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## A LOOK INSIDE A HIDDEN GEM



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## City to hold virtual meeting on office-to-residential project for 129 Portland St.

By Times staff

The city's Planning Department will sponsor a virtual public meeting to discuss a project proposed for 129 Portland St. in the West End on Monday, Aug. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m.

This proposed project is part of the Office to Residential Conversion Program, which seeks to convert existing office space in the six-story, 28,000 square-foot building with ground-level retail located at the corner of Portland Street and Valenti Way in the Bulfinch Triangle. The project proposes 25 new units of residential housing, including a mix of studios, one-bedroom, two-bedrooms, and three-bedrooms.

In all, 22,005 gross floor area of new residential square footage will be created via the project, while the conversion requires minimal exterior facade work.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Review Application (SPRA) that was filed and its potential impacts. Additionally, the project is currently



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An image of 129 Portland St. in the West End.

under review for a contract for Payment in Lieu of Taxes ("Pilot"), which will provide the project a tax abatement under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 121B.

The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public.

Register in advance for this meeting online at [bit.ly/45Sa8RV](http://bit.ly/45Sa8RV).

## Nantucket Lightship hosts Andrea Doria's Anniversary event

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

The Nantucket Lightship/LV-112 floating learning center, docked at the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina, held a two-day-long series of events on July 25-26 in honor of the 68th anniversary of the collision of the SS Andrea Doria and MS Stockholm in 1956.

"It was a traumatizing event the night of the sinking. The water was very oily, so everyone was covered in oil, and sea sick. It was a very uncomfortable environment," described professional deep-sea diver, Mark Koch, who has been interested in nautical archeology and shipwrecks from a young age, and now manages international deep-sea dives.

The celebration included a memorial service, United States



Harbor excursions with survivors on the SS Andrea Doria Lifeboat Number 1. (Photo by John Rogers)

Coast Guard helicopter sea rescue demonstration, and presentation of the film, "Alive on the Andrea Doria: Are the Passengers Saved?" by author Pierrette Domenica Simpson, at the Battery Wharf Hotel. Historians, survivors, and

members of the community also enjoyed a display of SS Andrea Doria artifacts, such as a bell, life preserver ring, and China silverware, salvaged by explorer, John

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## BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

**BHCA Committee Work 2023-2024**

Streets & Sidewalks/ Green Committee

The Streets & Sidewalks and the Green Committee had a very productive year.

Key accomplishments include the following:

- With the help of the BHCA

Executive Director, a walk-through was organized with PWD to show them specific streets on Beacon Hill which were in urgent need of repair. A list of key streets was compiled and sent to PWD to start the repair process.

• Those streets were then repaired by PWD in October - December 2023. It was under-

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# LIGHTSHIP (from pg. 1)

Moyer. Guests had the opportunity to cruise aboard the SS Andrea Doria Lifeboat Number 1, owned by Koch, a collector of rare antiquities, who spent four years restoring the vessel to historical accuracy in order to teach younger generations about the luxury, Italian liner.

“Our family has been dedicated to preserving history, educating youth – and most importantly – having fun doing it,” explained Koch, accompanied by his daughters, Evie and Estella. “We’re glad to be here in Boston, working with the Nantucket Lightship Museum. Both of these vessels were used on July 25, 1956. The Nantucket Lightship was used to coordinate communications to save the passengers on the Andrea Doria. Once again, these vessels are side by side and being used to tell the story.

Since its restoration, the SS Andrea Doria Lifeboat Number 1, which holds 56 people and is powered by Fleming gear levers, has been to a movie premier in Detroit, profiled in New York City’s Columbus Day Parade, has been launched in the Hudson River at SUNY Maritime College, and was on display in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, in addition to Italian festivals around the country.

“Sixty-eight years later, it’s still very emotional for the survivors,” observed Koch. “The boat is a

tangible way to get back to 1956. You’re stepping back into time.” Survivor Joe Porporino, of Delaware, coasted through Boston Harbor on the SS Andrea Doria Lifeboat Number 1 with his sister, Bruna Porporino Capalbo, and brother-in-law, Joseph Capalbo, of New Jersey. He was two-years-old – his sister one – during the sinking.

The siblings recalled the stories passed down by their parents, Santino and Antonietta Porporino, who were migrating their family from Italy to the United States with all of their possessions.

“Experiencing what they experienced in a small lifeboat, in rough seas, not knowing whether you were going to live or die, must have been terrifying,” said Porporino. “The only thing my father had was his white boxer shorts. A crew member pulled off the drapes from a cabin and gave them to him to wrap himself like a toga. My mom only had her nightgown on with water stains from when the water came in. When we got rescued by the Stockholm, a famous University of Stockholm, Sweden, professor on the Nobel Peace Prize Committee, and his wife, gave us clothes to wear.”

After their parents passed away, the brother and sister visited Stockholm to reunite with the professor and his family, who joked that they wanted their sons’ clothes back.



John Rogers and Andrea Doria survivor, Corrado Sigona (Courtesy Photo)



Survivor, Bruna Porporino Capalbo and her husband, Joseph Capalbo, aboard the Andrea Doria Lifeboat Number 1.



Elio, 5, of Watertown, who was eager to watch the Coast Guard demonstration, seen with a model of the Nantucket Lightship/LV-112.



Rose Napoletano, daughter of survivor, Mauro Napoletano, with explorer, John Moyer, who was one of the divers who salvaged the Andrea Doria bell in 1985.

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Riders, including survivors, boarding the Andrea Doria Lifeboat Number 1 on July 26 at the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina

## NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS EVENT COMING AUG. 15 TO WHOLE FOODS

The Boston Police District A-1 (Downtown) Community Service Office is partnering with ALTO Alliance, the Department of Mental Health (DMH), and Whole Foods Market to host a mental health awareness event on Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Beacon Hill Whole Foods Market, located at 181 Cambridge St. Refreshments will be provided by Whole Foods.

At this time, DMH representatives will be discussing available mental health resources, mental health, and the criminal justice system while distributing informational materials, and engaging in problem-solving discussions amongst public, private, and non-profit community partners.

