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## BHBA HOLDS ANNUAL HOLIDAY STROLL

The Beacon Hill Business Association held its annual Holiday Stroll on Thursday, Dec. 4. Shown above, The Flat of the Hill was one of the participants of the Holiday Stroll. Right, outside J. McLaughlin The Back Bay Ringers perform. See Pages 4 and 6 for more photos.



## E.R. Butler & Co. marks 25 years on the Hill

By Dan Murphy

E.R. Butler & Co. is marking 25 years on Beacon Hill this month, since the manufacturer and seller of American hardware first opened its sole retail showroom at 38 Charles St. in late 2000.

The New York City-based company, which specializes in architectural hardware in early American, Federal and Georgian styles, was established in 1990, although its lineage can be traced back to the early 1800s, and includes E. Robinson & Co., Wm. Hall & Co., the John Tein Co., L.S. Hall & Co., and Ostrander & Eshleman, Inc., among other historic firms.

In 2000, E.R. Butler & Co. opened its Beacon Hill showroom, which was designed by the company's owner, Rhett Butler, together with award-winning architect Gil Schafer, to resemble an Adam Federal-style home, with a 'floor-through' design

that extends the length between Charles and River streets.

"Our Beacon Hill showroom is a wonderful, hidden, yet-known Boston gem that has been pivotal to the company, because we serve as its only retail location," according to Nina Castellion, showroom manager, who is celebrating 24 years with the company this month.

The showroom's opening was timed to commemorate the company's 2000 merger with the W.C. Vaughan Co., a manufacturer of high-quality hardware since 1902.

E.R. Butler & Co. had previously served as the sole agent for the W.C. Vaughan Co., and for many years, the two firms maintained a successful partnership, often collaborating both in manufacture and in the research of the designs, materials and methods of production, and patination.

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## BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

### Project Oscar Compost Bins on Cambridge Street

According to the Zero Waste Department the food waste bins have already collected over 3 TONS of food scraps! Located on Cambridge Street near the Fire Department, these bins were installed at the request of the BHCA this past June with help from the Office of Neighborhood Services.

Separating and composting our kitchen waste either through private compost collection or at these City bins is a great way to keep rodents at bay.

### A Successful Holiday Decorating Weekend!

Thank you to all of our donors and volunteers for helping us decorate the neighborhood with holiday cheer! Over 40 volunteers came to join in the fun! With the weather cooperating as well, we were able to finish on Sunday and enjoy a pizza get-together in the evening! See pictures on Pages 8 and 9!

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A look inside E.R. Butler & Co.'s showroom at 38 Charles St.

# EDITORIAL

## THE MAHA MOMS ARE RIGHT ABOUT TOXIC WASTE

As our regular readers know, we have been highly-critical of the so-called Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) movement led by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the least qualified and least knowledgeable person ever to lead the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), whose policies regarding vaccines and scientific research threaten the health of millions of Americans.

However, last week some prominent MAHA activists sent a petition to President Donald Trump urging him to fire Lee Zeldin, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, over a series of recent decisions by Zeldin that will pave the way for the use of proven harmful chemicals that ultimately will contaminate our air, our water, and our food.

"Rather than supporting your initiative to 'Make America Healthy Again', which millions of Republicans and independents alike embraced, Administrator Zeldin has prioritized the interests of chemical corporations over the well-being of American families and children," the petition reads.

Also supporting the petition is the group Moms Clean Air Force (MCAF), which seeks to protect children from the effects of air pollution and climate change.

"With every proposed deregulation, he (Zeldin) is allowing families and children to be exposed to more soot, more mercury, more methane, more toxic chemicals, more tailpipe pollution, and more climate pollution," said MCAF founder and director Dominique Browning. "Lee Zeldin must go."

And what have we heard from RFK Jr., the man who says he wants to make America healthy again and who himself was an environmental lawyer, had to say about Zeldin's kow-towing to the chemical industry?

Crickets -- and that says all we need to know about RFK's supposed commitment to Americans' health.

## HAPPY HANUKKAH

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, starts this Sunday evening, December 14, and will culminate on Monday, December 22.

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days by lighting the candles of the Menorah, one on each day of the eight-day celebration. (The Menorah itself consists of nine candles, one of which typically stands above the rest and is used to light the other eight.)

Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees in 166 BCE when the Maccabees liberated the Jewish people from the Greek-based rulers who essentially had outlawed the Jewish religion.

When the triumphant Maccabees captured the city of Jerusalem, they quickly entered the Holy Temple, tossing out the images of the Greek gods that had been installed there by the occupying rulers. When the Maccabees went to light the Menorah candles in the Temple, they thought they only had one day's worth of oil. However, the candles remained lit for eight days -- hence the miracle of the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah is a joyous occasion for Jews world-wide, marked by gatherings of friends and families and the playing of traditional games such as the dreidel and eating traditional -- and delicious! -- foods such as latkes.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish our friends and readers of the Jewish community a happy, healthy, and joyful Hanukkah season.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

### GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM TO HOLD HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE ON DEC. 14

The Gibson House Museum, located at 137 Beacon St., will offer its Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Come see the Gibson House Museum dressed in its holiday best. Families and visitors of all ages will learn about 19th-century Christmas traditions, enjoy light refreshments, and find a warm welcome from the winter weather.

A raffle to receive a holiday wreath, courtesy of the Garden Club of the Back Bay, will also be drawn at the end of the event.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per guest while children are admitted free of charge. Reservations are not necessary.

### NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM OFFERS HOLIDAY EVENTS

The Nichols House Museum, located at 55 Mt. Vernon St., offers Candlelight Tours on Dec. 17 at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Experience the Nichols House by (electric) candlelight on one of our evening tours. Each room is bedecked with seasonal trimming inspired by Nichols family traditions and turn-of-the-20th-

century styles.

