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## BAKE SALE ON CHESTNUT STREET



Virginia Abbott, Isla Stewart, Fiona Kelley and Sam Abbott put on a bake sale on Chestnut Street, to raise money for charity. The cupcakes were very popular, and tasty.

## Rainbows Pottery Studio leaving Charles Street for Newbury

By Dan Murphy

After a number of successful years on Charles Street, Rainbows Pottery Studio is getting ready to depart Beacon Hill at the end of the month to move into a new storefront on Newbury Street in the Back Bay that offers more than three times as much space as their current location.

Rainbows' new home at 216 Newbury St. spans around 1,400 square feet, compared with their existing approximately 450 square-foot location at 15R Charles St. The added space will allow the group to comfortably seat 50 patrons, compared with 20 patrons today. Similarly, the new store will also allow the business to host larger groups than can be accommodated at the current

location, said its proprietor, Allie Carroll.

The Newbury Street store will have its grand opening on March 30, following a soft opening on March 20 and subsequent private events at the new location. The original Charles Street store will remain open until March 30, said Carroll, despite some overlap between the two locations.

A longtime Myrtle Street resident, Carroll opened Rainbows in the fall of 2016 on Charles Street, after finding a dearth of suitable activities offered locally for her four children, including one child with special needs.

Carroll, who invested all of her savings at that time into the business, credits the Beacon Hill community in large part for her subse-

quent success.

"The Beacon Hill community has been such a blessing in [helping me realize] my life's dream," she said. "They've been super supportive from start to finish, and there have been so many fun and precious art experiences, custom work, celebrations, and friendships built."

Added Carroll: "My gratitude to the Beacon Hill community is so profound it's hard to articulate. I've learned so much about not only business, but also myself in ways I want to improve, and I owe it all to the community where Rainbows was birthed. Watching my life's dream come to reality with the support, love, and adora-

(RAINBOW Pg. 5)

## Licensing Board grants Crane River Cheese Club beer-and-wine license

By Dan Murphy

Crane River Cheese Club, a Cambridge Street specialty grocery store, has been granted a beer-and-wine license by the city's Licensing Board, according to Tom Clemens, co-chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association Zoning and Licensing Committee.

The business, located at 138 Cambridge St., Unit 2, opened last summer and is owned and operated by Chef Brian Poe and Nick Giannotti, the same duo behind the restaurant next door, The Tip Tap Room at 138 Cambridge St. Crane River Cheese Club offers a full selection of "chef-curated" groceries for takeout and delivery, including specialty meat, seafood, produce, pastas, oils, and pantry ingredients, such as specialty meats; seasonally sourced cheeses; and vegetables and specialty herbs sourced from local organic farms, along with daily sandwich and salad specials.

The owners of Crane River

Cheese Club are planning to sell a selection of "hard-to-find," specialty beer and wines to complement their food offerings, which would be available for both pickup and delivery, said Clemens, who likened the applicant's request to what Kured, the takeout charcuterie shop at 83 Charles St., now offers with beer and wine to go as an added amenity for patrons.

The Retail Package Store Wines and Malt Beverages License granted to Crane River Cheese Club applies to 750 square feet in the first floor retail area, including the counter and prep area, as well as to the basement for storage, with no alcoholic beverages sold after 11 p.m., according to the Licensing Board agenda for the March 8 virtual hearing, when the application was heard.

This matter was also discussed during the Zoning and Licensing Committee's monthly meeting on March 1 at 74 Joy St. At

(CRANE RIVER Pg. 2)



Crane River Cheese Club on Cambridge Street.

D. MURPHY PHOTO



# Brooklyn fugitive charged in February murder of 75-year-old West End man

A prosecutor said on Tuesday, March 14, that a fugitive from Brooklyn entered the West End apartment of a 75-year-old man last month, slashed the man's throat, ate his food, slept on his couch, and then left in the morning, leaving the body to be discovered during a well-being check later that day, according to a press release from Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office.

Dion Pelzer, 30, has been charged in the Central Division of Boston Municipal Court with murder and a fugitive from justice charge out of New York. Judge Tracy-Lee Lyons ordered Pelzer held without bail. Pelzer will return to court April 12 for a pre-trial hearing.

Pelzer has a warrant out of Brooklyn for a Jan. 23 knife assault which left the victim with numerous slash wounds.

Assistant District Attorney Ursula Knight, chief of the Suffolk County District Attorney Civil Rights/High-Risk Victim's Unit, said video surveillance

shows Pelzer enter the secured apartment building at 65 Martha Road behind a resident at about 9:30 p.m. on February 15. Pelzer took an elevator to the 11th floor, where video shows him attempting to enter numerous apartments. He then took the elevator down to the 10th floor before returning to the 11th floor to continue testing doors.

The victim, David MacDonald, often left his door unlocked so neighbors and Good Samaritan services such as Meals on Wheels America could bring food without him having to get up and open the door, Knight said.

Knight said Pelzer entered MacDonald's apartment and slashed his throat. Pelzer then ate MacDonald's food and slept on his couch.

At about 8:40 a.m. the next day, neighbors knocked on MacDonald's door, which was closed and locked, and received no response. Surveillance video shows Pelzer leaving the building at about 9:13 a.m. Pelzer stole MacDonald's wallet, credit cards, and keys,

Knight said.

After investigating surveillance footage and other evidence, authorities issued a warrant for Pelzer's arrest on Friday, March 10. On Monday, March 13, Boston police responded to a disturbance at Tufts Medical Center and detained a man, later identified as Pelzer.

"Everything about this case is terrifying, from this man surreptitiously entering a secured residential building, to his testing the doors on numerous units, and, ultimately, to his brutal killing of Mr. MacDonald and his remaining in the apartment with the body until the next morning. This is a tragic reminder of how important it is to be alert to a non-resident attempting to slip into a locked building behind you," Suffolk District Attorney Hayden said in press release.

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

## CRANE RIVER *(from pg. 1)*

this time, the committee heard no objections to Crane River Cheese Club's request from either of the owner of two nearby liquor stores on Cambridge Street, or from the owners of vinodivino, the small liquor store located in Charles River Plaza, said Clemens. Several neighbors were "highly supportive" of the existing Crane River Cheese Club operation, as well as of its application for a beer-and-wine license, he said.

Clemens said that the owners of Crane River Cheese Club had also expressed their willingness to enter into a "good neighbor agreement" with the Civic Association, which would prohibit the sales of "nips" or single cans of beer that would be "attractive to the ambient population that has caused problems for neighbors."

While the agreement wouldn't specify that beer and wine must be sold only in conjunction with food products, Giannotti indicated that the store's ownership expects this would be the case, especially in light of the high prices to be charged for such beverages, added Clemens.

Likewise, Chef Poe indicated

that food sales now account for two-thirds of The Tip Tap Room's business, compared to one-third for alcohol, and that they were expecting a "similar ratio" for Crane River Cheese Club once the business begins selling beer and wine, said Clemens.

