston.gov/Parks](http://Boston.gov/Parks), join our email list at [bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails](http://bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails), and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Facebook, Instagram, X, and Bluesky.

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their collaboration in making this year's census possible."

At this year's census, volunteers canvassed 45 areas, including every neighborhood, Logan Airport, and Boston's transit and parks systems, starting just after midnight. They conducted surveys, identified those sleeping on the streets, and distributed safety information and items to help individuals stay warm. Survey results will be analyzed, cross-checked with shelter data, and used to inform policies and allocate resources. This effort is required annually by HUD.

"The annual homelessness census is more than a count—it's a crucial step in understanding the challenges faced by our most vulnerable residents and shaping our strategies to meet their needs," said Sheila A. Dillon, Chief of Housing. "With the data we collect on this night, we can continue to guide our efforts to move individuals and families into stable housing with the supportive services they need to succeed. We remain committed to working with our partners to prevent and end homelessness in Boston."

"This annual count helps us assess the needs of people experiencing homelessness in Boston," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston. "We will continue to work closely with Mayor Wu and City partners to meet these needs through emergency shelter, housing, recovery supports, and other services to care for the health and well-being of our residents."

After years of progress in reduc-

ing homelessness, Boston is now facing a rise in households experiencing homelessness, mirroring national trends and highlighting local challenges. The number of individuals experiencing homelessness in Boston has grown by 10.6%, from 5,202 in 2023 to 5,756 in 2024. Despite this increase, the 2024 figure remained 11.3% lower than the 2015 peak of 6,492 individuals. In December, HUD announced that U.S. homelessness increased by 18% from 2023 to 2024, with over 770,000 people experiencing homelessness nationwide in January 2024.

"The annual census is a critical tool for measuring progress and identifying areas where we can improve," said St. Francis House President and CEO Karen LaFrazia. "Boston's homelessness numbers provide valuable insights that help us deliver services to the city's most vulnerable residents. However, we must remain focused on the ultimate goal: moving individuals off the street and into stable, supportive, permanent housing."

"The annual homeless census is a vital tool for understanding the realities faced by our most vulnerable residents and informing our efforts to address those challenges," said Lyndia Downie, President and Executive Director of Pine Street Inn. "The data gathered through this effort will allow us to better shape our policies, allocate resources, and deliver services that help individuals move into stable, permanent housing. We remain steadfast in our commitment to collaborate with our

partners to prevent and ultimately end homelessness in our city."

"The annual census in Boston is an essential resource for understanding the challenges faced by our community's most vulnerable members," said Jennifer Hanlon Wigon, Chief Executive Officer for the Women's Lunch Place. "By examining Boston's homelessness data, we can better tailor our services to meet the needs of women experiencing homelessness. But our ultimate mission remains clear: ensuring every individual has access to safe, stable, and permanent housing, along with the support they need to thrive."

The results of the 2025 homelessness census will be available in the coming months. The report will inform the public about the City's ongoing efforts to ensure every Boston resident has access to safe and stable housing.

The Mayor's Office of Housing is responsible for housing people experiencing homelessness, creating and preserving affordable housing, and ensuring that renters and homeowners can obtain, maintain, and remain in safe, stable housing. The department develops and implements the City of Boston's housing creation and homelessness prevention plans and collaborates with local and national partners to find new solutions and build more housing affordable to all, particularly those with lower incomes. For more information, please visit the MOH website.

## Project Bread welcomes Christian Miron as VP of Individual Giving

Cambridge resident Christian Miron brings nearly two decades of experience in policy, advocacy, and fundraising to his new role as Vice President of Individual Giving at Project Bread, Massachusetts' leading statewide food security organization. Throughout his career, Miron has championed systemic change and worked to empower underserved communities, from his early days with reproductive freedom organizations to his leadership in a non-profit serving individuals experiencing homelessness. Now, he is focusing his efforts on combating food insecurity and driving lasting impact across the Commonwealth.

"I am thrilled to join Project Bread because child hunger is a policy choice, and everyone deserves access to healthy, nourishing food with dignity," says Miron. "Project Bread's commitment to combating food insecurity and creating lasting solutions through initiatives like the annual Walk for Hunger and the Make Hunger History Coalition deeply resonates with my passions for making an impact on individuals today while driving systemic change for tomorrow."

