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## Athenaeum reimagines exhibition from 1850

Special to Times

The Boston Athenaeum's newest installation, 'Exhibiting China,' will reunite, for the first time in 175 years, five portraits by Chinese artist Lamqua that were a part of the Athenaeum's first exhibition at its historic 10½ Beacon St. building in 1850.

On display in the Gordon Room through Nov. 1, the exhibition is curated by Astrid Tvetenstrand, the Athenaeum's Polly Thayer Starr Curatorial Fellow in American Art. The installation will include portraits and paintings originally displayed at the



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*Pictured are three of the five Lamqua portraits from the Boston Athenaeum's Exhibiting China installation.*

## Eight grants awarded via inaugural round of Friends' Henry Lee Fund for Boston Parks

By Times staff

Eight community-led projects were selected last month to receive the inaugural round of grants via the Friends of the Public Graden's Henry Lee Fund for Boston Parks to improve and restore green spaces across Boston.

Grantees include the Fenway Civic Association for the repair of the Johnson Memorial Gates Lion's Head; Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA) of the South End for its Betances Mural Preservation Project; Mary Ellen Welch Greenway of East Boston for its Flower Garden and Little Library; MissionSAFE for improvements to the Community Teaching Garden at Town Field in Dorchester; Neponset River Watershed Association for the Doyle Park Interactive Play Structure in Hyde Park; Shirley-Eustis House of Roxbury

for landscaping improvements; and We Tree Boston for the restoration of Thoreau Path in the West End.

"Henry Lee believed deeply in the power of parks to bring people together, and this Fund reflects that legacy," Liza Meyer, president of the Friends, said in a press release. "It's about investing in ideas that come from the ground up – neighbors who know what their park needs and are ready to make it happen. Supporting these grassroots efforts not only strengthens individual spaces, it reinforces the entire ecosystem of Boston's parks. As someone who has worked alongside communities across this city for many years, I'm proud to help carry this vision forward."

Established in June 2024, the Henry Lee Fund for Boston Parks fulfills community-driven ideas

for investments in Boston's parks and greenspaces by supplementing city resources with private dollars.

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*Work underway at the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway in East Boston - one of the inaugural grant awardees of the Friends of the Public Graden's Henry Lee Fund for Boston Parks.*

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Dinner Under the Stars – Saturday, September 27th, 6pm, flat of Mt. Vernon

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# EDITORIAL

## WWII ENDED 80 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

This week marks the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. It was on August 14, 1945, that Japanese Emperor Hirohito announced Japan's surrender in a radio address to his nation that also was broadcast around the world. A few weeks later, General Douglas MacArthur and representatives from the Japanese government signed the papers that formalized Japan's unconditional surrender on the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

Japan's surrender was preceded the week before by the dropping of two atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima (August 6) and Nagasaki (August 9). Both of those bombs, which fell on targets of minimal (if any) military value, killed tens of thousands of civilians and caused radiation fallout that affected survivors and ensuing generations thereafter.

For those of us whose fathers and uncles served in combat roles in WWII, the marking of the 80th anniversary of the end of that conflagration is bittersweet. They were members of the Greatest Generation who answered the call to rid the world of the evil fascist governments who wreaked death and destruction across the globe, eventually drawing the United States into the conflict with the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

However, our fathers and uncles have long since passed. It is estimated that of the 16 million Americans who served in WWII, only about 60,000 are still alive today -- and if (God willing) we're still around 10 years from now to write about the 90th anniversary of the end of the war, at most there will be only a handful of veterans, who will be approaching their 110th birthdays, who will still be around.

What is most striking to us about the era of the Greatest Generation is that it marked the only time in our nation's history that our citizenry truly was united around a common cause. Even during the American Revolution, about 20% of Americans (known as the Tories) remained loyal to the British Crown. In the run-up to WWII, a substantial number of Americans actually identified as being sympathetic to Hitler and the Nazis, and the country was split 50/50 as to whether we should provide arms to England when it stood alone against Hitler. (President Franklin D. Roosevelt eventually persuaded Congress to approve arms shipments to England with the Lend-Lease Act.)

Our country's unity has been fraying slowly but surely over the past 80 years, leaving us where we are today: A nation that is far from a "United" States that is segregated into red and blue states. When Americans recently were polled as to whether they would approve of their child marrying a person who belonged to a different political party, only four percent said it would be okay. Politics has supplanted race, ethnic background, and religion as the driving force of division among Americans.

So let us salute the brave Americans who overcame the evil that existed in the world 80 years ago. We never should forget that their sacrifices enabled America to become the greatest nation on earth for those of us who are alive today -- their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

## SIGNS OF SUMMER'S END

All in all, this has been a pretty good summer. Despite a tough start (when it rained every weekend), the weather has been as close to perfect as we could expect for summer activities -- and the weatherman is predicting continued dry and seasonably-warm weather for the coming two weeks.

The mornings along our coastline have been pleasantly placid for those of us who row on the ocean (we belong to a rowing club on the South Shore that ventures up and down the coast and as far out as Minots Light), while the breezes typically have been picking up in the afternoon for the sailors.

Our vegetable and flower garden -- which is entirely contained in large pots on the deck of our condo --- once again has been superb. We've had more tomatoes than we know what to do -- and nothing beats the pop in our mouths of fresh-picked tomatoes in the summer (as opposed to those tasteless tomatoes that we have to settle for in grocery stores in the winter months).

However, all good things must come to an end, and so too it is with summer. The days now are noticeably shorter, and with the sunset inching southward each day, the shadows cast in the late afternoon and early evening are far different than they were in June and July.

The blooms of the purple loosestrife (though it is an invasive species, we have to admit it is quite striking with its spiky purple flowers) are another harbinger of the back nine of summer. So too, are the tips of the marsh grass, which a few weeks ago were verdant green, but which now are golden-yellow, yet another indication of the inevitable downward trajectory of the summer of 2025.

So sadly, with just three weeks to go until Labor Day (which occurs very early this year on September 1), yet another summer season is winding down.

But for those of us who treasure the hot and humid summer months, we're heartened by this realization: Memorial Day, 2026, is just nine months away!

## EXHIBIT (from pg. 1)

Athenaeum in 1850, including five Western-style portraits by Lamqua (1801-1860).

"Exhibiting China provides us the opportunity to reflect on Boston's rich cultural and mercantile history, while celebrating the Boston Athenaeum's robust and diverse exhibition and collection history," Tvetenstrand said in a press release. "Displayed together, these objects offer a powerful understanding of the people, customs, and values that facilitated the China Trade in the 19th century, and I am honored to reunite these items to revisit their context and connect them with modern-day conversations about commerce, culture, and power."

Lamqua specialized in Western-style portraits for European and American clients. He was one of the first Chinese portrait painters exhibited in the West.

The five Lamqua portraits on display at the Athenaeum include: Keying, ca. 1835-1840, oil on canvas (on loan from the Union Club of Boston); portrait of Wu Tianxian, also known as Samqua, before 1850, oil on canvas (on loan from Peabody Essex Museum, Museum purchase from the estate of John Heard, Augustine Heard Collection, 1931); Lin Chong, ca. 1835-1840, oil on canvas, (on loan from Union Club of Boston); Cumwa, ca. 1835-1840, oil on canvas (on loan from Ipswich Public Library); and Houqua, ca. 1835-1840, oil on canvas, (also

on loan from Ipswich Public Library).

