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Beloved newspaper vendor bids farewell to the Back Bay

By Dan Murphy

July 26 was the last day on the job for Jimmy Taylor, who had become a Sunday morning fixture in the Back Bay over the past 30 years as the Commonwealth Avenue Mall's faithful newspaper vendor.

Born in Somerville on June 7, 1957, Taylor spent his younger years in Revere, before relocating to Lynn to be near his wife's parents after he married.

Taylor had an approximately 20-year career with the Bos-

D. MURPHY PHOTO

Jimmy Taylor (center) is seen with District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan (left) and Rep. Jay Livingstone (at right).

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

New Pay-by-Plate Meters have been installed on Charles Street!

You may have noticed new meters on Charles Street recently. These meters will be replacing Single-Space meters throughout the City. They are battery-operated meters recharged by solar power and have instructions in English, Spanish, and Simplified Chinese. Multi-Space meters will accept quarters, debit or credit cards from Discover, MasterCard, or Visa, and electronic tap payments such as Apple Pay or Google Pay.

These meters are Pay-By-Plate, meaning you will need your license plate number when you pay at the meter. However, you will not need to display any receipt on your vehicle after paying. Receipts will also be provided electronically.

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Mayor Wu highlights traffic and pedestrian safety plans for streets

By Adam Swift

In the wake of the death of Boston transportation planner Louisa Gag earlier this month, Mayor Michelle Wu has released plans to make city streets safer.

Gag was killed on her bicycle when she was riding near Roxbury Crossing and was fatally struck on Tremont Street by the driver of a truck.

Following the fatal accident, District 5 Councilor Enrique Pepén and Council President Liz Breadon brought forth two measures to the council pushing for safer streets.

"Louisa was killed on her bicycle blocks from an intersection your administration has studied and stalled," an open letter to the Mayor signed by the two councilors and 4,000 others stated. "She was not the first. We have been losing neighbors to these streets for years, and we have been warning you, specifically and repeatedly, that more deaths were coming."

On July 22, the council unanimously approved a measure

Mayor Michelle Wu

that calls on the mayor and her administration to pursue infrastructure projects that protect people walking, biking, riding transit, using mobility devices, and traveling with children.

Pepén and Breadon also introduced an ordinance requiring the city to report publicly on its street projects each year.

On Friday, July 24, Wu released a six page letter detailing the city's approach to deliv-

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EDITORIAL

OUR SOX ARE ON FIRE!

With all of the excitement of the World Cup, the Tall Ships, and the Revere Beach Sand Castle Festival in the rearview mirror, we were ready to settle in for a relatively-nonchalant second half of the summer season.

With the Red Sox hopelessly wallowing in the mire of mediocrity (if that), even the Sox' front office seemed to have a, "Wait 'til next year," mindset, ready to trade away some top players by the July 31 trade deadline for future prospects.

But just when everyone was ready to give up on the 2026 season, the unexpected happened -- the Sox caught fire. A four-game sweep of the Yankees in late June was satisfying (because it was the Yankees), but at the time we could hardly have imagined that it would provide the spark that would jump-start the Sox into playoff contention.

Those of us who had written off the Sox in 2026 now are jumping on the bandwagon after the Sox' historic 15-game winning streak, which included sweeps of the AL Central-leading White Sox and the AL East-leading Rays, a skein that has propelled the Red Sox into the second spot in the Wild Card race.

What has been most impressive about the Sox' success is that they have accomplished it without the two players, ace pitcher Garrett Crochet and young slugger Roman Anthony, and coach Alex Cora, who were seen in the pre-season as essential to their hopes for reaching the playoffs.

The 15-game streak equals the legendary 1946 team for the longest in Red Sox history. And for those of us who are long-time Sox fans (though not quite old enough to have been around in 1946!), the recent streak recalls the 10-game streak of the 1967 Impossible Dream team and the 12-game streak that was known as "Morgan Magic" in 1988.

All three of those teams achieved great success, winning the pennants in 1946 and 1967 and the division in 1988, though they all fell short of a World Series championship.

