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Celebrating Valentine's Day on Beacon Hill

Antonio's reopens following extensive renovation

Story & photos By Dan Murphy

Following an extensive, nearly five-week renovation, Antonio's Cucina Italiano reopened on Monday, Feb. 5.

The newly revitalized space at 288 Cambridge St. now boasts a fresh paint job; new ceilings and floors; new furniture, including tables, chairs, and the rear booth; a new surround-sound system; new lighting; and a new service bar. Five framed images of Boston locales, including a shot of Beacon Hill, by award-winning photographer Matt Conti, now adorn the walls, each measuring approximately 3-by-5 feet. (Steven Colarusso, the restaurant's owner and a North End native, said he plans to hang another of Conti's photos in the restaurant – this one, a shot of revelers at the annual



Pictured, left to right, are Michael Colarusso and his father, Steven, of Antonio's Cucina Italiano, together with Bob Lachapelle, general contractor for the restaurant's recent restoration.

Saint Anthony's Feast in the North End.) Since the project got underway in the first week of January, Steven and his son and right-hand man at the restaurant, Michael Colarusso, together with Bob Lachapelle and Robert D'Amore, the general con-

tractor and interior designer for the project, respectively, worked straight through from 5:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day in preparation of the reopening. Planning for the project,



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Ma Maison offers an ideal romantic setting

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

Ma Maison is an elegant, French bistro that serves traditional cuisine and fine wine in a warm atmosphere. White linens, fresh flowers and folded cloth napkins set the tables. Master French Chef Jacky Robert and Sam Sosnitsky, co-owners, believe that Ma Maison offers an ideal romantic setting for couples; especially on Valentine's Day.

"It's intimate. We have a lot of marriage proposals," revealed Sosnitsky. "The food, champagne, music, and French ambiance spell romance."

Ma Maison will be presenting a prix fixe, three course menu Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14. The menu de amoureux features hors d'oeuvres such as escar-



Ma Maison co-owners Master French Chef Jacky Robert and Sam Sosnitsky.

gots bourguignon in garlic parsley butter, and salmon pate. There will be entrées like pan seared scallops or venison medallions in blueberry sauce, and desserts such as chocolate soufflé and a heart shaped white chocolate raspberry cake.

"It's a luxurious, sophisticated, romantic experience.

We strive for it every day; but especially for Valentine's Day," said Sosnitsky. Désir is a special, Valentine's Day cocktail shaken on the rocks with vodka, passion fruit emulsion, and Cointreau orange liqueur. A server will garnish it with

(MA MAISON Pg. 11)

Rep. Livingstone's bill to expand Beacon Hill Historic District clears another hurdle

By Dan Murphy

A bill sponsored by Rep. Jay Livingstone to expand the boundaries of the Beacon Hill Historic District was "reported favorably out of committee" by the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government on Feb. 2.

The proposed legislation (H.4076, "An Act enhancing the Historic Beacon Hill District"), which mirrors a home-rule petition that was passed unanimously by the Boston City Council and then signed by Mayor Michelle

Wu last year, would enlarge the district to include all of the North Slope via the addition of an approximately 40-foot-wide area running from Charles Circle to Bowdoin Street along Cambridge Street on the Beacon Hill side not currently included in the district. This omission apparently came in response to concerns that including the entire North Slope in the Historic District could impede the city's plans for the Engine Company 4 and Ladder Company 24 fire station, which subsequently

opened at 200 Cambridge St. in 1965.

The bill would also give the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission (BHAC) the specific authority to levy fines for violations of the Historic District's architectural guidelines for the first time in its history.

Rep. Jay Livingstone said during a phone interview on Feb. 2 that he expects the bill would be redirected by the clerk sometime this week to either the Ways and Means Committee, or the Steering

and Policy Committee. As the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government previously did, the selected committee would then report it out of committee, either favorably or unfavorably. The bill would subsequently go to the Third Reading Committee, which would determine if it can then proceed to the House floor.

"I want to try to move it along, but getting it to the House floor could take a couple of months," said Rep. Livingstone, who added that the bill then go through the

Senate, and after receiving the approval of both the House and the Senate, it could then reach the desk of Gov. Maura Healey, who could in turn sign it into state law.

"There are a lot of variables," he said. "I am pleased with all the support from the community regarding this bill. It made all the difference with respect [to the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government's determination on the bill], and I look forward to pushing it through the

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EDITORIAL

ZUCKERBERG, ET AL: THE WORST OF THE WORST

Last week's dramatic hearing in the U.S. Senate, in which the heads of a number of social media companies testified in front of a gallery that was filled with parents who lost children because of the pernicious effects of social media companies, hopefully will result in meaningful regulation that will hold these social media companies accountable for their deliberate targeting of our nation's youth with content that the companies know is harmful.

Arguably the worst offender among the group, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, apologized to the parents sitting behind him and weakly told them he would try to do better. However, as South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham bluntly put it directly to Zuckerberg, "You have blood on your hands."

Two years ago the Wall Street Journal revealed that Facebook was fully aware of the addictive and harmful qualities of its social media platforms and the specific damage that they cause to vulnerable young people. Yet Facebook has done nothing to ameliorate its behavior because of the billions of dollars it earns by targeting children with content that they know is dangerous for our children's mental -- and ultimately physical -- well-being.

One of the most telling pieces of testimony came from the head of Tik-Tok, who was asked whether he allows his own children on the Tik-Tok platform. He replied that he doesn't -- because his family resides in Singapore, where Tik-Tok is not allowed to be used by children. However, as Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar pointed out, here in the United States there are no limits placed on social media companies because of the millions of dollars that they spend to lobby members of Congress.

The very next day after the Senate hearing, the stock of Facebook (which is now known as Meta) jumped by a whopping 20% after it announced record earnings, increasing the company's value by hundreds of billions of dollars.

If we were to list the worst kind of people in the world, they would include murderers, rapists, child molesters, and drug dealers. But in this era of pervasive social media, we now can add a new type of sociopath -- the heads of social media companies that deliberately prey upon our children, whom they view as nothing more than a profit-center for their businesses.

A new book by Boston native Frank McCourt, a billionaire real estate mogul and former owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers, makes the case for regulating social media companies because of the threat they pose to our children and our democracy. His central thesis is that we need to do so now before it is too late.

We call upon our national legislators, especially Senators Warren and Markey, to support the bill in the Senate that will allow these social media companies to be sued by those whom they harm. As Senator Graham pointed out, the social media companies have refused to police themselves and the only way to do so is to "open the courtroom doors" to their victims.

....AND THOSE ON-LINE SPORTS BETTING COMPANIES ARE NOT FAR BEHIND....

A while back we wrote an editorial about the clear and obvious evils of the easy availability of sports gambling via smartphones. This past Sunday evening, the news program 60 Minutes had a segment on exactly that topic, highlighting how young men under the age of 25 have become addicted to on-line sports gambling, where they can place a bet not only on the outcome of a game, but also literally wager on every play, pitch, and moment across the international sporting world, simply with the push of a button on their smartphones at all hours of the day and night.

The report noted that many young men have gambled away their college loan money and their inheritances because of their addiction to these so-called sports books. The advertising for these gaming sites, such as Draft Kings and FanDuel, pitched by high-profile celebrities, makes it look like harmless fun. But as 60 Minutes noted, the reality is far darker.

We have no problem with sports betting when it is done at a casino or similar venue. However, allowing it to happen via a smartphone invites addictive behavior, especially by young people, that can lead them to financial ruin and a lifetime of gambling addiction.

In our view, it is clear that the companies such as Draft Kings, FanDuel, and others are nothing less than predatory monsters that seek to take advantage of vulnerable young people.

Just as our state legislature realized two generations ago that lowering the drinking age to 18 was a societal disaster, we call upon our state legislators to revise the laws that allow these sports betting houses to prey on vulnerable individuals 24/7/365.

GUEST OP-ED

A little bit of kindness to protect Massachusetts parklands and foster community

By Brian Arrigo

Just under a year ago, I had the honor of being appointed to lead the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the state's largest landowner and steward of roughly half a million acres across Massachusetts. It's been an amazing first year -- I've traveled across the state, getting to know our beautiful state park system, and the incredible and dedicated staff, who work every day to preserve these spaces for generations to come.

Growing up in and later serving as mayor of Revere, I loved being close to Revere Beach -- America's first public beach -- and would often start my day by clearing my head with a run along the beach. As the fastest growing city in the Commonwealth, the Revere community and so many others depend on our beaches, parks, reservations, reservoirs, and other open spaces that serve as urban oases and retreats.

The pandemic showed us how important these spaces are for our mental and physical wellbeing. They connect us with nature and our neighbors, building healthy and diverse communities of all ages and backgrounds. With more people than ever visiting and experiencing the beauty of our state parks, it's important to be mindful of the impacts our actions have on each other and the environment.

With this in mind, I'm excited to invite everyone to join us in the Be Kind! public awareness campaign, that we launched last fall in partnership with the Friends of the Fells and the Friends of the Blue Hills. Be Kind! encourages all of us to act with kindness while visiting our state parks -- to the people around us, park staff, and the plants and animals that call these

spaces home.

