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Early voting dates set for Senate Special Election

By John Lynds

This week the City of Boston's Election Department, with approval from the Boston City Council, set in-person early voting dates for the 1st Suffolk & Middlesex Senate Special Election Primary.

On Tuesday, December 14 District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards will square off against Revere School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio to fill the senate seat that was vacated by Joe Boncore earlier this fall.

However, Boston voters in the senatorial district, which includes Beacon Hill, Bay Village, South End, Chinatown, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop and Cambridgeport, can begin voting Saturday, December 4 and early voting will last until Friday, December 10.

On Saturday, December 4 registered voters in the senatorial district can vote at City Hall between 11 am and 7 pm. as well as neighborhood sites from 11 am to 7 pm.

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AUTUMN ON THE HILL

John David Corey took this photo of what he describes as "Beacon Hill on a quintessential fall day."

Michelle Wu sworn in, becoming the first female and first woman of color to serve as Mayor of Boston

By John Lynds

On Tuesday inside the Boston City Council Chambers, Michelle Wu made history and was sworn in, as the first female and first woman of color to ever serve as Mayor of Boston in the city's history.

After Reverend Dr. Arlene Hall delivered the invocation and Acting Mayor Kim Janey provided brief remarks, Wu was administered the Oath of Office by Boston Municipal Court Associate Justice Judge Myong Joun with her husband, Conor Pewarski, and two boys Cass and Blaise at her side.

Keeping with her campaign promise of rolling up her sleeves and getting to work as soon as possible the short inaugural exercises took less than a half hour.

Wu started off her inaugural speech with a metaphor of how City Hall was when she was first



Mayor Michelle Wu is administered the Oath of Office by Boston Municipal Court Associate Justice Judge Myong Joun with her husband, Conor Pewarski, and two boys Cass and Blaise at her side on Tuesday.

elected as an At-Large Councilor in 2013.

"Since we're here today, I must share that the Council floor wasn't always this way," she began. "When I joined the Council, this space wasn't fully accessible to

everyone. The floor that some are sitting on right now, was much lower, designed as a pit three steps down — a striking feature part of what many or I would call the

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Skinner's auction to feature collection of John and Marilyn Keane

By Dan Murphy

Skinner Auctioneers will host a live auction on Friday, Nov. 19, showcasing the collection of John and Marilyn Keane, who were devoted collectors of early American craftsmanship and paintings from the China Trade, as well as former longtime residents of Beacon Hill.

In all, the auction includes 101 objects "encompassing fine paintings, spectacular American furniture and high-quality decorative arts," according to Chris Barber, Skinner's Deputy Director of Americana.

The Keane collection contains "among the finest furniture Skinner's has offered in recent years and undoubtedly the best collections of paintings from the 19th century China trade we've seen," said Barber.

"There's such attention to fine detail in the China trade paintings," said Barber. "What I appreciate most about the paintings is the incredibly high attention to detail and fine craftsmanship.

They show ports and scenes from the early 19th century China trade with remarkable attention to structures, landmarks, and geographical details, as well as different types of vessels and port activities."

Spoilum, the Chinese artist often recognized as the earliest oil painter of the newly accessible Canton region, is well represented in the Keane collection.

"Spoilum was undoubtedly one of the first great China trade painters in the late 18th and early 19th centuries when the market really began to open up," said Barber, who added that in the 17 years he was worked for Skinner's, he has seen "perhaps two other" paintings by the artist.

"In this sale, there are three or four paintings we can confidently attribute to his hand," Barber added.

Besides the port scenes, the auction also includes three other oil paintings (Lots 24, 25, and 26), which respectively include "An

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A pair of Classical Rosewood, Gilt-gecco, and Vert Antique Brass-inlaid Card Tables, Charles-Honore Lanmuier, New York, c. 1815



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EDITORIAL

PROGRESSIVES? NO -- THEY ARE REGRESSIVES

There are a lot of reasons why the Democrats and President Joe Biden have plummeted in the polls and then absorbed a huge defeat across the country in the recent election.

As often is the case in politics, the party in charge gets the blame even if they arise from circumstances beyond its control.

Almost all of the issues that have been troubling Americans in the past few months are no fault of Biden and the Democrats. The ongoing pandemic, supply-chain snafus, labor shortages, inflation worries, weather-related crises, and soaring energy prices all either were inherited by Biden or are the result of unforeseen circumstances.

The Biden administration could have done better with the withdrawal from Afghanistan, but that too, was a circumstance he inherited and that spiraled out of control.

However, there is one aspect of the Biden Presidency and the Democratic control of Congress that is within their control. And that is their ability to get things done.

On August 10, a bipartisan vote of the Senate approved the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill. However, the bill sat for months in the House because of the efforts of a willful group of Democratic House members who held it hostage to their demands for the \$3.5 trillion Build Back Better legislation.

We would note that we fully have supported every aspect of the Build Back Better Plan, including the Green New Deal which we endorsed from the outset when it first was introduced by Senator Ed Markey and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez in January of 2019.

In fact, we would support an even-larger bill in order to bring America into the 21st century.

However, the reality is that there are Democratic members of Congress who do not agree with all of the proposals in the Build Back Better Plan and who have been saying so for months.

Yet the so-called Progressives in the House refused to accept this reality. Democrats promised the voters that if they were put in charge, they'd get things done -- but the intransigence of the so-called Progressives served not only to undermine the Biden administration and Democrats in general, but also sank their own cause as well.

For all of their posturing and demand-making, they have nothing -- nada -- zero -- to show for their efforts.

As we have said many times in this column, politics is the art of compromise. Or, as Kenny Rogers put it,

"You've got to know when to hold 'em,
Know when to fold 'em."

The Progressives' hubris served as a gift to the Republicans.

Instead of Progressing the country forward, their political gamesmanship has undermined Americans' faith in the democratic process and Regressed us back to the era before 2020.