The museum also offers the Beacon Hill Holiday House Tour on Dec. 14 from noon to 4 p.m.

Be a part of the 30th annual Beacon Hill Holiday House Tour with the Nichols House Museum. A celebration of our historic neighborhood's festive best, the Tour offers the rare opportunity to experience private homes decorated for the holiday season. This fundraiser showcases outstanding examples of historic preservation, as well as creative modern interpretations and adaptations in a broad range of architectural and interior design styles throughout Beacon Hill. Tickets are available now.

Also, the museum will be decorated with seasonal trimmings from Thanksgiving through New Year's. In November and December, tours are offered Thursday through Saturday, at 10 and 11 a.m., and noon, and on Sunday at 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. During tour hours, visit the museum shop and view the current exhibit.

Visit [nicholshousemuseum.org](http://nicholshousemuseum.org) for more information on the Nichols House Museum.

### EVENTS CONTINUE AT MGH BLUM CENTER IN DECEMBER

The Blum Patient and Family Learning Center (Blum Center)

at Massachusetts General Hospital is hosting a number of in-person educational and wellness sessions at the Blum Center (MGH Main Campus, White 110), including Surgery 101: What to Expect When Your Loved One Has an Operation on Monday, Dec. 15, from 4 to 5 p.m.

All sessions are free. For more information, call the Blum Center at 617-724-7352.

### COME PLAY MAH JONGG AT THE WEST END COMMUNITY CENTER

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced player, you are invited to join the friendly Mah Jongg group. Instructors will be available to help new players, and everyone is welcome. Come meet new people, socialize, and play the game.

The group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the West End Community (within the West End Neighborhood Center), 75 Blossom Court (entrance on Thoreau Path).

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

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# T's Green line service suspended until Dec. 15

By Dan Murphy

Service on all branches of the MBTA's Green line is temporarily shut down until Dec. 22 to allow for the replacement of 130-year-old infrastructure.

Beginning Dec. 8, service on the Green Line service between North Station and Babcock Street on the B Branch, Kenmore on the C and D Branches, and Heath Street on the E Branch is being suspended for 15 consecutive days. Regular Green Line service continues to operate on the Green line between North Station and Union Square, as well as to Medford/Tufts, during

the change in service, however.

Free and accessible shuttle buses are operating for the duration of the service change on all branches of the Green line, but riders are advised to allow for ample extra travel time. For example, a rider travelling to Park Street from Boston College should budget at least an additional 20 minutes, in addition to their regular commute, advises the T.

On the B branch, shuttle buses operate between Babcock Street and Back Bay. Riders can connect to the Orange line at Back Bay Station for continued service through downtown toward

North Station.

Fares at Kenmore are free, with the fare gates open, and fares are also free at all surface-level stops west of Kenmore. Route 57 bus service is fare-free during the change in service as well.

On the C and D branches, shuttle buses operate between Kenmore and Back Bay Station. Riders can connect to the Orange Line at Back Bay Station for continued service through downtown toward North Station. Fares are free at Kenmore and Riverside, with gates open, and fares are also free at all surface-level stops west of Kenmore.

On the E branch, Route 39

replaces service between Heath Street and Back Bay Station. Extra buses have been added to this route, which is fare-free during this service change, to accommodate additional capacity. Accessible van service are available for Green Line stops between Copley/Back Bay stations and North Station as well.

For complete information, visit: [mbta.com/GreenLine](http://mbta.com/GreenLine)

The T is performing this work to allow for the replacement of the 130-year-old wooden overhead catenary wire 'trough' in the Green Line tunnel, which is original to the tunnel's construction in the late 1890s. The

trough, which houses the Green Line's overhead wires, will be replaced with a "modern, more durable," metal trough, according to the T.

With unencumbered access to the underground Green Line track areas, MBTA crews will also perform continued work to install Green Line Train Protection System (GLTPS) infrastructure, which combines vehicle and wayside equipment to avoid train-on-train collisions, provide stop signal overrun protection, and incorporate speed enforcement.

## BUTLER (from pg. 1)

Today, E.R. Butler's American hardware collection in brass and crystal, which merges state-of-the-art technology with classic design is the cornerstone of its collection, while the Charles Street showroom also features collaborations with other like-minded designers, including Ted Muehling (which is only carried by 12 other vendors worldwide) and Gabriella Kiss, along with international manufacturers, such as Maison J. Vervloet-Faes of Brussels; J. L. Lobmeyr of Vienna, Austria, and the Porzellan Manufaktur Nymphenburg of Munich, Germany.

Regarding the showroom and its unique product mix, which she describes as "jewelry for your home and jewelry for yourself or loved ones," Castellion wrote: "One of the best compliments we often get is, 'your showroom is like a museum.' Our reply is: 'That it is, but

it is better as you can take things home from us.'"

Meanwhile, E.R. Butler's Charles Street showroom has become a destination for some travelers who make a point of returning to the store every time they visit Boston.

(Besides its Beacon Hill showroom, the company's flagship location in the SoHo neighborhood of Manhattan is open by appointment and to the trade only.)

"Our Beacon Hill showroom honors the company's legacy and brings the designs back home to where many originated," Castellion wrote. "With 25 years of clientele we have people who come to visit us when they are in town. Additionally, the overlapping theme of everything we make and represent is design and craftsmanship, and thankfully, there are lots of people who understand the importance of



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*Biedermeier candlesticks in oxidized bronze, designed by Ted Muehling, and made by E.R. Butler & Co.*

that."