Be Kind! suggests actions that park visitors can take to ensure they are being respectful of one another and of our natural environment. Specifically, it encourages all, whether they are regulars in our DCR parks or first-time visitors, to:

Listen for other people on trails and make space for others to pass;

Keep dogs leashed outside of designated off-leash areas;

Leave no trace of litter or waste; and

Stay on the trails -- on foot, paw, or bike.

Whether hiking, biking, or walking your dog, keep an eye out for Be Kind! signs along the trails at the Middlesex Fells and Blue Hills Reservations. While these parks are piloting the program, we are excited to expand this initiative to parks across the state in the future.

You can join us in sharing the Be Kind! message on social media using #BeKindMA and we would love to see your photos and stories of kindness in our parks.

As part of DCR's commitment to providing access to natural, recreational, and cultural resources, we look forward to collaborating with more groups, elected officials, civic leaders, and communities across the Commonwealth to grow this movement of kindness, protect our precious spaces, foster community, and create unforgettable memories for all. Let's Be Kind!

For more information about the Be Kind! public awareness campaign, visit <https://www.mass.gov/guides/be-kind-massachusetts>.

Brian Arrigo is Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR)

Keep fire safety in mind when cooking and using candles this Valentine's Day

Keep fire safety in mind this Valentine's Day to safely maintain the spark of a romantic evening. According to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), that means keeping a close eye on what's cooking on the stove or in the oven and practicing caution when using candles.

"For anyone planning to celebrate Valentine's Day at home this year, there's a good chance those plans will include a special meal and glowing candles," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "Our goal is to make sure these romantic gestures are done with fire safety in mind."

Cooking is by far the leading cause of U.S. home fires with nearly half (49 percent) of all home fires involving cooking equipment. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and half of all cooking fire deaths.

"Keeping a close eye on what's cooking can be a challenge, particularly on special occasions like Valentine's Day when you're trying to get everything just right," said Carli. "But

when you consider that unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires, it's clear that carefully monitoring what's on the stove and in the oven is critical to ensuring a fire-safe evening."

Candles, which also represent a leading cause of home fires, need to be used with caution. NFPA data shows that half of all candle fires started when a flammable object -- such

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New Torit Montessori head of school sets sights on middle-school expansion

By Dan Murphy

Upon assuming the role of Torit Montessori's head of school in July - just in time for its milestone 15th anniversary - David Liebmann set his sights on expanding the school to include seventh and eighth grades.

"It's a really exciting time for the school," said Liebmann, who came to Torit with 30 years of experience as a teacher and administrator at five nationally recognized PK-12 and PK-8 independent schools, including spending the previous two years as assistant head of school at Kingsley Montessori. "With strong admission interest and enrollment, Torit had to place families on a waiting list in its early admission cycle this winter. At the same time, Torit students continue to statistically outperform New England independent school students on standardized testing, with a strong emphasis on developing and practicing academic skills while also giving students a broad, balanced, and challenging program of art, music, STEM, and world languages."

Torit, which opened in September of 2008, offers Montessori education for infants, toddlers, preschool, kindergarten, and an elementary-school students in Grades 1-6. (Torit also offers an after-school program, as well as an elementary STEM summer program.) The school currently employs more than 30 teachers,



D. MURPHY PHOTO

David Liebmann, Torit Montessori's head of school, is seen inside the school's Cambridge Street facility.

each with an average of 10-plus years teaching experience, while around 38 percent of the faculty was born abroad. Most of the school's approximately 110 students live on or around Beacon Hill, although more than 50 percent of them were born outside the U.S. Besides the traditional Montessori curriculum, Torit also offers its students of all ages ongoing instruction in Arabic, Mandarin, and Spanish, with native speakers.

"The idea is that students get exposure to all three languages every week from native speakers," said Liebmann. "That really

reflects the global aspiration of the school and the neighborhood. The kids have parents from all over the world, so we're very much an international community. The neighborhood is really diverse, and we want to reflect that diversity."

Upon arriving at Torit, Liebmann was immediately impressed by its 300 Cambridge St. location, which sits directly across the street from Mass General Hospital, and now, he's striving to elevate the school to a level that he feels reflects what he calls the "aspirational" Beacon Hill neighborhood.

While Torit's campus offers a library, gym, music rooms, science lab, and cafeteria, students can also take full advantage of the location's convenient access to some of the best educational and recreational resources in the city.

Seasonal skating for Torit students started on Wednesday, Jan. 31, on the Boston Common's Frog Pond. Students also visit the State House for their civics class and regularly enjoy strolls through the Public Garden in the spring, among other activities that take full advantage of the school's central and convenient location.

"The fun thing for me is taking advantage of the resources in the area," said Liebmann. "We hope to get the middle-school kids more involved in things like that."

Liebmann said he expects his ambitious goal of expanding Torit to include seventh and eighth grades will become a reality by the

fall of 2025 or '26, "depending on interest and involvement."

The curriculum for the middle school would be "student-driven," he said, and "much different" than Torit's current academic offerings for younger students (although like the younger students, seventh and eighth graders would also receive ongoing instruction in Arabic, Mandarin, and Spanish from native speakers).

"I see the middle-school program as something that's highly academic and at the same time, very hands-on," said Liebmann. "We see this as an opportunity to have a community-based approach to learning. We hope to have kids get excited about learning in a different way."

Middle schoolers would arrive each day with a daypack and their

laptops, before spending the first hour mapping out what they hope to accomplish that school day. The students would then head out into the city to find the resources and visit places to "engage their educational experience," said Liebmann, while giving them "much more latitude in what they can study and how they approach it."

The goal for the middle-school is to have a cohort of about a dozen students to start, and since students currently begin attending Torit as young as two months old and can stay there until age 12, Torit's proposed middle school would be a "logical extension of that continuum," said Liebmann.

For more information on the Torit Montessori School, visit www.toritschool.org or call 857-350-4840.

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Adam Day, Andrea Collins, Karen and Gian Fabbri. See Pages 5 and 6 for more photos.

The Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA) held its 51st Beacon Hill Gala Supper Club on February 3, at the Four Seasons Hotel Boston. The intimate evening included a silent auction during cocktail hour. Guests enjoyed the musical entertainment of Rich DiMare, who led a live auction during dinner. The festivities continued to the dance floor as well as into a hideaway curated by 1928 Beacon Hill.

“This has exceeded our expectations,” said Melanie Bertani, Gala Co-Chair. “Tables are named by author and title of a book. Those authors tie back to Beacon Hill. One of our themes tonight includes our wonderful neighborhood merchants. The merchants are the fabric of our community. This storybook stroll is a beautiful compilation of the stories about the merchants who chose to participate in the gala this year; and many of them are here tonight.”



Laura and Bob Cousineau dancing at the Four Seasons after dinner.



Rich DiMare, auctioneer and musical entertainment.



Tom Kershaw, Owner of the Hampshire House, and Jennifer Hill, Owner of Blackstones.



Jennifer Gallagher, Owner of Cobblestones, Michelle Lavers, and John McCarthy.



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Michelle Lavers and Melanie Bertani, Gala Co-Chairs, and Patricia Tully, Executive Director.

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Ellen White, Elizabeth Young-Goldberg, Kristin Jenkins, Owner of 1928 Beacon Hill, Susan Hanna, Kate Morgan Collins, and Tanya Hayes.

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Eva Lichtenberger and Peter Aldrian.



Friends enjoying cocktail hour.



Christine Kromer and Simon Greenwold.



Sponsor, Tom Kershaw, of the Hampshire House Hospitality Group, and Patricia Tully, BHCA Executive Director.

FIRE (from pg. 2)

as furniture, bedding, curtains, home decorations, or clothing – was too close to a lit candle. In 21 percent of home candle fires, the candle was either left unattended, discarded, or otherwise misused. Over one-third of candle fires (36 percent) started in the bedroom.

Carli recommends using flameless or battery-operated candles, which provide a similar look and feel to open-flame candles while eliminating the risk of associated fires. If you do plan to use real candles, following are tips from NFPA to do so safely:

- Avoid using candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Place candles on sturdy, uncluttered surfaces where they will not be knocked over.
- Use caution when lighting candles. Keep hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Do not allow candles to burn down too close to the base of the holder or container.
- Never leave a child alone in the presence of a burning candle.
- Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.

For more information about cooking safety, visit our cooking safety page; for more candle safety information, visit our candle safety page.

In addition, NFPA encourages the public to make sure they have working smoke alarms and to develop and practice a home escape plan.

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Wu leads the 44th annual Boston homelessness census

Special to the Times

Last week Mayor Michelle Wu led a dedicated group of volunteers, including officials from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, City and State officials, homelessness service providers, local elected officials, and public health and first responders in conducting the 44th annual homelessness census for the City of Boston. The count of Bostonians experiencing homelessness plays a crucial role in guiding the allocation of City resources to aid people experiencing homelessness.

“Boston’s annual homelessness census is an opportunity to evaluate the needs of unsheltered Bostonians and connect individuals to services,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “The data from the census is crucial for the City as we act with urgency and care to create an inclusive Boston for everyone. We are grateful to our state and federal partners and the dedicated volunteers throughout the City for their collaboration in making this year’s census possible.”

