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COURTESY OF THE ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION

Park visitors enjoying a past GroundBeat concert sponsored by the Esplanade Association at the DCR Memorial Hatch Shell.

Esplanade Association seeking producers and artists for upcoming GroundBeat concert series

By Dan Murphy

The Esplanade Association is seeking producers and artists to participate in the upcoming eighth season of the park's free riverfront concert series, GroundBeat.

"We're thrilled to celebrate the eighth season of this special free series that brings people together through music and culture at the iconic DCR Memorial Hatch Shell," said Samuel Englert, the nonprofit's Senior Manager of Partnerships & Programs. "GroundBeat provides paid opportunities for local producers and artists, showcasing diverse styles and genres in every concert. We can't wait to kick off the season this spring at our Annual Community Day with free food, seating, and incredible performances for all to enjoy."

For 2025, the Esplanade Associ-

ation is planning five GroundBeat concerts—two more performances than last year—for the late spring, with dates to be announced. The series is intended as not only a forum for culture but also to connect the community with the Esplanade Association's partners via games, food, and other event offerings. Free seating will be offered at each performance.

The open call for producers and artists reads in part: "The Esplanade Association will file all permits, manage event registration pages, provide marketing support, coordinate planning in advance of the concerts, and act as the event manager day-of. The Esplanade Association will cover all costs associated with the aforementioned. The Esplanade Association will provide a pre-determined amount of funding...for each concert based on the length of the

show. Producers/Artists will provide a budget demonstrating how funding will be used."

Applications must be completed by Friday, Jan. 31, and are available online at <https://esplanade.org/groundbeat/>.

Besides artists and producers, the Esplanade Association is also seeking nonprofits/community groups to vend or distribute information at their own tables during the concerts. If your organization is interested in this opportunity, email programs@esplanade.org for more information.

Meanwhile, the Esplanade Association extends its gratitude to GroundBeat sponsors, including the Boston Foundation, Audax Charitable Foundation, and Mass Cultural Council for its past and continuing, support. As the series

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Area A-1 sees slight increase in crime in '24

By Dan Murphy

With 2024 drawing to a close, Area A-1 had seen a 2-percent increase in Part One crime from the previous year.

According to Boston Police, 2,236 incidents of Part One crime were reported in the district, which includes Beacon Hill, Chinatown, Downtown, and the North End, between Jan. 1 and Dec. 29, 2024, compared to 2,194 during the same timeframe in 2023.

Part One crime in the district was also up more than 5 percent in '24 from the five-year average of 2,119 incidents.

One homicide was reported in the district in '24 as opposed to three in '23. The five-year average for this crime category in the district was two incidents.

Rapes and attempted rapes were up more than 26 percent in the district in '24, with the number climbing to 24 from 19 in 2023.

The five-year average for this category in the district was 23 incidents.

The rate of robberies and attempted robberies in the district remained the same, with 147 incidents each year in both 2023 and '24. Both years marked a nearly 4-percent reduction from the five-year average of 153 incidents for this category in the district.

Incidents of domestic aggravated assault in the district were down more than 14 percent as the number fell to 24 from 28 in '23. The five-year average for this category in the district was also 28 incidents.

In contrast, incidents of non-domestic aggravated assault were up around 16 percent, climbing to 246 from 212 in '23. The five-year average for this category in the district was 230 incidents.

Commercial burglaries in the

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REP. LIVINGSTONE SWORN IN FOR ANOTHER TERM

Rep. Livingstone has represented the Suffolk 8th District since 2013, when he won in a Special Election to succeed Marty Walz. He has been reelected six times since then, in 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, and 2024, respectively.

"I'm honored to start another term serving as the State Representative for the 8th Suffolk," said Rep. Livingstone. "I look forward to working to enact enforcement tools to regulate scooters, improve civil rights, and make Massachusetts more competitive."



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Rep. Jay Livingstone was sworn in for another term on Jan. 1 at the State House.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

WECA MEETING SET FOR JAN. 9 AT AMY LOWELL APARTMENTS

The West End Civic Association (WECA) will meet on Thursday, Jan. 9, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room of the Amy Lowell Apartments, 65 Martha Road.

This will be an open meeting, and all West End residents are welcome. Carol Matyka, the 2025 WECA President, will discuss the organization's goals and plans for the New Year. Masks are encouraged.

UPCOMING WEST END MUSEUM EVENTS

The West End Museum, located at 150 Staniford St., Suite 7 (on Lomasney Way), presents 'Jimbo: Exhibit Talk' on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 6 p.m.

This talk by WEM's Curator, Bob Potenza, will focus on 'Jim "Jimbo" Campano: Hero of the West End,' an exhibit running through February 2025. Through words, images, and artifacts taken from the museum's archives, visitors will experience Jim's development into a lifelong activist, dedicated to the preservation of the Old West End's memory and the dream of bringing his "neighborhood of the mind" back to the physical space where it belonged.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jimbo-exhibit-talk-tickets-1037094667067> for more information and tickets.

The museum will offer a screening of 'Taken Away,' with a special introduction and Q&A with the filmmaker, Christopher Brown, on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 4 p.m.

This film, Brown's debut, explores the demolition of Boston's historic and diverse West End neighborhood during 'urban renewal' of the 1950s. The film received the Best First Time Director award from the Berlin Indie Film Festival in 2024.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taken-away-film-screening-tickets-1112042311489> for more information and tickets.

The museum will also sponsor the West End Winter Social on Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

For this event, the museum will open its doors exclusively for West End residents, past and present. There will be crafts, snacks, and refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors, explore the museum, and share in the vibrant spirit of our local community.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/west-end-winter-social-tickets-1112059151859> to sign up and for more information.

NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM TO OFFER FREE OPEN HOUSE ON JAN. 10

The Nichols House Museum, located at 55 Mt Vernon St., invites neighbors to a free community open house to celebrate Rose Nichols' birthday on Friday, Jan. 10, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Enjoy a slice of birthday cake, meet the Nichols House staff, and explore the museum at this free event, which is open to everyone.

For more information, visit <https://www.nicholshousemuseum.com>.

DISCOVER MGH'S BLUM CENTER ON TUESDAY, JAN. 28

Discover the Blum Center, in Partnership with the Slavin Academy, on Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Blum Center, White 110, on the MGH main campus.

At this time, information on upcoming programs, a

Q&A sessions to answer your questions, and insights into the educational resources will be available to patients, families, and the community. A clinicians will also be available to educate attendees on checking their blood pressure at home and understanding how

it relates to their heart health, as well as on monitoring their health at home.

All are welcome at this event where light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact the Blum Center at 617-724-7352 or via email at PFLC@partners.org.

UPCOMING KNITTING ACTIVITIES AT WEST END BRANCH LIBRARY

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library will offer 'Learn to Knit with Knitly!' on Fridays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 10-11 a.m. (Registration is for one session.)

Have you been curious about learning how to knit? Join instructors from Knitly for a fun, social experience, where you will learn how to knit a garter stitch cowl. Materials, including a yarn buffet, are available for participants. No prior experience is necessary.

Registration is required for this event as seats are limited; contact Wesley Fiorentino, generalist librarian, via email at wfiorentino@bpl.org or by calling 617-523-3957.

The library will also offer 'Knitting and Fiber Crafts Clinic with Knitly' on Fridays from Jan. 10-31 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Did you know that knitting has been shown to lower stress levels and blood pressure as much as yoga and meditation? Drop in for knitting help, socializing, and a discussion on the fiber arts. Each session will feature a different knitting-focused discussion. Bring any project you're working on, or get inspired by the provided materials. No prior experience is necessary.

Registration is required for this event as seats are limited; contact Wesley Fiorentino, generalist librarian, via email at wfiorentino@bpl.org or by calling 617-523-3957.

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).

State Fire Marshal offers cold snap heating safety tips

Special to the Times

With temperatures expected to dip into the teens overnight this week, Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents to stay warm safely and protect their loved ones from some of the most common home heating fires.

"We're expecting very cold weather in the nights ahead, and home heating appliances will be working overtime," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "Heating equipment is the leading cause of carbon monoxide at home and the second leading cause of residential fires. Whether you're using gas, oil, solid fuel, or space heaters to keep warm, be sure you keep safe, too."

State Fire Marshal Davine said there were nearly 6,000 heating fires in Massachusetts from 2019 to 2023. These fires claimed eight lives, caused 139 injuries to firefighters and residents, and contributed to over \$42 million in damage. And in 2023 alone, Massa-

chusetts fire departments reported finding carbon monoxide at nearly 5,000 non-fire incidents.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Every household needs working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of their home. Check the manufacturing date on the back of your alarms so you know when to replace them: smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced after 5 to 10 years depending on the model. If your alarms take alkaline batteries, put in fresh batteries twice a year when you change your clocks. If it's time to replace your alarms, choose new ones from a well-known, national brand. Select smoke alarms with a sealed, long-life battery and a hush feature.

Natural Gas and Oil Heat

If you have a furnace, water heater, or oil burner, have it professionally checked and serviced

each year. This will help it run more efficiently, which will save you money and could save your life. Always keep a three-foot "circle of safety" around the appliance clear of anything that could catch fire. Never store painting supplies, aerosol cans, or other flammable items near these appliances. If you smell gas, don't use any electrical switches or devices: get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1 right away.

Residents struggling to pay for heating bills or maintenance may be eligible for assistance through the Massachusetts home energy assistance program (HEAP). No matter what type of heating equipment you use, HEAP may be able to help you pay your winter heating bills or maintain your heating system. All Massachusetts residents are encouraged to explore eligibility for this free program and apply for assistance.

Solid Fuel Heating

If you use a fireplace or a stove that burns wood, pellets, or coal,

always keep the area around it clear for three feet in all directions. This circle of safety should be free of furniture, drapery, rugs, books and papers, fuel, and any other flammable items. To prevent sparks and embers from escaping, use a fireplace screen or keep the stove door closed while burning. Use only dry, seasoned hardwood and don't use flammable liquids to start the fire. To dispose of ashes, wait until they are cool and shovel them into a metal bucket with a lid and place it outside at least 10 feet away from the building.

Have your chimney and flue professionally inspected and cleaned each year. Most chimney fires are caused by burning creosote, a tarry substance that builds up as the fireplace, wood stove, or pellet stove is used. If burning creosote, sparks, embers, or hot gases escape through cracks in the flue or chimney, they can cause a fire that spreads to the rest of the structure. Annual cleaning and inspection can minimize this risk.

Contact the Massachusetts Chimney Sweep Guild or Chimney Safety Institute of America to identify reputable local companies.

Space Heaters

Keep space heaters at least three feet from curtains, bedding, and anything else that can burn. Plug them directly into a wall socket, not an extension cord or a power strip, and remember that they're for temporary use. Always turn a space heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

When purchasing a space heater, select one that's been tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing company, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Intertek (ETL). Newer space heaters should have an automatic shut-off switch that turns the device off if it tips over. Unvented kerosene space heaters and portable propane space heaters are not permitted for residential use in Massachusetts, State Fire Marshal Davine said:

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BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

Notice Of Public Hearing

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will hold a public hearing on January 16 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 by request. 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 our Zoom Meeting or calling 1 (929) 205-6099 and entering meeting id # 919 8214 2424. You can also submit written comments or questions to BeaconHillAC@boston.gov.

I. Violation Review Hearing

APP # 25.0525 BH 77 Charles Street

Applicant: P. Hickox; Hickox Williams Architects.

Proposed Work: Alteration of sign and Ratification of VIO.24.0896; Unapproved alterations of storefront.