While the conditions of Licensing Board granting the beer-and-wine license don't limit its use to the current business operator, Clemens said the intention is to make the good neighbor agreement "as ironclad as possible so as not to end up with a loose license at that location." The owners of Crane River Cheese Club also said that business has so far exceeded their expectations, added Clemens, and that they expect to remain in the neighborhood for a long time.

Although the Licensing Board had approved the beer-and-wine license for Crane River Cheese Club on March 8, the Civic Association board of directors voted unanimously to ratify the Zoning and Licensing Committee's vote of non-opposition on the application at the board's monthly meeting on Monday, March 13, at 74 Joy St.

# Wu announces \$626,000 in Boston Cultural Council grants

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, in collaboration with the Boston Cultural Council (BCC), last week announced 160 arts and cultural organizations have been awarded grants totaling \$626,000 through this year's Boston Cultural Council grant program.

"Boston's arts and cultural organizations play a vital role in ensuring everyone in our city has access to opportunities for creative expression and cultural celebration," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This continued investment is an important step in building a sustainable and thriving arts ecosystem in Boston."

The Boston Cultural Council (BCC) works under the umbrella of the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture to annually distribute funds allocated by the City of Boston and the Mass Cultural Council for local arts and cultural programming. The BCC distributes grants for general operating support to organizations with budgets under \$2 million that offer arts or cultural programming in Boston,

and helps to ensure that the City's grantmaking responds to the needs of the cultural community. This year's total of \$626,000 in grant funding consisted of \$297,200 from Mass Cultural Council, \$250,300 from City funds, and an additional \$78,500 from the Boston Red Sox to support Fenway-based organizations.

"As a participatory grant-making body, the Boston Cultural Council believes that through supporting a vibrant and equitable arts ecosystem in the city, and committing to effecting positive change, we together can inspire the transformative arts landscape that our communities need and that artists can grow within," said Jennifer Falk, Chair of the Boston Cultural Council. "We celebrate all our awardees and their unwavering commitment to value artistic expression in all forms as a necessary language of the human condition."

Grantees receive \$2,000, \$3,500, or \$5,000 grants depending on the organization's budget size. In 2021, the BCC made the

decision to shift the funding structure so that organizations with the lowest budgets receive the highest grant amounts. This funding strategy aims to better support emerging to medium-sized organizations who typically do not have scaled fundraising initiatives to support their programming.

"Nearly half of this year's BCC grantees fall under the smallest budget tier, and many are receiving grants from us for the first time," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture. "We're excited to continue expanding access to creativity and diverse arts and cultural programming across the city."

The BCC focused on small to mid-sized organizations that uniquely serve the City's arts ecosystem and prioritize cultural diversity, economic diversity, inclusion, and equity, through both their staffing and audiences served. Nonprofit cultural organizations whose missions or programming are focused on music, film and video, traditional and folk art, visual art, theater, dance,

humanities, literary arts, performing arts, social/civic practice, and multidisciplinary arts were eligible to apply as long as they were based in the City of Boston, or offered programming in Boston.

87% of grantees are based in Boston and 27% are receiving Boston Cultural Council grants for the first time. Nearly \$14 million of grantees' total operating budgets goes toward paying artists. The breakdown of grantee organizations by discipline is as follows:

- Music (28.8%)
- Multidisciplinary Arts (21.9%)
- Dance (12.5%)
- Performing Arts (7.5%)
- Visual Arts (6.3%)
- Traditional and Folk Art (6.3%)
- Social/Civic Practice (4.4%)
- Theater (4.4%)
- Film and Video (3.1%)
- Literary Arts (2.5%)
- Humanities (2.5%)

"Artisans Asylum is thrilled and thankful to have this financial support from the Boston

Cultural Council," said Antonio Viva, Executive Director of Artisans Asylum. "We hope to inspire makers from all backgrounds to explore their creativity and bring their inspired ideas into form. As we welcome makers from around the greater Boston community, this grant will help us with our commitment to providing access to classes and programs."

"The Boston Cultural Council's grant to the International Women's Writing Guild provides extraordinary support for our young writers in Boston and our ability to support their literary goals," said Michelle Miller, Executive Director of International Women's Writing Guild. "These young poets and storytellers have written together about racial identity and social justice, providing inspiration and accompanying lesson plans for generations of students to come!"

The City of Boston will celebrate this year's grantees at a reception on Wednesday, May 10 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Artisans Asylum.

# MBTA reminds riders to allow for extra time

The MBTA is advising riders to plan for additional travel time and longer headways on the Red, Orange, Blue, Green, and Mattapan Lines this week as MBTA engineers continue to perform repair validations and speed verifications following a Department of Public Utilities (DPU) site visit last week. Riders are encouraged to use the T's Trip Planner tool at [mbta.com/trip-planner](https://mbta.com/trip-planner) for a list of travel options, including bus routes that run parallel to subway service.

On Friday, the T replaced the global speed restrictions on the Red, Blue, and Orange Lines with targeted block speed restrictions between 10-25 mph in areas that still needed to be inspected or where track conditions do not permit normal speeds. The Green and Mattapan Lines remain under a global speed restriction of 10-25 mph while inspections continue.

MBTA crews remain in the field verifying that speeds are appropriate for sections of track identified by recent geometry car testing that may require mitigation, meaning the results of the testing matches field inspections by MBTA track engineers and independently verified by third party consulting engineers. Once speeds are verified, the T will proceed with validating that track defects identified in the geometry testing were repaired during previous work or report where repairs remain pending.

"We understand that riders are frustrated, and we thank them for their patience as we work hard to deliver the reliable system they expect and deserve," said MBTA Interim General Manager Jeffrey Gonneville. "The decision to implement these speed restrictions was taken because the safety of our riders and employees is a top priority. We will continue to keep

riders updated as we develop a timeline for the completion of this work and a return to a more normal schedule."

Block speed restrictions of 10-25 mph remain in place on the heavy rail subway lines. This represents 31.9% of track. There are 19 block speed restrictions on the Orange Line, 39 on the Red Line, and six on the Blue Line. These are in addition to speed restrictions that had previously been in place on these lines prior to the March 9 system-wide slow order. A block speed restriction is a length of track that may include multiple defects that need to be investigated or mitigated. As each defect is validated and corrected as needed, the length of the block speed restriction will be reduced until the block is fully removed.

A track geometry car is used to test several parameters of track geometry including measuring position, curvature, alignment of track, smoothness, and the cross level of the two rails. The car uses a variety of sensors, measuring systems, and data management systems to create a profile of the track being inspected. The MBTA instituted global speed restrictions last week because the Authority was not satisfied with the quality of the documentation that supports the mitigation that followed recent geometry car testing. The MBTA typically performs geometry testing twice each year. The last series of geometry testing took place in the fall of 2022 and February 2023. The MBTA is performing a full and complete review of the circumstances that led to this situation.

For more information, visit [mbta.com](https://mbta.com), or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook / TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, or TikTok @thembta.

