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## CHESTNUTS FRIENDS OVER FIFTY KEEPING BUSY



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The Chestnuts Friends Over Fifty recently gathered at a member's home on Joy Street on Beacon Hill. From left to right are members Genean Stec, Jin Brown, Wendy Oleksiak, Jeanne Jepsen, Cindy Sullivan, Paige Lescure, Elizabeth Angelino, and Patricia Butler (Not pictured: Martha McAllister.) This was a "Chestnuts Small Spots" event, which gathers a smaller group of between six and 12 women for more intimate conversations. The Chestnuts Friends Over Fifty is a social group that operates September through May, bringing together women from Boston neighborhoods. For more information, email chestnuts2020membership@gmail.com.

## Architectural Commission approves window signage for Joy Street record store

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission unanimously approved an application for already installed window signage at a new Joy Street record store during the commission's monthly public hearing on Thursday, April 20.

Vas Kochura, co-owner of the Music Research Library, located at the corner of Joy and Myrtle streets at 42 Joy St., was on hand to present the application for the existing signage comprising four,

removable vinyl decals on four plate glass windows, each measuring 30-by-32 inches, with three decals on Myrtle Street and one on Joy Street, as well as another decal on the door listing the business's hours and its phone number. (Kochura designed the store's unique geometric logo featured on the window decals himself.)

Kochura, who, along with his business partner, Zachary Warf, relocated the Music Research Library from its home of the past six and half years in Providence, R.I., to 24 Joy St. on Beacon Hill

on March 1 of this year, told the commission he wasn't aware that he was expected to file an application for signage in the Beacon Hill Historic District with the Architectural Commission prior to its installation. He apologized for the oversight.

Commission Chair Mark Kiefer said while one belt sign above the window and one projecting sign are generally permitted in the Beacon Hill Historic District, this was an unusual situation, since

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## Climate activists take responsibility for deflating tires on SUVs in the neighborhood

By Dan Murphy

A group of climate activists with global ties has claimed responsibility for deflating the tires of 43 cars overnight on Wednesday, April 19, on Beacon Hill.

According to Boston Police, an officer responded on Thursday, April 20, to series of vandalism reported in the area of Mt. Vernon Street. Multiple victims approached the officer at this time and explained to him that the air had been let out of their tires. A piece of paper was placed on their respective windshields, said witnesses, explaining to the vehicle owners that their tires had been deflated in response to a "climate emergency." It appears that the group were targeting SUVs specifically, police said. Security cameras

were observed in some areas, and area detectives were still investigating the matter at press time.

Tyre Extinguishers, a loosely organized international group that takes direct action against climate change by deflating the tires of SUVs, took credit for the acts of vandalism and left fliers behind on the vehicles urging the drivers to switch other modes of transportation, including public transportation and biking, as well as electric vehicles. (The group also said they didn't target any electric or hybrid vehicles, nor did they target vehicles with handicap plates, during their campaign of vandalism.)

"The activists took this action in Beacon Hill as it is one of the wealthiest neighborhoods in Boston to own a house," the group (ACTIVISTS Pg. 2)

## Henry Santana makes bid for City Councilor at-Large

By Dan Murphy

A familiar face around City Hall over the past few years, Henry Santana will be among the candidates for City Councilor at-Large this fall.

Santana, 27, who serves as the city's Director of the Office of Civic Organizing, was born in Bani, Dominican Republic. He immigrated to the U.S. with his family at age 3 and moved into public housing in the Alice Taylor Boston Housing Authority apartments in Mission Hill, the neighborhood where his parents still live today. "I'm a product of Boston," he said proudly.

Like his parents, Santana didn't speak English upon arriving in Boston, where they all learned the language.



COURTESY OF HENRY SANTANA

Henry Santana, a candidate for City Councilor at-Large.

"We all got the proper education we couldn't have in the Dominican Republic," said San-

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tana, now a bilingual English and Spanish speaker.

Santana attended Boston Public Schools and, between junior high and high school, spent one year at Beacon Academy, a Boston-based program that, according to its website, “prepares highly motivated students from communities with limited resources to succeed in competitive high schools, colleges, and careers.”

After completing the rigorous 14-month program at Beacon Academy, Santana entered boarding school as a freshman at Fryeburg Academy in Maine, where he had access to the school’s rich resources, including its own dedicated math-and-science building; a gym with a fitness center; and even a woodworking studio.

Santana “broke barriers” during his four years at Fryeburg Academy, he said, becoming the second-ever class president in the school’s history.

During high school, Santana returned to Boston in the summers and worked as a junior councilor for the Mission Hill Summer Program, which he first attended as a 7-year-old camper. He remained with the program during summers in college as well, eventually becoming a senior councilor and program director.

“Spending time in Maine and then coming back to Boston and serving in [the Mission Hill Summer Program], I really saw the lack of resources that youth in Boston really had access to,” said Santana, “and that really motivat-

ed me to serving my community.”

Upon graduating from Fryeburg Academy, Santana returned to the Boston area to attend Lasell University in Newton, where he originally planned to pursue a degree in education.

“I really thought I wanted to be an educator,” he said. “I thought I wanted to be a teacher or a principal one day.”

While attending college, however, Santana said he quickly came to the realization that it was local and state government “who has access to making decisions.” He subsequently changed his academic focus to majoring in history, with a minor in political science.

Weeks after graduating from Lasell University, Santana visited Beacon Academy, where he struck up a conversation with one of program’s directors. He mentioned to her that he hoped to get involved in politics. By chance, this connection was a relative of Kenzie Bok’s and put Santana in touch with the future District 8 City Councilor as Bok was embarking on her maiden campaign for office.

While he would eventually join Bok’s campaign, Santana said he first decided to do his due diligence by acquainting himself with all the candidates in the five-way race.

“They were running to represent the neighborhood I grew up in, so I wanted to make sure I was basically engaged and educated, and that I was aligned with the candidates and their ideas and priorities,” said Santana.

Santana got to know Bok better over the course of that summer, and by its end, she had offered him the position as her campaign’s field director.

After Bok proceeded to win the election as the top vote-getter in all the neighborhoods she would come to represent, she offered Santana the role as her office’s Director of Operations and Mission Hill and Fenway Liaison.

Councilor Bok was sworn in January of 2020, and two months later, the pandemic struck.

“We really had to buckle down with constituent services and make sure the most vulnerable people in the district were protected and connected to our office,” said Santana. “Because we were a new office, we wanted to make sure that the whole district knew we were available to them.”

Additionally, Santana said: “We saw firsthand the challenges that families and residents, especially vulnerable residents, were experiencing, and we tried to do our best to connect residents with the resources they needed.”

In February of 2022, Mayor Michelle Wu selected Santana for his current role as the city’s Director of the Office of Civic Organizing.

