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TAKING IN THE ECLIPSE



Phillips Street resident Rob Whitney took this picture through a Celestron telescope in Newport, VT, which is close to the Canadian border. "The Baily's Beads effect is a phenomenon where sunlight peaks through a valley on the surface of the moon," wrote Whitney. "During Monday's eclipse, you could see a small Baily's Bead at the bottom of the sun around the corona, which is the outermost layer of the sun and what produced the ring of light when the moon passed over it."

WLP member Alyssa Moore to run Marathon in support of women experiencing homelessness

Special to Times

Alyssa Moore, an integral member of the Direct Care team at Women's Lunch Place, is gearing up to run the iconic Boston Marathon on Monday. Her mission goes beyond personal achievement; she's running to raise funds and awareness for women experiencing homelessness and poverty.

Moore's decision to apply for the charity team was deeply rooted in her experiences at Women's Lunch Place. In her role, she forges connections with women in need, offering not just meals and basic necessities, but also a sense of dignity and respect.

"We meet women where they are, treat them with dignity and respect, and learn what we can without being pushy or requiring any information," she said.

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COURTESY PHOTO
WLP staff member Alyssa Moore is seen training on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall for next Monday's Boston Marathon.

SWAN BOATS RETURN



D. MURPHY PHOTO
Workers are seen preparing the Swan Boats for the launch of the upcoming season on Monday, April 8, in the Public Garden. The Swan Boat season kicks off Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m.

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Beacon Award Nominations Requested

The Beacon Hill Civic Association invites the community to nominate candidates for the 27th Annual Beacon Award. Instituted in 1997 by the BHCA as part of its Diamond Jubilee Year, the Beacon Award annually honors those individuals or groups deserving of particular recognition for signif-

icant and sustained contribution to the Beacon Hill community.

Nomination forms are available online at www.bhcivic.org or by calling BHCA at 617-227-1922. A new form should be completed for each individual nomination submitted and should be returned to the Beacon Hill Civic Association no later than Monday, April 22, 2024. Nominations

will be reviewed, and a winner will be selected by a committee composed of representatives from the BHCA and the community at large.

The 2024 Beacon Award will be presented at the BHCA's 102nd Annual Meeting, to be held May 20, 2024, at the Somerset Club.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

WECA MEETING SET FOR APRIL 11

The West End Civic Association (WECA) will hold its next meeting in person on Thursday, April 11, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at Amy Lowell Apartments at 65 Martha Road.

Guests for this meeting will be representatives from Beacon Hill Village. Masks are encouraged.

WE BRANCH LIBRARY TO OFFER ONGOING 'MINDFULNESS PROGRAM

The West End Branch Library at 151 Cambridge St. will offer 'Mindfulness for Older Adults' on Fridays from 11 a.m. to noon on Fridays, beginning April 12.

The ongoing program includes 'Introduction to Mindfulness and Meditation' on April 12; 'Stopping, Calming and Resting' on April 19; 'Mindfulness and Stress Reduction' on May 3; 'Creating Healthy Sleep Habits' on May 10; 'Mindfulness Tools for Chronic Pain' on May 17; 'Yoga Breathing for Relaxation' on May 24; and 'Loving Kindness and Gratitude' on June 7.

Bob Linscott, MTS, Certified Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) Teacher and Behavioral Health Manager for the city's Age Strong Commission, will lead the program, which will help participants learn to reduce stress and anxiety; enhance their attention and memory; improve their mood and sleep; and strengthens their cognition in aging.

To register for the program, contact Wesley Fiorentino at wfiorentino@bpl.org or call the West End Branch Library at 617-523-3957.

'CHURCH OF THE FINISH LINE' HOLDS BLESSING OF THE MARATHON ATHLETES

This Sunday, April 14, Old

South Church in Boston, located at 645 Boylston St. in Copley Square, will hold three Marathon Sunday worship services, featuring the Blessing of the Athletes and Highland Cathedral for bagpipes, drum, and organ at 9 and 11 a.m., and 1 p.m., respectively. The services will also be livestreamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/4210358>.

As the 'Church of the Finish Line,' Old South Church salute one of the oldest and greatest races in the world. Marathoners join for worship, which is paused to acknowledge the runners, their families, and volunteers, and ask God to bless them, to keep them safe from injury and harm, and to give them perseverance.

"A marathon is a spiritual contest," said Rev. John M. Edgerton, senior minister, Old South Church in a statement. "But the athletes are not competing against one another. They are competing against breath, against muscle, against gravity, against the temptation to give up. As the athletes prepare to embark, we are honored to offer them a blessing for that contest of spirit."

Old South Church is wheelchair accessible, and it has wheelchair bays in the pews. A hearing loop and large print bulletins are also available.

BEACON HILL BOOKS TO WELCOME TWO AUTHORS ON APRIL 18

Jeanne Blasberg, whose third novel 'Daughter of a Promise' is due out soon, will be joining Julie Carrick Dalton, author of the upcoming novel, 'The Last Beekeeper' and a new resident to the neighborhood, on Thursday, April 18, at 5 p.m. at Beacon Hill Books at 71 Charles St.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY WEST END MUSEUM

The West End Museum will offer a 'West End Architecture'

walking tour on Wednesday, April 17, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/west-end-architecture-tickets>.

The museum's next Trivia Month is set to take place on Monday, April 22, at the Dubliner Irish Pub at 2 Center Plaza. Admission is \$10 per person. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/856151160167?aff=oddtcreator> to purchase tickets and for more information.

The museum will also offer an online lecture, 'Curley to Kevin: The New Boston and the Mayors Who Made It' on Thursday, April 25, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

At this time, Sebastian Belfanti, the museum's executive director, will lead a discussion on the political impact of Boston's 20th-century mayors.

Over the course of the 20th century, Boston underwent a major change in political leadership, from the dynamic and populist, but corrupt, James Michael Curley, to New Boston's honest but elite-centric Hynes and Collins. They were followed by Kevin White, who tried to bridge these two leadership styles with a more populist good-government approach. The story of how these shifts changed the political landscape of Boston, reshaped the city, and created "The New Boston" are critical to understanding the city today.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com/e/curley-to-kevin-the-new-boston-and-the-mayors-who-made-it-tickets.

APRIL PROGRAMS AT NICHOLS HOUSE

The Nichols House Museum will offer free family tours as part of the Highland Street Foundation's Spring Week on Friday, April 19.

Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., visit the Nichols House and learn about the three Nichols sisters. Artists, athletes, and activists, their

adventures took them around Beacon Hill and Boston—and beyond. An artisan will demonstrate a craft the sisters enjoyed. Advanced registration is required.

The museum will offer a special tour focused on Rose Nichols' career as a designer on Friday, April 26.

A pioneering woman landscape architect who aimed for "harmonious discord" in her historically inspired designs, Rose designed over 70 gardens and authored three books on gardens, as well as numerous articles about landscapes and design.

Explore the home Rose curated to be a museum, learn about her design career, and experience her aesthetic sense. Tours offered at 2:30, 3:30, and 4:30 p.m.

Visit nicholshousemuseum.org for more information and to register for these events.

WEM SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR SPRING AND SUMMERS SEASONS

The West End Museum is now seeking volunteers for the spring and summers seasons.

