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HILL-O-WEEN



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In keeping with tradition in the neighborhood, Beacon Hill was again festively decorated for Halloween in a number of creative ways. Above, 49 Mt. Vernon St. went all-out with their Halloween decorations.

Beacon Hill blows up on social media with halloween decor, draws crowds

By Milena Fernsler

On Beacon Hill, Halloween isn't just a holiday — it's a neighborhood-wide transformation. Cobblestone streets lined with gas lamps and histor-

ic brownstones are overtaken by ghosts, cobwebs and devilish inventions that turn The Hill into one of Boston's most photographed spectacles.

This year, Beacon Hill's Halloween extravaganza has

exploded on social media, turning the neighborhood into a pre-Halloween pilgrimage site for hoards of visitors — and that's before the first trick-or-

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Upcoming BHCA Meetings
Zoning & Licensing — November 5th, 6pm, via Zoom
Board of Directors — Monday, November 10th, 7pm, 74 Joy St
Architecture Committee — Monday, November 17th, 5:30pm via Zoom

Upcoming BHCA Events
Young Friends — Wednesday, October 29th, 7-9pm, Carrie Nation
Halloween on the Hill — Friday, October 31st; restricted vehicle movement from 4-7:30pm
Meet & Greet — Monday,

November 3rd, 6-8pm, 75 Chestnut
First Friday Coffee Hour — Friday, November 7th, 8:30-9:30am, 74 Joy Street
Save The Dates!
30th Annual Garlands &

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Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 4

Election Department issues reminders

Special to the Times

The Boston Election Department is reminding voters that the General Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. This election will determine the Mayor of the City of Boston as well as the 13 Councilors on the Boston City Council. This includes the nine District City Councilors and four At-Large City Councilors.

Poll Worker Recruitment
The Election Department is

recruiting poll workers for the upcoming General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Poll workers are paid a stipend ranging from \$160-200 in addition to payment for required training. Being a poll worker is a meaningful way to give back, participate in democracy, and help neighbors vote in free and fair elections. Residents can request to be assigned a location close to their home.

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Fur Baby Pet Studio brings museum-quality pet portraiture to Beacon Street

By Dan Murphy

Soon after Susan Symonds was granted a second chance in life following a nearly fatal brush

with ovarian cancer three years ago, co-owner of the longstanding Beacon Hill photography

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D. MURPHY PHOTO

Susan Symonds, co-owner of Fur Baby Pet Studio and its longstanding sister business, Infinity Portrait Design, which are both based at 59 Beacon St.

EDITORIAL

GET OUT AND VOTE ON TUESDAY

Many of us view local government in the same way that we think about the weather: Everybody complains about it, but nobody does anything about it.

However, unlike the weather, there actually is something we can do about the future direction of our local government: We can get out and vote.

We always have found it ironic that the turnout for national elections far exceeds the turnout for local elections, even though local government has a much more direct impact on our daily lives than the state and federal governments.

Our local government officials are responsible for just about everything that affects the quality of life in our communities, including our schools, public safety departments, trash collection, snow removal, street repair, zoning regulations, etc., etc., etc.

The policies enacted by those who are in charge of our local government have a direct impact on the property values of our homes, which for most of us are the most significant asset we own.

Cities across the state (and in the town of Winthrop) are holding elections this Tuesday, November 4. We urge all of our readers to take the time to get out and vote in order to elect the leaders in our community who best will reflect our values and our goals for ourselves and our families.

IT'S HALLOWEEN SEASON -- ENJOY IT SAFELY!

With the Halloween season reaching its peak this week -- Halloween itself is this Friday -- we urge all of our readers to enjoy the festivities in a safe and responsible manner.

Halloween has come a long way since we were children and carried those little cardboard UNICEF donation boxes for the world's starving children, which we would turn in the next day to the Sisters of St. Joseph at our parochial school, Our Lady of Grace in Chelsea.

Halloween has become big business in recent decades. Americans will spend over \$13 billion on candy, costumes, and decorations to celebrate the holiday this year, up from \$3.3 billion in 2005.

Halloween isn't just for kids anymore -- it has become as much a party season for adults as it is for children.

There are two things that are absolute musts for every adult who will be partaking in the fun. First and foremost, no one should be driving under the influence. Arrests for drunk driving typically spike during the Halloween season. If you plan on drinking, either go with a designated driver or use an Uber or Lyft. Moreover, those who are hosting Halloween parties should make sure that their guests are okay to drive home -- friends don't let friends drive drunk.

Second, as for Halloween Night itself, every person operating an automobile should take care to drive with extreme caution and care and to be on the look-out for little trick-or-treaters. Every motorist should be sure to drive extra slowly and well below the speed limit.

We also would add that parents of teenagers have a big responsibility to ensure that their children -- and yes, teens are children -- are home early and are not drinking. Parents should set an early curfew for their teens and 'tweens to make sure they stay out of trouble.

Each of us needs to do our part to make sure that neither ourselves nor our loved ones are added to the grim statistics of the Halloween season.



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BHCA (from pg. 1)

Greens – Wednesday, November 19th, 6-9pm, Hampshire House

Holiday Decorating – December 3, 6 and 7, Charles Street and the rest of the Hill

BHCA Holiday Concert – Thursday, December 11th, 6pm

at the Harvard Musical Association

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

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Licensing Board approves four new liquor licenses

Special to the Times

The City of Boston Licensing Board has approved four new liquor licenses for restaurants across Boston. The approved applicants are located in East Boston, Roxbury, and the South End.

“These zipcode-restricted licenses awarded to local businesses will strengthen our neighborhoods, expand opportunities for business owners, and support the vibrancy of Boston’s communities,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “I encourage local businesses throughout the city to continue to apply and look forward to supporting these businesses as they continue to thrive and anchor our neighborhoods.”

“Our focus continues to be ensuring these onramps to economic opportunity find their way into the hands of the small business owners who make our neighborhoods vibrant and unique,” said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. “I appreciate the Boston Licensing Board’s continued effort to award neighborhood restricted liquor licenses, allowing small restaurants to take full advantage of this tool. The City of Boston will continue to support both applicants and awardees to ensure the stability of small businesses throughout the city.”