“I love it,” Santana said of the position that has charged him with working to improve the facilities and infrastructure of the city’s public housing. “I’ve been honored to serve in a position and in a new office that really focuses on identifying different barriers that residents are facing in engaging with local politics, and creating programs and initiatives that break down those barriers.”

Santana will take a leave of absence from this role at the end of April to focus on his campaign.

If elected, Santana, a self-described “product of public housing,” said “the investments we need to make to expand affordable housing” would rank among his top priorities.

Matilda Drayton, president of the Tenant Task Force at Alice Taylor, the BHA housing development where Santana grew up, said in an April 3 press release announcing his candidacy: “We are so proud of Henry. We need more candidates that know firsthand about living in public housing and can advocate for us.”

Another top priority for Santana is “civic engagement,” particularly providing affordable options for after-school and summer programming to the city’s youth.

Moreover, Santana said: “Public safety is a big issue that I want to focus on. Obviously, there are hot zones where violence is most likely to happen, but across the neighborhoods, there’s a sense of feeling unsafe...whether it’s walking your dog or going to the convenience store.”

As city councilor, Santana said he would strive to better connect Boston Police with communities to “build trust and transparency” between them.

But Santana also realizes that communities cannot heal if pathways aren’t created for returning citizens.

David Jean-Jacques, executive director of the Big Hope Project, said in a press release: “As someone who’s spent years working with incarcerated individuals, I know firsthand how important it is to have leaders who prioritize criminal justice reform and support reentry programs. Henry Santana is that kind of leader. He understands the challenges faced by the formerly incarcerated and is committed to ensuring they have the resources they need to successfully reintegrate into our community.”

Meanwhile, Councilor Bok has endorsed Santana for City Councilor at-Large.

“Henry Santana has a heart for service and an instinct to include everyone,” Councilor Bok said in part in an April 19 press release announcing her endorsement of him. “He knows firsthand how public housing and great youth programming gave him the opportunity to thrive in Boston, and he wants to lay that same foundation for every other person in our city. I’m proud to endorse him for an At-Large seat on the Boston City Council, where his experience in city government and his passion for civic engagement will make him a great champion for all our communities.”

Councilor Bok continued: “When the pandemic hit, I saw how Henry served as a resource to his whole community. He was the person who helped our office connect with Mission Hill families that were hungry during lockdown, and who Tobin School teachers asked for help delivering computers and reaching out to absent students. As a former director of the annual affordable summer camp in Mission Hill, he has also been a mentor and role model to countless young people, whom he still connects to resources and opportunities. I know that the entire city of Boston would benefit from Henry’s strong work ethic and passion for helping others.”

Likewise, Sandra Nijjar, executive director of East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, said in a press release: “I’ve seen firsthand how Henry Santana is committed to improving the lives of our neighbors in East Boston. As a City Councilor at-Large, I know he’ll fight to ensure that every person in our community has access to healthy food and a warm meal.”

Jerren Chang, CEO of civic nonprofit GenUnity, is another supporter of Santana for City Councilor at-Large.

“Each of us can contribute to building a community that works for all of us,” Jerren Chang, CEO of civic nonprofit GenUnity, said in a press release. “Henry Santana shares this vision of bringing people together to drive change and has a proven track record of working tirelessly to improve our neighborhoods.”

Santana will be among the candidates for City Councilor at-Large in the preliminary municipal election on Sept. 12.

To learn more about Henry Santana’s campaign for City Councilor at-Large, visit [henrysantana.com](http://henrysantana.com) or follow him on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

**ACTIVISTS** (from pg. 1)

proclaimed on Twitter while calling this their “first action in Boston.”

Rep. Jay Livingstone rebuked the activists for using vandalism in their tactics, even though he agrees with their motive of combatting climate change.

“These criminal acts of vandalism distract the public about the climate crisis and reduce public support for addressing climate change,” he wrote. “While I agree with the goals of the vandals to address the climate crisis, I strongly disagree with their misguided methods. I hope they stop these illegal practices.”

Likewise, Sharon Durkan, a candidate for District 8 City Councilor and a Beacon Hill resident, wrote in a statement on Twitter: “We are in a climate crisis, and the means in which this group chose to perpetuate the narrative of individual responsibility, a

notion that the fossil fuel industry has manufactured, detracts from our community of local climate advocacy and work to bring people together around real solutions to these pressing challenges. This vandalism alienates those in the best position to support neighborhood based climate solutions, harming residents and neighbors, and diverting resources and distracting residents from the larger issues at hand.

“We have many incredible civic environmentalists and volunteers living in Beacon Hill. While we should reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, and rely as much as possible on the use of public transportation, individual actions need to be backed up by a culture that works to call fossil fuel companies to account, which is responsible for two-thirds of carbon emissions,” Durkan added.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

## WECA 'LOVE YOUR BLOCK' EVENT SET FOR APRIL 29

The West End Civic Association (WECA) is holding a "Love Your Block" event on Saturday, April 29. Volunteers will meet at 10 a.m. to clean up The Greatest Neighborhood Park at Nashua Street and Martha Road.

For information, contact Duane Lucia at dl02114@gmail.com or 617-416-0718.

## 'SONGS TRANSCENDING THE NATURAL WORLD' CONCERT SET FOR APRIL 30 AT FIRST CHURCH BOSTON

First Church Boston Choral Ensemble presents "Songs Transcending the Natural World," a concert featuring a varied set of works by Herush, Narverud, Esėnvalds, Runestad, Gjeilo and Chilcott, with piano four hands, string quartet and jazz trio, on Sunday, April 30, at 5 p.m. at First Church in Boston at 66 Marlborough St.

The concert, funded in part by the Collins Family Fund and conducted by Director of Music Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, is free and open to the public.

## UPCOMING CONCERT AT THE VILNA SHUL

The Vilna Shul presents the fifth annual "Voices of Humanity" concert - an interfaith performance featuring extraordinary local choral groups with national recognition - on Sunday, May 7, from 3 to 5 p.m. at 18 Phillips St. This concert is co-sponsored by the Old North Church.

Tickets are \$25 each general admission, or \$18 each for students, and can be purchased at <https://vilynashul.org/events/event/voices-of-humanity2>.

Visit <https://vilynashul.org/events/upcoming> to learn about more upcoming programming at The Vilna.

## PROJECT BREAD'S WALK FOR HUNGER RETURNS MAY 7 TO THE BOSTON COMMON

After going virtual for the past three years due to the pandemic, Project Bread's annual Walk for Hunger returns on Sunday, May 7, from 9-11 a.m., as a three-mile walk around Boston Common, with proceeds benefitting the fight against food insecurity in the Commonwealth.

The fundraising event, which dates back to 1969 and traditionally takes place on the first Sunday in May, has set a target of \$1 million this year.

Visit <http://support.projectbread.org/site> to register and for more information on the event.