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GUEST OP-ED

Coming Infrastructure Relief

By Anthony D'Ambrosio

With the passage of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act last week, the future of U.S. infrastructure—both physical and digital—has become a lot brighter. Massachusetts alone is expected to receive over \$9 billion to make road and bridge repairs, improve the MBTA, and expand access to broadband Internet service. While we should celebrate this hard-won victory at the federal level, the difficult state level work is about to commence. The most critical decisions—to what programs the money will go, when infrastructure improvements begin, and who will most benefit—have not yet been made. State leaders in western Massachusetts and the Cape have already started lobbying for large portions of the funds to be allocated to their districts. Now more than ever, we, too, need a senator with a strong understanding of infrastructure, finance, and

technology to ensure that our District is not overlooked during this crucial allocation process.

People often assume that the greatest infrastructure needs are in rural or inland settings where lack of population density means there are fewer train lines and digital services, but this is not always the case. Our District—as coastal and urban as any place in Massachusetts—faces some of the largest infrastructure challenges in the Commonwealth.

Let's start with the T. As a daily user of the Blue Line, I understand the importance of regular and reliable T-service, including early-morning and late-night service. I support using part of the \$2.5 billion from the federal infrastructure bill to expand T accessibility and stop restrictions on T hours, as such restrictions disproportionately impact our District's workers. Additional funds should be used to finance innovative technological solutions to solve long-stand-

ing transportation problems. To start, we must upgrade and spread awareness of the MBTA's apps so that residents can access MBTA schedules, delays, and digital payment options on the fly from their phones. Additionally, MassDOT should work with municipalities to roll out "smart parking" tools that reduce traffic and allow drivers to receive real-time updates of parking availabilities near their location.

More than \$5.5 billion has been set aside for upgrades to our roads, bridges, and airports. Since 2011, commute times in the Commonwealth have increased by 10.9%, and each driver pays an average of \$620 per year in costs due to driving on roads in need of repair (e.g., blown tires, damaged rims and windshields). We must fight to ensure that a significant chunk of the allocated funds goes toward improving the roads in our district

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More to me than my work

By Lydia Edwards

Over the years, I've been a Boston City Councilor, a legal services attorney, and a workers' rights advocate. When you peel back the career and accomplishments, there is more to me than work. I am an Air Force brat, a daughter, a twin sister, and those roles are what drive me -- not the campaigns, the hearings, or the legislation.

My twin sister Erika and I were born to military parents on a base in Florida. They divorced when we were infants, and we became children of the globe over the years, following my mother around the world to wherever she was stationed next.

While our locations changed frequently, we found stability and a strong foundation in the military community around us. I remember vividly the families that welcomed us into their homes when my Mom couldn't be in two places at once and the bonds that strengthened during times of conflict like Operation Desert Storm.

When we landed at our last stop -- KI Sawyer Air Force Base in the Upper Peninsula of Michi-

gan -- Erika and I, British accents and all, were thrilled to be back in the States. After 23 years in the Air Force, my mom retired from the military and we moved off base.

Thirty years later, I can still recall my mother trying to hide the stress in her eyes as we neared the end of each month. I can hear my 4th-grade teacher calling out the lunch-line lists as she lined us up each afternoon, hoping she'd call our names early. She'd first call the "A" tickets (full price), then the "B" tickets (reduced), and finally the "C" tickets (free). It was a win for my family when Erika and I could stand in the "A" line.

When we were old enough, Erika and I got part-time jobs to help pay the bills. We were honestly excited about helping our mom; she was less excited about it. She really didn't want us to have to work and is still critical of how much she worked back then. But I look back and see so many people that helped us -- and that's what taught me the meaning of community.

Because of her demanding work schedule, my mother often had to read about my accomplishments

in the local paper. Even in those days, I was moving a mile-a-minute: cheerleading, basketball, record-breaking shot put performances (no big deal). We had surrogate parents who cheered us on when Mom couldn't be there, and they did so much more for our family, keeping an eye on me and Erika and bringing home-cooked meals. One of my teachers in high school, Mrs. Deshambo, even took a day off from school to drive me nine hours for a scholarship interview. Our church, St. Anthony's, embraced us and when Erika and I graduated, we received local scholarships from the congregation.

As African-American twins in a very small, white neighborhood, people noticed us. In that scenario, one might feel as though you're always being watched -- but the truth of the matter was that people were actually watching out for us. But when people donated to my family with notes signed, "your guardian angel," it highlighted the similarities we shared with our neighbors. I still don't know who those guardian angels were, but I

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beautiful architecture of City Hall. Three steps prevented Bostonians in wheelchairs and with mobility challenges from coming down directly to testify on this floor and advocate for change. Those three steps were a barrier between our government and the people we are here to serve. So we changed what this space could be, reshaped it to be accessible for everyone, and brought the floor level up three steps. When we make City Hall more accessible, we are all raised up. When we communicate in many languages, we all understand more. Most of all, when we connect the power of city government to the force of our neighborhoods and communities, we see how much is possible for our city.”

Wu said she always felt city government was special.

“City government is special. We are the level closest to the people, so we must do the big and the small,” said Wu. “Every street-light, every pothole, every park and classroom, lays the founda-

tion for greater change. Not only is it possible for Boston to deliver basic city services and generational change — it is absolutely necessary at this moment. We’ll tackle our biggest challenges by getting the small things right, and by getting City Hall out of City Hall and into our neighborhoods, block by block, street by street. After all, Boston was founded on a revolutionary promise: that things don’t have to be as they always have been. That we can chart a new path for families now, and for generations to come, grounded in justice and opportunity. And we can take steps to raise us all up to that promise, together.”

Wu said her administration’s charge will be to reach every corner of Boston and listen to the questions and concerns of all.

