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Dr. Imari Paris Jeffries, president and CEO of Embrace Boston, addresses the crowd about advancing policies to reduce the eight harm areas that have historically hindered communities of color at Embrace Boston's 2023 Culture Summit.

Embrace Boston hosts first-ever Boston Arts and Culture Summit

Special to the Times

Embrace Boston, the enterprise inspiring change to build an equitable and inclusive Boston, partnered with Arts Emerson, Boston Center for the Arts, A Beautiful Resistance and Mass Humanities to hold the first-ever Boston Arts and Culture Summit on Thursday, Nov. 2, at MassChallenge in Seaport.

The summit was the kickoff for Everyone 250 and the first in a series of annual convenings that bring Boston's diverse cultural institutions together. The Summit began the work of highlighting the

unique contributions of arts and culture across the city with a goal to strengthen existing and build new institutional relationships. Each summit will build on the last and lead to a city-wide, curated cultural experience in 2026 – “Everyone 250” - which will mark the United States’ 250th anniversary. Beginning on Juneteenth and continuing through July 4, 2026, Boston will also be hosting FIFA Men’s World Cup, and it is also when the Tall Ships return. To say that it will be a month of extraordinary opportunity for telling a more robust story of Boston and providing an incredible menu

of experiences to the world is an understatement.

“Boston is at the intersection of promise and possibility. The people here are more motivated and willing to do the work to make a positive difference,” said Jeneé Osterheldt, deputy managing editor for culture talent and development at the Boston Globe and A Beautiful Resistance during a panel discussion at the Summit. “Nationally, people look to us as leaders, and if we can play a role in shaping the story of inclusivity, the rest of the country will follow.”

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Councilor Louijeune to be next Council President

Special to the Times

Last week, Ruthzee Louijeune, At-Large Boston City Councilor, announced she would be leading the council as Council President for her upcoming term. This comes two days after Louijeune earned the place as top vote getter in her first bid for reelection. In a

showing of incredible force, Louijeune earned more votes than any At-Large candidate has received in an off year in recent history.

“I am humbled that my colleagues believe in me to lead the Boston City Council in the next term. We have a lot of work to do when it comes to meeting the basic needs of residents and it’s clear

that is what our communities want us to focus on. I look forward to strengthening relationships with my colleagues and building relationships with my colleagues joining in January.” Councilor Louijeune said in a statement. “We are a city of diverse people and diverse

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Durkan’s office completes audit of Charles Street’s brick sidewalks

Special to the Times

As the newly elected representative for Beacon Hill, Councilor Sharon Durkan knew that ensuring the upkeep of brick sidewalks was a top priority.

Her victorious Special Election campaign in July emphasized her focus on quality-of-life issues — and her clean sweep of all precincts made it clear she had a mandate to address the nuts-and-bolts problems facing each of District 8’s neighborhoods.

For Beacon Hill, the sidewalks flanking Charles Street stood out to Councilor Durkan as a sensible and natural area to begin her efforts. Tripping hazards caused by loose bricks and missing patches had been a persistent problem in the area — prompting numerous 3-1-1 requests and consistent advocacy from the neighborhood’s civic organizations. The concerns were for both the immediate risk of injury, and the cumulative impacts

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COURTESY OF COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN'S OFFICE

A section of bricks repaired on 25 Charles Street.

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, ads for the next issue are due Monday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead for the North Washington St. Project through November 25 is posted.

Work Hours

Most work will be done during weekday daytime hours (6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.).

The MassDOT-implemented contraflow pilot will continue to be in effect during evening peak traffic (3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic during set up and operation of the contraflow.

Travel Tips

For everyone using the temporary bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, tem-

porary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events. For your awareness, the following TD Garden events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

Bruins: November 18, at 7:00 p.m. and November 24, at 1:00 p.m.

Celtics: November 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Other Events: November 19, at 8:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT (from pg. 1)

needs. We will not always agree, but we can come together to move this city forward and meet the pressing issues we are facing with joy, collegiality, and an unwavering work ethic on behalf of those who are often excluded. As the second Black woman to top the ticket, and the third Black person to lead the Council, I am eager to bring my lived experience and deep love for the entire city of Boston to this role.”

“I’m proud to support our new Council President Ruthzee Louijeune as not only an amazing colleague, but an incredible friend.” Councilor Brian Worrell said in a statement “I’m honored to serve as Vice President of the Council and I look forward to working closely with her and the Council to best serve our city. The diversity of our leadership team is a great sign of the progress and potential of our city.”

The Council Presidency is determined by the thirteen member body to identify the individual that will lead the body. The Council President holds responsibility to make key decisions on committee assignments, lead council proceedings, and set a culture for the body as a whole. Louijeune has proven her aptitude for this position by leading complex council processes

such as redistricting, and remaining a cool head in times of unrest.