Volunteer opportunities include in-person openings on Wednesday-Sunday mornings and afternoons for greeter, event assistant, exhibit attendant, social media creator, and special projects assistant.

For more information, contact the WEM volunteer coordinator via email at maisie@thewestend-museum.org.

GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM BENEFIT SET FOR APRIL 18

The Friends of the Gibson House Museum invite you to its annual museum benefit, "The Sporting Life," on Thursday, April 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the St. Botolph Club at 199 Commonwealth Ave.

This fun and festive party will offer a nod to the Gibsons and other 19th-early 20th century families who spent much of their leisure time enjoying outdoor activities. The event will honor Community Boating, the oldest public sailing organization in the country, for its mission of breaking down the physical, social, and financial hurdles that sailing frequently presents and providing opportunities for people of all backgrounds and abilities to experience the joys of being on the water.

All proceeds will support the preservation and operation of the

Gibson House Museum. Tickets are \$150 and may be purchased via the link above, or by sending a check with the names of your guests to: the Gibson House Museum, 137 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02116.

This year's Benefit features some fabulous raffle items, including tickets to the theater, restaurant gift certificates, a Community Boating membership, a pickleball set, and vintage treasures. You do not need to be present to win. More details, as well as a link to purchase raffle tickets, can be found at

<https://www.thegibsonhouse.org/museum-benefit>.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY, APRIL 20, WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE WEST END LIBRARY

Celebrate Earth Day with the Friends of the West End Library on Saturday, April 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. at 151 Cambridge St.

Attendees can pitch in to help plant for the year and enjoying the daffodils, tulips and other delights starting to bloom in the Library Garden. Guests can also take home a free starter houseplant.

WEST END BRANCH LIBRARY'S 'WRITING YOUR MEMOIR' SERIES KICKS OFF APRIL 29

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., will offer its 'Writing Your Memoir' over three consecutive Monday evenings beginning on April 29.

Everyone has a story to tell. Step into the captivating field of memoir writing with this three-part workshop and acquire the skills and confidence to share your story with the world. Under the guidance of an expert writer, you will learn the art of crafting compelling and authentic personal narratives!

Session 1, which takes place on Monday, April 29, from 2 to 4 p.m., introduces memoir writing and developing a writing voice; Session 2 on Monday, May 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. focuses on sharing your written memoir and receiving positive feedback; and Session 3, which takes place Monday, May 13, from 2 to 4 p.m., concentrates on concluding your memoir and reaching your desired audience.

To register, contact Wesley Fiorentino at wfiorentino@bpl.org or by calling the West End Branch Library at 617-523-3957.

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Traffic advisory for Boston Marathon/Patriot's Day activities

The Marathon Weekend Events this year will have two main races on the Saturday before the running of the 2024 Boston Marathon.

In addition to the events being hosted by the Boston Athletic Association, the City of Boston will be hosting Boston One Day on April 15, and the Patriots' Day Parade on Monday, April 15.

Parking restrictions will be in place for all of these events. Please plan accordingly and follow all posted signage.

People attending events are encouraged to walk, bike, or take public transit.

Information on Bluebikes, the regional bike share service, may be found on the website and information on the MBTA may be found online.

2024 B.A.A. 5K, Saturday, April 13.

B.A.A. 5K route begins on Charles Street heading southerly to Boylston Street, west on Boylston Street, north on Arlington Street, west on Commonwealth Avenue Outbound using the underpass at Massachusetts Avenue, south on Charlesgate West, east onto Commonwealth Avenue Inbound using the underpass at Massachusetts Avenue, south on Hereford Street, east on Boylston Street, north on Charles Street. The starting time is 8:00 AM and organizers expect 6500 participants.

Parking restrictions will be in place on the following streets:

- Formation: Charles Street between Beacon Street and Boylston Street
- Charles Street-from Boylston Street to Beacon Street
- Arlington Street from Marlborough Street to Boylston Street
- Commonwealth Avenue Outbound from Arlington Street to Charlesgate West
- Charlesgate West from Commonwealth Avenue Outbound to Commonwealth Avenue Inbound
- Commonwealth Avenue Inbound from Charlesgate West to Hereford Street
- Hereford Street from Commonwealth Avenue to Boylston Street
- Boylston Street from Dalton Street to Charles Street

2024 B.A.A. Invitational Mile, Saturday, April 13.

The Invitational Mile begins on Boylston Street near Exeter Street, turning left onto Dartmouth Street, turning left onto Newbury Street, turning left onto Boylston Street, ending at the Boston Marathon Finish Line and the route will need to be posted with No Stopping signs in the areas that will not

already be posted because of the Boston Marathon. The start time is 10:30 AM.

Parking restrictions will be in place on the following streets:

- Formation: Boylston Street near Exeter Street
- Boylston Street, From Exeter Street to Dartmouth Street
- Dartmouth Street, From Boylston Street to Newbury Street
- Newbury Street, From Dartmouth Street to Exeter Street
- Exeter Street, From Newbury Street to Boylston Street

City of Boston Patriots' Day Parade – Monday, April 15, 2024

The Patriots' Day Parade begins with a ceremony at City Hall Plaza and the parade will kick off about 9:15 AM. The parade route is Court Street, Cambridge Street, Tremont Street, Winter Street, Washington Street, State Street, Congress Street, and Hanover Street ending at the Paul Revere Mall. Organizers expect 500 attendees.

Parking restrictions will be in place on the following streets:

- Congress Street (north side, Faneuil Hall side), State Street to Hanover Street
- Hanover Street (both sides), Congress Street to Commercial Street
- State Street (both sides), Congress Street to Washington Street
- Tremont Street (both sides), Cambridge Street/Beacon Street to Stuart Street
- Washington Street (both sides), Winter Street to State Street
- Winter Street (both sides), Tremont Street to Washington Street

2024 BAA Marathon

Various parking restrictions will be in place to support the running of the 128th Boston Marathon.

“No Stopping April 8-18”

- Exeter Street (east side) Boylston Street to Blagden Street
- Blagden Street (south side, opposite side of library), from Huntington Avenue to Exeter Street
- Blagden Street (north side, library side), BPL Driveway to Exeter Street
- Boylston Street (both sides), Exeter Street to Dartmouth Street
- Boylston Street from Dartmouth Street
- Blagden Street (north side), Dartmouth Street to BPL Driveway

“No Stopping April 10-16”

- Exeter Street (west side). Alley 441 to Boylston Street

“No Stopping Friday, Saturday & Monday”

- Beacon Street (south side, Bos-

ton Common side), Charles Street to Joy Street

- Boylston Street (both sides), Dalton Street to Dartmouth Street, unless otherwise posted
- Dartmouth Street (both sides), Boylston Street to Commonwealth Avenue
- Exeter Street (both sides), Newbury Street to Huntington Avenue, unless otherwise posted.