### WEST END MUSEUM'S EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Join The West End Museum, located at 150 Staniford St., Suite 7, for 'From Boxing to Banner 18: The Iconic Sports History of Boston's West End' on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

This lecture and discussion explores the rich sports history of Boston's West End. From the "Mother of Women's Basketball" Senda Berenson, to the early days of the Boston Garden, to the recent successes of the Celtics and Bruins organizations, the West End of Boston has had an outsized impact on our current sports world. This program will explore the connection between sports and neighborhood dynamics, from 19th-century walking competitions and boxing matches through to the current Celtics team.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/from-boxing-to-banner-18-the-iconic-sports-history-of-bostons-west-end-tickets> for more information and tickets.

The museum will also offer 'Faces & Places: LGBTQ+ History in the West End - A Walking Tour' on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. (kicking off at the museum).

This walking tour will take visitors through the history of the LGBTQ+ community in the West End, primarily around the North Slope neighborhood. From the late 19th century onward, this neigh-

borhood was a hub for LGBTQ+ people in Boston, even when much of their history and activities flew under the radar. This area featured speakeasies, raids, Boston marriages, early publication of queer literature, famous gay bars, and AIDS epidemic protests. This tour will focus on the faces and places of the queer community in the West End and how they shifted over time.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faces-places-lgbtq-history-in-the-west-end-a-walking-tour-tickets> for tickets and more information.

Also, the museum's Boston Trivia Night returns on Thursday, Aug. 29, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to Causeway Restaurant and Bar.

Sign up with your friends and form a team or join one on the spot. Whether you're a history enthusiast or just looking for a fun night with friends, this event is for everyone. And the winning team will win a prize from the museum.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boston-trivia-night-tickets> for tickets and more information.

Finally, 'Theater in the West End & Ruth Roman Film Screening' comes Friday, Aug. 30, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. to the museum.

Come to the museum for a thrilling double act on all things theater and performance in the Old West End. Act One: A lecture on the theater, performance, and burlesque scene in the twentieth-century West End. Act Two: Sit back and enjoy a film screening of 'Strangers on a Train' (1951), starring West-End-raised Ruth Roman.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/theater-in-the-west-end-ruth-roman-film-screening-tickets> for tickets and more information.

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

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

The group meets on 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](mailto:artedeman@gmail.com)) or Julia Forbes ([jmaforbes@gmail.com](mailto:jmaforbes@gmail.com)).

## SUMMER MUSIC SERIES COMES TO CHILDE HASSAM PARK

Childe Hassam Park, located at 324 Columbus Ave., held its Summer Music Series, featuring a performance by the Lee Fish Jazz Quartet, on Monday, July 29.

The evening included a visit from the Boston Police's ice-cream van, as well as from Sarah Sharpe, the new South End neighborhood liaison from the Mayor's Michelle

Wu's office.

"It was a perfect night," wrote Elizabeth Bertolozzi, a Childe Hassam Park board member.



Lee Fish on drums.



Gregory Groover, Jr., performing.



The Lee Fish Jazz Quartet seen on stage.

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stood that those repairs would be the minimum necessary in order to keep the streets functioning. We would like to thank PWD for their efforts in this endeavor.

- The Committee managed a Fall Clean up in October 2023. The timing of this clean-up was designed to predate the annual BHCA Halloween celebrations.

- The Committee participated in and helped manage the Love Your Block clean-up jointly with the city, on Saturday, April 6th, 2024.
- The committee strongly

recommended "same day trash pick-up" (trash to be picked up between 6AM-9AM on day of pick-up with no overnight trash put out) to the BHCA BOD where it was passed unanimously as a resolution, which was then taken to two Boston City Council hearing on the new trash contract.

- With the help of the BHCA Executive Director, new city trash cans were set up in a few key locations in the interior of Beacon Hill. These will be maintained by the city, for which we are very grateful. Some were removed due to

the prevalence of household trash, but one at a critical location was re-installed. The support behind this plan from residents has been immense as the trash problem has gotten much worse. The Committee continues to remind the community that these trash bins are not for household trash.

- The green subcommittee and BHCA office have consistently included 'sustainability tips' in the BHCA newsletter.

Rajan Nanda, Chair

# EDITORIAL

## A REAL-LIFE TWISTER STRUCK REVERE 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

It was 10 years ago this week on Monday morning, July 28, that the neighboring community of Revere made national news when a tornado touched down at Mill Creek at the Chelsea line and tracked up Broadway to Brown Circle, leaving a trail of destruction in its wake that can only be described as something that one might see in a war zone.

When area residents awoke Monday and set out on their business for the day, there was no sign or warning of what Mother Nature would have in store for them at 9:34 that morning. But in the course of approximately five terrifying minutes, an F2 tornado -- in all its fury and unpredictability -- swept down Broadway and adjacent streets, causing tremendous damage to businesses, buildings, and homes.

An excerpt from the front page story of our sister newspaper, the Revere Journal, described the scene in the immediate aftermath this way:

"The sound of a freight train resounded outside the windows of Broadway businesses and homes in the immediate surrounding neighborhoods, a telltale sign of a tornado. Heavy things that aren't supposed to fly around like plastic bags were swirling; the opposite side of Broadway was invisible from one side to the other. The lights went out. The winds howled. Dumpsters were moved several yards. The skating rink roof was ripped off and deposited on Taft Street. City Hall windows on the south side were blown out like bombs had burst -- even computer screens and interior windows burst under the pressure of winds that tossed roofs like Frisbees and tore down granite blocks from the chimneys....Many people, who had no warning of the approaching storm, were outside or driving. They were blown in the winds, emerging from the whirlwind terrified and shaking, hardly able to relay to the Journal what had just happened to them. Just minutes after the storm passed, people who had been outside got up from where they were or emerged from their cars in a zombie-like daze."

Revere's public safety personnel were on the scene within minutes of the tornado's strike, doing everything they could to restore calm and order and to assist residents, almost all of whom had never witnessed a tornado in their lifetimes and who were in a shell-shocked state. In addition, the outpouring of assistance from Revere's neighboring communities and their public safety personnel in the aftermath of the tornado was heartwarming.

