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Some volunteers are seen on the Muddy River during last year's Earth Day Charles River Cleanup.

Registration opens for 26th annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup

Special to Times

Registration is now open for the 26th Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup which will take place on Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26.

This much-loved event brings together over 3,500 volunteers each year to rejuvenate the parks, forests, playgrounds, and paths surrounding the Charles River and its tributaries, ensuring the areas remain clean, safe, and beautiful for everyone to enjoy.

"The Charles River Earth Day Cleanup invites the community to help improve the health of the Charles River and park ecosystem

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Love Your Block tomorrow!!

The Beacon Hill Civic Association (in collaboration with the Beacon Hill Business Association) will be participating in the 2025 Love Your Block event organized by the City of Boston on Saturday, April 12th, from 9am to 12 noon.

Meet us in front of CVS (155 Charles Street) to pick up gloves, trash bags and trash pickers. We'll be working all over the

neighborhood, cleaning sidewalks, tree pits and parks. We'll have surprises for those who bring the most bags of trash back to 155 Charles Street! In case of inclement weather, we will post any cancellation on bhcciv.org.

BHCA Job Opportunity

The Beacon Hill Civic Association is seeking an Assistant to the Executive Director. For more information and job require-

ments, please contact Patricia Tully at patricia.tully@bhcciv.org.

Upcoming Meetings

Architecture Committee – Monday, April 14th, 5:30pm via Zoom

Board of Directors – Monday, April 14th, 7pm, 74 Joy Street

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Council passes ordinance requiring insurance for food delivery drivers

By Dan Murphy

The City Council voted 11-2 on Wednesday, April 2, to pass an ordinance that beginning next January, will require third-party food delivery drivers to obtain permits to work in Boston.

Food delivery apps, including DoorDash, UberEats, and GrubHub, are now required to obtain a permit and renew that license annually, but they aren't current-

ly required to have insurance to cover any uninsured or underinsured drivers.

Per the ordinance, companies will face a fine of up to \$300 per day for each restaurant the company delivers for, if they don't renew their permits every year.

In February, Mayor Michelle Wu filed an ordinance with the City Council to require food deliv-

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Wu officially kicks off reelection campaign

By Adam Swift

Mayor Michelle Wu officially kicked off her reelection campaign for a second term in office on Saturday.

During a speech to supporters at the Boston Center for the Arts Cyclorama in the South End, Wu highlighted her administration's accomplishments over the past four years and addressed the recent challenges the city has faced from the Trump administration.

"Four years ago, we stood right here on election night, 2021," said Wu. "I told you then that we would build a Boston for everyone. I told you that we don't have to choose between the big and the small, between filling potholes and fighting to protect our neighbors, and I told you that Boston's promise and possibility are on our shoulders right now together.

"This is our city," she continued. "Over the past four years, I have seen Boston's promise and possibility every day over every



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu: "I promise you that Boston will never back down...not to kings, not to bullies, and not to nay sayers that want to bring us backward. Boston is not for sale."

part of our city."

As both a city councilor and then as a mayor, Wu said she has been fighting for people over profits and to make Boston a city that everyone can be proud of.

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EDITORIAL

NO GOOD CAN COME FROM THE NEW TARIFFS

It was 95 years ago in June, 1930, that President Herbert Hoover signed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff law (which had been passed by a Republican Congress) that imposed draconian increases in tariffs on more than 20,000 imported goods.

Smoot-Hawley has been recognized by economists and historians of all political persuasions as having been one of the key elements in destroying the world's economy that fueled the Great Depression over the next 10 years, resulting in the massive unemployment world-wide that led to the rise of Adolph Hitler and the horrors of World War II.

This is the commentary about Smoot-Hawley that presently can be found on the official website of the U.S. Senate:

"On June 13, 1930, the Senate passed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff, among the most catastrophic acts in congressional history. As economists had predicted, the high tariff proved to be a disaster. Even before its enactment, U.S. trading partners began retaliating by raising their tariff rates, which froze international trade. The tariff did not sit well with the voters. In 1932 they turned the majority in both houses of Congress over to the Democrats, by large margins, and booted both Reed Smoot and Willis Hawley out of office."

Last week's announcement by President Donald Trump of massive tariffs on every country in the world already has resulted in a huge drop in stock markets world-wide, especially in the U.S., and has led to retaliation from the Chinese.

Trump's absurd tariff levels not only have no basis in reality, but they have made the U.S. an international pariah, turning us into arguably the most-hated nation on earth (except by Vladimir Putin's Russia, which is the only major economy that escaped the Trump tariffs).

The United States has enjoyed unprecedented economic growth over the past 30 years, with our per capita GDP zooming way past Japan and our European peers. A cover story in the Economist Magazine last year rated the U.S. as the top economy in the world in the aftermath of the COVID pandemic.

However, this week's Economist cover depicts Trump isolating the U.S. from the rest of the planet and refers to Trump's tariff announcement as "complete drivel," a sentiment shared by the Wall St. Journal, among others.

The Trump tariffs will lead to higher prices for all Americans in just about everything we buy. The tariffs will lower our standard of living, with most economists predicting that a serious recession is likely in the months ahead. As the Wall St. Journal noted, tariffs are essentially a tax upon consumers, raising the prices of our everyday goods.

For the rich however, the tariffs will be a mere annoyance. Whether they pay an extra \$50,000 for their new Ferrari means nothing. But for the average American, an extra \$5000 for a new car will represent a significant cost that inevitably will lead the typical middle-class consumer to scale back on discretionary items, such as dining out.

The only real question is not whether, but to what extent, Trump's actions will hurt the economic well-being of every American both today and, as the Smoot-

Hawley Act proved, for years to come.

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Rogerson Communities mourns passing of board member Philip Johnston

Special to the Times

Rogerson Communities last week announced the loss of long-time board member Philip Johnston.

Phil served on the Rogerson Board of Directors since 2019 and was a cherished friend and mentor of President and CEO Walter Ramos for more than four decades.

Phil served in the Massachusetts Legislature and as a member of Governor Michael Dukakis's cabinet. He had a long history of service to the people of Massachusetts and will be missed by many,



Philip Johnston.

including his wife, children, and granddaughter.

Phil's tremendous impact on Rogerson can be felt in the halls of the Adult Day Health Program and in the halls of the Massachusetts State House, where he lobbied on behalf of the organization and older adults across the Commonwealth.

"Massachusetts lost an original drum major for civil rights, a true champion of democracy, and the model of a public servant. Rogerson lost a passionate advocate, and I've lost a dear friend," Walter said. "My thoughts and prayers are with his family and our entire organization mourns with them."

Martin Luther King III, Embrace Boston to commemorate anniversary of the 1965 Freedom Rally

Special to Times

On April 23, 1965, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other prominent civil rights leaders led a defining moment in the civil rights movement, emphasizing the urgent need for systemic change, powered by a rally that drew over 20,000 people to Boston Common. They protested the deep-seated racial inequities in housing and education during a monumental march that illuminated the struggles faced by countless individuals and mobilized the community toward greater equality.

Sixty years later, Embrace Boston, Everyone250, and the City of Boston will honor this historic event with the 60th Anniversary of the 1965 Freedom Rally on Saturday, April 26, from noon to 2:30 p.m., at The Embrace on Boston Common. The rally will commemorate this pivotal moment in history and serve as a reflection of the progress achieved and the ongoing challenges in the fight for social and racial justice that persist today.

Martin Luther King III will provide a powerful speech. As the eldest son of Dr. King and Coretta Scott King, his participation underscores the rally's continuing relevance and the commitment to advancing the legacy of advocacy for freedom and equality. King's presence is particularly poignant amid contemporary issues of division and discrimination, as it highlights the ongoing need to address unresolved societal issues

that Dr. King warned about. Martin Luther King, III's involvement serves as a powerful reminder that America's choices in policy and power define who is allowed to dream. The rally will emphasize the importance of choosing community over chaos, advocating for spaces where democracy is lived and where social infrastructure supports genuine connection and progress.

Other key speakers and attendees include Mayor Michelle Wu, President and CEO of the American City Coalition and lead Pastor at Twelfth Baptist Church, Reverend Willie Brodrick, President and CEO at Massachusetts League of Community Health

Centers and National NAACP Board of Director, Dr. Michael Curry, Esq. and Director of the Racial Justice Program at the American Civil Liberties Union Massachusetts (ACLUM), Traci Griffith. These individuals, alongside other prominent social justice and civic leaders from across Massachusetts, will play a pivotal role in commemorating the 60th anniversary of the rally, underscoring the continued commitment to the legacy of activism and equality.