E.R. Butler & Co.'s showroom is located at 38 Charles St. on Beacon Hill. For more information, visit [erbutler.com](http://erbutler.com), or call 617-722-0230 during regular business hours.

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*'Winters Beauty,' a winter-themed tablescape created by Nina Castellion.*

## BHCA (from pg. 1)

### Upcoming Meetings

BHCA Architecture Committee – Monday, December 15th, at 5:30 pm via Zoom

BHCA Zoning & Licensing – Wednesday, January 7th, 6pm via Zoom

### Mark Your Calendars!

Bricks & Bubbles – A Cele-

bration of Preservation; Thursday, March 5, 2026, The Liberty Hotel (Corporate Sponsorship opportunities are available at [bhccivic.org](http://bhccivic.org).)

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

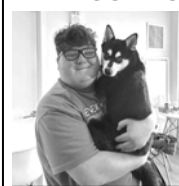


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*GI Series crystal knobs in a satin nickel finish from the E. & G.W. Robinson Collection for sale via E.R. Butler & Co.*

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Coventry Brass comprised of Hitomi Taguchi Bowman, Hiro Tokushige, Steve Curtis, and Vincent LaRosa preform holiday songs on Charles Street.

The Beacon Hill Business Association held its annual Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll. Shops on Charles Street stayed open late for visitors to help celebrate the Holiday Season and support local businesses.



Johanna Seddon and Ralph Hinson at Upstairs Downstairs.



Boston City Councilor Sharon Durkan lights up the Holiday Tree outside Tatte.



The Home Family living on Charles Street by the Holiday Tree outside Tatte.



J. McLaughlin had many visitors to check out their fashionable clothing for sale.



A line of people wait for complimentary coffee in front of The Paramount.



Jane and Emily Ling offer hot cocoa and freshly baked chocolate chip cookies to attendees of the Holiday Stroll braving the evening's frigid temperatures.



Bob Cousineau (right), owner of Upstairs Downstairs (along with his wife, Laura), is shown with his brother, Jim, and his wife, Leslie.



Upstairs Downstairs was crowded with visitors.



Tully, with her human Courtney, discovered many fans on Charles Street.

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John Martin found some contributing vocalists with Cutie O'Connell, Mary-Jo Gagliardi, and Susan Giuliano joining with with his singing.



Tess employees Spencer and Liana greet visitors to their store.



The owner of Charles Street Supply Jack Gurnon with employees Michele and Cassie offer items to participate on the Holiday Stroll fun.



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Upstairs Downstairs owner Laura Cousineau.



Boston City Councilor Sharon Durkan (second from left) with friends Lily Sweeterman, Jamie Scoeri, Holly Margulius, and Jordan Berthes



Charles Street Supply saw many visitors to the Beacon Hill institution.



At The Paramount, The Rubin Brothers Trio preformed holiday music delivered with a classy cool vibe.



In spite of the frigid weather, the Holiday Stroll drew out many participants.



At Upstairs Downstairs Home Bonnie Duval and Devon Holden enjoy visiting their favorite furnishings store.

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# Behind the Counter

With Susanne Beck

## The Sevens - Everyone feels like neighbors

*This installation of "Behind the Counter," is an ongoing series celebrating Beacon Hill salespeople and the places they work. If you have any suggestions for future pieces, please contact Susanne at bsusanne377@gmail.com.*

Cheers may claim to be "the place where everyone knows your name." But Charles Street's own neighborhood pub, The Sevens, seems to go one step further, evidenced by its fairy-tale-like photo album, "We Met at the Sevens." Filled with a mix of pictures and cute meet storylines, the book is a welcome bit of encouragement for anyone who believed that bar encounters can lead to romance and these days, for those who have had it with online dating. More importantly, it's also a reminder that in places like Beacon Hill, community is alive and well and for so many, more valuable than ever.

"I love when people come in and they're like, my god, I haven't been here in 30 years," beams bartender Mia Alexander. "Just to see how people react

and how their eyes light up. It's such a beautiful thing." Alexander has worked at the Sevens for three years and admits that she is somewhat younger than some of her customers' memories. But the connection she feels to the bar and those clients is just as warm. "I never came here when I was at Emerson," she says. But her best friend from high school was related to Seven's current owner Julianne Kylie. "She was just always kind of like the cool older cousin," Alexander remembers, adding "I always saw the bar's t-shirts and stuff around my best friend's house." When Kylie found out she was going to college nearby, she was insistent. "She said, 'you have to come work here'," Alexander recalls. "And the rest is kind of history. It just kind of felt like it was meant to be."

Fellow bartender and newcomer Hailee Varvel echoes much of what Alexander says. "I honestly have just felt such like a sense of community from the regulars. I've never been into a bar or been a regular myself at a bar quite like the Sevens." Varvel



Mia Alexander

feels blessed to have literally stumbled into the job after she struck up a conversation with Alexander one night when she was in having a few beers with some friends. "She told me that three people had just quit and that they were looking for good people and people who would be fun to work with." The chemistry was instant – and the offer, too. Varvel says that, happily, the job feeds into her current day job, as well – as a graduate student



Hailee Varvel

pursuing a mental health degree. "I like to watch people's interactions and the dynamic between them and how things are going. It's really fun for me." Then she laughs. "I sometimes say I work in a psych ward during the day, and then I work in a psych ward at night!"

According to the duo, chemistry also explains the deep bond among all the Seven's staff members. "It's a very sort of intimate team we have going since it is a smaller place. It's always a lot of team effort," Alexander says. "I really love all my coworkers, so it's always a lot of fun." Varvel describes the team as "very go with the flow. We tell it like it is... Obviously we want to make sure we're respecting all of the patrons and that everybody's having a good time. But I definitely feel like we're able to have a good time too." Both women give a special shout out to fellow staffer, Alejandro, and the magic he creates in his seasonal sangrias.