## DUCKLING DAY EVENT SET TO RETURN MOTHER'S DAY

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 take 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/ducklingday2023/>.

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

## WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SET FOR MAY 12

Women's Lunch Place will celebrate our 12th annual eat LUNCH give fundraiser at the Grand Ballroom, Park Plaza Hotel, 50 Park Plaza, on Friday, May 12, at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

At this dynamic networking event, business professionals from Greater Boston will gather to celebrate 40 years of Women's Lunch Place and the leaders who share its

vision, give back to their community and make an indelible impact on the women that the organization serves.

This special luncheon includes a meal, raffle, and the opportunity to hear about the great work and mission of WLP from some of Boston's brightest women leaders.

Visit <https://womenslunchplace.org/eat-lunch-give?> to reserve your seat for the event.

## WU ANNOUNCES NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOURS

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2023 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in partnership with Dunkin' in parks citywide.

Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours are a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and their neighborhoods. Through these conversations, and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Wu looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon parks, public areas, and City services.

Participants will enjoy Dunkin' Iced Coffee and assorted Dunkin' Munchkins Donut Hole Treats along with fresh fruit from Star Market. Additional support is provided by City Express courier service. Each family in attendance will receive a free flowering plant from the Parks Department, while supplies last. Residents at each event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin'.

All coffee hours will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., weather permitting, including City Hall Plaza, 1 City Hall Square, on Friday, May 19; and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall (Arlington Street entrance), 15 Commonwealth Ave. for Back Bay/Beacon Hill, on Wednesday, June 21.

For more information and updates on possible rain locations, contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505 or @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, or by visiting [boston.gov/parks](https://boston.gov/parks).

## MOZART AND HAYDN AT KING'S CHAPEL ON SUNDAY, MAY 21

Crescendo Productions presents the music of Haydn and Mozart brought to life by renowned Viennese fortepianist Daniel Adam Maltz on Sunday, May 21, at 5 p.m. at King's Chapel at 58 Tremont St.

Maltz is in demand worldwide

with 50 tour dates per year and hosts Classical Cake, the podcast about Viennese classical music and culture. He specializes in Wiener Klassik (Viennese Classicism), especially the works of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven, and performs on Viennese fortepianos typical of their time. He studied historical performance at the Royal Academy of Music in London and the Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst in Vienna.

The program will include Sonata in B Major, Hob. XVI:25 by Joseph Haydn; Sonata in F Major, K. 332 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Sonata in F Major, Hob. XVI:23 by Haydn; and Sonata in C Major, K. 330 by Mozart.

The price of admission for the event is discretionary, but there are suggested donations for guests of \$10, \$15, and \$25, respectively. Visit [www.crescendoproductions-arts.com](http://www.crescendoproductions-arts.com) to reserve your spot at the event, or for more information on other upcoming events presented by Crescendo Productions.

## 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 Wednesdays 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)).

## PICKLE BALL GROUP LESSONS OFFERED ON THE COMMON

Pickle ball group lessons are offered on Monday-Wednesday, May 1-3, from 11 a.m. to noon at the pickle ball/(tennis) court on the Boston Common.

Register and pay in person \$50 for all three sessions, or \$20 per single session. Paddles and balls will be provided, and lessons continue on a weekly basis until the end of October.

Call 585-448-2005 or email [vessy.jivkova@gmail.com](mailto:vessy.jivkova@gmail.com) for more information.

## HILL HOUSE'S ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MAY 16

Hill House will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 16, at the Firehouse at 127 Mt. Vernon St. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.

R.S.V.P. requested to Katy by May 10 by calling 617-227-5838 ext. 102, or by emailing [kkeches@hillhouse.org](mailto:kkeches@hillhouse.org).

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# EDITORIAL

## ANTISEMITISM HAS NO PLACE IN OUR SOCIETY

As we were reading about the federal court trial that is getting underway this week of the 50 year-old Pennsylvania man charged with fatally shooting 11 people and wounding six at a Pittsburgh synagogue in 2018, which was the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history, we at first felt a sense of irony -- which then turned to sadness -- and finally into anger.

Irony, because this miscreant's trial follows Holocaust Remembrance Week, which was observed last week (Holocaust Remembrance Day itself was last Tuesday) throughout the world.

Sadness, for the innocent victims of his rampage, most of whom were elderly worshippers, whose lives were taken at the Tree of Life synagogue on the morning of Oct. 27, 2018.

And anger, that antisemitism not only still exists, but is growing all across our country.

When we were young, the typical antisemitic act consisted of a rock thrown through the window of a temple or some ant-semitic graffiti. But those acts of vandalism typically were committed by teens who had been drinking, and who were as likely to throw rocks through a school window as a synagogue.

But in recent years, antisemitic violence has escalated exponentially, both in numbers and in severity, of which the Tree of Life mass shooting is the apotheosis.

The Anti Defamation League (ADL) found that the number of antisemitic incidents in the U.S. increased by more than 36 percent in the past year, from 2,721 in 2021 to 3,697 in 2022. Antisemitic and white supremacist propaganda in the U.S. also hit new levels.

According to the ADL's web site, 2022 saw the highest number on record since the ADL began tracking antisemitic incidents in 1979, marking the third time in the past five years that the year-end total has been the highest number ever recorded.

The ADL also noted that incidents increased in each of the major audit categories: antisemitic harassment increased 29% to 2,298; antisemitic vandalism increased 51% to 1,288; and antisemitic assaults increased 26% to 111.

This trend is having a profound effect upon our fellow citizens of the Jewish faith.

A New Jersey rabbi wrote a column in the New York Times over the weekend in which he said:

"In the four years since the shooting at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh, American Jewish institutions have developed rapid-response playbooks to address concrete terror threats and best practices have been shared around the country. We have invested in our security infrastructure and communicated those changes to our congregants. Over the past few years we've added cameras, panic buttons, shatterproof film to our windows, and boulders meant to keep cars from plowing into our buildings."

For those of us who were born shortly after the end of WWII, it is inconceivable that antisemitism can be on the rise. To be sure, antisemitism always has existed in our country, but when we were growing up in the '60s and '70s in the immediate aftermath of WWII and the Holocaust, it seemed that the lessons of the horrors of WWII had been learned and that the world was becoming a better place, not only for Jews, but for people of all races and creeds.

So it has been with a profound sense of sadness, dismay, and anger for us to witness the sharp increase in antisemitic acts across the United States today.

The theme of Holocaust Remembrance Week is that the world must never forget what can happen when hate and politics merge to create a force of evil. That is a message that is just as timely today as it ever has been.

## FUNDING (from pg. 1)

Brian Worrell, Chair of the Boston City Council's Committee on Small Business & Professional Licensure. "I am excited to see local small business owners utilize this program to enhance our communities and expand Boston's small business ecosystem."