After Mayor Wu and the Boston City Council filed a successful Home Rule Petition, Governor Maura Healey signed legislation on September 11, 2024, bringing 225 new liquor licenses to Boston. This new batch is the single largest addition to Boston’s liquor license quota since the end of Prohibition. With this influx, the City has the ability to support diverse local entrepreneurs and boost economic growth. Specifically, the legislation created:

- 195 zip code-restricted licenses (both all alcohol and beer and wine) in Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roslindale, Roxbury, South End, and West Roxbury, to be granted to the City over three calendar years
- 15 all alcohol licenses for community spaces, including non-profits, small theaters, and outdoor spaces
- 12 transferable all alcohol licenses
- 3 all alcohol neighborhood restricted licenses in Oak Square, Brighton

In early 2025, the Licensing

Board approved 37 new liquor licenses. During the summer, the Licensing Board approved 21 neighborhood restricted licenses and three community space licenses. The list of applications approved today is as follows:

- South End (02118)
 - El Barrio Mexican Grill, All Alcohol
 - Mondo, All Alcohol Roxbury (02119)
 - The Mix Vault, All Alcohol East Boston (02128)
 - Bono Restaurant and Catering, All Alcohol

The City has ramped up efforts to increase applications for the remainder of the 2025 neighborhood restricted licenses. The remaining 65 neighborhood restricted licenses will become available on January 1, 2026, allowing small business owners in communities like East Boston and the South End to access these opportunities. The deadline for consideration will be announced soon.

“The transformative liquor license legislation is continuing to pay off for our city’s neighborhoods with thriving restaurants, new jobs, and a boost to our culinary scene,” said City Councilor Brian Worrell (District 4), who authored the original home-rule petition to create zip code-restricted liquor licenses. “It continues to be a game-changer for our residents and businesses in Boston to access an opportunity that was previously out of reach.”

“It’s incredible to see businesses like The Mix expanding their brand into Roxbury as ‘The Vault’ and thriving in spaces that once symbolized exclusion in our city,” said State Senator Liz Miranda (Second Suffolk District). “This progress is exactly what we envisioned when we fought to make Boston’s liquor licensing process more equitable and ensuring that communities like ours can thrive, celebrate, and create opportunity. The success of The Mix is a testament to the power of local ownership and the importance of policy that truly reflects the people it serves.”

“Congratulations. Bono has been a stable in the community and to see this small family owned business grow in East Boston shows the American dream is alive and well,” said State Senator Lydia Edwards.

“I am excited to see how the passage of this legislation has expanded access to small business and restaurant ownership in our communities,” said State

Representative Chris Worrell. “The utilization of every license created brings new economic opportunity to Boston and increased vitality to our local business districts.”

“Bono nourishes our neighbors and contributes significantly to civic life in East Boston,” said State Representative Adrian Madaro. “I am thrilled they have been awarded a full liquor license, which will unlock new opportunities for them to innovate and enhance the economic vitality of our community.”

“These new liquor licenses not only give residents and visitors more reasons to dine locally, but also contribute to a vibrant, welcoming neighborhood economy,” said State Representative John Moran. “By supporting local businesses and expanding dining options, we are helping to create more jobs, attract visitors, and strengthen our community’s economic vitality.”

“We appreciate these thoughtful applications and are encouraged by the continued interest in these new liquor licenses,” said Kathleen Joyce, Chair of the Boston Licensing Board. “We look forward to reviewing additional applications and are here to help applicants throughout the process.”

The businesses approved today completed the application and community process prior to May 23, qualifying them for the second round of the allocation process.

When reviewing additional applications, the Board will continue to factor in evolving neighborhood needs, market realities, the strength and sustainability of an establishment’s business plan, and the applicant’s ability to further economic growth for surrounding businesses.

Potential liquor license applicants are encouraged to start the process as soon as possible. The Mayor’s Office of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, the Office of Neighborhood Services, and Office of Small Business staff will continue to support potential applicants. The City of Boston Licensing Board hosts virtual office hours addressing the liquor license application process. Applicants can also make a drop-in appointment with the Boston Licensing Board at City Hall, Room 809 by contacting 617-635-4170 or emailing licensing-board@boston.gov.

Learn more about applying for a liquor license on the Licensing Board website.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

HALLOWEEN STREET CLOSURES ON THE HILL

On Halloween, Friday, Oct. 31, from 4-7:30 p.m., some streets on Beacon Hill will be closed to vehicular traffic to ensure the safety of trick-or-treaters, including Branch Street (blocked from Charles Street); Chestnut Street (Charles Street to Walnut Street); Mt. Vernon Street (Charles Street to Joy Street); Pinckney Street (Charles Street to Joy Street); West Cedar Street (Revere Street to Chestnut Street); Myrtle Street (Revere Street to Joy Street); South Russell Street (Cambridge Street to Myrtle Street); Anderson Street (blocked from Revere Street);

Grove Street (blocked at Revere Street); Irving Street (blocked at Phillips Street); and Revere Street (blocked at Garden Street).

Vehicles can remain parked on these streets but cannot be moved between 4-7:30 p.m.

ZURITO’S PINTXOS + PAELLA PATIO PARTY SET FOR NOV. 2

Zurito at 26 Charles St. is hosting a Pintxos + Paella Patio Party on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 1-6 p.m.

Don’t call it a birthday party!

CALLING ALL WECA MEMBERS: IMPORTANT MEETING SET FOR NOV. 13

West End Civic Association (WECA) members are urged to attend the Nov. 13 WECA meeting for an important organization vote that will affect future West End Civic Association priorities and activities.

A Member quorum is required. Your presence and your vote count!

This meeting takes place on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 6 p.m. in the West End Neighborhood Center on Thoreau Path.

NOVEMBER EVENTS AT MGH BLUM CENTER

The Blum Patient and Family Learning Center (Blum Center) at Massachusetts General Hospital is hosting a number in-person educational and wellness sessions at the Blum Patient and Family Learning Center (MGH Main Campus, White 110, including Lymph Flow Chair Yoga on Wednesday, Nov. 5, from noon-1 p.m.; ‘Mental Health Matters: A Journey Towards a Happier You’ on Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 5-6 p.m.; ‘Pediatric Food Allergy Management During the Holidays’ on Thursday, Nov. 13, from noon-1 p.m.; ‘From Fatigue to Vitality: Unlocking the Power of Sleep Health’ on Thursday, Nov. 13, from 5-6 p.m.; and a Reiki, Acupressure, and Sound Healing Event on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO PAUL REVERE ON NOV. 13 AT CONVERSE HALL

A new musical program celebrating the life and legacy of American patriot Paul Revere, titled ‘A Revolutionary Concert: Paul Revere: The Man, the Myth, and the Music,’ will premiere on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m., at Converse Hall, located at 88 Tremont St., just off Boston Common.