“Ruthzee is the steady and competent leader ready to take the gavel as Council president,” Councilor Gigi Coletta said in a statement. “She’s demonstrated the decisiveness to lead this body through difficult and complex situations. I’m confident in her abilities, intelligence, and more importantly her heart.”

First elected to the Boston City Council in 2021, Louijeune brings seven years’ experience working on political and advocacy campaigns, fighting for working people and Black and Brown communities on issues of housing, education access, and voting rights. Most recently, Louijeune started her own legal and advocacy business, The Opening PLLC. Previously, Louijeune served as Senior Counsel for U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren’s presidential campaign. Prior to that, she was a lawyer at Perkins Coie LLP.

The daughter of Haitian immigrants, fluent in Haitian Creole, French, and conversant in Spanish, Louijeune is the first Haitian-American to hold elected office in Boston city government. You can find more information about her campaign at: www.ruthzeeorboston.com.

BOSTON’S OFFICIAL TREE ARRIVES NOVEMBER 21

The annual gift of an evergreen Christmas tree from Nova Scotia is scheduled to arrive by police escort at Boston Common at approximately 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21.

This is the 52nd year that a tree has been donated and commemorates 106 years of friendship with Nova Scotia. This recognizes the people of Boston who provided emergency assistance when Halifax, Nova Scotia was devastated by a maritime munitions explosion in the harbor in 1917. The first Tree for Boston was donated in 1971 by Joseph Slauenwhite from Lunenburg County.

Boston’s official 2023 tree is a 40-year-old, 45-foot-tall white spruce donated by Bette Gourley of Stewiacke, N.S., and her family.

Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods, Santa Claus, and local school children will greet the tree at its final destination near the Boston Visitors Center at 139 Tremont Street. The tree will be lit at approximately 7:55 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, as the City of Boston’s Official Tree Lighting is celebrated on Boston Common from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The ceremony will be broadcast live on WCVB Channel 5 starting at 7 p.m.

The annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common is co-sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and title sponsor, The Province of Nova Scotia. Amazon serves as the presenting sponsor, Meet Boston is the signature sponsor, Bank of America, JetBlue, Constellation, and the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District are the Community Sponsors, and media sponsors are WCVB Channel 5 and the Boston Globe.

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS ON BOSTON’S HISTORIC FREEDOM TRAIL

The Freedom Trail Foundation invites revelers to celebrate this holiday season on the annual Historic Holiday Strolls. The festive atmosphere of the city, set against

NEWS BRIEFS

the unique backdrop of Boston’s historic sites and centuries of history, makes these merry 90-minute tours a perfect way to celebrate the holidays. Walk the Freedom Trail and discover how Boston’s holiday traditions evolved on the Strolls offered Fridays and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. from November 18 through December 30.

Led by 19th-century Dickensian costumed guides departing from the Visitor Information Center on Boston Common, the Strolls are complete with a tour of holiday lights and Christmas trees along the Freedom Trail while learning about 19th-century holiday traditions. Following the Stroll, guests receive discounts off museum store purchases at Freedom Trail sites, including the Old South Meeting House, Old State House, Paul Revere House, and Old North Church’s Heritage and Gift Shops (valid with any Historic Holiday Stroll receipt from November through December).

“The Freedom Trail helps usher in the holiday season with the annual Historic Holiday Strolls, which gives tour participants a glimpse into the unique holiday traditions practiced throughout history,” said Suzanne Segura Taylor, Freedom Trail Foundation Executive Director. “The Strolls are one of many offerings to experience Boston’s historic sites and the Trail year-round.”

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children for public tours. The Strolls may also be scheduled as private group tours pending availability. The Freedom Trail Foundation continues to offer daily public Official Freedom Trail Tours® throughout November and December and during the winter months. All Freedom Trail tours are available as private family or group tours by reservation. For more information and to purchase tickets for the Historic Holiday Strolls and Freedom Trail Tours, please visit TheFreedomTrail.org, and for group tour reservations, please call 617.357.8300.

UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM

The Nichols House Museum will sponsor its annual Beacon Hill

Holiday House Tour on Sunday, Dec. 10, from noon to 4 p.m.

Guests will have the rare opportunity to experience a select group of remarkable private residences at their festive best. Each year, the tour showcases outstanding examples of historic preservation, as well as creative modern interpretations and adaptations in a broad range of architectural and interior design styles throughout Beacon Hill.

For this day full of music and cheer, the museum at 55 Mt. Vernon St. will be open for self-guided tours for guests to experience historically inspired holiday traditions. Throughout the day there will be strolling performances by the Olde Towne Carolers. Solo performances on piano will be held at the King’s Chapel Parish House and the William Hickling Prescott House, headquarters of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Holiday House Tour reception will be held at the Kings Chapel Parish House from 3 to 5 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beacon-hill-holiday-house-tour-2023>, or by calling the Nichols House Museum’s offices at 617-227-6993.