In 1850, a year after opening its new building at 10½ Beacon St., the Athenaeum hosted a landmark exhibition in its new gallery. Among the 268 paintings featured were five portraits by Lamqua, depicting five Chinese businesspeople who facilitated trade for Americans in China during the nineteenth century; the works were owned by prominent China Trade merchant and Athenaeum proprietor Augustine Heard (1785-1868).

Thanks to generous loans from the museums and organizations that now own them, this installation reunites these portraits for the first time in 175 years alongside a curated selection of other works originally shown in the landmark 1850 exhibition, highlighting the artistic and cultural dialogues of the period. Other items in the installation feature the print, landscape, porcelain, and cloisonné art of that time period and their connection to Boston's mercantile history, including Flora's Dictionary, Elizabeth Washington Wirt (American, 1784-1857); The Costume of China, George Henry Mason (British, 1770-1851);

Athenaeum Plate, Beauties of America Series, J. & W. Ridgeway (British, 19th century); and Cloisonné Duck (Chinese, 1735-1796).

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# Suffolk County Sheriff indicted for alleged extortion of cannabis company

Special to the Times

Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins was charged with extortion involving the purchase of an equity interest in a Boston-based cannabis company by federal authorities last week.

Tompkins, 67, of Boston, was indicted by a federal grand jury on two counts of Extortion Under Color of Official Right. He was taken into custody last week in the Southern District of Florida and is scheduled to appear in federal court in Boston at a later date, according to the Boston office of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

"Mr. Tompkins is a sitting Sheriff, responsible for over 1,000 employees, who was elected by the good people of Suffolk County," said United States Attorney Leah B. Foley last week. "Today, he is alleged to have extorted an executive from a cannabis company, using his official position as Sheriff to benefit himself. Elected officials, particularly those in law enforcement, are expected to be ethical, honest and law abiding – not self-serving.

"His alleged actions are an affront to the voters and taxpayers who elected him to his position, and the many dedicated and honest public servants at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department," Foley continued. "The people of Suffolk County deserve better. Public corruption remains a top priority for my administration and we will continue to investigate and prosecute anyone who uses their position of trust and power for their own gain."

As of early this week, neither Tompkins nor the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department had issued a statement on the charges.

According to court documents, in 2019, the cannabis company, which was not named in the documents, sought to open a retail cannabis dispensary in Boston and applied to the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) for a dispensary license. To satisfy the Positive Impact Plan (PIP) requirement of the CCC, the company entered into a partnership



Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins.

with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department (SCSD) whereby the SCSD would help screen and refer graduates of its re-entry program to apply for work at the company's retail store.

The cannabis company's partnership with the SCSD was memorialized in a September 2019 letter signed by Tompkins and submitted to the CCC in its completed dispensary license application in or about March 2020, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. In or about March 2021, the CCC approved a license for the company to operate a cannabis dispensary in Boston. The CCC later approved license renewal applications for the company in 2021, 2022 and 2023. In each of the renewal applications, the company included its ongoing partnership with the SCSD as part of its fulfillment of the PIP requirement.

According to court documents, one of the cannabis company's goals was to raise capital to launch an initial public offering (IPO) and then continue its growth as a publicly traded company. Company officials, including a company executive identified as Individual A, sought multimillion-dollar investments from institutions or other high net-worth, sophisticated investors in order to raise capital. That company's officials, including Individual A, were not

looking to raise capital from the general public or small, individual investors. Beginning in or about mid-2020, the company began preparing for an IPO of stock, which included producing audited financial statements, hiring attorneys to ensure compliance with securities laws and obtaining additional financing from large scale and high net-worth investors, among other things, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

It is alleged that Tompkins pressured Individual A for stock, reminding Individual A that Tompkins had helped the cannabis company in its Boston licensing efforts. It is alleged that Individual A believed and feared that Tompkins would use his official position as Sheriff to jeopardize the company's partnership with the SCSD and thus imperil both the dispensary license for Company A, as well as the timing of the IPO. In November 2020, Tompkins allegedly wired a \$50,000 payment from his retirement account to an account controlled by Individual A. Tompkins paid a pre-IPO price of approximately \$1.73 per share of company stock (equity equivalent to 28,883 shares) and after a reverse stock split, Tompkins held approximately 14,417 shares at a price of approximately \$3.46 per share.

According to court documents, in or about mid-2021, when the cannabis company launched its IPO, the stock had a value of approximately \$9.60 per share. Thus, Tompkins's \$50,000 purchase of 14,417 shares of Company A stock had appreciated to an approximate value of \$138,403, according to the U.S. Attorney.

In May 2022, company stock decreased in value such that Tompkins's equity interest in Company A stock was worth several thousand dollars less than the \$50,000 he originally invested. However, Tompkins allegedly demanded a refund of \$50,000 and, despite the decrease in the value of Tompkins's investment, Individual A agreed to Tompkins's demands for full repayment of \$50,000.

Subsequently, from approximately May 2022 to July 2023, Individual A refunded Tompkins \$50,000 investment by issuing Tompkins five checks. Allegedly in accordance with Tompkins's wishes, Individual A wrote memos on certain checks that read "loan repayment" and "[company] expense" to disguise the nature of some of the payments:

The charges of extortion under color of official right each provide for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release

"From his very first day as Suffolk County Sheriff, Steven Tompkins sought to portray himself as a man of the people – a principled public servant and reformer, devoted to the cause of justice," said Ted E. Docks, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division. "That's why it's beyond disappointing that he's now accused of gaming a system instituted in the interests of public safety and fair play. The FBI took Sheriff

Tompkins into custody today for allegedly extorting \$50,000 from the owner of a national cannabis retailer seeking to do business in Boston.

"We believe what the Sheriff saw as an easy way to make a quick buck on the sly is clear cut corruption under federal law," Docks continued. "The citizens of Suffolk County deserve better, not a man who is accused of trading on his position to bankroll his own political and financial future. Public servants must be held to the highest of ethical standards, and those falling short will be rooted out."

Tompkins was first appointed Sheriff in 2013, elected as Sheriff in a special election in or about 2014, and thereafter elected to successive six-year terms. As Sheriff, Tompkins oversees approximately 1,000 correctional officers and other employees responsible for operating and maintaining correctional facilities in Boston at the House of Correction and the Nashua Street Jail.

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## BHCA (from pg. 1)

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# Local leaders support governor signing of updated Shield Law

Special to the Times

Last week, Governor Maura Healey signed the updated Shield Law, which prevents the disclosure of sensitive data, such as a physician's name, and formally establishes that abortions are to be provided in emergencies due to medical necessity.

Additionally, the law prohibits Massachusetts state or local authorities from cooperating with any federal or out-of-state investigation into health care services that are legally protected in Massachusetts, such as abortion care.