“No Stopping Thursday to Monday”

- Clarendon Street (both sides), Newbury Street to Stuart Street
- “No Stopping Saturday to Monday”
- Beacon Street, Bay State Road to Brookline Town Line (both sides)
- Berkeley Street (both sides), Stuart Street to Newbury Street
- Boylston Street (both sides), Dartmouth Street to Charles Street, unless otherwise posted
- Cambridge Street (both sides), Court Street to Sudbury Street
- Charles Street (both sides), Boylston Street to Beacon Street
- Saint James Avenue (both sides), Arlington Street to Dartmouth Street
- Stuart Street (both sides), Huntington Avenue to Arlington Street

ton Common side), Charles Street to Joy Street

• Boylston Street (both sides), Dalton Street to Dartmouth Street, unless otherwise posted

• Dartmouth Street (both sides), Boylston Street to Commonwealth Avenue

• Exeter Street (both sides), Newbury Street to Huntington Avenue, unless otherwise posted.

“No Stopping Thursday to Monday”

• Clarendon Street (both sides), Newbury Street to Stuart Street

“No Stopping Saturday to Monday”

• Beacon Street, Bay State Road to Brookline Town Line (both sides)

• Berkeley Street (both sides), Stuart Street to Newbury Street

• Boylston Street (both sides), Dartmouth Street to Charles Street, unless otherwise posted

• Cambridge Street (both sides), Court Street to Sudbury Street

• Charles Street (both sides), Boylston Street to Beacon Street

• Saint James Avenue (both sides), Arlington Street to Dartmouth Street

• Stuart Street (both sides), Huntington Avenue to Arlington Street

“No Stopping Sunday & Monday”

• Clarendon Street (both sides), Public Alley 436 to Newbury Street

• Newbury Street (both sides) for Media Vehicles, #29 Newbury Street crossing over Berkeley Street to #69 Newbury Street

“No Stopping Saturday 12:01AM through 3PM”

• Newbury Street (both sides), Dartmouth Street to Exeter Street

“No Stopping Monday”

• Arlington Street (both sides), Beacon Street to Isabella Street

• Beacon Street, Brighton (both sides), Chestnut Hill Avenue to Brookline Line

• Beacon Street, Back Bay (South side, Public Garden side), Charles Street to Arlington Street

• Berkeley Street (both sides), Columbus Avenue to Commonwealth Avenue, unless otherwise posted

• Belvidere Street (both sides), Huntington Avenue to Massachusetts Avenue

• Boylston Street (both sides), Massachusetts Avenue to Dalton Street

• Cambria Street (both sides), Boylston Street to the loading dock of the Hynes Center

• Charles Street South (both sides), Park Plaza to Boylston Street

• Chestnut Hill Ave. (both sides), Commonwealth Avenue to Beacon Street

• Clarendon Street (both sides), Commonwealth Avenue to Columbus Avenue, unless otherwise posted

• Cleveland Circle (both sides), (Parking area adjacent to Cassidy Playground parking area adjacent to Sutherland Road) from Beacon Street to Chestnut Hill Avenue, 24 hours

• Columbus Avenue (both sides), Arlington Street to Dartmouth Street

• Commonwealth Avenue (south, inbound, side), Beacon Street (Kenmore Square) to 80' east of Hereford Street, the section of roadway between the entrance to the Massachusetts Avenue underpass and Massachusetts Avenue does not need to be posted.

• Commonwealth Avenue, Lake Street to Chestnut Hill Avenue (inbound)

• Dartmouth Street (both sides), Saint James Avenue to Columbus Avenue

• Chestnut Hill Ave. (both sides), Commonwealth Avenue to Beacon Street

• Clarendon Street (both sides), Commonwealth Avenue to Columbus Avenue, unless otherwise posted

• Cleveland Circle (both sides), (Parking area adjacent to Cassidy Playground parking area adjacent to Sutherland Road) from Beacon Street to Chestnut Hill Avenue, 24 hours

• Columbus Avenue (both sides), Arlington Street to Dartmouth Street

• Commonwealth Avenue (south, inbound, side), Beacon Street (Kenmore Square) to 80' east of Hereford Street, the section of roadway between the entrance to the Massachusetts Avenue underpass and Massachusetts Avenue does not need to be posted.

• Commonwealth Avenue, Lake Street to Chestnut Hill Avenue (inbound)

• Dartmouth Street (both sides), Saint James Avenue to Columbus Avenue

• Deerfield Street (both sides), Commonwealth Avenue to Bay State Road

• East Dedham Street (both sides), Harrison Avenue to Albany Street

• Exeter Street (both sides), Commonwealth Avenue to Newbury Street

• Fairfield Street (both sides), Boylston Street to Commonwealth Avenue

• Gloucester Street (both sides), Commonwealth Avenue to Boylston Street

• Hereford Street (both sides), Commonwealth Avenue to Boylston Street

• Hanover Street (both sides) for Patriot's Day Parade, Congress Street to Commercial Street

• Kenmore Street (both sides), Newbury Street to Beacon Street

• Nassau Street (for Tufts Medical), Both sides, from Washington Street to Harrison Avenue

• Newbury Street (both sides), Arlington Street to Brookline Avenue excluding the section already posted from #29 to #69 Newbury

also over post any other signs on Dartmouth Street to Exeter Street

• Plympton Street (both sides), Harrison Avenue to Albany Street

• Raleigh Street (both sides), Bay State Road to Beacon Street

• Stanhope Street (both sides), Berkeley Street to Clarendon Street

• Scotia Street (both sides), Dalton Street to St. Cecilia Street

• St. Cecilia Street (both sides), Belvidere Street to Boylston Street

• Washington Street (for Tufts Medical), Both sides, from Oak Street to Nassau Street

• East side (even side), from Nassau Street to Kneeland Street

• Blagden Street (both sides), Huntington Avenue to Exeter Street, unless otherwise posted

• Congress Street (north side, Faneuil Hall side) for Patriot's Day Parade, State Street to Hanover Street

• Commonwealth Avenue, Charlesgate West to Deerfield Street (outbound)

• Dalton Street (both sides), Boylston Street to Clearway Street

• Huntington Avenue (northwest side, odd side), Blagden Street to Massachusetts Avenue

• New Chardon Street (both sides), Merrimac Street to Cambridge Street

• Providence Street (both sides), Arlington Street to Berkeley Street

• State Street (both sides) for Patriot's Day Parade, Congress Street to Washington Street

• Tremont Street (both sides) for Patriot's Day Parade, Cambridge Street/Beacon Street to Stuart Street

• Washington Street (both sides) for Patriot's Day Parade, Winter Street to State Street

• Winter Street (both sides) for Patriot's Day Parade, Tremont Street to Washington Street

“Family Meeting Area”

- Clarendon Street
- Saint James Avenue
- Stuart Street

“No Stopping BAA Vehicles Only”

- Trinity Place (west side, hotel side), St. James Avenue to Stuart Street

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EDITORIAL

A FREAKY FRIDAY.....

Did you feel the earthquake Friday morning?

We were sitting in our recliner in our home when the whole house started shaking and the chair started moving rapidly back and forth. We live on the coast, so at first we thought it might be a change of direction or increase in the velocity of the wind, which can cause our house to creak and the windows to rattle a bit.

But we saw no change in the ripples on the water, so we then thought that perhaps a big truck was on the roadway. But there was no truck. Those two thoughts came in rapid succession within about five seconds, so as the shaking of our chair continued, our next, panicked thought was, "It's an earthquake!"

Five seconds later -- about 10 seconds in total -- the shaking and rattling stopped.

We immediately looked out our windows to see if the water was receding from the shoreline, thinking that if it were an off-shore quake, under the ocean, there might be a tsunami. (Of course, there wasn't.)