So whether history will repeat itself in 2026 -- or whether this streak was just a mid-season fluke -- remains to be seen. But at least the streak has given us hope that this young Sox squad will remain in contention throughout the rest of the summer and has given us a reason to take a peek at the sports pages every day.

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LETTER *to the Editor*

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LANDSCAPING

To the Editor:

I was very pleased when the North Washington Street (now Bill Russell) Bridge reopened after much anticipation, many delays and years of inconvenience. One of the special aspects of the new bridge was the landscaping: the daffodils in the spring, the trees in the middle of the walkway and the various grasses and shrubs that line both sides of the span.

On a recent walk to the North End, I noticed that the plantings are uncared-for: the vines that were meant to climb the cables are all dead. Almost all of the low-lying juniper shrubs are dead as well and need to be replaced. The blue grasses have survived but some of the other grasses are doing poorly. There is no mulch in the planters and they are filled with weeds which are smothering and overcoming the plants which are struggling to survive. It is clear that the landscaping for the bridge is not being cared for and maintained.

It is a shame to see the plants and a vision of a beautiful bridge die after such a major investment. Is there a plan in place and were funds allocated to maintain the landscaping once the bridge was finished? Who is responsible for the landscaping now that construction is completed? My efforts to get answers to these questions have been unsuccessful but I would truly like the vision for the landscaping to succeed.

Joe Caruso

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

BOSTON WARD 5 DEMS MAKE ENDORSEMENTS

The Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee last week made the following political endorsements: State Sen. Will Brownsberger for reelection to the Suffolk and Middlesex State Senate; U.S. Sen. Ed Markey for reelection to the U.S. Senate for Massachusetts; Latoya Gayle for election to the First Suffolk State Senate; Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden for reelection to the Suffolk District Attorney ; Councilor Mara Dolan for reflection to the Governor's Council District 3; and Councilor Terrence Kennedy for reflection to the Governor's Council District 6.

WECA NOT SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN UNTIL SEPT. 10

The West End Civic Association (WECA) will not meet in August. The group's next meeting takes place Thursday Sept. 10, and the meeting topic will be announced later in August.

BEACON HILL BAPTIST CHURCH MEETS EVERY SUNDAY

Beacon Hill Baptist Church, which is affiliated with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, meets Sundays at 11 a.m., at the Beacon House, 19 Myrtle St.

The people are the ministers, while Rev. David Draper serves as pastor.

Call 617-817-3594 or email cddraper@earthlink.net for more information.

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Visitors encouraged to tour Otis House this summer before it temporarily closes

Special to Times

This summer is the last opportunity to experience the interiors of Otis House before Historic New England embarks on an exciting multi-year restoration and visitor enhancement project.

When complete, the project will transform the way visitors experience Otis House as a place of year-round discovery, and as an anchor for community programming and youth education. Comprehensive accessibility upgrades and restoration will expand opportunities for storytelling and dynamic exhibition space across four floors, according to a press release .

As the last surviving mansion on Bowdoin Square in Boston's West End, Otis House offers a rare glimpse into the city's early history. Designed by Charles Bulfinch for Harrison Gray Otis and Sally Foster Otis, the house is considered one of the finest examples of Federal-style architecture in the United States.

On a guided tour, visitors discover the lives of the Otis family, explore the home's fascinating evolution from elegant residence to clinic and boarding house, and experience beautifully restored interiors featuring vibrant wallpapers, period furnishings, and decorative finishes—all recreated through meticulous historical and scientific research.

The Last tour day is Sunday, Aug. 30, and tours will be held until then on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is $15 for adults; $13 for seniors and students; $7 children; and free for Historic New England member Otis House tours include stairs, limited seating, and no air conditioning

Tickets and details can be found at: HistoricNewEngland.org/Property/Otis-House

Meanwhile, Otis House is also offering a 'Health and Medicine on Beacon Hill' walking tour on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Otis House.

