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MAYOR'S ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR COMES TO MISSION HILL



Photo by Derek Kouyoumjian

Santa and Mrs Claus with members of Kings Hill Church on the Enchanted Trolley. See more photos on pages 8 and 9.

From Passion to Business Inside Mission Hill Yoga's community focus

BY EVA MAZZARA

Cassandra Foster sits cross-legged in a heated yoga room, her perfect posture suggesting the instructor and co-owner of Mission Hill Yoga is an expert at her craft.

After taking her first class in 2011, Foster wasn't so sure yoga was for her. But by February 2012, she became a regular customer at her local yoga studio, attending almost every day. What started out as a hobby, quickly

flourished into something more. Later that year, Foster enrolled in a teacher training program to spread her passion.

"I did that in the fall of 2013, and I taught yoga from 2014 all the way until we opened the studio in 2018," said Foster.

Nestled between Tremont Street and Parker Street, the studio is the only one in about a mile and a half radius.

"I felt like I wanted to create my own community, because that (connecting to students) was

my favorite part about teaching," said Foster.

While having the studio was convenient for Foster and her husband, a more prominent reason fueled her desire to open in Mission Hill.

"(We were) really looking at neighborhoods that didn't have a yoga studio," said Foster. "We opened prior to COVID, so there (were) even more studios back in 2018. Mission Hill was an area that we thought we could hope-

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Licensing board approves Heath Street distillery

STAFF REPORT

At its Dec. 4 virtual voting meeting, the Boston Licensing Board approved a Farmer Distillery Pouring License for Namu Distilling at 89 Heath St. in Mission Hill.

Namu co-founders Josh Moss and Will Blessing appeared before the Community Alliance of Mission Hill (CAMH) several times over the past year, highlighting their efforts to open a craft gin and soju distillery with a focus on Korean heritage.

The plans for the distillery include a tasting room and cocktail bar, and Moss said the drink menu will include gin and soju cocktails based on the history of Boston's neighborhoods.

Moss and Blessing also said their goal is to host weekly events such as trivia nights and cocktail tastings and to establish the distillery as a neighborhood hub and hangout spot.

Moss and Blessing gave a brief

update on the timeline for Namu prior to the latest CAMH meeting on Nov. 18.

"Our building permits were all approved (the week of Nov. 18) ... so we are looking forward to starting construction as soon as we can," said Moss.

Moss thanked the CAMH members for their support during the process to open the distillery.

"You have definitely been a big help," said Moss.

According to the licensing board agenda, the tasting room premise encompasses four rooms on one floor including the tasting room itself, two bathrooms, and a small storage/mop sink closet totaling approximately 3,675 sq ft.

No outdoor areas are currently to be included in the licensed area. There is one entrance and there are two exits. The total square footage of the premise is 5,260 with the remainder of the space being occupied by the production facility.

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CAMH hears more on proposed One Brigham Circle changes

By ADAM SWIFT

The owner and development team for One Brigham Circle were back before the Community Alliance of Mission Hill at its November meeting to answer questions about proposed changes to the building.

The 200,000-square-foot mixed-used facility on Tremont Street currently consists of about 120,000 square feet of office space, and 80,000 square feet of commercial and retail space, along with surface level and garage parking. All of the office space is currently leased by Massachusetts General Brigham (MGB) hospitals.

The owner of One Brigham Circle, AEW Real Estate Investment Management, is seeking a change to the development's PDA (Planned Development Overlay). The change would allow for about 66,700 feet of clinical office space, which is not allowed under the current PDA.

In October, AEW and the development team presented an overview of the changes, and last

month, the team was back before the CAMH to address questions raised at that October meeting.

"Mass General Brigham currently leases all this (office) space, and while that seems like a far time away to us right now, we still have some time on that lease, we are here tonight to really position ourselves for success for that upcoming lease expiration," said Kat Jerome, the asset manager from AEW for One Brigham Circle. "We want to make sure that we keep this building vibrant, active, and continuing to contribute to the neighborhood. In order to do so, we feel it is important to explore the possibility of adding clinic at the building."

The clinic space would be on the second and third floors of the building, and would encompass about 67,000 square feet, or about half of the existing clinic space, according to Jerome.

Nick Zozula, a partner from the law firm of McDermott, Quilty, Miller & Hanley, addressed concerns that were raised about the potential for

drug, narcotic, or alcohol treatment in the clinic space.

Zozula said there is a limitation in the submitted draft PDA to the city that states that AEW will not seek drug or narcotic treatment uses for the clinic space.

Jerome said there were also questions raised about how panhandlers would be limited at One Brigham Circle as a result of the addition of clinic space.

"Security measures will be in place," she said. "Currently, we have security cameras at the building 24/7, and we also have a dedicated security officer."

The development team members also answered previous questions about whether the building's ventilation system could handle the addition of the clinical uses.

According to Eugene Calara of architect Shepley Bulfinch, the building can handle the ventilation requirements, and that any potential X-ray or CTs would be adequately supported by the loading capacity of the existing structural floors.

There were also questions raised about ensuring that clinical patients would use the interior garage at One Brigham Circle, and not the retail parking lot.

"This is something we have been thinking about really from the get-go, because it's directly into pickup and drop-off, which we understand will also be a key part of this," said Ian McKinnon, a transportation engineer with Howard Stein Hudson. "The clinic use in that part of the building will have a Tremont Street address."

All the documentation and materials for the clinic space will have the Tremont Street address, so that no one is directed to Calumet and the more residential neighborhood, he said.

McKinnon also addressed questions about delivery times for Stop & Shop, and if there would be a conflict with traffic from the clinic users. He said that the existing Stop & Shop deliveries happen overnight, and that clinic users are expected to start arriving at 8 a.m. or later. McKinnon added that delivery

arrivals will be coordinated with the building loading dock manager to separate the delivery timing and the clinic user arrival timing.

At the November CAMH meeting, there was also a question about the elevator use and if the clinic users would be using the elevator near the retail uses.

Jerome noted that there are elevators currently used for the office tenants that would be opened up for clinical patients so that the uses would largely remain separate.

During the November meeting, Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services Executive Director Patricia Flaherty voiced her support for the One Brigham Circle proposal.

"I think it is important to recognize that times change," said Flaherty. "I don't think that any of us expected what the world would be like post-Covid, and I think that this is a change that will bring vibrancy back to One Brigham Circle and to our commercial area. I am very happy to support the change."

MBTA celebrates 25th annual Fill-A-Bus with Gifts program

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The MBTA and Massachusetts Department of Transportation

(MassDOT) celebrated the 25th Annual Fill-A-Bus with Gifts program. Employees from both state transportation agen-

cies donated a total of 2,746 toys this year, which will be donated to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty

to Children, the Boys and Girls Club of Boston, and Heading Home.

"Fill-A-Bus is entirely employee-led and represents the spirit of what we stand for as public servants, making people's lives better," said Interim Secretary and MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng. "I want to thank the MBTA employees who organized this program, which is in its 25th year, as well as my colleagues at the T and MassDOT who showed generosity by donating gifts that filled our bus. I'm also grateful to our partners

at the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Boys and Girls Club of Boston, and Heading Home for distributing these gifts to families every year."

"The MBTA's Fill-A-Bus with Gifts event is a special chance for employees to give back to the communities we work with year-round. Each holiday season, the Fill-A-Bus visits MBTA garages, RMV locations, MassDOT offices, and other sites to engage as many people as possible," said

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The City Planning Department is hosting a joint virtual Task Force/public meeting to discuss the recently filed Institutional Master Plan Amendment for the Wentworth IMP and the Development Project Impact Report for the Pike Residence Hall, in the Mission Hill neighborhood of Boston. This IMP Amendment and DPIR changes to the recently approved IMP and updates to the Project Notification Form for the Pike Residence Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the changes to the proposed project and IMP, a discussion with the task force and questions and comments from the public.

Please note that the purpose of this meeting is different from that of a traditional community meeting, and will start with the conversation between the Task Force, the Wentworth team and members of review agencies present at the meeting, followed by questions and comments from the public.

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Donated toys cover the inside of the MBTA Fill-A-Bus.

Parks Department to host Winter Soccer Clinics in January

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The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Anthony Rougier Sports Foundation, is pleased to announce the 2026 Winter Soccer Clinic. This free clinic is

designed to help athletes ages 9-17 maintain their skills during the offseason and get “a leg up” on the competition before spring soccer season.

Winter Soccer clinic takes place at Carter Playground Bubble, 709 Columbus Avenue. Pro-

fessional coaches and trainers will guide participants through specialized drills and exercises tailored to their age groups. This clinic caters to all skill levels, serving both junior players looking to improve their skills and senior athletes seeking advanced

training.