"We are thrilled to see the Affordable Commercial Assistance Fund supporting small businesses and nonprofits, particularly those that are providing essential services and cultural assets to our neighborhoods," said Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing. "The Jean Appolon Expressions dance company and Words as Worlds Bookstore are great examples of how we can invest in the economic vitality and cultural richness of our communities through this new program. The ACAF is an important tool for creating economic opportunities and supporting our city's diversity and vibrancy."

The development team for 2147 Washington Street has been awarded a \$225,000 Affordable Commercial Assistance Fund grant for their 74-unit mixed-use development in Roxbury. The grant will support Jean Appolon Expressions, a dance company focused on contemporary Haitian-rooted dance, by subsidizing their rent for 2,846 square feet of first-floor retail space. With the assistance, their rent will be reduced to almost half the area's average market rate per square foot. The construction of 2147 Washington Street is expected to be completed in the spring of 2024.

"We are thrilled to be moving into the 2147 Washington Street building in Nubian Square and are excited to partner with other artists and area businesses to expand our impact in Boston's growing arts ecosystem," said Jean Appolon, Founder and Artistic Director of Jean Appolon Expressions (JAE). "This ACAF award from the City of Boston is making it possible for JAE to partner with the New Atlantic Development team and enter our first dance studio home, at a lower rent level, allowing us to continue offering our arts programming at a very accessible level for our diverse community members."

"On behalf of the entire development team for the 2147 Washington project, we are extremely grateful to Mayor Wu and the Mayor's Office of Housing for providing this ACAF award. Without it, we would never have been able to bring Jean Appolon Expressions

into our building," said Bill Madson Hardy, Owner of New Atlantic Development. "As a nonprofit, community-oriented, and community-serving creative business with deep ties to Boston, they are an ideal tenant for this prominent commercial space. Most importantly, their long-term presence in Nubian Square will further the goals of the Roxbury Cultural District and the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan."

The development team for 1463 Dorchester Avenue, Tlee Development LLC, has been awarded a \$150,000 Affordable Commercial Assistance Grant to support their Dot Crossing Apartments project. This transit-oriented development features a five-story building with 29 mixed-income units, along with a residential lobby and a retail space that will be occupied by the Words as Worlds Bookstore. The project includes rent restrictions for the next five years, reducing the rent by 40 percent and ensuring that the bookstore's rent does not increase by more than 2% annually. The anticipated completion date for the Dot Crossing Apartments is June 2023.

"We at Words as Worlds are incredibly grateful for this rent relief support through the Affordable Commercial Space Assistance funding, which makes our model for a community bookstore and gathering space so much more sustainable over the next ten years," said Bing Broderick, Community Organizer for Words as Worlds. "We appreciate this support and vote of confidence. We know that this will facilitate collaboration and partnership in the years ahead.

"We look forward to being a community staple in Boston," said Travis Lee, President of TLee Development LLC. "Words as Worlds will provide a curated and

culturally relevant book selection to residents of the Dorchester neighborhood, as well as a small space for spoken word performances. The community has expressed overwhelming support for this new addition to the neighborhood, and we all look forward to its opening this fall."

"This investment in affordable commercial space for Jean Appolon Expressions and Words as Worlds is so important, because it allows for these organizations to provide programming that is accessible to community members in a way that is sustainable over the long-term," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture. "Investing in cultural spaces and housing goes hand in hand with creating healthy communities, and we're so excited to see the opportunities these organizations will be able to provide for community gathering, cultural celebration, and creative expression in the Dorchester and Roxbury neighborhoods as a result of this funding."

"The Affordable Commercial Assistance Fund is an exciting opportunity to support the local, small, diverse businesses that are so integral to Boston's economy," said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. "This program is an important step in supporting our small business community and addressing the need for affordable commercial spaces in the City."

The Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) currently prioritizes applications for commercial spaces that are either on the first floor or contribute to an active street space and proposals that can demonstrate significant community and neighborhood ties for the proposed tenants. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until June 30, 2023.

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not only does the business have an uncommon corner location, but the applicant was also asking for neither a belt sign, nor a projecting sign.

Commissioner Alice Richmond said she supported the application because she believes the business is a welcome addition to the neighborhood and since the signage isn't permanent.

Likewise, Commissioner Curtis Kemeny, who was on hand for his first public hearing of the commission, also voiced his support for the application, while Maurice Finegold, another newcomer to the commission, called the signage "quite calming and welcoming."

In another matter, the commission voted 6-1 (with Commissioner Richmond casting the only vote in opposition) to approve as submitted an application to install a cell antenna to serve T-Mobile users on a replacement lightpole located adjacent to 161 Mt. Vernon St.

Per the application, an existing 25-foot metal pole supporting a streetlight would be replaced with a 28-foot metal pole that would support antenna and radio equipment, along with a new brighter LED streetlight in accordance with the city's specifications. (Both the existing and the replacement poles would be painted green, the applicant said.)

The small parcel where the metal pole is located falls under the jurisdiction of the state's Department of Conservation and

Recreation (DCR).

"This is clear to me this is not the city making the decision, it's DCR," said Commissioner Richmond, who asked that the pole instead be installed on the other side of Storrow Drive, outside of the Beacon Hill Historic District.

In another matter, the commission unanimously approved an application for 58 Beacon St. to install a new intercom system in place of an existing system.

Timothy Burke, the project architect, said the new surface-mounted system would be about half the size of the existing one and have a brass cover.

Moreover, the commission voted unanimously to dismiss a violation for the installation of an unapproved Grasshopper intercom system at 101 Chestnut St., and to approve as submitted an application to enclose the unit in a brass box.

This determination came with a proviso that the applicant look at a key FOB panel located to the left of the intercom system and remove it, if it's determined to be redundant.

Similarly, the commission unanimously voted to dismiss a violation for the installation of an unapproved Ring doorbell system at 38 Lime St., as well as to approve the application for the system as submitted.

Megan Morgan of Payne/Bouchier Fine Builders said the application would remedy the violation by placing a brass plate over

the unit, as well as setting the unit back into the millwork.

The commission also reviewed a violation for 1 Pinckney St., which included unapproved first-floor window replacements, unapproved door hardware, an unapproved Ring doorbell system, and an unapproved light fixture to right of the second entrance.

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The Music Research Library at 24 Joy St.

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"We need the windows to be reconfigured so they're consistent with our guidelines," Chair Kiefer instructed the applicant. "Unfortunately, that means they'll have to be reconstructed or even replaced."

Chair Kiefer said a "remedial action order" would be filed against the applicant, which would require them to file formal applications to remedy each violation within 60 days.

On an application for 5 Louisburg Square, the commission unanimously approved the proposed work, which included replacing all the windows (which are replacements, according to BHAC staff, Nick Armata) with true divided light windows using double-pane clear glass and a dark spacer bar; to remove the storm windows; to change the window trim from white to black; and to replace the brick mould in kind.