As attendees from over 100 organizations gather at the Parkman Bandstand, they will

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Wu calls for residents to come together with acts of kindness on One Boston Day

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston released the annual call to action for community-based organizations, businesses, and city of Boston residents to come together for volunteer events and acts of kindness in recognition of our City's spirit of care for one another in response to the tragic events of April 15, 2013. One Boston Day, observed on April 15, honors the victims, survivors, and first responders of the 2013 Boston Marathon. Mayor Wu is encouraging acts of kindness on Tuesday, April 15, and for people to take part in volunteer opportunities throughout the week.

"On One Boston Day, we remember the victims, survivors, families, and first responders of 2013, and center what unites our great city," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "One of our darkest moments has become a call to carry out acts of kindness, volunteer, and make

a difference for our residents and our neighborhoods. I encourage everyone to reflect on this day and join in making a positive change in our communities."

City of Boston departments and workers will again this year be hosting service projects for people to give back to their communities on April 15 and throughout the week leading up to Marathon Monday, April 21. The Mayor's Office of Civic Organizing is facilitating a neighborhood cleanup for youth and families on Saturday, April 19, 2025, starting at 8:45 a.m. at Franklin Park Playstead. Interested volunteers are asked to register for the annual cleanup here.

"This April 15th, we join with people from across the city in remembering Martin, Krystle, Lingzi, Sean and Dennis," said Bill Richard, co-founder of the Martin Richard Foundation. "Our family continues to be humbled and grateful to all Bostonians who

wish to carry on the generous spirit of One Boston Day. Choose kindness in your words and actions, volunteer, or give to your favorite charity. We are proud to call Boston home."

"One Boston Day is a powerful reminder that even in the face of tragedy, kindness and courage can shine through. After my family and I survived the Boston Marathon bombings, we learned that trauma is the leading cause of death for those 44 and younger—a reality that inspired us to create The Gillian Reny Stepping Strong Center for Trauma Innovation," said Audrey Epstein Reny, founder of The Gillian Reny Stepping Strong Center at Brigham and Women's Hospital. "Through our center's work, we honor the resilience and generosity of the Boston community, turning heartbreak into hope and advancing trauma care to build brighter, healthier futures for all."

The Stepping Strong Center is

partnering with the City of Boston to promote acts

of kindness through a life-saving blood drive. This Marathon Monday they will host a blood drive to benefit patients at Brigham and Women's Hospital, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Massachusetts General Hospital who are in need of lifesaving transfusions due to traumatic injuries and other serious health conditions. The Stepping Strong Center Blood Drive will take place in Kenmore Square on April 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as part of the "One-Mile-To-Go Block Party". For more information and to schedule an appointment, please visit the Stepping Strong Center's website.

As the city marks 12 years since 2013, the City of Boston and the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) will honor the day with a wreath laying in the Back Bay the morning of Tuesday, April 15. More details will become available

in the coming weeks.

"One Boston Day is always a special day for the City and our sport of running because we are reminded of the power and importance of uniting, recognizing, honoring, and serving," said Jack Fleming, President and CEO of the Boston Athletic Association. "The 129th Boston Marathon, presented by Bank of America, will take place in 2025 one week after April 15, and marks the 250th Anniversary of Patriots' Day. However, One Boston Day is forever connected to our Marathon and has become the day we reflect AND take action in that we acknowledge the selfless spirit and resilience shown by Bostonians."

More information about One Boston Day, including the 2025 Acts of Kindness Checklist is available on boston.gov/one-boston to provide inspiration and ideas on how individuals can get involved.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CITY TO HOLD VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED PROJECTS

The city's Planning Department will sponsor a virtual public meeting to discuss two proposed projects that would both repurpose West End office space for residential purposes on Monday, April 28, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Equity Residential, the developer for both proposed projects, intends to convert a property 20,060 square feet of office space at 1 and 10 Emerson Place into 33 residential apartment units, as well as to convert approximately 13,164 square feet of office space at 1 Longfellow Place into 24 residential apartment units.

Both proposed projects are "pursuant to the City's Office to Residential Conversion Program," according to the Planning Department.

Register for the virtual meeting in advance at <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/>

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THE WEST END MUSEUM CELEBRATES LEVANTINE CULTURE WITH MUSIC

The West End of Boston is historically known as a densely populated immigrant neighborhood, especially in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Immigrants from many different countries contributed to the area's diverse culture. While the West End's Middle Eastern community was not as large as other immigrant groups like the Irish or Italians, there were still notable Levantine influences, particularly from Lebanese, Syrian, and Palestinian immigrants. These groups contributed to Boston's cultural diversity, with many of them settling in neighborhoods near the West End, opening shops, restaurants, and markets that helped introduce Levantine cuisine and customs to the city.

On Sunday, April 13, at 4 p.m., The West End Museum presents 'Harmonies of the Aegean and the Levant,' a musical program that highlights the diverse and vibrant musical traditions of the Levantine region.

'Harmonies' showcases the Levant's unique soundscape through a selection of traditional and contemporary compositions from Turkey, Greece, Iran, Kurdistan, Armenia, and the Arab world. From the hauntingly beautiful melodies of classical Arabic music to the lively rhythms of folk dances, this performance will immerse the audience in the region's profound musical heritage. The program stars Boston-based multi-instrumentalist Tev Stevig, who specializes in a variety of plucked string instruments from the Balkans, Greece, Turkey, and Afghanistan and Beth Bahia Cohen, a master of many bowed string instruments from the Middle East and the Balkans. Limited seating is available. Tickets are on sale for \$15 each at thewestendmuseum.org.

Logan joins Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program

Program discreetly identifies passengers who may need extra support

Special to the Times

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is partnering with the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower program; a worldwide program that helps create accessible and inclusive places for all those with disabilities. By wearing a Hidden Disabilities Sunflower lanyard, passengers can subtly indicate to airport staff that they may need additional assistance in the airport. Nearly 300 airports and dozens of airlines globally take part in the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower network.

Starting in the UK in 2016, the global Hidden Disabilities Sunflower provides their innovative program and training to businesses and non-profits across all sectors including air travel, retail, tourism, education and more. Globally 1 in 6 people, approximately 1.3 billion of the world population, live with a disability. These disabilities can be temporary, situational, or permanent. Non-visible disabilities can be neurological, cognitive, and neurodevelopmental, physical, visual, auditory and including sensory and processing difficulties. They can also include respiratory, heart, rare diseases,

and chronic conditions such as asthma, endometriosis, and chronic pain. Across Massachusetts, nearly 11 percent of the population has some form of disability.

"We are thrilled to welcome Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) to the global Hidden Disabilities Sunflower network," said Lynn Smith, Regional Sunflower Director -U.S.A. "As one of the top twenty busiest airports in the U.S., Boston Logan's commitment to the Sunflower program will have a positive impact on many travelers and employees. We look forward to our continued relationship with BOS where passengers and employees with hidden disabilities can now feel even more supported and welcome during their time at BOS."

Improving the passenger experience is a top priority for Massport. Programs such as this one, Wings for Autism where families with children with autism can practice the airport experience, and the Sensory Room at Logan's Terminal E, help reduce the stress of traveling and make our airports more welcoming. Massport is

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join a collective effort to honor the past and advocate for a future that upholds freedom and human dignity.

An important highlight of the event will be a special presentation by the Everyone250 coalition and the City of Boston to designate the Charles Street entrance to The Boston Common as "1965 Freedom Rally Square." ACLU MA,

in partnership with Everyone250 will power a march down Boylston St. to retrace the culminating steps of community members who took a stand in 1965 from Copley Square to the corner of Boylston and Charles streets. This ceremonial act will honor Boston's vibrant legacy of freedom and activism, serving as a poignant reminder of the commitment to continue the

struggle for justice and equality that began six decades ago. The dedication will take place at 1 a.m. at the corner of Boylston and Charles streets prior to the main rally.

For additional information and to register for the event, visit <https://www.classy.org/event/1965-freedom-rally/e661876>.



The Beacon Hill Love Your Block team from 2017! L-R Anissa Essaibi-George, Rachel Thurlow, Miguel Rosales, John Corey, Lucy Grogan, Nina Castellion (back), and Emily Claire.

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Traffic & Parking Committee – Tuesday, April 15th, 6:30pm, 74 Joy Street
 Annual Meeting of Members – Thursday, May 22nd, 8am, Hampshire House

Save the Date!