Also, the Nichols House Museum will kick off the holiday season with its traditional Eggnog Party on Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at 55 Mt. Vernon St.

Drop by for a cup of cheer and get a sneak peek at the museum’s historically inspired holiday decorations. In honor of Arthur and Margaret Nichols’ passion for handbell ringing, the Back Bay Ringers will be performing. Sponsors of the Holiday House Tour receive complimentary tickets to the Eggnog Pre-Party. Nichols House Museum Members have access to discounted tickets. Patron Members are free. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eggnog-pre-party-tickets-752100822807?aff=oddtcreator> to purchase tickets for the event.

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SUMMIT (from pg. 1)

Boston is one of America's premier storytelling cities, with a rich cultural history and many untold stories. The Summit and Everyone 250 are opportunities to tell a new and inclusive story that celebrates Boston's diversity and the community's commitment to equity and justice, according to a press release.

The first Boston Arts and Culture Summit, organized around the themes of racial justice and equity, included opening remarks from NBC10 Boston's Latoyia Edwards, ArtsEmerson Executive Director David Howes, Mass Humanities Executive Director Brian Boyles and Boston Globe Deputy Managing Editor Jeneé Osterheldt, workshops, a panel discussion, and networking opportunities for over 130 of Boston's cultural leaders. Through these activations, the summit explored strategies to promote inclusivity and belonging in the arts and culture sector, how to tell a more robust and complete story of our country's past, present, and future, and develop new collaborations that further advance the work. Embrace Boston is the lead organizer but is excited to see all intersecting programming that this group will host, building a curated experience for residents and visitors.

"The future of the city is built on a foundation of the arts and culture. We recognize the importance of lifting all our cultural institutions in the conversation so that we can build the Boston that we truly are. We need to build a rich arts ecosystem that will power us forward as a community," Dr. Imari Paris Jeffries, President and CEO of Embrace Boston, said in a press release.



COURTESY OF THE CASTLE GROUP

The crowd enjoys a powerful panel discussion on arts and culture in Boston at Embrace Boston's 2023 Culture Summit.

The Greater Boston Food Bank's Chain of Giving confronts sustained food insecurity

Special to the Times

The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), the largest hunger-relief organization in New England, held its 18th annual Chain of Giving event last week, a yearly tradition convening civic leaders and community members to spotlight and alleviate holiday food insecurity and kick off GBFB's Hunger Free Holidays campaign.

"Food insecurity is a challenge that we all must come together to solve. Together, we can end the root causes of food insecurity and end hunger once and for all in Massachusetts," said Governor Maura Healey. "I am grateful for the outstanding work The Greater Boston Food Bank does to assist our communities and for their partnership and commitment with our state."

As GBFB aims to provide nutritious and culturally responsive food to families in need this holiday season, Governor Maura Healey, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and GBFB President and CEO Catherine D'Amato shared remarks on the urgency of addressing food insecurity in the Bay State. Over 150 participants then passed nearly

1,000 turkeys from a delivery truck to GBFB's freezer to donate to families in need. This represents only a portion of the 27,000 turkeys and other poultry options the non-profit expects to distribute to pantries across Eastern Massachusetts throughout the holidays.

"Hunger is not an issue that anyone or any organization can tackle alone. We are working together with The Greater Boston Food Bank to help fund and provide resources to nearly 70 food pantries across the City, feeding nearly 50,000 people every month," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Boston is blessed to have so many incredible organizations fighting food insecurity and expanding food access across our neighborhoods."

The event's presenting sponsor was Affiliated Managers Group (AMG), and its lead sponsor was National Grid. State Representatives Brandy Fluker Oakley, Christopher Worrell, James Arena-DeRosa, John Moran, Kevin Honan, Rob Consalvo and Samantha Montañó; Commissioner for the Department of Transitional Assistance Jeff McCue, MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randle, Deputy

Commissioner Winton Pickoff, as well as other state and local officials joined the tradition, alongside the beloved mascots for the Red Sox, Patriots and Bruins.

The state of food insecurity in Massachusetts remains a stark reality for the 1.8 million individuals facing hunger this holiday season. GBFB's average food pantry partners report a 12 percent increase in individuals served from 2022. The USDA found national food insecurity rates increased between 30-40 percent in 2022, echoing the trends revealed in GBFB's annual study on the state of food insecurity.