The workers of the city's Department of Public Works labored around the clock to clean the debris that resulted from the tornado and quickly restored a sense of normalcy to neighborhoods that were strewn with wires, trees, branches, and metal objects.

For those who were in the path of the F2 tornado, it is something that they will never forget. Miraculously, despite the immense destruction caused by the twister, which lifted roofs off buildings, uprooted large trees, and tossed cars around like Lego toys, nobody was killed and there were no serious injuries.

The Revere Tornado of 2014 now is a chapter in the history of our area. It will stand alone as an incredible weather event, a reminder of the havoc that Mother Nature can wreak in literally just a few minutes, the likes of which we hope we will never witness again.

## CONGRATULATIONS, MAYOR WU

We would like to offer our congratulations and best wishes to Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, who recently announced that she is expecting her third child in January.

Mayor Wu has told the press that she does not plan on taking maternity leave and fully intends to seek re-election next year.

We have no doubt that the mayor's husband, Conor Pewarski, will play a huge role on the homefront, given the incredible demands of the office of mayor.

We wish the mayor and her family all the best in the coming months and we look forward to greeting Boston City Hall's first-ever First Baby!

## GUEST OP-ED

### A budget that will make a big difference

By Maura Healey

I signed a groundbreaking new budget for our state.

This budget delivers on our shared priorities. It drives our state forward with urgency and purpose.

Massachusetts is the best place in the world to live, work, raise a family, and grow a business. But we face challenges, so we aren't resting. We're going on offense.

We're investing in the areas where we're already leading. But we're not just pushing forward on our #1 ranked schools and our nation-leading childcare policy. We're also tackling our biggest challenges by lowering more household costs and improving transportation.

And we're doing all of this responsibly -- staying within our means and focusing every taxpayer dollar on making life better for everyone who lives and works in our state.

So why is this budget going to make such a big difference? Let me give some examples.

We're making strides on education.

This budget funds Literacy Launch, our plan to provide high-quality, evidence-based reading instruction to every student from age 3 to grade 3.

We're fully funding the Student Opportunity Act, continuing to provide free breakfast and lunch for every public school student in the state, and fully phasing in the tax cuts we passed last year --

which for families now means the most generous, universal child and dependent tax credit in the nation, at \$440 per child.

We're funding a historic expansion of college access in our state. Building on the success of Mass-Reconnect, which eliminated tuition and fees for students over 25, we're establishing MassEducate.

Massachusetts will now have the most comprehensive free Community College program in the United States.

We'll save money for students and families. We'll open the doors of higher education and career opportunity. And at a time when community colleges are critical partners on workforce training, it will help us build the workforce we need in climate technology, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and more.

This budget also levels up our work to make transportation both more reliable and more affordable in our state.

It doubles our operating support for the MBTA, and funds the T's reduced fare program for low-income riders. It funds fare-free bus service at our 15 statewide Regional Transit Authorities.

We're using \$250 million of Fair Share funding to leverage \$1 billion of investment capacity for transportation infrastructure -- including roads, bridges, and rails. That could mean as much as \$300 million, right away, for the MBTA Rail Enhancement Program that will accelerate our progress eliminating slow zones.

We're doubling down on our commitment to lead on climate. Last year we made history by investing a full 1% of our state's budget into Energy and Environment. This year, we're doing that again.

Our communities are deeply impacted by climate change already. We saw it in the floods last summer -- and this month. So many communities dealt with serious damage. So this budget establishes the permanent Disaster Relief Fund.

These investments make us more competitive for employers to stay and grow here. They make it easier for people to afford to live and work here. And we have so much more coming.

Today's budget was possible due to our incredible partnership with the Speaker, Senate President, and the work of the entire legislature.

And we're going to get so much more done together. Right now, the Legislature is working hard to complete more major bills, including on housing costs and economic development.

I know we are going to continue the incredible progress we are making. And we're going to do it in the way we know how -- by coming together and delivering.

In a country that is so divided, that sense of partnership is what makes us so special. It makes us Massachusetts.

*Maura Healey is the Governor of Massachusetts*

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## HISTORIC 10 DERNE STREET BUILDING UPDATED AND READY FOR OCCUPANCY

Special to the Times

There's a new, under-the-radar office building in Beacon Hill that is turning heads. 10 Derne Street, located in the heart of Beacon Hill and looking directly into the State House garden, was recently purchased and meticulously renovated by a family development firm: Derne Street Capital.

The building has a storied history: at one point it served as the original headquarters of the Yale Club of Boston and you can still see the original iron work forming a discreet YC on the exterior of the building. That YC now forms the basis of the building's logo.

The partners at Derne Street Capital – Justin and Tyler Griffin and their cousin Lou Tamposi – are part of a third-generation real estate family, and now, they're looking to make their own mark on the industry. Lou and Tyler have spent the better part of the last decade at large real estate finance and development firms, while Justin has worked at the intersection of business and politics, in consulting and marketing capacities.

"In the wake of the pandemic, the office experience has changed," said Tamposi. "Folks want the comfort of their home, and the professionalism and privacy of a family office. Our goal is to strike that balance."

"We're looking to provide a home-away-from-home office experience for our tenants, and we were very deliberate about designing the space accordingly," said Justin Griffin.

The partners worked closely with their designer, Jeff Delvey, who happens to be a tenant in the

building, and Beacon Hill architectural firm Judge Skelton Smith, who themselves reside just a block away. "From the start, we wanted the project to feel very Beacon Hill, like you were stepping into a townhouse, not an office," Delvey told me.

Beyond office space, the building hosts quarterly, bespoke events for the building's tenants and a select network of friends and family. I attended the most recent one featuring Jeff Parrott – owner and creator of the brand J. Earl & Sons, a proprietor of vintage barware, and Brand Director of Blade & Bow Bourbon – which featured cocktails made and mixed by Parrot himself in the building's private courtyard. It also featured Parrot's collection of fine barware for sale to tenants and members attending the event. The event was catered by the Tip Tap Room and Crane River Cheese Club, another Beacon Hill staple.