## OLD NORTH CHURCH SIGNAL RE-ENACTMENT

On Thursday, April 20, Old North Illuminated in Boston's North End will re-enact the famous signal that lit the way for the American Revolution. The celebration recognizes the 300th anniversary of Old North Church and the historical events of April 18, 1775, when allies of Paul Revere hung two lanterns from Old North Church's steeple as a warning to their fellow Patriots that British troops were on the move.

After passing critical information to the signal holders, Paul Revere began his iconic midnight journey to Lexington and Concord.

The courageous actions of Revere and the lantern bearers are an inspirational reminder of the power of active citizenship to create a more perfect union that reflects the promise of liberty and justice for all.

This year's event will be held in person from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old North Church & Historic Site, located at 193 Salem Street in Boston. The celebration will feature the Middlesex County Volunteers Fife & Drums; a rousing reading of the poem "Paul Revere's Ride" by Susan Tran, Emmy Award-winning Anchor and Reporter for NBC Boston; remarks from the 2023 Lantern Award honoree Annette Gordon-Reed, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and MacArthur

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"Genius Award" recipient; and a lively reception with lantern signals lighting up the sky.

Proceeds from the event will support Old North Illuminated's virtual and on-site programs, which aim to inspire children and adults alike to consider the ways in which they can build a more just and equitable world. Tickets range from \$75 to \$200 and must be purchased in advance. To register, visit: [www.oldnorth.com/lanterns](https://www.oldnorth.com/lanterns).

## JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO HOLD BUDGET HEARING

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means will hold a hearing on Governor Maura Healey's FY2024 budget proposal, on March 31 at 11 a.m. covering the topics of economic development, housing, and labor. State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D-Gloucester) and State Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston) will co-chair the hearing. Testimony is by invitation only; the hearing will be open to the public for viewing, both in person and on MAlegislature.gov.

"The state budget is the most important piece of legislation that is passed annually. Although those testifying will be from state government, secretariats and agencies, this hearing gives the public the opportunity to view the budget process," said Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D-Gloucester). "I'm

glad that my constituents, the residents of Cape Ann, will have the ability to see the budget process up close and personal, especially as we hear testimony on some of the most important issues facing the Commonwealth such as economic development, housing, labor, the arts, and state libraries."

"Every budget is an opportunity to center people, jobs, housing, and the economy. It is a demonstration of financial stewardship and commitment to people. I'm proud to chair this hearing with Vice Chair Ann-Margaret Ferrante and bring the budget process to the people," said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston).

Residents of Winthrop, Revere, and Boston are encouraged to attend or listen in on MAlegislature.gov.

The meeting will be held at Cruiseport Gloucester, 6 Rowe Square, Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Those agencies in attendance include: Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, Dept. of Business Development, Dept. of Housing and Community Development, Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, Dept. of Labor, Board of Library Commissioners, Mass. Cultural Council, Commission on the Status of Women, Cannabis Control Commission

## Community Groups claim 700-foot tower a real project

By Phil Orlandella

While there is clearly no letter of intent filed with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), two local community groups are claiming a developer is proposing a 700-foot-high skyscraper within the triangle of Causeway, North Washington and Medford Streets according to North End Waterfront Residents Association (NEWRA) member Dave Kubiak.

The proposal, currently the site of 251 Causeway Street, 100 and 126 North Washington Street in Keaney Square, the entrance to the North End and West End from the North Washington Street Bridge according to the West End Civic Association (WECA) and (NEWRA) that claims this is a real proposal that started in 2022.

Back then, the group claims that developer RMR Group met with BPDA, the Downtown North Association and others and discussed the possibility of this proposal and last month the developer met with District 8 Boston City Counselor Kenzie Bok as well.

Since then, NEWRA and WECA

have requested information relating to the proposal from BPDA Director Arthur Jemison and have met with Councillor Gabriela Coletta expressing their concerns.

WECA and NEWRA contend the project will create more traffic in Keaney Square, a more dangerous pedestrian crossway for schoolchildren, tourists and residents.

They also claim there will be

more shadows over the neighborhood, waterfront parks and recreational facilities.

The project would set a precedent for future height development along North Washington Street placing a tower where there are new historic brick buildings and green spaces according to the two community groups. The project will cause degradation of the historic Bulfinch Triangle.

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# EDITORIAL

## COVID-19: STILL A MAJOR THREAT FOR SENIORS

President Biden declared recently that the COVID-19 pandemic officially will be over in May, but in our view, that is just wishful thinking.

In January, the number of COVID-related deaths fell after a holiday spike, but nevertheless numbered about 2,100 among those ages 65 to 74, more than 3,500 among 75- to 84-year-olds, and nearly 5,000 among those over 85. If you add up those numbers, more than 10,000 Americans over the age of 65 died from COVID-19 in January, accounting for about 90 percent of the nation's COVID deaths that month.

To be sure, this is a much-smaller number than we experienced during the height of the pandemic, but 10,000 deaths per month among America's senior citizens is still a huge number and there is no indication that those numbers will be declining.

The desire of President Biden and the American people to put the pandemic behind us is understandable, but it is dishonest to do so when so many of our senior citizens are succumbing to this disease.

For the first time in decades, life expectancy in the U.S. has declined over the past three years and continues to do so. The statistics make clear that our nation's senior citizens are especially vulnerable to COVID-19.

But unless our federal government and all of us take steps to ensure that our seniors are protected, older Americans will continue to die in unacceptable numbers.

## SAFE CONSUMPTION SITES ARE THE ONLY WAY TO STEM THE TIDE OF DRUG OVERDOSES

The so-called War on Drugs, which began in the administration of Richard Nixon, has been ongoing in America for more than 50 years.

Putting aside the fact that Nixon began his war on drugs primarily as a means for incarcerating Black and brown Americans (especially for simple marijuana possession), the War on Drugs has failed by every metric imaginable.

We spend roughly five times as much incarcerating people with substance use disorders as it would cost us to treat them, and the return on that expenditure has been meager at best.

The economy loses an estimated one trillion dollars per year (about five percent of G.D.P.) in lost productivity, health care costs, and criminal justice expenditures, among other things.

More ominously, thanks to the recent wave of an opioid crisis that was initiated by our legal drug industry and our faulty regulatory apparatus, more than 100,000 Americans, an all-time high, died from drug overdoses last year. Life expectancy is declining in the United States for the first time in generations largely as a result.

Drug use is soaring and drugs being purchased on our streets are more lethal than ever thanks to the introduction of fentanyl into just about every type of pill and powder that is manufactured and sold by drug dealers, for whom fentanyl is cheaper to produce and easier to transport than heroin. Fentanyl is so potent that a typical car trunk filled with fentanyl would be enough to kill every single American.

Think about that figure for a moment -- and you realize that trying to interdict fentanyl shipments, wherever they might originate, is a game only for fools.

However, there is a solution to this problem which has been used in Portugal and Switzerland for almost two decades: The time has come for our society to treat substance abuse like a public health crisis. We need to repeal outdated laws that push too many people into jails and prisons and not enough into recovery; invest in treatment so that those who want and need help can get it; and replace abstinence-based policies with ones grounded in reality in order to minimize the worst effects of drug abuse.