Likewise, the commission unanimously approved as submitted an application to new street numbers just below the rail on the left-hand side of pair of front doors at 44 Phillips St.; this approval came with provisos that the street num-

bers each measuring 4 inches tall, be rendered in a more traditional font and have a polished brass finish.

On an application for 103 Myrtle St., the commission unanimously voted to approve the replacement of a guardrail while asking the applicant to explore a new design for the vertical cedar boards that serve as a privacy screen below it.

A proviso for this determination mandates that the decorative ornamental circles be removed from the top of the railing.

Meanwhile, the commission also heard an advisory review from representatives of The Vilna Shul at 18 Phillips St. on their tentative plans to modify and restore the plaza, including the installation of a proposed drainage system below it.

On hand for the entire hearing were Chair Kiefer, Vice Chair Arian Allen, and Commissioners Finegold, Ed Fleck, Kemeny, Ralph Jackson, and Richmond. Commissioner Wen Wen was also on hand for most of the meeting but had to leave before its conclusion.

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# GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM HOLDS ANNUAL BENEFIT EVENT

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

The Gibson House is a historic home in Boston's Back Bay that still has the oldest furnishings dating to the end of the 19th Century. The museum held its 26th Annual Benefit event at the St Boltolph Club in Back Bay. The honoree of the evening was the French Library for its preservation efforts during its renovation. Therefore the theme of the night was French culture with music, decor, and silent auction items reflecting that spirit.



Georg Schmieder and Sam Wallace with Matthew Somers and husband Fred Lincoln.



Gibson House Museum Board member Frances Duffly and Jim Hood.



Event co-chair Janet Dracksdorf offers remarks.



Cate Carver showing her French spirit in a gown she designed and made based on 1870's French fashion.



Matthew and Sara Dickey with Cleyton McClesky, Gibson House Museum board member



French Museum Board Chairman Steven Galante offers remarks.



Gibson House Museum Curator Meghan Gelardi Homes spoke of ongoing efforts to preserve the historical House.



Gibson House President Ruth Kupfer offers remarks.



Gibson House Museum Board members Jackie Blombach and Janet Dracksdorf present French Library President Barbara Bouquegneau and Board Chairman Steven Galante with a certificate honoring their dedication to preserving the historical character of the Back Bay.



Laurie Thomas with Nancy and Thomas High.



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# GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM HOLDS ANNUAL BENEFIT EVENT

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Angela Rossi sang smooth songs in French.



Morgan Chalue and Steven Galante, French Library Board Chairman.



Ann Hurley and Anne Swanson.



Brenda Gailhouse, Georg Schmieder, and Roberta Orlandino.



The team that worked on the renovations at the French Library: General Contractor J L Dunn project manager Liam White with architects Chris Taylor and David Stern, French Library President and Executive Director Barbara Bouqueneau with Board Chairman Steven Galante (3rd from left), and Gibson House Curator Meghan Gelardi Homes.



Maddie Webster and museum board member Carter Jackson with Boston City Councilor Kenzie Bok who will be the new Administrator of the Boston Housing Authority next month.



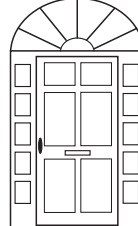
Evening host Robert Dimmick with Janet Dracksdorf and Stephanie Fletcher.



Attendees gathered to hear about developments at the Gibson House Museum and witness the French Library be honored for their efforts to preserve the historical character of their building and the neighborhood.

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# ANNETTE MILLER GUEST SPEAKER AT BEACON HILL WOMEN'S FORUM

Story & photos by Marianne Salza

Annette Miller has been a professional actress on Broadway and off-Broadway for 67 years. She has performed in regional theaters, in Boston, and in film and television. Miller described her remarkable career in entertainment during her April 11 presentation, "All the World's a Stage: from Boston to Broadway and Back" during the Beacon Hill Women's Forum at the Hampshire House.

"If I were to choose two words that best define the sorrows and joys of those years, I would say passion and perseverance," said

Miller. "I was fortunate to discover my passion at an early age. Without perseverance, all the passion in the world won't make a career."

When Miller and her husband, Michael, began building their family, she realized her other passion was being a mother. At the time, not being a stay-at-home mother was frowned upon.

"There was no support system, and no encouragement to continue in careers," remembered Miller. "I didn't know how to manage both. There was much to do – raising a

(MILLER Pg. 9)



DeLuca's Market Co-Owner, Caroline Aiello, speaking about her family-owned business since the 1930s, during the April 11 Beacon Hill Women's Forum at the Hampshire House.



Tricia Herring, Stacie D'Eramo-Burns, and Richelle Gewertz.



Guest speaker, Annette Miller, actress, presenting, "All the World's a Stage – From Boston to Broadway and Back."



New BHWF member, Beverly Bansil, Katherine Kennedy, and Mary Beth Kelley.



Cindy Sullivan, Co-Programs Director, Neighborhood Narrative speaker, Caroline Aiello, Co-Owner of DeLuca's Market, and Melanie Bertani, Programs Co-Director.



Lori Conway and Sandra Gilpatrick



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Rachel Von Nieda.



Cindy Sullivan, Programs Co-Director, Annette Miller, Wendy Oleksiak, Co-President, and Melanie Berntani, Programs Co-Director.



MILLER (from pg. 8)

family, running a household, and fulfilling my responsibilities. Family is everything. What started as two of us has grown to the 12 of us, and for that, I thank God."

Balancing her day jobs, commercial shoots, and modeling with motherhood and being a wife was challenging. Miller had the help of her husband, parents, and mother and father-in-law; but she disliked leaving her home every night before her children's bedtime.

"I made the decision to pursue my passion and stay involved by getting a master of theater arts at my alma mater, Brandeis University. This I could do more easily because classes were during my children's school hours," explained Miller, who recognized that other actresses wanted to portray roles besides mother and wife.

Miller had a reoccurring, six-month role on the soap opera, "As the World Turns," and shared her respect for soap opera actors, who only have a week to memorize their lines from the time they receive their scripts.

She has also been a resident actress with Shakespeare & Company, in Lenox, for 26 seasons. Miller will be reprising her role as Russian immigrant, Golda Meir,

the fourth prime minister of Israel, in "Golda's Balcony," August 5-20.

"I love her, and it will be interesting to revisit her," said Miller, who received the Elliot Norton Best Actor Award, and the Independent Reviewers of New England Best Actor Award for her portrayal of Golda Meir.

Miller can most recently be seen in the 2021 Netflix science fiction movie, "Don't Look Up," starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Jennifer Lawrence, and Meryl Streep. Her latest movie, "You Will Not Play Wagner," will be playing at the Berkshire International Film Festival, on June 3.

Miller, who grew up in The Bronx, New York, joked that most of her career has been spent auditioning. Her advice for handling rejection is resilience and motivation.