The performance features an original composition by Massachusetts acclaimed Poet Laureate Regie Gibson, historical narration, and period-inspired music. This will be the final event the Paul Revere Memorial Association’s year-long commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Midnight Ride.

The event is sponsored by The Freedom Trail Foundation, and an anonymous donor, and is part of a broader initiative to connect Boston’s modern com-

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studio, Infinity Portrait Design, turned her attention to her love of animals and established Fur Baby Pet Studio.

The new business, which is the first brick-and-mortar studio specializing in pet photography in the City of Boston, was launched in January of 2023 at 59 Beacon St., where it shared an approximately 650-square-foot space with Infinity Portrait Design.

Both Fur Baby Studio and Infinity Portrait Design operate under the auspices of Symonds's original business entity, Mainframe Photographics, which she launched around 1986.

Mainframe itself was based on Congress Street in South Boston from 1989 to 2004 and originally focused mainly on corporate photography. When Mainframe relocated to its current Beacon Street home in 2004, the commercial business continued as the original brand, but Symonds needed a "creative outlet" and a new concept to better focus on her vision and creative aspirations.

Thus, Infinity Portrait Design was born as a boutique portrait studio concentrating on family and children's portraiture, executive women's headshots and branding, personal and commissioned fine art portraiture.

Since the beginning, Symonds has operated Infinity Portrait Design together with Annie Landry, co-owner, operations director and wife of 20-plus years.

"I take pretty pictures, and Annie does the hard work," Symonds told this reporter during a recent visit to their Beacon Street studio.

"Supporting businesses and causes that align with my mission has been a huge part of our legacy here in Beacon Hill, said Symonds. "Community involvement and pro bono work for our neighborhood organizations has always been incredibly important to me."

Infinity Portrait Design has donated its photography services and portraiture to the Beacon Hill Times and Boston Guardian papers, Friends of the Public Garden, the Beacon Hill Civic Association, the Beacon Hill Business Association, the Beacon Hill Women's Forum, and Hill House, as well as countless other local organizations and causes.

Meanwhile, Symonds was so consumed with her work as a photographer and busi-

ness owner she now admits she ignored some obvious warning signs concerning her health before her diagnosis with ovarian cancer in August of 2022.

Symonds then had a 19.6-centimeter tumor she named 'Large Marge,' removed only moments before it burst. Had this happened, she was told the cancer would have metastasized in her body, and she likely would have been dead within six months.

Symonds credits living in Boston, which she considers the world's healthcare mecca, along with her longstanding professional relationship with Mass General Brigham, for her prompt access to the surgical team of doctors who saved her life.

Growing up in "Kodak Country," a.k.a. Rochester, N.Y., Symonds got her first dog at around age 2 or 3, a French poodle named Charmane that Symonds cared for well into her high school years.

Symonds also credits her paternal grandmother, Dorothy Symonds, for instilling a deep love and respect for animals in her at a young age.

"Gram always had a dog and taught me to care for them...and to always treat animals with dignity and respect," said Symonds of her grandmother.

Today, Symonds and Landry have two rescue dogs, which were both adopted from a Dedham rescue shelter called Shultz's Guest House - Taluah, a 7-year-old Husky/ Staffordshire Terrier mix; and Baxter, a 5-year-old great pyrenes/bloodhound mix.

Their previous pair of dogs, Teagan, a red golden retriever; and Lucy, a chocolate lab that had been nearly permanent fixtures at the Beacon Street studio.

With her calm disposition, Lucy occasionally served as "gateway" when photographing special needs children, recalled Symonds, and she was sometimes even included in some family portraits at their request.

Today, Fur Baby Pet Studio occupies a small area that previously served as the reception area for Infinity Portrait Design. The cozy space offers low seating, which allow dogs to feel safe and more comfortable. A piece of pet furniture resembling a miniature love seat sits atop a raised platform and serves as the main stage for the photoshoots.

Symonds has a number of noise-making devices, including a selection of dog whistles and

bird calls, and even a deer call, which she and her "Wrangler Extrodinaire- Annie" employ to direct her animal subject's attention to the camera and create interesting expressions.

"I don't believe in working with leashes to force pups to do anything," said Symonds. "I want to connect with these babies, make eye-contact with them, and look into each other's souls, if even for a moment. I'm very respectful of a dog's comfort and behaviors, I don't let my guard down."

So far, Symonds has photographed approximately 400 dogs, around 25 cats, and one bunny rabbit. Each photography session typically takes around 20 minutes, "sometimes a little longer for [pets] to get comfortable," she said.

It's a pet-photography session first and foremost, according to Symonds, while their owners are merely an "add-on."

"Before I was photographing families with dogs," said Symonds of the change in focus with her new business. "Now, I'm photographing dogs with families. The humans are secondary."

The end result, timeless portraits as museum-quality wall art, a curated collection of canvases and metal-print options, which Symonds hopes will capture that perfect moment with each pet and live in their owner's home as a permanent testament to their love for their pets.

"Every dog is perfect in their owner's eyes," she said. "I'm trying to capture moments that are precious to people."

Symonds particularly cherishes photographing service dogs.

"People come in saying, 'this dog saved my life,'" said Symonds. "I particularly love photographing [service dogs] in their service vests when they're working, they are so proud and focused."

For nearly as long as she has been in business for herself, Symonds has volunteered to do work of the heart by photographing events for pet focused organizations pro bono, and with Fur Baby, she hopes to contribute even more.

This past weekend, Symonds and Landry pitched in at Dogtoberfest- by photographing the fund raising event and offering a Fall-themed Photo Booth for "Dogs with their Humans" Dogtoberfest- a fundraising event in Brockton to benefit the Animal

Protection Center of Southeastern Massachusetts. She also intends to continue photographing pets for shelters pro bono, with the goal of getting these animals adopted while supporting local shelters.