This would include providing users with clean needles so that they don't contract or spread H.I.V. or hepatitis C and giving them overdose reversal medications like naloxone.

However, the most significant step we can take is to promote supervised consumption, which is standard in Portugal and Switzerland, so that if users overdose, they don't die. Supervised consumption programs also entail assisting drug-dependent persons with receiving access to housing and basic medical and mental health care so that they can live in relative stability even when they are not abstinent.

In short, we need to replace the futile goal of eradication with the concept of what is known as harm reduction.

Yes, we realize that some people adamantly are opposed to this point of view. But given that their solution has a proven track record of five-decades of failure, we suggest that a different way of looking at the problem of drug abuse in our country is worth trying.

## GUEST OP-ED

### Silicon Valley Bank and your life savings

Dr. Glenn Mollette

If you have worked hard and saved money all your life you may have over \$250,000 in a bank. Or, maybe one of these days you might if you keep working and saving.

You most likely know that only \$250,000 of your money is federally insured. In other words, if you bank fails you might lose any amount above \$250,000. Let's say you have one half million in your bank. The assets of the bank would eventually be liquidated. If enough money was collected you might receive the rest of your half million or you might never see a penny above the federally insured amount unless you are in Silicon Valley.

The second largest bank failure in U.S. history occurred March 10 in Santa Clara, California. The Silicon Valley Bank failed after a bank run on its deposits. The Department of Financial Protection and Innovation revoked its charter and transferred the business into receivership under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

SVB is the country's 16th largest bank with \$209 billion in assets and more than \$175 billion in deposits.

A number of businesses had millions of dollars in the bank.

Roku had just under \$500 million of its 1.9 billion dollars of cash assets in the bank.

Roblox, a video game company said 5% of its 3 billion in cash was held at SVB.

Toronto-based AcuityAds Holding had US \$55 million in SVB, and just US \$4.8 million elsewhere. That means more than 90% of the company's deposits were held in SVB.

Aerospace manufacturer Rocket Lab held almost 8%, or approximately \$38 million, of its total cash at the collapsed bank, it said in a Friday filing.

Crypto lender BlockFi, which filed for bank-

ruptcy in November, disclosed it held \$221 million with SVB in a bankruptcy filing Friday. BlockFi said in November it had halted withdrawals after facing "significant exposure" to Sam Bankman-Fried's FTX exchange, as well as its sister hedge fund Alameda.

BlockFi's money in SVB is not FDIC-insured because it was in a money market mutual fund, the company learned from its bankruptcy trustee early this week. (Source CNN.Com)

Move the calendar from last Friday to this past Sunday.

Federal regulators stepped in Sunday March 12, to back all Silicon Valley Bank deposits, resolving a key uncertainty surrounding the second-largest bank failure in U.S. history hours before global stock markets resumed trading.

The U.S. Treasury, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said the government would back Silicon Valley Bank deposits beyond the federally insured ceiling of \$250,000. The decision addressed concerns around the fate of uninsured funds held at the Santa Clara, California-based bank.

"Depositors will have access to all of their money starting Monday, March 13," the agencies said in a joint statement Sunday evening. "No losses associated with the resolution of Silicon Valley Bank will be borne by the taxpayer." (Source NBC.COM)

If you have a half million dollars in a bank, you might consider dividing it up into two banks. Maybe the U.S. Treasury will treat you and the people at your bank the same as the millionaires of Silicon Valley. Don't risk your life savings on this hope.

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## RAINBOW (from pg. 1)

tion from Beacon Hill's community members has been so humbling, and we hope the community members make their way over to the Back Bay."

Carroll also expressed her immense gratitude to Drew Giampa, who has assisted her for about the past four years, joining the business not long before the pandemic struck.

"He has grown revenues while increasing our social media and community outreach by being proactive and professional at all times," Carroll said of Giampa. "I could not have grown or run this business without him. We are a team for life."

Additionally, Carroll thanked her 15 college-student artists for contributing to Rainbows' success.

While Carroll is eager to start the next chapter of Rainbows on Newbury Street in the Back Bay, she hopes that business will one day return to Beacon Hill.

"We'd love to come back to Beacon Hill, but we're just waiting for the right location to open up," she said.

Rainbows Pottery Studio can be reached by phone at 617-306-6131, or email at [rainbowspottery@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowspottery@gmail.com); or visit the business online at [rainbowspottery.com](http://rainbowspottery.com).



Allie Carroll and her daughter, Charlotte, outside Rainbows Pottery Studio's future home at 216 Newbury St. in the Back Bay.



COURTESY OF ALLIE CARROLL  
A sign at Rainbows Pottery Studio's original location on Charles Street bids farewell and thank you to the Beacon Hill neighborhood for supporting the business.



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# Community hears about city's latest plans to update West Fenway zoning

By Dan Murphy

The Boston Planning & Development Agency held its second virtual public meeting on Wednesday, March 8, to discuss proposed changes to zoning in the West Fenway.

Between 2004 - when the city adopted Article 66, which established and codified a zoning article in the Fenway neighborhood for the first time - and last year, more than 2.3 million square feet of residential and around 4.3 million square feet of commercial space has been approved and/or completed throughout the West Fenway and Kenmore while an additional approximately 4.5 million square feet of mixed-use development proposed for the area is currently under review by the BPDA.

But since the city's adoption of Article 66, nearly every (if not all) large-scale development project located in the Fenway has required a zoning variance or the creation of a PDA (Planned Development Area) to move forward, according to longtime residents of the neighborhood.

Last week's meeting on proposed zoning changes in the West Fenway, originally scheduled for Feb. 15, was informed by feedback from the first virtual public meet-

ing on the matter held on Dec. 5, as well as an in-person "listening session" sponsored by District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok on Feb. 13 at the Fenway Community Center.

Arthur Jemison, BPDA director and chief of planning, said major takeaways from those meetings were that neighborhood residents are open to updating and modifying zoning, especially in regard to the use, height, and density of future development, but they felt that housing and public facilities were missing from the equation.

The BPDA intends to incorporate this feedback into new zoning changes for the Fenway by focusing specifically on PDAs, said Kristina Ricco, BPDA senior downtown and neighborhood planner, while leaving the underlying zoning for the neighborhood alone whenever possible. The city also intends to leverage private development to support the creation of affordable housing and public facilities in the Fenway, she said.

The BPDA is proposing expanding the boundaries of both the Fenway Triangle NDA (Neighborhood Development Area) and the abutting North Boylston NS-3 subdistrict, said Ricco.

Moreover, the BPDA is propos-



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A rendering of the proposed Fenway Corners project.

ing increasing the PDA-allowed height in the Fenway Triangle NDA from the current 150 feet to 250 feet, she said, and in the Brookline Avenue Commercial Subdistrict from 150 feet to 300 feet. (The proposed zoning changes would formalize the Brookline Avenue Corridor, said Ricco.)

For Fenway Corners - a proposed, approximately 2.1 million square-foot project that would transform four blocks around the ballpark into several new buildings containing office/research, retail, and residential space - the requested zoning relief would include exceeding both the 150-foot height limit and the allowable 7.0 FAR (Floor Area Ratio). But in exchange, the project would deliver affordable housing, said Ricco, along with the proposed extension of Richard B. Ross Way from Van Ness Street to Brookline Avenue.