The report found that:

- 1 in 3 MA residents continue to face food insecurity
- Alarming child-level food insecurity
- Deep-rooted disparities in food access based on race, ethnicity, geography and sexual orientation

Boston Public School Students Win Nally Award

Each year, GBFB honors outstanding young people who have championed hunger-relief in their communities with the Nally Award. Established in 2006, the award is named after Danny and

Betsy Nally, who at ages 8 and 6, started their very first turkey drive for GBFB. This year's Nally Award winners are Ita Berg, Niamh Govenor, and Laura Nguyen, three exceptional Boston Latin High School students that are making a difference here in our community. Last year as sophomores, they took their love of baking cookies and turned it into a fundraiser for GBFB called "Cookies for a Cause" which raised over \$1,000.

Boston Mayor Wu presented the Nally award to the Boston Latin students alongside their teacher, Mr. Andrew Zou. In her remarks she noted these students realized that they didn't need the money that they were making as much as other people might, and so with the help of their teacher, they decided to donate it to The Greater Boston Food Bank. The students have set up their own peer-to-peer fundraising webpage to support their upcoming holiday bake sale.

To learn more about The Greater Boston Food Bank or to play a role in their annual Hunger Free Holidays campaign visit GBFB.org/holidays.

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Volunteers Needed for Holiday Decorating!

The holidays are upon us, and once again the BHCA will be organizing the decorating of the 1,100 gas lamps on the Hill, thanks to the generosity of our neighbors. Please respond to the flyer you've received in the mail with your availability to volunteer and sponsor a pole or two! We will meet at the BHCA (74 Joy Street) on Saturday, December 2nd at 9am, where you can pick

up your wreaths and bows. We'll also show you how to hang the wreaths. We'll repeat this on Sunday and work as long as needed.

We hope for good weather so that we can complete all the poles that weekend! Call the office (617-227-1922) if you have any questions.

Upcoming BHCA Meetings and Events

Holiday Decorating – Saturday/Sunday, December 2 and 3rd

Zoning & Licensing – Wednesday, December 6, 6pm via Zoom

Board of Directors – Monday, December 11, 7pm

Architecture Committee – Monday, December 18th, 5:30pm via Zoom

Contact the BHCA at info@bhca.org for details on any of these activities or to sign up as a volunteer.

Join the BHCA!

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ing membership of friends - young and old - who are contributing to make life better on the Hill. Your membership allows us to continue our efforts to preserve our unique and historic neighborhood, and your voice adds strength and credibility to our mission as advocates for Beacon Hill residents. Join or renew your membership today at bhca.org or by calling us at 617-227-1922!

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EDITORIAL

REMEMBERING PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

The assassination of President John F. Kennedy 60 years ago this week seared an indelible imprint into the memory of every American who was alive at that time. Just as the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on December 5, 1941, had been to an older generation and the terrorist attacks on the twin towers on 9/11 of 2001 has been for today's younger generations, every American can recall where they were and the shock they felt when they first heard the news that President Kennedy had been shot while on his motorcade in Dallas, Texas in the early afternoon of November 22, 1963.

We were in our fourth grade classroom at Our Lady of Grace School in Chelsea-Everett when the principal interrupted class to make the mind-numbing announcement and release everybody from school immediately. Though we were only nine years old at the time, we knew instantly that something had changed, both in our own lives and for the country, and that the world never would be the same again.

When people think of the cultural changes that took place in the 1960s, they think of President Kennedy as emblematic of those changes. But the reality is that the '60s of our popular culture really did not take place until after his assassination. America on November 22, 1963, still was very much as it had been for the previous decade during the Eisenhower years and through the three years of Kennedy's presidency: We were at peace (though engaged in a Cold War) and we were prosperous, but the evolving rights of minorities, women, and gays still were very much under the national radar screen in a culture dominated by white males. It still would be a few years before the multitude of societal changes that would shape our personal lives and America -- and the world -- into what we know it today.

The assassination of President Kennedy was the first of four major political assassinations over the course of the next four and one-half years -- Malcolm X in 1965, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, and culminating with that of Robert F. Kennedy, President Kennedy's brother, in early June, 1968.

But in November, 1963, that wave of assassinations, as well as the violent and incendiary protests and riots that were to engulf our inner cities and college campuses from the mid-'60s through the mid-'70s, were not even remotely imaginable. In particular, the war in Vietnam, the catalyst for much of the nation's decade of turmoil, still was a clandestine operation with only a few hundred American advisers in the field on behalf of the government of South Vietnam.

Was it just a coincidence that America, and indeed the world, underwent a transformation in the immediate aftermath of the Kennedy assassination? Or would all of these things have happened regardless of whether President Kennedy had been shot? Would Kennedy have escalated the war in Vietnam? And if not, might the violence that accompanied so many of the changes that occurred in the decade after his death have been averted if President Kennedy had been re-elected to a second term?

These and many other "what ifs" are questions that historians have been pondering in the decades since his death and will continue to do so.