Explore histories of health and healing in 19th-century Boston on this new walking tour. Starting at Otis House and winding through the streets of Beacon Hill, you'll discover how residents navigated medical care and how that care evolved over time. Meet intriguing figures like Elizabeth Mott, whose alternative treatments drew patients to the area, and trailblazing physicians such as Harriot Kezia Hunt and Rebecca Lee Crumpler, who challenged barriers in education and care. This tour offers a glimpse into the people and practices that shaped Boston's medical past.

Admission is $20 each for Historic New England members and $25 each for nonmembers.

Visit https://www.historicnewengland.org/visit/events/?start_date=2026-08-22&event_location=otis-house for more information.

TAYLOR *(from Page 1)*

ton Herald, which began in the 1990s and found him driving a truck to distribute bundles of papers to various independent newspaper vendors around the city.

After the Herald did away with this distribution model amid a rapidly shrinking print-circulation, Taylor moved inside the office, where he helped process surplus newspapers that came off the loading trucks.

(Taylor later worked at the meat counter at Whole Foods Market in Lynnfield from around 2016 until he was injured on the job about five years ago.)

Around 1993, via his connections at the Herald, Taylor was able to install his son, Jimmy Jr., now a 43-year-old carpenter living in Maine, as an independent newspaper vendor at the coveted Sunday morning spot at the corner of Exeter Street on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

By 1996, Jimmy Jr., who was then also working fulltime at Woodworkers Warehouse in Lynn, had grown tired of getting up on Sunday mornings to vend newspapers, so his father stepped in to take over the de facto family newsstand.

The elder Taylor had already filled in for his son on a number of Sundays, and before then, he had filled in for an absent independent newspaper vendor many times along his distribution route over his years with the Herald.

When Taylor took over the newsstand from his son, he sold hundreds of newspapers each Sunday. But as print circulation for newspapers dwindled over the years, he saw the number of Sunday papers gradually fall to an estimated 50 to 75 combined print editions of The Boston Globe, the Herald, and the New York Times.

Taylor missed few Sundays on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall over the years. He worked, often masked, throughout the pandemic to continue providing newspapers to the neighborhood, which was viewed by many as an essential service during those uncertain times.

For his last day on the job, Taylor was feted by his friends and longtime customers at an informal 'going-away' party at the newsstand.

District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan presented Taylor with an Official Resolution from the city, declaring him "a cherished member of the Back Bay community."

"More than a familiar face delivering the day's headlines, Jimmy became a valued neighbor whose kindness and genuine community spirit helped make the neighborhood feel like home," the resolution read in part.

Taylor, whose blue tent was always well stocked with dog treats, "formed special bonds with the dogs that stopped by" as the resolution also aptly noted.

Rep. Jay Livingstone, who was also on hand for Taylor's send-off, offered a letter of congratulations to him from the House of Representatives.

Reflecting on Taylor's long-term contribution to the neighborhood, Rep. Livingstone said: "Jimmy was incredibly reliable and friendly. Whether it was a freezing January day or the dog days of summer or the days in between, he was there every Sunday morning with a smile. People have counted on him to have a paper available for them for 30 years, and he became good friends with many residents who relied on him. He was greatly appreciated and will be missed."

Rep. Livingstone recalled when he first ran for office, his predecessors, Marty Walz and Paul Demakis, had both suggested that Taylor's newsstand might be a good place to meet potential voters, which turned out to be some very sage advice.

"Jimmy was always gracious about me talking to his customers, too," added Rep. Livingstone.

Taylor made a lot of good friends while vending papers on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall over the years. He saw many of his longtime customers eventually leave the area, although he still keeps in touch with a few of them via email and expects that will be the case with his friends here after he relocates to Florida.

"Nothing's etched in stone, really," Taylor told this reporter of his impending retirement move.

On the time he spent as the Back Bay's beloved Sunday newspaper vendor, Taylor thanked his many loyal customers and simply said: "It's been a pleasure. It's been a lot of fun."

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Dine Out Boston returns August 1–15

The annual culinary event will include three Saturdays for the first time

Dine Out Boston® is back for its summer edition from August 1-15, 2026. Presented by Meet Boston, and in partnership with the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism and new sponsor Toast, this two-week culinary celebration features close to 200 participating restaurants, providing diners an opportunity to enjoy delicious deals and restaurateurs the chance to bring in new patrons to their establishments.