Program Dates: Sundays, January 11 to February 8

Session 1: Ages 9 - 12

Times: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Session 2: Ages 13 - 17

Times: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Early registration is recom-

mended as spots are limited. To register for the Winter Soccer Clinic, visit boston.gov/parks-sports. For more information, contact woodley.auguste@boston.gov or call (617) 961-3084.

MBTA

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MBTA Graphics Manager David Wood, who has organized the Fill-A-Bus with Gifts event for the past eight years. “Each year, I’m proud to see so many of

my transportation colleagues get involved. The generosity shown by my peers brings a lot of joy to countless families during the holidays.”

This year, MBTA and MassDOT employees donated a record-breaking 2,746 gifts (up

from 2,651 in 2024) to their Fill-A-Bus partners at the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC), the Boys and Girls Club of Boston, and Heading Home.

“Last year, MSPCC provided gifts to almost 1,000 children,”

said MSPCC Director of Development Melanie S. Lima. “The presents donated through the MBTA and MassDOT Fill-A-Bus program are far more than toys—they offer moments of joy, and help children feel valued and included. Because most MSPCC families live in poverty, parents often tell us they want to create a happy holiday for their children, but financial strain makes that difficult and stressful. The generosity of the Fill-A-Bus programs helps MSPCC ease some of that burden and ensure that hundreds of children experience a brighter, more joyful holiday season.”

“The Yawkey Club of Roxbury is proud to partner with the MBTA once again for the Fill-A-Bus toy drive,” said Corey Manning, Executive Director, Yawkey Boys & Girls Club of Roxbury. “As we celebrate our 115th anniversary, this effort reflects

exactly who we are at our core, a community that shows up for young people and families. The MBTA’s support helps us bring joy to hundreds of children, ages 6 to 12, during the holidays, and we are grateful to stand together in service of our neighborhoods as we continue saving the world one smile at a time.”

“Partnering with the MBTA and MassDOT via the Fill-a-Bus initiative, has helped us bring a little joy, laughter, and fun to many of our families. What seems like a simple toy, means so much more to our families—it represents a moment of normalcy, happiness, and hope,” said Heading Home Chief Development Officer Karen Grant. “Nothing beats seeing the smiles on the faces of the kids, adults, and volunteers when the toys are dropped off at our shelters. Thank you to the MBTA and MassDOT and everyone who makes this possible.”



Courtesy Photos

MBTA Graphics Manager David Wood (front left), who has organized the Fill-A-Bus with Gifts event for the eighth year, kneels with MBTA Bus Operator Dionna Johnson (front right), who drove the holiday bus route for the first time this year. They stand with representatives from Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Boys and Girls Club of Boston, and Heading Home.

Mission Hill Yoga

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fully help bring yoga to.”

Soon after opening, the pandemic swept through the nation and many businesses suffered. For fitness studios, Foster said funding was almost non-existent, unless it was a corporate chain.

“Those (small) businesses, including ours, almost everybody (is a) 1099 contractors, so PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) wasn’t an option. All the businesses that got money from the government to keep employees on payroll had to be W2 employees, not 1099.”

For Mission Hill Yoga, not being able to have an in-person connection with their community was a separate obstacle.

“In the news they talked about restaurants not being able to open, but the difference was, restaurants could do takeout,” she said. “But fitness studios and gyms – we weren’t easy. So there (were) ... almost two seasons that we physically weren’t even

able to be open.”

While many studios pivoted to teaching classes online, people quickly grew tired of the repetitive and disconnected nature of Zoom.

The community rallied to help. The Tobin Community Center helped host classes outside during summer, and Mission Hill Main Streets bought the studio’s gift cards to generate revenue. “I think the community was a big part of why we stayed,” said Foster.

The studio’s community focus is reflected in the space, with grand abstract murals covering the walls.

“We wanted to include local artists where we could, because ultimately, that was a big part of the vision we had,” said Foster. “It feels like an extension of the area.”

Dianysa Serrano, yoga instructor and part-time astrology reader, discovered the studio during the pandemic.

“It was one of the only studios that was open, so I started going there for my personal practice, and that’s what made me fall in

love,” said Serrano. “Honestly, I think it’s the people more than anything.”

As a student at the studio for about two years, Serrano was invited to join Foster’s teacher training program. Afterward, she quit her job and completely switched careers.

“I was fortunate enough to be able to start (teaching) and kind of transition into that, so I know I’m lucky in that aspect,” she said. “I think a lot of teachers really struggle to get their first couple gigs.”

For many chain-yoga establishments — the relationship between the instructors and the students can feel transactional. However, at Mission Hill Yoga, students are the top priority.

“I think when you either read the reviews on our Google or ... talk to anybody who comes here, we make it a point to be extremely welcoming, especially for new people,” said Foster. “Here we made sure that the teachers are the ones who check people in.”

Serrano said she believes the tight-knit environment of the

studio adds to its appeal.

“Cassandra as an owner is amazing. She’s down to earth, she’s relatable. She reflects a lot of the community like being a POC (Person of Color) woman,” she said. “Little things like that make a difference.”

Grace Frommelt, a Boston Medical Center employee and graduate student, is new to the studio, and already feels the family bond between the instructors and students.

“I’ve really enjoyed it because it’s so small, and I feel like the instructors are able to spend more time with the students,” said Frommelt. “I’ve been to all the big chain studios and they pack you in. Whereas here, the instructors really take the time

to make sure you’re comfortable, and make sure you have everything you need.”

Not only does the studio offer a variety of classes, but they offer students the ability to join their favorite instructors on a retreat to worldwide bucket-list locations.

For those who are teetering back and forth on whether or not to try yoga, Foster quoted the neon sign hanging on one of the walls that reads, “just do it.”

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What's Happening on Main Streets

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another." – Charles Dickens

BY COURTNEY WRIGHT

November was a busy month and as always was a good way to begin the holiday season spirit of giving. On the 11th, the MH Post led a well-attended Veteran's Day memorial service at Hanlon Square in Brigham Circle. Councilor Durkan and State Rep. Chynah Tyler were both in attendance and spoke fondly of their own ties to the armed service and their respect for our MH local Vets as well. I love both Veterans' and Memorial Days events held on the Hill, not just for the opportunity to honor our Veterans but also for the ability to spend an afternoon and a meal with them learning their stories and lessons of lives well lived in service to others. I hope you'll consider attending the next ceremony in May. Thank you Veterans!

Thank you to all the individuals, organizations, businesses



Shown above and below, scenes from the Veterans Day Ceremony at Hanlon Square. Local veterans were honored at the ceremony, which was well attended by residents and officials alike.



and institutions who volunteered at food banks, passed out donations and helped to provide hot meals to seniors and families during the week of Thanksgiving, but also at the myriads of community events that led up to it. In a particularly challenging year and on the heels of the government shutdown, these efforts

were more needed and appreciated than ever. In addition to the annual events that bring community together in service to residents, I want to extend a sincere thank you to one of our institutions, Wentworth Institute of Technology and more specifically, Johanna Sena and Matt Gruber, for their support of the

businesses damaged by the gun fire that occurred in September. I was meeting with Wentworth about their Institutional Master Plan and as the conversation turned to student move-in and community updates, the shooting on Labor Day Weekend came up. They immediately asked how they could support the business-

es affected and further were able to donate \$5,000 toward window replacements for those that had been fired through. I know that business owners have been in touch independently but on behalf of Mission Hill Main Streets, thank you so much for the investment in our businesses.

The Thursday before Thanksgiving you may have seen Eric up in his bucket truck- not Alden but the electrician with Maverick Corporation, installing new snowflake light installations on 14 of the streetlights along Tremont Street. We have an additional 6 to install when power sources become available. Earlier this week, Atlas Real Estate Consultants were out and about changing over the seasonal planters to their holiday looks in time for the Tree Lighting this weekend. Throughout the week and weekend, we will be going around placing lights and wreaths in various locations as well. If you would like to volunteer to hang wreaths or lights, please reach out to missionhill-mainstreetsboston@gmail.com It is a fun way to get into the spirit and would help extend our reach!

The Mission Hill Artists Collective is back with their annual Mission Hill Holiday Market beginning this Friday, December 5th and continuing Friday, December 12th and Friday, December 19th from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in the main plaza entrance of One Brigham Circle (1620 Tremont). There will be an assortment of original paintings, a diverse variety of hand-crafted jewelry, handmade products, seasonal products and more. Please come out and support Mission Hill's local artists and artisans this holiday season!