We then went on the internet to search for "Boston earthquake," and there were a bunch of posts on X and other social media confirming that there had indeed been an earthquake.

The earthquake's center was in New Jersey, where the seismographic recording was a 4.8. The effect in our area was considerably less.

Although there was no damage reported from the quake (even at its epicenter in New Jersey), we have to admit we were shaken to our core. Our otherwise calm Friday morning had been upended by the most random event we could have imagined -- an earthquake. It made us realize how fragile our existence is and how at a moment's notice, our world can be upended.

It also made us empathize with those who are the victims of a major earthquake and for a few seconds, we understood the sheer terror that one feels amidst an event such as that.

We realize that some might say, "It is what it is," but we have a better one: "Everything is good....until it isn't."

.....AND A MANIC MONDAY

We had not intended to view the eclipse, so despite the hype, we had not purchased special eclipse eyewear. We figured we'd focus on what was happening around us -- the birds and other animals, the shadows, the suddenly-cooler air -- rather than on the interplay between the moon and the sun.

But a neighbor drove up as we were standing outside our home and mentioned that he had an extra pair of eclipse eyewear, which he offered to us. So we took it and got a chance to view the eclipse safely -- and we are so glad we did.

Watching that black moon disc slide over the glowing sun (to about 92% of totality here in the Boston area) was indeed a spectacle that was jaw-dropping. Although the news was filled with reports of traffic jams and millions of people traveling to watch the event in places where the eclipse was 100%, viewing the actual eclipse itself brought about a sense of calm and serenity that we can't describe. It was as if our brains were hypnotized in some way by a celestial, supernatural event.

All of us take the sun and the moon for granted each and every day. But Monday's eclipse created a sense of wonderment that never will be forgotten by those who viewed it.

STATE BUDGET WOES: HERE WE GO AGAIN

With state revenue falling off a cliff and almost \$1 billion being spent (on an annualized basis) to house, feed, and care for immigrants who have made their way to Massachusetts from the southern border (and with no end in sight), the outlook is bleak for our state's finances.

Gov. Maura Healy last week announced a hiring freeze for state employees. In addition, the governor's \$58 billion budget proposal's allocation for local aid, particularly for education assistance, is falling far short of the needs of many cities and towns who are dealing with the influx of new migrant students.

For those of us who have been around for a while, we are well-familiar with the ups and downs of the state budget cycle. The down cycles seem to hit their trough every 12 years or so. The last downturn occurred during the Great Recession of 2008-09, but the state avoided a down-cycle during the pandemic thanks to the massive federal spending that occurred during COVID and its aftermath.

However, the unrestricted COVID funding stream has run dry and state budgets now have to deal with the new reality of less aid from the federal government amidst a time of falling revenue and increased spending.

Hopefully, with federal infrastructure spending coming on-line and unemployment still at record lows, we'll get by with a little bit of belt-tightening -- and we'll avoid the starvation-diet mode that marked previous state budget troughs.

DAWN STALEY: A GREAT LEADER

We wish to offer our congratulations to the South Carolina women's basketball team for their incredible undefeated season and national championship, but more importantly, we wish to express our appreciation to their head coach, Dawn Staley, for exemplifying what sportsmanship is all about.

Coach Staley is a class act. Her post-game press conference, in which she spoke glowingly about Caitlin Clark and the Iowa team, was the epitome of winning with grace. She clearly rates among the top coaches, male or female, in the sports world today and her team's excellence is a reflection of her outstanding leadership.

Coach Staley has set an example not only for the sports world, but also for leaders in government and business. Hopefully, they will follow her cue.

ROUNDUP (from pg. 1)

WLP'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND NETWORKING LUNCHEON SET FOR MAY 10

Women's Lunch Place Executive Director Jennifer Hanlon Wigon and M. Lee Pelton, President and CEO of the Boston Foundation, will have a fireside chat at WLP's annual fundraiser and networking luncheon, eat LUNCH give on Friday, May 10, in the Oriental Ballroom at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and concludes at 1:15 p.m.

Hanlon Wigon and Pelton will address the pressing issues of the housing crisis in Boston, including the shortage of affordable units and the critical need for safe, gender-specific housing for women in the community. The event will be held in the Oriental Ballroom at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston.

This luncheon will include a delicious meal, an opportunity to network with Boston's best and brightest leaders, and an inside look at the context behind Women's Lunch Place's life-changing work from two experts in their fields. There will also be a raffle with local prizes.

All proceeds from the fundraising luncheon will be donated to Women's Lunch Place.

Tickets cost \$200 each and are available online at womenslunchplace.org/elg, along with sponsorships, program advertisements, and opportunities to support the raffle.

DUCKLING DAY RETURNS MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 12

Join the Friends of the Public Garden on Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, for the return of Duckling Day -- an annual celebration of the

children's classic book 'Make Way for Ducklings' by Robert McCloskey.

Duckling Day is a family-friendly celebration held each year on Boston Common. Duckling Day features activity booths, lawn games, magic, and live music all at Parkman Bandstand. The event ends with a parade retracing Mrs. Mallard's steps to the Ducklings sculpture in the Public Garden.

Registration for a family of any size is \$35 and includes a goody bag for every child and entertaining Duckling activities for the whole family; register online at <https://friendsofthepublicgarden.org/events/ducklingday/>.

CHARLES RIVER CLEANUP SET TO RETURN APRIL 19-20

Join the Esplanade Association for the 25th annual Charles River Cleanup - one of the largest Earth Day cleanups in the nation -- on Friday, April 19, and Saturday, April 20.

Registration is now open for individual and corporate/large groups; sign up for one or both days online at <https://esplanade.org/cleanup/>.

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).

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SIGN OF SPRING



D. MURPHY PHOTOS

The Esplanade Playspace was abuzz on the early afternoon of Monday, April 8, just ahead of the eclipse.



Mass House passes bill to remove outdated and offensive terms in general laws

Special to the Times

Massachusetts House of Representatives passed two bills on Wednesday, April 3, that update the Massachusetts General Laws by removing out-of-date and offensive terms related to persons with disabilities, and by renaming the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) as MassAbility.

“As lawmakers, we know that words matter,” said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “This legislation is our latest effort to ensure that our state laws do not use antiquated words that carry negative connotations, words that also serve as a reminder of past injustices. I would like to thank Chairman Livingstone and the entire Joint Committee of Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities, as well as Governor Healey and the bill

sponsors, for their work on this important legislation.”

“The name ‘MassAbility’ will help to reduce stigma and better reflect the strengths and capabilities of the people we serve,” said Gov. Maura Healey. “We’re grateful to Speaker Mariano and the House for advancing this critical legislation.”

An Act relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities removes out-of-date and offensive language from the Massachusetts General Laws when referencing people with disabilities. The language in the bill removes all variations of outdated terms such as “handicapped,” “disabled,” and “retarded.” The bill replaces these terms with current terminology such as “person with a disability” and “person with an intellectual disability.” Additionally, the term “autistic” is replaced with “autism” in

reference to Autism Awareness Month. Originally filed by Governor Healey, the House also passed legislation to rename the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission to MassAbility and to update the outdated terms included in its enabling statute.