But for those of us who lived through the Kennedy assassination, such issues were far from our minds in its immediate aftermath. Instead, we recall the shock, and then the deep sadness and despair, that was felt universally by all of us as we watched our black and white TV sets and grieved for his young widow and their two small children. John F. Kennedy's assassination made us all realize the fragility of life and how everything we hold dear can change in an instant, both for ourselves and our loved ones, regardless of our station in life.

So as we think about the events of 60 years ago this week and contemplate how the assassination of John F. Kennedy profoundly affected the future direction not only of America and the world, but also each one of us -- let us remember too, the effect that his loss had on his own family, who sacrificed so much on that terrible day in Dallas.

President Kennedy was only 46 years old when he was assassinated. His death brings to mind two phrases from literature, applicable both to Kennedy and the promise of America in that era.

The first is from the ancient Greeks, attributed to the historian Herodotus: "Those whom the gods love, die young."

The second is the final paragraph from Gray's *Elegy* Written in a Country Churchyard:

Yet ah! Why should they know their fate?

Since sorrow never comes too late,

And happiness too swiftly flies.

Thought would destroy their paradise.

No more; where ignorance is bliss,

'Tis folly to be wise.



Then-U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy and his wife Jacqueline hosted the leaders of the Massachusetts Democratic party at the Kennedy compound in Hyannis in 1956. Seated (left to right) are: State Representative James O'Dea from Lowell, who was the House Majority Whip; State Senator John E. Powers from South Boston, who was the Democratic floor leader and the future Senate President in 1959; and Jacqueline Kennedy. Standing (l-r) are Senator Albert Previte from Lawrence; Senator Maurice Donahue from Holyoke (who himself was elected Senate President in 1964 after Powers left the Senate); Senator John Gibney of Worcester, Mass. House Speaker Michael Skerry from Medford; John F. Kennedy; Senator Andrew P. Quigley, who represented Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, and part of Everett; to Quigley's left is Senator Elizabeth Stanton from Fitchburg; and behind Stanton is Senator Jim Hennigan from Jamaica Plain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REP. PRESSLEY NEEDS TO BE REMINDED

To the Editor,

Rep. Ayanna Pressley spoke against last week's House Censure of Rep. Tlaib as, "a waste of time," and an effort to, "silence a progressive woman of color." Viewers watching the hearing would have been impressed by the honest struggle Republicans

and Democrats supporting the censure evidenced as they quite correctly concluded that, "Free Palestine from the river to the sea" -repeatedly used by Talib - is in fact a call to genocide. The rallying cry has been used for decades by anti-Israel groups, and constitutes hate speech. Tlaib knows this, and Pressley should.

Rep Pressley needs to be reminded that in Boston's Public Garden there is a memorial

to hundreds of New Englanders killed on 9/11. Terrorism is real, and means what it says. Chants by Representatives calling for genocide deserve censure for moral clarity. That congressional activity is not a waste of time, nor an attack of women of color.

The censure was an instance of the House at its finest by both sides of the aisle.

Barry Zaltman

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these hazards could have on such an important space. The idyllic shops, amenities, and restaurants of the street are go-to-spots for locals, and together these businesses form an iconic and noteworthy destination for Boston's visitors. As Councilor Durkan puts it, "Charles Street is the main street for the neighborhood, and truly is the heart of Beacon Hill".

At the beginning of October, Councilor Durkan directed her office to do a full inventory of the priority sidewalk repairs needed along Charles Street, with a special focus on optimizing pedestrian safety. The completed "Charles Street Sidewalk Brick Audit" detailed 23 priority improvements at both residential and commercial addresses along the entire length of the street, from Cambridge to Beacon. The completed report was then delivered to the city's Public Works Department, and Councilor Durkan succeeded in making them a shared priority. One month later, all but one of the 23 identified problems have been resolved (the outstanding issue is not on city property). Councilor Durkan attributes her success to taking a

collaborative approach with residents and city administrators, and made a point to convey her "special thanks to the City of Boston team that got this done: Normal Parks, Mike Brohel, and Julia Campbell!"

These improvements are visible throughout Charles street, and have drawn positive notice. Beacon Hill Civic Association Chair Meghan Awe shared that advocating for sidewalk improvements had been a labor of love for her friends in the Beacon Hill Business Association and Beacon Hill Civic Association, and that she is "so thrilled that Councilor Durkan took ownership of this, and worked so swiftly to get real positive results! We're excited for the many years of partnership ahead."

Councilor Durkan plans to continue to build off of this success throughout District 8.

"I think this audit model can work across issues in neighborhoods, and I'm excited to deploy it for other issues that have come to us, like crosswalk safety and street maintenance," said Councilor Durkan.

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Photos (above, below and right) show locations on Charles Street before and after Councilor Sharon Durkan's office completed its audit of the street's brick sidewalks.