In his new role, Miron will



Christian Miron.

help direct fundraising efforts for Project Bread's innovative Make Hunger History Coalition, the first initiative of its kind in Massachusetts. The Coalition unites policymakers, community leaders, philanthropists, business leaders, service providers, and individuals with lived experience of food insecurity to eliminate hunger through policy change, community engage-

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## FRIENDS OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK PLAN A YEAR FULL OF EVENTS



### TUNNEL OF LOVE

This year marks the 8th year that the trellis has been transformed into the Tunnel of Love to warm up cold winter nights! Created by FOCCP Art Curator Robyn Reed with the help of volunteer members, the Tunnel of Love begins on February 1 with festive lights and romantic music.

Be sure to stop by and see the addition of two new ten-foot-tall illuminated hearts and more romantic photo ops!

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park is thrilled to bring a host of activities and events to the park in 2025! Thank you for your support that makes these events possible and gathers our community together. Be sure to mark your calendar!

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL AT TIA'S IN MAY

You won't want to miss our yearly Membership Social where members, prospective members, sponsors, and volunteers come together for a fun night at Tia's!



### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 28, The annual Independence Day celebration in the park has become a summer tradition! We kick off the event with a parade through the park followed by numerous activities to keep little ones busy. Don't miss this magical day! More details to come.

Date and details to come. We look forward to seeing you there!

### FALL FESTIVAL:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Our Fall Festival is another long-honored tradition that brings families and neighbors together to get into the fall spirit! You'll enjoy fall arts and crafts, pumpkins, and fun activities. Costumes encouraged! Stay tuned for more details.

### GUEST SPEAKER CIARA D'AMICO

Tuesday, February 11 • 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mariners House, 11 North Square

We're honored to have Ciara D'Amico, our Neighborhood Services Liaison, join us for our first meeting of 2025. For the past three years,



Ciara has been the "go to" person for residents who've needed help solving problems in their neighborhood.

"I hear from residents about a wide range of issues, from ongoing rodent problems to street and sidewalk safety, bike lanes, and much more," Ciara said. "I've loved every aspect of this job, but one thing I didn't anticipate was being on 'Emergency Coverage' from time to time. This means that when emergencies occur, such as a fire, gas leak, or any other incident that may displace residents, we step in as liaisons on behalf of the City to ensure those displaced are provided housing for the night. We work closely with the fire department and affected residents to gather their information and ensure they can return home safely when the situation permits."

Ciara is also the City's liaison for both the West End and the Wharf District.



### PHOTO-OP FROSTY

Our second-annual Photo-Op Frosty on New Year's Eve was a fan favorite! Long lines were seen filled with adults and children, waiting to take their photo with Frosty. The ice sculpture is part of the annual Harborwalk Ice Sculpture Stroll that is organized by Boston Harbor Now.

Join us on February 11 to welcome Ciara, share your concerns and suggestions, and learn what's planned for our neighborhood.

Ciara is a third generation North End resident. She attended Eliot School and Boston Latin Academy. She received a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Communications with a minor in Social Work from Saint Anselm College.

### 2025 MEETINGS

Please Join Us for Our Quarterly Meetings!

FOCCP meetings are open to the public. They're a great opportunity to learn about upcoming events, find out how to get involved, and meet up with friends, old and new.

2025 Meeting Dates - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 11  
Tuesday, May 13  
Tuesday, August 12  
Tuesday, November 11

Location

Mariners House  
11 North Square, just steps away from the Paul Revere House  
Meetings will be on the 2nd floor (there is an elevator)

### LITTLE LIBRARY COMING TO THE PARK

This Spring, there will be more than just flowers in Columbus Park! We're in the process of creating our very own Free Little Library. Take a book, share a book.



According to LittleFreeLibrary.org, 98% of people say their neighborhood feels like a friendlier place because of a Little Free Library.

Stay tuned for details and a fun unveiling event!

## NORTH WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead through February 15 for the North Washington Street Bridge is as follows:

### Scheduled Work

- West sidewalk concrete placements
- Marine fender pile sand fill
- Lovejoy walkway pile cap formwork, concrete placements

### 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:

- Celtics: February 6 at 7:30 p.m. and 2/12 at 7 p.m.
- Other events: February 10 at 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., February 13 at 7 p.m., and February 14 at 8 p.m.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed

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

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

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

Project email: [NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us)



## CITY ANNOUNCES BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS

Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston's Equity & Inclusion Cabinet announced a series of programming to mark Black History Month and create space for residents and families to celebrate and be in community. This year's Black History Month theme is "African Americans and Labor."

"Boston's Black communities are foundational to the fabric of our city, and we honor their contributions during Black History Month and throughout the year," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm grateful to announce this year's Black History Month programming, where Boston residents, families and visitors can be in community and engage about the contributions and history of Black communities throughout our neighborhoods."