With everything going on in Mission Hill this month, it is very likely I've missed something so please keep your eyes and ears out for all that the holiday season has to offer in the neighborhood. If you want to come out and volunteer to assist with holiday decorating- please reach out! On behalf of myself and the MH Main Streets Board, we wish you all a safe, happy and healthy holiday!

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Music & the Arts

Shop local at the Mission Hill Artist Collective Holiday Market

STAFF REPORT

Residents and visitors looking for unique, locally-made gifts this holiday season are invited to attend the Mission Hill Artist Collective Arts & Crafts Holiday Market.

Hosted in partnership with Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Service and Lincoln Properties, this festive market series offers an opportunity to support local Mission Hill artists and artisans directly.

The Market will be held twice

more throughout December, today, Friday, Dec. 12, and Dec. 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

What to Expect Shoppers can browse a diverse assortment of goods, including:

- Original paintings
- Hand-crafted jewelry

- Seasonal postcards
- Organic products
- Various other handmade gifts.

The market is conveniently located at One Brigham Circle (1620 Tremont Street). Vendors will be set up in the main lobby

entrance areas of Brigham Circle Plaza, adjacent to TGI Fridays and Stop & Shop.

The location is easily accessible via public transit at the Brigham Circle stops, served by the Green Line E-Train (Heath) and Bus routes 39 and 66.

Lyric Stage Boston presents 'A Sherlock Carol' through Dec. 21

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Extra dashes of laughter and intrigue make A Sherlock Carol a cozy cup of yuletide cheer and the perfect holiday treat for all. Under the direction of Ilyse Robbins, the tales of Sherlock Holmes and A Christmas Carol come together like you've never seen before.

Moriarity is as dead as a doornail. Sherlock Holmes is depressed. Without his number one adversary, what's the point of it all? Enter a grown-up Tiny Tim and the mysterious death of everyone's favorite humbug and it's a festive literary mash-up with surprises around every corner. This fresh and charming reimaging of two of the most beloved literary characters is a "Dickens" of a yuletide detective story that's as "good as gold." Six actors transform before your eyes in a playful, clever, and joyous holiday comedy that is "elementary" for a festive outing sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Director Ilyse Robbins° says. "If you're a Sherlock Holmes fan at all and you love Dickens' holiday classic A Christmas Carol, this is the show for you. This script is the smartest and wittiest mash-up you can imagine. With a killer cast."

Performances begin Friday, November 14 and run through

Sunday, December 21.

Featuring Leigh Barrett*, Christopher Chew*, Mark Linehan*, Paul Melendy*, Michelle Moran, and Jon Vellante*.

Scenic Design by Erik D. Diaz**, Costume Design by Sophia Barimidze, Lighting Design by SeifAllah Salotto-Cristobal**, Sound Design by Alex Berg, Props Artisan, Julia Wonkka.

Leigh Barrett* (Actor 4) – Lyric Stage-The Last Five Years (directorial debut), Sister Act (director), A Gentlemen's Guide To Love and Murder (ensemble), Souvenir (Florence), Gypsy (Rose), Company (JoAnne), Sondheim on Sondheim, City of Angels (Donna/Oolie), Grey Gardens (Little Edie/Big Edie), The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby (Gruden/Peg), Big River (Miss Watson/Sally Phelps), Animal Crackers (Mrs. Rittenhouse), Follies (Sally), A Little Night Music (Countess Charlotte), The Mikado (Kati-sha), Nuncrackers (Sr Hubert), Sunday in the Park with George (Frieda). Leigh has appeared on many Boston area stages including New Repertory Theatre, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Greater Boston Stage Company, North Shore Music Theater, Gloucester Stage, Bridge Rep, Central Square Theatre, and Reagle Music Theatre. She is a four-time Elliot Norton Award

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re- cipi- ent includ- ing the prize for Sustained Excellence. Proud member of Actor's Equity. Love to HB and my boys, Nick and Matt.

Christopher Chew* (Scrooge)

– Lyric Stage: Urinetown: The Musical (Caldwell B. Cladwell), Assassins (Charles J. Guiteau) My Fair Lady (Henry Higgins), Sondheim on Sondheim (Man 2), Sweeney Todd (Sweeney), Working (Man 2), Man of La Mancha (Don Quixote), Urinetown: The Musical (Lockstock), Shakespeare in Hollywood (Oberon), A Little Night Music (Fredrik), Sunday in the Park with George (George), It's All True (Blitzstein), Side Show (Terry), 1776 (Rutledge), and The Spitfire Grill (Joe). Other credits include multiple productions at The Huntington, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Greater Boston Stage Company, Wheelock Family Theater, Hanover

Theater, and more recently Reagle Music Theater's South Pacific (Emile). Christopher earned his BFA in Drama from Carnegie Mellon University, an MAT in English from Fitchburg State University, and an Ed.D. from Northeastern University.

Paul Melendy* (Sherlock) – Lyric Stage: The Drowsy Chaperone (Man in Chair). The Huntington: A Confederacy of Dunces (Mancuso), M (Man). Merrimack Repertory Theatre: The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley (Brian), A Christmas Carol (Fred et al). Commonwealth Shakespeare Company: ART (Yvan),

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Hill Happenings

By MAURICE 'MOSSY' MARTIN

With a brisk chill in the air Mission Hill Post 327 members and a hearty group of partisans gathered at Brigham Circle to celebrate our veterans on Nov.11. Our Post Commander, Col. George Rollins, presided over the terrific event. Councilor Sharon Durkan gave a nice patriotic oration. Sharon, who represents Mission Hill, has several family members who served in the military.

Our famous M.H. Post member Brigadier General Woody Woodhouse was not at the proceedings. Woody was in Ger-

many at a ceremony honoring the Holocaust victims and other World War II-related events. Woody was also among the VIPs who attended the Colts - Falcons NFL game at Olympic Stadium in Berlin.

It was nice seeing our State Rep. Chynah Tyler at the event, and thanks to Maria from Mike's Donuts for providing the much-needed hot coffee and donuts.

The Holiday Arts and Crafts Show will take place on Dec. 5, 12, and 19 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the lobby at One Brigham Place (next to Stop & Shop).

Neighborhood Housing Services will be sponsoring the Mission Hill Artist Collective, which will be selling unique handcrafted creations, such as sea glass, jewelry, crystals, and small works of visual art, etc.

Thanks to Mairead Murphy for inviting me and my brother, Dan, to a nice lunch last week at The Tavern Around the World in Charlestown. Mairead, whose pretty smiling face can prompt a grin from the grumpy, is my favorite bartender at Brendan Behan's in J.P. Paul Griffin, who previously tended bar at Flann O'Brien's in Mission Hill and is now the manager at The Tavern Around the World. It was good to see him again, too.

Dan Martin and Joe Gillis competed in the Albany Open Handball Tournament at the Colonial Court Club last week. Dan, who is 81, played well but was eliminated in the first round.

At this writing, Gillis, a former Mission Hill Softball League star, and his teammate had advanced to the finals in the doubles competition.

Beloved Walter Earley, a Boston policeman from Mission Hill, was the best local handballer. Walter, a World War 11

veteran, won the 1962 Boston YMCA Handball Championship. A plaque hung on the wall at the Huntington Ave. YMCA for decades commemorating Walter's win.

Some famous men, including Abraham Lincoln, have partaken in the tough game of handball, then called 'Fives' because of the open handed strike. Honest Abe started playing between two vacant brick walls in Springfield, Ill., shortly before the 1860 Republican National Convention.

There is now a dandy photo of the last Killilea Club 1979 championship football team displayed in Mike's Donuts.

The classic picture was taken at Casey Town Field where Killilea defeated the North End Raiders, 14-12, for the title. I was the left end on the team, and we were staggered early by a long touchdown pass.

We trailed 6-0 seemingly forever until rugged fullback John Breen crossed the goal line in the fourth quarter. Mike Shea caught the two-point conversion from QB Eddie Gillis to give Killilea the lead that we never relinquished.

Jimmy O'Neill, a fine offensive lineman, was the oldest player on the team and now has the distinction of being the only player to play on both the first and last championship teams.

The initial title team in 1966, which yielded zero points, was

called the St. Alphonsus Club. The team changed its name in honor of beloved Franny Killilea who was killed in Vietnam in May of 1966.

Mission Hill lost a wonderful woman last month when Susan (Anderson) Flynn unexpectedly passed away. Susan, a homeowner on Hillside Street for many years, loved her neighborhood and her church. I saw Susan infrequently the last few years but when we crossed paths she would always greet me with a hearty embrace. R.I.P. Susan and donations in her memory may be made to Mission Church. .