“Our charge is to see every person and listen. To meet people where they are. To give hope and deliver on it. To find joy, in the words of the amazing Kim Janey, and spread it. Let history note not



Distinguished guests Tuesday included Senator Warren, Senator Markey, Congresswoman Pressley, Governor Baker, and many other of Wu’s colleagues in state, county, and local government.

just who she was in this office, but all she got done, and all she will continue to do for our city,” she said.

Wu said the first time she set foot in Boston City Hall, she felt invisible but today she sees what’s possible in the building.

“I see all the public servants raising us up — frontline workers, first responders, teachers and bus

drivers, building inspectors, city workers,” she said. “I am deeply honored to work alongside you and I ask everyone to join me in expressing our gratitude for your service. And I ask everyone to join us in service of our communities. Boston, our charge is clear. We need everyone to join us in the work of doing the big and the

small, getting City Hall out of City Hall, and embracing the possibility of our city. The reason to make Boston for everyone is because we need everyone for Boston, right now.”

“We have so much work to do, and it will take all of us to get it done. So let’s get to work,” she concluded.

D’AMBROSIO (from pg. 2)

to ease the congestion that disproportionately costs our residents time, money, and their health, due to vehicle emissions. Additionally, most of the \$244 million for airport infrastructure should be used to reduce the air and noise pollution emitted by Logan Airport. Our residents have suffered from broken windows and higher rates of respiratory illnesses for far too long.

Massachusetts can also expect to receive \$100 million for the purpose of expanding access to broadband Internet services. An estimated 11% of households in Massachusetts do not have an Internet subscription, but that percentage rises to 25% in some neighborhoods in our district. Now more than ever, Massachusetts residents need Internet service that not only connects them to a search engine, but also can support video communication. Reliable Internet service helps students connect to virtual classes, people find and apply for

new jobs, healthcare professionals more easily treat their patients, and seniors maintain critical social ties amidst the country’s loneliness epidemic. We must make sure that our District is not overlooked, as it is clear there is great need here. Like many others, I want to make Massachusetts the first state in the United States to provide universal, affordable, and reliable broadband Internet to all residents. In order to do that, state officials must estimate the total cost associated with this policy and determine if the new federal funding will be enough to cover it. If not, additional state funds should be deployed.

Finally, our District is particularly vulnerable to infrastructure problems arising from climate change. While the Act grants Massachusetts funding for clean drinking water initiatives, cybersecurity, and even fighting wildfires, there is no mention of, or funding set aside for, coastal flooding, erosion, and storm surge issues. The

latter issues present great risks to the safety and livelihoods of our residents. We must make clear to state officials that road and bridge improvements are less effective when they do not include companion improvements to climate resilience infrastructure. Without strong sea walls, even the best built coastal road will face significant damage.

The federal infrastructure bill is a real asset to Massachusetts as we recover from the Covid-19 pandemic and adapt to the 21st century world, but the cities in our District cannot be overlooked. My unique background in finance, technology and education assures that I will have a functional understanding of these issues and best protect our District.

Join us in this effort.

Anthony A. D’Ambrosio, BA Yale, MA University of Cambridge, and Candidate for State Senate.

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hope I am making them proud.

As a young legal services attorney, I met so many people that reminded me of my mom. My clients were hard-working individuals that often weren’t paid, were trafficked, and couldn’t navigate the system. I loved that job because it helped me be a guardian angel for others and I know, deep down, I was protecting other people’s moms.

I answered the call to public service because of the community that always showed up for me. You know my work as a City Councilor, and you know that I always show up for the people who need me. In the State Senate, I can build upon the grassroots advocacy that has defined me and together we can address real systemic change that will lift up families like mine.

This election matters. The people of this district deserve a State Senator who is experienced, will do the work, and has the record of getting things done. Election Day is December 14 and I humbly ask for your vote to become the State Senator for Revere, Winthrop, Boston and Cambridge.

Lydia Edwards is a City Councilor and candidate for State Senate.

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EDWARDS RECEIVES MORE ENDORSEMENTS

In the special election to State Senate, Lydia Edwards has been endorsed by Senators who hope to see her join them in the legislative body to represent the First Suffolk & Middlesex District, including: Senator Julian Cyr (Truro); Senator Jamie Eldridge (Acton); Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz (Boston); Senator Becca Rausch (Needham); Senator Cindy Friedman (Arlington); and Senator Eric Lesser (Longmeadow).

Senator Cyr:

"As public servants, we are tasked with a great and sacred responsibility to help people. The work may be complex but the mission is simple, and Lydia never loses sight of that in everything she does: she is about helping people who need a voice. Lydia has been a relentless champion for equity and opportunity, and she will be a force for good in the State Senate. She has my enthusiastic endorsement."

Senator Eldridge:

"I am proud to endorse Lydia Edwards for State Senate. I have worked closely with Lydia advocating for affordable housing, protecting immigrants, and fighting for economic justice. Lydia is a true champion for working people who can bring bold, progressive change to Beacon Hill."

Senator Chang-Diaz:

"I know firsthand how much our State House needs strong and diverse voices to balance the scales of opportunity and justice. Lydia leads the way when it comes to our state's biggest issues, including housing, environmental justice, and economic opportunity. I'm proud to endorse Lydia Edwards for Senate and I know she'll continue to make a game-changing impact for the people of her district."

Senator Rausch:

"Lydia Edwards is a no-nonsense, experienced leader who I've seen deliver results time and time again as a City Councilor, attorney, and advocate. We need her strength, compassion, and conviction in the Legislature. I am proud to endorse Lydia Edwards for State Senate and look forward to continuing our work together, soon in the same chamber."

Senator Friedman:

"As a former educator and as a parent and grandparent, I know firsthand the transformative power of a strong public education, and I see that shared value in Lydia's work. She has been an advocate for opportunity at every turn of her career. The people of the First Suffolk & Middlesex will be served well by her passion and dedication and Lydia will make a great addition and colleague in the Senate. I endorse Lydia Edwards for State Senate and encourage voters to get to the polls on December 14 and cast your ballot for Lydia!"