II. Design Review Hearing

APP # 25.0497 BH 7 Louisburg Square

Applicant: A. Sassaroli; Steven Harris Architects

Proposed Work: Relocate mail slot at the front door from side

panel to door leaf. Repair masonry door surround and stain masonry surround to match existing lintels and sills.

APP # 25.0526 BH 55-57 Brimmer Street

Applicant: Tracy Bradley; Park Street School

Proposed Work: Install a rolling hoist beam, three security cameras, and one doorbell for carriage house project.

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 # 25.0527 BH 81 Phillips Street: Replace non-historic front door in kind.

APP # 25.0516 BH 86 Beacon Street: Remove an existing skylight over an elevator shaft in order to replace the elevator hydraulic piston assembly and replace the skylight with a new copper and glass unit to match existing.

APP # 25.0495 BH 90 Beacon Street: Replace five total sash sets and one double door set, all of which are not historic. Fourth floor: one door set, two "bowed" sash sets. Third floor: one sash set and two "bowed" sash sets. Fabricate new bowed sash sets in

four openings keeping the original jambs, wood sills and brick moldings. The new sash sets will be mahogany, mortise & tenon, true divided light, glazed at the exterior, use clear glass, double hung and be painted semi-gloss black at the exterior. The new door set will swing out as currently exists, mahogany, true divided lights, use oil rubbed bronze or black in color hinges as the knuckles are visible from the exterior. New cremone bolts & hardware will be installed at the interior. None of the new windows will have low-e glass.

APP # 25.0524 BH 29 Branch Street: Replace two non-historic casement sets at the side elevation of the Carriage House on Branch Street. One casement is a 6 by 6 "swing out". One is a 8 by 8 "swing out". The replacement casements will be 6 by 6 and 8 by 8 "swing out". Mahogany, mortise & tenon, true divided lite & be painted semi-gloss black at the exterior. New casements will be using clear, non-low e glass.

APP # 25.0506 BH 107 Chestnut Street: Restore a 4 lite cast iron window at the rear elevation. Remove all broken glass & replace this broken glass with 1/4" clear glass. Reglaze all glass openings & paint in the existing color: Essex Green.

Front elevation three leaded glass window openings: HWD will fabricate & install three mahogany one lite wood storm windows at the exterior. The existing leaded glass panels are "swing in" casements. The new mahogany wood

storms will have a thin style on all four sides as not to obscure any leaded glass. Painted Essex Green in kind. Front elevation small one lite casements: Remove existing broken cast iron hinges & replace with solid brass in black finish: 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" square mortise hinges. Replace 1-2 rotted bottom sash rails with new mahogany & painted in kind:

Essex Green.

APP # 25.0490 BH 4 Derne Street: Secure all guardrail connections by adding a new structure of galvanized bolts, secure all brackets support connections, hand scrape, repaint in kind.

APP # 25.0504 BH 9 Hancock Street: Replace three total non-historic, 6 over 1, windows at the 5th floor front elevation at 9 Hancock Street. The existing windows are non operational & have considerable rot. The new 6 over 1 sash sets would be fabricated from all wood mortise & tenon. True divided light at top 6 lite sash, double hung and painted semi gloss black, the exterior to match the existing exterior color. The existing aluminum storm windows will be removed. The existing jambs, brick moldings and wood sills to remain.

APP # 25.0527 BH 81 Phillips Street: Replace non-historic front door in kind.

IV. Ratification of December 19, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes

V. Staff Updates

VI. Projected Adjournment: 8:00 PM

More than one-third of Christmas tree home fires occur in January

More than one-third (36 percent) of U.S. home fires involving Christmas trees occur in January. With this post-holiday fire hazard in mind, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) strongly encourages everyone to dispose of Christmas trees promptly after the holiday season.

"As much as we all enjoy the look and feel of Christmas trees in our homes, they're large combustible items that have the potential to result in serious fires," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA.

According to NFPA data, Christmas tree fires don't happen often, but when they do occur, they're more likely to be serious. That's in part because fresh Christmas trees dry out over time, making them more flammable the lon-

ger they're in the home. A dried-out Christmas tree will burn much more quickly than a well-watered one.

Between 2018 and 2022, there was an estimated annual average of 155 home structure fires that began with Christmas trees, resulting in four civilian deaths, seven civilian injuries, and \$15 million in direct property damage.

"Fires that begin with Christmas trees represent a very small but notable part of the U.S. fire problem, considering that they are generally in use for a short time each year," said Carli.

To safely dispose of a Christmas tree, NFPA recommends using the local community's recycling program, if possible; trees should not be put in the garage or left outside. NFPA also offers these tips for

safely removing lighting and decorations to ensure that they remain in good condition:

- Use the gripping area on the plug when unplugging electrical decorations. Never pull the cord to unplug any device from an electrical outlet, as this can harm the wire and insulation of the cord, increasing the risk for shock or electrical fire.
- As you pack up light strings, inspect each line for damage, throwing out any sets that have loose connections, broken sockets or cracked or bare wires.
- Wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags or wrap them around a piece of cardboard.
- Store electrical decorations in a dry place away from children and pets where they will not be

damaged by water or dampness.

For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research, and resources, please visit the NFPA press room.

Founded in 1896, NFPA® is a global, self-funded, nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

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the risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning that they pose is too great.

Create and Practice a Home Escape Plan

Everyone should have a home escape plan that accounts for two ways out of every room, and everyone should be able to open the doors and windows along the way. Remember that children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need extra assistance.

More Home Heating Safety Tips

The Department of Fire Services offers a wealth of home heating safety information, including the "Keep Warm, Keep Safe" tool kit for local fire departments, caregivers, and service providers, on the DFS web site.

EDITORIAL

JIMMY CARTER PRACTICED WHAT HE PREACHED

The passing of former President Jimmy Carter at the age of 100 brings to an end the extraordinary life of a man who ascended from the small town of Plains, Georgia (population 552) to the highest office in the world.