I was saddened to hear of the passing of John Clarke, who grew up at Alton Court in the Mission Hill project.

John, my 1967 Mission High classmate, was a basketball legend at the Tobin Court Summer Basketball League. Crowds would congregate upon the project roof to get a bird's eye view of Clarke engaging in roundball battle against the great Johnny White.

John, who lived in Worcester, leaves his wife of 47 years, Rose (Ajoian), and sons Brian Clarke and Michael Clarke.

Donations in John's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The City of Boston's annual Enchanted Trolley Tour will arrive at Brigham Circle last Saturday, at 3:45 p.m. It's a merry way to spring into the season with events, including holiday music, a tree lighting, and a chance to meet Santa Claus.

As a kid I didn't believe in Santa.

I was a Rebel without a Claus.

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State House advances key legislation to fund arts and culture programs

By ARIELLE APPLEBY

Massachusetts, a state known for its historical significance, educational institutions, the Red Sox and coastal cuisine, also relies heavily on the economic fortune of its arts, tourism and cultural institutions.

“Public art is a means that

connects our communities, elevates the lived experiences of those people in the communities, and helps make our spaces feel more welcoming and belonging,” said Emily Ruddock, executive director of the nonprofit MASS-Creative, during an Oct. 21 hearing at the Massachusetts State

House.

The Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts, and Cultural Development at the Massachusetts State House heard testimony on various pieces of legislation related to the future financing of arts and culture programs.

Two bills, the Creative Space Act and the PLACE Act, focus on a key element of supporting creative spaces and creators in Massachusetts. These acts were developed in 2022 by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council in collaboration with MASSCreative.

The PLACE Act aims to establish a program for local art and community engagement over five years to support public art in Massachusetts, which is projected to generate \$2.5 million dollars. The Creative Space Act aspires to preserve and promote spaces in cities and towns for the creative economy.

“Sometimes we are two or three months into the year. Sometimes we’re one month into the year. Sometimes we’re seven months into the year before we know what our funding is going to be or receive a penny of it,” said Stacey David, executive director of the MetroWest Boston Visitors Bureau, in an interview.

David said the unreliable

funding creates scheduling issues for advertising programs during busy seasons and important events.

Paul Niedzwiecki, CEO of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, believes setting Oct. 1 as a fixed annual distribution date provides a solution: “The timely release of these funds ensured that every dollar works harder, supporting small businesses, preserving jobs, and strengthening the communities that define the Massachusetts brand.”

But advocates say the funding issues are only part of it. They’re also fighting to preserve space for artistic pursuits despite legislative pushback.

“I think at a moment where there’s not only a loss of partnership, there’s actually outward aggression and hostility from the government in Washington,” said Massachusetts State Senator Paul Mark in an interview last week, “I think it’s an important moment to be supportive of culture and arts.”

During the hearing, supporters pointed out the money is already there and distributing it faster would ultimately benefit the economy.

David added that the delays force them to scramble marketing campaigns at the last-minute

for winter, even though Massachusetts is really more of a major destination during fall. He said organizations are required to spend their budget by the end of the fiscal year.

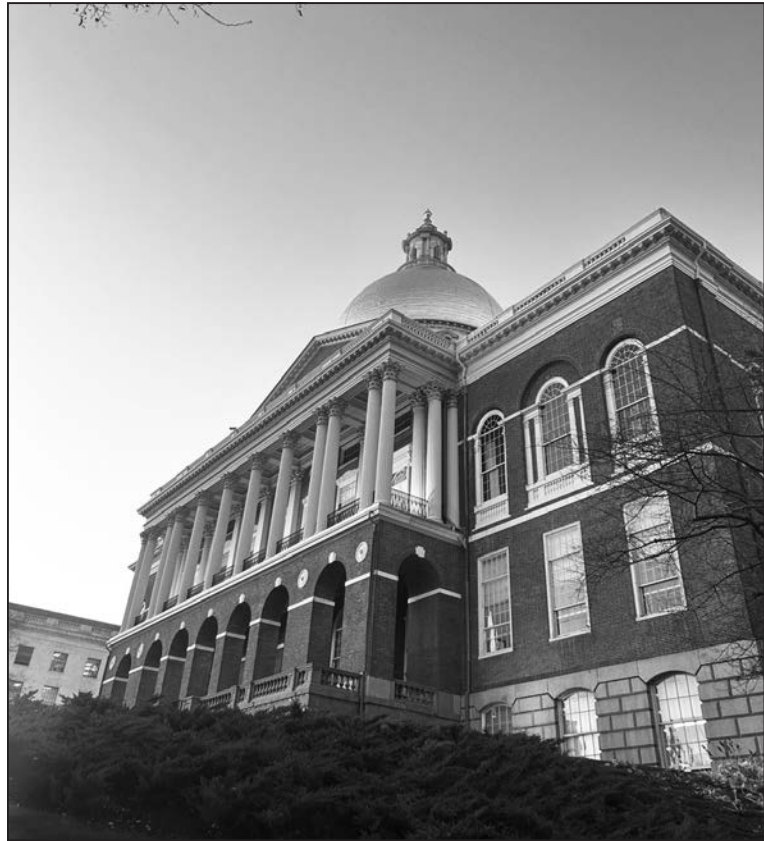
“The biggest obstacle right now is that the federal government is actively reversing grants,” said Mark, “trying not just to cut off funding that is coming, but trying to claw back funding that has already come.”

Committee members appeared supportive of the legislation. “This is clearly a bill that we should be doing,” said state Sen. David Linsky during the hearing.

On Dec. 1, the bill advanced and was passed through the Senate Ways and Means Committee, which was the next step in the process en route to a vote on the floor.

According to a Boston Art Review article published on Oct. 25, if the bills are passed on the floor, they could be enacted as soon as the 2026 fiscal year.

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The Massachusetts State House.

A Sherlock Carol

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As You Like It (Silvius), A Midsummer Night’s Dream (Flute), The Taming of the Shrew (Curtis). Greater Boston Stage Company: Featherbaby (Featherbaby), The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (solo show), Clue (Wadsworth), The Play That Goes Wrong (Chris), Dinner for One (James), Miss Holmes Returns (Moriarty). Central Square Theater: The Mystery of Irma Vep (2026 Lady Enid et al), Vanity Fair (Dobbin et al). Gloucester Stage Company: The Garbologists (Danny), The 39 Steps (Clown), Cyrano (De Guiche et al). Film and Television: Julia, At the Sea, Love, Weddings, & Other Disasters, Father of the Year, Unfinished Business, The Makeover, The Pink Panther Deux. Paul is a graduate of Salem State University and the recipient of the Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Solo Performance.

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Mark Linehan* (Actor 3) – Lyric Stage: Hello, Dolly! (Rudolph) The Drowsy Chaperone (George), Follies. Greater Boston Stage Company: The Play That Goes Wrong (Robert), Titanish (Cal Hockley), Clue (Professor Plum), Onegin (Evgeny Onegin), It’s A Wonderful Life (George Bailey). Wheelock Family Theater: The SpongeBob Musical (Squidward), Beauty and the Beast (Gaston), Shrek The Musical (Lord Farquaad). New Repertory Theater: Assassins (John Wilkes Booth), The Last Five Years (Jamie). Reagle Music Theater: The Sound of Music (Captain Von Trapp), The Music Man (Harold Hill), Thoroughly Modern Millie (Trevor Graydon). Hanover Theatre: A Christmas Carol (2017-2022). Four-time IRNE nominee. BFA Emerson College. Proud member of AEA. Instagram: @linehan.mark

Michelle Moran (Actor 2) –

Lyric Stage: Debut. Firehouse Center for the Arts: Into the Woods (Lucinda). Sht-Faced Shakespeare: Hamlet (Ophelia). Emerald City Theatrical: Legally Blonde (Elle Woods). She is a proud graduate of Salem State University, where she earned her BFA in Theatre in 2023. She sends heartfelt thanks to her friends and family for their unwavering support, and for still loving her after hearing “sorry, I can’t, I have rehearsal” for the hundredth time. Instagram: @michelle_moran | michellemoran.design

Jon Vellante* (Actor 1) – Lyric Stage: Debut. Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater: Sacco & Vanzetti’s Divine Comedy (Vanzetti). Central Square Theater: Beyond Words (Alex the Parrot). Coolidge Corner Theater: Megalopolis (live element w/ Francis Ford Coppola in attendance). New Repertory Theatre: DIASPORA! (Thomas), A Raisin in the Sun (Karl Lindner). Theater Espresso: Uprising on King

Street (John Adams), American Tapestry (Samuel). SpeakEasy Stage Company: Fairview (Jimbo). Film & Television: Julia, The Magician, Auto Mate, The Minuteman Motion Picture Trailer Show. Jon has been part of two Elliot Norton Award nominated ensembles and was nominated in 2024 for Outstanding Featured Performance in a Midsize Theater. Love to Amie & Nora, always. Instagram: @guessim-jonvillante | jonvillante.com.