Looking ahead, Fur Baby will offer limited in-studio holiday pop-up portrait experience sessions planned for November and December by appointment, and

in January, the studio will begin offering special concept sessions for "raving sports fans" where folks can get their pets photographed donning gear from their favorite sports teams.

For more information on Fur Baby Pet Studio, visit furbaby-petstudio.com, email ask@furbaby-petstudio.com, or call 617-712-2777.



A portrait of Simba.



A portrait of Seamus.



A stunning portrait of Potato by Fur Baby Pet Studio.



Fur Baby Pet Studio's portrait of Saba.

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Legendary Keezers comes to Charles Street

Special to the Times

Keezers, a legendary vintage clothing store has found a new home at 125 Charles St.

Crisp and clean, a treasure trove of racks of affordable vintage clothing of every variety, shelves of shoes and jewelry displays. Everything is clean, freshly laundered and on hangers, separated by categories.

In addition, an expert tailoring capability is now in place after merging with Le Couturier House of Alterations. A friendly and courteous staff is on hand to guide customers in helping to find just the right clothing and just the right fit at just the right price. You'll find wonderful, fully arranged and easy to find items of exactly what you are looking for among racks of tweed sport coats, shirts, trousers, pristine Brooks Brothers duffle coats, women's clothing of every size and variety, and all in keeping with the store's legend-

ary history.

Legendary, yes! A history that has found fame in Cambridge and Porter Square and now Beacon Hill. And legend has it that JFK supposedly sold his clothes at the Cambridge location at the end of each semester when he was at Harvard.

Keezers was established and named for its founder, Max Keezer, in 1895 in Cambridge, Mass. It started as a men's clothing store as a co-op for Harvard students to sell their used suits. It became a fixture for buying and selling high quality second-hand and new apparel and outfitting generations of people including Nobel laureates, future presidents, and celebrities. A century and more of a history dedicated to serving all with affordable clothing and accessories for one and all.

Keezers at 125 Charles St. is open seven days a week from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Keezers open for business at 125 Charles St.



Keezers' first day and a view within.



Keezers' owner, Dick Robasson, is ready to greet all.



Jessica Leete makes the first sale to Mark Duffield.



Left to right: Keezers' Owner Dick Robasson, Manager Jessica Leete, and customer Ken Reeves.

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Bilingual applicants are strongly encouraged. Residents can apply or get more information at boston.gov/pollworkers, by emailing the Election Department at pollworkers@boston.gov, or by calling 617-635-0905.

In-Person Early Voting

In-person early voting will continue through Friday, October 31. Registered Boston voters can vote at any early voting location.

Boston City Hall will serve as the primary early voting site, with voting on:

- Wednesday, October 29, and Friday, October 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Voters are encouraged to enter Boston City Hall using the North side entrance on Congress Street (across from the Haymarket T-Station).

Additional early voting locations are available in neighborhoods throughout the city on the following dates:

- Thursday, October 30 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All early voting sites are equipped with electronic poll books for voter check-in. Early voting locations will be well-staffed with poll workers and interpreters. All sites are fully accessible to voters with disabilities.

Absentee Voting

Voters can vote by absentee ballot if:

- They will be away from their city or town on Election Day
- They have a religious belief that prevents them from voting at their polling location on Election Day

- They have a disability that prevents them from voting at their polling location

The in-person absentee voting deadline is Monday, November 3 at 12:00 p.m. All applications for mail-in ballots must reach the Election Department by 5:00 p.m. on October 28.

Ballot Return

The Election Department mailed out all 51,769 requested vote-by-mail and absentee ballots, and as of Thursday, October 23, 11,602 ballots have been returned to the City.

Voters who planned to return their ballots by U.S. Mail and have not mailed their ballots within one week of Election Day are encouraged to return their ballots through other means, to ensure they will be counted. Ballot packages must be received by the Boston Election Department no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Voters may return their ballots until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day to any of the 22 drop boxes across the City or in person at the Election Department in City Hall.

Reminder: All ballot drop boxes will be closed as early as 8am on October 31 and reopened on November 1 by 2:00 pm. Voters can deposit their ballot after the box is reopened or deliver it to the Boston Election Department, City Hall Room 241.

Ballots cannot be returned to a polling location on Election Day.

Voters can track their ballot through the state's website. If there is no movement indicated in the "Track My Ballot" system, voters should plan to vote

in person on Election Day at their assigned precinct. Voters can check their polling location/status.

Voting On Election Day

Polling locations open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. A list of polling locations and sample ballots can be found here. As a reminder, voters should check their registration status via the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website. Printed ballots will be available in English and Spanish, English and Chinese, and English and Vietnamese. Language interpreters will also be available upon request. All voting locations are wheelchair accessible and are equipped with an AutoMark Voter Assist Terminal for voters with disabilities to assist with marking the ballot independently.

Polling Location Change

Voters in Ward 3, Precinct 9, will now vote at the West End Neighborhood Center at 75 Blossom Court. Voters enter from Thoreau Path.

Poll Pads Electronic Check-in

The Boston Election Department has expanded the use of Poll Pads electronic check-in devices across all 275 precincts for voter check-in on Election Day. This upgrade speeds up the check-in process and enhances communication with the Election Department, in alignment with what voters experienced during the Preliminary Municipal Election in September.

Before the 2025 Preliminary Municipal Election, Poll Pads were used successfully during Early Voting since 2016. The voting process for voters remains the same: voters will check in with a poll worker, receive a paper ballot, mark their vote, and cast it as usual.

Central Tabulation

On Monday, October 27, the City of Boston will begin removing General Municipal Election mail-in and in-person early voted ballots for all 275 precincts from their envelopes and depositing these ballots into a tabulator in Boston City Hall located at One City Hall Square, Room 801, Boston, MA 02201.

Only ballots received prior to Friday, October 31, 2025 will be removed and deposited in Room 801.

Advance Processing Schedule

Ballot removal and processing will occur daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., beginning on Monday, October 27 through Tuesday, November 4, 2025, with processing beginning at 7:00 a.m. on November 4 (if necessary) and continuing until all ballots have been processed.