Senator Lesser:

"Although we come from different ends of the state, I have long-admired Lydia's work in Boston and I have particular appreciation for her understanding of regional cooperation. Statewide partnerships are the key to Massachusetts' economic stability and development, and few people see the big picture with the same insight and intelligence as Lydia Edwards. She will be a great asset to the Senate and I endorse her candidacy for the First Suffolk & Middlesex District."

Lydia Edwards is a candidate for State Senate representing the First Suffolk and Middlesex District, following the departure of Senator Joseph A. Boncore. For a full and up-to-date list of endorsements, visit: LydiaEdwards.org/

endorsements.

Councilor Lydia Edwards is a career advocate, activist, and voice on behalf of society's most vulnerable. She is currently the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Housing and Community Development in the Boston City Council. Learn more at LydiaEdwards.org/meet-lydia.

Sheriff Tompkins Endorses Lydia Edwards in Senate Race

Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins has endorsed Lydia Edwards in her bid to become the next senator of the First Suffolk and Middlesex Senate district.

"I am endorsing Lydia for Senate for a number of reasons," said Sheriff Tompkins. "Working with her for several years now, I know what a powerful advocate she is for her constituents, fighting for housing that is truly affordable, insuring the rights and protections of the immigrant population in the City of Boston, and many other quality of life issues that contribute to the health and public safety of our communities. I look forward to continuing that work with Lydia on the state level as Senator of the First Suffolk and Middlesex District."

Currently the City Councilor for Boston's District 1, Lydia Edwards has shown her commitment to the people of Boston and beyond, serving as the deputy director within the Mayor's Office of Housing Stability; as a public interest attorney with Greater Boston Legal Services where she focused on labor issues such as fighting for access to unemployment insurance, back wages, fair treatment for domestic workers and combating human trafficking; and as an activist fighting for working people across the state.

D'AMBROSIO KNOCKING ON DOORS



A little rain did not keep Anthony D'Ambrosio from going door-to-door in Beacon Hill talking about the issues with the residents.

ELECTION (from pg. 1)

Voters can again vote on Monday, December 6 from 9 am to 5 pm at City Hall and again on Tuesday, December 7 from 9 am to 8 pm as well as at neighborhood sites from 12 pm to 8 pm.

On Wednesday, December 8 early voting will occur for the race at City Hall only from 9 am to 5 pm and again on Thursday, December 9 at City Hall from 9 am to 8 pm and at neighborhood sites from 12 pm to 8 am.

The final date of early voting for the senate race will be on Fri-

day, December 10 from 9 am to 5 pm at City Hall.

The closest early voting site in Beacon Hill is City Hall.

Residents in the senatorial district must register to vote before Wednesday, November 24 in order to be eligible to take part in the Special Election Primary.

Councilor Edwards, an East Boston resident, previously ran for the Senate seat after former State Senator Anthony Petrucelli left office in 2016. While unsuccessful in that race Edwards went on to run for the District One City Council seat, which includes Eastie, Charlestown, and the North End, the following year. She went on to win that race and has served on the council ever since.

D'Ambrosio, a Yale graduate and Revere resident, got his start in politics in 2019 when he successfully ran for Revere School Committee, a citywide seat. He topped Revere's School Committee ticket in that race. He has spent his career in technology and finance.

For more information on local polling locations and important dates for the Primary visit, <https://www.boston.gov/departments/election>.

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AUCTION (from pg. 1)

Imperial Review at a Military Encampment," possibly attributed to Spoilum; a portrait of a Hong merchant attributed to Spoilum; and an unsigned portrait of a young official of the First Rank wearing a red hat.

Among the 18th and early 19th century American furniture in the collection is a pair of classical card tables attributed to the shop of Charles-Honoré Lannuier, the renowned New York cabinetmaker whose decorative style epitomized the American Empire period, which are estimated at \$100,000-150,000.

The tables feature a rosewood veneer, brass star-inlaid edges, carved and gilt caryatid supports, and dolphin feet, and Lannuier's furniture has also been featured in the collections of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the White House.

Another auction item, a Chippendale Carved Mahogany Open Armchair, c. 1765. (Lot 47), "best exemplifies Rhode Island seating furniture of the 1760s," according to Barber.

"It has an exaggerated form, bold carvings, and an inspiring presence," said Barber, who added "known chairs that are comparable are sprinkled around in private and public collections."

Other Keane collection highlights are two important pieces of Eastern Massachusetts blockfront furniture (i.e. a furniture front divided vertically into alternating convex and concave panels) - a Boston chest of drawers carved in small and elegant proportion, with finely sculpted claw-and-ball feet, estimated at \$50,000-75,000, and a Secretary Bookcase with a history in the family home of Con-

gressman Hezekiah Bradley Smith, estimated at \$75,000-100,000.

An upholstered open armchair from Rhode Island, estimated at \$50,000-100,000, is described by Skinner's as "exemplary of the generous proportions and lavish design distinctive to that region in the late 1760s" and "distinguished by its shaped and carved arms with boldly scrolling handholds, and shell- and bellflower-carved cabriole legs ending in claw-and-ball feet."

Barber said, "Besides the Rhode Island furniture, we have some of the best made in Boston, and there's a very strong possibility that some of the finest pieces of Massachusetts furniture owned by the Keanes were crafted just miles away from their home at 81 Beacon St."

A rare Marble Slab Table, estimated at \$100,000-150,000, was crafted circa 1760, with carving attributed to renowned Philadelphia carvers Nicholas Bernard and Martin Jugiez, and featuring a boldly carved gadrooned skirt, carved knees, claw-and-ball feet.

All together, the Keane collection is unrivaled by anything Barber has seen in his many years working as one Skinner's specialists in the American Furniture and Decorative Arts departments not only on Beacon Hill, he said, but also anywhere in the world.