"Massachusetts will always be a state where patients can access high-quality health care and providers are able to do their jobs without government interference," said Healey. "From the moment Roe was overturned, we stepped up to pass strong protections for patients and providers, and with President Trump and his allies continuing their assaults on health care, we're taking those

protections to the next level. No one is going to prevent the people of Massachusetts from getting the health care they need."

The Shield Act 2.0 is a critical defense against the attacks that the federal government continues to make against women and the LGBTQ+ community, said Representative Marjorie Decker, House Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health.

"This legislation sends a clear message: we will protect the rights, safety, and privacy of our residents. It ensures that patients and providers are shielded from political interference, legal intimidation, and unlawful out-of-state overreach," said Senator Lydia Edwards, State Senator for the Third Suffolk District. "In Massachusetts, we believe health care decisions should be made in consultation with medical professionals—not dictated by partisan agendas. Here, your choices remain between you and your doctor, and we will fight to keep it that way."

The law also directs the Department of Public Health to create a technical advisory group that will provide support to businesses on implementing privacy protections for storing or managing electronic medical records related to reproductive and gender-affirming health care.

"This law is a landmark victory for health care, human dignity, and the providers and patients who deserve to live free from fear," said Jordina Shanks, CEO of Fenway Health. "At Fenway Health, we see every day how essential it is that people can access gender-affirming care without threats, delays, or discrimination. This law ensures that clinicians can focus on healing, that families can choose the care that's right for them while remaining protected, and that Massachusetts stands as a national beacon of equity and compassion. We are deeply grateful to Governor Healey, Senator Cindy Friedman, and all the champions who made this possible."

## GRANTS (from pg. 1)

community engagement around greenspaces, the Fund helps neighborhood groups and nonprofits deliver meaningful improvements to Boston's urban parks and greenspaces.

Cathy Griffin, founder of We Tree Boston, Inc., said her organization's work wouldn't be possible without the support of these grants.

"Our work would not be possible without the support of grants," said Griffin in a press release. "This crucial funding allowed us to prune more than 20 trees over 50 feet tall, plant 10 new seedlings, and treat over 30 new seedlings with an enriching mulch. These trees are not only enjoyed by thousands of people who live in this neighborhood, but also by thousands of health-care workers who pass these trees daily. People often stop to thank us every time we are on the path watering, mulching, and caring for the trees. People's faces light up when they see the new trees turn green, and when we place tiny solar lights on them in the winter. That joy is contagious, and we are grateful for the Henry Lee Fund for Boston Parks grant for making that happen."

Meanwhile, applications for the next round of Henry Lee Fund

grants are now open.

"Based on the interest and excitement around the program to date, we are looking forward to a strong applicant pool in this next round," said Meyer. "The entire Friends of the Public Garden community is proud of the positive impact the Lee Fund can have in filling funding gaps in support of stewardship of community open spaces."

To support the Fund, the Friends launched a \$2 million endowment campaign to ensure annual grantmaking well into the future. To date, more than 100 generous donors, including individuals, foundations, and local organizations, have contributed to nearly two-thirds of the goal, with the Friends providing a founding gift of \$250,000. The campaign aims to reach its \$2 million goal by this November to expand support for the local park projects in year two.

To make a gift to the Henry Lee Fund for Boston Parks or to discuss support opportunities, visit <https://friendsofthepublicgarden.org/leefund>, or contact Nika Trufanova, Interim Director of Development, at [nika@friendsofthepublicgarden.org](mailto:nika@friendsofthepublicgarden.org) or 617-723-8144 ext. 204.



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Work underway at the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway in East Boston - one of the inaugural grant awardees of the Friends of the Public Garden's Henry Lee Fund for Boston Parks.

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# Healey announces successful closure of all hotel shelters, ends state of emergency

Special to the Times

The final hotel shelters closed last week, months ahead of schedule, saving taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

Governor Maura Healey is announcing that the final hotel shelters in Massachusetts are closed, months ahead of schedule. She is also formally terminating an emergency declaration she issued in August 2023, which paved the way for reforms that successfully lowered the size and cost of the state's emergency shelter system.

"When we took office, families were being placed in hotels all across the state, and families were staying in shelter for months –

sometimes years – at a time. There was no plan in place to reform the shelter system to handle the surge in demand, protect taxpayer dollars or help families leave shelter. We can all agree that a hotel is no place to raise a family. So we took action," said Governor Healey. "As a result of my reforms and our efforts to help families get jobs and stable housing, we have fewer families in shelter than the day we took office, and all hotel shelters are now closed – months ahead of schedule. We're saving taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars and putting families on a path to self-sustainability."

"We are deeply grateful to the frontline teams whose extraordi-

nary work make all the difference for families," said Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus. "The dedication of our shelter providers ensured that thousands of families had access to safe shelter and support when they needed it most. We also thank the communities and partners across the state who stepped up to help families in need."

The Healey-Driscoll Administration inherited two dual challenges when it arrived in office in 2023: an unprecedented surge of families seeking emergency shelter and a flawed shelter system that was ill-equipped to handle such a surge. In response, Governor Healey declared a state of

emergency and imposed a cap on the system at 7,500 families in 2023. If she hadn't implemented this cap, caseload was projected to have reached 13,000 families by the summer of 2024. Governor Healey also worked with the Legislature to reform the Right to Shelter law to implement a six-month length of stay limit, require proof of Massachusetts residency and require that all family members have lawful immigration status, with limited exemptions. Governor Healey also expanded workforce training and job placement for residents, increased case management to help families find stable housing, and imposed mandatory CORI checks for all adults before entry into the system.

As a result of Governor Healey's actions, caseloads and costs have decreased. The number of families in shelter is now lower than when Governor Healey took office in January 2023, and all hotel shelters closed as of Thursday. Since the start of 2025, triple the number of families have exited shelter (approximately 4,500) than have

entered shelter (approximately 1,500). Approximately 85-90 percent of families seeking shelter are now longtime Massachusetts families.

Historically, Massachusetts has turned to hotels and motels to shelter homeless families when traditional shelters reach capacity. In 2014, 1,500 families were being sheltered in hotels across the state. The previous administration turned to hotels again in 2022 as the number of families seeking shelter began to dramatically increase due to the housing crisis, failed federal immigration policy, and a lack of safeguards to control the expansion of the shelter system.

In addition to hotels, the Norfolk Rapid Shelter located at the former Bay State Correctional Center and the Chelsea Rapid Shelter site have also closed.

The reforms implemented by Governor Healey and the Legislature will remain in place to ensure the continued sustainability of the shelter system and protect taxpayer dollars.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

### WECA WON'T MEET IN AUGUST

The West End Civic Association (WECA) will not meet in August.

Join the group again at its next meeting on Thursday Sept. 11. Guests will be announced in a future edition of this publication.

### AUGUST EVENTS SPONSORED BY WEST END MUSEUM

The West End Museum, located at 50 Staniford St., Suite 7 (on Lomasney Way), offers 'Redcoats & Rebels: A Musical Duel Across the Atlantic' on Sunday, Aug. 24, at 4 p.m.

Listen to the soundtrack of the Revolutionary War with an evening where violins face off with fiddles in a thrilling soundscape of revolution and refinement.

Visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/redcoats-rebels-a-musical-duel-across-the-atlantic-tickets> for tickets and more information.

The museum offers 'Bridges as Structural Art in Boston' on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m.

From the Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Memorial Bridge to the Russell Bridge, learn how the functional meets aesthetic form in bridge designer Miguel Rosales's book, 'Bridges as Structural Art.'

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bridges-as-structural-art-in-boston-tickets> for tickets and more information.

The museum also offers 'Zakim and Russell Bridges Walking Tour' on Thursday, Aug. 28, at 10 a.m.

In conjunction with the museum's pop-up exhibit, join bridge architect Miguel Rosales as he takes you on a walking tour of

two bridges designed by himself and his firm. Hear about the design and engineering behind the Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Memorial Bridge and the newly completed Bill Russell Bridge.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/zakim-and-russell-bridges-walking-tour-tickets> for tickets and more information.

Also, the museum's Boston Trivia Night takes place on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Boxer Hotel's Bullfinch Social, located at 107 Merrimac St.

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### UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS TO WELCOME MIGUEL ROSALES ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

Upstairs Downstairs Home, located at 69 Charles St. will welcome venerable local bridge architect Miguel Rosales for the second installment of its Speaker Series on Thursday, Sept. 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Copies of Rosales's newly published book, 'Bridges as Structural Art,' will also be available for purchase at this in-store event.

### ATHENAEUM OFFERS 'WILD FLOWERS OF NEW ENGLAND' PHOTO EXHIBIT

The Boston Athenaeum, located at 10½ Beacon St., is offering its 'Wild Flowers of New England'

exhibit, which features the photographic work of Massachusetts-based Edwin Hale Lincoln (1848-1938), highlighting his career dedicated to documenting and preserving New England's wildflowers through Sept. 5.

This exhibit presents, together for the first time in over a century, Lincoln's botanical photographs, glass plate negatives, and his collected pressed specimens of flowers from his 1910-1914 self-published series of the same name. Through Lincoln's preservationist lens, visitors will experience a meticulous photographic practice capturing botanical methodology, artistry, and the timeless allure and beauty of New England's wildflowers.

More information on Athenaeum programs and events is available at: [bostonathenaeum.org/events](http://bostonathenaeum.org/events).

### FREE LESSONS IN AMERICAN MAH-JONG OFFERED AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Volunteer Instructors for the American MahJong Community are offering free lessons for new and experienced players.

The group meets on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the Community Room at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 68 William Cardinal O'Connell Way.

To sign up or for more information, email Audrey Tedeman ([artedeman@gmail.com](mailto:artedeman@gmail.com)), or Julia Forbes ([jmfaorbes@gmail.com](mailto:jmfaorbes@gmail.com)) or Sandy Connor ([ssconnor46@gmail.com](mailto:ssconnor46@gmail.com)).

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### U.S MARINE CORPS HELICOPTERS TO BE BASED AT LOGAN FOR 4 DAYS THIS MONTH

Local residents might notice an increase in helicopters flying overhead near the end of the month.

As part of the 250th birthday of the U.S Marine Corps, Marine Week Boston will take place from August 20-24. This celebration

will include four military helicopters which will be based at Logan Airport. Part of this celebration will include helicopters taking off from Logan and flying to Boston Common in the morning and returning in the afternoon.

Residents of East Boston, Charlestown, Winthrop, and Chelsea may notice increased helicopter traffic during this period. For more info, please visit the Marine250 website.

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## Bridge receives Narcan vending machine through Boston Public Health Commission grant

Bridge Over Troubled Waters (Bridge), a nonprofit in Boston, Massachusetts, focused on serving youth experiencing homelessness, has recently acquired a harm reduction vending machine which will contain Narcan (naloxone), a medication used to reverse the effects of opioids, and other critical items.

Funded by a grant from the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), youth at Bridge will be able to access Narcan from the vending machine in the event of an opioid overdose emergency. The vending machine also contains fentanyl and xylazine testing strips, prophylactics, pregnancy tests, hand warmers, socks, snacks, toiletries, and wound care kits. The team at Bridge gave considerable thought to choosing the machine's contents, ensuring that it would be filled with items that are used frequently and that youth would be able to access in a respectful and dignified manner. An important goal was to reduce any hesitation youth might have about using the vending machine and its contents, as it was specifically customized for the needs of our young adult population.

All items in the vending machine

are free to youth, who, once registered, can access the items from Bridge's vending machine or any of the other four BPHC Narcan vending machines in the city. The machine also tracks which items are the most popular and provides alerts as to which need to be restocked, providing our Bridge team with valuable feedback about what products are most in demand.

"This vending machine will be extremely useful to our young adults, who will have easy access to these lifesaving items without fear of judgement or stigma. We are truly grateful to the BPHC for enabling us to provide all these items to youth," said Bridge Program Director Peter Ducharme.

Distributing Narcan (along with fentanyl and xylazine testing strips) are part of a larger effort by Bridge to help youth to engage in harm reduction, a strategy that focuses on reducing the negative side effects and consequences of substance use. Bridge programs support youth in setting achievable goals to reduce substance use, with a focus on fostering realistic and positive outcomes.

Bridge Over Troubled Waters is



the largest agency in Greater Boston providing a full continuum of services to homeless, runaway, and at-risk youth. The nonprofit provides programs and services to more than 2,000 youth annually and offers a comprehensive range of survival, health, educational, career, and housing services to encourage the formation of a healthy, productive, and fulfilling adulthood. Please visit [www.BridgeOTW.org](http://www.BridgeOTW.org) for more information.



*The harm reduction vending machine (shown above and below left) which contains Narcan (naloxone), a medication used to reverse the effects of opioids, and other critical items.*



## Gov. Healey demands Republic Services immediately resolve strike in letter to CEO

Special to the Times

Governor Maura Healey has wrote to Jon Vander Ark, President & Chief Executive Officer at Republic Services, the waste disposal company that has halted trash and recycling pickup in several Massachusetts towns and cities for seven weeks now, to demand the company return to the bargaining table and negotiate in good faith to end the strike.

In the new letter, Governor Healey wrote:

As my attempts to speak with you directly have gone unanswered, I am now writing to express my deep concern and profound disappointment regarding the ongoing labor strike involving Republic Services workers in Mas-

sachusetts.

Your company's failure to resolve or even meaningfully address this prolonged strike is unacceptable. For seven weeks now, trash and recycling have been piling up in neighborhoods during the heat of summer, impacting public health and quality of life for thousands of Massachusetts residents. Communities across the state are being forced to bear the consequences and costs of stalled negotiations between your company and its workforce.

This situation is beyond untenable. Republic Services has an obligation to the communities it serves. That obligation includes ensuring that labor disputes do not escalate to the point of endan-

gering public well-being.

The fact that you haven't returned my calls is a reflection of your unacceptable approach to this urgent matter. The time for delay and posturing is over. It is time to resolve this – now.

Republic must return to the bargaining table immediately and negotiate in good faith with the workers and their representatives. It is in the interest of your company, your employees, and—most critically—the residents of Massachusetts—that a swift resolution is reached.