For more information on 10 Derne Street, please visit [10Derne.com](http://10Derne.com).



Lou Tamposi (left) with Jeff Delvey.



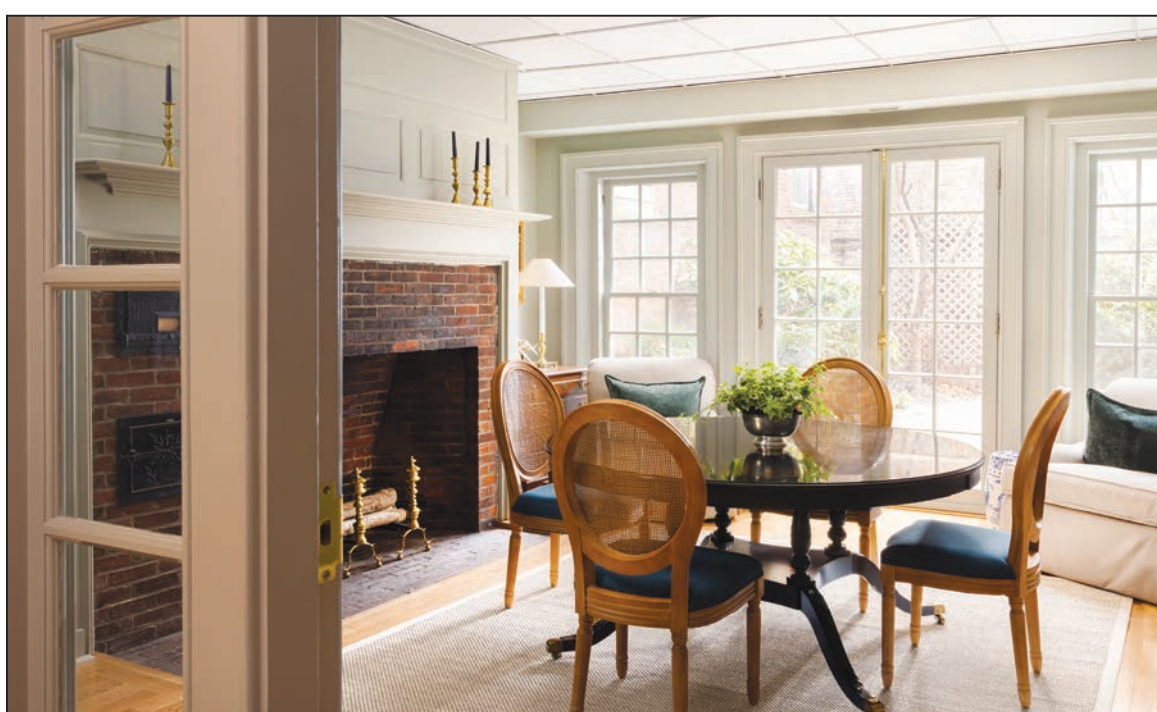
Left to right: Tyler Griffin, Lou Tamposi, Jeff Parrott, and Justin Griffin.



Library Room at 10 Derne Street.



Parlor Meeting Room.



Fireplace in Library Room.

### A LOOK INSIDE A HIDDEN GEM

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The Hidden Art Gallery is located at 25 Myrtle Street.



Curator and artist Zoe Arguell works on drawings.

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Artwork by Zoe Arguell and Patrick Anderson hang on the walls.



Zoe Arguell holds *Windows* by Patrick Anderson, a piece inspired by Edward Hopper.



Curator and artist Zoe Arguell also provides musical entertainment for visitors to *The Hidden Art Gallery*.



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# SUFFOLK 8TH DISTRICT STATE REP HOPEFUL, LISA JEANNE GRAF, HOLDS DISABILITY-RIGHTS RALLY ON COMM. AVE. MALL

Special to the Times

Lisa Jeanne Graf, a candidate for Suffolk 8th District state representative and longtime Fenway resident, held a disability-rights rally on Saturday, July 27, on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

Human-rights advocates, including Graf, along with Krista Cormier, Finn Gardiner, Sam Gordan, Ky Kennedy, and Atty. Colbe Mazzarella, spoke at that time on the need of the legislature to ensure equal rights to disabled people and equal protections against physical harm by passing Bill H.180 'An Act regarding the use of aversive

therapy,' which, among other provisions, would prohibit "any program, agency, or facility funded, operated, licensed, or approved by any agency or subdivision of the Commonwealth shall administer or cause to be administered to any person with a physical, intellectual, or developmental disability any procedure which causes obvious signs of physical pain, including, but not limited to, hitting, pinching, and electric shock for the purposes of changing the behavior of the person."

Learn more about Lisa Jeanne Graf and her campaign at [LisaJeanneGraf.com](http://LisaJeanneGraf.com).



Lisa Jeanne Graf speaks at disability-rights rally.

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Ky Kennedy is seen speaking.

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## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### KLYSNER AWARDED BA IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE

Jordan Klysner of Beacon Hill was awarded a BA in Criminal Justice & Criminology degree during Salve Regina University's 74th commencement.

Salve Regina President Kelli Armstrong conferred 503 bachelor's degrees, 271 master's degrees and 22 doctoral degrees to members of the Class of 2024. In total, this year's graduating class was the University's largest ever at 823.

In presenting the Commencement address, renowned author, scholar and policy analyst Susan Eisenhower spoke to graduates in the context of Salve's focus on mercy leadership and service. "As you begin your post-graduation journey, embrace the unexpected -- even the assignments that may at first disappoint you. Learn from them. Reflect on them. Don't shortchange yourself by living so fast and ambitiously that you miss the enduring lessons that come every day, no matter what job or assignment. You will be the better for it, as will everyone who will come to depend on you."

Eisenhower's recent book, "How Ike Led: The Principles

Behind Eisenhower's Biggest Decisions," has earned critical acclaim nationally and internationally, highlighting the qualities of successful leadership demonstrated by her grandfather, President Dwight D. Eisenhower. She is the founder of the Eisenhower Group, Inc., a Washington D.C.-based consulting company, and Chairman Emeritus at the Eisenhower Institute. Eisenhower has been a Fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics and a Distinguished Fellow at the Nixon Center, now called The Center for the National Interest.