"This year's Black History Month theme reminds us that Black workers have always been at the forefront of progress, and solidarity," said Chief of Equity & Inclusion Mariangely Solis Cervera. "As a city, we continue

to build equitable pathways to opportunity and uplift the voices of those who have shaped our economy, culture and history."

"The history of labor in this country is deeply intertwined with the history of Black communities. From organizing for fair wages to leading movements for workers' rights, Black Bostonians have played a critical role in shaping our city," said Lori Nelson, Senior Advisor for Racial Justice. "This Black History Month, we honor that legacy and reaffirm our commitment to building a Boston where every resident is connected to opportunity, able to build wealth and raise their family with dignity."

For programming hosted by the City of Boston,

### BCYF Black History Annual Skate Night

Friday, February 14, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This event will create space for young residents ages 17 and under to be in community and skate with friends and family.



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY MIKE MEJIA

Boston City Hall is seen on the evening of Feb. 1, lit in honor of Black History Month.

Location: Chez Vous Skating Rink, 11 Rhoades Street, Dorchester

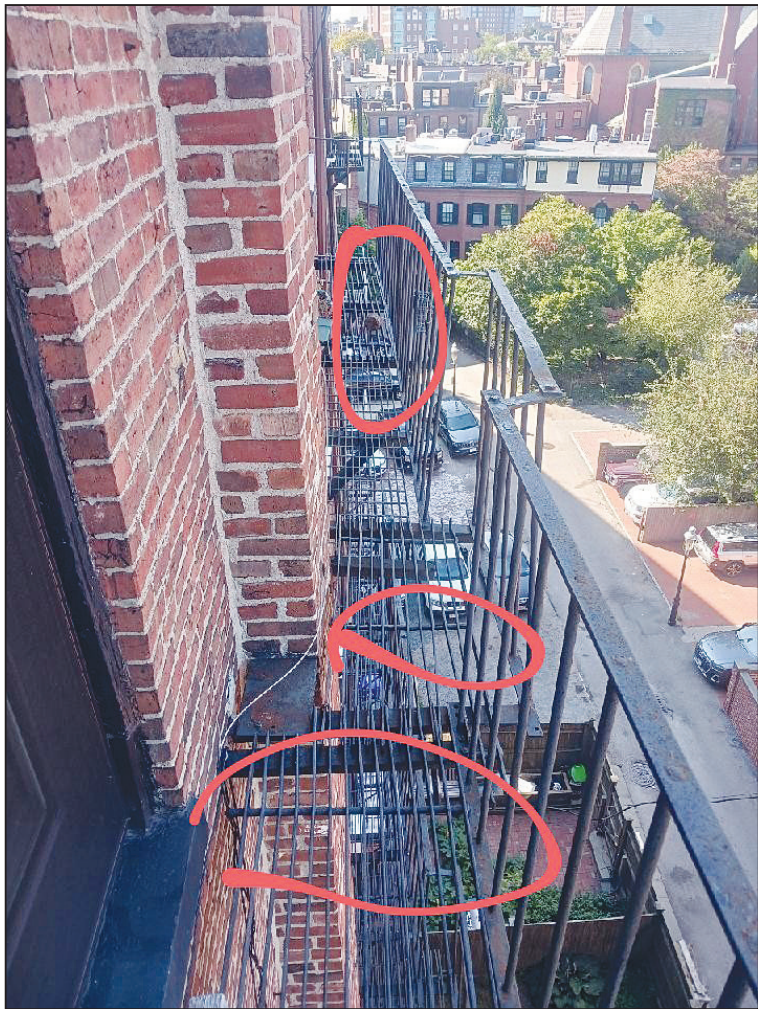
**Black Employee Network (BEN) Employee Resource Group BHM Celebration**

Friday, February 21, 6:00 p.m

Connecting Black City employees and the community with City Leadership to celebrate all of the triumphs of the Black diaspora.

Location: Carver Lodge, 82 Talbot Ave, Boston, MA 02124

## IS YOUR FIRE ESCAPE SUFFICIENT?



It's often difficult to tell if your fire escape is sufficient with an untrained eye, and inspections are required every five years by qualified individual. The city's Inspectional Services Department doesn't provide this service so homeowners must turn instead to a licensed professional.

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To learn more about Boston Forging & Welding Corp, visit [bostonforgingandwelding.com](http://bostonforgingandwelding.com); call 617-567-2300 or 617-567-3293; or email [info@bostonforgingandwelding.com](mailto:info@bostonforgingandwelding.com).