- All ballots advance processed by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025, will be centrally tabulated.

- All other ballots received by 2:00 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, November 4, 2025) will be delivered to their respective precinct for processing.

- Ballots received after 2:00 p.m. on Election Day will be processed after the close of polls at 8:00 p.m., once the voter lists from each precinct have been received by the Elections Department.

The list of precincts to be processed can be found on the public notice.

Unofficial Results

After polls close at 8:00 p.m., the Election Department will receive and upload unofficial results of ballots counted at polling places as they are returned from each precinct. Poll workers need time to tally election results and transport materials from polling places to City Hall. Uploading of election results may not begin until 10:00 p.m.

The initial results reported on the website on election night will include:

- Ballots cast in person on election day;
- Early voting and mail-in ballots, including those from precincts being centrally tabulated at the City Hall central tabulation facility.

The unofficial results uploaded to www.boston.gov/election on election night will NOT include:

- Hand counted ballots recorded in the precinct clerk's book after the close of polls or;
- Mail and absentee ballots that arrive on time on election day, but are too late to be sent to polling locations to be counted. These ballots will be processed after the close of polls at 8:00 p.m., once the voter lists from each precinct have been received by the Elections Department.

The Election Department will not release unofficial results bro-

ken down by precinct until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at the latest.

Media Guidelines Where To Stand

Members of the press must remain behind the guardrail. While many polling places are not equipped with a physical guardrail, the area within the "guardrail" encompasses the check-in table, the voting booths, and the ballot box. Only poll workers and voters should be within this area.

Interacting With Voters and Poll Workers

Members of the press, like all other observers in the polling place, may not interact with voters while they are in the polling place. Further, observers who have questions about where they should stand and what they are allowed to do while observing should ask to speak to the warden. The warden may provide members of the press with information regarding their rights as observers.

Photography

Photography of the voting process in the polling place is permitted, though marked ballots may not be photographed. Photographers are allowed inside the polling place to photograph the area from outside the guardrail. The warden may instruct the photographer not to take photos of any marked ballots.

Video and Audio Recording

As with photography of the polling place, video recording of the polling place is allowed. Audio recording of the polling place is not permitted under state law. Anyone recording in the polling place must have the ability to record without capturing audio and should be instructed to do so by the warden. Those who are using electronic equipment may not use the electricity in the polling place to power their equipment.

Exit Polling

Exit polling and interviews of voters are permitted outside, within 150 feet of a polling place, as long as it does not interfere with a person or voter on their way to an election. Only voters leaving the polling place may be stopped. Voter access to the polling place should not be impeded in any way.

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*Depending on make/model

A Message from the
 Massachusetts Department of Fire Services
 And your Local Fire Department




BOSTON BOOK FESTIVAL RETURNS TO COPLEY SQUARE

D. MURPHY PHOTOS



The 17th annual Boston Book Festival, presented in partnership with GBH, again transformed Copley Square into an open-air event venue and book marketplace, on Oct. 25.

ROUNDUP (from pg. 3)

munities with their revolutionary roots through the arts.

Admission is free, but reservations are recommended. Tickets can be reserved on Eventbrite or via the Paul Revere House website at paulreverehouse.org.

WEM'S BULLFINCH TRIANGLE WALKING TOUR SET FOR NOV. 15

The West End Museum will be offering a Bullfinch Triangle Walking Tour, led by Duane Lucia, on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 11 a.m., leaving from the museum at 150 Staniford St., Suite 7 (on Lomasney Way).

Admission is \$12.51 per person. Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bullfinch-triangle-walking-tour-tickets-1815071962099?aff=WEM-site>.

SASHA COOKE IN CONCERT NOV. 16 AT CALDERWOOD HALL

Mezzo-soprano Sasha Cooke will perform Sunday, Nov. 16, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum's Calderwood Hall at 25 Evans Way.

One of America's greatest singers, Cooke takes a night off from the global operatic stage to present a program of American songs, including a Gard-

ner Museum co-commissioned Boston premiere from Jasmine Barnes. Cooke's program with pianist Myra Huang, titled *Of Thee I Sing*, celebrates the rich tapestry of American song while offering a nuanced exploration of the still-unrealized American dream. It includes music by iconic 20th and 21st century American composers such as William Bolcom, George Gershwin, Samuel Barber, Jennifer Higdon, Aaron Copland, Michael Tilson Thomas, and Stephen Sondheim, as well as emigre composers Alma Mahler and Erich Wolfgang Korngold.

Tickets each cost between \$40-85 while students and children, ages 5-17, are each admitted for \$20; visit: <https://www.gardnermuseum.org/calendar/sasha-cooke-11.16.25>

WELL-BEING EVENT OFFERED IN NOVEMBER AT MGH BLUM CENTER

This fall, the Center for Comprehensive Healing (CCH), in partnership with the Small Steps Healing Project, is providing a free pop-up healing clinic to the Mass General Brigham community.

This clinic gives patients, caregivers, community members, MGB providers, and MGB

staff the chance to try out integrative healing practices such as acupressure, reiki, and sound healing in a low-barrier, no-cost setting. With guidance from trained practitioners, attendees can explore different approaches to healing and discover what resonates with them.

The clinic will be held at the Blum Center, White 110 (MGH main campus) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18. Walk-ins are welcome on a first-come, first-served basis.

FREE LESSONS IN AMERICAN MAHJONG 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), or Julia Forbes (jmaforbes@gmail.com) or Sandy Connor (ssconnor46@gmail.com).

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HILL-O-WEEN (from pg. 1)

treater ever rings a doorbell.

"It's really become a tourist attraction," said one resident on Mt. Vernon St., as he squeezed through a cluster of children blocking the gate to his house. "I've never seen it quite like this before."

It's no surprise his yard is attracting some attention, given the three 12-foot skeletons that have taken residence among the hydrangeas, stirring a mysterious potion around a raised cauldron, their glowing eyes blinking beneath wigs and pointed black hats.

Tracy Darabaris came all the way from Pepperell, Massachusetts, just to photograph the annual display. She's returned each October since she stumbled across the neighborhood on Instagram a few years ago.

The neighborhood's profile leveled-up this year after being featured on widely circulated pages such as Boston.Com, Boston Design Guide and BucketListBoston.