Carter's life-story is the political equivalent of a rags-to-riches Horatio Alger novel. He never gave up on anything he attempted, despite long odds and failure. As a boy he aspired to attend the U.S. Naval Academy, which he eventually did (after initially attending the Georgia Technology Institute) and from which he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class.

After completing his military service, he went into peanut-farming (something he had done as a youngster) and almost went bankrupt. However, thanks to hard work and determination, he and his wife Rosalynn eventually turned the farm into a successful enterprise.

Carter served as a state senator in Georgia before running for governor. He lost his first campaign, but won the second, serving from 1971-75 before launching his long-shot bid for president despite being a virtual unknown on the national scene.

Jimmy Carter first came to our attention in an interview in a national magazine just as he was launching his bid for the presidency. Carter's straight talk (in a press conference he described his ideology as, "Conservative, moderate, liberal, and middle-of-the-road") impressed us as being just what the country needed in the immediate aftermath of the Watergate scandal and the Vietnam War, two events in which our nation's leaders had lied to us about everything.

Carter was an unconventional president in almost everything he did right from the start. On his second day in office, Carter pardoned all Vietnam War draft evaders. He immediately jump-started peace negotiations in the Mideast that culminated in 1978 when he invited Anwar Sadat, the president of Egypt, and Menachem Begin, the president of Israel, to Camp David and personally shuttled between their compounds for 13 days to work out a peace plan.

He created a national energy policy that included conservation and renewable energy in an effort to wean the U.S. off our dependence on foreign oil. He also undertook the second round of strategic arms limitation talks with the Soviet Union.

However, Jimmy Carter had the misfortune of beginning his presidency during a period of perceived decline in our nation. Our major cities were crime-ridden. New York City was bankrupt. Things went from bad to worse in the second half of his term with the disaster at Three Mile Island, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Nicaraguan Revolution in which avowed Communists took control of the country, and the Iranian Revolution, which not only saw our embassy workers be taken hostage, but which also resulted in another oil price shock, leading to long lines at gas stations all across the country.

Jimmy Carter's greatest strengths, his dogged determination and belief in his own ability, proved to be his greatest weaknesses. He failed to understand that politics is the art of compromise. When he spoke to the American people about gasoline shortages and the high price of energy, he urged personal sacrifice, such as driving less, turning down thermostats, and wearing extra sweaters. Carter lacked the ability of many great leaders, such as Churchill, Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan, to provide inspiration and hope.

Even though we were young and enjoying ourselves immensely in the prime of our lives during his presidency, whenever we think back to the '70s, we think of a gloomy and depressing era -- ugh, what a mess it was. Jimmy Carter didn't cause any of those problems, but he didn't have any solutions either.

But as much as Jimmy Carter may not have been a successful president, his five decades post-presidency should serve as an inspiration to every American. There is no person in our lifetime who has been the exemplification of the ideals (and we're not getting religious here) expressed by Jesus Christ: Love thy neighbor as thyself; do unto other as you would have them do unto you; let he who is without sin cast the first stone; and especially, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God."

For almost 50 years, Jimmy Carter practiced the ideals that he preached from the pulpit in his small Baptist Church. His work with Habitat for Humanity, his efforts to eradicate the Guinea worm disease through the Carter Center, and his many diplomatic efforts around the world earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002.

Jimmy Carter served as the conscience of our nation -- and the world.

His presence will be missed. May he rest in peace.

EVEN WHEN THE PATRIOTS WON, THEY LOST

Heading into the final week of the NFL season, the Patriots were in prime position to claim the #1 draft pick, which held the promise of trading that pick to a team that needs a quarterback in return for a number of other picks that the Pats could have used to restock their team.

All that the Pats had to do on Sunday was lose to the Buffalo Bills -- something the Patriots had done on 13 previous occasions this season.

But they blew it -- they won! -- and thereby dropped to the #4 pick, which is of little consequence in this year's draft.

Despite the victory, the Patriots fired first-year head coach Jerod Mayo. Admittedly, Mayo may have been in over his head as a first-time head coach, but the reality is that he never had a chance given New England's pathetic roster.

The Patriots had been among the elite organizations in pro sports. But today they're a joke, with no light at the end of the tunnel, no matter who their next head coach may be.

The futility of the Patriots this season makes us all the more appreciative of the genius of Bill Belichick and the greatness of Tom Brady. Even though the Pats may not make it back to the Super Bowl for quite a while, we can be grateful for the joy they brought us for almost two decades.

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continues to grow, so will additional opportunities, along with the need for more sponsorships and support. If your organization is interesting in sponsoring a portion of the series, contact Jim Diverio, Director of Development, via email at jdverio@esplanade.org.

Additionally, the Esplanade Association thanks its Volunteer Ambassadors who work tirelessly to ensure that the GroundBeat series is a positive experience for everyone involved. Individuals who are interested in deepening their connection to the park should consider applying to be a 2025 Volunteer Ambassador.

Email Molly Ryan, Volunteer & Sustainability Coordinator, at mryan@esplanade.org, or visit esplanade.org/ambassadors/ to learn more about this opportunity.

In 2018, the Esplanade Association initiated GroundBeat in partnership with Catherine T Morris and in coordination with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Past GroundBeat partners and performers have included BAMS Fest, AfroDesiaCity, Keep Ryzin' Entertainment, Veronica Robles Mariachi, and OrigiNation Cultural Arts Center, among others.

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Councilor Flynn files hearing orders on Boston 2024 crime stats and Boston Crime Lab

Special to the Times

At this year's first City Council Meeting, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn filed a hearing to discuss the Boston 2024 end-of-year crime statistics report and examine trends across the City, while also refiling a hearing order to discuss the resources and status of the Boston Crime Lab.