### Black History Month Poster Series Exhibition

On display now until Friday, February 21

Artwork in celebration of Black History Month Poster Series by Muqeedah Publishing.

Location: Boston City Hall - 2nd Floor

### Haitian Artists Assembly of Massachusetts (HAAM) Gallery Exhibition

On display until Saturday, February 22

Art show highlighting work of Haitian-American artists based in New England and celebrating 30th Anniversary of the Haitian Artists Assembly of Massachusetts.

Location: Boston City Hall, Scollay Square Gallery - Third Floor

### Black Veterans Appreciation Brunch

Saturday, February 22, 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This event, hosted by the Mayor's Office of Veteran Affairs, will celebrate and honor the contributions and sacrifices of Black veterans in helping to create and add to the United States' legacy. The City will also be honoring deserving veterans with Community and Outstanding Service awards.

Location: Boston City Hall - 2nd Floor



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## HOLOCAUST MUSEUM BOSTON TO USE EDUCATION TO INSPIRE ACTION AGAINST HATE

By Jody Kipnis and Todd Ruderman

International Holocaust Remembrance Day on January 27 marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp. This year's commemoration came at a time of rising antisemitism. According to the ADL, antisemitic incidents in New England went up 205% in 2023 to 623 incidents.

In 2018, while touring Auschwitz with Holocaust survivor David Schaecter, we pledged to honor the Holocaust's memory and ensure its lessons endure. The Holocaust stands as an explicit warning of what happens when hatred and democracy's breakdown go unchecked.

That pledge is taking shape through the Holocaust Legacy Foundation, a nonprofit we co-founded to create a Holocaust museum in downtown Boston, located across from the Freedom Trail, to examine the past and create a more just future.

Education is the strongest



antidote to hate. The Holocaust Museum Boston will immerse visitors in history through multi-media exhibits and authentic artifacts, including a Nazi-era railcar, and spaces for learning and reflection. The museum will also house classrooms for educational programming. When it opens in 2026, it will be the only museum in New England dedicated to Holocaust education.

We hope it inspires visitors to reflect on their choices, values, and impact on others.

The lessons of the Holocaust demand more than remembrance, they demand action. Together, we can build a future rooted in empathy, dignity, and respect for all.

*Jody Kipnis and Todd Ruderman are the co-founders of the Holocaust Legacy Foundation*

### PROGRAMS (from pg. 13)

#### Black Women in Leadership & Labor - Inspiring Generations

Friday, February 28, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

A panel conversation titled "The Power of Labor, Leadership, and Legacy", where Black women leaders from various fields will share their experiences in the labor movement and discuss historical and contemporary roles of Black women in the labor movement.

Location: Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, 22300 Washington Street, Roxbury

#### Boston Public Library Programming

#### Hidden History of Black Boston with Joel Mackall

Monday, February 10, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Connolly BPL Branch in Jamaica Plain

Learn Boston's 400-year African American history as Joel Mackall delves into the rich narratives of neighborhoods and pivotal sites, events, and figures from the eras of Faneuil Hall and Long Wharf, all the way to the vibrant Black communities that flourished in Beacon Hill in the early republic,

and the South End and Roxbury in the early 20th century.

#### African American Mariners in The Revolutionary War

Wednesday, February 12, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Virtual event

Staff from the National Park Service lead an exploration into the contributions of African American mariners during the Revolutionary War Era.

Please register for event here

#### African Storytelling Reimagined with Ada Ari

Saturday, February 15, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Codman Square BPL Branch

Saturday, February 15, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. - Central Library in Copley Square

Join author Ada Ari as she reads her picture book, *The Spider's Thin Legs*. Other activities include cultural dance, show-and-tell, and more.

#### Afrobeats 101: Beginner Dance Workshop

Saturday, February 15, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Mattapan BPL Branch

This event, led by Afrobeats Dance Boston, will teach Afro-technique and African street styles of dance celebrating the spirit of Africa and the joy that comes from it.

#### Author Talk: Douglas Stark - Race and Resistance in Boston

Saturday, February 15, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Grove Hall BPL Branch

With the release of his 2025 book, *Race and Resistance in Boston: A Contested Sports History*, editor Douglas Stark will discuss the thought process behind his latest project that focuses on Boston sports and racial conflict.