The good vibes the Sevens crew shares with their customers makes every connection feel special, especially when they see new relationships turn permanent a la the bar's book, "We Met at the Sevens." "It's just like little scrap receipt papers, napkins of anecdotes of couples from how they met," Alexander explains. "You look through and there's some from like some from the eighties, nineties, early two thousands, and they talk about how they brought their kids here

after. We call 'em sevens babies because their parents met here." She goes on, a bit sheepishly with a chuckle. "I'm only 22, but I hope I'm in that book one day because, I don't know, it's such a lovely thing to see."

Varvel and Alexander are both Hill residents who appreciate the area well beyond their short commutes to work. "I always see someone I know every time I leave my house which is great," Alexander says. "It feels like a neighborhood in the city, like a very more intimate community." Varvel has had the same experience despite her roots in Tip City, Ohio. "Coming into Boston and not knowing anyone when I moved here, it's just been really, really cool to now like walk down the street and walk down Charles Street and like, say hi to four people who I recognize from the bar." She has also discovered that while she may be behind the bar in Boston, her hometown often comes her way. "Recently, I turned around while I was working and a kid I went to high school with was behind me. We had just been in a wedding together," she marvels. "That's happened to me a few times."

"I love times like that and interacting with regulars and really nice customers that come in. It's casual so I can talk to people," she says. "Like I'm not just serving people their beer, you know?"

Susanne Beck is a resident of Beacon Hill.

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# Wu shares Boston's winter weather preparations

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu and City officials has announced winter weather preparations currently underway in the City of Boston and resources available to residents and those who are most at risk, including older residents, those with disabilities, and individuals experiencing homelessness.

"As the winter season approaches, we are making preparations to ensure all Boston residents are connected to the resources they need all season long," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Our City departments are working around the clock to keep our community members safe and warm as temperatures drop. In case of a winter weather emergency, I encourage all residents to stay alert, look after your neighbors, and reach out to the City for support."

The Public Works Department (PWD) currently has 37,000 tons of salt on hand to treat City streets. PWD has 175 pieces of in-house snow clearing equipment and has the capability to place over 800 additional pieces on the roads during large storms. As part of their neighborhood plowing operations during winter storms and to ensure the safety of riders following events, PWD allocates pieces of equipment to clear snow from Boston's dedicated bike lanes.

The Office of Emergency Preparedness monitors forecasts and maintains close communication with the National Weather Service. Emergency Preparedness also works across City departments and with external partners to ensure coordinated response plans are in place leading up to extreme weather events. Residents can sign up to receive AlertBoston, the City's emergency mass notification system, by phone, text, or email for information during weather events, including information if a snow emergency/parking ban is declared. Safety tips on how to prepare for winter storms are on [boston.gov](http://boston.gov). AlertBoston notifications are available in 11 languages.

This year, A&M Home Services and Mass Trucking, two Boston-based, minority-owned businesses, will continue to assist the Public Works Department during snow and ice control operations, clearing City-owned stairways and footpaths. Both contracts are part of the City of

Boston's Sheltered Market Program aimed at promoting equity in procurement.

## Rules on clearing snow:

- Property owners must fully clear snow, sleet, and ice from sidewalks and curb ramps abutting the property within three hours after the snowfall ends or three hours after sunrise if the snow ends overnight. Curb and pedestrian ramps to the street should be cleared fully and continually over the duration of the storm to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities. If a storm will last over an extended period of time, property owners are asked to continually check ramps abutting their property for compliance.

- Removal of snow and ice from a private property to the street or sidewalk is prohibited.

- Failure to comply with the rules can result in fines issued by PWD's Code Enforcement Division. Fines associated with improper removal of snow can be found here.

## Parking during a declared snow emergency:

- If a snow emergency is declared, cars will be ticketed and towed if parked on a posted snow emergency artery.

- Space savers must be removed within 48 hours after a snow emergency has been lifted. Please note: space savers are NOT allowed in the South End and Bay Village.

- During declared snow emergencies, discounted parking is available at some parking lots and garages for Boston residents. A list of discounted parking garages can be found here.

## Trash and recycling:

- During severe snowstorms, recycling and trash collection may be canceled, but this is extremely rare. Most often, severe snowstorms can cause delays in service. Residents can download the free Trash Day App to view neighborhood recycling and trash schedules, locate a textile dropbox in their neighborhood, and to find out what items they can and can't recycle.

- Crews have a difficult time reaching trash barrels and recycling carts placed behind snowbanks. Residents and business owners are asked to clear an area at the curb for collection or place containers next to or in front of snowbanks.

## Caring for vulnerable populations:

- If you see a person experiencing homelessness or vulnerable individuals out in the cold who appear immobile, disoriented, or underdressed for the cold, please call 911.

- The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) utilizes a city-wide network of emergency shelters, outreach providers, city agencies, and first responders to assist those in need of shelter.

- Boston Public Health Commission's emergency shelters are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and when temperatures are below freezing (32 degrees), amnesty is in place for those with nonviolent restrictions. Men can access shelter at the 112 Southamptn Street Shelter, and women should go to the Woods Mullen Shelter at 794 Massachusetts Ave. BPHC and the City also work closely with other shelter providers in the city to ensure that no client is without shelter, food, resources, and a warm respite from the cold.

- Any person needing shelter should access shelter directly, any time of day or night.

- During extreme cold weather, street outreach teams operate with extended hours and provide mobile outreach vans on the streets in the evening and throughout the day.

## Dress for the weather:

- Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing.

- Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent, and cover any exposed skin.

- Always wear a hat and cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.

- Dress children warmly and set reasonable time limits on outdoor play.

- Restrict infants' outdoor exposure when it is colder than 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

## Watch for signs of frostbite:

- Signs of frostbite include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately by calling 911.

## Watch for signs of hypothermia:

- These include uncontrol-

lable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. If you or someone you know shows any of these symptoms, get in touch with a healthcare provider immediately. If symptoms are severe, call 911.

## Safety tips:

- If you are able, keep catch basins and fire hydrants clear of snow and debris. This will help prevent flooding and allow for access in the event of an emergency. For a map of catch basins and fire hydrants, visit [here](http://here).

- Shoveling snow requires sig-

nificant exertion; please be cautious and pay attention to symptoms. Stop if you feel chest pain, shortness of breath, lightheaded, nauseous/vomiting. Call 911 if those symptoms do not resolve quickly.

- Snow piles can make navigating intersections dangerous for walkers and drivers. Please take extra care when turning corners with snow piles that might limit visibility.

- Carbon monoxide poisoning is a concern during winter weather, especially with the use

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**WEATHER** (from pg. 7)

of generators. Residents should use their home heating systems wisely and safely, and have a working carbon monoxide detector on each floor of the home. Call 911 immediately if you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Sitting in a car while idling can be deadly if the tailpipe is blocked. Do not let children sit in an idling car while shoveling. Clear any household exhaust pipes of snow.

- Have a contractor check the roof to see if snow needs to be removed. If roof snow can be removed from the ground with the use of a snow-rake, do so with caution. Avoid working from ladders and be mindful of slippery surfaces.

**Heating guidelines for property owners and tenants:**

- In accordance with the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code, the heating season officially begins on September 15 and runs through May 31. Property owners must heat habitable spaces at a minimum temperature of 68 degrees between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and 64 degrees between 11:01 p.m. and 6:59 a.m.

- In cases of emergency, property owners are encouraged to keep a list of licensed contractors (electrician, plumber, and general contractor) on file. Tenants experiencing problems with their heating system should check the thermostat, ensure the dial is turned on, and report insufficient or no heat problems to the property owner or manager immediately.

- If your landlord or property manager is unresponsive, contact the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) at (617) 635-5300 to file a complaint, or call 311.

**Heating safety:**

- Never try to heat your home using a charcoal or gas grill, the kitchen stove, or other product not specifically designed as a heater. These can cause a fire or produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide very quickly.

- Have your heating system cleaned and checked annually.

- Make sure all vents are clear of snow or any other debris.

- Install and maintain smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home. Carbon monoxide is an invisible gas produced whenever

any fuel is burned. Common sources include oil or gas furnaces, water heaters, fireplaces, stoves, and some space heaters. It has no smell, taste, or color. It is a poison and is deadly.

**Tips to keep water flowing and pipes unfrozen during extreme cold:**

- The Boston Water and Sewer Commission recommends homeowners locate a home's main water shut off valve, and learn how to use it. Should a frozen pipe burst, shutting the main valve quickly will minimize flooding and property damage.

- Homeowners should insulate pipes in unheated areas like basements, garages, and crawl spaces. Use inexpensive hardware store materials to prevent pipes from freezing and to keep warm water flowing.

- Circulate warm air around pipes by keeping cabinet doors open. Circulate a trickle of tap water through pipes during extreme cold to help prevent them freezing up.

- Locate your water meter, protect it from drafts, and make sure basement doors and windows are shut tight.

- If pipes do freeze, slow thaw with a hair dryer. Never use an open flame to thaw pipes. If water is lost in all taps, call BWSC 24-hour Emergency Assistance Line at 617-989-7000.

**Emergency home repair resources:**

- Income-eligible homeowners and Boston's residents over age 62 can receive assistance with winter emergencies and repairs, such as fixing storm damage, leaking roofs, or leaking/frozen pipes. Grant and loan funding is available. For assistance, residents should call the Mayor's hotline at 311 or the Boston Home Center at 617-635-HOME (4663).

- In addition, the Mayor's Seniors Save program helps income eligible Bostonians over the age of 60 replace old, inefficient heating systems with a brand new heating system before a failure occurs during the cold winter months. Grant and loan funding is available. Eligible owners should also call 311 or the Boston Home Center at 617-635-HOME (4663) to be connected with a City staffer to provide additional details.

**Tips to increase home energy efficiency:**

- Boston Energy Saver is a new service from the City of Boston that helps renters, homeowners, and small businesses upgrade their buildings for big savings. Our Help Desk can give you 1-on-1 support, making it easier to find the best options for your home or small business. Visit [boston.gov/save](http://boston.gov/save) or call 617-635-SAVE (7283) to learn more.

- Disconnect the water hose from the home.

- Wrap or cover exposed spigots.

- Caulk or putty windows.

- Ensure kitchen and bathroom dampers close properly.

- Close all storm windows and doors.

- Apply weather stripping.

- Properly insulate all pipes that are exposed.

- Install insulated or heavy drapes to keep cold drafts from coming in.

- Close the damper to a wood burning fireplace after each use. Consider a chimney balloon if you don't have a damper.

**Tips for what to do before a power outage:**

- Before a weather event prepare your home by:

- Ensuring that your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working and have fresh batteries.

- Consider purchasing a generator to provide power during an outage. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and learn how to use it safely before an outage.

- Ensuring that you have sufficient heating fuel. Consider safe backup heating options such as fireplaces or woodstoves.

- Have a landline phone with a corded receiver.

- Fully charge your cell phone, laptop, and other electronic devices.