The street count is an integral part of the City’s comprehensive yearly census, encompassing unsheltered adults, youth, and families in emergency shelters, transitional housing, domestic violence programs, and individuals living outside. This year, more than 270 volunteers canvassed 45 areas after midnight, covering every City neighborhood, Logan Airport, and the transit and parks systems. Volunteers canvassed assigned



Mayor Michelle Wu (center) participates in the 44th Annual City of Boston Homeless Census.

MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY JOHN WILCOX

areas, identified those sleeping on the street, conducted a short survey, and provided individuals with important safety information and items to help them keep warm.

“The Annual Point-In-Time count is an important undertaking because it provides a national estimate of the men, women, and families in need of a home, many who are struggling to survive,” said Juana Matias, HUD New England Regional Administrator. “We are grateful to be able to take this opportunity to join Mayor Wu, the City of Boston, and community partners to provide a local estimate of Boston’s numbers and ensure this data can be leveraged to efficiently connect people experiencing homelessness to housing and supportive services. The Biden-Harris administration believes that homelessness is solvable and is committed to helping localities to tackle this growing crisis.”

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The data from the in-person surveys of unsheltered individuals will undergo a thorough analysis for accuracy and will be cross-checked and combined with the results of the shelter count. The annual homelessness census, mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is an important requirement for Boston receiving federal

grant funding from HUD for housing and services for those experiencing homelessness.

“I want to thank our partners, our network of experienced non-profit organizations and our dedicated volunteers for joining us for the point and time count of people experiencing homelessness in Boston,” said Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing. “The census helps to guide the critical work of moving our homeless residents into housing with the services they need to be successful. We look forward to continuing to work together with our partners to help prevent and end homelessness in Boston.”

“This census isn’t just about numbers. It’s about assessing the needs of our most vulnerable and finding ways to meet those needs,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. “At BPHC, we know many of our unsheltered residents by name—and we know their situations—and I am grateful to the City and all our partners for their commitment to treating our unsheltered residents with compassion and helping them get the care they need.”

The City of Boston, with its partners, continues its work to end chronic and veteran homelessness using the Housing First approach. This evidence-based approach aims to provide permanent and stable housing without preconditions like sobriety or treatment. In recent years, City agencies and

community partners have significantly redesigned the way services are delivered to homeless individuals, increasing resources devoted to housing and deploying new technologies to match homeless individuals with housing and services.

“The annual Homeless Census, conducted by the City of Boston, provides Pine Street Inn and other agencies a critical snapshot of trends in Boston,” said Lyndia Downie, president and executive director, Pine Street Inn. “This important data helps guide our strategies and programs, as we focus our efforts on moving individuals off the street, out of shelter and into a permanent home. Boston’s street homelessness rate is around 3%, one of the best in the nation, but any person on the street is one too many,” she added.

Last fall, a dozen City departments and partner agencies transformed how the City cares for unsheltered constituents impacted by substance use disorder, homelessness, and untreated mental illness, with a focus on the ‘Mass and Cass’ / Newmarket neighborhood. In September 2023, the City of Boston submitted a grant proposal of \$44 million to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support Boston’s homelessness programs in 2025 through HUD’s McKinney Homeless Continuum of Care program.

This year’s homeless census results will be available in the coming months.

Boston City Council accepts anti-terrorism grant that impacts region

By Adam Swift

Last week, the Boston City Council voted to accept a \$13.3 million anti-terrorism grant that the previous council had narrowly voted against accepting.

The grant will impact surrounding communities, including Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Winthrop, who are all part of the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region.

The grant from the Department of Homeland Security is designed to provide planning exercises, training, operational needs, and response to terrorism threats, including biological, chemical, nuclear, and explosive incidents.

The funding was reintroduced by Mayor Michelle Wu several weeks ago and the council initially voted to send the request to committee.

But Councilor Ed Flynn put

the request forward for a vote at last week’s council meeting. Flynn noted that other communities in the homeland security region, including Chelsea and Quincy, are dependent on the money and that the council should not delay the vote.

Following last December’s 6-6 vote that failed to accept the grant, a number of first responders, politicians, and other bodies urged the council to accept the \$13.3 million grant.

Congressman Jake Auchincloss sent a letter to the council and Council President Ruthzee Louijeune urging them to accept the grant. He stated that the Israel-Hamas war has heightened the region’s need for anti-terrorism funding as reports of anti-semitism are on the rise.

Earlier this year, Chelsea City Council President Norieliz DeJesus and several other councilors

introduced a late motion requesting that the Boston City Council accept the grant funding, however, that motion did not move to a vote.

In the resolution, the councilors noted that Chelsea typically receives approximately \$400,000 per year in funding from the grant, which in the past has helped fund the purchase of ballistic shields, cameras, maritime equipment, radios, trainings and a firearm trailer.

The decision to block the funding drew widespread criticism, including from then-Boston City Council President Ed Flynn, the Boston Police Patrolman’s Association, Boston Firefighters IAFF Local 718, the Professional Firefighters Association of Massachusetts, Representative Jake Auchincloss (who represents Brookline), the Boston Globe Editorial Board, the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and the Massachusetts Catholic

Conference, the resolution further stated. It added that the decision also drew criticism from the Massachusetts Legislature, with State Senators Nick Collins (D-Boston) and Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) introducing bipartisan legislation to strip local elected bodies of their authority to approve public safety grants.

Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez said the annual funding

is a tremendous support for the city, particularly in its emergency response, emergency management, and public safety infrastructure.

With this round of funding, Maltez said the focus of the police and emergency management departments would be to increase the amount of surveillance they have available around the city, particularly related to street cameras.

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On Wednesday, February 14th, Saltie Girl will be hosting a four-course, prix fixe dinner with Chef Kyle McClelland. With two seatings at 6 and 8 p.m., the special dinner will be held in Saltie Girl's original, intimate space located at 281 Dartmouth Street. The seafood-centric menu costs \$100 per person and will feature options including wagyu beef tartare, cacio e pepe spaghetti, and pan-roasted black cod. Please visit [HERE](#) for the full menu and to make a reservation.

About Saltie Girl:

Being a New Englander, Kathy Sidell, President and Culinary of the MET Restaurant Group, had a deep affinity for the saltiness of the sea and the fruit it bears. She discovered beautiful, high-quality fish in tins and jars, smoked, and excellent local and fresh seafood during her travels. She decided to open "Saltie Girl," which focuses on globally sustainable iterations of fresh fish & seafood. Be it fried, sautéed, raw, house-potted, smoked, or in tins. Chef Kyle McClelland takes the helm of the kitchen at Saltie Girl. His roots are in the Boston area, having worked early in his career at such locations as The Federalist, Ambrosia on Huntington, The MFA, Ten Tables, Pigalle, Clio, and others before tenures at Toppers at The Wauwinet, Caviar Russe, and Prospect in New York. Saltie Girl is located in the heart of Back Bay at 279 Dartmouth Street, Boston, MA 02216. For more information, please visit [Saltiegirl.com](#) or call (617) 267-0691.

Stephanie's on Newbury

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Beloved Newbury Street institution Stephanie's is offering a la carte specials in addition to the regular menu to celebrate Valentine's Day. Available February 9th through February 14th, the

specials include Lobster Bisque, Snake River Wagyu Sirloin, Baked Stuffed Lobster, Pan Seared Whole Flounder for Two, and Chocolate Truffles. To make a reservation, please visit [www.stephaniesonnewbury.com](#).

About Stephanie's on Newbury:

It is a classic that continues reinventing itself to appeal to residents and visitors alike. Located on one of Boston's most iconic and scenic streets, Newbury Street, and in the heart of Back Bay, Stephanie's welcomes guests with warm, friendly service all day. Stephanie's is open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, serving skillful blends of homestyle American favorites with a fresh, local twist. Stephanie's is casual elegance at its best with one of the city's most fashionable sidewalk cafés, a popular bar and lounge overlooking Exeter Street, and cozy sky-lit dining spaces. Stephanie's is located at 190 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116. For more information visit [www.stephaniesonnewbury.com](#) or call (617) 236-0990.

Rebel's Guild

Located inside The Revere Hotel
200 Stuart Street,
Boston, MA 02116
[www.rebelsguild.com](#)

For a "rebellious" Valentine's Day, Rebel's Guild will be serving up a fun and flirty Lover's Revolt menu on Saturday, February 10th and Saturday, February 17th. Perfect to grab solo, with a date, or with a group, the specialty a la carte menu will feature themed dishes and cocktails alongside a DJ playing fun breakup songs. For more information or to make a reservation, please click [HERE](#).

About Rebel's Guild:

Rebel's Guild is one part provocative local fare, one part pioneering cocktails, and a dash of conspiracy in the air. Inspired by the rebellious freedom fighters that defined Boston during the American Revolution, Rebel's Guild opens its Theatre District doors to those who favor the unbeaten path. Contrarians, conspirators, and the insatiably curious alike will love the surprising fare on our

menu and stimulating conversation in the lively salon-style atmosphere. For more information, including hours and reservations, please visit [www.rebelsguild.com](#).