“Removing out-of-date, antiquated and offensive language from the Massachusetts General Laws to describe people with disabilities is an important step in ensuring that our values, as a Commonwealth, are also reflected in statute,” said Rep. Jay D. Livingstone (D-Boston), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. “As legislators, it is our job to help make sure that people with intellectual or developmental disabilities feel included, accepted and embraced for who they are, and this is an important step in doing so. I am appreciative

of all those who have worked on this effort before me who helped make this possible. I’d also like to thank the Speaker, Chairman Michlewitz, Chairman Honan, and all of my colleagues in the House for their support on this important issue.”

The Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities heard from many advocacy organizations in the disability community in support of the bill and all changes were vetted with relevant agencies, including Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Executive Office of Education, and the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

“Today with the passage of this legislation the Commonwealth is taking a critical step towards fostering inclusivity and upholding our long-held principles of dignity and respect for all who call

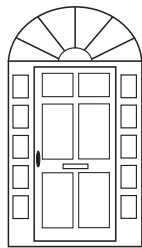
the Commonwealth home,” said Rep. Michael J. Finn (D-West Springfield), a lead sponsor of the bill. “We can all celebrate that it is long past time for the Commonwealth to update its General Laws, ensuring that no individual is subjected to negative and harmful language.”

“Today the House of Representatives takes a transformational step towards a more inclusive Commonwealth,” said Rep. Sean Garballey (D-Arlington), a lead sponsor of the bill. “By removing outdated words like ‘handicapped’, ‘disabled’, and the ‘R Word’ from MA General laws, we make a collective statement that Massachusetts is a place for all.”

Having passed the House of Representatives, the bills now go to the Senate for their consideration.

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UNUSUAL WEATHER ACTIVITY FELLS ICONIC WILLOW TREE IN PUBLIC GARDEN

Following the earthquake on the morning of Friday, April 5, along with the previous day's rain/snowstorm across Massachusetts, high winds and saturated grounds caused one of the iconic willow trees in the Public Garden to fall over. This came just days after the Friends of the Public Garden had pruned these trees to rid them of any disease or sickness, preserving their health and longevity. This event underscores the broader challenge of maintaining green spaces amid increasingly difficult weather.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN



Boston hosts Citizenship Day

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu, the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA), and Project Citizenship are hosting Citizenship Day on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury. The annual event is an opportunity for people who are eligible for naturalization to get free legal help with their citizenship application. People must

first call 617-694-5949 to make an appointment.

"Citizenship Day is an important and beloved tradition for our Office for Immigrant Advancement in welcoming so many community members," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "As the daughter of two immigrant parents who became naturalized citizens, I know the pride and deep connection that can come from officially becoming a citizen, so it's especially meaningful to collaborate on removing barriers to the citizenship process. I want to thank Project Citizenship for their partnership and the hundreds of volunteers who make this event possible."

Between the costs of legal fees and the USCIS application fee, the process to become a U.S. citizen can be prohibitively expensive. But on Citizenship Day in Boston, hundreds of community volunteers, law students, and pro bono attorneys help people fill out their citizenship application for free. Applicants still need to pay the USCIS application fee, but those who are low-income may qualify for a fee waiver.

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Boston invests in enhanced emergency, coastal resilience planning with FloodMapp

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Mayor Michelle Wu announced that the City of Boston has awarded the City of Boston Flood Modeling RFP to FloodMapp to provide real-time flood monitoring to enhance emergency preparation, response, and recovery during flood events, marking a significant step forward in the city's resilience, an important part of the Mayor's Green New Deal.

"Making Boston a Green New Deal city involves having the best means of preparing for, handling, and mitigating the long-lasting effects of climate change, including flooding," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Climate resilience begins with a sense of urgency for how these issues impact our communities today, while creating and adjusting both short-term and long-term plans to deal with them."

This collaboration underscores Boston's proactive approach in confronting the escalating challenges caused by climate change, particularly intensifying flooding

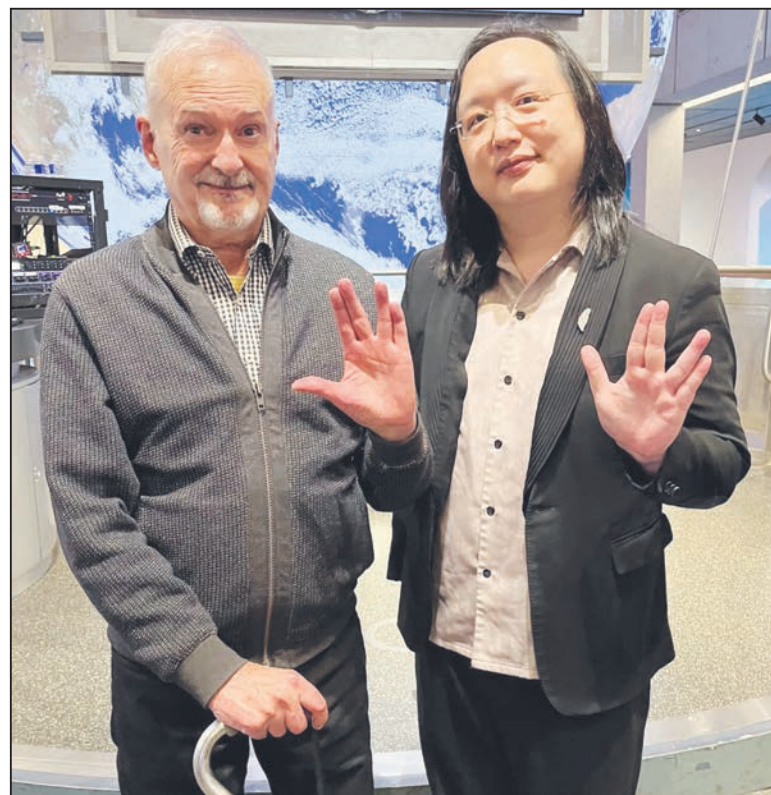
and sea-level rise. As a low-lying coastal city, vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, Boston is experiencing more intense storms, frequent heavy precipitation, extreme flooding, and higher sea levels. This can pose hazards to the community, its residents, and emergency managers, causing impacts to infrastructure, property damage, and more.

"We are looking forward to taking this critical step towards enhancing the City's ability to be more informed about flooding across Boston," said Chief Shumeane Benford from Boston's Office of Emergency Management. "This tool will support the interagency coordination within the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), improve operational preparedness, response, and recovery actions of individual City departments, focus and strengthen our City's resilience planning, and enhance public risk communication before, during, and after a storm!"