My administration stands ready to assist in facilitating dialogue if needed. But make no mistake: this matter demands your direct attention and immediate action.

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## BOSTON LANDMARKS ORCHESTRA PRESENTS THE MERCURY ORCHESTRA

The Mercury Orchestra and New World Corale were this week's guest performers of the Boston Landmarks Orchestra summer season at the Hatch Shell along with tenor David Rivera-Bozon making his debut with the Orchestra. The free concert series gives everyone an opportunity to enjoy classical music in one of the most iconic settings in the United States.

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



*Conductor Channing Yu guides the Mercury Orchestra.*



*Tenor David Rivera-Bozon performs.*



*Members of the New World Corale perform with the Mercury Orchestra.*



*It was a beautiful Summer evening for a concert at the Hatch Shell.*



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Members of the Mercury Orchestra string section perform.



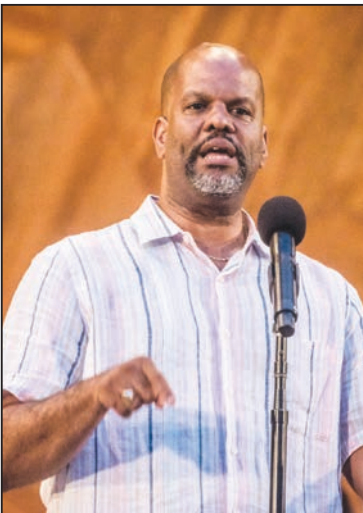
French Horn performer Isaac Julien meets with audience members during intermission.



Members of the Beacon Hill Women's Forum with friends.



Channing Yu conducts the Mercury Orchestra as tenor David Rivera-Bozon preforms.



Chairman of Landmark Orchestra Emmett G Price speaks during intermission.



Members of the Mercury Orchestra string section perform.

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A large photograph showing conductor Channing Yu leading the New World Corale and the Mercury Orchestra. Channing Yu is standing on the right, facing the choir and orchestra, with his arms raised. The choir, consisting of many people of various ages, is singing from black songbooks. The orchestra is seated in front of them, playing instruments. The setting is a large concert hall with a high, wood-paneled ceiling.

Conductor Channing Yu guides the New World Corale with the Mercury Orchestra.



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Marathon Sports Ambassadors Steve Giuffre, Vinny Castronuovo, and Zion Dixon promote the Pickle Mile Run. A fun event where runners eat a pickle spear from Grillo's for each quarter mile they run.



The audience enjoys the music and ambiance of the Esplanade.



Stan Mah, Tod Woolf, David Jackson, and Peter Saradjia from Beth Isreal Hospital.



Members of the New World Corale perform with the Mercury Orchestra.



Maria Manning and Sandra Gilpatrick.



Runners jog on the Esplanade with pickles on their agenda.

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Members of the New World Corale perform with the Mercury Orchestra.



Channing Yu conducts the Mercury Orchestra.



During intermission a young fan of classical music meets Violinist Jenny Smyrhe of the Mercury Orchestra.



A member of the Mercury Orchestra waits for his cue to preform on cymbals.



Tenor David Rivera-Bozon preforms.

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Members of David Rivera-Bozon's family including his father Gerardo and mother Denise were happy to cheer him on.



## BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will hold a public hearing on August 21 at 5 p.m.

ZOOM: [HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/96773384990](https://zoom.us/j/96773384990)

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 Link or calling 1 (929) 205-6099 and entering meeting id # 967 7338 4990. You can also submit written comments or questions to [BeaconHillAC@boston.gov](mailto:BeaconHillAC@boston.gov).

I. Ratification Of June 26, 2025 & July 17, 2025 Public Hearing Minutes

II. Violation Review Hearing

APP # 26.0096 BH 77 Charles Street (VIO.24.0896 BH)

Applicant: Julieanne Kiley

Proposed Work: Ratification of unapproved storefront alterations

APP # 21.0021 BH 97 Mount Vernon Street (VIO.23.0836 BH)

Applicant: S. Vigneau; Premier Property Solutions

Proposed Work: Ratification of unapproved intercom

APP # 25.1034 BH 51 Charles Street (VIO.25.0950 BH)

Applicant: Gary Shteyman; Persona LLC

Proposed Work: Ratification of unapproved signage

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III. Design Review Hearing

APP # 26.0050 BH 106 Cambridge Street

Applicant: Ricky Zeng

Proposed Work: New awning/signage

APP # 26.0079 BH 27 Hancock Street

Applicant: Tim Jones; Embarc Design

Proposed Work: New door hardware, New light fixture. Replace existing, non-historic windows at all levels, repaint lintels BM HC-69, Scape and repaint door and surround to match finish of 25

Hancock Street (See Additional Items Under Administrative)

APP # 26.0080 BH 29 Hancock Street

Applicant: Tim Jones; Embarc Design

Proposed Work: Replace side entrance door, lower and reset threshold on side door to make entrance ada compliant, replace all non-historic windows with all wood, 2 over 2, double hung windows.

Repaint cornice black (See Additional Items Under Administrative Review)

IV. 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 guide-

lines, 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 An Approval Letter By Email 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](mailto:BeaconHillAC@boston.gov) Thank you.

APP # 26.0037 BH 43 Anderson Street: In kind fire escape repairs.

APP # 26.0082 BH 25 Beacon Street: In kind fire escape repairs.

APP # 26.0063 BH 79 Charles

Street: Spot point masonry brick, where needed repaint black window escapes black.

APP # 25.1046 BH 126 Charles Street: Relocate previously approved sign from 88 Charles Street to 126 Charles Street.

APP # 26.0048 BH 18 Chestnut Street: Remove synthetic slate and replace it with real slate matching shape, size and color, replace copper gutter in kind.

APP # 26.0079 BH 27 Hancock Street: New intercom, repaint fire escape, patch and repair cast stone lintels, Repair existing parage, repaint BM-HC-69, scrape clean and repair wood trim and paint BM HC-190 black (See Additional Items Under Design Review).

APP # 26.0080 BH 29 Hancock Street: Repoint brick facade, repaint metal security grills in kind, Repaint fire escapes in kind, Patch and repair cast stone lintels and sills, repaint BM HC-69, Restore front door, clean and repair granite stoop (See Additional Items Under Design Review).

APP # 26.0093 BH 40-42 Mount Vernon Street: Repair all deteriorated flat brownstone surfaces. No ornamental work. All repairs to be done with Jahn M70 brownstone material to match original color and profile. Paint all windows and fire escape in historical approved color.

APP # 25.0821 BH 97 Mount Vernon Street: Replace nine sash sets keeping the existing jambs, brick moldings and wood sills at, second floor, unit two.

Two total, 2 over 2 and one total, 6 over 6 or in a triple jamb on Mount Vernon Street, 2nd floor. Six total 6 over 6's are on the second floor on West Cedar Street.

The existing windows are non-operational & not believed

to be original. The new sash will be all wood, true divided light, double hung, using clear glass and painted in kind at the exterior. The muntin design would be a 13/16" interior profile width and bell that would match an original sash. The exterior will be a 3/16" exterior wood stem and glazed for equal sight lines. No masonry or jambs to be removed.