In offering his congratulations, U.S. Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI) said, "I am confident that all of you in the Class of 2024 will make your own mark and serve a purpose higher than yourself. Today more than ever, our world needs your combination of knowledge, talent and, most of all, mercy."

About Salve Regina University: Located in historic Newport, R.I. Salve Regina is a Catholic, coeducational institution of higher education, founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1947. For more than 75 years, Salve has offered rigorous, innovative academic programming in the liberal arts tradition that prepares students to be global citizens and lifelong learners. More than 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students from around the world are enrolled at Salve in

48 undergraduate majors, 13 master's degree programs, combined bachelor's/master's programs, and doctoral programs. Every undergraduate student engages in Salve Compass, a four-year transformational framework through which they develop the experience, skills and wisdom required for a fulfilling career and to make a positive difference in the world. Salve's Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy is a multi-disciplinary research center focused on the intersection of politics, policy and ideas.

### PAULY GRADUATES FROM WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY

Alice R. Pauly graduated from Western New England University with a MS in Applied Behavior Analysis.

The graduate ceremony was held on Sunday, May 19, at the MassMutual Center in downtown Springfield. More than 350 graduate students received their master's, law, and doctorate degrees from its Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy, and School of Law.

In his remarks, President Robert E. Johnson urged graduates to "embrace the future with confidence, courage, and optimism" and assured students that wherever

their future career takes them, they are "equipped with the skillset and the mindset to excel and make a meaningful impact on society."

The Western New England University graduating class of 2024 hailed from 26 states: Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Graduates also came from Canada, India, Malaysia, and Pakistan.

Western New England University (WNE) is a private, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts as a division of Northeastern College, WNE's 215-acre suburban campus serves more than 3,700 students, including over 2,500 full-time undergraduates. More than 47,000 alumni have earned degrees through its 90+ undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 39 U.S. states and territories and 23 countries. Of 45,104 living alum-

ni, 30% remain within the region, residing in the four Western Massachusetts counties and northern Connecticut.

WNE is classified among nationally ranked universities in US News and World Report, and among the Top 100 Undergraduate Engineering programs, and in the Doctoral/Professional Universities category in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

### LOCAL STUDENTS WHO MADE THE UMASS AMHERST DEAN'S LIST

Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

Anthony Christopher Bordon  
Lola Rose DeSanto  
Schuyler Nicholas Figueroa  
Olivia Morgan Heilbronn  
Maya Marie Kawakami  
Louisa Susan Rowntree Klassen  
Larissa Ana Portalski  
Sylvia Catharina Goslinga Posever  
Alison Saperstone

## MBTA makes significant progress on expedited critical track work on Red Line

The MBTA announced the completion of critical track work on the Red Line during service suspensions between Alewife and Kendall/MIT the evening of July 12 and during the day July 15-26; from Alewife to JFK/UMass during the weekends of July 13-14 and July 27-28; and between Alewife and Park Street during the weekend of July 20-21 and evenings of July 15-26.

With unencumbered access to track areas, crews accomplished the following:

- Replaced 21,725 feet of rail
- Removed over 30,000 feet of scrap rail from within the tunnels
- Replaced approximately 1,700 feet of restraining rail
- Replaced 250 ties
- Resurfaced and tamped nearly 11,500 feet of track
- Replaced over 2,600 tie plates
- Replaced 21 primary floating concrete slabs and 25 secondary floating concrete slabs
- Replaced 50 WeeZee bonds
- Repaired or replaced 16 track bonds due to damage

- Removed and reinstalled approximately 4,500 feet of balancing cable by the Signal Department

- Replaced and fully tested approximately 55 individual track circuits

- Replaced and fully tested 10 track circuit loops

- Installed cable hanger assemblies in the northbound tunnel from Alewife to Harvard for nearly 13,000 feet

- Replaced approximately 5,000 feet of the roof of Alewife's east headhouse

- Gauged about 2,000 feet of Red Line track, including curves and at crossovers, by the Maintenance of Way team

As a result of this work, the following speed restrictions have been removed:

- Speed Restriction 000019: Northbound between Central and Harvard

- Speed Restriction 000043: Northbound between Central and Harvard

- Speed Restriction 000044:

Northbound between Central and Harvard

- Speed Restriction 000056: Southbound between Porter and Harvard

- Speed Restriction 000085: Southbound between Harvard and Central

- Speed Restriction 000037: Southbound between Harvard and Central

- Speed Restriction 000036: Southbound between Harvard and Central

- Speed Restriction 000013: Northbound between Kendall/MIT and Central

- Speed Restriction 000151: Northbound between Kendall/MIT and Central

Additional work to enhance the rider experience included:

- Removal of all signal assets in the shutdown area by signal personnel

- Tile repairs at Alewife by brick layers

- Sanding and repair of in-station benches by carpenters/laborers

- Stairway repairs including hand railing, concrete repairs, replacement of anti-slip treads, tile repairs, leveling and resetting, painting, and more

- Infrastructure repairs within the right-of-way area and bike rack repairs at Davis by ironworkers

- Annual tunnel inspections at Alewife by bridge inspectors

- Graffiti removal and painting of station walls, doors, standpipe valves, inspector booths, and trash receptacles by painters

- Replacement of damaged or graffiti-covered areas by sheet metal workers

- Production of new head house signs at Central and signage cleaning or replacement on fare vending machines, escalators, elevators, stairways, busways, and platforms by the Sign Shop

- Drain cleaning and pumping, including water removal from abandoned tunnels and from under the southbound platform at Harvard by plumbers/laborers
- Replacement of A/C units in

various locations by HVAC crews

- Repairs to the Garfield Street pump room by machinists and electricians

- Water intrusion mitigation efforts at Porter, including installation of a water-diverting trough

- Security improvements within Red Line stations by the Security team

- Painting of the existing dry standpipe at Park Street for visual clarity

- Demolition of the old Kendall/MIT outbound head house and erection of steel for the new head house

- Signal bungalow upgrades between Alewife and Central

For more information, visit [[mbta.com/TrackProgram](https://mbta.com/TrackProgram)](<https://mbta.com/TrackProgram>) or connect with the T on X (formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

# Smithsonian curator named the first Chief Curator and Director of collections at the MAAH

Special to the Times

The Curator of Women's History at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture has been named Chief Curator and Director of Collections at the Museum of African American History Boston | Nantucket (MAAH).