FloodMapp will work along-

side the City of Boston in its ongoing efforts toward resilience and mitigation of the effects of climate change. The contract supplies the City of Boston's Office of Emergency Management with FloodMapp's ForeCast, NowCast, and PostCast products. With FloodMapp, the City of Boston aims to improve the City's operational response to flood hazards. This new level of insight supports targeted evacuation planning and risk mitigation, helping to protect lives and property. ForeCast shows the predicted extent and depth of a flood on a map which can support emergency managers with targeted alerts and evacuations, proactive road closures, deployment of flood barriers and resources, and more. NowCast is a dynamic, live mapping feed that shows the current extent and depth of a flood in real-time, providing up-to-date situational awareness of the flood impact on people, property, and critical infrastructure. This supports emergency response activ-

(FLOODMAPP Pg. 10)



LEONARD NIMOY REMEMBERED AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

COURTESY OF TOM STOCKER

Audrey Tang, Minister of Digital Affairs of Taiwan and author of 'Plurality: The Future of Collaboration of Technology and Democracy,' talked about the book at the Museum of Science this past Friday, April 5. A longtime admirer of native West Ender, Leonard Nimoy, Tang noted the Vulcan philosophy of "infinite diversity in infinite combinations," conveyed by the familiar greeting that Tom Stocker and Audrey are seen demonstrating here. Stocker, a South End visual artist, is the main impetus behind a plan to erect a memorial to Nimoy on the museum's grounds. The proposed memorial would take shape as a 20-foot-tall, stainless-steel monument depicting the Vulcan hand salutation, which would be illuminated from within using LED lighting. The Vulcan hand salutation (along with its accompanying spoken expression of well-wishing, "Live Long and Prosper") ranks among the most indelible and instantly recognizable images from the 'Star Trek' universe. As of Wednesday, April 10, the Museum of Science's fundraising campaign to build the memorial Nimoy had raised nearly \$390,000 towards the goal. To contribute, visit mos.org/Nimoy.

UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS HOME READIES FOR OPENING DAY AT FENWAY PARK



COURTESY PHOTO

Laura Cousineau, owner of Upstairs Downstairs Home, readies the store for Red Sox opening day at Fenway Park, with a lineup of all-star furniture, local art, home goods, unique 'giftables,' and some Red Sox memorabilia. Upstairs and Downstairs and around the bases something for everyone for any place you call home. Go Sox!!

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BHCA (from pg. 1)

A Reminder about Public Trash Bins

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Did You Know?

The Beacon Hill Civic Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to community building, civic engagement, and historic preservation on Beacon Hill. Your membership donations allow us to continue our efforts to preserve and protect our historic neighborhood. As a member, your voice adds strength to our numbers and credibility to our purpose as advocates for Beacon Hill residents and businesses. Join, renew, or donate today at bhcciv.org to support the work we do for you!

Upcoming BHCA Meetings & Events

- Architecture Committee - Monday, April 15, 5:30pm via Zoom
- Events Committee - April 30, 6pm, 74 Joy Street
- Young Friends Social - April 24, 7-9pm, Harvard Gardens
- Founders Reception - Thursday, May 2nd
- Annual Meeting of Members - Monday, May 20th, Somerset Club

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Shown above and right are members of the Junior BHCA and many other neighbors, including M&T Bank, gathered to clean the neighborhood last weekend.



Valiant Cruise (members only) - Thursday, June 6th

Visit the Beacon Hill Civic Association website www.bhcciv.org or call the office (617-227-1922) for more information on any of these meetings or events.

CITIZENSHIP (from pg. 6)

opportunities to become more civically engaged through voting and running for office. We are proud to have sponsored this event for 10 years," said Monique Tú Nguyen, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement.

"Citizenship shouldn't just be for those who can afford it. By providing free legal help, we make sure everyone eligible has the opportunity to participate fully in our democracy," said Gail Breslow, Executive Director of Project Citizenship. "Not only do they and their families benefit, but so do their communities, the city of Boston, and the United States of America."

The City of Boston has partnered with nonprofit Project Citizenship for this event since 2014. It is the largest citizenship workshop in New England, serving more than 3,000 people to date.

About 30,000 Boston residents are eligible for U.S. citizenship. Applicants must be at least 18 years old; a permanent legal resident for five years or three years if married to a U.S. citizen; able to read, write and speak basic English (some exceptions apply); and not have traveled extensively outside the U.S. in the past five years. Proj-

ect Citizenship will tell people if they qualify when they call 617-694-5949 for an appointment.

To learn more about Citizenship Day in Boston, eligibility, and the benefits of becoming a U.S. citizen, visit boston.gov/immigrants.

The Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) strives to strengthen the ability of immigrants to fully and equitably participate in economic, civic, social, and cultural life in Boston. MOIA also promotes the recognition and public understanding of the contributions of immigrants to the City. To learn more, visit boston.gov/immigrants.

Project Citizenship is a nonprofit agency that provides free, high quality legal services to permanent residents to help them become U.S. citizens. Project Citizenship offers free workshops, eligibility screening, application assistance, legal referrals and all materials needed to apply for U.S. citizenship.

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BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will hold a public hearing on April 18, 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/94404216912> or calling 1 (929) 205-6099 and entering meeting id # 944 0421 6912. You can also submit written comments or questions to BeaconHillAC@boston.gov.

I. Violation Review Hearing

APP # 24.0878 BH 1 Otis Place

Applicant: Patrick Guthrie; Design Assoc. Inc.

Proposed Work: Ratification of unapproved fire hose hookup

II. Design Review Hearing

APP # 24.0786 BH 65 Beacon Street

Applicant: Edward Batten

Proposed Work: Removal of existing band sign and window decals. Install new blade sign

APP # 24.0885 BH 70 Charles Street

Applicant: Chris Erickson; Aland Realty

Proposed Work: Install new blade sign

APP # 24.0813 BH 4 Acorn Street

Applicant: Yael K. Heher

Proposed Work: Replace pendant lantern

APP # 23.1199 BH 83 Mount Vernon Street

Applicant: Tricia Dillon

Proposed Work: Repaint front door red, & surround cream color

APP # 24.0814 BH 76 Revere Street

Applicant: Vanessa Pinhancos

Proposed Work: New roof deck

APP # 24.0886 BH 20 Chestnut Street

Applicant: Brian Charville

Proposed Work: Replace existing deteriorating wooden exterior stair at rear of property (on Spruce Place - Private Way) with new metal stair

APP # 24.0889 BH 2 Louisburg Square

Applicant: Scott Simonsen;

Charlesgate

Proposed Work: Relocate and install new HVAC equipment

APP # 24.0895 BH Cambridge Street

Applicant: US. Department of Transportation Proposed Work: Rehabilitation of the Longfellow Viaduct

APP # 24.0874 BH 9 Spruce Court

Applicant: Tony King

Proposed Work: Renovation of property to include new window dimensions

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 Applications 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 # 24.0864 BH 48 Beacon Street

: Restore all five windows at 48 Beacon Street at the 10th floor Two are on Beacon Street (South Elevation), three on Spruce Street: one north elevation, two on the west elevation. Work involves removing the existing sashes, removing all the existing glass which are failed insulated glass units. New glass units would be fabricated and installed. The new units would be clear glass. Set in the new glass and glaze in oil based glazing at the exterior. This would then be painted semi-gloss black at the exterior. New pulleys, brass chain & new mahogany parting beads as needed. The new sash will all be made to be double hung.

APP # 24.0887 BH 63-64 Beacon Street: Replace nine existing deteriorated 6 over 6, wood, double hung window sash and balances behind existing metal storm windows on the fifth floor of 63/64 Beacon Street and paint to match existing paint color. Replacement sash kit is BROSCO authentic divided light single pane, wood sash, double hung with 5/8 inch wood muntin. The windows will not have a low-e coating. Also repair glazing compound on French doors at 64 Beacon Street 5th floor and paint to match existing color.