The 3rd annual Members Reception on the Valiant will take place on Wednesday, May 28th, at 6:30pm leaving from Rowes Wharf. This fabulous event sells out quickly so plan to purchase your tickets when they go live on

April 23rd on bhcvic.org! Only for BHCA members!

Join the BHCA!

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

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committed to making our airports inclusive places for all.

“As a member of the Sunflower Program, Massport is furthering our commitment to making sure all passengers get the assistance they need at our airports,” said Mia Healy-Waldron, Deputy Director of Customer Service at Massport. “We are dedicated to exceptional guest experience, and this program is an important

step in making sure all of our customers, no matter the disability, can fly smoothly.”

Visit the kiosks at the Information Booths in the airport or go to flylogan.com for more information on the program and how to obtain a Sunflower lanyard.

For more information on Hidden Disabilities Sunflower, please watch this video or go to: www.hdsunflower.com.

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WEST END CIVIC PARTICIPATES IN “LOVE YOUR BLOCK”

A group of West End residents gathered on Saturday, April 5, 2025 to clean the Greatest Neighborhood Park and the area around the Last Tenement on Nashua Street and Lomasney Way. “We’ve been cleaning the park every April now for the past four years,” said

Duane Lucia WECA Greenspace Chair, “and have noticed an increase in discarded hypodermic needles, which is a concerning safety issue!” Boston’s Community Syringe Redemption Program started in 2020, offered 20 cents for every syringe dropped off, and

took about five million dirty needles off the street; that program was cancelled in 2024. Area A1 Police encourage residents finding needles and other drug paraphernalia to report it to 311; the more calls the more policing.



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West End residents (left to right) Jan DiTonno, Anne Fitzgerald and Bobby DiTonno.



WECA President Carol Matyka (left) and WECA board member Jack Walsh take rest after a long morning of raking.

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SWAN BOATS RETURN TO PUBLIC GARDEN ON APRIL 19

Special to Times

Mayor Michelle Wu, will join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Paget family to host the first ride of the season on the iconic Swan Boats as they open at the Boston Public Garden Lagoon on Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m.

2025 marks the 148th season for the Swan Boats, a beloved tourist attraction and iconic symbol of Boston and the Public Garden. The oldest and smallest boat in the fleet just celebrated its 115th season, while the newest was launched in 1993. The swan on the boats is made from either copper or fiberglass, depending on the age of the boat, and encloses a paddle mechanism that is used to propel the boat through the water.

Launched in 1877 by Irish immigrant and shipbuilder Robert

Paget, the Swan Boats continue to be owned and operated by the Paget family. Mr. Paget designed the Swan Boats after attending the opera Lohengrin in New York City. At the end of the opera, the hero crosses a river in a boat drawn by a swan. In 2025, the Swan Boats were added as a site on the Boston Irish Heritage Trail.

Fully loaded, each Swan Boat weighs three tons and is powered by the driver using a foot-propelled paddle wheel. The Swan Boats are built on oak-framed pontoons sheathed in copper, just as they were initially constructed in 1877. After being stored in a safe place for the winter, the boats will return to the Public Garden Lagoon in the spring, with Mayor Wu celebrating the first ride of the season.

For more information, visit boston.gov/swan-boats.



D. MURPHY PHOTO

The Swan Boats are ready to start their summer taking visitors around the Boston Public Garden Lagoon.

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ery apps to obtain a permit that “would require the companies to have liability insurance coverage for all drivers using their platform, including those using motorcycles, mopeds, and electric scooters, and to share aggregate data on delivery

trips,” according to the city.

That ordinance, however, didn’t apply to small businesses with a small number of delivery drivers or other types of deliveries, such as those made by FedEx, UPS, or Amazon.

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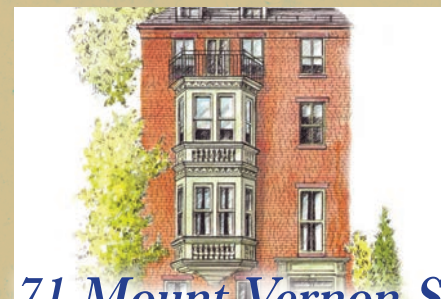
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BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will hold a public hearing on April 17 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 Hearing or calling 1 (929) 205-6099 and entering meeting id #967 5622 8553. You can also submit written comments or questions to BeaconHillAC@boston.gov.

I. Ratification Of March 20, 2025 Public Hearing Minutes

II. Design Review Hearing

APP # 25.0717 BH 121 Mount Vernon Street Applicant: Elizabeth Colt

Proposed Work: Install two security cameras. Paint to match the installation surface.

APP # 25.0740 BH 170 Charles Street

Applicant: Kristina Descoteaux; Egeria Real Estate

Proposed Work: Replace outdoor planters, update seating.

APP # 25.0755 BH 77 Charles Street

Applicant: Patrick Hickox; Hickox Williams Proposed Work: New sign spot lights and residen-

tial entry lighting. Modify blade sign. 20 City Hall Avenue FL. 3 Boston, MA 02108-4301 | 617-635-1935 | BLC@BOSTON.GOV

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

Applicants whose projects are listed under this heading NEED NOT APPEAR at the hearing. Following the hearing, you will be issued a Determination Sheet to present at the

Inspectional Services Department (1010 Massachusetts Avenue) as proof of project approval when applying for permits. ISD personnel will send an electronic copy of your building-permit application to the commission staff for review. (To avoid potential confusion, the text of your building-permit application should be consistent with the project description given below.) Commission staff will accordingly authorize the execution of the work, attaching any applicable provisos, reflecting the relevant guidelines and precedents.

Please Note That Following Issuance Of The Determination Sheet No Further Correspondence Will Be Issued For The Applica-

tions Listed Below. The electronic building-permit application as annotated by commission staff will constitute your Certificate of Appropriateness; this will be valid for two years from the date of the approval letter. The applicant is required to notify the commission of any project changes; failure to do so may affect the status of the approval. If you have any questions not addressed by the above information, please contact staff at 617.635.1935 or BeaconHillAC@boston.gov Thank you.

APP # 25.0748 BH 68 Beacon Street Unit 2E: At second floor, right corner; replace six total windows on Charles Street, and five on Beacon Street in kind. Replace with 8 over 8, double hung, wood windows with no low-e glass and a dark spacer between the two panes of glass. The muntin bars are to be 15/16" profile consistent with previous windows approved at this property. The existing jambs, wood sills & brick moldings will be retained. All windows would be painted semi-gloss black to match the existing color. No masonry work.

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APP # 25.0681 BH 73 Charles Street: Masonry repair to the rear elevation to include spot cut repoint failing mortar joints, remove and replace eleven stone headers in kind with historic color and design, remove and replace six stone sills with historic color and design, paint headers in kind, replacing window caulking, paint windows and doors in kind.

APP # 25.0710 BH 26 Chestnut

Street: Scrape and repaint, sand, prime and paint the exterior of the front door in kind using Ben Moore semi-gloss black; HC 190.

APP # 25.0695 BH 70 Chestnut Street: Install 20oz. copper gutter to match existing. Install copper flashing to brick walls.

APP # 25.0680 BH 32 Grove Street #8: At front facade, level two, replace five, non-historic, 1 over 1, double hung, wood windows with no low-e glass and a dark spacer bar in between the two panes of glass. Brick moulds remain in the historic profile and material. Prime and paint trim in kind. APP # 25.0750 BH 20 Louisburg Square: Restore shutters, repaint Amish Green (Historic Colors of America). Repaint windows and trim Jewett White.

APP # 25.0713 BH 19 Myrtle Street: Cut and dispose of masonry bulged in four locations. Install new galvanized angles, prep and paint existing steel with primer at all exposed locations. Rebuild inner and outer wythes of brick around steel beams and columns. Cut and repoint 100% masonry joints. Replace a total of 250 bricks, wash masonry after completion of repairs. Bricks and mortar to color match existing.

APP # 25.0752 BH 7-8 Park Street: Perform full repointing of the brick and stone, miscellaneous masonry repairs, minor brownstone patching and coating on the remainder of the facade, new paint on the metal balconies and railings, miscellaneous repair of the ironwork, recaulking of the windows, replacement of the deteriorated copper roof and wood soffit on the second-floor balcony

roof in kind, replacement of the 2x wood decking on second and fourth-floor balconies All work to match historic conditions. APP # 25.0741 BH 71 River Street: Sand, spot prime and paint the existing black door at 71 River Street (rear address of 78 Charles Street). New paint to match existing; Benjamin Moore HC-190 Black, semi gloss. 20 City Hall Avenue FL. 3 Boston, MA 02108-4301 | 617-635-1935 | BLC@BOSTON.GOV

APP # 25.0551 BH 68 West Cedar Street: Replace leaking asphalt shingle roof at front and dormers with Slate. Replace back dormer under deck with rubber. Rebuild the head house in copper.