Given the chaos of current events and her hectic day job at a doctor's office, Darabaris said capturing the neighborhood's fun and creativity was a welcome escape. "It's a great stress

reliever," she said.

She stopped to photograph a home that has attracted attention on social media platforms for its whimsical take on the holiday.

"I can't believe what these people have done," she said, gesturing to an army of golden skeletons hanging from trees, lampposts, and climbing up a brick facade with the aid of an ornate pulley system. "They must have hired someone."

Darabaris is on the money. While there is no official competition in the neighborhood, some residents go the lengths of hiring professional designers to outdo one another.

Aaron Wight and his crew from Parterre are crouched below the gargantuan witches of Mt. Vernon St., adding finishing touches before moving on to transform a nearby home into a scene from Starwars. He said the project will be their most elaborate yet.

Wight said word has spread that their company, a gardening service, started offering seasonal installations. This year he's worked on five houses in the Beacon Hill area, with quotes ranging from \$5,000 to as

much as \$20,000.

"It just gets crazier and crazier every year," he said.

Wight said his team feels like "small celebrities" when they work, drawing curious neighbors, amateur photographers, and tourists who marvel at the displays in languages from around the world.

An anthropologist from England, Anastasia Piliavsky, is visiting her mother in Boston. They were paying respects to her father's grave when they came across Beacon Hill. Having never seen the neighborhood around Halloween before, they were in for a bit of a shock.

"I'm surprised by the ostentation," said Piliavsky. "Beacon Hill is a place of old money and reserve and elegance and this is the kind of thing I imagine they must have resisted for a while."

On the contrary, residents embrace the occasionally quirky, intentionally excessive decorating tradition that has been an element of Beacon Hill's identity for decades.

"People go all in," said longtime resident Lisa Mullan Perkins. "It's way bigger than Christmas around here."

Exploring a different theme

each year, from Barbie to the Boston Celtics, Mullan Perkins' home stands out from the usual assembly of witches and skeletons. This year she followed her kids' requests for something spookier, riffing on what she sees as "the scariest thing on Beacon Hill" – the Boston rat.

An inflatable rodent twice her height with glowing red eyes greets passersby in her driveway. Her entryway is covered in tiny toy rodents, toothy cutouts, and a desiccated rubber rat carcass hanging by its tail on her door.

Mullan Perkins is cooking dinner for her kids, in a baseball cap that reads, "rat exterminator." While a pot boils away on the stove, she says the family has had to replace their entire car twice on account of rodents chewing through the wires.

"We don't welcome them, we don't want them here," she said, but "on Halloween, you put all sorts of things you're scared of outside your house."

While she's wishing the worst for her furry, beady eyed neighbors this holiday, Perkins said she will be welcoming the costumed throngs of candy seekers on Friday.

"It's insane," she said. "There'll be thousands of trick-or-treaters." Sitting in her foyer is over \$1,000 worth of Halloween candy. She predicts she'll run out by 8 p.m.

With Halloween landing on a Friday night this year, the Beacon Hill Civic Association is expecting a record-breaking turnout. Neighborhood streets will be blocked by police barricades as usual, with roads from Charles Street to Joy Street closing from 4 to 7:30 pm.

"I just love how our neighborhood really welcomes people from all walks of life," said Mullan Perkins. "It's just a very friendly, open time."

She said she's even seen former U.S. State Senator and presidential candidate John Kerry handing out candy on his Lewisburg square doorstep just like everyone else.

Milena Fernsler is a student in the Boston University Journalism program. This story is a partnership between Beacon Hill Times and the Boston University Journalism program.



28 and 30 Mt. Vernon St.



6 Louisburg Square.

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SCENES FROM PHILLIPS STREET ‘SPOOKY STREETS’ BLOCK PARTY



Phillips Street held a Spooky Street block party on October 26. They received a Spooky Streets grant from the Mayor’s office. The event had pumpkin painting, trick-or-treat bag decorating, and a visit from the fire station. It was a great way to meet the neighbors, build community, and enjoy another wonderful day living in Beacon Hill.





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We were walking home from lunch recently when we crossed paths with a delightful Husky. She walked right up to us while we were asking her guardian if we could say hello. The woman told us it was fine, and this dog loved scratches under the chin.

Do you know dogs who have a special spot that they are happy to have scratched or patted? Dogs may choose different people to deliver different types of attention. Our Poppy runs to Ed for belly rubs, but to Penny for circular massages of her ears and back.

Usual Spots

Some places where dogs react to touch with great pleasure contain sensitive nerves and sensory neurons, known as touch receptors, according to Whole Dog

Magazine writer Joan Merriam. “Not to go too Sandy Scientific on you, but these touch receptors travel along sensory nerves that connect to neurons in the spinal cord, then to the thalamus, and finally to the somato-sensory cortex of the brain, which in turn triggers the release of oxytocin. All this happens in the flutter of an eyelash: the only thing we’re aware of is that our dog goes into a state of semi-bliss the moment we start rubbing her belly.

Oxytocin release is also true of dogs’ very sensitive ears. Consider providing gentle scratches to places where the dog can’t reach. Perhaps this is why so many dogs welcome a soft scratch to the base of their tail or under their collar.

Massage

When we consider ways to help our dogs who are frightened, injured, or showing the



There is nothing like a good belly rub to bond with your dog. (Photo by Nomao Saeki)

effects of aging, we may not think of massage. Today, the professionals at major animal hospitals, like the MSPCA’s Angell Animal Medical Center, are including massage therapy as part of their rehabilitation services. While discussing treatment for your pet, ask your vet if there is any sort of massage you could do to help with healing.

You can also use the time you spend petting or massaging your dog as a body check-up. Our Westies have had skin problems, and we would find any hot spots or breakouts during a good rub-down.

Tellinton Ttouch
Over the years, we’ve used a

special kind of massage called Tellington Ttouch on our own dogs and with some of the skittish rescue pups we have fostered. Mardi Richmond described the classic TTouch massage in an article in Whole Dog Journal, “... your fingers are slightly curved and you use the pads of your fingers to create the circles.” She has found this “particularly useful for anxious dogs.” You can take training for this practice online or in-person classes.