Geppetto

Cambridge Crossing
100 North First Street,
Cambridge, MA
[www.thelexingtoncx.com](#)

Chef Will Gilson's romantic Italian destination Geppetto will be offering a special five-course tasting menu on February 14th for \$95 per person to celebrate amore. The menu will feature a choice of options including dishes like shrimp scampi, lamb chops, chocolate budino, and strawberry + persimmon pavlova. Please visit [HERE](#) for more details and to make a reservation.

About Geppetto:

Drawing from his love of Northern Italian food, Chef Gilson will bring the flavors and feasts from Italy to our modern, dinner only restaurant. Ingredients of the dishes will highlight the farms, fishers, and foragers of New England. Guests can dine on composed platters of cheese, cured meats, and small bites to start their meal. Housemade pastas, local seafood, and fresh butchered meats will be the highlight of an evening at Geppetto - all concluded by desserts from one of the city's leading pastry chefs, Brian Mercury.

Puritan & Co.

1166 Cambridge St.,
Cambridge, MA
(617) 615-6195

[www.puritanacambridge.com](#)

Chef Will Gilson's Puritan & Co., located in Cambridge's Inman Square, will be serving up a five-course dinner on February 14th for \$95 per person. Menu options will include choices such as Maine mussels toast, squash risotto, ricotta gnocchis, steak frites, and lemon vanilla posset. The full beverage menu will be available in-house for purchase, as well. For the complete menu or to make a reservation, please visit [HERE](#).

About Puritan & Company:

Puritan & Company is Chef/Owner Will Gilson's first restaurant, located in Cambridge's Inman Square. The modern-American dining destination pays homage to New England history and the restaurant's neighborhood. The Puritan & Company concept is that of an urban farmhouse where Gilson presents seasonal, fresh cuisine deeply rooted in New England tradition, while in the modern American style for which he is best known. The beverage program embodies Puritan & Company's piety to the New England bounty and tradition, with a focus on the often overshadowed, classic art of pairing of food and wine.

Gilson presents touches of his familial hospitality and their passion for herbs sprinkled throughout the dining experience at Puritan & Company. Everything from the material, to the color scheme, to the host stand (a repurposed antique stove from the 1920's), to the menu (stuffies, hard tack crackers, and Puritan Cake) all have special meaning and transport guests from Cambridge back to the Puritan time. For more information, please visit [www.puritanacambridge.com](#).

Bistro du Midi

272 Boylston Street
(617) 279-8000
[www.bistrodumidi.com](#)

Join Bistro du Midi on Tuesday, February 14th for a romantic five-course prix fixe menu from Chef Robert Sisca. The French-inspired menu will cost \$175 per person with an optional wine pairing for \$90. Please see [HERE](#) to make a reservation.

About Bistro du Midi:

Bistro du Midi is a bi-level award-winning restaurant featuring French Cuisine with coastal New England Influences. The first floor boasts a stylish and bright atmosphere with a patio that overlooks the Boston Public Gardens. The second floor has a more elevated feel and offers a refined dining room. Executive Chef/Partner Robert Sisca artfully combines both classic French cuisine

with modern and inspired twists on new dishes using the region's freshest seafood, produce, and local farm fresh ingredients. Bistro du Midi is located in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood at 272 Boylston Street across from the Boston Public Garden. Reservations are available and walk-ins welcome. For more information, please call (617) 279-8000 or visit [www.bistrodumidi.com](#).

Harvest

44 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA
(617) 868-2255

[www.harvestcambridge.com](#)

Chef Nick Deutmeyer is serving up a delicious, three-course prix fixe menu on February 14 in the heart of Harvard Square for \$90 per person, with an optional wine pairing available for \$50. To enjoy a Valentine's Day treat at home, Harvest will also be selling to-go boxes of homemade bon bons for \$25. The half-dozen assortment will include options like Strawberry Lychee White Chocolate, Espresso Caramel Crunch, and more. To make a reservation, please call (617) 868-2255 or visit [www.harvestcambridge.com](#).

About Harvest:

Located in the heart of Harvard Square at 44 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA, Harvest celebrates the modern New England table with contemporary New England cuisine from Chef Nick Deutmeyer that focuses on and showcases the region's freshest ingredients.

Tucked along a cobblestone pathway in the heart of the square, Harvest provides a welcome respite from the fast-paced world outside. Inside is a combination of soothing earth tones, supple banquettes, dark woods and pastoral art that lend an air of understated elegance. Outside, graceful linden trees offer shade to the Garden Terrace, Harvest's private garden café that boasts fireside dining, blooming flower boxes, and heaters for the chilly nights of spring and fall. For more information, please call (617) 868-2255 or visit [www.harvestcambridge.com](#).

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Located in Boston's historic South End, Chef Michael Serpa's Atlántico will be offering a \$75 three-course prix fixe menu. Additionally oysters, shrimp cocktail, dressed lobster and caviar service will be available a la carte as well as a romantic sparkling cocktail flight available for \$45, or \$16 individually.

About Atlántico:

A lively seafood-focused tapas bar featuring wines from the Iberian peninsula in a sleek South End space, Atlántico is located at 600 Harrison Avenue in Boston, MA 02118. The striking and airy space transforms as the sun sets into a lively celebration of flavorful, fresh seafood. For more information or to make reservations, please visit www.atlanticoboston.com or contact (857) 233-2898.

Little Whale Oyster Bar

314 Newbury Street,
Boston, MA 02115

www.littlewhaleboston.com

Chef Michael Serpa's Newbury St. newcomer Little Whale will be offering a \$75 three-course prix fixe menu. Additionally oysters, shrimp cocktail, dressed lobster and caviar service will be available a la carte in addition to a \$65 wine pairing to complement the prix fixe menu.

About Little Whale Oyster Bar:

Little Whale Oyster Bar showcases Chef Michael Serpa's passion for serving high-caliber, chef-driven seafood by offering guests a fresh take on classic New England favorites. The all-day menu features a raw bar with local oysters, Ipswich fried clams, local fish & shellfish, New England clam chowder and Maine Lobster Rolls, both warm with butter and cold with mayo. Appealing to both Newbury Street tourists looking to sample local cuisine as well as

Bostonians seeking out familiar flavors, Little Whale Oyster Bar aims to deliver a quintessentially New England dining experience in an elevated yet approachable environment in the heart of Boston's Back Bay. Located at 314 Newbury Street Boston, MA 02115, Little Whale is open for lunch and dinner. For more information, visit www.littlewhaleboston.com.

Select Oyster Bar

www.selectboston.com

50 Gloucester Street, Boston MA

On February 14, Select Oyster Bar will be offering a \$75 three-course prix fixe menu. Additionally oysters, shrimp cocktail, dressed lobster and caviar service will be available a la carte in addition to a \$65 wine pairing to complement the prix fixe menu.

About Select Oyster Bar:

Chef Michael Serpa's first solo project Select opened in April 2015 in a Back Bay townhouse serving modern seafood and taking inspiration from the neo-bistro movement in Paris. The restaurant is focused on serving the highest quality seafood with a casual bistro vibe. The raw bar features local oysters and the rest of the menu offers crudo, ceviche, local shellfish, spanish octopus & more. The kitchen showcases the top quality seafood with simple seasonal preparations. The wine program focuses on seafood centric wines and our bar serves up cocktails with small batch artisanal spirits.

Sonsie

327 Newbury St.,
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 351-0400

www.sonsieboston.com

Beloved Newbury Street bistro, Sonsie, will offer menu specials including serving up a three-course prix fixe menu for Valentine's Day for \$85 per person. Menu options will include dishes like Oysters

with Yuzo Granita, Caviar, Roasted Duck, 100 Layer Butternut Squash Lasagna, 12 Layer Red Velvet Cake, and Chocolate Lava Cake.

About Sonsie:

Open seven days a week from 8:00am to 1:00am, Sonsie boasts beautiful French doors that translate to an open sidewalk cafe in season, as well as a European lounge with deep leather chairs and sofas. The mahogany bar serves the best martinis in town from an experienced lot of friendly bartenders and the brick-oven churns out eclectic pizzas and focaccia throughout the day. It is easy to relax at Sonsie and enjoy the classic music that reflects the ambience of the restaurant as day progresses into night.

Sonsie's menu always introduces fresh flavors and brilliant food combinations. Signature dishes dot the menu as well as seasonal dishes splashed with nightly specials. Reservations are recommended and private parties are welcomed. Downstairs at Sonsie is the Wine Room. An elegant old world feel blended with modern design featuring a walk-in temperature controlled glass wine cellar. With over two hundred wines offered and a unique opportunity to try most by the glass. For more information, please call (617) 351-2500 or visit www.sonsieboston.com.

Rochambeau

900 Boylston Street,
Boston, MA 02115
www.rochambeauboston.com

Located in the heart of the Back Bay, adjacent to the Prudential Center, Rochambeau will be celebrating Galentine's and Valentine's this year! Ro will be celebrating the galpals on Saturday, February 10th with a fab dinner party including a champagne tower, live music, decorations, \$1 oysters, menus specials like crepes and chocolate covered strawberries, and more from 7 to 10 p.m. On

Valentine's Day, Ro will be serving up a three-course dinner menu on Valentine's Day for \$85 per person, with an additional wine pairing and specialty cocktails available. The restaurant will be elevated with a romantic feel for the evening with white linens and roses on each table.