For the first time, this year's summer program spans three Saturdays. The new Toast sponsorship will create opportunities for diners to discover and support their favorite local restaurants through Toast Local, the neighborhood app that helps guests find new restaurants, book a table, and get rewarded. Patrons can also order ahead for pickup, customize and pay in seconds. Toast Local makes it easy to enjoy the best of Boston.

This summer's Dine Out Boston comes on the heels of one of the most historic summers ever, with FIFA World Cup 2026, America's 250th celebrations, and Sail Boston generating global attention for Boston and all of its great culinary and cultural assets. The MICHELIN Guide's inaugural Northeast Cities edition launched last November, and this summer's Dine Out Boston will include several Michelin-recognized establishments. The program will also feature many first time Dine Out Boston participants, with Rosa y Marigold, Maple & Ash, and Fallow Kin all set to make their Dine Out debuts. Also joining for the first time are all five Fuji locations, F1 Arcade in the Seaport, and World Cup favorite The Haven in Jamaica Plain.

Beacon Hill residents won't have to leave the neighborhood to take advantage of these special offerings. Local establishments featured in this summer's program include:

- 75 Chestnut (75 Chestnut St.)
- Peregrine (170 Charles St.)
- Scampo (215 Charles St.)

"Boston's culinary scene is receiving the recognition it deserves. We are a premier dining destination and we want residents and visitors alike to experience it through our Dine Out Boston program," said Martha J. Sheridan, President & CEO of Meet Boston. "With three Saturdays on the table, Dine Out Boston is perfect for a family excursion, date night, or a gathering with friends or colleagues. Diners can explore specially priced menus at restaurants across Greater Boston, with a wide range of cuisines to choose from throughout all 23 Boston neighborhoods, Cambridge, Somerville, Brookline and beyond. Pair your Dine Out experience with a concert, museum visit, outdoor movie, or a trip to Fenway to see the red-hot Red Sox."

Meet Boston recently became the first destination partner to launch Mindtrip's WhatsApp integration, extending AI-powered destination discovery and trip planning to one of the world's most widely used messaging platforms. While designed to help visitors explore Greater Boston year-round, the tool is also a valuable resource during Dine Out Boston, helping diners discover participating restaurants, make reservations, and plan an itinerary around their meal. Meet Boston is also introducing a new Dine Out Boston Bandwango pass: a free, browser-based mobile passport that allows diners to check in at participating restaurants and local attractions, redeem special offers, and earn prizes while exploring Greater Boston.

Meet Boston invites all diners to experience Boston's diverse restaurant scene in new ways. Explore more about Boston's culinary scene at www.meetboston.com/culinary and please view our Summer 2026 Dine Out Boston montage.

Participating restaurants will offer prix fixe menus for lunch and dinner, with many offering takeout and delivery options as well. Restaurants select one of three price points and customize their lunch and dinner menus: lunch at $27, $32 or $36 and dinner at $38, $46, or $55. Restaurants can offer as many courses as they desire at their selected price. A full list of participating restaurants is here.

Visit DineOutBoston.com to browse menus and make reservations. Extend your Dine Out Boston experience and sleep in with an overnight getaway package at a selection of participating hotels.

As always, Dine Out Boston includes an important charitable component and this summer's program will benefit Blue Hill Observatory, Revere Beach Partnership, and the Veronica Robles Cultural Center. Diners are encouraged to participate in the Dine Out Boston auction in which they can bid on $100 participating restaurant certificates; more information at DOBauction.com.

Follow Dine Out Boston social channels to learn more: @dineoutboston on Facebook and Instagram.

Dine Out Boston is a bi-annual value-driven dining program founded by Meet Boston. Formerly known as Restaurant Week Boston®, the program is now in its 26th year of offering special savings throughout some of the region's top restaurants. During Dine Out Boston diners can enjoy a chef-customized lunch or dinner for a fraction of the normal dining cost. Due to high demand, reservations during Dine Out Boston are encouraged and can be made in advance at www.DineOutBoston.com.