APP # 26.0045 BH 71 Revere Street: Front facade masonry restoration. Cut back the brick mortar joints 100%, at least 3/4" in depth, remove the dust and debris and properly tuck point the prepared areas 100% with mortar colored to match as close as possible. Inspect and repair the lintels and sills as necessary, properly coat with a waterproof masonry paint, color to match original. Scrape, caulk and paint the window perimeters. Scrape and paint the shutters. Replace the copper gutter and downspout.

APP # 26.0081 BH 15 Pinckney Street: In kind fire escape repair.

APP # 26.0087 BH 89 Pinckney Street: Restore windows at front of the property, replace shutters in kind; parlor level shutters will have three segments as seen in existing shutters.

APP # 26.0047 BH 28 West Cedar Street: Install small metal conduit at rear of the property that follows the gutter and party wall.

APP # 26.0088 BH 59 West Cedar Street: Replace two windows at level one, front facade. Replacements will be all wood, 6 over 6, double hung windows with now low-e glass.

V. STAFF UPDATES

Projected Adjournment: 8:30

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# Healey signs Chapter 90 bill, unlocking over \$1 billion in infrastructure funding for communities across Massachusetts

Special to the Times

Governor Maura Healey signed into law a new Chapter 90 bill, delivering \$300 million in critical transportation and infrastructure funding to every city and town across Massachusetts. The bill reflects the Healey-Driscoll Administration's commitment to strengthening local roads, reducing congestion, and ensuring safe, reliable travel across the state.

In addition to a historic increase of Chapter 90 funding to an all-time high of \$300 million, the bill includes authorization for additional capital infrastructure investments through MassDOT that will improve the quality of the state's roads, bridges and culverts and help address congestion hotspots and driving safety.

"Through this Chapter 90 fund-



PHOTO COURTESY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Governor Maura Healey is shown signing the Chapter 90 bill into law.

ing, we will upgrade roads and bridges across the state to improve transportation, reduce congestion and enhance safety," said Gover-

nor Maura Healey. "Whether it's helping a city repave a key commuter route or giving a small town the resources to replace a flood-prone bridge, this bill is delivering the resources our communities need to deliver for their residents. I'm grateful to the Legislature for passing this essential bill."

"As a former Mayor, I know how transformational this funding can be when it comes to planning, budgeting and delivering the infrastructure our communities deserve," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "This bill is a win for every city and town, as well as every person who travels across our state."

"Providing funding for critical infrastructure projects through investments in the Commonwealth's public transportation, roads, and bridges is one of the most important responsibilities that we have as members of the Legislature," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I'm proud of the support for local infrastructure repairs that this legislation provides, and of the funding that it allocates for projects that will address congestion hotspots across the Commonwealth. I want to thank Governor Healey for signing this bill into law, along with my colleagues in the Legislature for supporting this legislation."

"This legislation will deliver over a billion dollars to cities and towns across the Commonwealth to improve roads, bridges, and other critical local infrastructure that helps people get where they need to go—quickly and safely," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "This funding will fill potholes, ease traffic congestion, and make our roads safer and more accessible. I'm grateful to the Governor for signing this

legislation swiftly and look forward to seeing these investments make a difference in communities across Massachusetts."

Key elements of the bill include:

- \$300 million in Chapter 90 funding—a 50 percent increase over recent years—to offset rising construction costs and expand support for small and rural communities.

- \$500 million for pavement and bridge upgrades statewide through MassDOT's lifecycle asset management program.

- \$200 million to replace culverts and small bridges, building more climate-resilient infrastructure and addressing long-deferred maintenance.

- \$185 million to ease congestion and improve safety, targeting rail crossings, intersections, school zones, commercial districts, and other high-need areas.

The Chapter 90 program provides direct funding to municipalities for the repair and improvement of local roads, bridges, sidewalks and culverts. This year's investments will help cities and towns repave busy corridors, fix aging infrastructure and enhance pedestrian safety near schools.

The bill also includes a change to the Chapter 90 funding formula that will allow for \$100 million of the total investment to be allocated based exclusively on road miles, ensuring that while every community benefits from the additional investment our rural communities will see an added benefit.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will also continue to provide technical assistance to help municipalities maximize the impact of these funds. This legislation will also ease congestion and address safety issues across the state, improving conditions for drivers, pedestrians, transit riders and bicyclists in critical areas such as rail crossings, intersections near schools, commercial districts and residential areas.

"Investing in local infrastructure is one of the smartest ways to support economic vitality and allows us as a state to be the best fiscal stewards for community resources," said Administration and Finance Secretary Matthew Gorzkowicz. "Chapter 90 empowers cities and towns to make the capital improvements that drive growth, improve safety and position the state for long-term success."

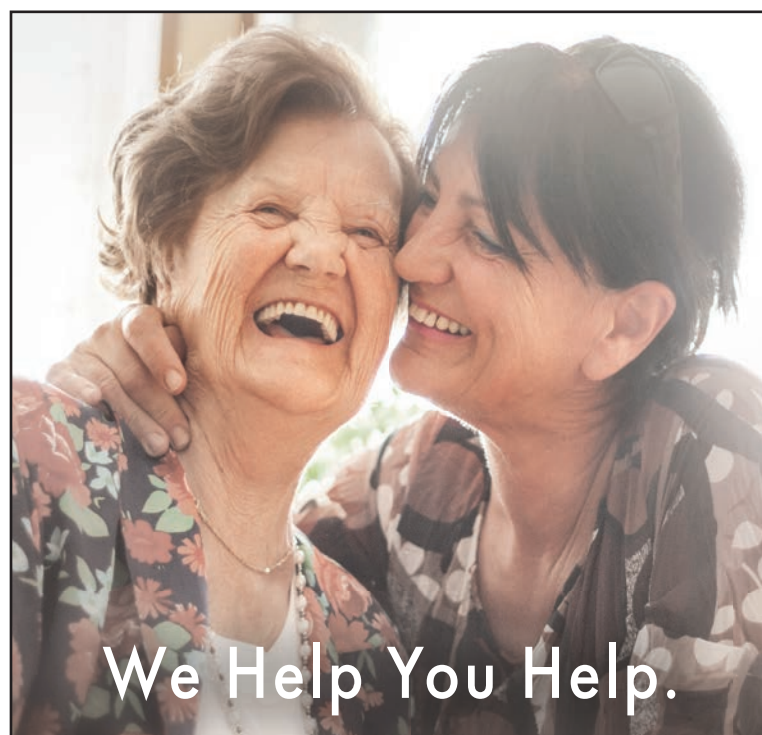
"This legislation reinforces the very foundation of our trans-

portation system, starting in the communities where people live, work, and navigate daily life," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "It reflects our shared commitment to building safer streets, expanding access to public transit, and creating infrastructure that doesn't just support economic growth, but actively advances equity and climate resilience. With our municipal partners, we're not just repairing roads. We are reshaping the future of transportation to be more just, sustainable, and inclusive."