Historian Angela Tate— whose career focuses on telling inclusive and expansive stories of America's past— brings a wealth of experience to her new role. Most recently she was a key member of the team that created the new exhibit, "Forces for Change: Mary McLeod Bethune and Black Women's Activism" at the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Working in a dual role, Tate also served as co-chair for the curatorial committee of the Smithsonian's American Women's History Initiative (now the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum).

As a Smithsonian curator she supported the US Mint's Ameri-



COURTESY PHOTO

Angela Tate.

can Women Quarters Program, acquired and stewarded collections related to Black Women's history—including the largest collection of Phillis Wheatley Peters materials in a public institution—moderated panels including programs focused on the women of the Black Panther Party and the 50th anniversary of Shirley Chisholm's presidential run, founded an African American quilt history task force, and organized initiatives around Black maternal health.

"Angela Tate is widely recog-

nized for her creativity, her leadership, and her commitment to education and community engagement," said Dr. Noelle Trent, President & CEO, MAAH. "In addition to curating thought-provoking exhibits, Angela has developed timely programming, symposia, conferences and events that have attracted broad audiences. As we continue to transform Massachusetts' own Museum of African American History, Angela will play an essential role in bringing our vision to life."

A PhD candidate in history at Northwestern University, Tate's dissertation follows the history of Black Women in radio and their influence on the global civil rights movement, with an emphasis on cultural diplomacy and the African Diaspora. Her research has been supported by the Mellon Foundation, the Social Science Research Council, the New York Public Library, and Radcliffe's Schlesinger Library.

According to Tate, her priorities include highlighting the unique role of Black history in Massachusetts by activating spaces that have long been used for community building, education, and engagement.

"Through programs, events and exhibits, I hope to showcase America's founding through the lens of African American history and the African Diaspora with a special emphasis on the diverse experiences and significant contributions of Black women," said Tate.

Earlier in her career, Tate, a published author and in-demand public speaker, worked at a diverse group of institutions from academic libraries and museums to universities, and cultural heritage centers including the Field Foundation in Chicago, IL, the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, MA, the Ora Mobley Sweeting Civil Rights Archive in Los Angeles, CA, and the NASA/Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA.

She was the 2023-2024 Propel Program Fellow at the Association of Art Museum Curators and has served on the advisory boards of the Black Professionals in International Affairs and Cultural DC's Black Futures initiative.

A not-for-profit institution designated a Boston African American Historic Site by the National Park Service, the Museum of African American History (MAAH) began holding exhibitions and public gatherings in 1963. It is nationally

and internationally known for its collection of historic sites on Joy Street in Boston and York Street on Nantucket. These locations anchor the Museum to Black Heritage Trails® in Boston and Nantucket and span the Colonial Period through Reconstruction. MAAH and its portfolio of properties are closely linked to historical leaders, institutions, campaigns and events during the 18th and 19th centuries, such as the Massachusetts General Colored Association which was established in 1826 to combat slavery and racism, the New England Antislavery Society founded in 1832 and led by William Lloyd Garrison, and the voyages of the African American whaling captain, Absalom Boston. Home to four original African American buildings constructed between 1774 and 1835, MAAH sites include two African Meeting Houses, the Abiel Smith School, and the Seneca Boston-Florence Higginbotham House. Through programs, curricula, tours, and exhibits the museum illuminates, interprets, and preserves the birthplace of the abolitionist movement and the continuing struggle for human rights.

## Beacon Hill Times Drop-Off Locations

Antonio's	288 Cambridge St.
Simmon's Liquors	210 Cambridge St.
Jobi Liquors	170 Cambridge St.
7-Eleven	122 Cambridge St.
West End Library	151 Cambridge St.
Charles St. Liquors	143 Charles St.
U.S. Post Office	136 Charles St.
Gary Drug	53 Charles St.
Bank of America	39 Charles St.
Charles St. Supply	54 Charles St.
Cobblestones	30 Charles St.
DeLuca's	11 Charles St.
Cheers	84 Beacon St.
Beacon Hill Market	61 Anderson [corner of Myrtle St.]
Beacon Capitol Market	30 Myrtle St.
City Convenience	23 Beacon St.
Capital Coffee House	122 Bowdoin St.

### Apartment Building locations:

8 Whittier Place	1 Emerson Place
6 Whittier Place	5 Emerson Place
150 Stanford St.	45 Temple St.
1 Longfellow	10 Bowdoin St.
4 Longfellow	144 Bowdoin St.
5 Longfellow	130 Bowdoin St.
2 Hawthorne Place	45 Myrtle St.
9 Hawthorne Place	19 Myrtle St.
4 Emerson Place	65 Martha Rd.

## West Nile Virus detected in nine mosquito test samples

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) announced that nine mosquito test samples obtained from Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, Roxbury, and West Roxbury tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). The virus is carried by mosquitoes and can be spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. These are the first samples to test positive for the virus in Boston this summer. There are currently no confirmed human cases of West Nile Virus among Boston residents and the risk of transmission remains low; however, BPHC still encourages residents to protect themselves.

The best way to reduce the risk of West Nile Virus is by avoiding mosquito bites. BPHC recommends the following strategies:

- Avoid spending extended periods of time outdoors from dusk to dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear long clothing and high socks to keep mosquitos away from your skin.
- Use EPA-approved insect repellents like DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus, picaridin, or IR3535.
- Make sure screens in windows and doors fit properly and do not

have any holes.