IV. Staff Updates

Projected Adjournment: 6:30 PM

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Beacon Hill Architectural Commission

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CLEANUP (from pg. 1)

by amplifying individual commitment into a shared mission," Charles River Conservancy Executive Director Laura Jasinski said in a press release. "The Conservancy is thrilled to unite volunteers once again for the 26th year."

"As the final bank before the Charles River Dam that receives upriver trash from many miles and tributaries, the Esplanade depends each year on the Charles River Cleanup to remove that waste before it slips to the Harbor," added Jen Mergel, Executive Director of the Esplanade Association (EA). "The EA team is so grateful to partner for decades with our sister non-profits, our friends at DCR, and so many amazing

volunteers across generations and geographies to ensure the health of the Charles (Quinobequin) for decades to come. Please join us."

The Cleanup is part of the national American Rivers' National River Cleanup initiative, which has collectively removed more than 32.5 million pounds of trash from waterways across the United States. Since its inception in 1999, the Charles River Cleanup has mobilized thousands of volunteers annually to remove litter and invasive plants and assist with park maintenance along the Charles River's 80-mile stretch and within the 1,100 acres of Emerald Necklace parkland surrounding the Muddy River, a vital tributary of

the Charles.

"The Muddy River, the central waterway of the Emerald Necklace parks and a major tributary to the Charles, has had an eventful year," said Karen Mauney-Brodek, President of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. "From the removal of the last fenced-off work areas of the Muddy River Restoration Project, to our ongoing community visioning process for its health and future in partnership with the Charles River Watershed Association, and to ecological threats that remind us just how important these waterways are: now more than ever, it is crucial that we come together this spring and do our part to care for our shared urban

ecosystems!"

Emily Norton, executive director of Charles River Watershed Association, said: "We are so grateful to the thousands of volunteers who turn out to remove trash from the banks and parks and roadways near the Charles. We look forward to the day when this cleanup isn't necessary, but until then, this amazing turnout demonstrates how much people care about a clean, healthy Charles River."

Cleanup volunteers make a lasting difference by improving local environmental health and fostering a sense of stewardship for their rivers and communities. The event empowers participants

to give back to their communities, strengthen their connection with nature, and cultivate lifelong habits of environmental care.

"Every year I hear from volunteers that this is one of their favorite activities to do with us—folks love picking up litter and removing invasive plants from the river's banks as part of a larger, watershed-wide effort," said Sonja Wadman, Executive Director of the Waltham Land Trust. "You can see how fun and rewarding it is by the huge smiles on their faces."

To get involved, learn more and register for the Charles River Earth Day Cleanup, visit <https://www.charlesrivercleanup.org>.

Esplanade's Centennial Fountain set to return to action April 15

By Dan Murphy

After lying dormant for the past decade, Centennial Fountain on the Charles River Esplanade will return to action on Tuesday, April 15.

Located at the Dartmouth Street Lagoon, the fountain, was installed in 1993 to honor the legacy of the erstwhile Metropolitan District Commission (originally the 'Metropolitan Park Commission') - the nation's first regional park system which included the Esplanade. The fountain was in service until its eventual removal in 2015.

The fountain's renewal is being made possible through the work of the nonprofit Esplanade Association (EA), with support from the Lawrence & Lillian Solomon Foundation and in partnership with the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

The April 15 ribbon-cutting for the fountain kicks off at 11 a.m., and it's open to the public. The event program is scheduled to include David Solomon of the Solomon Foundation officially turning on the fountain, preceded by welcoming remarks from EA Executive Director Jen Mergel and DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo, along with other selected guests. Poet Asiyah Herrera will also read a poem commissioned specifically for the occasion in partnership with the nonprofit writing organization, 826 Boston. (In the event of heavy rain, the event will instead begin at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22.)

Meanwhile, the fountain operates seasonally, typically from mid-April to mid-October, to avoid freshwater freezes in winter. It sprays water up to 24 feet at the approximate midpoint of the Esplanade's 3-mile length.



The Centennial Fountain on the Charles River Esplanade.

PHOTO BY BECKY DAVIS, EA VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHER

Boston officials announce launch of Urban Agriculture Ambassador Program

Special to the Times

The City of Boston announced the launch of the Urban Agriculture Ambassador Program (UAAP) for 2025-26, a new initiative by GrowBoston: Office of Urban Agriculture, a division of the Mayor's Office of Housing. This program will provide hands-on gardening education and support to residents in East Boston, Mattapan, Roxbury, and Dorchester, building on the City's ongoing efforts to support the increase of food production, especially in communities experiencing high rates of food insecurity.

Through a competitive grant process, GrowBoston has awarded \$352,000 in federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to four local non-profits, each receiving \$88,000 to employ part-time Urban Agriculture Ambassadors. These educators will work directly in their neighborhoods to support residents in home gardening, community gardening, and sustainable food production. The selected organizations are Eastie Farm (East Boston), Urban Farming Institute (Mattapan), Haley House (Roxbury), and The Food Project (Dorchester).

"Education and food security are deeply connected," said the Chief of Housing Sheila A. Dillon. "This program reflects our commitment to providing residents with the skills, tools, and knowledge they need to grow their own food and build healthier commu-

nities. By working with organizations embedded in these neighborhoods, we're ensuring that this support is accessible, culturally relevant, and tailored to the unique needs of each community."

The Urban Agriculture Ambassador Program was developed in response to feedback from Boston residents, who expressed a need for more robust education and support to sustain home and community gardens. This initiative builds on the success of GrowBoston's Raised Bed Program, which will provide 800 raised garden beds to low-income households and public facilities across the city by 2026. By pairing gardeners with knowledgeable educators, the program aims to enhance food security, promote sustainability, and strengthen neighborhood food systems.

"We are pleased to be able to offer such intensive support to Boston's diverse gardening population, and hope many residents take advantage of the resource," said Shani Fletcher, Director of GrowBoston.

Each Urban Agriculture Ambassador will provide one-on-one gardening consultations, lead workshops, and offer technical assistance to gardeners of all skill levels. They will also maintain gardens at public facilities, host educational events, and serve as a bridge between local residents and GrowBoston's resources. This program is not limited to recipients of raised garden beds but is open to

all gardeners in the participating neighborhoods.

The organizations selected for this program are leaders in their communities, bringing years of experience in urban agriculture and a strong commitment to addressing food insecurity. For example, Eastie Farm will focus on assisting East Boston residents with soil testing, youth education programs, and a seed and tool library. In Mattapan, the Urban Farming Institute will develop a neighborhood-based agriculture network and provide both in-person and remote support for gardeners. The Food Project in Dorchester will run garden mentor programs and facilitate community discussions about neighborhood growing spaces. Haley House in Roxbury will offer farm-based office hours and workshops to demonstrate effective gardening methods.

The program also aims to strengthen connections between residents and GrowBoston, ensuring that urban growers can access the City's wide range of resources. Ambassadors will engage in ongoing training and collaboration to share lessons learned and build best practices and evaluation methods across neighborhoods.

The Urban Agriculture Ambassador Program underscores Boston's commitment to promoting equity and sustainability in urban food production while empowering residents to take an active role in addressing food security

challenges. Residents interested in connecting with their neighborhood ambassador can contact

GrowBoston or reach out directly to the participating organizations.

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“I believe in the promise and possibility of Boston, because this city has given me everything that I cherish in my life, and as mayor, I promise that I will never back down from fighting for our families and our future,” Wu said. “Boston will not back down; not to kings, not to bullies, and not to naysayers who want to take us backward. Four years ago, gun violence in Boston had just hit a 10-year high.

“Every year since taking office, we’ve set new record lows and now we are the safest major city in America.”

Wu also touted efforts to increase affordable housing in the city, and major gains in climate resiliency action. She also highlighted the gains the public school system has made during her time in office.

“Four years ago, the Boston Public Schools had a revolving door of leadership and no real plans for systemic improvement,” she said. “We fought off state receivership, built a foundation for steady progress, and now we’re investing to solidify literacy and academics, update more school buildings than ever before, and serve every student according to their needs and their talents. We boosted universal pre-K and early college to the highest levels ever, and we won’t stop until the oldest school district in the country is the best.”