#### Emancipation in Massachusetts

Wednesday, February 26, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Virtual Event

From Black Patriotism in the American Revolution to the fight for emancipation, this presentation, using early art pieces, reviews the colonial era individuals who impacted early rights for Boston's Black citizens.

### PROJECT BREAD (from pg. 11)

ment, and collective action. By supporting the Coalition's mission and expanding its capacity, Miron will help ensure the nearly 7 million Commonwealth residents can all access affordable, nutritious food, enabling them to thrive in their careers, education, and daily lives.

Before joining Project Bread, Miron was the Director of Philanthropy at Project Place, where he directed and managed fundraising efforts across individual donors, foundations, and event-based campaigns. His extensive experience in nonprofit leadership, advocacy, and political campaigns has equipped him with the skills to address complex social issues and work toward long-term solutions.

"We're excited to welcome Christian to the Project Bread team. He brings deep experience in strategy and a wealth of knowledge at a crucial time for our organization," shares Erin McAleer, CEO and President of Project Bread. "We're making bold strides to end hunger permanently in Massachusetts and our mission has never been more urgent.

Christian's leadership, passion for social justice, and authenticity in connecting with Project Bread supporters is already moving us closer to making Massachusetts the first hunger-free state in the country."

Outside of work, Miron enjoys spending time with his family, often going for walks with their puppy and attending his child's youth hockey games. For him, addressing hunger is personal—he is proud each day to see his child and their peers benefit from permanent free school meals for all students, a bill Project Bread successfully advocated for from 2021 to 2023 and saw passed statewide last year.

People experiencing food insecurity should call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential, free assistance getting connected to a variety of food resources in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. Counselors can pre-screen families and help them to apply for SNAP. Learn more at [www.projectbread.org/get-help](http://www.projectbread.org/get-help).

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## CITY PAWS

## Winter paws

By Penny &amp; Ed Cherubino

If you've ever had salt in a cut, you know how that stings. Now imagine walking on salt with paws that are raw and irritated. WebMD explains, "Winter is hard on everyone's skin, even your dog's! Bitter cold can cause chapping and cracking. Rock salt and chemical ice melts can cause sores, infection, and blistering."

## Tips for Salty Paws

If your dog is limping from a salty paw and snow is on the ground, grab a gloveful of the freshest, cleanest snow you can find and use it to clean the salt off your dog's paws.

If you see your dog licking his paws after a walk, that's a warning sign. Not only can the foot become infected, but dogs, especially small dogs, can also develop an upset GI system from ingesting these chemicals.

When you return from a winter walk, wash and dry your dog's paws. We do this even with boots because sometimes a dip in a deep puddle or romp in the snow leaves some salt residue. You can buy a

purpose-made paw washer or use a bowl to dip and then dry each paw.

Before providing paw care, you must make your pup comfortable with paw exams. Start this in quiet moments at home. Take note of the condition of the pads, interdigital spaces, and nails. Knowing what your dog's paws look like when they are healthy will help you spot redness, cracking, and other signs of winter damage.

## Boots Can Help

Dog boots offer protection on salty sidewalks. New options for boots that are easier to put on and stay on better are released each year. Check with your favorite pet supply shop to see what they recommend. Local shops may also let you try on a few styles and help you learn how to put the boots on your dog.

We suggest you practice at home, and once your dog is booted, play some favorite games to distract from these new things on her feet.

The New York Times Wirecutter site recommended Musher's Secret if your dog just won't adapt



Dog boots offer protection on salty sidewalks. (Photo by Brian Jones)

to boots. They wrote, "Musher's Secret is a wax you can rub on your dog's paws before an outing to help keep ice, salt, and snow from getting packed in between their toes, and it can prevent their paws from cracking."

## Other Winter Issues

We have had a lot of salt on

pathways this season. Electrical problems can occur when salt is applied to roads and sidewalks, corroding electrical equipment. Salty water can serve as a conductor, allowing stray current to spread to metal grates, utility covers, paving material, and bare ground.

Thankfully, it has been years since we heard of a dog being electrocuted from stepping on a metal utility object. Nonetheless, we walk our dog around all metal objects on the ground and try to keep her away from metal poles, fences, and equipment boxes.

Romping and playing on icy ground can lead to nail damage. Having nail clippers on hand for your dog and quick-stop powder to stop a bleeding nail is a good idea. Remember that paws and nails can bleed a lot, and if the nail is beyond home first-aid, you will need a vet visit.

One final word of advice: while keeping your dog or cat safe inside or on a leash is always wise, it's essential in winter. A lost housepet does not have the coat or skills needed to survive in sub-freezing conditions.

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



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