According to the 2024 year-end crime statistics report released by the Boston Police Department, Part 1 crime increased by 1% from 2023 to 2024, firearm-related arrests stayed the same at 436 arrests, and gunfire incidents decreased slightly from 107 to 105 incidents. In 2024, Boston also had the lowest homicide rate in almost 70 years. As we recognize the hardworking men and women at the Boston Police Department for their dedication to keep our city safe, it is important to discuss the increases in Part 1 crime, especially in the categories of domestic and non-domestic assault, up by 43 and 23 incidents respectively, commercial burglary, up by 17 incidents, and other larceny, which saw the most notable increase by 645 incidents. Discussing these statistics will help our communities understand the scope of crime in their respective neighborhoods, as well as inform successes and shortcomings of different strategies.

Last year, it was reported that the Boston Crime Laboratory was severely lagging behind on the testing of sexual assault kits within a

state-mandated testing timeline of 30 days. At a hearing to discuss resources for the Crime Lab last year, the delays were attributed to understaffing and a lack of stable leadership. Since then, the City Council voted to internally reallocate \$1 million within the Boston Police Department to support the work of the Boston Police Crime Lab during the FY25 budget cycle, including \$700,000 to increase the hiring of lab techs and to fill the director vacancy, and \$300,000 to purchase new sexual assault testing equipment with DNA testing capacities, such as Y-Screening. This new hearing will follow up on last year's discussion and reallocation of funding to see if any progress has been made, and whether the Crime Lab needs additional resources.

"It is important to discuss last year's crime statistics to help our communities understand the prevalence and types of crimes occurring in their neighborhoods, which can inform our policy decisions, as well as guide our neighbors, families, and our seniors on ways to prevent and report crime," said Councilor Flynn. "On the Crime Lab, the City Council voted last year to approve an amendment for a \$1 million funding reallocation within the Boston Police Department to support personnel and upgraded testing capabilities. It is critical that we work to ensure Boston is in compliance with the state mandated testing timeline of 30 days for sexual assault kits."

CRIME (from pg. 1)

district saw a negligible uptick as the number climbed to 78 from 77 in '23. The five-year average for this category in the district was 81 incidents.

On the other hand, residential burglaries in the district were down around 15 percent, with the number falling to 45 from 53 in '23. The five-year average for this category in the district was 48 incidents.

Incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle in the district were down slightly more than 6 percent as the number dropped to 211 from 225 in '23. The five-year average for this category in the district was 240 incidents.

Other larcenies in the district were up almost 4 percent as the

number climbed to 1,390 from 1,338 in '23. Both years marked a significant uptick from five-year average for this category in the district of 1,248 incidents.

Auto theft in the district was down nearly 20 percent, with 70 incidents in 2024, compared to 92 in '23. Both years were down significantly from the five-year average for this category in the district of 99 incidents.

Citywide, Part One crime was up 1 percent in '24, with 16,653 incidents, compared to 16,413 in 2023.

Part One crime was also up around 3 percent citywide in '24 from the five-year average of 16,153 incidents.

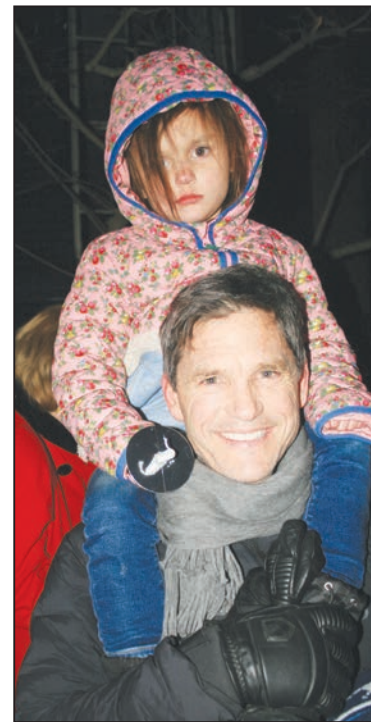
ANNUAL BEACON HILL BELLRINGING



Shown above are some of the people who gathered at Louisburg Square on Christmas Eve to hear the bellringing.



Shown from left are Beacon Hill residents Mary Ellen Eagan, Hilary Gabrieli and Alicia Cooney.



The musical event attracted many families.

More than 250 gathered at Louisburg Square on Christmas Eve this year to hear the annual Beacon Hill Bellringing of Christmas Carols. This year also marked the 100th Anniversary of the popular musical venue.

The yearly event was started on Christmas Eve in 1924, by Margaret (Nichols) Shurcliff who with her children walked from her home at 66 Mount Vernon, up to her parents' home at 55 Mount Vernon. There, they rang a short program of carols on handbells. The music attracted an audience, and their response was enthusias-

tic – applauding “as loud as they could, their hands muffled by woolen gloves.” Encouraged, the Shurcliffs ran through their repertoire again, then moved on to another doorway. This continued for two hours as they walked the neighborhood, the crowd following them. So popular was the carol ringing, that it continued in the following years.

This year, those attending heard and joined in singing 15 favorite carols such as “Joy to the World” and “We Wish you A Merry Christmas.”

Bell ringers for this year includ-

ed Victoria Madigan, Chuck Gibson, Pamela Madigan, Griff Gall and Robert Johnson.



Please scan for more information about the Bellringing event.

CITY OF BOSTON HOLDS FIRST NIGHT CELEBRATION

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

The City Of Boston celebrated New Year's Eve with First Night events throughout Downtown. A parade marched from City Hall

to the Public Garden culminating with a fireworks show on Boston Common. The city welcomes 2025.



Parade spectators watch the festivities at the corner of Charles and Boylston Streets.



Fireworks provide a brilliant backdrop for the Soldiers And Sailors Monument in Boston Common.



Spectators watch the parade make it's way along Boylston Street.



JP Honk marches in the parade.



JP Honk marches in the parade.