The mayor touted efforts to connect residents to good jobs in the city and to help local entrepreneurs open small businesses.

While highlighting the progress the city has made during her first term, Wu also talked about the challenges Boston has faced since

President Trump came back into office at the beginning of the year.

“Four years ago, none of us could have imagined what these past three months have looked like,” she said. “Today, it is not just our country and democracy that is under attack, it’s communities like ours, our lives and our livelihoods, our identities, and our independence. It feels like everything that makes Boston, Boston is being threatened by the administration that is clearly threatened by who we are as a city.

“We face serious challenges in this moment, and now is not a time for a mayor who needs on the job training.”

Over the next four years, Wu said she will continue to be a mayor who will fight for Boston and the interests of its residents.

“Together, we have spent the last four years making big progress on the big challenges the city faces, and we have much more work to do,” she said. “More work to keep the city safe, more work to lower costs, more work to keep investing in our schools, combating climate change, caring for our seniors, and continuing to deliver top-notch services. It’s not easy making the greatest city on earth even better, and it’s not easy, especially in times like these; but we can, and we will, because here in Boston, we don’t back down.

“Here in Boston, we stand up, we fight, we win, and we show the world that when we work together, because we work together, anything is possible.”

Wu’s declared opponents for mayor this year include Democrat Josh Kraft, who heads Kraft Family Philanthropies, and independent community activist Domingo

DaRosa.

In a statement, Kraft said Wu has taken an ideology-first, results second approach to governing that has resulted in record high rents and home prices.



Fenway High School senior Joliné Brito thanks Mayor Wu for her support of public education and determination to make Boston a safe city for everyone.



Before US Representative Ayanna Pressley introduced Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, she remarked “I thank God that we have a Mayor that doesn’t back down.”



Community activist José C Massó III lauded Mayor Wu’s commitment to affordable housing and standing up against bullies and oligarchs.



Massachusetts State Rep and Campaign Manager for Michelle Wu Aaron Michlewitz begins the program.



President of Union Local 26 Carlos Aramayo noted how Mayor Wu stood by striking hospitality workers.



Co-Executive Director of The Fenway Alliance Genevieve Day the fenway alliance, senior advisor to Mayor Wu Stephen Chan, Director of Public Affairs at the Huntington Theatre and Temple Gill with Massachusetts State Rep Jay Livingstone.

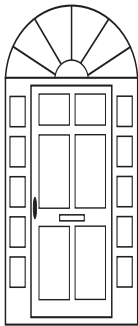


Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards with Kelli Forbes and Amy Yandle.

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Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata and her husband Sebastian.



Massachusetts State Rep John Moran with Chester Square Neighbors President Carol Blair.



Business manager for Painter's Union District Council 35 Chris Brennan, President of AFSCME Tiger Stockbridge (3rd from right), Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards, State Reps Rep Chris Worrell, Jay Livingstone, and Dan Ryan.



Massachusetts State Rep Jay Livingstone with Bob Binney, Gretchen Bennett, and Patrick McDonough of Ward 5.



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards and State Rep Dan Ryan with Members of Painter's Union District Council 35.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu with her children Mira, Blaise, and Cass met with supporters.



US Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley with Sharita Fauche, Marta McClung, and Karen Maxwell.



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Court rules in city's favor on White Stadium project

By Adam Swift

Last week, a Suffolk County Superior Judge ruled that the renovations at White Stadium at Franklin Park can continue and that the stadium is not protected as park or conservation land under Article 97 of state land.

The \$200 million public-private project between the city and the Boston Unity Soccer Partners group calls for a major renovation of the stadium, which would be the home of Boston's new team in the National Women's Soccer League, Boston Legacy FC, beginning in 2026. According to Mayor Michelle Wu, the upgraded stadium would be open for use for the Boston Public Schools and the community more than 90 percent of the time.

But a group made up of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and about 20 neighbors filed suit against the project, claiming there were a number of negative impacts from building a professional sports stadium in the middle of Franklin Park.

During a press conference at the stadium last Thursday, April 3, Wu, Boston Legacy FC controlling manager Jennifer Epstein, and representatives of BPS athletics celebrated the legal victory.

"In a city of sports champions, this is a historic victory," Wu said. "A renovated White Stadium will be open and used by BPS students, coaches, and community 15 hours per day, more than 345 days per year. We thank the Superior Court for twice affirming this vital proj-

ect for our students and community as a year-round facility that will inspire the next generation of Boston students.

"Together, after so many years of broken promises, we will give our young people and all our residents the scale of investment and opportunity that Franklin Park and our city deserve."

Epstein said with the legal ruling, Boston Legacy FC is pleased to continue the renovation of the stadium along with the city of Boston.

"Boston Public Schools students and the communities around Franklin Park have long deserved the type of generational investment this project delivers," Epstein said. "We look forward to contributing to a beautiful, modern venue to be enjoyed by everyone in the city and to playing our games in front of the best sports fans in the world."

Avery Esdaile, the BPS executive director of Athletics, thanked Wu and Boston Superintendent of Schools Mary Skipper for their support for the White Stadium project.

"Knowing that this construction is going on now, we know that we are going to have a home and a space that is going to be able to withstand the weather," Esdaile said. "We know that we are going to have appropriate spaces for our students to be in, that they will be able to play a soccer game, that they will be able to have a track meet and our kids won't be out in the weather. These are big things and big movements in terms of what we've been trying to accom-



Mayor Michelle Wu at a press conference at White Stadium on Thursday, April 3 discussing the superior court ruling allowing renovations to the stadium to continue.

plish through this process."

Esdaile said the project is an example of the schools and the city working together to make Boston a place where youth sports is available for everyone.

"White Stadium is going to play a big part in that," he said. "It's going to help us in terms of BPS, but it is also going to give a lot of kids their first opportunity to see a professional soccer game, their first opportunity to dream about being a soccer player or going out and running a 100 or a 200 like the students they have seen out there."

Dr. Jean McGuire, a Roxbury

resident and plaintiff in the legal case said that they were disappointed by the trial's outcome, but not surprised.

"Our community is used to seeing laws meant to protect the public get trampled when the rich and powerful see an opportunity to make money," said McGuire. "Despite this outcome, we still believe that our community deserves an alternative to an oversized, for-profit sports and entertainment complex in Franklin Park. Losing 145 trees, two acres of green space, two tennis courts, and full use of the field for several months each year is not the price our Boston Public School students should have to pay for working plumbing and high-quality athletic facilities.

"Leasing a new and bigger

White Stadium to wealthy private sports investors is not the right plan for our kids or for Franklin Park," McGuire continued. "This is our park; the public's park. We pay for it with our taxes, and have forever. Our kids should not have to ask permission to play in a public park."

Emerald Necklace Conservancy President Karen Mauney-Brodek said their advocacy for Franklin Park and the community is about supporting the community's kids and the park with a truly public stadium.

"The communities around the park should be central to decision making for our parks, not asked their opinion after decisions are already made," Mauney-Brodek stated.



Demolition work is underway at White Stadium

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WECA MEETING SET FOR APRIL 10 AT AMY LOWELL APARTMENTS

The West End Civic Association (WECA) will meet on Thursday, April 10, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room of the Amy Lowell Apartments, 65 Martha Road.

All West End residents are welcome; bring your voice to West End concerns. Masks are encouraged.

WEST END MUSEUM'S APRIL PROGRAMMING CONTINUES

The West End Museum, located at 150 Staniford St. Suite 7 (on Lomasney Way), presents 'Harmonies of the Aegean and the Levant' on Sunday, April 13, at 4 p.m.

This a live musical performance celebrates the diverse and vibrant musical traditions of the Levantine region. From the hauntingly beautiful melodies of classical Arabic music to the lively rhythms of folk dances, this performance will immerse the audience in the region's profound musical heritage. The program stars Boston-based multi-instrumentalist Tev Stevig, who specializes in a variety of plucked string instruments from the Balkans, Greece, Turkey, and Afghanistan and Beth Bahia Cohen, a master of many bowed string instruments from the Middle East and the Balkans.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harmonies-of-the-aegean-and-the-levant-tickets-1272787594959>

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The museum presents 'Connie Converse at 100' on Tuesday, April 15, at 6 p.m.

At this time, join Howard Fishman for an author talk on his new book, 'To Anyone Who Ever Asks: The Life, Music, and Mystery of Connie Converse.' The book tells the mysterious true story of the life and disappearance of Connie Converse—a mid-century New York City songwriter, singer, and composer whose haunting music never found broad recognition—and one writer's quest to understand her life.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/connie-converse-at-100-tickets-1273017622979> for tickets and more information on the event.