"Beacon Hill has obviously been home for a long time to some of the greatest furniture collections in America and continues to be home to some of the greatest



Attributed to Spoilum (Chinese, act. 1785-1810).

furniture collections in America, but this collection isn't typical of Beacon Hill in any way," he said. "It's full of such high quality that it wouldn't be typical anywhere."

To amass such an impressive collection, the Keanes not only relied on their own exquisite taste, but also on the guidance of experts in the antique field, said Barber.

"The Keanes collected wonderful things and took advice from great professionals to end up with the collection they did," said Barber. "They were savvy in their own right, but a collection like this is hard to build without the expertise of experienced professionals in the Antique World."

Besides being devoted collectors of early American craftsmanship, the Keanes were also generous benefactors of the Museum of Fine



Important Chippendale Carved Mahogany Marble-top Slab Table.

Arts, Boston, where the American Wing's Newport Furniture Gallery was named in their honor.

"I highly suggest that people go to our website," said Barber, "Because of the format of this article we can't talk about items

across the board. We could go on for hours about the quality there is here."

Visit the Skinner Auctioneers website at <https://www.skinnerinc.com>, where the catalog prior to the auction going live on Nov. 19.

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For photos please visit www.olearyantiquesauctions.com

BEACON HILL WOMEN'S NOVEMBER MONTHLY FORUM

By Ariana Hanley

The Beacon Hill Women's Forum hosted the November Forum Tuesday, November 9, at the Hampshire House. Unfortunately our guest speaker, Annette Miller, was feeling under the weather and could not make it to the event. We are happy to announce she is healthy and feeling much better! We hope Annette can join us as a speaker next season.

To officially kickoff the holiday season, various announcements were made at the forum from a handful of our neighborhood business owners and volunteers! Beacon Hill Civic Association Executive Director, Patricia Tully, announced details on the 26th

annual Beacon Hill Holiday Decorating! Be sure to join in on the magic and attend the traditional Garlands & Greens event taking place on November 17 at the Hampshire House. For additional details on this holiday soiree please visit www.bhcivic.org.

Our Neighborhood Narrative this month featured Jennifer Hill, owner of Blackstones. Recently moving their storefront to 40 Charles Street, Jennifer and her husband, Jim, have been running their business for nearly 40 years! Blackstones is a popular destination for locals and visitors looking for unique gifts. With an abundant selection of holiday and home décor, amazing candles, and kitchenware, Blackstones has it all. They even have onsite knife sharp-

ening! Be sure to pop in and get those knives sharpened in preparation for carving your Thanksgiving turkey!

The Beacon Hill Women's Forum is a nonprofit organization established to help bring women in and around Beacon Hill together to form a close community of support and inspiration. We welcome a speaker, always a woman with a unique, formidable story to tell, to our monthly Forums which meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Hampshire House from 6pm to 8pm (social hour, followed by the program starting at 7pm sharp). Visit The Beacon Hill Women's Forum website to learn more about our membership options. www.beaconhillwomensforum.org.



Co-President Wendy Oleksiak, new BHWF member, Vanessa Ozigbo, and Co-President Amy Tsurumi.



Sandy Wheeler, Susie Shafer, and Doris Hearty.

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The event also included drawings for Lafco candles and SodaStream. Catering for the event was from new neighbor, Cobblestones.



Blackstone's of Beacon Hill co-owners, Jim and Jennifer Hill, with Anne and Eric McNulty.



Pictured with the SodaStream is local neighbor, Carole Gunst.



Pictured, left to right, are Johannah Clifford (store associate Blackstone's), Angela Spike (assistant manager, Blackstone's), Becky Lin (store associate, Blackstone's), Jennifer Hill (co-owner of Blackstone's), Harry Rosenblum (Kikuichi Knives), and Jim Hill (co-owner of Blackstone's).

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Anthony has worked directly with children and school administrators on developing new strategies to overcome the many psychological and physical challenges that children face today. He also has taught public school classes on disability and mental health issues related to social media and academic performance.

A Non-Profit Leader

Anthony has served as the leader of Dwight Hall, a 3,500-person non-profit organization. Their mission is "To nurture and inspire students as leaders of social change and to advance justice and service". The programs they worked on strive to form a more, just society that meets the needs of the community in a fair and dignified way.

A Member of the Revere School Committee

As an elected member of the Revere School Committee, Anthony led the creation of a district wide Equity Advisory Board that brought together parents, teachers, students, and other community stakeholders to develop creative solutions to address educational inequities. He also advocated for the implementation of a district wide mental health audit with enhanced services for students.



"I have known Anthony for many years. He previously worked for me as a policy aide. Anthony's understanding of complex social issues dealing with poverty, health disparities and education was always impressive. I relied often upon his wise and nuanced perspective in reaching decisions. The Commonwealth will be well served with him in a leadership capacity." — Tom Ambrosino, Chelsea City Manager and Former Mayor of Revere



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Anna Alaska Pendleton and Benjamin Stephen Godfrey of Beacon Hill were married Oct. 23 at the Cardigan Lodge in Alexandria, N.H.

The bride is a 2011 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a 2016 graduate of Harvard Medical School, and a 2021 graduate of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Currently she is a Vascular Surgical Resident at Massachusetts General Hospital and a Research Fellow with the Harvard Program for Global Surgery and Social Change.

The groom is a 2010 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a 2020 graduate of Northeastern University. Currently he is an educator with the Revere Public Schools. The bride's parents are Terese Block-Pendleton and Alexander Pendleton of Shorewood, Wisc., and the groom's parents are Pam and Rick Gasper of Delafield, Wisc.

The couple first met in a waiting area at Logan Airport while both were waiting for a plane back to Wisconsin for Christmas ("think Love Actually, with less chasing,



Anna Alaska Pendleton and Benjamin Stephen Godfrey.

desperate-running, and kissing").