About Rochambeau:

Rochambeau, a fun, vibrant brasserie and café from the Lyons Group brings French flair and flavor to 900 Boylston Street in Boston's Back Bay. The multifaceted and multi-level space is comprised of a café, open for breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks; brasserie, serving dinner as well as a late-night menu; and an expansive patio. The menu features French classics such as coq a vin, steak frites, and rotisserie chicken, as well as seafood and other meat options. Rochambeau is located at 900 Boylston Street in Boston's Back Bay. Please visit www.rochambeauboston.com for more information.

Kings

All Kings MA locations:
Kings, Back Bay: 50 Dalton St.,
Boston, MA 02115
Kings, Seaport: 60 Seaport Blvd
Suite 225, Boston, MA 02210
Kings, Burlington: 52 Second
Ave., Burlington, MA 01803
Kings, Dedham: 600 Legacy
Place, Dedham, MA 02026
Kings, Lynnfield: 510 Market St.,
Lynnfield, MA 01940

While Kings Dining & Entertainment will be welcoming couples for a fun Valentine's date night, all Kings MA locations (Seaport, Back Bay, Burlington, Lynnfield, Dedham) will also be offering something for a fun night out for single folk!

In addition to regular bowling and dining reservations, on February 14th, guests can "Strike Out Your Ex" with a fun Anti-Valentine's Day at Kings! From 6 to 11 p.m., guests can opt to "strike out

their ex" - at the top of every hour, participating lanes will display the provided first name of the player's ex on the lane screen, and the guest then has one minute to try to bowl a strike for a \$25 rewards card! All staff will join in and cheer on the guest as the "strike out your ex party" moves up and down the lanes each hour. Specialty themed cocktails will also be available for 21+ guests to enjoy including Thirst Trap (Rum Haven, New Amsterdam Red Berry, Pineapple & Orange Juice, Watermelon Red Bull) and Ghosted (Ghost Tequila, Triple Sec, Lemon & Lime Juice, Strawberry Monin, Prosecco, Tajin Rim), and more.

About Kings Dining & Entertainment:

Kings Dining & Entertainment was established in 2002 in the heart of Boston's Back Bay inspired to merge genuine food, creative cocktails, and social gaming to create the ultimate entertainment experience. At Kings you can expect delicious, crave-able food and an unparalleled social scene for all occasions; be it a family outing, a date night hotspot, a corporate event, or the best place in town to connect with friends.

Rare Steakhouse

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Encore Boston Harbor
One Broadway
Everett, MA

On Wednesday, February 14th, Rare Steakhouse inside Encore Boston Harbor will offer a prix-fixed menu that includes an amuse bouche and champagne toast. Chef Megan Vaughan's menu includes a first course of smoked burrata, a second course featuring Surf and Turf and a third course of a Fleur D'Amore. The special menu is \$155 per guest. To make a reservation or for more information, please call (857) 770-3300 or visit www.sevenrooms.com.

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“Annie” at the Boch Center Wang Theatre

By Marianne Salza

Spunky, little orphan, Annie, and her friends endure a “hard knock life” at a neglectful orphanage in 1933 New York. Although times can be burdensome, she believes there is hope for sunshine. “Annie,” directed by Jenn Thompson, and featuring scores by Tony Award winners, Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse, and Martin Charmin, will be presented in Boston’s Boch Center Wang Theatre February 6-11 for its 2023-2024 North American Tour.

“It’s an important message any time, especially during tumultuous times in the world,” explained Jeff T. Kelly, who plays Rooster Hannigan in the musical. “Clinging onto optimism when situations seem to be bad and getting worse is an important outlook to walk away from after watching the show.”

Annie warms the heart of billionaire, Oliver Warbucks, and his



COURTESY PHOTO

Barnstable native, Jeff Kelly, who plays Rooster Hannigan in the musical, “Annie,” coming to the Boch Center Wang Theater February 6-11,

staff when she spends the holidays at his mansion. Together, they set out to reunite Annie with her parents; but Rooster -- the brother of the orphanage’s caretaker, Miss Hannigan -- has his own conniv-

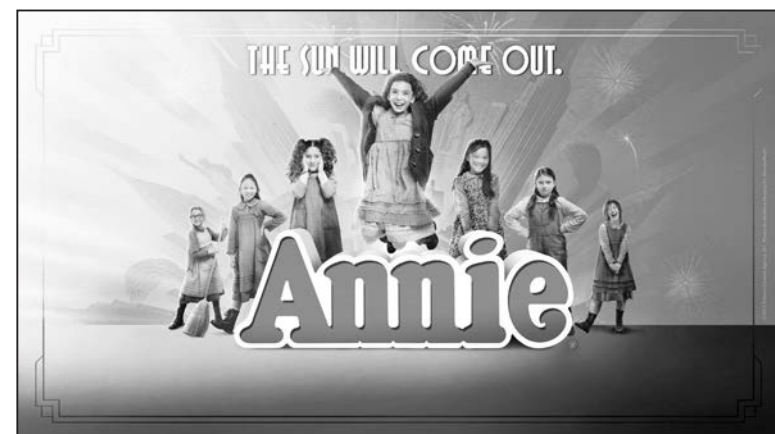
ing scheme.

Kelly, who considers Rooster to be a comic relief villain, feels that audiences of all ages can enjoy the play. It incorporates political references, social movements, and an inquisitive dog.

“As someone who enjoys learning about different periods, the historical element resonated with me,” revealed Kelly. “The political conflicts that were going on during the Depression and Prohibition, and the music of that era tickle my fancy.”

Kelly began his career in musical theater nine years ago, in his early 20s. His background in martial arts, hockey, and fencing have been useful skills on stage. Kelly is a graduate of the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, New York City. His recent theater credits include playing Fluke in “Million Dollar Quartet,” and Tommy Devito in “Jersey Boys.”

“The road has been fun and enlightening. I’m enjoying being



on tour,” described Kelly. “A goal of mine is to stay on tour for a while.”

Kelly’s acting career has allowed him to explore different cities like Denver, San Antonio, and Galveston. When traveling, Kelly asks locals about their recommendations for the best Buffalo wings in the area. Besides a shack that he discovered off a beaten path in the Bahamas, Kelly has concluded that the Buffalo wings from his hometown restaurant, DJ’s Famous Wings, are superior.

“This last year has been such a good step because I did a cruise

contract, played the lead in a regional, and I’m playing a principal on a national tour. They’re three, massive milestones in a performer’s career,” said Kelly. “I’ve been very fortunate. To successfully achieve them has been a really good feeling.”

Kelly is excited to return to his Boston, and stop in Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers, where he would eat after marching band rehearsals when he was a member of the Boston University drumline. The Barnstable native plans to bring his friends to Cape Cod so they can revel in his favorite Buffalo wings together.

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legislature this fall.”

Regarding Rep. Livingstone’s bill clearing this latest hurdle, Mark Kiefer, chair of the BHAC, said, “It’s very good news and certainly the result we were hoping for. It’s an important step forward in the evolution of the historic district, and frankly, it corrects what we now know was an oversight when the district was last expanded. It will have important benefits for Beacon Hill and the surrounding community, and it certainly ensures the preservation of historic

resources on Cambridge Street.”

Furthermore, Kiefer added, “It will provide a higher standard for new development that proceeds on that side of Cambridge Street and also provides an additional layer of transparency and public-hearing process for the vetting of proposed architectural changes on Cambridge Street, which in turn allows the community input on this critical gateway of Beacon Hill and the West End neighborhoods and for the City of Boston.”

While there are always concerns

that historic district legislation could hinder economic development, Kiefer pointed out that Rep. Livingstone’s bill wouldn’t impose any additional burden on property owners, who would be “grandfathered” or “legacied” in and therefore not required to make any retroactive architectural changes to their buildings. The legislation also wouldn’t “preclude” new development in the Beacon Hill Historic District, he said, since the law already provides for infilled buildings and new construction.

“It really just establishes a higher standard for architectural changes and new construction going forward,” said Kiefer.

Regarding the BHAC’s enforcement of fines per this new legislation, Kiefer said, “It just further affirms and clarifies the enforcement provisions of existing regulations.”

Nicholas Armata, senior preservation planner for the city’s Office of Historic Preservation and BHAC staff, wrote in an email: “If passed, Bill H.4076 will expand the boundaries of The Beacon Hill Architectural District to the property line of Cambridge Street. This expansion will now place the front facades of all properties lining the south side of Cambridge Street firmly within the Beacon Hill Architectural District. Prior to this bill’s passage, the boundary of the district stopped 40 feet from the curb of the south side of

Cambridge Street. It’s important to note that the affected properties will not be required to make immediate changes in order to comply with district standards. Only future changes will require review and approval by the Commission.”

District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan said in a statement: “Expanding the historic district 40 feet towards Cambridge Street to cover this edge [there is a 40 foot wide gap in Beacon Hill’s historic district from West Cedar Street to Bowdoin Street] will correctly align the district with the natural boundaries of Beacon Hill, and what we all understand the historic district to truly be.”