Remember, petting, massage, or touch therapy are all good ideas if you and your dog both enjoy the experience. Some dogs melt into your lap or snuggle up beside you and soak up strokes

like arid soil in a gentle rain. Others squirm and can’t wait to get away and get on with more interesting things.

A sign that a person is a dog lover is when their hands unconsciously begin to stroke, pat, and gently scratch a dog sitting beside them. Did you know that petting a dog can lower heart rate and blood pressure, release happy hormones, and generally relax both the canine and human partners? It’s a win-win way to spend time together.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.



ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

To ensure the safety of all residents on Beacon Hill during the Halloween trick-or-treating celebration, the following streets will be closed to traffic on

Friday, October 31st, 2025 from 4-7:30pm:

Branch Street (blocked from Charles Street)
Chestnut Street (Charles Street to Walnut Street)
Mt. Vernon Street (Charles Street to Joy Street)
Pinckney Street (Charles Street to Joy Street)
West Cedar Street (Revere Street to Chestnut Street)
Myrtle Street (Revere Street to Joy Street)
South Russell Street (Cambridge Street to Myrtle Street)
Anderson Street (blocked from Revere Street)
Grove Street (blocked at Revere Street)
Irving Street (blocked at Phillips Street)
Revere Street (blocked at Garden Street)

*Cars can remain parked on the streets
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We thank you in advance for your cooperation!

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Ready to “Fall Back?”

When you change your clocks, check your alarms!

With the end of Daylight Savings Time just around the corner, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine and the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts are reminding residents to check their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when they change their clocks.

“Working smoke and CO alarms are your family’s first line of defense against an emergency at home,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “As we ‘fall back’ this weekend, please take a few minutes to be sure you and your loved ones are protected.”

Modern smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have the manufacturing date printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years, and CO alarms should be replaced according to the manufacturer’s instructions – usually 5, 7, or 10 years, depending on the make and model.

Fire officials are especially concerned about expiring smoke alarms because of a 2015 update to the State Fire Code. That update, which remains in effect, requires that replacement smoke alarms in most Massachusetts

homes have sealed, 10-year batteries. As a result, the first wave of alarms purchased to comply with the update are nearing the end of their useful lifespan.

State Fire Marshal Davine and the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts offered these tips for residents who are replacing outdated single-station smoke alarms. Following these guidelines will reduce the risk that someone will remove the batteries and place them in another device or to disable the alarm

Josiah Quincy Elementary School hosts annual Dragons F.I.R.E. Fundraiser on Nov. 20

On November 20, the Josiah Quincy Elementary School will celebrate 178 years of educating Boston's children with their Dragons F.I.R.E. Fundraiser. The evening event will be filled with tradition, live music, and a delightful 10-course meal, taking place at the Empire Garden Restaurant in Chinatown.

By instilling F.I.R.E. values — Focus, Integrity, Respect, and Empathy — the school strives to shape the future leaders of the city and beyond. This year the goal is to raise \$200,000 to maintain the exceptional level of education and enrichment that defines the Pre-K–5th grade experience for more than 725 students. Funds raised will provide additional resources to help students learn, grow, and excel through:

Technology such as comput-

ers, tablets, software

STEM offerings in science, technology, engineering, math

Art & Creative Expression

Movement & Swim Instruction including physical activity programs, equipment

Field Trips to farms, orchards, historical sites, museums

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Sponsorship opportunities are available including:

FUEL Sponsorship (\$20,000.00): 2 tables (20 seats), a full program book ad in the printed program, recognition on banquet welcome banner, a premium gift, name on welcome banner, and name over photo booth.

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cial gift.

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MOTIVATE Sponsorship (\$5,000.00): 1 table (10 seats), a half page advertisement in the printed program, recognition on banquet welcome banner.

ENERGIZE Sponsorship (\$2,500.00): 1 table (10 seats) and a half page advertisement in the printed program.

For more information or to register or make a donation online, please visit SUPPORT-JQES.ORG.

In 2022, JQES became the first Boston public elementary school to earn distinction as an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program School. This



Last year's fundraiser was a success (above). This year's goal is to raise \$200,000 to maintain the excellent education provided by Josiah Quincy Elementary School.

accreditation reflects unwavering commitment to holistic learning through inquiry, interdisciplinary study, and Mandarin language instruction. As the largest

elementary school in the Boston Public Schools system, JQES is proud to lead the way in offering this kind of rich, global education to students.

FALL BACK (from pg. 10)

when it's activated by cooking smoke:

- Choose photoelectric alarms from a well-known, national brand

- Look for the mark of an independent testing lab like UL or Intertek/ETL

- Select alarms with a sealed, long-life battery and a "hush" feature"

- Alarms that meet UL Standard 217, 8th edition or later, use the latest multi-criteria technology to reduce nuisance alarms caused by cooking smoke

If your alarms are less than 10 years old and take alkaline batteries, then put in fresh batteries to be sure you're protected all winter long. And remember to test your smoke and CO alarms once a month to be sure they're working properly.

Heating Season Brings Carbon Monoxide Hazards

Westborough Fire Chief Patrick Purcell, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, emphasized the importance of working carbon monoxide alarms as we enter the colder months.

"Carbon monoxide is a leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States, and heating equipment is the main source of carbon monoxide in the home," Chief Purcell said. "We can't see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide.

Working CO alarms on every level of your home are the only way to detect this invisible killer."

Massachusetts firefighters encountered carbon monoxide hazards at about 5,000 calls last year, Chief Purcell said.

Create & Practice a Home Escape Plan

"Changes to building construction and furnishings mean we have less time to escape a fire at home than ever before," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "You could have just three minutes to get out safely."

"Working smoke alarms and a practiced home escape plan are among the most fundamental and important tools for surviving a fire," said Chief Purcell. "Be sure everyone in the home knows what to do and where to go when the alarm sounds, including young children, older adults, and persons with disabilities."

Fire officials recommend planning two ways out of the building, the apartment, and each room if possible. Be sure to select a family meeting spot a safe distance from the building.

For more information on smoke alarms or the Senior SAFE program, visit www.mass.gov/dfs or contact your local fire department.

DPH lifts cyanobacteria advisory in Charles River

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) last week announced its recommendation to lift the public health advisory for the cyanobacteria bloom in the Charles River, 11 weeks after first recommending it.