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tion. The Lyric Stage leads an effort to integrate live theater and theater education into the lives of all residents of greater Boston.

Lyric Stage and Beacon Communities, LLC, the owners of 140 Clarendon Street, have agreed that the building will be Lyric Stage’s “forever” home, ensuring that the theater will remain a vital and essential part of the cultural fabric of the city.

In partnership with Beacon Communities, LLC, Lyric Stage will continue its commitment to improving the lives of Bostonians alongside a partner who shares those same values. With the partnership of Pine Street Inn, 111 of the units in the building will become supportive housing for people exiting homelessness. The combined energy of Beacon’s supportive services alongside one of the city’s cultural gems makes 140 Clarendon a paragon of two institutions coming together to make the city a better place for its residents.

MAYOR’S ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR COMES TO MISSION HILL



Santa and Mrs Claus receive visitors in Brigham Circle.

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

The Enchanted Trolley Tour made a stop in Brigham Circle to spread Holiday cheer to the Mission Hill neighborhood. The Holiday Tree needed to be lit up and the whole neighborhood



Boston City Councilor Sharon Durkan (2nd from left) with Pauline Pong Chun, Sophia Deng, and Samantha Cottage.



Frosty The Snowman and Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer pose with members of Kings Hill Church by the Brigham Circle Holiday Tree.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu mingles with constituents.



Dedicated Celtics fans, the Okoawo Family meets Jeff Ransom and discovers his puppet fandom.



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This young Bostonian is excited to meet Frosty AND Rudolph on the same day!



Michelle Moshin is a fan of sided animals and Will Smith as well as Santa.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu (center) with City of Boston Housing Authority administrator Kenzie Bok and Matilda Drayton.



Members of Kings Hill Church enjoy the festivities.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu with Girl Scouts Mollie and Hannah Carthy with BPD Superintendent Nora Baston



The Genovese Family poses by the illuminated Holiday Tree in Brigham Circle.

Shown right, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu with Mission Hill residents Laureatha, Megan, and Aimee Sanon.



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Wu shares Boston's winter weather preparations

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Mayor Michelle Wu and City officials has announced winter weather preparations currently underway in the City of Boston and resources available to residents and those who are most at risk, including older residents, those with disabilities, and individuals experiencing homelessness.

“As the winter season approaches, we are making preparations to ensure all Boston residents are connected to the resources they need all season long,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Our City departments are working around the clock to keep our community members safe and warm as temperatures drop. In case of a winter weather emergency, I encourage all residents to stay alert, look after your neighbors, and reach out to the City for support.”

The Public Works Department (PWD) currently has 37,000 tons of salt on hand to treat City streets. PWD has 175 pieces of in-house snow clearing equipment and has the capability to place over 800 additional pieces on the roads during large storms. As part of their neighborhood plowing operations during winter storms and to ensure the safety of riders following events, PWD allocates pieces of equipment to clear snow from Boston's dedicated bike lanes.

The Office of Emergency Preparedness monitors forecasts and maintains close communication with the National Weather Service. Emergency Preparedness also works across City departments and with external partners to ensure coordinated response plans are in place leading up to extreme weather events. Residents can sign up to receive AlertBoston, the City's emergency mass notification system, by phone, text, or email for information during weather events, including information if a snow emergency/parking ban is declared. Safety tips on how to prepare for winter storms are on boston.gov. AlertBoston notifications are available in 11 languages.

This year, A&M Home Services and Mass Trucking, two Boston-based, minority-owned businesses, will continue to assist the Public Works Department during snow and ice control operations, clearing City-owned

stairways and footpaths. Both contracts are part of the City of Boston's Sheltered Market Program aimed at promoting equity in procurement.

Rules on clearing snow:

- Property owners must fully clear snow, sleet, and ice from sidewalks and curb ramps abutting the property within three hours after the snowfall ends or three hours after sunrise if the snow ends overnight. Curb and pedestrian ramps to the street should be cleared fully and continually over the duration of the storm to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities. If a storm will last over an extended period of time, property owners are asked to continually check ramps abutting their property for compliance.

- Removal of snow and ice from a private property to the street or sidewalk is prohibited.

- Failure to comply with the rules can result in fines issued by PWD's Code Enforcement Division. Fines associated with improper removal of snow can be found [here](#).

Parking during a declared snow emergency:

- If a snow emergency is declared, cars will be ticketed and towed if parked on a posted snow emergency artery.

- Space savers must be removed within 48 hours after a snow emergency has been lifted. Please note: space savers are NOT allowed in the South End and Bay Village.

- During declared snow emergencies, discounted parking is available at some parking lots and garages for Boston residents. A list of discounted parking garages can be found [here](#).

Trash and recycling:

- During severe snowstorms, recycling and trash collection may be canceled, but this is extremely rare. Most often, severe snowstorms can cause delays in service. Residents can download the free Trash Day App to view neighborhood recycling and trash schedules, locate a textile dropbox in their neighborhood, and to find out what items they can and can't recycle.

- Crews have a difficult time reaching trash barrels and recycling carts placed behind snowbanks. Residents and business owners are asked to clear an area

at the curb for collection or place containers next to or in front of snowbanks.

Caring for vulnerable populations:

- If you see a person experiencing homelessness or vulnerable individuals out in the cold who appear immobile, disoriented, or underdressed for the cold, please call 911.

- The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) utilizes a city-wide network of emergency shelters, outreach providers, city agencies, and first responders to assist those in need of shelter.

- Boston Public Health Commission's emergency shelters are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and when temperatures are below freezing (32 degrees), amnesty is in place for those with nonviolent restrictions. Men can access shelter at the 112 Southamptton Street Shelter, and women should go to the Woods Mullen Shelter at 794 Massachusetts Ave. BPHC and the City also work closely with other shelter providers in the city to ensure that no client is without shelter, food, resources, and a warm respite from the cold.

- Any person needing shelter should access shelter directly, any time of day or night.

- During extreme cold weather, street outreach teams operate with extended hours and provide mobile outreach vans on the streets in the evening and throughout the day.

Dress for the weather:

- Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing.

- Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent, and cover any exposed skin.

- Always wear a hat and cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.

- Dress children warmly and set reasonable time limits on outdoor play.

- Restrict infants' outdoor exposure when it is colder than 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Watch for signs of frostbite:

- Signs of frostbite include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help

immediately by calling 911.

Watch for signs of hypothermia:

- These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. If you or someone you know shows any of these symptoms, get in touch with a healthcare provider immediately. If symptoms are severe, call 911.

Safety tips:

- If you are able, keep catch basins and fire hydrants clear of snow and debris. This will help prevent flooding and allow for access in the event of an emergency. For a map of catch basins and fire hydrants, visit [here](#).

- Shoveling snow requires significant exertion; please be cautious and pay attention to symptoms. Stop if you feel chest pain, shortness of breath, lightheaded, nauseous/vomiting. Call 911 if those symptoms do not resolve quickly.

- Snow piles can make navigating intersections dangerous for walkers and drivers. Please take extra care when turning corners with snow piles that might limit visibility.

- Carbon monoxide poisoning is a concern during winter weather, especially with the use of generators. Residents should use their home heating systems wisely and safely, and have a working carbon monoxide detector on each floor of the home. Call 911 immediately if you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Sitting in a car while idling can be deadly if the tailpipe is blocked. Do not let children sit in an idling car while shoveling. Clear any household exhaust pipes of snow.

- Have a contractor check the roof to see if snow needs to be removed. If roof snow can be removed from the ground with the use of a snow-rake, do so with caution. Avoid working from ladders and be mindful of slippery surfaces.

Heating guidelines for property owners and tenants:

- In accordance with the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code, the heating season officially begins on September 15 and runs through May 31. Property owners must heat habitable spaces at a minimum temperature of

68 degrees between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and 64 degrees between 11:01 p.m. and 6:59 a.m.

- In cases of emergency, property owners are encouraged to keep a list of licensed contractors (electrician, plumber, and general contractor) on file. Tenants experiencing problems with their heating system should check the thermostat, ensure the dial is turned on, and report insufficient or no heat problems to the property owner or manager immediately.