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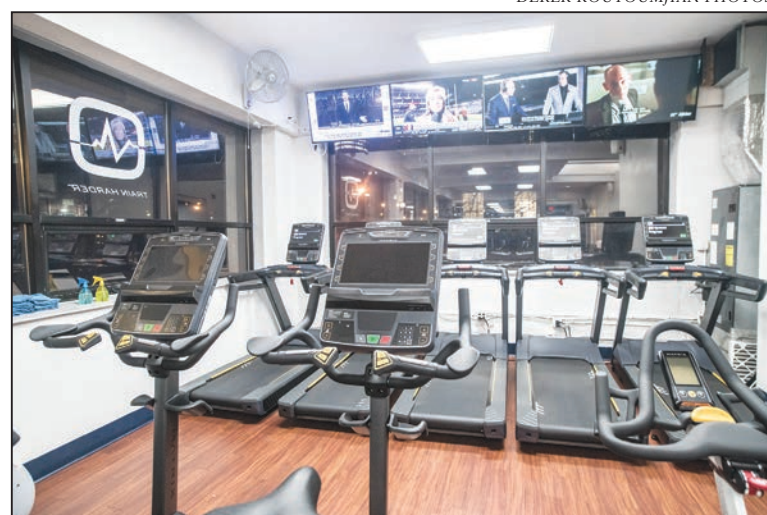
Beacon Hill Athletic Club celebrated the renovation of its location at 3 Hancock Street. Members and neighbors came out to see the refurbished space with all new equipment and celebrate this trusted fitness resource in Beacon Hill.



Michelle and David Powers.



Zoe Greenwood and Abby Konkoly.



The new space has state-of-the-art fitness equipment available for members to use.

Jesse Blackman and Isa Bah.



Larkin Gillespie and Chris Rizos.



Debbie Hendrix at Matrix machine.



Eric and Rachel Shaver.



Many fitness fans came out to celebrate the renovated space.



Workout friends Ashley O'Connor, Stephen Perkins-Argueta, Kristin Gulliver, Eric Perkins-Argueta, and John Gulliver.



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All new equipment fills the newly renovated space.



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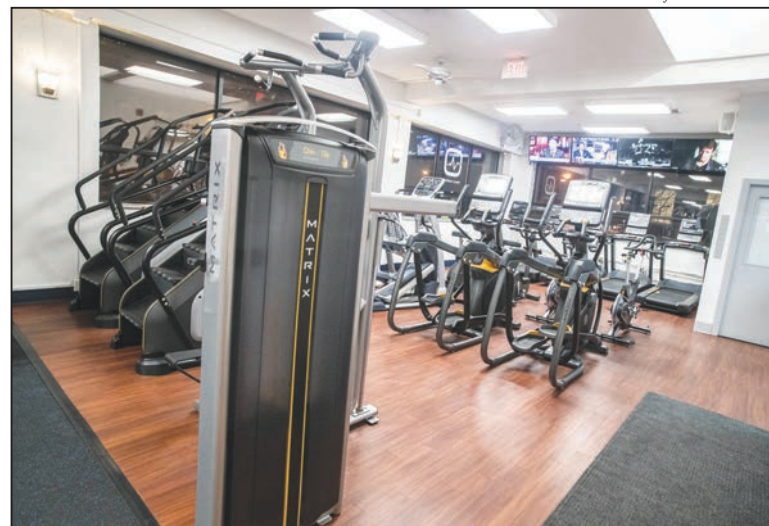
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Charlotte Smith, Lynne Landers, and Kathy Xiang.



Ben Turnbull and Willie Homza



The new space has state-of-the-art fitness equipment available for members to use.



Many residents turned-out to see the newlt renovated facility

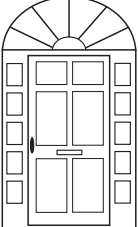


Many fitness fans came out to celebrate the renovated space.



Lisa Hamilton and Chris Eramo.

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THE ADVENT SCHOOL FALL BENEFIT

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

The Advent School held its Fall Benefit 2023, "Dancing through the Decades," on November 3 at Boston Public Market. Guests dressed as flappers, hip hoppers, and go-go dancers enjoyed the various food stations and bar while participating in a silent auction. The Fuller & Friends Band provided musical entertainment, and Laurel Greenfield offered a live painting demonstration.



Parents Aimee and Steven Nezhad, Nicole Werther, Fred Copper, and Airley Fish.



Sam Jonas, third-grade teacher, and Riley Williams.



Parents Lisa Salerno, Deidre Collins, and Emilie Fitch.



Head of School Nicole DuFauchard greeting parents during The Advent School Fall Benefit at Boston Public Market on November 3.



Director of Development Washawn Jones and her husband, Julius Jones.



Cassie Pagnam, 6th grade teacher, Carlyn Simons, fifth-grade teacher, Taegan X. Williams, 5th grade teacher, and Chloe Kimberlin, 6th grade teacher.