- Regularly empty out and clean bird baths, unused flowerpots, and other vessels containing standing water to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. Flip over unused kiddie pools and dispose of old tires, which are also known to collect rainwater that attracts mosquitoes for breeding.

- Regularly clean out gutters and remove any debris or blockages.

"We encourage all residents to protect themselves from insect-borne infections like West Nile Virus by wearing insect repellent and long sleeve clothing when spending time outside at dusk or dawn when mosquitoes are most active," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "We are working closely with our partners at the State to monitor mosquito test samples and keep residents updated about the risk of West Nile."

Most people who are infected with West Nile Virus do not experience any signs or symptoms of illness. In some cases, however, people will experience a headache,

fever, nausea, vomiting, and body aches which can last for a few days or several weeks. In most cases, individuals with mild symptoms recover on their own without needing medical assistance.

People who are older than 50 years of age are at higher risk of developing serious symptoms, including high fever, severe headache, confusion, lack of coordination, and muscle paralysis or weakness. If you or someone you know is experiencing these symptoms, contact a health care provider immediately. More information on WNV and other mosquito-borne illnesses are available on BPHC's website.

Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is the country's oldest health department. We envision a thriving Boston where all residents live healthy and fulfilling lives. To accomplish this, BPHC works in partnership with communities to protect and promote the health and well-being of all Boston residents, especially those impacted by racism and systemic inequities. Learn more about our work at [boston.gov/bphc](http://boston.gov/bphc).

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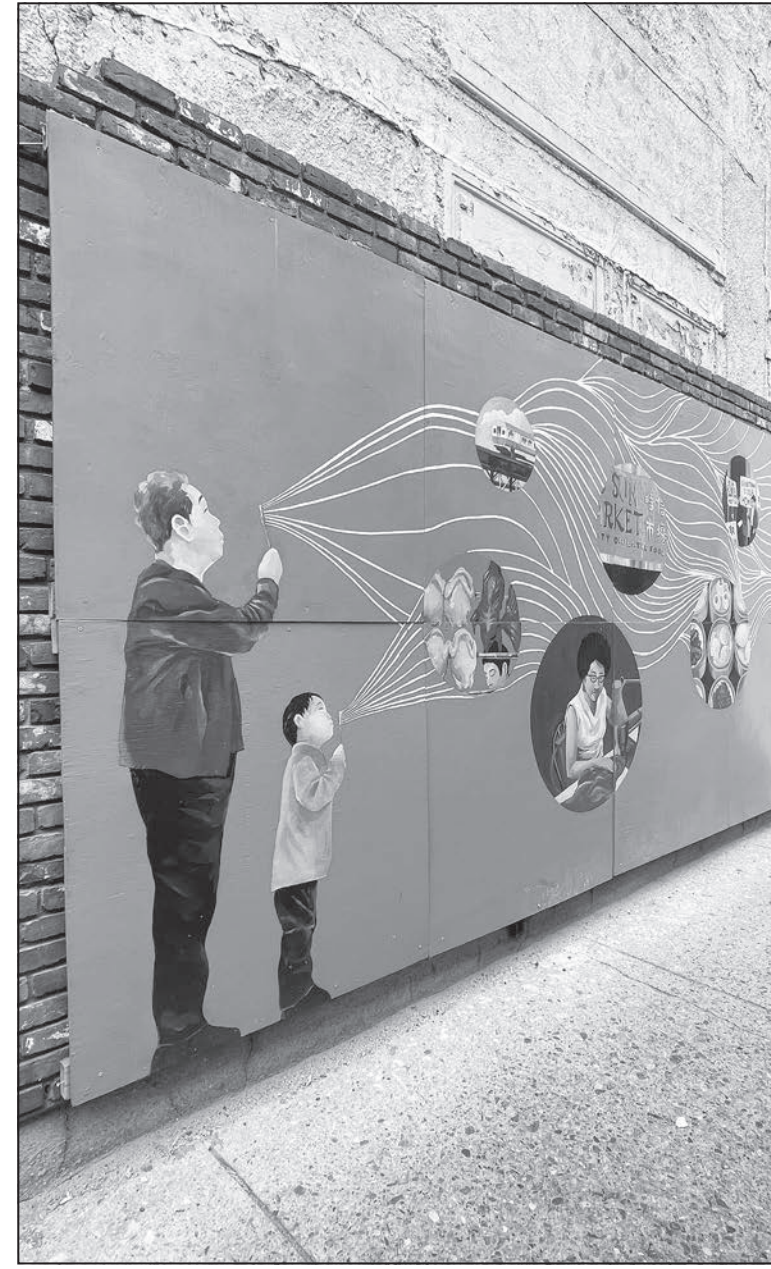
## Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
<b>BACK BAY</b>			
Coito-Braga, Francisco W	Fagan, Karen	171 Beacon St #4-3	\$516,000
Alibrandi, Mark W	Smith, Angus	247 Beacon St #2	\$655,000
Correia, Andrea	Asklepios LLC	295 Beacon St #2	\$1,648,000
Goggins, Ksenia	Deborah L Raboy 1997 RET	220 Boylston St #8018	\$2,400,000
125 Commonwealth Ave LLC	Commonwealth Rt-Special	125 Commonwealth Ave	\$21,000,000
125 Commonwealth Ave LLC	Commonwealth Rt-Special	127 Commonwealth Ave	\$21,000,000
Shaji, Ali	Cordo, Ellen M	160 Commonwealth Ave #618	\$2,150,000
Squires-Pilla, Renette K	Rechenbach, Rune	160 Commonwealth Ave #315	\$550,000
1345 Main Street LLC	Svafa Gronfeldt T	11 Exeter St #7	\$1,750,000
Boston 02116 LLC	Lee, Peter	133 Marlborough St #4	\$1,006,000
Leng, Yaoan	Lau, Kevin	390 Commonwealth Ave #301	\$1,129,999
Lee, Andrew	Lucey, Patrick	17 Hereford St #17	\$2,300,000
Roth, Samuel	Souza Lt	407 Marlborough St #5B	\$1,089,000
Tmec Newbury Inc	Newbury 284 Nt	284 Newbury St	\$20,000,000
Roth, Samuel	Souza Lt	425 Newbury St #5B	\$1,089,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
105-109 Charles LLC	Charles & Joy St Owner L	105 Charles St	\$9,250,000
105-109 Charles LLC	Charles & Joy St Owner L	107 Charles St	\$9,250,000
105-109 Charles LLC	Charles & Joy St Owner L	109 Charles St	\$9,250,000
7 Chestnut Street Rt	7 Chestnut Street LLC	7 Chestnut St	\$11,250,000
Yakimchuk, Dmitry	Stephens 3rd, Theodore J	5 Myrtle St #2	\$308,000
Bloch, Susan	King, Christopher R	105 Pembroke St #1	\$675,000
Lee, Anna H	Dharan, Anand R	72 Pinckney St #1	\$1,685,000
Srisirikul Bigham Lt	Wen, Kelly	8 Whittier Pl #23B8	\$579,000
Reardon-Lochbaum, C	Paul A Fugazzotto RET	17 Worcester St #8	\$1,675,000
<b>BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE</b>			
Potdevin, Bridget R	Sheehan Michael Est	416 Columbus Ave #3	\$677,500
Zheng, Catherine K	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	55 Lagrange St #906	\$615,000
Chen, Margaret	Han, Liang	188 Brookline Ave #21H	\$1,485,000
Pratt, Carolyn	Putnam 234 Associates LL	234 Causeway St #906	\$1,099,000
Soep, Matthew	Putnam 234 Associates LL	234 Causeway St #922	\$700,000
Paker, Asif M	Harsha, Paul E	270 Huntington Ave #606	\$350,000
La, Franklin W	Nosek, Andrzej	16 Miner St #407	\$595,000
Fei, Zhixing	60qbu12 LLC	60 Queensberry St #12	\$397,000
Caselden, Lisa	Houston, Patrick	72 Rutland St #1	\$1,860,000
Aubuchon-Jones, Katherine	Goff, Ashleigh	322 Shawmut Ave #1	\$899,000
Stavis, Joshua	James M Whiten Lt	324 Shawmut Ave #1	\$2,195,000
Carpene, Gregg	Epperly, Patricia	12 Stoneholm St #507	\$461,500
Cleary, Maeve	Currier, Connor N	635 Tremont St #3	\$1,160,000
Springhorn, Jeremy P	153 West Brkline Unit 2	153 W Brookline St #2	\$3,600,000
<b>WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN</b>			
Binda, Margaret	Vo, Jenny N	34 Clark St #2	\$755,300
Dempsey, Kyle E	Jones, Christopher W	210-216 Lincoln St #301	\$1,050,000
Raynor, Andrea	Burke, Fenton J	210 South St #10-5	\$748,000