- If your landlord or property manager is unresponsive, contact the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) at (617) 635-5300 to file a complaint, or call 311.

Heating safety:

- Never try to heat your home using a charcoal or gas grill, the kitchen stove, or other product not specifically designed as a heater. These can cause a fire or produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide very quickly.

- Have your heating system cleaned and checked annually.

- Make sure all vents are clear of snow or any other debris.

- Install and maintain smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home. Carbon monoxide is an invisible gas produced whenever any fuel is burned. Common sources include oil or gas furnaces, water heaters, fireplaces, stoves, and some space heaters. It has no smell, taste, or color. It is a poison and is deadly.

Keep water flowing and pipes unfrozen during extreme cold:

- The Boston Water and Sewer Commission recommends homeowners locate a home's main water shut off valve, and learn how to use it. Should a frozen pipe burst, shutting the main valve quickly will minimize flooding and property damage.

- Homeowners should insulate pipes in unheated areas like basements, garages, and crawl spaces. Use inexpensive hardware store materials to prevent pipes from freezing and to keep warm water flowing.

- Circulate warm air around pipes by keeping cabinet doors open. Circulate a trickle of tap water through pipes during extreme cold to help prevent them

MFA Artisan Market returns, celebrating handcrafted community

BY EVA MAZZARA

As friendly faces gathered and amber afternoon sunlight streamed into the Shapiro Family Courtyard in Boston's Museum of Fine Arts on a recent Saturday afternoon, a community bound by a passion for art began to take shape.

"There's so many big-box stores, and chain(s) (stores), that just (don't) have soul," said Sue Fish, 65, owner of Women's Peace Collection, one of the market's 12 vendors who set up shop at the museum's Artisan Market. "I think that when you have handmade goods, it really does bring a sense of community because it's special, it's unique, it's creative."

The Artisan Market attracts designers from diverse backgrounds to a central courtyard in the museum each year, where they sell items such as handcrafted jewelry, intricately designed clothing and other eclectic pieces. The event last month was the first since COVID-19.

Fish discovered her love for fair trade — a partnership be-

tween companies in developed countries and producers in developing countries — after graduating from Tufts University in 1982 and spending six memorable months in Peru. After returning to the U.S., Fish studied to become a therapist, a career that spanned 35 years. However, her time in Peru and the lingering idea of working with international artisans never faded. Fish bought the Women's Peace Collection in 2014, a business that sells products such as alpaca hats, gloves, cashmere wraps, scarves and baskets.

Fish works with marginalized international communities, including silversmiths in Bali, who have been practicing their art form for generations. She says she remains involved in the creative process by making frequent trips to the Indonesian island.

"One of the things we love about fair trade is the story," Fish said. "Like, we know these people in Bali, they're family to us. They're the nicest people I've ever met."

The Artisan Market debuted in 2017 and ran annually until

COVID-19 forced its closure in 2020, according to Ellen Bragalone, the museum's director of retail. The market is operated in conjunction with Bragalone's fashion and textile buyer, a position that has been vacant since the pandemic.

"I just recently got it (the job) filled, so we decided to bring back the Artisan Market," she said. "It's always been very successful, so we really wanted to start it up again."

Centered squarely in the middle of the museum, the courtyard provides a space for vendors to showcase their pieces, and room for customers to browse.

More than 5,200 people visited the museum on a recent Saturday for the Homer exhibition and other displays, and many of them stopped by the market. Sarah Basu, a customer and local artist, hopes the market will be a recurring event.

"There's a possibility, but we're trying to work out the details on that," said Bragalone. "It may happen. I can't confirm it, but it might."

When it comes to choosing

vendors, Bragalone tries to assemble a marketplace that features a variety of price points, and a diverse range of goods. "That's why we tried to make sure that everybody had a very different look and feel to what they were selling," she said. "That's important for us."

The market's appeal lies mainly in its originality, said Jan Chen, a Newton therapist, as she browsed the tables recently.

"You cannot necessarily find exactly the same thing online," said Chen, showing off her newest purchase — a chunky necklace filled with anomalous designs and vivid, alternating colors.

Some vendors' businesses are new. Michelle Yozzo Drake, owner of Stonington Designs, had always enjoyed painting, but her career as an assisted living executive director occupied most of her time.

Drake left her job to care for her mother. When it was time to return to work, her husband suggested a different idea. "And that's why I'm 64 years old ... doing this," she said. As Stonington

Designs blossomed, Drake started a military spouse weaving program that provides jobs for stay-at-home mothers. "My son is an Air Force pilot," she said, "and I understand the struggle that the military families have."

Stonington Designs just released its newest collection, America 250, to celebrate the country's semiquincentennial birthday.

Art resonates differently for every person. Basu believes the appeal of artistic creativity is universal, and that's one of the reasons the Artisan Market works.

"The pieces are unique, and it really helps give ... locals a way to show their work," she said, "especially (during) a busy time like today."

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CITY PAWS

Digital dog training resources

BY PENNY & ED CHERUBINO

We often remind our readers that the cold, wet weather of winter is a perfect time to reinforce your dog's training. Keep in mind that, just as you get tired when you have to adapt to a new tech

tool, adjust to a significant phone update, or take classes to learn a new skill, your dog is ready to rest after a good training or retraining session. So, add some training to your schedule for the winter months.

Good training is ongoing

Dog training is really a matter of training yourself, and that should also be ongoing. Early in our dog days, we relied on books and training classes. Today, you can keep up with the latest research and adapt to new

methods from experts with digital resources. While some of these have fees, others are free online or at your local library. Penny has taken a recommended dog-training class on Kanopy, thanks to the Boston Public Library. Even an old dog guardian

can learn new ways.

We stay up to date with the latest training methods and ideas by subscribing to dog publications like the Whole Dog Journal. You can also follow Pa-

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WHERE TO FIND THE GAZETTE?

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Levinson Bldg	835 Huntington Ave
Neville Building.....	Huntington Avenue
Robert & Theresa Parks Community Building.....	Mission Park Drive
Flynn House.....	805 Huntington Ave
Huntington Market.....	818 Huntington Ave
Huntntgton Pizza	784 Huntington Ave
Carman's Beauty Salon...	764 Huntington Ave
Green Coffe Shop	750 Huntington Ave
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Flames.....	746 Huntington Ave
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Udb Uq	738 Huntington Ave
Halal Indian Cuisine.....	766 Huntington Ave

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tricia McConnell, Ph.D., a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist (CAAB) Emeritus, on “The Other



While your dogs can't be trained by watching a screen, you can learn how to train dogs with digital resources.

End of the Leash.”

YouTube and other video services have many offerings for those who want to refine their skills so they can work with their pup in new ways. However, as

with all Internet sources, you will find both good and bad options.

Positive training is the key

Good training is about positive reinforcement, not punishment. That means no devices like choke chains or shock collars. If you Google, “Where are shock collars banned?” you will be shocked by the number of places where they are illegal and stunned by some of the punishments for using them. For example, Wikipedia notes that, in the Netherlands, “Its use is subject to €20,000.00 fine and three-year prison sentence.”

We highly recommend following renowned trainer Victoria Stilwell and the resources she

offers on her site www.positively.com. She has gathered a roster of writers on the topic and even has a “Find a Trainer” box on her site in case you need an in-person option after exploring the digital world.

What Works for Dogs

As you think about how you will approach any training with your dog, try to imagine yourself in the dog's position and think about the ways you can refine what you are saying and make what you want to happen clearer to the dog. Ask yourself if you would be able to figure out what you are asking if you didn't speak the language?

Part of training yourself to train your dog is learning how dogs learn and what is important

to them. Then be more specific and think about how a particular training method, reward, or hand signal will work for your dog.

Make a list of the behaviors you want to reinforce and those you would like to add to your dog's life. These will not be the same for those living in a single-family home as for those living in a dog-friendly condo or apartment building. As one of our former editors likes to say, “You Do You” and personalize your training to your needs and those of the unique creature on the other end of your leash.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Email Pen-ny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Winter Weather

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freezing up.

- Locate your water meter, protect it from drafts, and make sure basement doors and windows are shut tight.

- If pipes do freeze, slow thaw with a hair dryer. Never use an open flame to thaw pipes. If water is lost in all taps, call BWSC 24-hour Emergency Assistance Line at 617-989-7000.

Emergency home repair resources:

- Income-eligible homeowners and Boston's residents over age 62 can receive assistance with winter emergencies and repairs, such as fixing storm damage, leaking roofs, or leaking/frozen

pipes. Grant and loan funding is available. For assistance, residents should call the Mayor's hotline at 311 or the Boston Home Center at 617-635-HOME (4663).