"This historic level of funding will help cities and towns improve their roads and sidewalks along with other transportation infrastructure," said Senator Brendan Crighton, Chair, Transportation Committee. "As we are experiencing increasing traffic congestion and the negative impacts of climate change, it is crucial that we prioritize investments that make it easier for our residents to travel safely. Thank you to Senate President Spilka for her steadfast leadership and commitment to transformative infrastructure."

"I applaud the Healey-Driscoll Administration and the Massachusetts Legislature for the passage of this bill. We recognize the need to be responsive to our cities and towns while also proceeding with caution due to the federal funding uncertainty," said Representative James Arciero, Chair, Transportation Committee. "Thank you to Governor Healey, Speaker Ronald Mariano and Chairman Aaron Michlewitz for their leadership throughout this process. This bill leverages the strategic and increased appropriations to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund to expand our borrowing capacity and allow for additional transportation funding for our local infrastructure needs."

"The MMA and local leaders across the state are thrilled with this historic level of funding for the Chapter 90 program and deeply grateful to the governor and legislators for their support," said Executive Director and CEO of the Massachusetts Municipal Association Adam Chapdelaine. "This essential local road and bridge maintenance program, which benefits all 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts, promotes safety, quality of life and economic development in our communities. The 50% increase in funding will have a substantial impact in all corners of the Commonwealth."



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## FRESH AND LOCAL

## Cold noodles

By Penny &amp; Ed Cherubino

With a series of heat waves this summer, it's a perfect time to enjoy a variety of cold noodle dishes. We know the idea of noodle bowls and cold noodles has gone mainstream when the New York Times food section publishes Hetty Lui McKinnon's cold noodle salad with spicy peanut sauce in June, and we can pick up three varieties at Trader Joe's.

Eat In, Take Out, Or  
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Your introduction to cold noodles might be a container of spicy peanut noodles. Or, if you love Korean food, try Naengmyeon, their icy cold noodles, or Chilli Cold Sweet Potato Noodles (Bibim Dangmyeon). We love Vietnamese Bún Gà N ng. Japan offers versions of cold soba (Zaru Soba) and cold Ramen (Hiyashi Chuka). Thailand offers Thai Glass Noodles with Minced Meat.

We're fortunate to have a fantastic selection of ethnic restaurants in the Greater Boston Area.

If a dish is new to you, we suggest setting your standard by trying the cold noodles made and served by those who strive for authenticity. A professionally prepared version will give you an idea of what the dish should taste like and how to serve it.

However, in their homeland, every cook may have a traditional family recipe or their twist on the dish. That's good news, because

you can also create a family adaptation as you begin to make it yourself.

A visit to a store with an Asian focus can help you discover packages of the specific noodles used in these dishes, sauces that make the meal prep quicker, and even pre-made kits for favorites like Korean cold noodles that contain the correct noodles, packets of broth ready to mix with water and chill (or freeze to slush) and spices.

## Make it Your Own

Once you've sampled the options and developed a taste for cold noodles, you may want to start making your own. There are three directions you can take for this food adventure.

First, you can produce a classic by following a recipe from a cookbook or by watching a video on YouTube. For the classic Korean Noodle dishes, we recommend the videos and cookbooks from food writer Maangchi. She has developed easier-to-make versions for her international audience.

Second, you can take a concept and add or subtract elements to make the recipe suit you and those around your table. You may need to adjust your spice levels if you have chili enthusiasts or less adventurous eaters. Since many of these salads are vegetarian, you could add some protein or serve it alongside.

Finally, you can take a salad from your repertoire and add cold noodles for a more filling and a



On a busy workday, this Peanut Udon Noodle Salad took just minutes to prepare and was a delicious and satisfying lunch.

new twist on a family favorite. For example, you could make your favorite tabouli recipe and substitute noodles for the bulgar wheat.

A Middle Eastern salad might include noodles mixed in, rather than pita, alongside. If you consider pasta as noodles, we would suggest orzo.

We've been enjoying a lot of Cowboy Caviar, a salad made from beans, corn, onions, tomatoes, and peppers, all tossed in a vinaigrette. That could be delicious served over a pile of chewy buckwheat noodles.

As our climate grows warmer, we can look to cultures that have

developed food designed for the heat, which is often served cold, thereby reducing the cook's exposure to heat.

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

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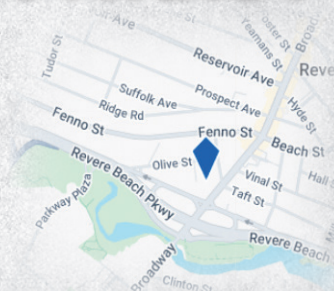
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William Lambert is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/04/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further

notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 07, 2025 Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

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## Boston Senior Home Care awarded \$50,000 grant from PLAN MA & RI for caregiving services and supports

Boston Senior Home Care (BSHC), a trusted provider of home- and community-based services, has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Inc. (PLAN of MA & RI) to advance initiatives supporting family caregivers.

“With caregiving often presenting significant financial and emotional challenges, this award reflects the essential role that family caregivers play in our communities,” said Margaret Hogan, Chief Executive Officer of BSHC. “We are grateful to PLAN of MA & RI for their generous support and for recognizing the importance of strengthening resources for caregivers.”

Joan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer of PLAN of MA & RI, underscored the organization’s commitment to partnering with mission-aligned nonprofits. “We are honored to support BSHC as they work to bolster services for family caregivers,” McGrath said. “Our trusted fiduciary services offer peace of mind to families concerned about protecting their loved ones’ financial well-being. Collaborating with BSHC allows us to help create a more complete support system that addresses both everyday needs and long-term planning.”

This grant unites two organizations dedicated to supporting vulnerable populations and the people who care for them. PLAN of MA & RI specializes in providing quality trustee and fiduciary services, helping families secure the financial future of loved ones with disabilities. Their services complement BSHC’s mission of ensuring that older adults and people with disabilities, particularly those of limited means, can remain at home and in the community with dignity and independence.

Boston Senior Home Care (BSHC) is a private, nonprofit human services agency based in



Shown (left to right) PLAN of MA & RI Chief Executive Officer Joan McGrath presents a \$50,000 check to Boston Senior Home Care Chief Executive Officer Meg Hogan for caregiving services and supports.

Boston. Since 1974, it has been dedicated to making a difference by connecting older adults and individuals with disabilities with social services and resources to help them live independently. BSHC also provides support and guidance to caregivers by helping them care for their loved ones while focusing on their self-care needs. For more information, visit [bshcinfo.org](http://bshcinfo.org).

PLAN of MA & RI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with origins dating back to the 1960s, when a group of parents of children with various physical, mental, and behavioral challenges assembled to plan for the future. Incorporated in 1971, PLAN is recognized today as an expert in operating Special Needs Pooled Trusts.

PLAN of MA & RI proudly serves people with disabilities –

whether due to illness, injury, or age – helping them preserve assets, protect access to public benefits, and live well. PLAN of MA & RI is a professional trustee providing quality trustee/fiduciary services to individuals and their families through sound and thoughtful trust administration and compassionate, caring social service support. Licensed social workers assess the beneficiary’s living situation, needs, and current benefits and make recommendations and referrals to services that improve the person’s quality of life.