APP # 24.0802 BH 95 Beacon Street: Install flashing above window of Unit 8 with weep holes to stop entry of water into the unit. Brickwork to be constructed to match existing.

APP # 24.0837 BH 23 Brimmer Street: Repaint existing wood windows, wood trim and cornices in existing color. Replace gutter

in-kind with new gutter to match original profile. Repair broken and missing slates with new slate to match existing. Repaint front railing and recoat stairs to match existing.

APP # 24.0830 BH 44 Brimmer Street: Replace existing mansard slate in kind, replace flat roof, replace copper gutters and downspouts in kind, replace copper flashings in kind, existing roof deck handrail to remain in place during construction, rebuild three existing chimneys in kind reusing existing brick wherever possible, match new brick and mortar to match existing, reinstall existing chimney pots or replace in kind. Replace bay window roof and curved gutter to match existing. Repair roof dormers matching existing materials and profiles, paint color to match existing.

APP # 24.0846 BH 21 Chestnut Street: At front elevation, replace seven sash sets. First floor has two 6 over 6. Second floor has three 6 over 6, and two 2 over 2 in kind. The existing windows are not historic. The new sash sets will keep the existing wood sills, jambs & brick moldings. The new sash will be wood, true divided lites, double hung using original mouth blown period correct glass at all seven window openings. This glass will have original seeding, liquid marks & slight air bubbles. The new sash sets will all be oil based glazed at the exterior & be painted semi-gloss black to match the existing. All existing aluminum storm windows to be removed upon installation of new sash.

APP # 24.0810 BH 65 Chestnut Street: Replace slate roof in kind.

APP # 24.0793 BH 35 Hancock Street: At rear, level two, unit two,

remove and replace two, 1 over 1, vinyl windows with two, 1 over 1, wood windows sash and balance only, painted to match existing.

APP # 24.0793 BH 10 Louisburg Square: Repair service entry in kind, paint BM Black Forest Green and reinstall with existing door hardware. Remove shutters and paint BM Black Forest Green, and reinstall. Repaint the front door BM Black Forest Green, Paint the windows, and door trim BM Navajo White. Repaint the front iron work in BM Black, Cut and repoint the front steps.

APP # 24.0838 BH 74 Mount Vernon Street: Paint existing wood oriole, door, windows, trim and shutters in color to match existing.

APP # 24.0800 BH 82 Mount Vernon Street: Replace copper gutter to front roof area and copper belting above gutter. Install slate to match existing. Install copper step flashing and counter flashing.

APP # 24.0808 BH 148 Mount Vernon Street: Repaint the two exterior doors facing Mt. Vernon St using Fine Paints of Europe, High Gloss Black.

APP # 24.0735 BH 1 Otis Place: Remove third and fourth floor fire balconies at the front of the property.

APP # 24.0790 BH 31 South Russell Street: New copper flashing and gutters.

APP # 24.0884 BH 1 Walnut Street: Repaint bay window in kind.

IV. Conversation Regarding Outdoor Dining Furniture

V. Ratification Of March 21, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes & March 29, 2024 Public Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

VI. Staff Updates

Projected Adjournment: 9 p.m.

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Larceny

04/06/24 - At around 11 a.m., police responded to West Cedar Street for a reported larceny. The victim informed the officer that one day prior, he had received notification that his package had been delivered to his doorstep. But when he went to retrieve it approximately one hour later, it was not there. Area detectives were scheduled to further investigate this matter.

Breaking and Entering.

04/03/24 - At around noon-time, officers responded to Mt. Vernon Street for a reported breaking and entering. The victim stated that he had keys left in a lockbox for workers/movers. When they arrived, however, the lockbox was damaged, and the keys were missing. The victim stated nothing inside of the residence appeared to have been missing at the time. Area detectives were further investigating the matter.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Irresistible Desserts

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In a recent column for the Guardian, Yotam Ottolenghi wrote about dessert preferences. Like most of us, he and his team had strong opinions. “Our favorite desserts expose the sensations that matter the most to us. So I probed my Test Kitchen team for their pudding preferences, and all hell broke loose. Most of the team were committed to one style of pudding (though some demanded two choices), but four genres in particular were prized above all others: creamy, boozy, fresh and fruity.”

Let’s start with his four categories that some people find irresistible, while one taste is enough for others. Let’s begin with creamy. We were having lunch at Alcove Boston with friends. Neither of the guys were big dessert people. However, we knew the pastry chef was a wizard.

We all agreed to share the Eton Mess, recommended by owner Tom Schlesinger-Guidelli. The two wives enjoyed a taste. Then, they watched in stunned silence as the guys greedily spooned up and raved about each mouthful. These two found a match for their dessert preferences in this mélange of meringue, whipped cream, and fruit. They are on team-creamy.

By the way, so is Ottolenghi; his favorite is Zabaione.

Boozy desserts include classics like Baba au Rhum, Bananas Foster, Poached Pears in Red wine, Crêpes Suzette, or Tiramisu made with liquor. Fresh and Fruity often overlap, but the Ottolenghi team suggested fruit salads, sorbets, citrusy pavlova, or lemon meringue pie.

Chocolate was not a category for the Test Kitchen crew. It would be for us. We also consider preferences for pies, cakes, and desserts that are not too sweet or super sweet.

We’re both happy members of Team Pie. Last year, for Ed’s birthday, we enjoyed a fabulous blueberry pie from Flour Bakery. Penny has special memories around pies. Growing up, a neighbor knew how much she loved lemon meringue pie and would deliver it each year for her birthday. She also had a dear uncle who noted her love for his raisin pie at family gatherings and made one for her when she was grieving a loss.

Penny is not a baker, but occasionally she will make a crostata. Our favorite is a rhubarb lime version that we wrote about one spring. Now, we enjoy that each spring when a friend with a garden drops off a bag of rhubarb



We enjoyed this fabulous blueberry pie from Flour Bakery for Ed’s birthday last year.

as a reward for a tip we shared in that article. That tip is to use an excellent frozen pie crust like Trader Joe’s instead of making the pastry yourself. We also use frozen all-butter puff pastry for homemade treats.

Our final topic on desserts concerns sharing. Do you share desserts? Do you speak up if you don’t want to share your treat? We are dessert sharers. If we didn’t share,

we would never have dessert! Neither of us is used to eating a large portion of sugary food. We love it when a place offers a multi-dessert selection with a taste of this and a taste of that.

Our final way of sharing is to call on friends to save us from temptation when we buy a whole pie, cake, or multi-item dessert package. Walking home from the farmers market, Penny might

pass off part of a package of cider donuts to friends she meets along the way. We share with neighbors and the staff in our building. That lets us diversify our dessert purchases without expanding our waistlines.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

FLOODMAPP (from pg. 7)

ities such as search and rescue and eliminates the need to deploy personnel to dangerous environments to confirm the flood extent. PostCast is a map of the maximum flood extent after the water has begun to recede, which supports targeted distribution of disaster relief resources and supports rapid damage assessment, ultimately fast-tracking the recovery process.

“We are honored to partner with the City of Boston and work collaboratively to build resilience. We’re truly inspired by the city’s innovative leadership, and our team is excited to integrate FloodMapp ForeCast, NowCast, and PostCast into the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to improve the city’s operational preparedness, response, and recovery,” said CEO and Co-Founder of FloodMapp Juliette Murphy. “Working together with cities like Boston to build a safer future is rewarding in a way that I can’t put into words.”