- In addition, the Mayor's Seniors Save program helps income eligible Bostonians over the age of 60 replace old, inefficient heating systems with a brand new heating system before a failure occurs during the cold winter months. Grant and loan funding is available. Eligible owners should also call 311 or the Boston Home Center at 617-635-HOME (4663) to be connected with a City staffer to provide additional details.

Tips for what to do before a power outage:

- Before a weather event pre-

pare your home by:

- Ensuring that your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working and have fresh batteries.

- Consider purchasing a generator to provide power during an outage. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and learn how to use it safely before an outage.

- Ensuring that you have sufficient heating fuel. Consider safe backup heating options such as fireplaces or woodstoves.

- Have a landline phone with a corded receiver.

- Fully charge your cell phone, laptop, and other electronic devices.

- If you have a water supply (such as a well-water pump system) that could be affected by a power outage, fill your bathtub and spare containers with water. The water in the bathtub should be used for sanitation purposes only. You can pour a bucket of this water directly into the toilet bowl to flush it.

- Keep your car's gas tank full. Pumps at gas stations may not work during a power outage.

- Set your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings to keep food cold (but remember to reset them back to normal once power is restored).

- If you have life-support devices, such as home dialysis or breathing machines, or other medical equipment or supplies that depend on electricity:

- Talk to your health care provider about how to use them during a power outage.

- Contact your local electric company and equipment suppliers about your power needs. Some utility companies will put

you on a “priority reconnection service” list.

- Let the fire department know that you are dependent on life-support devices.

- If you have medication that requires refrigeration, check with your pharmacist for guidance on proper storage during an extended outage.

Tips for what to do during a power outage:

- Follow instructions from public safety officials.

- Call 911 to report emergencies including downed power lines.

- Call your utility company to report power outages and get restoration information.

- National Grid 800-322-3223

- Eversource 1-800-592-2000

- Stay away from downed utility wires. Always assume a downed power line is live.

- If a traffic light is out, treat

the intersection as a four-way stop.

- Keep a fire extinguisher handy.

- Use generators and grills outside because their fumes contain carbon monoxide. Make sure your carbon monoxide detectors are working.

- If possible, use flashlights instead of candles. If you must use candles, place them in safe holders away from anything that could catch fire. Never leave a burning candle unattended. Never go to sleep with candles burning.

- Unplug sensitive electronics to avoid power surges when power is restored.

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours.

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EDITORIAL

The MAHA moms are right about toxic waste

As our regular readers know, we have been highly-critical of the so-called Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) movement led by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the least qualified and least knowledgeable person ever to lead the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), whose policies regarding vaccines and scientific research threaten the health of millions of Americans.

However, last week some prominent MAHA activists sent a petition to President Donald Trump urging him to fire Lee Zeldin, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, over a series of recent decisions by Zeldin that will pave the way for the use of proven harmful chemicals that ultimately will contaminate our air, our water, and our food.

"Rather than supporting your initiative to 'Make America Healthy Again', which millions of Republicans and independents alike embraced, Administrator Zeldin has prioritized the interests of chemical corporations over the well-being of American families and children," the petition reads.

Also supporting the petition is the group Moms Clean Air Force (MCAF), which seeks to protect children from the effects of air pollution and climate change.

"With every proposed deregulation, he (Zeldin) is allowing families and children to be exposed to more soot, more mercury, more methane, more toxic chemicals, more tailpipe pollution, and more climate pollution," said MCAF founder and director Dominique Browning. "Lee Zeldin must go."

And what have we heard from RFK Jr., the man who says he wants to make America healthy again and who himself was an environmental lawyer, had to say about Zeldin's kow-towing to the chemical industry?

Crickets -- and that says all we need to know about RFK's supposed commitment to Americans' health.

Happy Hanukkah

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, starts this Sunday evening, December 14, and will culminate on Monday, December 22.

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days by lighting the candles of the Menorah, one on each day of the eight-day celebration. (The Menorah itself consists of nine candles, one of which typically stands above the rest and is used to light the other eight.)

Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees in 166 BCE when the Maccabees liberated the Jewish people from the Greek-based rulers who essentially had outlawed the Jewish religion.

When the triumphant Maccabees captured the city of Jerusalem, they quickly entered the Holy Temple, tossing out the images of the Greek gods that had been installed there by the occupying rulers. When the Maccabees went to light the Menorah candles in the Temple, they thought they only had one day's worth of oil. However, the candles remained lit for eight days -- hence the miracle of the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah is a joyous occasion for Jews world-wide, marked by gatherings of friends and families and the playing of traditional games such as the dreidel and eating traditional -- and delicious! -- foods such as latkes.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish our friends and readers of the Jewish community a happy, healthy, and joyful Hanukkah season.

T's Green line service suspended until Dec. 22

BY KIRAN RAJAMANI

A major leg of the Green Line will be closed until Dec. 22 as MTBA crews replace century-old infrastructure. The work will halt service on major commuter rail lines between North Station and Babcock Street and Kenmore and Heath Street.

The closure will snarl daily travel from the North End during one of the busiest months of the year. The shutdown also includes the entire Green Line trunk under TD Garden, affecting thousands of riders who use the system to reach downtown offices, winter events and holiday gatherings.

Crews will replace a 130-year-old wooden catenary wire trough, part of the Green Line's original tunnel system built in the late 1890s. The wooden structure, which houses the overhead wires that power trains, will be replaced with a modern metal system designed to improve reliability. Crews will also continue installing the Green Line Train Protection System, upgrade signals, conduct tunnel inspections and improve train stations.

What stations are affected

During the closure: No Green Line service will run between North Station and Babcock Street on the B Branch, Kenmore on the C and D Branches, or Heath Street on the E Branch. Service north of North Station, including to Union Square and Medford/Tufts, will continue normally.

Shuttle buses and alternatives

The MBTA will offer fare-free alternatives throughout the 15-day closure, including shuttle buses between Babcock Street and Back Bay on the B Branch, shuttle buses between Kenmore and Back Bay on the C and D

Branches, and Route 39 buses to replace E Branch service between Heath Street and Back Bay. Accessible van service will run between Copley/Back Bay and North Station. Worcester Line commuter rail service between South Station, Back Bay and Lansdowne will operate fare-free, along with Route 57 buses.

Riders should plan for 20-30 minutes of extra travel time depending on their route, especially during peak hours or events at TD Garden.

Fitsum Ayalew, a Boston University, said he only recently learned about the closure. "I didn't know that, and now that I know, it's pretty annoying," he said. "I take (the green line) every day, so it's just frustrating."

The closures arrive during the holiday season, when restaurants, small businesses and com-

munity spaces in the North End experience some of their highest foot traffic. With North Station closed for Green Line boarding, the neighborhood expects reduced accessibility for visitors and residents alike.

Kevin Fleming, president of the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council, said the upcoming shutdown poses challenges for residents.

"It's bad timing before Christmas. People have work holiday parties and gatherings of family and friends in the neighborhood over the next few weeks," he said. "It would be better if this stoppage were in January."

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Boston Legacy Football Club launches ticket donation initiative for BPS students

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Boston Legacy Football Club is teaming up with fans to bring the next generation of supporters to the stadium. Following a launch on Giving Tuesday, the club is currently running a ticketing initiative designed to open the door for more fans to discover the love of the game and connect with their community.

For every two tickets purchased to the club's home opener on Saturday, March 14, Boston Legacy FC is donating one additional ticket to a Boston Public Schools (BPS) student.

The initiative is part of an ongoing effort to ensure BPS students have an exciting, memorable experience at the historic first home game. In addition to the public buy-one-give-one model,

the club's season ticket holders can purchase BPS-allotted tickets at a preferred rate using a promotional code. The program will remain open until 24 hours before the home opener.

The club is collaborating with the City of Boston and Boston Public Schools to facilitate ticket distribution.

"Our ticketing initiative

is just one of the ways we've committed to giving back to our community," said Boston Legacy president Jennifer van Dijk. "Having BPS students there is going to add incredible energy for our first ever home game. We want the next generation of fans to come to our games—and for the next generation of players to be able to watch the best athletes

in the best women's soccer league in the world."

Boston Legacy FC will add to Boston's winning legacy as the 15th team in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) starting play in 2026. For more information, please visit boston-legacyfc.com or its social media platforms.