"Pick yourself up, brush yourself off, and start all over again. If you want a serious career, you have to go where the action is," Miller said. "You have to have a tremendous desire. If you want to do something enough, you will find a way. Women today are managing it all beautifully."

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said Travis Lee, President of TLee Development LLC. "Words as Worlds will provide a curated and culturally relevant book selection to residents of the Dorchester neighborhood, as well as a small space for spoken word performances. The community has expressed overwhelming support for this new addition to the neighborhood, and we all look forward to its opening this fall."

"This investment in affordable commercial space for Jean Appolon Expressions and Words as Worlds is so important, because it allows for these organizations to provide programming that is accessible to community members in a way that is sustainable over the long-term," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture. "Investing in cultural spaces and housing goes hand in hand with creating healthy communities, and we're so excited to see the opportunities these organizations will be able to provide for community

gathering, cultural celebration, and creative expression in the Dorchester and Roxbury neighborhoods as a result of this funding.

"The Affordable Commercial Assistance Fund is an exciting opportunity to support the local, small, diverse businesses that are so integral to Boston's economy," said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. "This program is an important step in supporting our small business community and addressing the need for affordable commercial spaces in the City."

The Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) currently prioritizes applications for commercial spaces that are either on the first floor or contribute to an active street space and proposals that can demonstrate significant community and neighborhood ties for the proposed tenants. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until June 30, 2023.

# Wu announces registration for BCYF teen summer programming

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) announced that registration is open for a variety of summer teen programs. Building on Mayor Wu's commitment to make Boston the best city in the country to raise a family, these programs foster youth employment and life skills while providing youth with fun summer activities. Boston teens can register now for the BCYF Snap Shot photography program through the City of Boston's Summer Jobs Program, SuccessLink. Registration for the BCYF SuperTeens pre-employment program for young teens opens today. The BCYF Girls Leadership Corps is also now seeking participants for this year's programming.

"These summer opportunities enable teens to learn crucial life skills, while enjoying the company of their peers," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Summer programming, especially opportunities like these that provide a paycheck, help prepare our teens for the future and I encourage any interested families to apply and take advantage of what BCYF has to offer."

"We have put together a diverse menu of options for young people of all ages this summer across all our centers and we are looking forward to providing these enriching and engaging summer programs," said Marta Rivera, Commissioner of Boston Centers for Youth & Families. "We encourage interested families to sign up as soon as possible to guarantee a spot."

"Summer workshops, programs, and employment are fantastic opportunities for our young people to stay engaged, make new friends, and learn new skills," said Council President Ed Flynn. "I want to thank the BCYF team for putting together a variety of different programs for our young people. Summer programming brings tremendous benefits to our

young people's physical and mental well-being, and I encourage our families and young people, especially young women, to join leadership programs to learn about community service, teamwork, accountability, and financial literacy."

BCYF's Snap Shot Teen Photography program is a unique summer job program for ages 16 to 18 that introduces participants to all aspects of photography. Teens receive a paycheck while participating in the program. Led by a professional photographer, the program includes opportunities to conduct photo shoots, visit museums and art galleries, learn digital photo editing, engage in online personal development workshops, and serve as a staff photographer for BCYF. Interested youth should apply to Snap Shot through the SuccessLink Summer Jobs Program at [Boston.gov/Youth-Jobs](http://Boston.gov/Youth-Jobs). Select "BCYF Snap Shot" from the summer job spreadsheet on the website. The program will operate from Monday, June 26 to Friday, August 25, 2023.

BCYF SuperTeens program teaches teens ages 13 and 14 life readiness and resiliency to help prepare them for their upcoming academic year and future employment. The program focuses on opportunities to enhance communication, collaboration, teamwork, and problem solving. The SuperTeens are mentored by BCYF staff throughout the summer, and they participate in both online workshops and in-person job shadowing activities that highlight employment skills. The SuperTeens also participate in weekly social and recreational activities, including a Learn to Row crew program on the Charles River, leadership workshops, job shadowing, community service projects as well as field trips to museums and institutions around the City of Boston. Participants earn a paycheck in the form of

a stipend, and they will also be provided with opportunities that encourage civic engagement and physical health and wellness. Registration began today at [Boston.gov/BCYF-SuperTeens](http://Boston.gov/BCYF-SuperTeens). The program will operate for 6 weeks from Monday, July 10 to Friday, August 18, 2023.

BCYF Girls Leadership Corps (GLC) provides girls ages 11-14 with workshops and activities. Workshop topics will include self-defense with Girls LEAP, leadership skills, empowerment with the YW F.R.Y.E. Initiative, and more. The Girls Leadership Corps program participants will plan activities that Boston girls will be invited to register for, including Summer Girls Nights and various workshops and special activities. Interested program participants should email [Erika.Butler@boston.gov](mailto:Erika.Butler@boston.gov). The program will operate from Tuesday, July 18 to Friday, August 18, 2023.

These teen programs are in addition to many activities offered at BCYF community centers across the city. Registration for center programs can be found at [Boston.gov/BCYF-Registration](http://Boston.gov/BCYF-Registration). In addition, BCYF is currently seeking full-time, part-time, and seasonal lifeguards for BCYF pools and swim lessons. Sign on and retention bonuses up to \$1,000 are available, depending on date of hire and remaining employed through September 4th. Training is available and equipment is provided. Visit [Boston.gov/BCYF-Aquatics](http://Boston.gov/BCYF-Aquatics) for more information or apply directly at [Boston.gov/Lifeguard-Jobs](http://Boston.gov/Lifeguard-Jobs).

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is the City of Boston's largest youth and human service agency. BCYF operates 35 community centers in Boston that offer a variety of engaging and enriching programs for people of all ages created through community input and need. BCYF also oversees many citywide programs.

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The Petitioner requests that: Johanna Wise Sullivan of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
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## Attention to Detail

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### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The paving in the last clue surrounds the flagpole in the Public Garden. The base was designed by William Austen in 1921. The Smithsonian's Art Inventories Catalog explains that this replaced a flagpole destroyed by lightning in 1920. Originally it was located near the corner of Boylston Street and Arlington Street but was moved to its present location in 1933.

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### THIS WEEK'S CLUE



# Wu announces expansion of curbside food waste collection

Special to the Times

In celebration of Earth Day (April 22) and building on her commitment to make Boston a greener and more sustainable city, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Public Works Department announced the expansion of the food waste curbside collection program, increasing from its current capacity servicing 10,000 households to 30,000. Since launching in August 2022, the program has allowed residents to conveniently dispose of their household food waste, while also reducing the City's reliance on landfills and incinerators. The curbside food waste collection program was initially announced last May. The City is now surpassing the original expansion goal for the second year of the program, due to high interest from residents. To date, the program has collected over 800 tons of curbside food waste at no cost to residents.