- If you have a water supply (such as a well-water pump system) that could be affected by a power outage, fill your bathtub and spare containers with water. The water in the bathtub should be used for sanitation purposes only. You can pour a bucket of this water directly into the toilet bowl to flush it.

- Keep your car's gas tank full. Pumps at gas stations may not work during a power outage.

- Set your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings to

keep food cold (but remember to reset them back to normal once power is restored).

- If you have life-support devices, such as home dialysis or breathing machines, or other medical equipment or supplies that depend on electricity:

- Talk to your health care provider about how to use them during a power outage.

- Contact your local electric company and equipment suppliers about your power needs. Some utility companies will put you on a "priority reconnection service" list.

- Let the fire department know that you are dependent on life-support devices.

- If you have medication that requires refrigeration, check with your pharmacist for guidance on proper storage during an extended outage.

**Tips for what to do during a power outage:**

- Follow instructions from public safety officials.

- Call 911 to report emergencies including downed power lines.

- Call your utility company to report power outages and get restoration information.

- National Grid 800-322-3223

- Eversource 1-800-592-2000

- Stay away from downed utility wires. Always assume a downed power line is live.

- If a traffic light is out, treat the intersection as a four-way stop.

- Keep a fire extinguisher handy.

- Use generators and grills outside because their fumes contain carbon monoxide. Make sure your carbon monoxide detectors are working.

- If possible, use flashlights instead of candles. If you must use candles, place them in safe holders away from anything that could catch fire. Never leave a burning candle unattended. Never go to sleep with candles burning.

- Unplug sensitive electronics to avoid power surges when power is restored.

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours.

- Be a good neighbor. Check on family, friends, and neighbors, especially the elderly, those

who live alone, those with medical conditions, and those who may need additional assistance.

**Tips for driving in a winter storm:**

- Avoid driving during the worst part of the storm. If possible, only travel during daylight hours, don't travel alone, and stay on main roads instead of taking shortcuts.

- Consider taking public transportation.

- Clear snow and ice from windows, lights, hood, and the roof before driving.

- Don't try to out drive the conditions. Remember the posted speed limits are for dry pavement.

- Know the current road conditions. Call 511 from your cell phone or the following from either your cell phone or landline phone.

- Metro Boston: (617) 986-5511

- Brake early and correctly. It takes more time and distance to stop in adverse conditions.

- Be wary of bridge decks. They freeze first, making them more dangerous than the approach road.

- Exit ramps sometimes have less anti-icing material than the main line. Be aware of this when exiting the highway.

- Don't use "cruise control" driving in wintry conditions. Even roads that look clear can have sudden slippery spots. Using your brake on these spots will deactivate cruise control, possibly causing you to lose control of your vehicle.

- Many 4x4 vehicles are heavier than passenger vehicles. This means it takes longer to stop than passenger vehicles. Be wary of your 4x4 vehicle's traction.

- Trucks are heavier than cars, making their brake time slower. Avoid cutting quickly in front of them.

- Don't crowd the plow. Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows. Stay back at least 200 feet and don't pass on the right.

- Always wear your seat belt.

- Let others know your destination, route, and expected travel times.

- Allow for extra travel time.

- Drive with your headlights on at all times to see and be seen.

## Deborah Jones, Nursing Dean and Chief Integration Officer at University of Texas Medical Branch, appointed President at MGH Institute of Health Professions

Deborah J. Jones, PhD, MSN, RN, FAAN, Chief Integration Officer, Senior Vice President and School of Nursing Dean for The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), has been appointed president of the MGH Institute of Health Professions.

"I am inspired by the IHP's mission to educate health professionals and researchers who will drive innovation in the delivery of equitable and interprofessional care," said Jones. "This mission aligns deeply with my own purpose, which is to bring together people, ideas, and systems for the greater good, because the greater good is stronger than any individual part. I am honored to be leading the MGH Institute of Health Professions into its next chapter."

Jones succeeds President Paula Milone-Nuzzo, who is retiring after eight years of distinguished leadership. The selection of Jones follows a national search



Deborah J. Jones, PhD, MSN, RN, FAAN

that drew a notable pool of candidates from across the health professions and higher education landscape.

"Dr. Jones brings the right combination of experience, insight, and interpersonal skill to lead the Institute into its next chapter," said MGH Institute Board Chair Jeanette Ives Erickson. "Her commitment to students, faculty, and staff—along

with her strong sense of mission and collaborative approach—resonated across our community."

Dr. Jones joins the Institute—the only degree-granting entity within the Mass General Brigham healthcare system—with an extensive background in academic nursing leadership, interprofessional education, academic-clinical system collaboration, expanding educational programs, and strengthening clinical and community partnerships. Under Jones' leadership as nursing dean, Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduates from UTMB achieved the highest NCLEX pass rates among large schools in Texas for four consecutive years, faculty retention exceeded 98%, doctoral preparation of faculty increased from 57% to 98%, and the previously unranked research enterprise is now in the top 50% of U.S. nursing schools in NIH funding.

When Jones served as UTMB's Interim Provost for a year, she had leadership oversight and fiscal accountability for the entire academic enterprise, including more than 4,000 employees, 3,800 students, and a \$788 million budget. She advanced strategic initiatives that strengthened financial sustainability, expanded academic programs, improved clinical placement alignment, and enhanced faculty recruitment and retention.

"Dr. Jones has worked within complex health systems and is recognized for her ability to build constructive relationships across clinical, academic, and community organizations," said David Brown, MD, President of the Academic Medical Centers for Mass General Brigham. "Her background positions her well to strengthen the Institute's role within Mass General Brigham and support its contributions to workforce development across

the system."

Jones will become the MGH Institute's seventh president when she begins her role on January 18, 2026.