Members of the Red Rebel Brigade march. The red dresses symbolize the lifeblood that connects all species on Earth as one and to draw attention to climate change.



Parade spectators line up along Charles Street to get a look at the procession.



The Granese and Thomson Families from Beverly.

CITY OF BOSTON HOLDS FIRST NIGHT CELEBRATION

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



Members of the Open Air Circus march in the parade.



Kara Casey marches with The Puppet Free Library.



The William Diamond Junior Fife & Drum Corps from Lexington, MA.



The Puppet Free Library has an impressive presence in the parade.



The Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association marches in the parade.



The Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association marches with a brilliantly lit dragon on Charles Street.



The Mandarin characters read "Happy New Year" as part of the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association's contribution to the parade.

Wu kicks off Boston Family Days at Gardner Museum

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu visited the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum on Sunday, Jan. 5, for the launch of Boston Family Days - an expansion of BPS Sundays pilot program.

Via Boston Family Days, students in Grades K-12 who live in the city, along with two guests, can

gain free admittance to nine of the city's cultural institutions, including the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, on the first two Sundays of each month.

Visit <https://www.boston.gov/departments/arts-and-culture/boston-family-days> for more information and to register for Boston Family Days.



MANET
A Model Family

Families are complicated. The family of groundbreaking French artist Edouard Manet (1832-1883) was more complicated than many. Members included a stern patriarch who died of syphilis, an immigrant wife who was once a family employee, and a stepson whose paternity is ambiguous. Despite this entangled—and potentially scandalous—web of connections, Manet's family members cultivated close relationships with one another, served as the painter's most frequent models, and supported his career with their considerable financial resources.

Though controversial in his own time, today Manet is a legend. His paintings fused compositions and motifs from the art of the past with depictions of contemporary Parisian life. These innovations, combined with his bold brushwork, have inspired generations of artists. His family also fueled his renown by ambitiously cultivating the artist's posthumous legacy. Just 25 years after his death, Isabella Stewart Gardner paid dearly to acquire a portrait by Manet—a meteoric rise for a painter who struggled to sell artworks during his lifetime.

Families remain a driving force behind artistic creativity. This exhibition, along with Mary Ellen Mark's *A Sister Family* (1983-2014) in the Fenway Gallery and Mickalene Thomas's *Sandra, She's a Beauty on the Avenue* (2013) in the Anne H. Fitzgerald Façade, all explore the importance of families—both by birth and choice—and the ways they have shaped art throughout history.

Mayor Michelle Wu and Peggy Fogelman, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum's Norma Jean Calderwood Director.



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTOS BY ISABEL LEON

Shown (above and below) a look inside the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum's courtyard.



Pictured, left to right, are Mayor Michelle Wu; Peggy Fogelman, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum's Norma Jean Calderwood Director; and District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan.



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Old North Illuminated joins prestigious Bloomberg Philanthropies Digital Accelerator Program in anticipation of 250th anniversaries

Special to the Times

Old North Illuminated, the non-profit organization that stewards Old North Church & Historic Site, announced that it has been selected to join the Bloomberg Philanthropies Digital Accelerator Program. This initiative helps cultural organizations across the U.S. and U.K. strengthen technology and management practices to improve operations, drive revenue, increase fundraising, engage broader audiences, and deliver dynamic programming.

Old North Illuminated manages all interpretive, educational, and preservation programs at the Old North Church & Historic Site in Boston's historic North End neighborhood. Established in 1723, Old North Church is the oldest surviving church building in the city of Boston and a popular Freedom Trail destination. Old North is famous for the events of April 18, 1775, when two men climbed the church's steeple to hold two lanterns aloft as a signal

from Paul Revere to fellow Patriots that British troops were headed to Concord "by sea" across the Charles River. This coded message and Paul Revere's midnight ride helped spark the Revolutionary War, which erupted the following day with the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Old North's lantern signal was immortalized in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem "Paul Revere's Ride" with the phrase "one if by land, and two if by sea."

"The Bloomberg Philanthropies Digital Accelerator Program comes at a pivotal time for Old North," says Nikki Stewart, Executive Director of Old North Illuminated. "As we approach the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's lantern signal in 2025 and America's 250th birthday in 2026, this critical support will help us redesign our website to better serve the hundreds of thousands of visitors expected in Boston. Our website also hosts free curricula, lesson plans, and educational videos used in classrooms nationwide. We're

grateful to Bloomberg Philanthropies for enhancing the digital experience for history students and global visitors."

Over the past three years, the Digital Accelerator Program has been a catalyst for strengthening nearly 150 cultural organizations across the U.S. and U.K. To date, the 40 institutions that were part of the first cohort cumulatively grew an additional \$20 million in new revenue including through fundraising, reached over 1 million new audience members, and engaged more than 4,000 new artists and partners.

Old North Illuminated is one of 200 nonprofit cultural organizations accepted into Bloomberg Philanthropies' new Digital Accelerator Program cohort, spanning artistic disciplines and organization size in 52 U.S. cities and 28 U.K. cities.

Established in 1991 as the Old North Foundation, Old North Illuminated is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is responsible for historic site operations and

interpretive, educational, and preservation programs at the iconic Old North Church & Historic Site. A secular organization that is independent of Christ Church in the City of Boston, Old North Illuminated welcomes approximately 500,000 visitors annually while overseeing the preservation of an enduring symbol of American independence. Old North Illuminated serves a wide audience by creating meaningful experiences through educational outreach, site-specific programming, and historical analysis. ONI works collaboratively with the City of Boston, the U.S. National Park Service, the Freedom Trail Foundation, and other partners to foster educational and interpretive programs for students and visitors while engaging the public in Old North Church's history and its role in inspiring liberty and freedom. In 2023, Old North Church & Historic Site was designated as a Site of Conscience by the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC), joining a global network

of historic sites, museums, and memory initiatives that connect past struggles to today's movements for human rights. For more information, visit: www.oldnorth.com.