Originally scheduled to be married in 2020, they delayed their wedding for a year due to COVID, so that close family and friends could celebrate with them. Their ceremony was held in the autumn woods, and the reception was at the Lodge, followed by dancing late into the evening (music provided by the Boston-based band Cold Chocolate).

After spending their first night together as a married couple in a tent near Alexandria, the couple escaped to Quebec for a week of further romance and adventure.

Beacon Hill, surrounding area's COVID cases decrease

By John Lynds

After increasing 21 percent two weeks ago, Beacon Hill and the surrounding area's COVID weekly positive test rate decreased last week.

According to the weekly report released Monday by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 1,918 Beacon Hill, North End, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 2 percent were positive. This was a 13 percent decrease from the 2.3 percent that tested positive between November 1 and November 8.

However, the citywide weekly positive test rate increased last week. According to the BPHC 22,322 residents were tested and 3 percent were COVID positive--this was a 15.4 percent increase from the 2.6 percent reported by the

BPHC on November 8.

Thirty-eight additional residents have been infected with the virus between November 8 and November 15 and the total number of cases in the area increased to 4,561 cases overall since the pandemic began.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 1.3 percent since November 8 and went from 84,353 cases to 85,474 confirmed cases in a week. There were six additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,462.

Mayor Janey delivers farewell remarks in Roxbury's Hibernian Hall

Mayor Kim Janey delivered a farewell address in Roxbury's Hibernian Hall on November 10, marking her historic term as the first woman and first Black Mayor of Boston. Karen Holmes Ward of WCVB hosted the event, which also included performances by local musical artists. Mayor Janey shared the City's progress during her administration in re-opening, recovery, and renewal during the pandemic and thanked the people of Boston for their support and resilience. A multimedia presentation included highlights in education, housing, public health, economic development, as well as safety, healing and justice.

The following are the remarks by Janey:

Thank you, Karen Holmes Ward, for blessing us with your presence as Emcee today. Thank you for that beautiful performance of the national anthem, Dana Whiteside and thank you Nia Ashleigh for that breathtaking tribute. I also want to thank Danny Rivera, who is near and dear to my heart and who we will hear from later. And to my pastor, Reverend Willie Bodrick, I thank you for your inspiring invocation. May God bless each of you.

When I moved into the Mayor's Office in March, I hung two framed prints on the concrete wall opposite my desk in City Hall. The first framed print is the cover of the April 2013 issue of Boston Magazine. This cover depicts a heart-shaped collection of running shoes worn by marathoners on April 15, 2013, a day our city and the world will never forget.

Inside the heart-shaped space formed by the sneakers are the affirming words, "We will finish this race." Each pair of sneakers represents a unique individual whose journey, along with thousands of others, makes the Boston Marathon one of our city's most celebrated events.

The second framed print features Kamala Harris, the first woman and the first person of color to serve as Vice President. She is striding forward, and next to her silhouette is a pint-sized Ruby Bridges. And just like me, Kamala and Ruby were also on the front lines of our nation's battle to desegregate our schools. They, too, had to overcome adversity and pave the way for others to follow. The inscription beneath the two iconic figures in this print reads, "The First But Not the Last."

Both of these prints inspire

me. They represent what have been two overarching priorities during my tenure as mayor of the City:

First — to comfort our City through a time of multiple crises and ensure stability.

Second — to lead Boston to become the more equitable, just, and resilient city that we all deserve.

When I was sworn in, following former Mayor Walsh's confirmation as US Labor Secretary, we were in the midst of a global pandemic and a national reckoning on racial injustice. It was a time of uncertainty in our country, but Boston stayed strong.

We came together to distribute vaccines in our hardest-hit neighborhoods, meeting people where they are. We met them at church, parks, YMCAs, senior centers, and even in their homes. We launched the HOPE campaign in multiple languages and set up pop-up community clinics. We distributed vaccine information through community groups and worked with our hospitals and health centers to make sure vaccines were readily available for all residents. We established mask mandates indoors and in our schools and a vaccine verification process for City employees. Because of our tireless efforts, Boston is one of the most vaccinated big cities in America.

We expanded protections for homeowners and renters with a foreclosure prevention fund and rental relief. We created capacity-building opportunities for small businesses that found themselves struggling through the pandemic and we gave cash assistance to frontline workers who were denied federal benefits.

To protect the most vulnerable of our residents, particularly people within the immigrant community, we supported asylum-seekers and invested in work-readiness opportunities for Dreamers. We connected immigrants of African descent to healthcare fellowships in local hospitals. We opened our arms to our Haitian neighbors following the assassination of Haiti's president, a devastating earthquake, and the violence along the southern border of the United States.

We established a JOY Agenda as a strategy to heal from trauma. We did this by utilizing the arts and activating our public spaces with community walks and dance parties.

Joy came through the observance of Juneteenth as a holiday and the declaration of Indige-

nous Peoples' Day in Boston. It was also found in the revival of a shabby barn at the Shirley-Eustis House, just a few blocks away from here. The barn is the last remaining free-standing slave quarters in the northeastern United States, and because of the work we've done together, it is now a historic Boston landmark.

We brought joy to our community spaces by establishing free membership at Boston Centers for Youth and Families. We connected our young people with joy by providing every BPS student with a library card and cancelling all late fees.

While ensuring stability in a time of crisis was a top priority, I also led Boston towards the more equitable and just city we all deserve.

In Boston, our challenges have become so known to so many that statistics have become sound bites: "8 dollars of wealth"; "30-year difference in life expectancy"; "40 inches of sea-level rise".

To help build generational wealth, we expanded Boston Home Center's first-time Homebuyer Program and quadrupled the amount of down payment assistance to eligible homebuyers, taking it from 10 thousand dollars to 40 thousand dollars.