Meghan Awe, chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association board, wrote in an email: “The BHCA is delighted and encouraged that ‘An Act enhancing the Historic Beacon Hill District,’ has been reported favorably out of committee. Thank you to the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government for the thoughtful result. The effort to include all of Beacon Hill within the Historic District has been long awaited and the specific measures in the proposed legislation ensure the historic integrity of the entire neighborhood. The Beacon Hill Civic Association continues to strongly support [the bill] and looks forward to the next steps of legislative process.”

In the BHCA board’s Oct. 24

letter in support of the legislation to Joint Committee co-chairs, Sen. Jacob Oliveira and Rep. Carole Fiola, Awe wrote in part: “The North Slope of Beacon Hill is home to the Vilna Shul, a Center for Jewish Culture and the only immigrant era synagogue remaining in Boston, the Museum of African American History, the African Meeting House, and several sites connected to the Underground Railroad, and was the center of Boston’s early Black community. The inclusion of the 40 [foot] area along Cambridge Street is uniquely important given the cultural, social, and economic historical significance to the neighborhood and City of Boston. This small but significant area is deserving of the commemoration, designation, and protections afforded to the entire rest of the Historic District.”

Likewise, Rob Whitney, the former BHCA board chair who helped former District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok draft the city home-rule petition, which preceded Rep. Livingstone’s pending legislation, wrote in email: “The last time the Historic District was enlarged was in 1963, when a portion of the North Slope was added. This bill will help to protect the significant buildings along Cambridge Street, and will complete the almost 70-year process of fully protecting the historic resources and architectural uniqueness of the Beacon Hill neighborhood.”

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MA MAISON (from pg. 1)

fresh, black truffle shavings and a rose petal at one's table.

"They say truffles are an aphrodisiac. It gives it an earthy feeling. We hope for a happy outcome at the end of dinner for everyone," Sosnitsky smiled.

Sosnitsky compared Ma Maison to a club, where she, Robert, and staff are familiar with the regulars and their palates. Tables are close, and even strangers often socialize over a meal or drink.

"It's a neighborhood bistro: unpretentious," describe Sosnitsky. "We elevate it from the way people dine now-a-days. It's usually fast and casual. I feel like -- especially now with social media -- people tend to be lonely, and have lost the ability to talk with other humans one-on-one. This place is special in that it's a little old fashioned and otherworldly in a way.

We connect with the basics: good food and friendship."

Regular, Sandra Gilpatrick, believes Ma Maison to be one of the most romantic restaurants in the area, and a wonderful place to delve into conversation with friends while enjoying authentic, French cuisine.

"When you peel back the heavy, velvet curtain on a cold, winter evening, you enter a cozy, French bistro -- like being transported to Lyon without jetlag," said Gilpatrick, Beacon Hill resident. "I love the quaint space where you are likely to see a neighbor. Ma Maison is a super spot for catch up with your friend without loud background noise, and perfect for a date with your Valentine."

At Ma Maison, silver platters and stemmed rose light fixtures adorn the walls instead of televi-

sions. Candles and classic French music encourage genuine, leisurely conversation.

"It's a little like home cooking. That's why we call it Ma Maison. Translated, it means, "My House," explained Sosnitsky. "We wanted people to come here and feel like they're going to a friend's house for dinner. A lot of the dishes can be shared. Everything is made in house. It's dainty in presentation, and sophisticated in flavors. It's elevated cuisine."

Sosnitsky's personal recipe for romance is a spending quiet time with her husband and children in their Beacon Hill home. She is fond of receiving fresh flowers and chocolates on Valentine's Day; but feels that when accompanied by someone you love, any situation can be a romantic one.

"Talk to each other. Be atten-



French bistro, Ma Maison, located at the corner of Cambridge and Anderson Streets, is offering a special three course dinner menu for Valentine's Day.

tive. Don't wait for special occasions to eat well," Sosnitsky suggested. "You can come and have a nice Monday lunch. It's still an elevated experience and helps you connect to the one you're with. It's a little treat for yourself."

ANTONIO'S (from pg. 1)

meanwhile, initially got underway around last May or June. "It was well organized," Steven said of the project's quick turnaround time.

Despite its new and refreshed look, Antonio's will continue to offer its signature Italian cuisine, with no major changes planned for the menu, which will continue to feature a rotating selection of lunch and dinner specials each day, along with some newer additions, like the calamari and arancini appetizers.

And although Antonio's will celebrate its 30th anniversary this May, this imminent milestone wasn't the impetus for the restaurant's thorough makeover, said Steven, and instead, the changes signal the ushering in of a new era for the longstanding dining establishment, with the younger Colarusso expected to take the reins from his father sometime in the not-so-distant future.

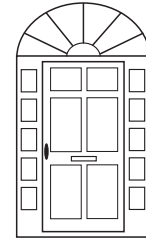
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New England painters bring new vitality to an old art

You're an art lover, prowling the streets of Boston. Where can you go to find avant-garde abstract work? Where can you find striking photorealist images? Where can you discover contemporary paintings with an emotional impact you never expected? You might stop in at the Guild of Boston Artists (162 Newbury St.) and have a look at the annual Signature Member Show of the New England Watercolor Society. But wait – watercolor? Aren't those paintings usually wet and misty scenic pastels with soft edges and a moody atmosphere? Not here. The painters of these works are the cream of the crop: each has been juried into

at least four selective exhibitions to earn the Society's top designation. And they treat the watercolor medium in ways you probably never imagined.

Judging by the works in this show, they are an unruly band. There are sharply defined paintings of astonishing precision and there are wild and stormy pieces that nevertheless cohere unexpectedly into images of an eagle or a mountain range. There's a ghostly scene in which beautiful children step out of a background shrouded in mist, and there's a face-to-face confrontation with a herd of llamas in, of all places, Addison, Maine. Yes, there are boats, but

not the kind you imagine when someone says "watercolor." One looks as if it had trespassed into a Barnett Newman color field painting; others have brilliant sails that might have been dipped in Klimt's burnished gold.

Eighty-nine artists from all over New England are represented in the show. All the paintings are for sale, most at prices within reach of art lovers without trust funds. Show chairperson Kristin Stashenko observed, "This show is an extraordinary display of the breadth and versatility of the medium and the technical expertise of the artists. The range of styles from realism to abstract will

delight all, from the casual observer to the sophisticated art connoisseur. There is something for everyone!"

This year's exhibition judge, who chose the paintings for the Society's prestigious awards, is Michael Holter, a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society, and other national organizations. The exhibit runs until Feb. 25. As part of the society's commitment to education, award-winning member artists will give free painting demonstrations on weekends.

The society, which traces its history to 1885 and numbers such figures as John Singer Sargent,

Childe Hassam, Andrew Wyeth, and Ruth Wynn among its past luminaries, today claims nearly 200 signature members and an overall membership of more than 400.

New England Watercolor Society Signature Members Show, Guild of Boston Artists, 162 Newbury St. until Feb. 25, Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays noon–4 p.m. Painting demonstrations Sundays 2–4 p.m. Feb. 11 (Irena Roman), 18 (Sally Meding), and 25 (Craig Masten).

Visit www.newenglandwatercolorssociety.org for more information.

Esplanade Association sponsors second public meeting on improving safe access from Back Street to park

By Dan Murphy

The Esplanade Association convened its second Back Street Neighborhood Project Meeting virtually on Thursday, Feb. 1, to discuss an ongoing project that intends to create safer access at two entrances to the Esplanade on Back Street.

Ali Badrigian, director of projects and planning for the nonprofit organization that works in partnership with the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation to maintain and enhance the Esplanade, then detailed initial work completed at two crossings on Back Street – a private way divided into numerous different parcels that runs parallel to Storrow Drive – at Fairfield and Dartmouth streets, respectively, since the Esplanade Association held its first meeting on the project via Zoom on Nov. 5 of last year. (The Esplanade Association is undertaking this project in partnership with DCR and the City of Boston.)

At the more westerly of the two footbridges on Fairfield Street, an old, faded crosswalk has been filled in, said Badrigian, while two white stripes were painted on either side of a painted "green swath" to indicate the pedestrian crossing and the continuation of a bike path that connects to a greenspace (i.e. the Esplanade). A two-way Stop sign has also been installed at the intersection, replacing two, graffiti-covered Stop signs, which were there before.

At Dartmouth Street, the previous conditions included a Pedestrian Crossing sign installed by DCR, which was "peeking out from behind a very healthy juniper bush," said Badrigian, but no painted crosswalk at the roadway. Like at Fairfield and Back streets, two white stripes have been painted on either side of a green

swath for the pedestrian crossing. A temporary westbound Stop sign was installed on the back of the Pedestrian sign in January, she said, although a proposed location for an eastbound Stop sign "on the back of the same signpost was determined to be a potential hazard for drivers on Storrow Drive."

But Badrigian, who has been working on the project since November together with Rachel Surette, project operations and sustainability coordinator for the Esplanade Association, added, "We know that two crosswalks and one sign isn't quite enough to improve safety outcomes on Back Street."

Additional ideas to improve safety include permanent Stop signs at Dartmouth and Back streets, which the Esplanade Association is now advocating for, said Badrigian, and would involve Stop signposts for eastbound and westbound traffic; a painted white line at each post to maintain proper distances from the crosswalk; and the blocking of "an unsanctioned parking spot to improve sight lines and provide more room for two-way traffic."