As the City of Boston continues to focus on the impacts of

these stronger and more frequent weather patterns on its residents, the partnership enhances the City’s commitment to safety and resilience. In addition to taking near-term action to adapt to a changing climate, the City’s Climate Ready Boston program is a roadmap for planning for the short-and-long term impacts of a warming planet in Boston. The City of Boston has completed coastal resilience solutions, planning for all 47-miles of Boston’s coastline and announced a partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assess coastal storm management, and determine eligibility for federal funding. With an unprecedented allocation of capital funding for coastal resilience initiatives, Boston is poised to lead by example in confronting the growing challenges of climate change. Through proactive partnerships, innovative solutions, and strategic investments, Boston is forging a path towards a safer, more resilient future for all its residents.

MOORE (from pg. 1)

After a period of personal struggle following the loss of her father, Moore found solace in helping others navigate their own challenges. “It’s important for me to help where I can in other women’s lives because life isn’t easy, and the things that seem so small to us can often make the biggest impact,” she explained.

Having developed a knack for connecting with particularly vulnerable and impaired guests, Moore has found purpose in her work.

“I enjoy having the tough conversations and it’s so rewarding when I can break through using patience, compassion, and empathy,” she said. “I know that by showing up consistently, with integrity and a non-judgmental approach, our team can change

lives.”

Beyond her role at Women’s Lunch Place, Moore is an avid runner and dog lover. While she’s experienced in mid-distance running, the Boston Marathon presents an entirely new challenge.

For Moore, the Boston Marathon is more than just a race. Having grown up in the area, she understands the significance of the event.

“To me, it’s an opportunity to represent Women’s Lunch Place and highlight the unique barriers that women experiencing homelessness are facing,” she expressed.

Acknowledging the disparities faced by women in homeless situations, Moore emphasized the critical work done by Women’s Lunch Place. “The work that we’re doing as a shelter and advocacy center

recognizes the trauma our guests have experienced,” she said.

Moore’s dedication to running the Boston Marathon is not just about the 26.2 miles; it’s about shedding light on the challenges faced by homeless women every day.

Quoting advocate Doris Romero, a former WLP staff member who has also run the Boston Marathon, Moore said, “26.2 miles is nothing compared to what our ladies go through every day.”

As Moore continues her training and fundraising efforts, she hopes to inspire others to support the vital work of Women’s Lunch Place. To contribute to Alyssa’s campaign, visit <https://womenslunchplace.org/marathon-team>.

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Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU24P0631EA Estate of: Gary Charles

Dunton Also Known As: Gary C. Dunton Date of Death: 11/12/2023 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Lea Anne Dunton of Boston, MA A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Lea Anne Dunton of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on

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istration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Court 04/11/2024 BH

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Celniker, Abbie	903 Beacon LLC	903 Beacon St #1	\$2,505,000
Taterka Rt	Hooley, Riley W	311 Commonwealth Ave #41	\$1,562,500
Kiellmeyer, Evan	Grossman, Philip	139 E Berkeley St #202	\$760,000
Fiore 333-335 LLC	Asb & Blatteis 333 335 N	333 Newbury St	\$13,875,000
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Luna Newbury 342 LLC	Asb & Blatteis 342 Newbu	342-342A Newbury St	\$6,800,000
Astro 352 LLC	Asb & Blatteis 352 Newbu	352 Newbury St	\$5,200,000
BEACON HILL			
Abbaspour, Jalal	Lamson, Edward F	112 Pinckney St #16	\$930,000
Kutz Province Street Rt	Stahl Family Prop T	45 Province St #1802	\$1,700,000
Henson, Roger W	Tweedy, Robin	15 River St #803	\$770,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Lalezari, Amy E	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	55 Lagrange St #302	\$785,000
Licker, Michael	Tracy, Jeremiah C	60 Rutland St #1	\$1,400,000
Lee, Michael	Ts Residences Hld LLC	430 Stuart St #29D	\$4,490,000
Tracy, Lauren F	Taylor Street Rt	5 Taylor St	\$1,995,000
Fox, Marisa	Leonard, John P	690 Tremont St #4	\$1,050,000
Angelo J Santinelli T	Freese, Marie-Louise M	92 Waltham St #2	\$3,350,000
Coutts, Jonathan	David A Daglio Ft	39 Warren Ave #1	\$763,000
Hammoud, Ali	Hueras, Michael T	15 Guild St #204	\$600,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
343 Com Street Th12 T	Peckham, Marianne M	343 Commercial St #12	\$5,500,000
Florio, Robert	Taylor, Daniel	357 Commercial St #114	\$1,125,000
Kara Ann Pernice Lt	Meaney, Richard A	55 Commercial Wharf #3	\$1,600,000
Ahmed, Hassan	Sneider, Judith A	85 E India Row #40E	\$768,500
Fugazzotto, Paul	Lewis, Henry R	20 Rowes Wharf #408	\$3,995,000
Li, Yanming	Robert T Bramson RET	580 Washington St #12E	\$1,360,000

Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The masonry detail in the last clue is on 48 Beacon Street, built circa 1920. In city records, Architect Arthur H. Vinal is listed as the owner. Those early records have a violation we would not see today: operating an elevator without a licensed operator.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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RMV cautions public to beware of deceptive and mimic websites

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding customers to use only Mass.Gov/RMV for information or to perform many transactions, including when trying to renew a license or registration. While there has been no sharp increase in reports of deceptive and mimic websites to the RMV, this is a busy time of year for customer transactions so the RMV is issuing this reminder to the public about sites which have been created to mislead customers into thinking they have reached the official RMV website.

"We urge everyone to be vigilant when performing transactions or providing information online for RMV-related services. Customers should avoid using any unofficial third-party websites claiming to assist with RMV services, and inform their relatives and friends about this as well," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "On our official website Mass.Gov/RMV, customers can look up how much specific services cost and see which services are available to them at no charge."

To ensure you are accessing the official RMV site, please remember the following:

- In Massachusetts, we use the term "Registry of Motor Vehicles" and "RMV," so log-off if the site references the "DMV" or the "Department of Motor Vehicles."
- At Mass.Gov/RMV, you will never be charged to check your license, registration or title status.
- At Mass.Gov/RMV, you will

never be charged to access Registry forms and information.

• At Mass.Gov/RMV, you will never be charged to change your address on file.

The Registry actively posts online about this topic including on X @MassRMV, and a warning regarding third party websites remains featured in the RMV's Driver's Manual.

Reports of fraudulent websites can be directed to the Attorney General's Office at <http://www.mass.gov/ago/consumer-resources/consumer-assistance/consumer-complaint.html> and the Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.ftc.gov/>.

In addition, customers should beware of text messages or emails which claim to be from MassDOT or the RMV, as these communications often are dangerous phishing scams and not official MassDOT and RMV sources. These fraudulent texts and emails may include links, which do not lead to official MassDOT or RMV websites, and customers should not follow the links nor reply to these messages with personal information.

Customers with additional questions about how to identify and avoid scams can contact the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation by calling the Consumer Hotline at (617) 973-8787, or toll-free in Massachusetts at (888) 283-3757.

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