The Fenway Corners project would also seek phased approval from the city in response to the Fenway-Kenmore Transportation Action Plan (FTAP), which is now under development and expected to wrap up about a year from now.

Likewise, an 11-story lab/office building with additional retail, restaurant, and civic space proposed by developer Samuels & Associates for the Star Market site at 1400 Boylston St., would also exceed both the 150-foot height limit and the allowable 7.0 FAR, said Ricco, while its PDA-eligibility "sunset-ed" in 2012 and requires 60-percent residential use.

One of proposed community benefits for this project is a commitment from Samuels & Associates to accommodate a new public library on the site, said Ricco, with "due diligence commencing." The new Fenway branch library would be financed and operated by the Boston Public Library - not unlike the current arrangement with the Asian Community Development Corporation to provide space at its proposed income-restricted housing development for a permanent Chinatown Branch of the BPL, added Ricco.

The announcement of the new Fenway branch library came as a welcome surprise to many Fenway residents on hand for the meeting.

Another proposed community benefit from the 1400 Boylston St. project is funding for off-site affordable housing as part of a residential project proposed for 165 Park Drive, adjacent to Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral in the Fenway, said Ricco.

Regarding the future of Fenway zoning, Councilor Bok said, "The big developments proposed can't go through without zoning changes, and the community can only

support changes if they deliver the core public goods that the community needs."

In her 10-page letter to Director Jemison, Councilor Bok suggests that the BPDA adopt a "standardized mitigation process" for all future large-scale commercial development projects in the Fenway, which would include a \$5 commitment per each square foot developed to support transportation mitigation; a \$2 commitment per square foot developed to support maintenance of area parks; and for lab space only, an additional \$1 per square foot developed to support job development in the life sciences industry.

Additionally, Councilor Bok is proposing that developers be required to provide 15,000 net square feet, or 20,000 gross square feet, of space for public facilities (e.g. libraries, schools, Boston Center for Youth & Families space, or park buildings), per every 500,00 square feet of new commercial development in the Fenway, "or else create improvements of an equivalent scale on city-owned land in the Fenway." Two types of private uses would also be eligible towards these requirements per Councilor Bok's recommendation - "high-quality childcare that accepts vouchers, and artist studio space—with the caveat that the latter would need to be primarily for art production, not primarily for a commercial (retail or venue) use."

Developers would also be asked to provide "affordable, subsidized food-and-drink concessions located near to key public realm improvements and accompanied by public bathrooms; one concession for a proposal of 500,000 to

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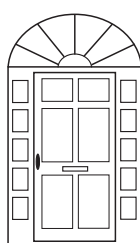
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## TUFTS MEDICAL CENTER PROVIDES \$225,000 GRANT TO SOS PROGRAM

Services Over Sentences, a program dedicated to presenting lower-level offenders with alternatives to traditional sentencing, has received a \$225,000 grant from Tufts Medical Center, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced today.

The grant, to be paid out over three years, will help the Suffolk district attorney's office and its SOS partner, North Suffolk Mental Health Association, to offer assistance in substance use disorder treatment, housing, employment, job training, therapy and other services to SOS participants, including those from the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard (Mass and Cass), where SOS expanded last year.

"Tufts Medical Center has played a critical public health role in Boston for more than two centuries, and with this generous

grant they are proving once again that their commitment to Boston's citizens goes beyond the top-notch medical services they provide day after day and year after year. This gift will help many lower-level offenders find a path out of addiction and all of its damaging personal and community impacts. We are deeply grateful for this wonderful and meaningful grant," Hayden said.

"We are proud to support this critically important program, which provides a compassionate and effective approach to addressing the behavioral health needs of high-risk individuals," said Michael Tarnoff, MD, CEO of Tufts Medical Center. "This program helps participants achieve long-term recovery and diverts people away from the criminal justice system. We believe in the importance of community collabora-

tion and are honored to be a part of this vital effort."

Since June 2022, the SOS program has received 107 referrals, 73 of them from the Mass and Cass area. As of today the program has 32 active participants.

## Council sets hearing on climate change

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Councilor-At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune, and City Councilor Kendra Lara will be hosting a hearing to establish a climate change and environmental justice curriculum in Boston Public Schools to be held in the City Council Committee on Education.

"As Boston continues to see the growing effects of climate change, we need to work on finding and adopting solutions that support our vulnerability and help us with Boston's climate resilience goals. While having these conversations, it is also essential that our students and younger generations understand why there is an urgency and how they can get involved in these efforts," said Councilor Coletta. "I look forward to the conversation to ensure Boston Public Schools has the resources to support our teachers and students, so our future generations are educated and prepared to become conscious citizens."

The Councilors understand the urgency in addressing the effects of climate change in a coastal city like Boston, the implications solutions would have on environmental justice communities, and the importance of centering residents and especially young people in the collaborative efforts.

"Climate justice can and should be a crucial part of our student's education throughout their years in our school systems, especially

as Boston is a coastal city. Our students' education should be about real life challenges that we are all grappling with in real time and our curriculum must adjust with these changes," said Councilor Louijeune.

The Councilors seek to bring together community groups and organizations and Boston Public School teachers and administrators to discuss establishing an environmental justice curriculum while ensuring that Boston Public Schools are prepared to support teachers in the development of the program and students in learning.

"Young people will be navigating the realities of climate change in their communities first-hand. If we want to develop citizens who are deeply invested in protecting our people and our planet, this is where we start, with a curriculum that not only builds their understanding but positions them to become leaders in the field," said Councilor Lara.

Highlights of the Order Include: "WHEREAS, By 2030, sea level is projected to rise by 0.6 to 1.1 feet above 2000 levels. By 2070, some projections estimate a rise in sea level of 2.3 to 4.2 feet over 2000 levels. Sea level rise combined with more intense hurricanes and winter storms present a serious threat to people residing in coastal areas of

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# COVID-19 public health emergency in Massachusetts to end

The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that the state's COVID-19 public health emergency will end on May 11, 2023, to align with the end of the federal public health emergency. The announcement this week, ahead of the 45-day notice required by state law, allows additional time for impacted organizations to prepare for the end of the public health emergency.

Governor Healey will also file legislation that would extend key flexibilities provided by the public health emergency, particularly around staffing for the health care industry and emergency medical services (EMS). The Governor also announced that on May 11 she plans to rescind Executive Order 595 that required all Executive

Branch state employees to have received their primary series COVID-19 vaccines.

"Thanks to the hard work of our health care providers and communities, we've made important progress in the fight against COVID-19," said Governor Healey. "We know that we have the tools to manage this virus – vaccines, masking, testing, getting treatments and staying home when sick – and we've reached the point where we can update our guidance to reflect where we are now. I'd also like to acknowledge the leadership of Governor Baker and his administration, who saved countless lives by putting these important measures in place in a time of immense crisis."