Parents Derek Brine, Ashish Shrestha, and Jon Lee,



Adam Bottis, Amy Hayde, and Jaz Nettrou, 1st grade teacher.



Molly McDermott, first-grade teacher, and Anthony Bacigalupo.

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NABB 2023: A Bountiful Harvest Festival

Special to the Times

On Nov. 9, more than 100 revelers celebrated at the third annual Harvest Festival and Auction, sponsored by the Homelessness Task Force (HTF) of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) and hosted at Women's Lunch Place (WLP) at 67 Newbury St.

The party raised almost \$50,000 to further Back Bay's efforts to prevent and reduce homelessness. The HTF's mission is to produce public education programs about homelessness and promote effective prevention and stabilization

services.

The complex nature of the problem and the professionalism of the city's public and private programs were mentioned in brief remarks by NABB President, Martyn Roetter, Debra Bulkeley, the Event Committee Chair, and Kathy Young, Co-Chair of HTF.

Jennifer Hanlon Wigon, Executive Director of WLP, pointed out the special needs of unhoused women, which WLP is focused on addressing. By offering guests free food, medical care, and individualized assistance with housing and other barriers to homelessness, WLP engages unhoused women

and guides them into more stable lives.

State Rep. Jay Livingstone was in attendance and expressed support for the management team at WLP and the work of NABB's HTF.

The Harvest Festival proceeds will be divided, with 60 percent going to Women's Lunch Place to further their efforts to end homelessness and 40 percent to NABB for its civic projects in the neighborhood and HTF's mission.

For more information on NABB, visit nabbonline.org. For more information on WLP, visit womenslunchplace.org.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KATHY YOUNG

Kate Evans Correia of the NABB Benefit Committee; Paula White, WLP's chief development officer; and Debra Bulkeley, event chairperson, are seen preparing for the Harvest Festival.



Pictured, left to right, are Diane Young-Spitzer, Marisa Bulkeley, Jennifer Hanlon Wigon, Debra Bulkeley, and William Bulkeley.



Jennifer Hanlon Wigon, executive director of Women's Lunch Place, discusses plans with Rep. Jay Livingstone.

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Warrant Arrest

11/10/23 - At about 8:15 p.m., police made a felony warrant arrest at Mt. Vernon and Charles streets. The suspect was carrying a folding knife when he was apprehended by officers, but he cooperated and did not cause an incident during the arrest process.

Larceny

11/11/23 - At approximately 3:30 p.m., police responded to Crush Boutique on Charles Street for a reported larceny.

A store employee informed police that a suspect grabbed a \$625 jacket and attempted to flee the store. The employee was able to recover the jacket on Charles Street, however, as the suspect was trying to make her escape. Area detectives were expected to further investigate the matter.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

USPS SPOKESPERSON RESPONDS TO INQUIRY REGARDING CHARLES STREET POST OFFICE

In response to an inquiry made about the somewhat irregular hours now seemingly being kept at the U.S. post office at 136 Charles St., Steve Doherty strategic communications specialist for the USPS 's Atlantic Area - Northeast Region, wrote in email: "The office isn't closed, and there are regular full-time clerks scheduled there. In the event that one of those clerks calls out sick or can't make it to work, there are pool clerks, or floaters, who can backfill the office. Depending on the time of day that the overseeing office is notified, this could result in a slightly delayed opening or the inability to cover a lunch break.

While these instances are rare, we apologize for any inconvenience to local residents that may be caused by these irregularities."

UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE WEST END MUSEUM

The West End Museum joins the Jewish Book Council, and the Boston Public Library for a children's book reading of "The Boston Chocolate Party" on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m. at the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library

Written by Tami Lehman-Wilzig and Rabbi Deborah Prinz and illustrated by Fede Combi, the story follows a Sephardic Jewish family, and set against the backdrop of Hanukkah and the American fight for independence, it's a

story of friendship, freedom, and a love of chocolate.

Admission is free; register for <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jewish-book-month-story-time-the-boston-chocolate-party-tickets>.

Also, the museum will be holding its 2023 Honoree Night on Friday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. at The Hub on Causeway Community Room at 52 Causeway Street (located along the alleyway next to Hub-50House, across from the Tip O'Neill Building).

Every year, the museum honors a few people who have made meaningful and lasting contributions to the neighborhood and the city, including this year's recipient: Richie Hartnett, Claudia and Stephen Edgell, and Cathleen Griffin. Light refreshments will be served.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jewish-book-month-story-time-the-boston-chocolate-party-tickets> to reserve your space and for more information on the event.

www.vilnashul.org.

Additionally, The Vilna will offer its sixth annual Hanukkah A Cappella Concert on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

This special community event features a wide range of exceptional university groups from across the city and is truly a multigenerational concert experience. All are welcome. Admission is \$10 per person or \$25 per family; register at www.vilnashul.org.