PLAN of MA & RI has offices at Two Adams Place, Suite 110, Quincy, MA 02169, and at One Richmond Square, Suite 225W, Providence, RI 02906. For more information, please call (617) 244-5552/(401) 234-8444 or visit <http://www.planofma-ri.org/>.

## Beacon Hill Times Pick-Up Locations

Antonio’s .....	288 Cambridge St.
Simmon’s Liquors .....	210 Cambridge St.
Jobi Liquors.....	170 Cambridge St.
7-Eleven.....	122 Cambridge St.
West End Library.....	151 Cambridge St.
Charles St. Liquors .....	143 Charles St.
U.S. Post Office.....	136 Charles St.
Gary Drug .....	53 Charles St.
Bank of America.....	39 Charles St.
Charles St. Supply.....	54 Charles St.
Cobblestones .....	30 Charles St.
DeLuca’s .....	11 Charles St.
Beacon Hill Wine .....	Charles St.
UPS .....	Charles St.
Remax 119 .....	Charles St.
Cheers.....	84 Beacon St.
Emerson Place .....	10 Blossom St.
Beacon Hill Market.....	61 Anderson
Beacon Capitol Market .....	30 Myrtle St.
City Convenience.....	23 Beacon St.
Capital Coffee House .....	122 Bowdoin St.
Richdale Food .....	Beacon & Bowdoin St.
River House.....	145 Pinckney St.
West End Place .....	150 Stanford St.

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6 Whittier Place	0 Emerson Place
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4 Longfellow	122 Bowdoin St.
5 Longfellow	144 Bowdoin St.
2 Hawthorne Place	130 Bowdoin St.
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9 Hawthorne Place	19 Myrtle St.
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1 Charles St S Assistant	Dray, Isaac	1 Charles St S #16G	\$1,119,000
250 Newton Back Bay Owner	250 W Newton LLC	100 Saint Botolph St #2	\$1,800,000
Camargo, Viviana	Brodie, Eric L	11 Aberdeen St #11C	\$275,000
Goodwin, Erin	Lsf Rt	191 W Canton St #1	\$869,000
Steerforth Rt	Lundgren, Patrick	236 Marlborough St #3	\$2,490,000
Lucent LLC	Anz Investments LLC	257 Marlborough St #7	\$740,000
Mainland Properties Nt	Comm Ave Partners LLC	260-262 Commonwealth Ave #III	\$9,650,000
Williams, Sean	Phillips, Daniel J	28 Clarendon St	\$2,850,000
Shen, Eric	Mark B Hankey RET 2016	285 Columbus Ave #606	\$1,380,000
Dudley, Kathryn	Carlblom-Wagner Ft	3 Melrose St #3	\$675,000
Zhang, Yanli	Nancy A Russell RET 2006	412 Beacon St #6	\$3,380,000
Henry, Jason	Ruff, Zachary M	430 Marlborough St #4	\$1,060,000
Osei, Nana	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	47-55 Lagrange St #PH21D	\$1,905,000
Evelyn Hao RET	Mullins, Aymie	90 Broadway #2C	\$1,050,000
BEACON HILL			
Gonzalez, Mariel A	Chan, Brendon C	1313 Washington St #604	\$486,306
165 Tremont St Dray LLC	Dray, Isaac	165 Tremont St #404	\$510,000
Kim, Byung	Vania Nose RET	165 Tremont St #604	\$1,200,000
165 Tremont St Dray LLC	Dray, Isaac	165 Tremont St #704	\$510,000
Bacaksiz, Zehra S	Rivet, Mary E	165 Tremont St #903	\$3,075,000
Liu, Huajun	Quesada, Robert	17 Bowdoin St #2B	\$560,000
Gateman, Jackson	Odonnell, Brian	253-261 Tremont St	\$500,000
Daniels, Justin J	Szymborski, Zdzislaw J	449-463 Washington St #3A	\$1,195,000
Lehan, Connor	Schiff, Daniel J	5 Spruce Ct	\$6,000,000
Washington 10a Re LLC	Mcgraw, Douglas M	580 Washington St #10A	\$1,455,000
Lehan, Connor	Schiff, Daniel J	7 Spruce Ct	\$6,000,000
Reed, Robin	Robbins, Amber J	8 Whittier Pl #15A	\$600,000
DOWNTOWN/WATERFRONT			
Pasa, Mehmet	Shebani, Ali	2 Avery St #23G	\$1,400,000
Kundrat, Edward	Schaut, Paul L	2 Westland Ave #512	\$1,900,000
Genevieve M Spagnuolo T	Patricia A Spagnuolo RET	370-380 Harrison Ave #PH2L	\$2,020,000
Gray, Charles	Warren, Lisa S	386 Commercial St #4A	\$560,000
Rehm, Cynthia A	Pazuk Lt	50 Battery St #311	\$2,400,000
Willner, Melissa	Prince St LLC	57 Fleet St #2	\$1,332,500
Katzenstein, Andrew	Leong, Andrew	70 Lincoln St #L214	\$604,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Baburoglu, Oguz N	Tiara Realty LLC	21 Father Francis Gilday St #406	\$885,000
Gordon, Ryan	Reepmeyer, William F	35 Fay St #411	\$1,020,000
Meseha, Daniel J	Joyce, Mary B	114 Fenway #2	\$1,010,000
Tilberg, Linnea	Pantalone, David W	210 South St #11-2	\$1,140,000
Kinsman, Lauren	Grivaz, Cecile A	94 Saint Rose St #1	\$1,035,000



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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The window in the last clue is located at 140 Tremont Street, home to the Black Seed Halal Grill, which was named a Legacy Business in 2025 by the City of Boston. Founded in 1997, they serve a wide menu of Halal food from 11 AM to 3 AM. It's a perfect spot to pick up a picnic to enjoy on the Common or after most other places have closed.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE





# WLP’s Spaghetti Dinner Oct. 9 at Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel

By Times staff

For decades, the annual Spaghetti Dinner has been at the heart of Women’s Lunch Place’s fundraising efforts, bringing the community together in a shared commitment to support women facing hunger and hardship.

This year’s event, called ‘At the Table Together,’ is set for 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9, in the grand ballroom of the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, located at 138 St. James Ave.

“Spaghetti Dinner is more

than a meal—it’s our signature event and a powerful catalyst for change,” said Melissa Cording, Chief Philanthropy Officer at Women’s Lunch Place. “The funds raised help women move from crisis to stability through healing, hope, and housing. We simply could not do this work without our generous community. Join us, take a seat at the table, and be a part of that change.”

Visit <https://womenslunchplace.org/spaghetti-dinner> to reserve a seat at the event, or to learn about sponsorship opportunities.



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City Councilor Ed Flynn is seen at the podium during Women’s Lunch Place Spaghetti Dinner held last Oct. 18 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel. Councilor Flynn is seen alongside (left to right) Council President Ruthzee Louijeune; Jennifer Hanlon Wigon, Chief Executive Officer of WLP; and City Councilor Sharon Durkan.

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