MGH Institute of Health Professions educates the next generation of healthcare leaders with a tested and proven approach—grounded in a commitment to health equity, defined by collaboration, and backed by Mass General Brigham. As the only degree-granting member of this world-class health system, the Institute provides students with access to clinical sites, research opportunities, and mentorship. Founded in 1977 by Massachusetts General Hospital, the MGH Institute counts more than 11,000 alumni who are making an impact in hospitals, clinical sites, and schools all over the country. From day one, students train the way they'll practice: interprofessionally, in service of better care and better outcomes.

## NSMT's Bill Hanney and Karen Nascembeni featured 'Power Duo' in BostonMan Magazine's 7-year anniversary issue

Special to the Journal

BostonMan Magazine is proud to announce that Bill Hanney and Karen Nascembeni have been selected as one of this year's official Power Duos, a new editorial feature debuting in the magazine's 7-Year Anniversary Issue, set to be unveiled at the 2025 Runway Ball on Saturday, December 14 at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza.

The Power Duo series celebrates influential pairs across New England whose partnership, creativity, and shared vision are shaping the region's cultural, business, philanthropic, and artistic landscape. Bill and Karen—whose impact spans the performing arts, entertainment innovation, community rebuilding, and leadership at both North Shore Music Theatre and Theatre By The Sea—were a natural and unanimous selection.

Their profile chronicles their remarkable journey, both individually and together: from Bill's visionary reinvention of historic theatres across New England, to Karen's courageous and inspirational role in transforming North Shore Music Theatre into one of the region's most beloved



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Bill Hanney and Karen Nascembeni.

artistic institutions. It also highlights their deep partnership, shared mission, and the dynamic synergy that has made them one of New England's most admired arts leadership teams.

The feature will premiere the same night they take the stage at The Runway Ball, BostonMan's signature winter event that fuses high fashion, culture, performance, and philanthropy before a sold-out audience of the city's most influential creative and business leaders.

To celebrate their selection, Bill and Karen have secured an exclusive promotional code for their network:

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Guests will be among the first to receive the historic 7-Year Anniversary Issue, see the full Power Duo portfolio, and experience one of Boston's most spectacular evenings of fashion, entertainment, and community connection.

Launching this year, the Power Duo feature honors the region's most dynamic pairs who are driving innovation, cultural growth, resilience, and leadership in New England. Each duo is selected not only for their individual accomplishments, but for the transformative impact they make together.

The Runway Ball is BostonMan Magazine's premier annual gala, merging couture runway presentations, live performances, art showcases, and community celebration. The 2025 Ball marks the debut of several new designers, featured performers, and the launch of the 7-Year Anniversary Issue.

Since opening in 1955, NSMT has become one of the most attended theatres in New England, with approximately 250,000 patrons annually. With a national and regional repu-

tation for artistic achievement, NSMT has received numerous industry awards including Elliot Norton Awards, IRNE Awards, the Rosetta Le Noire Award from Actors' Equity, and the Moss Hart Award. NSMT produced the World Premiere of 'Memphis' in 2003, the show went on to win four 2010 Tony Awards including Best Musical.

Under the new ownership of Bill Hanney since 2010, NSMT continues to annually produce a musical subscription series and an annual production of 'A Christmas Carol' along with celebrity concerts, children's programming and year-round education classes for children and adults.

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# Park Street School celebrates 25 years of opening its doors

Special to the Times

It began as a wish in 1999. It grew into a desire.

And then, Park Street School (PSS) became a realized dream, backed by research. Long waiting lists at preschools in downtown Boston provided convincing evidence that there was demand for a high-quality preschool. A group of mothers met and dreamed, and Park Street Kids was born – officially incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the fall of 1999. With 36 Toddlers and Preschoolers enrolled and four faculty and staff, Park Street Kids opened its doors at One Park Street.

In the blink of an eye, again in

recognition of the need expressed by community leaders and families, a decision was made in the fall of 2002 to offer an elementary school to the community. It would be called “Park Street School.” Finding 67 Brimmer Street in the flat of the Beacon Hill neighborhood was indeed a gift. For nearly 100 years, the building at 67 Brimmer Street was a landmark at the corner of Brimmer and Chestnut Streets. Home to schools and colleges since the Brimmer School left Beacon Hill, the building remained a historic symbol of Boston’s rich educational history. In September of 2005, Grades 1-3 and Kindergarten moved into their newly renovated building. In its twen-

ty-fifth year, the school serves more than 225 students through sixth grade.

This December, Park Street School concludes its celebration of 25 remarkable years. And what a year it has been!

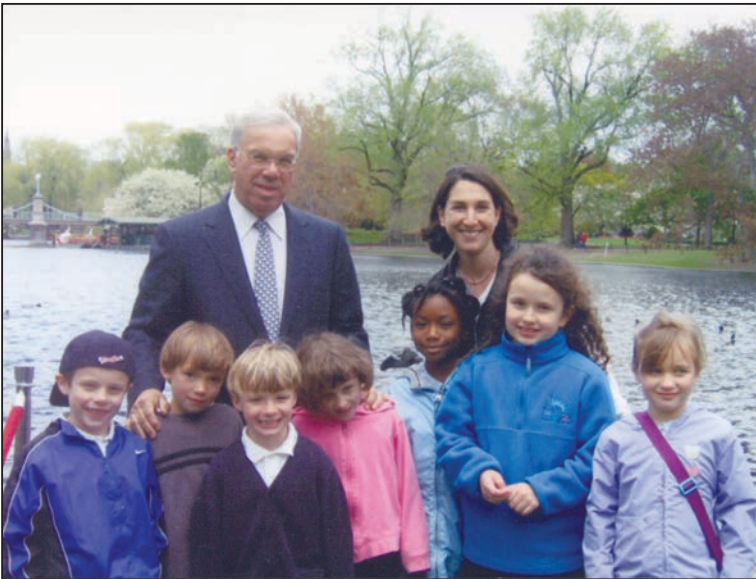
As the school prepares to enter 2026, it looks back with immense gratitude for each fami-

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Shown are scenes from the past 25 years at Park Street School.