"As we celebrate Earth Day, I'm excited to announce the expansion of this highly successful program that builds on our efforts to make Boston a Zero Waste City through sustainable food waste disposal," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The strong interest in our pilot program gave us a clear sign that residents are eager to participate in curbside food waste collection if the resources are available. This expansion will make it easier for more residents to help our City fight the effects of climate change."

"I look forward to the expansion of the curbside food waste collection program to more of our households. I have been working closely with my Council colleagues on the issue of pest control, and I believe this program is part of the solution for cleaner streets as we separate food sources from our trash," said Council President Ed Flynn. "This is much better for the environment and will help improve the quality of life for all our residents."

Beginning in July, the City's Waste Reduction Division will begin onboarding new households into the program, and will continue to add households each month until its capacity of 30,000 is reached. Residents who were previously placed on the waiting list for pick-up service will be enrolled first in the program. Residents who have not previously signed up but want to can do so here. Food waste curbside pick-up will continue to align with residents'

scheduled trash and recycling collection days.

"The interest in the curbside food scrap program has been remarkable, so expanding our service capacity and offering the program to more residents was an easy decision," said Chief of Streets, Sanitation and Transportation Jascha Franklin Hodge. "We look forward to our continued partnership with the community as we work together to achieve our Zero Waste goals."

"At the City Council, we're committed to moving toward a greener, cleaner Boston," said Boston City Councilor Kendra Lara. "This expansion of the food scrap program signals exciting prospects for what we can achieve as a City when our goals align."

The food waste, which is collected through a partnership between Garbage to Garden and Save That Stuff, is recycled to make clean energy and nutrient-rich compost. Food scraps sent to Waste Management's CORE Facility in Charlestown are made into a slurry for easier processing. The slurry is then transported to North Andover's GLSD anaerobic digestion facility where it is turned into biogas and renewable electricity which is sent to the grid. Composting is an important part of this program, and in partnership with Garbage to Garden and Save That Stuff, the City is exploring options to expand and secure more composting sites for Boston's food waste.

Any Boston resident who lives in a residential building with six units or less is eligible to enroll in the program. The City is prioritizing enrollment in the program to residents in environmental justice communities, based on the state's criteria for such communities coupled with proximity to a Project Oscar compost drop-off site.

In June, compost bin "starter kits" will be delivered to residents whose curbside pick-up service begins in July. Another batch of curbside bins will be delivered in July with service beginning in August. The "starter kits" include an onboarding manual, a roll of liners, kitchen bin, collection bin, and a magnet outlining what food scraps are and are not accepted in the program. Accepted materials include common household food scraps such as coffee grounds, fruits and vegetables, meat and seafood, and eggs.

This expansion announcement

aligns with Boston's Zero Waste Plan, outlining the City's strategy to reduce its waste by 2035. Mass-DEP estimates that food waste accounts for more than 25 percent of the waste stream in Massachusetts after recycling. When sent to landfills or incinerators, food waste can generate harmful greenhouse gasses, lose potential energy, cause pollution, and lose

its agricultural benefits.

"We're thrilled to see the curbside food scrap program expanding, and we look forward to our continued partnership with the City of Boston," said Save That Stuff's Director of Compost Operations, Alex Pogany. "We want to thank all the participating residents for taking proactive steps to conserve our resources and

mitigate the impacts of climate change."

"With thousands of residents on the waitlist and new households signing up daily, the expansion of the curbside program comes at a perfect time," said Garbage to Garden's Annika Schmidt. "We encourage anyone interested to enroll."

## TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR APRIL 25- APRIL 30

Events happening in the City of Boston this week will bring some parking restrictions and street closures. People attending these events are encouraged to walk, bike, or take public transit. Information on Bluebikes, the regional bike share service, may be found on the Bluebikes website and information on the MBTA may be found online. The MBTA advises riders to purchase a round-trip rather than a one-way ticket for a faster return trip. Walking is also a great way to move around.

### BACK BAY

Love Your Block- Saturday, April 29, 2023

A portion of Saint Botolph Street will have parking restrictions to assist with a Love Your Block Event that will take place from 9 AM until 12 PM. Parking restrictions will be in place from 7 AM to 12 PM at the following location:

Saint Botolph Street, Both sides, from Massachusetts Avenue to Harcourt Street

### DOWNTOWN

Greek Independence Parade - Sunday, April 30, 2023

The annual Greek Independence Day Parade will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2023. The end of the parade route has been modified from previous years. The route for 2023 will be: on Boylston Street, left onto Tremont Street, straight onto Cambridge Street ending at City Hall Plaza. Some of Congress Street will be used as a disbursement area or for staging buses. Parking restrictions and road closures will occur the following streets:

Boylston Street, Both sides, from Massachusetts Avenue to Tremont Street

Tremont Street, Both sides, from Boylston Street to Cambridge Street

Charles Street South, Both sides,

from Park Plaza to Boylston Street  
Cambridge Street, Both sides, from Tremont Street to Sudbury Street

Congress Street, Southwest side (City Hall Side), from Sudbury Street to State Street

### WEST END

Canal Street Pedestrian Way for Playoffs - Tuesday & Wednesday, April 25 & 26, 2023

The Mayor's Office will be hosting a pedestrian-only event on Canal Street so fans can gather and celebrate in a car-free environment. This event will be repeated for both the Celtics and the Bruins as they progress through the playoffs. Parking restrictions and street closures will occur on the following street:

Canal Street, Both sides, from Rip Valenti Way to Causeway Street

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## FRESH AND LOCAL

## You do you!

By Penny &amp; Ed Cherubino

If there's one characteristic we look for in someone teaching people about food preparation, it's a "You Do You!" attitude. We borrow that specific phrase from Kenji Alt-Lopes, who uses it quite often in his cooking-at-home videos. Other food writers, podcasters, and vloggers may tell you what you can substitute for specific ingredients or options for preparing a dish. That's great but not as inclusive as "You Do You!"

This definition of the phrase from [www.linguaholic.com](http://www.linguaholic.com) made us choose Kenji's term over other options for this column. "When someone says 'you do you,' they're expressing their feeling that you are allowed to do whatever you want. While they may not have the same interests or agree with your approach or values, they will say 'you do you' to either express support or show that they will not try to stop you from doing whatever you want to do. You can use this phrase whether you agree with, disapprove of, or feel neutral about someone's plans or preferences."