Moreover, The Vilna will offer Happy Hour on the Hill on Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$18 per person; register at www.vilnashul.org.

In addition, The Vilna will offer its Hanukkah Celebration for Families with Young Children on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Admission is \$25 per family; register at www.vilnashul.org.

For more information on The Vilna Shul, visit www.vilnashul.org or call 617 -523-2324.

bors to participate in its annual "Advent Crafts," where participants decorate cookies, make wreaths, and create ornaments, on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon at 64 Beacon St.. This will be a great opportunity for all-age craft fun. Email questions to assistant.minister@kings-chapel.org.

YOUNG FRIENDS WINTER PARTY SET FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 8

The Young Friends of the Public Garden will hold its Young Friends Winter Party on Friday, Dec. 8, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at 8 Park St., fifth floor.

Enjoy drinks and light hors d'oeuvres overlooking the holiday lights in the #threeparks. Gather with friends, meet new ones, and spread festive cheer at this annual celebration benefiting our continued care and maintenance of the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

It's holiday time, so come dressed to dazzle; no sneakers, jeans, or athletic attire will be permitted inside the venue.

Ticket cost \$95 each and include two drink tickets and passed hors d'oeuvres. VIP tickets include four drink tickets, passed hors d'oeuvres, and two raffle tickets.

Visit <https://friendsofthepublicgarden.org/2023/11/07/winter-party/> to purchase tickets and for more information on the event.

COFFEE HOURS FOR CITY'S BEACON HILL-BACK BAY NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON

Maggie Van Scoy, the city's neighborhood liaison for Beacon Hill and Back Bay, will hold Coffee Hours on Friday, Dec. 29, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the West End Branch Library.

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., on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month 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) or Julia Forbes (jmaforbes@gmail.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE VILNA SHUL

The Vilna Shul at 18 Phillips St. will offer "Exploring Sephardi Culture" on Wednesdays, Nov. 29, and Dec. 6, 13 and 20, and Jan. 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Explore the history of Sephardic Jews through music, film, and literature. Experiment with the ancient Jewish language of Ladino, spoken by Jews in Spain and throughout the Ottoman Empire beginning in the 15th century. No background experience is required.

Additionally, The Vilna will offer "American Jewish Women in Television" on Wednesdays, Nov. 29, and Dec. 13 and 20, and Jan. 10 and 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

During this course, which costs \$120 per participant, attendees will analyze the ways in which contemporary American television is establishing a new take on Jewish female identity that challenges the stereotypes of Jewish femininity proliferated on television since its inception. Register online at www.vilnashul.org.

The Vilna will also offer "A Meeting of The Arts: Live Guitar and Contemporary Dance for 20s/30s" on Thursday, Nov. 30, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of music, dance, and art celebrating the mysterious Catalan Mahzor, a 14th century Jewish illuminated manuscript from Spain. This program is offered in partnership with Boston Festival of New Jewish Music and features guitarist Ira Klein, dancer Rachel Linsky, and instrumentalist Beth Bahia Cohen. Admission is \$18 per person; register online at

UPCOMING AUTHOR TALK AT THE BOSTON ATHENAEUM

The Boston Athenaeum at 10 1/2 Beacon St. presents an author talk, "Becoming the Ex-Wife: The Unconventional Life and Forgotten Writings of Ursula Parrott" with Dr. Marsha Gordon, on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 6 p.m. The event will feature a book signing and reception to follow.

Credited with popularizing the label "ex-wife" in 1929, Parrott wrote provocatively about a host of challenges facing modern women. Her best sellers, Hollywood film deals, marriages and divorces, and run-ins with the law made her a household name. Becoming the Ex-Wife establishes Parrott as a philosopher of modernity, as Marsha Gordon tells a story about the life of a woman on the front lines of a culture war that is still raging today.

In-person tickets are free for Athenaeum members and \$10 for guests; virtual tickets are free for members and \$5 for guests.

Visit <https://events.bostonathenaeum.org/en/4W52KhR7/becoming-the-ex-wife-with-dr-marsha-gordon-in-person> to register for the in-person and for more information, or visit <https://community.bostonathenaeum.org/s/events?event=a2K8a0000077ohK> for virtual tickets.

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The garage door in the last clue is on 9 Ridgeway Lane. The street was named for Joseph Ridgeway, a landowner there in 1769, and was once a ropewalk site, according to Allen Chamberlain, author of Beacon Hill.

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Special to the Times

Volunteers members of Beacon Hill Village were feted by the staff of BHV at the Hampshire House for an elegant tea. The members were able to meet the new director Melissa Intererss, also attending was Barbara Berkman, chair of the Board, and Allan Hodges, former chair of the Board.



Jean Sipe and Patricia Sheehan.

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