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ly, student, friend, neighbor, and supporter. It looks back with tremendous thankfulness for its neighborhood and the larger community of downtown Boston. It looks back with appreciation for 25 years of dedicated educators who have sought to know and love each child, and who have inspired and guided PSS students toward a lifelong love of learning and care for others.

“This milestone is not just a celebration of our past,” shares Park Street School Founding Mom Laura Perkins, “but it is a testament to God’s faithful provision and the strong foundation we have built together. We mar-

vel at both God’s faithfulness as well as the dedication of our families that have shaped our vibrant community.”

For over the past quarter-century, Park Street School has remained steadfast in its mission to serve and unite children from many backgrounds in the Boston area and to be a school that embodies the highest academic standards. Tracy Bradley, Park Street School’s founding Head of School, who remains at the school’s helm, remains grateful, as well, for the school’s commitment to its original mission and vision. “Our commitment to maintaining high academic standards and fostering the

development of the whole child, while modeling empathy and care,” she says, “has allowed us to cultivate a diverse community where families and faculty come together to enjoy authentic friendship and support.”

Kicking off the year, Park Street School’s community enjoyed several events and new ventures including: the inauguration of its first Founders Day over the weekend of October 25, 2024, with a Convocation Chapel, an all-school Celebration on the Esplanade, the Introduction of the new PSS Mascot – the PSS Knight, and a Founder’s Day Dinner with Founding families, the Board of Trustees, and Board

of Visitors. The school kicked off its Capital Campaign and saw two building projects near completion (which are never convenient for neighbors, but which also spark deeper gratitude for them!). They also enjoyed a special Alumni Reception, Pancake Breakfast, and an extra-special 25th Anniversary Gala at the Boston Public Library in April.

As the school looks forward to the next milestone, it does so with excitement, purpose, and great enthusiasm. Armed with a new five-year strategic plan, and with a newly enhanced Science Lab, a much-needed flexible, multi-purpose space for students for performing arts, after-school

programming, and special events, and new rooms designed for individualized instruction, multi-media and learning labs, private meetings, and larger conference room spaces, the school is poised to enter 2026 ready for growth.

“We’ve been incredibly blessed,” concludes Tracy Bradley, “We are so thankful for our location here in Beacon Hill, and the many downtown neighborhoods we have the privilege to serve. We look forward to seeing how we can serve families in the coming 25 years. What a privilege it has been!”

NORTH WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE  
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead through December 20 for the North Washington Street Bridge is as follows:

**Scheduled Work**

- Various minor project close-out activities
- 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: Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. and 12/18 at 8 p.m.
- Celtics: Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.
- Other events: Dec. 14 at 6 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](https://mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement)

Project email: [NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us)

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.     |

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.   |
| 4 Emerson Place   |                 |

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
24 NEW CHARDON STREET  
BOSTON MA, 02114  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405  
DOCKET NO. SU25P2657PM  
In the matter of: Marilyn Jean O'Connor  
Of: Boston, MA  
RESPONDENT{Person to be Protected/Minor}  
To the named Respondent and

all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Carol A O'Connor of Boston, MA and Jean M O'Connor of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Marilyn Jean O'Connor is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Carol A O'Connor of Boston, MA and Jean M O'Connor of Boston, MA (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 12/26/2025. This day 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: December 01, 2025  
Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate  
12/12/2025  
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COMMON’S HOLIDAY TREE COMES ALIGHT

MAYOR’S OFFICE PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON



A beloved Boston tradition, the 84th annual Holiday Tree Lighting took place Thursday, Dec. 4, on the Boston Common. Nova Scotia gifts a tree to the City of Boston each year in recognition of the aid Boston sent north after the deadly Halifax Explosion of 1917. Caused by the collision of two wartime ships — one of which was carrying explosives — the blast killed about 2,000 people, wounded 9,000 others, and leveled a large section of that city.

ILLUMINATING THE COMM AVE MALL FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Immediately following the annual Holiday Tree Lighting on the Boston Common on Thursday, Dec. 4, Mayor Michelle Wu joined the Friends of the Public Garden and the Committee to Light Commonwealth Avenue Mall at the Alexander Hamilton statue to light up Commonwealth Avenue Mall for the holidays.

Commonwealth Avenue Mall’s trees have been illuminated with festive holiday lights. This seasonal display — inspired by the illuminated tree-lined boulevards of Paris — was the vision of the late Boston Parks Commissioner Justine Mee Liff and philanthropists Joan and Ted Bernard Cutler.

Their shared sense of civic pride inspired others in the neighborhood to join in supporting this effort, and under the auspices of the nonprofit Friends group, which works in partnership with the Boston Parks Department to care for and maintain the Public Garden, the Commonwealth Avenue Mall, and the Boston Common, the all-volunteer Committee to Light the Commonwealth Avenue Mall was established to help

continue this beloved holiday tradition. The lights on the Common-

wealth Avenue Mall will be lit from Arlington Street to Charlesgate until late March.



Shown above are scenes from the festive holiday event.



Pictured, left to right, are Liz Vizza and Liza Meyer, former and current presidents of the Friends of the Public Garden; Mayor Michelle Wu; Leslie Singleton Adam, chair of the Friends of the Public Garden board; and District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan.

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