Also, the Esplanade Association is proposing 'Do Not Cross' safety signage at Clarendon and Back streets, said Badrigian, to discourage pedestrians from dashing across Storrow Drive at the "vestigial" park entrance.

Martyn Roetter, chair of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay and a 'key project partner,' described Back Street as "a very peculiar street in a very peculiar city."

"It's a very congested arena, and there are plenty of safety hazards," said Roetter, who said while Back Street is a two-way street, it's often reduced to one way in some places due to cars double-parked there – sometimes in undeveloped spaces – as

well as when trash trucks accessing the private way twice a week for garbage collections.

Roetter predicted that conditions could get even worse there due to the proliferation of motorized mobility vehicles, and he also cited a "tragic" incident on Dec. 6, when a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle near the entrance to the Esplanade at Back and Dartmouth streets.

NABB has several committees, including its Public Safety Committee, Parking Committee, and Development & Transportation Committee, which are all relevant to the issues now prevalent on Back Street, said Roetter, and could offer "recommendations on how to make Boston a safer place." He said NABB is willing to partner with the Esplanade Association and other stakeholders to improve safety conditions on Back Street but added that abutters would also need to get involved for the effort to be successful.

Meanwhile, Badrigian unveiled a RACI (i.e. Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, and Informed) graph, which compared and contrasted the additional ideas for Back Street safety projects.

The least-expensive option, she said, entails neighborhood engagement via NABB committees, windshield flyers, and future community forums. This has an estimated cost of around \$150, with an expected time commitment of between five and 20 hours, "depending on the engagement option." If this option were to move forward, NABB would be the "responsible" party, added Badrigian, while the Esplanade Association would be held "accountable."

Another option would entail the maintenance of new crosswalks, which, Badrigian said, would have an estimated cost of \$1,500 and an expected time commitment of

about 10 hours per crosswalk. For this approach, abutters would be responsible and NABB would be accountable.

A third option would be new stop signs, which is expected to cost \$1,200 and have an expected time commitment of about 15 hours per sign. The abutters would be the responsible party, said Badrigian, while NABB would be held accountable.

The final option would entail the installation of speed humps, with a peak height of about 5 inches, which are expected to cost \$2,000 and take around 25 hours to install per hump. Again, the abutters would be responsible, and NABB would be accountable, said Badrigian.

(Since most abutting buildings have more than one owner, Roetter noted condo associations would likely have to agree to participate in the program. And according to the city's directive on speed humps, engineering plans would need to be submitted and approved in advance by the city's PIC (Public Improvement Commission, while their design and installation would be the responsibility of abutting property owners.)

Jacob Wessel, the city's public realm director, said unlike steeper speed bumps, speed humps have a "more gradual flow" and are "less abrupt," causing drivers to slow down, rather than to stop. Speed humps also keep drivers from exceeding between 5-10 mph, he said, while speed bumps have a speed threshold of about 20 mph.

Wessel said he would consult with attorneys for the PIC on how to handle matters on the private Back Street – a "scenario" he likened to the Back Bay's public alleys, which fall under the city's purview. But without a "cohesive proposal," it would be difficult for the attorneys to advise on the

matter, he said.

Jen Mergel, the Esplanade Association's James & Audrey Foster Executive Director, echoed a recommendation made by Roetter, suggesting that the first step would be to look at a map to determine the different stakeholders (i.e. abutters) on Back Street to better understand their responsibilities regarding maintenance of the private way.

(Wessel advised Mergel that the city's Assessor's Office could provide a map of each property, which would include unit counts, but wouldn't specify whether property owners are direct abutters to Back Street and therefore responsible for its upkeep.)

Mergel suggested that the different options for Back Street should be prioritized by looking at what's "most dangerous," as well as their respective feasibilities.

Moreover, Mergel asked whether a Street Safety Fund could be launched under the auspices of NABB to solicit donations from abutters for future safety improvements to Back Street. She also said the Esplanade Association could perhaps work together with NABB "to fundraise for a maintenance or restricted fund."

To access an audio recording of the Feb. 1 virtual meeting, visit https://www.dropbox.com/s/cl/fi/sngouhosxj-teubt549g22/Back-St-Community-Mtg-2_2.2.24.mp4?rlkey=c-18dhytve5yzefecn4et1zcf0&dl=0.

For more information on the work done to-date, visit esplanade.org/crosswalks, and to learn about how the Esplanade Association is working to make pathways in the park safer in partnership with the Department of Conservation & Recreation, visit esplanade.org/pathways.

BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will hold a public hearing on February 15, at 5 p.m.

Subject of the hearing will be applications for Certificates of Design Approval on the agenda below, reviews of architectural violations, and such businesses as may come before the commission, in accordance with Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1955 of the Massachusetts General Law as amended. Applications are available for review during business hours at the office of the Environment Department. Applicants or their representatives are required to attend, unless indicated otherwise below. Sign language interpreters are available upon request.

Attention: This hearing will only be held virtually and NOT in person. You can participate in this hearing by going to <https://zoom.us/j/96952356517> or calling 1 (929) 205-6099 and entering meeting id # 96952356517. You can also submit written comments or questions to BeaconHilLAC@boston.gov.

I. Design Review Hearing
APP # 23.1199 BH 83 Mount Vernon Street

Applicant: Tricia Dillon; Bridge Property Services
Proposed Work: Repaint front door and surround.

APP # 24.0666 BH 37 Charles Street

Applicant: Colin Daly
Proposed Work: New wall sign, hanging sign and operational hours decals.

APP # 24.0634 BH 43A Joy Street

Applicant: Elizabeth Cahill
Proposed Work: Install small vent cover in existing soffit.

APP # 24.0618 BH 36 Beacon Street

Applicant: Jordan Driscoll
Proposed Work: Replace missing lights in coal chute cover with plastic option.

APP # 24.0675 BH 68 Beacon Street

Applicant: Brigid Williams; Hickox Williams
Proposed Work: Replace existing window with vent.

APP # 24.0622 BH 23 South Russell Street

Applicant: Sarah Harvey
Proposed Work: Repaint all masonry sills, lintels and shutters black.

APP # 24.0647 BH 33 Bowdoin Street

Applicant: Jacob Simmons; City Realty Group
Proposed Work: New granite pavers and steps on side entrance. Stanstead granite steps with coordinating pavers.

APP # 24.0689 BH 20 Louisburg Square

Applicant: Kevin tenBrinke; KT2 Design Group
Proposed Work: Relocation of the lower exterior entry stair at 20 Louisburg Square. These stairs have been planned to align with a similar condition located at 18 Louisburg Square.

II. Advisory Review
APP # 24.0690 BH 8 Park Street

Applicant: Tim Burke; Timothy Burke Architecture
Proposed Work: Addition of

roof deck

III. Administrative Review/Approval: In order to expedite the review process, the commission has delegated the approval of certain work items, such as those involving ordinary maintenance and repair, restoration or replacement, or which otherwise have a minimal impact on a building's appearance, to commission staff pending ratification at its monthly public hearing. Having been identified as meeting these eligibility criteria and all applicable guidelines, the following applications will be approved at this hearing:

- Applicants whose projects are listed under this heading Need Not Appear at the hearing. Following the hearing, you will be issued a Determination Sheet to present at the Inspectional Services Department (1010 Massachusetts Avenue) as proof of project approval when applying for permits. ISD personnel will send an electronic copy of your building-permit application to the commission staff for review. (To avoid potential confusion, the text of your building-permit application should be consistent with the project description given below.) Commission staff will accordingly authorize the execution of the work, attaching any applicable provisos, reflecting the relevant guidelines and precedents.

Please note that following issuance of the determination sheet no further correspondence will be issued for the applica-

tions listed below. The electronic building-permit application as annotated by commission staff will constitute your Certificate of Appropriateness; this will be valid for two years from the date of the approval letter. The applicant is required to notify the commission of any project changes; failure to do so may affect the status of the approval.

If you have any questions not addressed by the above information, please contact staff at 617.635.1935 or BeaconHilLAC@boston.gov Thank you.

APP # 24.0618 BH 36 Beacon Street: Repair brownstone and repaint to match existing; replace copper gutter, apron, and flashing to match existing; reconstruct missing sections of fascia and soffit; replace missing slate.

APP # 24.0688 BH 48 Beacon Street: Add pickets to existing balcony rail to make it code-compliant.

APP # 24.0642 BH 27-29 Beaver Place: Replace decking in kind, repaint railings in kind.

APP # 24.0671 BH 25 Brimmer Street: Emergency repointing of the Front facade to address an occurring leak. Waterproof the bay window. Refinish lintels and sills as needed in kind.

APP # 24.0621 BH 2 Louisburg Square: Restore all windows.

APP # 24.0687 BH 45 Mount Vernon Street: Replacement of brickmould at Mt Vernon St-facing windows, 2nd & 3rd floor. Match existing profile, dimensions and paint. New brickmould

in sapele or red merante.

APP # 24.0646 BH 16 Pinckney Street: Repoint the front facade with mortar to match the original as close as possible. Mortar: Six parts sand, one-two parts Portland cement, two-three parts lime.