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Cartwright sworn in as new Clerk of Supreme Judicial Court

Special to the Times

Allison S. Cartwright, Esq., was sworn in January 1 as Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk by SJC Chief Justice Kimberly S. Budd, in a ceremony that took place in the Great Hall of the John Adams Courthouse in Boston.

Attorney Cartwright was elected in November 2024 by the voters of Suffolk County to become the SJC Clerk for the County of Suffolk, and fills the position being vacated by Maura Sweeney Doyle, Esq. Clerk Doyle was appointed to the position in 1996, and was subsequently elected in 1998, serving for 28 years before retiring on December 21, 2024. Attorney Cartwright is the second woman and first black person to hold this position since its inception in 1693.

"For nearly three decades, we have been fortunate to have Maura Doyle serving in this position, and she has done so with professionalism, passion, and dedication," said Chief Justice Kimberly S. Budd. "Today, we are equally fortunate to have Allison Cartwright stepping into this role. As an experienced lawyer and manager, she is well prepared to lead the county clerk's office, and my colleagues and I look forward to working



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Attorney Allison S. Cartwright is sworn in by SJC Chief Justice Kimberly S. Budd.

with her."

The SJC Clerk for the County of Suffolk is responsible for the management of the Court's single justice caseload, which is comprised of petitions seeking review of lower court rulings under the SJC's general superintendency power and various rules of court; bail review; appeals from State registration boards and agencies; all matters relating to Bar Admission and the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and administrative disciplinary matters filed by the Board of Bar Overseers affecting members of

the bar.

"I am excited and honored to have the privilege of serving as the next Clerk of the SJC for the County of Suffolk," said Attorney Cartwright. "My team and I recognize the important role the Clerk's Office has to ensure that our state's highest court maintains its independence and delivers justice in a manner that is fair, equitable, and accessible to the people of Massachusetts."

Retired Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Roderick L. Ireland served as Master of Ceremonies. The Pledge of Allegiance was

recited by Attorney Cartwright's son, Jonathan S. Cartwright. Mr. Meyer Chambers, the Director of the Archdiocese of Boston Black Catholic Choir, led a musical rendition of America the Beautiful (arr. by Ray Charles). Speakers included Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and State Sen. Lydia M. Edwards. Rev. Rahsaan Hall, Esq., Associate Minister of St. Paul AME Church in Cambridge, delivered the Benediction.

Attorney Cartwright began her career at the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS), as a trial attorney, working in the Roxbury office for four years. She then worked for the City of Boston as Assistant Corporation Counsel,

before opening Cartwright & Coleman, a civil and criminal litigation law firm, from 1997 to 2001. In 2001, she opened Cartwright Law Office. During that time, she also mentored attorneys for the Suffolk Lawyers for Justice, Inc; from 2011 to 2019, she worked as the organization's Supervising Attorney. In 2019, she returned to CPCS as Attorney-in-Charge and then Managing Director of the Central Region, where she managed offices in Suffolk and Norfolk Counties.

Attorney Cartwright is a graduate of University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Boston College Law School.

OBITUARIES

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NORTH WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead through January 18 for the North Washington Street Bridge is as follows:

Scheduled Work

- West sidewalk formwork and utility install
- Southwest approach barrier and sidewalk work
- Marine fender wood installation
- Lovejoy walkway pile cap formwork

Work Hours

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

Travel Tips

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

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

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

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

period:

- Bruins: 1/6 at 6 p.m., 1/7 at 7 p.m., and 1/14 at 7 p.m.
- Celtics: 1/10 at 7:30 p.m., 1/12 at 6 p.m., 1/17 at 7 p.m., and 1/18 at 7 p.m.
- Other events: 1/11 at 8 a.m.

How can I find more information?

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

You can also sign up to receive project updates via email by clicking this link.

Project website: [Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement](https://www.mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement)

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

OBITUARIES

Michael S. Wiedman, MD Renowned Ophthalmologist

Michael S. Wiedman, MD passed peacefully on December 27, 2024, with his loving wife, Irene, by his side.

He was born in New York on October 4, 1927, to his parents, Morris and

Rose (Greenberg) Wiedman. He graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine and generously provided medical treatment to those in need in Appalachia and abroad.

Dr. Mike, as he was affectionately known, was a renowned ophthalmologist, who was an innovator in cataract surgery, oculoplastic surgery and corneal transplant surgery. In addition to his private practice, Dr. Mike performed research and taught at Harvard University Medical School and Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

As an avid world traveler, Dr. Mike found ways to incorporate his medical knowledge with his adventures by researching the impact of high altitudes on eye health while climbing Mt. Everest and Mt. Kilimanjaro. He was a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in recognition of both geographical and medical work on an expedition that discovered the source of the Amazon River in the Andes.

Dr. Mike ran multiple Boston and New York Marathons and led relay races around Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. He served as a sketch artist in the U.S. Army. In addition to traveling and



athletics, he was an enthusiast for education, opera music, wine, art, photography and rock climbing.

Dr. Mike is survived by his wife of over 26 years, Irene (Kon-tulis) Wiedman, his son, Timothy F. Wiedman, and Timothy's daughter, Faith Wiedman, his son, Thomas B. Wiedman, and Thomas' daughter, Fenja Königsmann, his niece, Winifred J. Richmond, and his step-daughters, Melissa F. Cutler (Earle) and Daphne F. Chapin (Aldus). He was affectionally known as Doc to his two step-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, Nicholas M. Wiedman, his three

sisters, Miriam (Wiedman) Richmond, Hilda Wiedman and Lucille Wiedman and his nephew, Robert J. Richmond. He is also survived by many close friends, colleagues and his long-time pet tortoise, Climby.

A private memorial service will be held at a future date.