## Attention to Detail

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### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The detail in the last clue is on the mural "Tied Together by a Thousand Threads," located at 15-25 Harrison Ave. Installed in 2017, it was created by artist Shaina Lu to interpret Yvonne Ng's multigenerational life in Chinatown. It was vandalized during the pandemic and restored and reinstalled by the community in 2023.

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Email [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your suggestion.

### THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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# FRESH AND LOCAL Stand-by salad

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

One smart strategy for summer meals is to always have a hardy, filling salad ready in the refrigerator. These salads, packed with nutrients and accompanied by a side of protein, offer a practical and healthy meal option. They're a great way to achieve the goals of "five servings of vegetables and fruit a day" and "eating the rainbow."

A few of our favorite stand-by salads are tabouli, greek salad, Israeli salad, carrot salad, corn salad, and an Italian salad mix that we can add to lettuce when we serve it. This summer, we're adding a twist with more bean salads and a few that add fruit to the mix.

### Mediterranean and Middle Eastern

Look for inspiration along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. This region's diet is acclaimed for its healthy use of vegetables as the meal's centerpiece. Many of the offerings in the traditional mezze platter of dips and salads are sold pre-made in supermarkets, as take-out, or at Farmers' Markets. Obviously, these are all fine when made ahead.

Most are relatively easy to make

at home and personalize for your tastes. Tabouli recipes typically have parsley, tomato, bulgur, onion, olive oil, lemon juice, and salt as the main ingredients. However, as you move from one culture to another where this salad is a mainstay, you find variations. Pomegranate seeds are substituted for the tomato, or the ratio of grain to parsley is changed.

Moreover, using tabouli as a grain and herb salad allows creative cooks to experiment. Other grains are substituted for the bulgur, and peppers, cucumbers, and other vegetables are added. Our version adds chickpeas to the mix, which, when working with the grain, makes a complete protein when we have it stuffed in a pita or scooped up with lettuce leaves as a lighter meal.

The same is true for versions of the chopped salad often called Israeli salad but served throughout the region under other names. It contains tomato, onion, and cucumber and can also include pepper, carrot, scallion, and herbs dressed with lemon juice and olive oil. We find this is better when the ingredients have been together long enough for their flavors to merge.



Here are four favorite "stand-by salads:" potato and egg, chickpea, tabouli, and classic French grated carrot salad.

### From Near and Far

We don't use mayonnaise, so our potato salad and coleslaw recipes are made with oil and vinegar. This makes for a lighter and longer-lasting salad. We also use recipes for these "all-American favorites" from other cultures.

We love German potato salad, salad nicoise, and Asian coleslaw. Cabbage is easy to have on hand, and coleslaw can be a side dish or a sandwich topping and can take

on dozens of profiles. Our favorite one has scallions, grated carrots, fennel, and a sprinkle of mustard seeds added to its apple cider vinaigrette.

Classic French grated carrot salad is wonderful with its standard mustardy dressing. However, we make versions with a tad more honey and some raisins added. Recently, we had a container of muhmmara, the Middle Eastern red pepper and walnut dip on hand when making carrot salad and decided to mix that in to change the flavor profile. It was a

smoky, spicy success.

Think about coming home on a hot summer day to a bowl of something cool and refreshing waiting to fill your dinner plate. Just add some protein from your freezer or left from another meal. Or, you could always pick up a bit of fish or a take-out kabob on the way home.

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