DPH initially recommended a public health advisory for a significant cyanobacteria bloom downstream of Massachusetts Avenue (a.k.a. the Harvard Bridge) in late July. DPH staff identified the bloom based on visual assessments of the river, which was corroborated by sampling and microscope analysis conducted by the Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA). CRWA performs weekly cyanobacterial cell counts at two representative locations in the Lower Basin and alerts DPH when cell counts approach regulatory thresholds.

On October 21, DPH collected follow-up samples at three locations in the Charles River. Laboratory analysis showed cyanobacteria concentrations below DPH's guideline value of 70,000 cells/mL at all three locations:

- MIT Richard J. Resch Boat-house – 2,200 cells/ml

- Broad Canal – 2,600 cells/ml

- Community Boating – 3,200 cells/ml

The toxin microcystin was not detected in any sample.

DPH requires two rounds of sampling, one week apart, with cell concentration and cyanotoxin values below their guideline levels to recommend rescinding an advisory. As this was the second consecutive result with all locations below DPH guidelines, the advisory was lifted for the entire Charles River Lower Basin.

Cyanobacteria grow rapidly when bodies of water experience high phosphorus levels, hotter temperatures and stagnant conditions. In the Charles River, cyanobacterial blooms are a symptom of excess stormwater pollution and degraded ecology.

Current stormwater regulations mandate an over 50% reduction in nutrient loading from watershed communities by the year 2038. While progress has been made, this bloom highlights the work to be done and the importance of addressing municipal stormwater runoff.

Charles River Watershed Association's mission is to protect, restore and enhance the Charles River and its watershed through science, advocacy, and the law. CRWA develops science-based strategies to increase resilience, protect public health, and promote environmental equity as we confront a changing climate.

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CHARLES STREET GOES PINK IN SUPPORT OF THE ELLIE FUND



Upstairs Downstairs Home at 69 Charles St.



Even the ‘Make Way for Ducklings’ sculpture in the Public Garden, created by renowned artist Nancy Schön of West Newton, went pink for the occasion.

Charles Street went pink again on Saturday, Oct. 25, as many of its businesses showed their support for the Ellie Fund in its mission to provide Massachusetts breast cancer patients with non-medical essential services.

Since 1995, Ellie Fund has

provided non-medical essential services, including grocery gift cards, healthy prepared meals, transportation to appointments, childcare, housekeeping, and integrative therapies, to breast cancer patients throughout Massachusetts to allow them to focus

on spending time with their families and healing. (Every breast cancer patient in active treatment in Massachusetts is eligible.) Visit www.elliefund.org for more information.



J. Grady Home at 133 Charles St.



E.R. Butler & Company at 38 Charles St. was among the street’s businesses to go pink on Oct. 25. The shop is owned Nina Castellion, who organized this year’s event on Charles Street (and co-chaired last year’s event) in support of the Ellie Fund.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Times encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication. Items should be forwarded to our offices at 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. We also encourage readers to e-mail news releases and photos to deb@thebostonsun.com.

CHARLES STREET GOES PINK IN SUPPORT OF THE ELLIE FUND

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Meredith Mendelson, Executive Director Ellie Fund, at J Grady Home.



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Attention to Detail

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY PENNY CHERUBINO
THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The lamp in the last clue is on the side of Beacon Hill Cleaners at 151 Charles Street. In June 2023, Beacon Hill Cleaners was named one of 30 Legacy Businesses. This paper reported that, “Legacy businesses are longstanding, independent enterprises that make a strong contribution to residents, communities and neighborhoods across Boston.”

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

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The Construction Look-Ahead through November 8 for the North Washington Street Bridge is as follows:

Scheduled Work

- FRP fascia screening installation
 - Bridge painting
- Work Hours**
- Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Travel Tips

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

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work

zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

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

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

- Bruins: November 6 at 7 p.m.
- Celtics: November 3 at 7:30 p.m., and November 5 at 7:30 p.m.
- Other events: November 4 at 7 p.m., and 11/8 at 8 p.m.

How can I find more information?

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

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

Project website: mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement

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

Celebrate the holidays on Boston's historic Freedom Trail

The Freedom Trail® Foundation invites revelers to celebrate this holiday season on the annual Historic Holiday Strolls. The festive atmosphere of the city, set against the unique backdrop of Boston's historic sites and centuries of history, makes these merry 60-minute tours a perfect way to celebrate the holidays. Walk the Freedom Trail and discover how Boston's holiday traditions evolved on the Strolls offered Fridays and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. from November 21 through December 27.

Led by 19th-century Dickensian costumed guides departing from the Visitor Information

Center on Boston Common, the Strolls are complete with a tour of holiday lights and Christmas trees along the Freedom Trail while learning about 19th-century holiday traditions. Following the Stroll, guests receive discounts off museum store purchases at Freedom Trail sites, including the Old South Meeting House, Old State House, Paul Revere House, and Old North Church's Heritage and Gift Shops (valid with any Historic Holiday Stroll receipt from November through December).

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children for public tours. The Strolls may also be sched-

uled as private group tours pending availability. The Freedom Trail Foundation continues to offer daily public Official Freedom Trail Tours® throughout November and December and during the winter months. All Freedom Trail tours are available as private family or group tours by reservation. For more information and to purchase tickets for the Historic Holiday Strolls and Freedom Trail Tours, please visit TheFreedomTrail.org and for group tour reservations, please call 617-357-8300 press "0."

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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.

Apartment Building locations:

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.
2 Hawthorne Place	130 Bowdoin St.
3 Hawthorne Place	45 Myrtle St.
9 Hawthorne Place	19 Myrtle St.
Emerson Place	65 Martha Rd.
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Babak Bina joined his co-hosts, Jack Gurnon of Charles Street Supply and Beacon Hill resident Andrea Serlin, to sponsor a breakfast for businesses and residents on the morning of Friday, Oct. 24, at Bina’s Zurito restaurant on Charles Street, with District 8 Sharon Durkan as the featured speaker.

Mayor Michelle Wu was in attendance at the event as a special guest.



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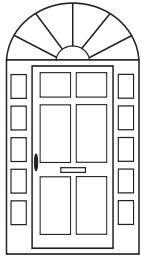
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