To build trust with the public and community stakeholders, we redefined public safety and delivered thoughtful solutions, from increasing accountability and transparency to how we respond to mental health crises. Crime is down and at its lowest in five years. While we celebrate this downward trend, we also understand that any homicide is one too many. We must continue to address trauma, which is often the root cause of violence.

This week alone, we saw three officers shot, multiple officers injured, and one officer stabbed in the neck. My heart goes out to the injured officers, their families, and the families of the deceased, who need our support. We must continue working to address violence in our city and creating a safer future for all of our residents.

Reimagining the future, we launched a new green jobs pipeline that will develop a younger generation of workers. This innovative approach narrows the gaps and paves the way for a stable, green future for all of Boston. We expanded opportunities for young people to become lifeguards in our city through the Swim Safely Partnership. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Black

children are 8 times more likely to drown than white children. This partnership ensures that we protect all of our children by providing free swimming lessons so they can safely enjoy our amazing pools and beaches.

When evaluating inequities, we recognized that Black people spend 64 more hours per year on bus commutes compared to white passengers. We created a free-bus pilot for the 28 bus route to help low-income communities of color access affordable and reliable public transit.

We expanded our Supplier Diversity Program to include LGBTQ+ owned businesses in contracting opportunities with the City.

We also approached the dual opioid- and homelessness-crises with a public health lens. In our first week, we connected close to 70 people to housing, shelter, and residential treatment. And no arrests were made as part of this work. I am proud of our outreach teams for continuing the work of serving all of our residents and connecting people with services.

Addressing the challenges of our city takes courage and commitment because these issues can only be solved when we all work together to create systemic change. From managing a public health crisis to confronting institutional racism, we achieved historic milestones together.

All of the work that we have been able to do is because of my amazing team. My deepest appreciation and gratitude to my Cabinet Chiefs, Department Heads, and each of the 18,000 city workers. Working with you over the last 8 months has been an honor and I am proud to have served with you. To the incredible teachers, police officers, firefighters, EMS workers, frontline workers, custodial staff, and all of those providing services that keep our city running -- thank you for being the backbone of our city.

From Capitol Hill to Beacon Hill, a Mayor works in partnership. I want to extend my gratitude to Representative Ayanna Pressley, Representative Stephen Lynch, Senator Elizabeth Warren, and Senator Ed Markey. Many thanks to Governor Charlie Baker and members of the Boston Delegation for their partnership.

I also want to thank the legislative arm of the City. Working with the City Council, we successfully passed the Building Emissions and Reduction Disclosure Ordinance, or BERDO 2.0;

legislation that will reduce our city's carbon emissions. We also established the Black Men and Boys Commission and signed the Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing Ordinance.

I want to thank the Boston City Council, I am proud to have served with you. I want to take a moment to recognize the newest members of the City Council who will be sworn in in the New Year. Congratulations Councilors-elect: Erin Murphy and Ruthzee Louijeune, the first Haitian-American elected to the City Council.

I also want to congratulate Councilors-elect Brian Worrel for District 4 and Kendra Hicks for District 6. Finally, I want to recognize Councilor-elect Tania Anderson, who will represent my beloved District 7. Tania is the first Muslim elected to serve on Boston's City Council and the first person of Cape Verdean descent to serve.

This year's election was historic. The slate of Mayoral candidates was the most diverse in Boston's history. The candidates were from neighborhoods all across Boston with roots from all over the world. I am proud to have worked with and run alongside candidates who share my deep love for Boston. Many thanks to Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George, Councilor Andrea Campbell, State Representative Jon Santiago, and John Barros. Boston is better because of your contributions.

While I am proud to be Boston's first woman Mayor and first Mayor of color, I am also very proud to know that I will not be the last. I want to congratulate Mayor-elect Michelle Wu for leading an impressive campaign and becoming the first woman of color elected to the Office of the Mayor. She has pledged to bring City Hall to the neighborhoods. I know she will lift up those who have been left out of power. She will build upon my equity and justice work and she won't be afraid to tackle long standing problems. I am proud to pass the baton to you.

The Mayor's Office provides a unique vantage point of Boston; you can see your city for all of its richness and beauty. From the Citgo sign in Fenway to the Simco's sign in Mattapan; from Jamaica Pond to the Frog Pond; from Copley Square to Nubian Square; there are so many things that make Boston the vibrant city that she is. We are home to museums, green spaces and beaches,

Annual Pie in the Sky fundraiser aims to raise more than \$750,000 for medically tailored meals

By Lauren Bennett

Community Servings is gearing up for its 29th annual Pie in the Sky fundraiser, which raises money for the organization to make and serve meals to chronically ill people across the state.

“Community Servings has been feeding critically ill residents of Massachusetts for 31 years, and during that time, for the past 29 years, we have hosted an annual Thanksgiving pie sale called Pie in the Sky, which offers people in the community the opportunity to buy a beautiful Thanksgiving pie and support our program to feed neighbors who have nowhere else to turn for their food this holiday season,” Community Servings CEO David Waters told the Gazette.

Whole Foods is sponsoring the fundraiser again this year, and will be selling “Pie in the Sky” pies across all of its Massachusetts stores from November 15 to November 30. A donation of \$5 from each of these pies will be made to Community Servings.

Despite the pandemic, the sale

was held last year with some changes. More than 7,000 pies were distributed, bringing in more than \$640,000. Community Servings said this year it hopes to double the number of pies sold and raise more than \$750,000 towards its meal program.

“It probably won’t be our largest year because of COVID,” Waters said of this year’s sale, as “we had to shrink the program for safety’s sake.”

Though the pandemic has presented many challenges, Community Servings volunteers found a way to still hold the fundraiser while keeping all participants safe. Last year, all pickup sites were outdoors, Waters said, and this year, there will be a mixture of indoor and outdoor locations.