BAY VILLAGE PUBLIC MEETING

Notice of Public Hearing

The Bay Village Historic District Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on January 14 at 4 p.m.

Attention: this meeting will only be held virtually and not in

Person. You can participate in the meeting by going to

Or calling 301-715-8592 and enter meeting id 943 2028 7433 #. You can also submit written comments or questions to bayvillage-

ac@boston.gov

I Design Review
25.0446 BV 96 Broadway Street

Proposed Work: At side (south) elevation repair and recoat masonry trim.

25.0509 BV 38 Melrose Street
Proposed Work: At front facade replace existing wood entry door.

25.0508 BV 38 Melrose Street
Proposed Work: At front facade replace four, second-story wood

windows.

II Administrative Review/Approval

25.0472 BV 18 Shawmut Street
Proposed Work: At roof replace slate and copper flashing in-kind.

III Ratification Of 11/12/2024 Public Hearing Minutes

IV Staff Updates

V Projected Adjournment: 4:30 p.m.

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and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on December 6, 2024 that the Petitioner Susan E. Davis of New York, NY intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Probate of a Will

Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve without surety on the bond Susan E. Davis of New York, NY. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision

by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. 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.

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Rachlin, Lisa	Joyce, Christopher J	30 Appleton St #1	\$1,315,000
One Charles St S Unit 11a	Barbara J Pados RET	1 Charles St S #11A	\$3,295,000
Kudasova, Marina V	Edward M Brandt Minn RET	290 Columbus Ave #3	\$487,000
Chaston Properties LLC	Robet Porter T	314 Dartmouth St #C	\$7,200,000
Gilchrist, David	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	55 Lagrange St #904	\$1,349,000
Bosco, Robert D	Hostetter Jr, Daniel C	105 Marlborough St #1	\$3,850,000
Ford, Juliana	Kavanagh, Christina	199 Marlborough St #701	\$1,830,000
25j Lightship T	Ts Residences Hld LLC	430 Stuart St #25J	\$5,375,000
Hootie Stuart RET	Hatfield, Jeffrey	430 Stuart St #30C	\$7,700,000
Dreyer, Nicholas J	Dibartolomeo, Daniel	61 Warren Ave #2	\$1,131,000
Dudek, Eric A	Trone, Robert J	4 Charlesgate E #605	\$1,500,000
Larsen, Kaiser	Bhogal, Jasbir	327 Commonwealth Ave #4	\$2,330,000

BEACON HILL			
Christian Equity Invs LLC	V S Haseotes li RET	70 Brimmer St #335	\$500,000
Fay Jr, James G	James Brks Porter 2018 T	78 Charles St	\$1,025,000
Christian Equity Invs LLC	V S Haseotes li RET	108-114 Chestnut St #335	\$500,000
Garg, Rohit	Luccarelli, Margaret	2 Hawthorne Pl #6M	\$792,000
Lannan, Michael T	Yakimchuk, Dmitry	5 Myrtle St #2	\$1,210,000
New Beacon Realty LLC	Rogoff, Leah	37 Revere St #8	\$885,000
Borshoff, Corey	Cedar Mainsail LLC	67-71 W Cedar St #5	\$1,375,000
Padilla, Lace	Artola, Eduardo	6 Whittier Pl #7F	\$430,000

BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Crawford, Spencer N	Kilchline, Albert J	87 E Brookline St #3	\$1,040,000
Sewall, Ryan	Klau, Judith	519 Harrison Ave #D316	\$608,000
Doherty, Mark J	Wang, Rui	700 Harrison Ave #401	\$808,500
David J Ferry 2012 Irt	Sweeney, Joseph M	735 Harrison Ave #W108	\$880,000
Humphrey, Jimmy D	Bunnell, Craig A	107 Jersey St #22C	\$470,000
Byun, Alfred	Duff, Ryan L	40 Traveler St #115	\$1,078,000

WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Coyne, Declan	Munnis, Cara	28-32 Atlantic Ave #415	\$1,830,000
Comm120 LLC	Berarducci Vilma Est	120 Commercial St #3-4	\$696,000
Ryan, Maryruth	Oliveira, Duarte N	300 Commercial St #801	\$675,000
Fay, Laura C	Brochetti, Wendy	85 E India Row #25A	\$620,000
Vassi, Danielle	Brocard, Olivier R	16 Foster St #9	\$475,000
Savy, Peter N	Robichaud, Albert J	1 Franklin St #4105	\$2,400,000
Goicuria, Adriana L	Tsang, Elaine	88 Hudson St #603	\$217,012
12 Post Office Square LLC	Gre Liberty Square LLC	10 Liberty Sq	\$10,400,000
12 Post Office Square LLC	Gre Liberty Square LLC	12 Post Office Sq	\$10,400,000



The fence in the last clue is along the approach to the back entrance to Charles River Plaza. This busy pathway allows you to reach the stores and parking in the plaza complex from the Wang Building at Massachusetts General Hospital.

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Make a resolution to get more involved in your neighborhood in 2025!

As we welcome the New Year, the Beacon Hill Civic Association is looking for neighbors who would like to get involved as committee members and volunteers. We have many committees including Traffic & Parking, Architecture, Trees, and Parks & Public Spaces that are always looking for new people to join. The only requirement is that you be a BHCA member. Contact Patricia Tully at patricia.tully@bhcivic.org if you'd like to learn more!

Upcoming Meetings

Architecture Committee - Monday, January 13th, 5:30pm via Zoom

Board of Directors - Monday, January 13th, 7pm, 74 Joy Street

Traffic & Parking - NEW DATE Thursday, January 23rd, 6pm, 74 Joy Street

Upcoming Events

Undecorating -Saturday and Sunday, January 25 & 26 (breakfast for volunteers on Sunday)

For further information on these events and meetings, to volunteer, or to join a committee please contact the BHCA office at 617-227-1922.



BHCA members gather for a neighborhood cleanup

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