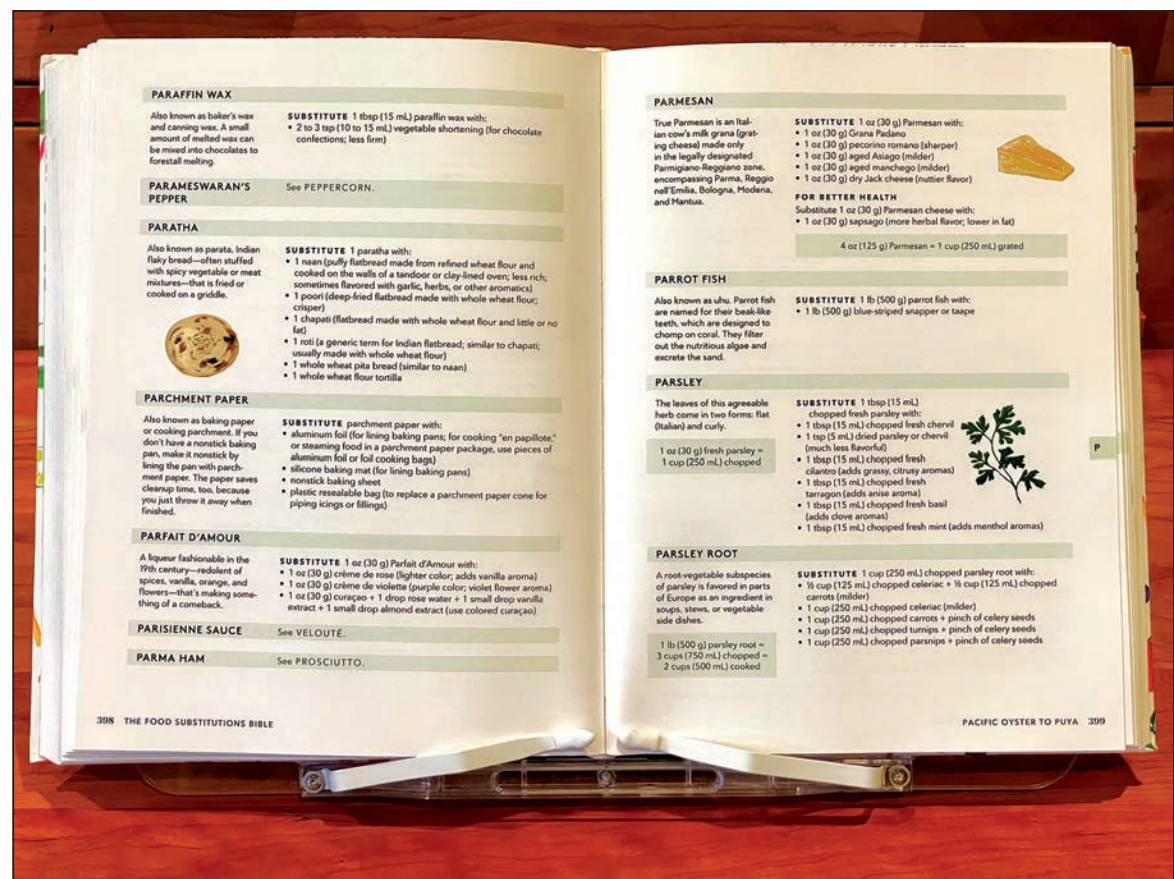
That's exactly how it should be

when you prepare food for yourself and your family in your kitchen, to your own taste and dietary needs, and with whatever you have on hand. If your housemates are chiliheads, toss in the habanero. If you have to watch your salt intake, make the adjustment.

## The Food Substitutions Bible

Penny borrowed a library copy of David Joachim's latest edition of "The Food Substitutions Bible: 8,000 Substitutions for Ingredients, Equipment, and Techniques." We quickly decided this book deserved a place on our bookshelf. If we had a large kitchen or pantry, we'd place it on a book stand, ready for everyday use both to find substitutes and to pause, open a random page and enjoy a moment of learning something new.

Kenji, known for his scientific method of developing precise recipes, wrote this book's introduction. He said, "Nowhere will you find a better-researched and more thorough one-stop shop to increase your access to recipes." He likes how the book inspires creativity and gives home cooks the confidence to try a recipe they might skip because they don't have



"The Food Substitutions Bible" will spend a lot of time open on a bookstand near our desks both as a reference and to pause to enjoy a moment of learning something new.

a specific ingredient. We'll add that it also prevents food waste by guiding you to use what you have.

## Mayo Substitutes

Penny didn't use mayonnaise in our food because of a food allergy. However, when allergy testing reopened her to eating eggs, she still preferred the mayo substitutes she had always used.

The mayonnaise entry in The Food Substitutions Bible runs for more than a page. The entry is divided into substitutes, ways to

vary the flavor, and ideas for better health. Joachim includes recipes for homemade mayo, a mayo substitute, a plant-based mayo, and ways to reduce the fat in this ingredient.

While our copy won't live in our tiny kitchen, it will spend a lot of time on a book stand next to our desks. We opened a page at random that contained substitutions for parmesan which we do run out of occasionally. In the case of parmesan, Joachim notes that pecorino is sharper, Manchego is milder,

and dry Jack cheese is nuttier.

Cooking is experimenting and adjusting. If you don't like your new substitute, don't use it again. Go back to the book and try another option. If you own a copy of the book, you can add notes about what you liked or didn't like. It will make your book more valuable as You Do You!

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

## Training tips and tricks from dog training elite

April 30 is National Adopt A Shelter Pet Day and although it is exciting to give a shelter pup a much needed forever home, it is important to consider how you can help your furry friend adapt to their new environment. Jason Spring, owner of Dog Training Elite Boston, has offered up his expertise to help families like yours plan for this important transition for your adopted pup.

Firstly, Spring recommends you map out a routine ahead of time. This step involves planning who will be in charge of walks, feeding time, bathing, etc. Creating a routine will help your dog adjust to their new environment and family. For example, consistently letting them outside to go to the bathroom after they eat can create a good routine for potty training.

Another important thing to consider before bringing home your newest family member is to set up their new living space. Things like

making sure to check if your plants are pet friendly are very important. This can often be overlooked, but some common household plants are actually toxic to dogs such as Aloe Vera, Ivy, and Jade to name a few.

Training is very important with any animal, but you will find that it is even more important in correcting previously learned behavior in your shelter dog. You will need to expect an adjustment period while your dog is getting comfortable with you, which might take some time. Spring strongly recommends being patient and not forcing training while your pup takes in their new surroundings.

Make sure to be cautious of what behaviors you allow and ensure that you're rewarding the behaviors you want to encourage. If you allow your new shelter dog to engage in certain behaviors when you first bring them home, you will find it much harder to correct later on. For

example, when you come home, do not use baby talk and get your dog worked up, but rather just carry on with your normal routine. You can engage with them when they are calm, but you do not want to create the habit of having high energy reactions every time you get home.

The training never stops. While your dog will get in the swing of things and make themselves at home there will always be training moments. Dog Training Elite Boston is available to cover specialty training as well including customized training programs, therapy dog and PTSD support dogs, autism support, and so much more. You can find out more at:

<https://dogtrainingelite.com/>  
Every dog deserves a home, so it is great to adopt from a shelter and it is even greater to plan ahead when doing so!

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