"Executive Order No. 595 has been a successful tool for boosting

vaccination rates and reducing the spread and severity of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. We're grateful to the state employees who did their part to keep themselves, their coworkers and their communities safe," said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. "We encourage Massachusetts residents to continue taking important prevention measures to keep our communities healthy, like getting boosted, masking and staying home when you're feeling sick."

"We are fortunate that in Massachusetts, the wide availability of vaccines, tests, effective treatments, and PPE changed the course of a pandemic that brought loss and hardship to so many. Three years on from the start of the pandemic, we are now in a very different place," said

Secretary of Health and Human Services Kate Walsh. "While we will continue living with COVID-19, we can now incorporate the tools to manage this virus into our standing response to respiratory illness within our communities and healthcare system."

Governor Healey's legislation would:

- Continue flexibilities currently in place regarding staffing for out-of-hospital dialysis centers. This would apply for 6 months to allow dialysis centers time to return to pre-COVID staffing levels.

- Authorize certain non-Medication Administration Program (MAP) certified staff to administer certain prepackaged medications in community settings. This would apply for 6 months to enable DPH

to finalize reforms that streamline the MAP program training requirements.

- Allow staffing of Advanced Life Support level ambulance transports with a single EMT provider and a first responder driver (rather than 2 certified EMTs). This would be a permanent change based on the positive experience of this staffing model over the last three years.

Executive Order No. 595 helped raise the percentage of fully vaccinated executive department employees from around 76 percent to over 99 percent. Mandates for staff in certain roles and settings will remain in place, per CMS and EOHHS regulations.

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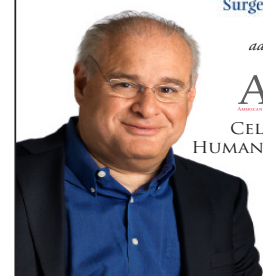
But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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# Wu announces 'Boston Artisan Market'

Mayor Michelle Wu has announced Boston Artisan Market (BAM), a new activation featuring Boston-based vendors in the recently opened pavilion building on City Hall Plaza. BAM is being hosted in partnership with Bogosplit, a Black, woman-owned tech company committed to supporting and promoting all small businesses, and will open Friday, March 17, 2023. The market will showcase local designers and vendors displaying their clothing lines, skincare products, jewelry, wearable art, and more. The pavilion is a new building that was added to the City Hall Plaza footprint during the City Hall Plaza renovation project, and is an example of the City's efforts to create family-friendly public spaces and to bring vibrancy to Downtown Boston.

BAM will kick off the start of each weekend with "Fashion Fridays," which will include a fashion show highlighting local models, influencers and DJs, including DJ Maverik. There will also be a Ratata Chimi Food Truck on site, which celebrates Dominican culture through authentic, local cuisine.

"We reopened City Hall Plaza with the intention of creating spaces for people of all ages to come together Downtown. BAM is one piece of our ongoing vision for the Plaza, building community while supporting local entrepreneurs," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I encourage residents to visit BAM and enjoy the rotating vendors and designers."

BAM will be open Fridays from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., Saturdays from 12:00 - 8:00 p.m., and Sundays from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. starting on March 17th and running through May 6th.

"We are extremely excited to

host this program and expect it to be the first of many. Visitors to the Boston Artisan Market will have the opportunity to explore and discover all of the wonderful features of the City Hall Plaza including the new pavilion, the green spaces and the playground," said Eamon Shelton, Commissioner of Property Management.

"This market serves as an opportunity to activate the new City Hall Plaza and attract residents and visitors downtown for a fun, family-friendly event," said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. "I am excited as BAM will also allow us to continue the work to support and promote our small business community moving forward."

"This event is a great opportunity for us to test new ways of utilizing the improved plaza and showcase local artisans and vendors," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture for the City of Boston. "We look forward to working with our new City Hall Plaza Engagement Manager to bring more cultural programming like this to City Hall Plaza this year."

The vendors for the Boston Artisan Market will be a mix of Boston based and Greater Boston based vendors, such as Oblige Boutique, run by two Boston-based sisters. Other vendors range from skincare and makeup to accessories to luggage. The vendors and featured designers will rotate every weekend.

"We are very excited for this opportunity to broaden our reach and introduce our brand to fellow locals and tourists in the heart of Boston," said Tania Shabazz, Owner of Oblige Boutique. "The Boston Artisan Market is another great example of the city supporting local small businesses

and expanding the footprint of marketplaces that connect entrepreneurs and neighboring communities with a centralized shopping experience!"

"We at Bogosplit have a true commitment to community building. Our mission is to create a vibrant and inclusive shopping experience that celebrates and elevates the creativity and diversity of the Boston community," said Keyla Williams, Co-founder and CEO of Bogosplit. "Join us in celebrating the vibrancy of Boston's local businesses and artisans at BAM...where creativity meets community."

The pavilion building opened as part of the official City Hall Plaza reopening last November. More about the renovations to make City Hall a more welcoming, sustainable space can be found here.

Bogosplit is excited to partner with the City of Boston for the Boston Artisan Market (BAM)! Bogosplit was founded by Kenelly Cineus, Adriano Pinto, and Keyla Williams, a team of passionate entrepreneurs with a deep commitment to technology, innovation, and community. With their combined expertise and experience, they are dedicated to empowering local communities and businesses to succeed in today's digital age.

Bogosplit is a dynamic and forward-thinking tech company that is committed to supporting small businesses in expanding their reach and visibility. By providing a range of cutting-edge online resources through our platform and automated storefronts, Bogosplit empowers small vendors to grow their business. Bogosplit's mission is to support independent vendors so they can focus on what they do best - creating high-quality products.

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1 million square feet, [or] two concessions for 1 to 2 million square feet," according to Councilor Bok's letter.

Councilor Bok also proposes that every commercial project subject to new PDA zoning in the Fenway be required to devote 20 percent of its gross square footage to creating new housing or instead devote 10 percent of its gross square footage to creating all-affordable housing within the neighborhood, "if produced without further City subsidy (i.e., no linkage/IDP)."

In response to Councilor Bok's proposal for standardized mitigation for future development in the Fenway, Chief Jemison said, "This is the first time we've been asked to use a standardized mitigation system, although it's something we aspire to do."

Moreover, Councilor Bok advised: "While we are awaiting the results of that intended study [on the impact of shadows on city parks], I think we should be extremely hesitant to make any zoning changes to heights or densities, above what is allowed by right today, that could result in projects casting significant additional shadows on the Fens parkland that is encircled by Park Drive, Boylston, Fenway, and Riverway, especially on the vernal or autumnal equinox (March 21 / September 21)."

Councilor Bok added that she believes "a certain amount of the density requested by the Fenway Corners proposal needs to be withheld until the results of the Fenway-Kenmore Transportation Action Plan are known and action can first begin to be taken."

Tim Horn, president of the Fenway Civic Association, applauded Councilor Bok for her input and suggestions while requesting that at least one resident of the neighborhood be recruited to participate in the FTAP process.

Chief Jemison responded that Horn's request is a "very reasonable recommendation," which the BPDA would be able to "accommodate in some way."