The museum presents 'The Great Abolitionist,' with Stephen Puleo, on Saturday, April 26, at 4 p.m.

This author talk will include Puleo speaking on his book, 'The Great Abolitionist: Charles Sumner and the Fight for a More Perfect Union.'

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-great-abolitionist-with-stephen-puleo-tickets-1273060360809> for tickets and more information on the event.

DUCK BOAT PULL TO BENEFIT YOUTH SPORTS SET FOR APRIL 12 AT COMMON

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department's first annual Duck Boat Pull is set to take place on Saturday, April 12, at Boston Common.

This one-of-a-kind fundraiser, hosted in partnership with Boston Duck Tours, will challenge teams of 10 to race against the clock as they pull a 21,000-pound duck boat across a designated course on Boston Common—all in support of Boston's free youth sports and fitness programs.

Teams of 10 participants ages 16 and up will compete to pull one of Boston's iconic duck boats across the finish line in the fastest time. In order to participate, each team is required to make a \$1,000 donation, \$100 per person, which will go directly toward funding Boston Parks and Recreation's free youth sports programs. These programs include leagues, tournaments, and fitness initiatives that foster healthy lifestyles and provide opportunities for young people to stay active. In 2024, these free programs served over 20,000 young people in Boston.

Award-winning WCVB Channel 5 sports reporter and producer Alexis Beckett will emcee the event.

To register your team, select a

Team Captain and visit boston.gov/duck-boat-pull. The registration deadline is March 26, and teams are encouraged to sign up early to guarantee their spot.

Businesses and organizations can also get involved by sponsoring the event. Sponsors who sign up by March 21 will have their logos prominently displayed in event materials and signage. For more information or sponsorship inquiries, contact Tiffany Clark at Tiffany.Clark@boston.gov or (617) 233-2305.

To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks, visit Boston.gov/Parks, join its email list, and follow its social channels @bostonparksdept on X, Facebook, Instagram, and now Bluesky.

GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM ANNUAL BENEFIT SET FOR APRIL 24 AT CHILTON CLUB

The Gibson House Museum will host its 28th annual benefit, a Victorian Masquerade Party, on Thursday, April 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chilton Club, 152 Commonwealth Ave.

Guests will enjoy this elegant setting with creative cocktails, sumptuous hors d'oeuvres, delightful piano music, an exciting raffle, and a few fun surprises to help everyone get into the spirit

of a great, 19th-century Masquerade. Masks of the amusing, artistic kind are encouraged as part of guests' cocktail attire.

All proceeds will benefit the Gibson House Museum.

The benefit raffle is now live online, featuring an array of exciting prizes: fine-dining gift certificates, theater and ballet tickets, opportunities for private tours, a Boston Athenaeum membership, and gifts of food and wine. You do not need to be present at the benefit to win.

For more information and to purchase benefit and raffle tickets, visit

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To sign up or for more information, email Audrey Tedeman (artedeman@gmail.com) or Julia Forbes (jmaforbes@gmail.com).

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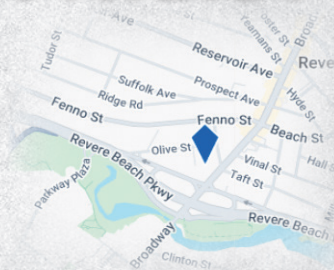
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1928 Beacon Hill's new culinary director brings fresh energy and bold menu to the beloved neighborhood dining destination

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1928 Beacon Hill is ushering in a new chapter with the arrival of Culinary Director Chris Maxson. Born and raised on the North Shore, Maxson brings deep local influences and culinary pedigree to the neighborhood gem, infusing classic American dishes with contemporary sophistication while maintaining the unpretentious warmth that defines the restaurant's character.

"I believe dining should be transformative—a perfect harmony of exceptional ingredients, artful presentation, and genuine hospitality," says Maxson. "This new menu is a reflection of New England roots and global influences."

Maxson honed his craft at some of Boston's most respected establishments, most notably as Chef de Cuisine at the prestigious Deuxave, where he refined his approach to fine dining. The new menu showcases Maxson's talent



Beacon Hill restaurant, 1928, is pleased to announce the addition of a new chef, Chris Maxson, as their Culinary Director.

for balancing classic French techniques with global inspirations acquired during his travels to Morocco, Japan and Italy. Guests can savor innovative dishes like the

18-Hour Cider Braised Pork Belly (bourbon caramel glaze, charred scallion coconut emulsion, chili crisp); Jerk Chicken Meatballs (BBQ pineapple glaze, pink pineapple salsa, cashew crumble) and an Overnight Braised Short Rib (honey thyme glazed baby carrot and parsnip, roasted brussels sprouts, vanilla parsnip puree).

The menu also features fresh seafood selections that highlight the finest seasonal catches like Seared Dayboat Scallops (ginger sweet potato farro risotto, kale,

mushroom, sweet spiced brown butter, purple sweet potato crumble); Tuna Tartare (crispy scallion rice cake, carrot ginger puree, black garlic emulsion, citrus sesame tuille) and Citrus Herb Crusted Halibut (fregola sarda, bok choy, charred pineapple, red cabbage slaw, Thai coconut curry broth).

Maxson is taking the dining experience to new heights with The Beacon Hill Heist, a secret menu offering exclusive weekly specials that blend luxury with fun, featuring interactive tableside elements. This playful concept draws inspiration from the rich, intriguing history of the neighborhood, celebrating its colorful past while adding an element of surprise and excitement to every meal.

While 1928 unveils new cocktail menus seasonally, there are a few signature cocktails staying on the menu that customers know and love. The Pornstar Martini (Ketel One Vodka, Passionfruit, Vanilla, Lime, Champagne Foam), Down the Rabbit Hole (Roku Gin, Carrot, Red Bell Pepper, Celery Root, Lemon, Whey) and Beatnik (Mezcal, Red Beet Shrub, Ginger, Benedictine, Lime) showcase the bar's commitment to innovative flavor combinations and expert craftsmanship that keeps guests coming back for more.

1928 Beacon Hill is open

daily for bar service from 4:30PM-11:00PM and dinner is available Monday-Friday from 4:30-PM-10:00PM and Saturday & Sunday from 4:00PM-10:00PM. Brunch is offered every Saturday & Sunday from 11:00AM-2:00PM. For more information or to make a reservation, please visit <https://www.1928beaconhill.com> or follow along on Instagram at @1928_beacon_hill.

1928 Beacon Hill is an upscale yet cozy restaurant by Owner and accomplished Interior Designer and Art Preservationist Kristin Jenkins. Tucked away in Boston's historic Beacon Hill, the neighborhood go-to serves classic American fare and prohibition era cocktails in an antique filled atmosphere filled with character and history. The restaurant is a tribute to Jenkins' grandfather, who sparked her love for the hospitality industry. The name pays homage to the year he was born, capturing the timeless essence of the 1920s. The restaurant's design unfolds across three spaces. The lounge and bar features antique paintings, creating a cozy lodge inspired setting. The Ship embraces a nautical theme, and the Library is an intimate room with the charm of a refined supper club. For more information, visit <https://www.1928beaconhill.com>.

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Mother's Day cards nourish guests of Women's Lunch Place

Special to the Times

A guest at Women's Lunch Place created the artwork that adorns this year's Mother's Day card. She is alone in Boston without family or an outside support system.

When asked what Women's Lunch Place means to her, she said: "Women's Lunch Place is a welcoming community. They provide me with safety, nutrition, showers, clothing, advocacy... even a therapist. WLP helps me survive."

With homelessness rising sharply in Boston last year, Women's Lunch Place is producing more healthy meals than ever before in their 43-year history. They expect to serve a record 150,000+ meals by the end of the year.

As a multi-purpose gift, each Mother's Day card funds five freshly made lunches for a guest at WLP. Each lunch provides an opportunity for women to con-



PHOTO COURTESY OF WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE

Artwork for the Mother's Day card created by a Women's Lunch Place guest, proceeds from which will benefit the nonprofit organization.

nect with on-site housing, healthcare, and legal services in a safe, women-only environment.