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Stephanie L Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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The Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA"), d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA"), acting by and through the Boston Planning Department ("Planning Department") hereby gives notice pursuant to Article 80, Section 80A-2 of the Boston Zoning Code ("Code") that on November 21, 2025, an Institutional Master Plan Amendment ("IMP Amendment") and a Draft Project Impact Report ("DPIR") were filed pursuant to Section 80D-5 and Section 80B-5 of the Code, respectively, by Wentworth Institute of Technology, Inc.

("Wentworth") in collaboration with Balfour Beatty Campus Solutions, LLC (the "Developer"). With the submission of the IMP Amendment and DPIR, Wentworth is supplementing the ongoing IMP review under Article 80D of the Code for adoption of an amendment to the 2024-2034 Wentworth Institute of Technology Institutional Master Plan (the "2024 IMP"), which was approved by the Boston Zoning Commission in November 2024, as well as the review of the Pike Residence Hall project (the "Proposed Project") to be developed by the Developer, under Article 80B, Large Project Review.

The Proposed Project, which is designed to house Wentworth's entire first year class, will contain approximately 202,000 square feet of Gross Floor Area, measure approximately 210 feet in height to the top of the last occupiable floor, and contain approximately 972 student beds, three Community Director apartments, student support and amenity spaces, a ground floor bicycle room, and dining, wellness and gathering spaces. To enable construction of the Proposed Project, the existing approximately 198-space surface parking lot known as the West Parking Lot will be substantially reduced, replaced with a 17-space at-grade parking lot. The IMP

Amendment also reflects Wentworth's desire to modify two previously approved Proposed Institutional Projects ("PIPs") – the Huntington Residence Hall and the West Quad Academic Building – by revising and relocating those PIPs to provide for: 1) an academic building along Huntington Avenue (the Huntington Academic Building), and 2) a smaller residence hall also in the heart of the Wentworth Campus called the Quad Residence Hall situated to the east of the Proposed Project along the Pike pedestrian connector that runs east-west on the Wentworth campus.

The Proponent is seeking an Adequacy Determination for the proposed IMP Amendment pursuant to Section 80D-5.4 of the Code and an Adequacy Determination for the Proposed Project pursuant to Section 80B-5.5 of the Code. The Planning Department, in its Adequacy Determination on the DPIR, may approve the DPIR and waive the requirements of Section 80B-5.6 of the Code for the filing and review of a revised Project Impact Report, pursuant to Section 80B-5.5(c) (iv) of the Code. The IMP Amendment and DPIR may be obtained from the Planning Department website – www.bostonplans.org – or at the Office of the Secretary of

the BPDA, Room 910, Boston City Hall, Boston, MA 02201, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. Copies of the IMP Amendment and DPIR are also available at Wentworth's library at 550 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. Public comments on the IMP Amendment and DPIR, including the comments of public agencies, should be submitted in writing to Nick Carter, Boston Planning Department, One City Hall Square, Boston, MA 02201 or by e-mail to nick.carter@boston.gov within 60 days of the publication of this notice.

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plementa la revisión en curso del Plan Maestro Institucional (IMP) en virtud del Artículo 80D del Código para la adopción de una enmienda del Plan Maestro Institucional 2024-2034 del Wentworth Institute of Technology (el «IMP 2024»), que fue aprobado por la Comisión de Zonificación de Boston en noviembre de 2024, así como la revisión del proyecto de la residencia universitaria Pike (el «Proyecto propuesto») que estará a cargo del Desarrollador, en virtud del Artículo 80B, Revisión de grandes proyectos.

El proyecto propuesto, que está diseñado para alojar a todos los estudiantes de primer año de Wentworth, tendrá aproximadamente 202,000 pies cuadrados de superficie total construida, medirá aproximadamente 210 pies de altura hasta la parte superior de la última planta habitable, y contará con aproximadamente 972 camas para estudiantes, tres apartamentos para la Coordinación comunitaria, espacios de apoyo y servicios para estudiantes, una sala para bicicletas en la planta baja, y espacios de comedor, bienestar y reunión. A fin de facilitar la construcción del proyecto propuesto, el actual estacionamiento de 198 plazas a nivel del suelo conocido como el «estacionamiento oeste» se reducirá significativamente y se reemplazará con

un estacionamiento en superficie de 17 plazas. La enmienda del IMP también refleja el deseo de Wentworth de modificar dos proyectos institucionales propuestos previamente aprobados –la residencia universitaria Huntington y el edificio académico West Quad– mediante la revisión y la reubicación de dichos proyectos institucionales propuestos con el fin de proveer: 1) un edificio académico sobre Huntington Avenue (el edificio académico Huntington) y 2) una residencia más pequeña también en el corazón del campus de Wentworth, denominada «la residencia Quad», ubicada al este del proyecto propuesto sobre el conector peatonal Pike que se extiende de este a oeste en el campus Wentworth. El proponente solicita una Determinación de adecuación para la enmienda del IMP propuesta de acuerdo con la Sección 80D-5.4 del Código y una Determinación de adecuación para el proyecto propuesto, de acuerdo con la Sección 80B-5.5 del Código. El Departamento de Planificación, en su Determinación de adecuación sobre el DPIR, podría aprobar el DPIR y eximir los requisitos establecidos en la Sección 80B-5.6 del Código de presentación y revisión de un Informe de impacto del proyecto revisado, de conformidad con

la Sección 80B-5.5(c) (iv) del Código. La enmienda del IMP y el DPIR pueden obtenerse en la página web del Departamento de Planificación –www.bostonplans.org– o en la Oficina del Secretario de la BPDA, Sala 910, Ayuntamiento de Boston, Boston, MA 02201, de lunes a viernes de 9 a. m. a 5 p. m, salvo los días festivos oficiales. También pueden obtenerse ejemplares de la enmienda del IMP y el DPIR en la biblioteca de Wentworth, situada en 550 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, de lunes a viernes de 9 a. m. a 5 p. m, salvo los días festivos oficiales. Los comentarios del público sobre la enmienda del IMP y el DPIR, incluidos los de los organismos públicos, deberán enviarse por escrito a Nick Carter, Boston Planning Department, One City Hall Square, Boston, MA 02201 o por correo electrónico a nick.carter@boston.gov en un plazo de 60 días a partir de la publicación de este anuncio.

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Frozen Fire Festival 2025 to debut in Boston at the Anchor

Welcoming global fire and cirque performers in a one-of-a-kind winter spectacle

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Attendees will be immersed in mesmerizing fire and ice installations while taking in captivating fire and world-class cirque performances. This vibrant destination offers an unforgettable experience for the senses. Inspired by the region’s creative culture and brought to life by The Anthem Group, for the first time in its home city, the Boston waterfront will transform into the internationally recognized, Frozen Fire Festival – a must-see experience for all ages.

The festivities kick off with the highly anticipated return of The Anchor’s Annual Winter Garden Tree Lighting on December 11th - a moment made even



Courtesy Photo

A firebreather wows spectators at a previous Frozen Fire Festival.

more meaningful after heart-breaking vandalism forced the cancellation of the 2024 display. This year, The Anchor team proudly relights its breathtaking grove of more than 175 illuminated trees, transforming the waterfront once again into a sparkling winter wonderland.

The festival will continue throughout the weekend from December 12th – December 14th

with daily programming including cirque-style fire performances, live music, glowing fire installations, holiday market vendors and make-your-own s’mores and hot chocolate garden. The celebration will also feature the lighting of The Anchor’s menorah lighting on December 14th, creating a warm and inclusive holiday atmosphere for the entire community and concluding the weekend event.

This year’s festival will host a lineup of national and international performers, including headliner Orissa Kelly from London, blended with regional and local Boston talent, delivering a high-energy roster across all three days.

Patrons will stay warm with heated glowing igloos, outdoor heat lamps, fire pits, cozy fleece blankets and a myriad of warm, mulled and hot beverages.

Guests are invited to explore several hospitality outlets, including the S’mores and Hot Chocolate Garden, The Anchor Kitchen and The Polar Bar, featuring a curated collection of local and international brews alongside a robust wine and specialty drink selection.

Anthem President Chris Sinclair shares, “We are thrilled to bring this beloved festival to The Anchor and showcase Boston as a vibrant winter destination. It brings together holiday shopping, unique all-ages activities and outstanding food and beverage. Yet the most special aspect is the performances - Boston has never seen anything like this event before.”

The Frozen Fire Festival will also feature curling rinks, providing all-ages fun and interactive play along the waterfront. Festival specials, preferred seating, and VIP Igloo Packages are available now.

Full details are available on Facebook and Instagram at @FrozenFireFestival and at www.frozenfirefestival.com.



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