Additionally, the fundraiser typically involves 200 to 300 volunteers in the same room, but that that could not be done this year. “Our committee of volunteers worked really hard to redesign the system to make moving 14,000 pies around the state work without any COVID risk,” Waters

said. “We have very dedicated volunteers who have been doing this for years and years and they are determined, that despite the pandemic, the pie sale would continue.”

When a pie order is placed, the purchaser can decide where they want to pick it up on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Waters said he is especially excited about this year’s sale “because as a society, as a community, we’ve gone through so much trauma and so many things in our lives,” but “to have something that celebrates the good of the community and the importance of Thanksgiving and the generosity of the community I think is so affirming. I think everybody who’s involved in Pie in the Sky really thinks about it as being part of their holiday tradition.”

Community Servings feeds more than 1700 people a day, so “donations are so important to our ability to continue to ensure that we can continue to deliver meals throughout this winter,” Waters said.

The pies are traditionally baked

by more than 150 chefs, bakers, and restaurants in the Boston area, according to Community Servings, but because of the challenges brought forth by the pandemic, they will all be baked by Boston Baking and 11 different restaurants this year. Pie choices include apple, pecan, or pumpkin, and each pie will cost \$30, which will pay for meals for one Community Servings client for a week. Pies need to be picked up at their pickup site on November 23.

Pickup sites in the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and South End include the Copley Square Farmers Market, the Coldwell Banker location on Boylston St., the Whole Foods at the Charles River Plaza, and the Coldwell Banker location on Tremont St.

The restaurants that will be baking the pies this year are: Davio’s Northern Italian Steakhouse, Flour Bakery, Mistral, Moo, Ostra, Grill 23 & Bar, Harvest, The Banks, America’s Test Kitchen, Basil Tree Catering, and Blue Frog Bakery

Other sponsors of this year’s Pie

in the Sky are Big Foot Moving & Storage, Boston Baking, Coldwell Banker Cares, Digitas, Ligris & Associates, ScrubaDub Auto Wash Centers, State Street, and Tito’s Handmade Vodka.

Community Servings said that ScrubaDub will provide complimentary car washes to those “who support the Pie in the Sky Campaign with a ‘Pie for a Community Servings Client’ donation.”

Waters said of the fundraiser, “we joke that it’s the world’s greatest bake sale,” as it consists of many hands coming together in various ways, whether it be baking pies, selling pies, or working at one of the pickup sites.

“Everybody has a role to play and I think it ties back to really the meaning of Community Servings, which is the community serving the community,” he said. “I find it to be a high to see how many people care to participate in Pie in the Sky as part of their holiday tradition.”

For more information and to order a pie, visit www.pieinthesky.org.

JANEY (from pg. 9)

and world-renowned hospitals and universities, and, of course, our iconic championship-winning sports teams.

But what I love most about Boston is her people: from the small business owners to the seniors; from our veterans to our teachers; from our restaurant workers to our public servants; to ordinary people who do extraordinary things every single day that often go unrecognized.

Our city is better because of you.

Last but certainly not least, I have to thank my family. My mother, my daughter, my grandchildren, and so many others who have supported me, prayed for me, and inspired me along the way. I am forever grateful.

As I reflect back on the two prints that I hung in my office; and as we lace up our sneakers to finish the race—for me, it will be my Converse—we must contin-

ue to run toward justice, equity, and love. Just like Vice President Kamala Harris, Ruby Bridges, and so many in between, let’s continue to break barriers and create opportunities for those who will come after us.

It has been my greatest honor serving my city as its 55th Mayor. Thank you, Boston. You will forever be in my heart.

NOTEWORTHY APPEARANCES



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City Councilor Kenize Bok and Tom Kershaw, chairman of the Hampshire House Corporation, were on hand for the Back Bay Association’s 98th annual meeting on Monday, Nov. 15, at the Colonnade Hotel.

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



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Virtual program examines lives of Boston's domestic help in late 19th to early 20th centuries

By Dan Murphy

An upcoming virtual program will examine the lives of domestic staff in Boston during the late 19th to early 20th centuries, including help employed by the Nichols and Gibson families.

The Nichols House Museum welcomes Gibson House Museum curator, Meghan Gelardi Holmes, on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 6:30 p.m. for "The World of Domestic Workers in 19th Century Boston," which examines the lives of the mostly young, immigrant Irish women who built a rich, interconnected community centered in the back alleys of the Back Bay. This talk will not only look at the work and their leisure time of the domestic staff, but also how the experience of immigration shaped their lives.

"While [past programs on life at the Nichols House] commonly looked at life through the lens of the employers, this one instead will examine what life was like for domestic help back then away from work," said Barbara Callahan, public engagement manager for the Nichols House Museum.

Besides "church and other public spheres" domestic workers in the late 19th to early-20th centuries often get to know each other in the Back Bay's back alleys, said Callahan, while evidence suggests that marriages between domestic help who first met in these back alleys weren't an uncommon occurrence at the

time.

This upcoming virtual program, said Callahan, also complements "Hidden Spaces of the Nichols House Museum" tours on Sundays, Nov. 28 and Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. at 55 Mt. Vernon St., which will offer a glimpse into the domestic work that went into keeping the house operational during the Victorian era, as well as how staff today manages its preservation.

The tours last around one hour and include visits to room and spaces in the museum not ordinarily open to the public. (Tour-goers will have to walk up three flights of stairs, and masks are required.)

As an incentive, the Nichols House Museum is offering a special discount on admission for those attending both "The World of Domestic Workers in 19th Century Boston" and the "Hidden Spaces" tour, said Callahan with admission for the latter event reduced from \$17 for non-members to \$10.

Admission for "The World of Domestic Workers in 19th Century Boston" is \$5 for Nichols House Museum members and \$7-\$15 general admission for non-members. Purchase tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-world-of-domestic-workers-in-19th-century-boston-tickets-208050613987>.

For more information on the Nichols House Museum, visit nicholshousemuseum.org.



Tour-goers exploring the "Hidden Spaces of the Nichols House Museum."

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