Mother's Day cards can be ordered blank or sent with a personalized message. Visit [\[mothers-daycards.org\]\(https://www.mothers-daycards.org\) to place an order and sponsor healthy nutrition for a woman in need. Cards can also be purchased in person at Blackstone's of Beacon Hill.](https://www.mothers-</p>
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EASTER IN BOSTON MENU SPECIALS & PROGRAMMING

BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL

Rowes Wharf, Boston, MA
www.bostonharborhotel.com

This Easter, on April 20, guests are invited to enjoy the hotel's annual grand brunch from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., featuring a lavish spread of seasonal delights expertly crafted to make the holiday unforgettable. Set against the backdrop of a stunning waterfront hotel, the celebration offers breathtaking harbor views and a warm, welcoming atmosphere. It's the perfect setting to gather with family and friends, create lasting memories, and savor cherished traditions alongside indulgent flavors. For more information and to make a reservation, please visit [HERE](#).

PURITAN & COMPANY

1166 Cambridge Street
Inman Square, Cambridge, MA
www.puritanandcompany.com

On April 20th, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Puritan & Co. will host an Easter Sunday brunch. The brunch is \$65 per person, with a \$25 option for children under 12. Menu details are below. To reserve a table, click [HERE](#).

STARTERS

- pastrami smoked salmon toast | chalah, dill whipped ricotta, pickled red onion, capers
- roasted beet salad | marinated burrata, orange vinaigrette, mache, candied pistachio
- little leaf salad | great hill blue, pickled red onion, maple bacon, champagne vinaigrette
- greek yogurt parfait | cardamom granola, seasonal fruit
- asparagus soup | green garlic, toasted hazelnut



MAINS

- asparagus & wild mushroom quiche | vermont cheddar, baby greens
- brioche french toast | maple pecans, mixed berries, chantilly
- cavatelli | spring peas, mint basil pistou, whipped parsnip
- pan-roasted cod | lobster stew, heirloom potato, spring peas
- shakshuka | roasted peppers, tomato, feta, sunny eggs, focaccia
- braised lamb & rosemary hash | heirloom potato, caramelized onion, sunny eggs

DESSERT

- citrus cheesecake | honey, orange gel, coconut crisp
- chocolate mousse pie | caramelized banana, vanilla chantilly

L.A. BURDICK

Back Bay: 220 Clarendon St., Boston, MA

Harvard Square: 52 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA

Brookline: 2 Brookline Place, Brookline, MA

www.burdickchocolate.com

L.A. Burdick Chocolate announces the arrival of its highly anticipated Easter collection, now available for preorder. This year's seasonal offerings include:

Chocolate Lambs Box (\$38): Eight white chocolate lambs with ripe strawberries and rhubarb flavors, displayed in a signature wooden box.

Signature Bunny Box (\$36): Chocolate bunnies, dark chocolate truffles, and marzipan eggs, elegantly packaged in a wooden box.



Whimsical Easter Crate (\$85): A combination of chocolate bunnies, lambs, marzipan eggs, and chocolate eggs, creating a bountiful gift.

Pre-order now and select a ship date between March 31 - April 25, 2025. Easter chocolates can be pre-ordered online at [www.burdickchocolate.com](#), and the collection will be available in MA stores starting March 31.

SONSIE

327 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02115
www.sonsieboston.com

Sonie will offer a special Easter brunch on April 20th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The menu will feature signature items such as waffles, benedicts, salads, sandwiches, flatbreads, and more. For more information and to make a reservation, please visit [HERE](#).



GEPPETTO

Cambridge Crossing
100 North First St., Cambridge, MA
www.thelexingtoncx.com

Geppetto will offer a special four-course menu on Easter Sunday, priced at \$70 per person, with an à la carte menu available for children under 12. This will be the only menu served on Easter Sunday from 4pm to 8pm. Offerings are listed below. To reserve a table, please click [HERE](#).

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FIRST

- burrata | prosciutto di parma, pear mostarda, focaccia
- lamb meatballs | caponata, mint pesto, pepper sauce
- baby greens salad | spring vegetables, pecorino toscano, herbs
- sicilian crudo | tuna, salmon, shallots, capers, meyer lemon

SECOND

- gnocchi | asparagus, rabbit, mint and ricotta salata
- mushroom lasagna | taleggio fondue, fried rosemary, walnut pesto
- seafood risotto | scallops, shrimp, crab, peppers, tarragon

MAIN

- grilled marinated lamb | carrots, swiss chard, lentils
- grilled swordfish | parsnip, mushrooms, romanesco, brown butter
- herb roasted chicken | artichokes, kale, fingerling potatoes

DESSERT

- chef's choice

THE LEXINGTON

Cambridge Crossing
100 North First Street, Cambridge, MA
www.thelexingtoncx.com

The Lexington invites guests to enjoy a special Easter Sunday brunch upstairs. The three-course brunch menu is priced at \$50 per person, with an à la carte menu available for children under 12. This will be the only menu offered for brunch on Easter Sunday. Offerings are listed below. To reserve a table, please click [HERE](#).

APPS

- crab cakes | remoulade, snap peas, watercress
- lamb meatballs | stracciatella, mint pesto, pepper emulsion
- smoked salmon plate | brioche, pickled shallots, avocado, arugula
- asparagus soup | herb oil, parmesan croutons, trout roe, meyer lemon



ENTREES

- grilled salmon | braised leeks, spiced carrot puree, salsa verde
- sirloin steak and eggs | sourdough, bearnaise, fingerling potatoes
- gnocchi | peas, mushrooms, asparagus, pecorino
- french toast | berries, pistachios, vanilla cream, maple syrup

DESSERT:

- chef's choice

BLUE RIBBON BRASSERIE

528 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA 02215

www.blueribbonbrasserie.com

Blue Ribbon Brasserie will feature a special Easter brunch offering: a Cajun Soft Shell Crab Sandwich with lettuce, tomato, onion, and Cajun mayo for \$32, available from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. To reserve a table, please click [HERE](#).

SEAMARK SEAFOOD & COCKTAILS

1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149
www.seamarkencore.com

On Easter Sunday, Seamark will open at 11:00 AM for brunch, offering a variety of menu specials listed below. To reserve a table, please click [HERE](#).

FOOD

- deviled eggs | caviar, chives
- tortellini | peas, italian ham, parmigiano
- leg of lamb | garlic, rosemary, spring vegetables, potato puree

DRINK

- bellini
- zero-proof bellini

SCAMPO

215 Charles St, Boston, MA 02114
www.scampoboston.com

Scampo will be open for Easter from 12:00 PM to 7:45 PM, offering an array of delicious dishes such as white miso clam chowder, tuna tartare, grilled lamb shoulder chop, pizzas, pastas, and more. To reserve a table, please click [HERE](#).

ROCHAMBEAU

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

Rochambeau will be open on Easter Sunday from 10:00 AM to 8:45 PM and will offer a prix-fixe menu for \$85 per person. The menu will feature the following. To reserve a table, please click [HERE](#).

(choice of one per course)

APPETIZERS

- duck leg confit | haricots verts, potato puree, blackberry sauce
- pea soup | crispy prosciutto, crème fraîche, leeks
- grilled asparagus | fried eggplant, red sauce, boursin cheese

ENTREES

- lamb rack | ratatouille, basil pistou
- grilled branzino | tomato relish, grilled lemon, piquillo emulsion

- giannone half chicken | panzanella salad, fromage blanc, lemon au jus

DESSERTS

- carrot cake | crème fraîche
- chocolate parfait
- strawberry rhubarb crisp | vanilla ice cream



HARVEST

44 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA
www.harvestcambridge.com

Harvest will be open on Easter Sunday from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM and will offer a prix-fixe menu for \$80 per person. The menu will feature the following.

(choice of one per course)

APPETIZERS

- Leek and Potato Soup
- Pan Fried Gnocchi
- Tea Sandwich Trio
- Carrot Cake Pancakes

ENTREES

- Eggs Benedict
- Carved Prime Rib
- Grilled Baby Lamb Chops
- Branzino Filet
- Shrimp and Grits

DESSERT

- Chocolate Tart
- Limoncello Cheesecake

BISTRO DU MIDI

272 Boylston Street, Boston, MA
www.bistrodumidi.com

Bistro du Midi will be open on Easter Sunday from 10:30 AM to 2:45 PM and will offer a prix-fixe menu for \$90 per person. The menu will feature the following.

(choice of one per course)

APPETIZERS

- Heirloom Beet Salad
- Kale Caesar Salad
- Acai Bowl
- Smoked White Asparagus Soup
- Lamb Terrine

ENTREES

- Eggs Benedict
- Hopkins Farm Lamb and Potato Hash
- Ricotta Pancakes
- Duck Confit Foieffles
- Croque Madame
- Prime Bavette Steak Eggs and Frites

DESSERT

- Pecan Chocolate Tart
- Rhubarb Bomb
- Crème Brûlée



EASTER 2025 BOSTON

NORTH WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Project Advisory: Modified Traffic Configuration at Keany Square Intersection in North End

What is Happening?