APP # 24.0663 BH 1 River Street Place: Repoint bottom three feet of wall and insert through wall flashing.

APP # 24.0668 BH 9 Willow Street: Replace one south facing arched window wall at the penthouse level, keeping the exterior moldings, casements, arched trim, apron & flashing. The new sash will be true divided light, using clear glass, exterior glazing on glass openings & painted Briarwood semi-gloss to match the existing exterior color. Top sections are four set pieces, ends are three lites & middles are four lites. Bottom section two, eight lite set pieces on the ends and two operational eight lite swing out casements. This will all be fabricated in kind to existing. All arches on the top section will be templated to existing arch Muntin design: 3/16" exterior wood stem & 3/4" interior width in kind to existing. Jamb, flashing & slate to remain at exterior.

IV. Ratification Of December 21, 2023 & January 18, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes

V. Staff Updates

VI. Projected Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION
Docket No.
SU24P0205EA
Estate of:
Florence L.
Clarke
Also known as:
Florence Clarke
Date of Death:
12/05/2023
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal

Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Richard J. O'Neil of Everett, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Richard J. O'Neil of Everett, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection

at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/12/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the

Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 30, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate

2/08/24
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LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND

FAMILY COURT CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
Docket No.
SU473339
In the matter of:
Howard B.
Jackson
Date of Death:
01/01/1900
To all interested Persons:
A Petition has been filed by Mellon Trust Of New England N.A. of Boston, MA requesting allowance of the 43-47 Account(s) as Trustee and any other relief as request-

ed in the Petition. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 03/05/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this

Court.
Date: January 30, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate

2/08/24
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LEGAL NOTICE

T-Mobile is proposing to modify an existing telecommunications facility located on an existing 127-foot tall building at an approximate centerline height of 92 feet above ground level. The subject building is located at 44 Moultrie Street, Dorchester, Suffolk County, Massachusetts (N42° 17' 26.6"; W71° 4' 16.4"). T-Mobile invites comments from any interested party on the impact of the proposed action on any districts, sites,

2/8/24
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buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and/or specific reason the proposed action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Specific information regarding the project is available by calling Monica Gambino at 724-416-2000 during normal business hours. Comments must be received at Crown Castle, 2000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317. 23-003696/ADK.

THE ADVENT SCHOOL HOLDS MAKERSPACE DAY

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

The Advent School held its first Makerspace Day on February 2 to promote STEM programming and highlight the atelier studio space, which combines Spanish, science, and art for early childcare through first grade. Over 16 stations offered uplifting and creative tinkering activities, like shadow puppets, and Japanese kumihimo braid weaving. In a Bee Bots artificial intelligence coding game, students instructed robotic bees to move through mazes and dance.

“Our curriculum is progressive, project-based, and emergent. It infuses the idea of wonder into everything,” explained Abby Hayhurst, Director of External Affairs. “When students show a passion for something, the teachers will integrate it into their lessons. Using the atelier as an example, students showed an interest in plants, so they’re drawing plants in art class, learning Spanish names of plants and flowers, and planting seeds to watch the process of plant growth.”



Third grade students showing their friendship bracelet.



A student playing with slime.



Slime making was every grade's favorite activity of the day.



Third and 4th grade students building a hand crank automata mechanism with simple tools and materials like cardboard, dowels, and straws.



A third grade student with her kumihimo braid.



First through 4th grade students creating houses, castles, and robots in the LEGO Challenges space.



Kindergarten through 5th grade students using circuits and conductive tape to create LED name tags with yoga and mindfulness teacher, Marlene Boyette.



Kindergarten and first grade students working with different chemical reactions to free toy animals in ice.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction look-ahead for the North Washington Street Bridge through February 17 is as follows:

New Charles River Dam Walkway Closure

- The pedestrian walkway across the New Charles River Dam will continue to remain closed until further notice.

- This closure is required for DCR to conduct drainage of the Charles River Basin.

Scheduled Work

- Removal of temporary vehicle bridge and pile supports
- Demolition of old bridge structure

Work Hours

- Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Travel Tips

For everyone using the east sidewalk of the new bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of peo-

ple 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, temporary 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:** February 8, at 7 p.m., February 10, at 3:30 p.m., February 13, at 7 p.m., February 15, at 7 p.m., and February 17, at 12:30 p.m.

- CELTICS:** February 9, at 7:30 p.m., and February 14, at 7:30 p.m.

- OTHER EVENTS:** February 12, at 4:30 p.m.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

Project website: Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement

Project email: NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us

Attention to Detail

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The handrail in the last clue is on 86 Mount Vernon Street, built circa 1875. In 1988, the New York Times published a feature on this street describing it as so steep "...that the facades of many of the buildings have cast-iron handrails set helpfully into their flanks along the sidewalk."

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Real Estate Transfers

| BUYER 1 | SELLER 1 | ADDRESS | PRICE |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| BACK BAY | | | |
| Vernon, Mona M | Edgerly Development LLC | 130-132 Arlington St #130 | \$2,280,000 |
| Ebk 330 Beacon St 153 Hld | 330 Beacon M&m Rt | 324-332 Beacon St #153 | \$2,035,000 |
| Brb 2024 Residence T | Slinky Two T | 776 Boylston St #PH1F | \$12,500,000 |
| Marholin, Christine | Pyle, Regina S | 2 Clarendon St #702 | \$2,600,000 |
| Marholin, Christine | Pyle, Regina S | 2 Clarendon St #704 | \$2,600,000 |
| Kingsbury, Gabriel | Robert R Ford Lt | 233 Commonwealth Ave #1 | \$555,000 |
| Swindell, Katherine B | Gregory, Nathaniel A | 321 Dartmouth St #3 | \$2,300,000 |
| BEACON HILL | | | |
| Stevenson, Kim | Stevenson, Patricia A | 10 Bowdoin St #412 | \$736,250 |
| Martins, Fabio S | Sklar, Randal | 8 Whittier Pl #10D | \$505,000 |
| Reginald, Suresh | Wan, Sujing | 8 Whittier Pl #4A | \$473,000 |
| BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE | | | |
| Benoit, Chad J | Burnett, Tammy R | 500 Columbus Ave #2 | \$900,000 |
| Liu, Richard | Hi-Hat LLC | 566 Columbus Ave #507 | \$740,000 |
| House Of Fairmont LLC | Rorick James Est | 111 Gainsborough St #204 | \$552,000 |
| Deena R Bernstein RET | Div Shawmut LLC | 100 Shawmut Ave #PHD | \$2,125,000 |
| Jma1 Properties LLC | 46 Wareham Street LLC | 76 Wareham St #6F | \$2,325,000 |
| Stoenest LLC | Cabral, Keith | 40 Isabella St #3E | \$1,560,000 |
| Kanwal, Amrit | Ts Pied-A-Terre Hldg LLC | 430 Stuart St #1602 | \$970,000 |
| WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN | | | |
| Avery Ph Inc | Hiller, Arthur J | 1 Avery St #PH1B | \$4,050,000 |
| 2 Avery 29e Rt | Avery South 29e Rt | 2 Avery St #29E | \$6,990,000 |
| Ky Fortune Investment LLC | Mcaf Winthrop LLC | 240 Devonshire St #4803 | \$2,775,000 |
| Thomas, Gregg | Van Horn, Melissa S | 70-A Franklin St #70A | \$760,000 |
| Ns Boston India Owner LLC | Archstone Oakwood Boston | 131 State St | \$62,000,000 |
| Vaidyanathan, Priya | Mcdonough, Christina V | 165 Tremont St #401 | \$1,925,000 |

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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Moving one's family from the suburbs into the city there are certain conveniences you do consider. I was grateful that parking for my family and guests was not one of them. I have been using Acorn for over a year and I can honestly say the efficiency and professionalism of the staff is what makes this service reliable and valuable as a homeowner. My car arrives heated, and I love the tracking system, so I know when my car is close to arriving. The most I ever waited was 15 minutes but that is because I arrived without giving them prior notice. Usually, you give them your ETA or what time you want to leave, and they are at your door spot on. Holidays were a breeze and allowed family and guests to be excited about coming into the city without any stress of parking. My husband was parking himself in the garage nearby but made the switch to Acorn because of their efficiency and value.

Chris & Tony S.
Back Bay

"Have enjoyed the service to date and recommend to anybody thinking about it. Prompt service, very personable and trustworthy group not to mention accommodating when in a pickle."

Stuart C.
Beacon Hill

Acorn has made living in the city with 2 dogs much easier than I expected. Without a deeded parking spot, I worried about having to get our belongings to and from the apartment while holding dog leashes. Now, the car comes to me. Communication is very easy via text. The valets are incredibly pleasant and keep me informed about when to expect them. Acorn removes the stress of having a car in the city.

Tracey W.
Beacon Hill

"Acorn Valet parking service is a game changer for living in Back Bay. The service is efficient and reliable, and the employees are professional and personable. The cost is reasonable compared to owning a space. My car is parked in a garage, out of the elements, which is perfect for street cleaning, weather emergencies and when I travel. Now that I have Acorn, I am no longer interested buying or renting alley parking."

Libby M.,
Back Bay

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