Horn, who was a member of the original Fenway Task Force for the Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD), which helped establish the existing city zoning

for the neighborhood, also said he would like a commitment from the city that once the changes to Fenway zoning are adopted, no future "exemptions" will be granted to developers.

Fenway resident Maura Zlody said, "I think the BPDA has done a miserable job where height and wind are concerned."

Zlody said the route from Ipswich Street to where Boylston Street and Brookline converge has become a "wind tunnel," which spills out into the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

She added that no developer has provided mitigation for wind impacts in the Fenway and "asked the BPDA to walk it before going to the [proposed] heights."

Another neighbor, Cory DiBenedetto, said public safety amid increased density, along with more vehicular and foot traffic, should also be seriously taken into account, pointing to the need for a greater Boston Police and Fire presence in the neighborhood.

Kathleen McBride, a 30-plus-year Fenway resident, asked what the city's vision for the neighborhood ultimately is and whether there would be a cap on density once it "hits a tipping point" and subsequently becomes too dense.

While the public comment period is set to close on March 22, Chief Jemison of the BPDA said that period could likely be extended to March 31 in response to requests from meeting-goers.

As for next steps, Chief Jemison said a BPDA board meeting would be scheduled to review the recommended zoning changes, followed by a further community process. If the BPDA approves the proposed zoning changes, the matter would then go to the Boston Zoning Commission for its consideration. Project proponents are the expected to make PDA filings, and new zoning would go into effect "for the remainder of the Fenway" in 2024, he said.

The public can submit written comments via email to Cyrus Miceli, BPDA planning assistant, at ([cyrus.miceli@boston.gov](mailto:cyrus.miceli@boston.gov)), or on the BPDA's project webpage at <https://www.bostonplans.org/planning/planning-initiatives/fenway-kenmore-planning>.

## CLIMATE (from pg. 7)

Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Climate change is a pertinent part of our lives, and particularly our children's lives who will have to deal with the bulk of climate change consequences. Yet, climate change-related to; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, An Act Creating a Next-Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy, also known as the 2050 Roadmap bill, was codified into Massachusetts state law. While the primary goal of the bill is to create a net-zero greenhouse gas emission limit in Massachusetts by 2050, the law also highlights environmental justice as a necessary tenet of the state's climate policy. This specific amendment is pertinent to Boston

Public School students who often live in communities most vulnerable to environmental disasters; and

WHEREAS, Recently, a study analyzed publicly available documents from boards of education and state education departments across the U.S. and ranked Massachusetts in the lowest tier — along with most of the country — with "very low" inclusion of climate change-related content in state requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has a key opportunity to close the gaps within environmental education and develop a climate change curriculum for all public schools. Community resources and

partnerships are readily available to address this need; and

WHEREAS, Our obligation is to foster a school environment that produces conscious citizens who understand the severity of the climate catastrophe. Additionally, it is vital to educate the next generation of leaders and to prepare them for professional opportunities that contribute to this fight;

The Boston City Council will hold a hearing on Tuesday, March, 14th at 2pm virtually via Zoom. This hearing will be held under the Education Committee, chaired by Councilor-At-Large Julia Mejia. Members of the public are encouraged to provide written or oral comments.

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### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The stained glass window in the last clue is on 7 Water Street, designed by architect Clarence H. Blackall. A plaque on the building reads, "Built in 1893, this was the first steel frame 'skyscraper' constructed in Boston."

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### THIS WEEK'S CLUE





# Boston ranks Number 4 on list of America's most congested cities

The most congested cities across America have been revealed with motorists driving at an average of just 17.5 mph during rush hour.

Car rental experts at StressFree-CarRental.com have crunched the numbers to find the drivers who are spending the most time sitting in their cars.

New Yorkers experience the worst congestion in the country - travelling at an average of just 12 mph during rush hour.

Motorists in Washington DC and San Francisco experience the second and third worst congestion across the US, with an average travel speed of 14 mph and 15 mph respectively, during peak times.



Gridlock along Saratoga Street in East Boston, is causing public safety concerns among residents during the morning commute.

Boston makes the top five of the worst congested cities, taking on average 18.4 minutes to drive six miles.

Drivers in Pennsylvania also experience long wait times sitting in traffic, as both Philadelphia and Pittsburgh make the top 10 list also.

Chicago and Baltimore rank at the fifth and sixth worst congested cities in the country, spending almost 20 minutes to travel six miles during peak travel times.

Seattle and Miami also have some of the most jam-packed roads across America, with drivers travelling at an average speed of 21 mph during rush hour.

A spokesperson for StressFree-CarRental.com said: "It's unsurprising to see the most densely populated city at the top of the league table - with New Yorkers travelling at an average of 12 miles an hour at rush hour.

"Of the top 10, it's only drivers in Pittsburgh and Miami who can make a six mile journey in less than 15 minutes.

"For motorists in the most congested cities of San Francisco, Washington DC, and New York, the journey will take 20 minutes or more.

"Drivers are experiencing slow

Rank	City	Average time to travel 6 miles (minutes)	Average speed in rush hour (mph)
1	New York City	24.3	12
2	Washington DC	20.4	14
3	San Francisco	20.3	15
4	Boston	18.4	16
5	Chicago	18	16
6	Baltimore	17	19
7	Seattle	15.3	21
8	Philadelphia	15.2	19
9	Pittsburgh	14.3	22
10	Miami	14.3	21

moving traffic every day - with an average speed of only 17.5 mph during rush hour across the US as a whole.

"And many motorists are spending over 40 minutes doing their daily commute because of how congested the city roads have become.

"This is frustratingly slow and none of us particularly enjoy spending longer than we already do sitting in our cars while we miss out on things we would rather be doing instead.

"But it is surprising not to see some of America's busiest cities on the list - Pittsburgh ranking above Los Angeles is surprising when you consider the reputation LA has for congestion.

"What we might be seeing is the result of differing levels of investment into improving roads and public transport city to city.

"As the US tries to improve its air quality, pollution, and reduction of emissions, we need more investment to help traffic flow more freely.

"This might involve introducing more congestion charges for motorists in these cities and pumping more funding into improving roads and public transport systems to tackle the issue."

For information on how to drive stress free in any of the world's major cities please visit <https://www.stressfreecarrental.com/>

## NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

### MUSEUM NIGHTS ON BEACON HILL SERIES CONTINUES ON MARCH 16

The Vilna Shul's Museum Nights on Beacon Hill series continues on Thursday, March 16, with a tour of the Nichols House Museum; on Thursday, April 20, at the Boston Athenaeum; and on Wednesday, May 17, at the Otis House.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at <https://app.donor-view.com/Event/EventInfo?prm>.

Visit [vlnashil.org](http://vlnashil.org) for more information.

### FREE LESSONS IN AMERICAN MAHJONG OFFERED AT WEST END BRANCH LIBRARY

The Friends of the West End Library will be offering lessons in American Mahjong to new and experienced players at no cost.

The group meets on Wednes-

days at 1:30 p.m., once every two weeks in the Community Room of the West End Branch Library, 151 Cambridge St.