Beginning Sunday, April 6, the traffic configuration at the Keany Square intersection will be slightly modified to facilitate final full-depth construction and paving operations at the intersection of Causeway Street and Commercial Street. Work will be executed in three separate stages and is scheduled to last through Saturday, April 26, weather permitting.

How Will This Affect You?

The inbound/southbound traffic lanes leading into the Keany Square intersection will be reduced

to accommodate full pavement construction activities for Stage 1 of this work. The first stage of work is scheduled to begin around 11:00 p.m. on Sunday night, April 6, and will continue through late afternoon on Monday, April 7.

Drivers should expect delays in the inbound/southbound direction and are encouraged to seek alternate routes if possible during the identified timeframes. Stage 2 and Stage 3 construction will have minimal traffic impacts and will be completed over a two-and-a-half-week period from Tuesday, April 8 to Saturday, April 26. All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

Travel tips

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and advanced message boards will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions. Project website www.mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement Project email NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us

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- Jobi Liquors..... 170 Cambridge St.
- 7-Eleven..... 122 Cambridge St.
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- Charles St. Liquors 143 Charles St.
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- Cobblestones 30 Charles St.
- DeLuca's 11 Charles St.
- Nuts Factory..... Charles St.
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- Beacon Hill Market 61 Anderson
- Beacon Capitol Market 30 Myrtle St.
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- Capital Coffee House 122 Bowdoin St.
- Richdal Food.....Beacon & Bowdoin St.
- River House..... 145 Pinckney St.
- West End Place 150 Stanford St.

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- 8 Whittier Place 1 Emerson Place
- 6 Whittier Place 0 Emerson Place
- 150 Stanford St. 45 Temple St.
- 1 Longfellow 10 Bowdoin St.
- 4 Longfellow 122 Bowdoin St.
- 5 Longfellow 144 Bowdoin St.
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- 3 Hawthorne Place 45 Myrtle St.
- 9 Hawthorne Place 19 Myrtle St.
- Emerson Place 65 Martha Rd.
- 4 Emerson Place

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE

SETTLEMENT
Docket No. SU15PO484EA
Estate of: John Winthrop Sears
Also known as: John W. Sears
Date of Death: 11/04/2014

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Oliver F. Ames, Jr. of Boston, MA and Douglas W. Sears of Tewksbury, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete

Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/05/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection

if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 31, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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Hu, Yiyun	John B Lazor RET	390 Commonwealth Ave #402	\$960,000
Yao, Eric	Zaccai, Gianfranco	431 Marlborough St #3	\$4,200,000
BEACON HILL			
Cheng, Jie	Winthrop 168 LLC	21 Beacon St #10E	\$660,000
Thomas Nedell 2022 T	66 Mount Vernon St Nt	66 Mount Vernon St #2	\$4,850,000
Michaud, Gerald A	Catherine A Ferguson RET	13 Walnut St #1	\$3,100,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Carleton Realty TLLC	Kaveney, Jeffrey	79 Appleton St #4	\$815,000
Bernard, Theirry	Rapoport, David	86 Berkeley St #1	\$2,250,000
Green Monster Realty LLC	Sing Ming Chan RET	51-53 Church St	\$5,625,000
Cpncannon, Carolina S	Gupta, Vineet K	29 Fayette St #4-3	\$680,000
Brandon Holdings LLC	Zhou, Hua	110 Stuart St #23J	\$1,100,000
Richard Baum RET	Ts Residences Hldg LLC	430 Stuart St #32D	\$5,200,000
Ge, Jaifeng	Oshea, Gerald	11 Aberdeen St #4A11	\$555,000
Bernier, Luke	Ma, Wei	286-288 Cambridge St #3	\$447,500
92 Mt Vernon St Rt	Rref li Bh Garage LLC	142-162 Charles St #PS2-52	\$250,000
Perusse, Julie	Goldberg, Amy	27 Concord Sq #3	\$945,000
Akira, Mika	Husein, Dina R	40 Fay St #604	\$800,000
Bobb, Sydney E	106 Forest Hills LLC	106 Forest Hills St #203	\$910,000
Sherwin, Julian F	Helman, James	247 Shawmut Ave #1	\$1,360,000
Jaspers Townshouse LLC	Trax On Pierce LLC	201 Washington St #3	\$1,464,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Newfound Starr LLC	Chenkin, Sandra	2-1/2 Battery Wharf #4608	\$1,385,000
Spenceley 3rd, Richard C	M Vorlicek Associates LL	300 Commercial St #804	\$1,755,000
Yu, Helen	66 E India Row Unit 22d	65 E India Row #22D	\$645,000
Chaudhary, Niren	Richard Baum RET	1 Franklin St #5306	\$5,400,000
Bazarbachian, Garo	Oak Hill Park LLC	4-8 Franklin St #301	\$640,000
Winslow-Dietshe RET	Head, David M	126-128 Fulton St #18	\$875,000
108 Lincoln St Prop LLC	108 Lincoln Basement Rt	108 Lincoln St #BSMT	\$950,000
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Patel, Hiren	Markoff Gary M Est	300 Pier 4 Blvd #7K	\$1,875,000
Oney Jr, Walter C	Depina, Guilhermina D	151 Tremont St #10P	\$1,355,000
Vasinda, Joseph	Stella, Milo	744 Washington St #1	\$570,000

Attention to Detail

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The sculptured foot in the last clue is on the Edwin Upton Curtis Memorial, now part of a bridge to the Esplanade's islands. Designed by leading Boston architect Guy Lowell, this memorial was erected as a grand entrance to the park at Clarendon Street but moved in 1949. In 1952, it was incorporated into the footbridge.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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FRESH AND LOCAL

Take one rotisserie chicken

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We've made a time-saving change to our approach to getting our money's worth when we buy a rotisserie chicken. We've always made stock from the bones, skin, and scraps, but now we do that in minutes with less cleanup.

Recently, a video from Anyday, a maker of microwave cookware,

appeared on social media. Penny accepted the challenge to do the three things they suggested with our next rotisserie chicken.

Directions

The first step was easy: unpack the chicken and eat a drumstick. Like many of you, Penny always pauses for this cook's treat! The second was to remove all the meat

and save it for meals over the next few days.

Third, we were to make chicken stock from the carcass. While we always make chicken stock from the remains of a rotisserie chicken in a pot on the stovetop, they suggested making it in the microwave. We were skeptical but decided to try it.

The directions were to put the chicken scraps in a "Large Anyday Dish" and cover them with water. While we used the specific bowl recommended, any large microwave-safe bowl should work.

Next, add any desired seasonings, aromatics, or herbs and cook uncovered in your microwave for ten to fifteen minutes. Strain and package the stock for the freezer, or use some to make soup.

Our Tips!

We always put the water we need for stock in the chicken container or bag and stir it to recover all the chicken goodness left behind in the packaging.

Another significant change was adding three chicken feet to the bones to ensure a rich, collagen-filled broth. We buy chicken feet in Chinatown, freeze them in packages of three or four, depending on their size, and use them to add richness to chicken-based soups and stocks.

If chicken feet make you squeamish, use three chicken wings. If either is frozen, add a few minutes to the suggested microwave time, and make sure they are fully cooked before you strain the stock.

Finally, be sure to use protection for your hands when you

remove the bowl of hot stock from the microwave.

Results!

This method was a hit with us, and we recommend it. It was not as reduced as we make stock on the stovetop to save space in the freezer. The result was a good stock from something that might have been food waste.

We had less cleanup. We did not have a pan to wash and a cooktop to clean. The microwave was steamy when we removed the broth, and a quick wipe-out left it sparkling. It was done in under half an hour compared to an hour or more for our stovetop version, depending on how much we reduced it.

This method will reduce humidity in our kitchen in summer, as our microwave has a vent system that removes some moisture.

Give it a try! Even if you have never made stock, this is so easy you may decide that you like receiving full value from your food dollars and saving money by creating food from scraps. And, if you don't think you would use the stock in your cooking, think about

ramen noodles, pastina in broth, or adding ice cube-sized portions to any prepared food that is a bit dry.

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



Our chicken stock, made in the microwave, was completely gelled and had an easily removed layer of chicken fat.

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APR 17
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APR 18
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