To sign up or for more information, email Audrey Tedeman ([artedeman@gmail.com](mailto:artedeman@gmail.com)) or Julia Forbes ([jmaforbes@gmail.com](mailto:jmaforbes@gmail.com)).

### EMILY SWEENEY'S GANGLAND BOSTON PRESENTATION RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 23

Originally scheduled for Feb. 23, Boston Globe reporter Emily Sweeney will explore Boston's history of organized crime during a presentation sponsored by West End Museum on Thursday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. at The HUB50 Community Room, 52 Causeway St.

In her presentation, Sweeney will discuss her latest book, "Gangland Boston: A Tour Through the Deadly Streets of Organized Crime." She will reveal the real-life

locations of criminal hangouts and share stories about the mobsters and racketeers who ruled Boston's underworld, including those with West End ties like Doc Sagansky.

Tickets cost \$8 each. To learn more, or to reserve a seat, visit <https://thewestendmuseum.org/programs/>.

### HILL HOUSE'S ANNUAL WINE DINNER

Hill House will be hosting its annual Wine Dinner on Thursday, March 30, at Beacon Hill Bistro at 25 Charles St. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets and sponsorships are available at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E22709&id=28>.

### COUNCILOR BOK'S OFFICE HOURS

City Councilor Kenzie Bok will be holding office hours on Tuesday, March 21, at Flour Bakery at 209 Cambridge St. in the West

End; and on Tuesday, March 28, at Cobblestones at 30 Charles St. on Beacon Hill.

Councilor Bok will also be holding virtual office hours on Wednesday, March 29.

To sign up, visit <https://calendly.com/councilor-kenziebok/office-hours-bok?month=2023-03> or call the councilor's office at 617-635-4225 to place your request.

### DUCKLING DAY EVENT SET TO RETURN MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 14

The Friends of the Public Garden will again partner with the Boston Parks Department for the annual Duckling Day event on Sunday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Every year, hundreds of participating children, dressed as their favorite characters from Robert McCloskey's classic children's book, "Make Way for Ducklings," join the parade led by the Harvard Marching Band. The parade route

begins on the Boston Common at the Parkman Bandstand and ends in the Public Garden near the Make Way for Ducklings sculpture.

Playtime on the Common will takes place ahead of the parade and include Interactive Circus Games with Esh Circus Arts; Jenny the Juggler; Peter O'Malley, magician; Jump, climb, and play with Knucklebones; a chance to meet the giant Duck; a visit with the Harvard University Band; a "Make Way for Ducklings" reading station; and a goody bag for every kid filled with Duckling Day-themed items.

The registration fee is \$35 per family in advance (before May 12) and \$40 per family the day of the event. Each child who registers will receive a special goody bag. Register at <https://friendsofthepublicgarden.org/2022/12/01/duckling-day2023/>.

For more information on Duckling Day, visit <https://friendsofthepublicgarden.org/events/duckling-day/>.



## FRESH AND LOCAL

# Tinned fish

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Lately, we've enjoyed more meals and snacks using tinned fish. When pandemic delivery and supply chain issues made protein hard to find, we had stocked up on canned tuna, salmon, clams, smoked trout, sardines, and even some canned chicken.

Now we're in the process of rotating our supplies. We'll continue to buy these products because we've learned just how handy it is to have them on hand and have developed meals to make with them.

### Expanding Our Options

In 2020, New York Times editor Sam Sifton wrote about his

delight in using canned fish. His column sent us looking for more recipes and reference material on the topic. We found "The Magic of Tinned Fish" by Chef Chris McDade. The range of canned seafood that he included was in the subtitle, "Elevate Your Cooking with Canned Anchovies, Sardines, Mackerel, Crab, and Other Amazing Seafood."

We found even more options as we explored the best sources for these products. Beyond the canned fish products in our pantry, we discovered sources for tinned mackerel, crab, mussels, oysters, sea urchin, squid, octopus, scallops, cuttlefish, cod, cockles, and swordfish.

### Sharing Tinned Fish

When a neighbor brought a lovely spread to share on a roof deck gathering, we discovered smoked trout. It was simply a can from Trader Joe's mixed with a bit of yogurt, and lemon served on multi-grain crackers. It was delicious and healthy.

In his article, Shifton quoted acclaimed Chef Erin French, who owns the Lost Kitchen in Freedom, Maine. She has said of tinned fish, "It's not bunker food. It's sexy picnic food." As opportunities for alfresco fun return, consider a tinned fish party. This is an excellent way to expand your experience and discover which canned fish options you want to buy again.

Miye Bromberg from America's Test Kitchen has offered guidance on what you might feature. "Budget one tin per person—one and a half if people are hungry," she wrote. "If you're a bigger group, get a variety so that people can try different types: not just sardines and tuna but also mussels en escabeche, octopus, squid, clams, etc." That, with lots of good bread, crackers, crunchy crudites, briny pickles, capers, cornichons, and pickled peppers, would give you the basics.



*As opportunities for alfresco fun return, consider a tinned fish party. It's easy. Pop open the cans and enjoy!*

### Find the Best

Since 1853 tinned fish has been part of Portugal's culinary heritage. We've just begun to see tinned fish on local restaurant menus. However, Lisbon is known for restaurants and shops specializing in canned seafood. In this culture, well-conserved canned seafood has been a trusted and favored source of protein for meals and snacks. You could start exploring by choosing a premium Portuguese brand.

Consider a day trip to Fall River and visit Portugalia Marketplace. *Sauver* magazine called them "America's Best Portuguese Market." They also offer online ordering and delivery.

Recently, Island Creek Oysters in Duxbury has partnered with companies in Portugal, Spain, and

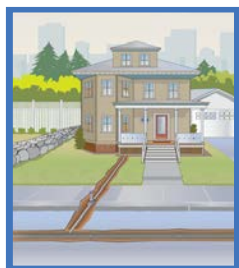
Canada to add canned products to their fresh seafood offerings. In January, they announced they would open their own cannery in New Bedford.

Patagonia Provisions is another trusted brand with a wide range of tinned seafood offerings. This speaks to the usefulness of this source of protein when dining in the great outdoors.

Make 2023 your year to expand your experience with tinned fish in restaurants, sharing with friends at home and alfresco. And, as we've learned, these products are perfect to keep on hand as both pantry and emergency supplies.

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.*

## Private Lead Replacement Incentive Program



Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) is offering Boston property owners free inspections of their water service pipe. Some older properties built before 1978 may have lead pipes. Lead is known to cause

serious health risks. BWSC has accelerated the incentive program by identifying and eliminating lead service lines, both in the public and on private property. In 2022, BWSC removed over 300 lead services. For more information on the lead program visit [www.bwsc.org](http://www.bwsc.org).



BWSC encourages Boston property owners to contact our offices for a free inspection of the property's water service pipe. If the pipe is lead, receive a no obligation estimate of the cost for

replacement. Eligible property owners may qualify for a credit of up to \$4,000 towards the cost of replacement by taking advantage of this voluntary program.



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