For more information or to inquire about having your restaurant involved in Dine Out Boston® please visit DineOutBoston.com. Check out Dine Out Boston on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dineoutboston and Instagram at instagram.com/dineoutboston.

Boston Groundwater Trust leads tour of the Back Bay

By Dan Murphy

As part of Boston Groundwater Trust's 40th anniversary this year, Christian Simonelli, the BGwT's executive director, led more than 40 guests on a walking tour of the Back Bay on Saturday, July 18.

The tour began at Trinity Church in Copley Square. where guests caught a glimpse of three notable buildings mounted on wood pilings: Trinity Church, the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library, and Old South Church.

Most of the Back Bay was created by filling in former tidelands, so many buildings in the neighborhood depend on woodpile foundations driven into the filled land and capped with granite blocks.

Only a handful of guests were previously aware of this fact, so the revelation to most provided a good starting-point for the tour, said Simonelli

Guests visited an observation well, where they learned how an automatic reader works.

The tour then crossed to the other side of Boylston Street, where guests saw firsthand the porous pavement that helps replenish groundwater levels in the neighborhood.

Simonelli also showed guests archival photos to illustrate how some of the Back Bay's noteworthy buildings were constructed and are now supported.

"There were a lot of good questions and thoughtful conversation on how homeowners and organizations like NABB [Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay] help drive home our mission and how valuable the work that we do is," said Simonelli, noting that Serge Savard, NABB'S new board chair, was among those in attendance on the tour.

The financial ramifications of BGwT's work was a popular topic of conversation on the tour, since maintaining groundwater levels is so crucial to preserving property values in the neighborhood, said Simonelli, who previously led a well-attended groundwater walking tour of lower Beacon Hill on June 20.

Meanwhile, BGwT is tentatively planning additional groundwater walking tours of the Fenway and the South End for the fall, and afterwards, Simonelli said he would even consider returning to the Back Bay and Beacon Hill to lead encore tours of those neighborhoods..

To learn more about BGwT, visit: bostongroundwater.org

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Christian Simonelli, executive director of Boston Groundwater Trust, leading a groundwater walking tour of lower Beacon Hill on June 20.

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ering street safety improvements for all roadway users.

"Residents deserve clarity about our vision for streets that are safe, beautiful, and family-friendly," Wu stated. "I am writing today to detail our immediate response to the crash that took Louisa's life, our approach to delivering street safety improvements for all roadway users, and the work ahead."

The immediate response outlined by the mayor includes supporting the administration's Streets Cabinet staff. Chris Osgood, Senior Advisor for Infrastructure and former Chief of Streets, and Tali Robbins, Deputy Chief of Policy, will support the Streets Cabinet full-time.

"They started in these roles on Monday, July 13th, providing guidance and direction on policy, planning, and major capital projects, and they will meet monthly with leaders of advocacy organizations to facilitate ongoing, direct dialogue," Wu wrote. "Over the coming weeks, I am also convening a group of advisors to assess the Streets Cabinet's organizational structure, staff capacity, and resource needs. This group will advise on ways to improve and accelerate the delivery of safer streets and critical services. In close coordination with the ongoing law enforcement investigation, the City will conduct a comprehensive safety and urban design evaluation of the Tremont Street corridor in Mission Hill to identify important fixes."

The team has been reviewing bike lanes that use or previously used flex posts to determine where cast-in-place or other more durable barriers will be installed.

"We will expand the use of more durable protective barriers wherever feasible, including by coordinating upcoming resurfacing with installations later this year," the mayor stated. "And we are installing quick-build barriers in priority locations where more permanent construction is not possible this year, such as the cycle tracks around the Boston Common and the Public Garden, and along Western Avenue."

The Boston Police Department has determined that a large truck was involved in the crash that took Gag's life. Wu noted that trucks and other heavy commercial vehicles have been involved in the majority of fatal crashes involving cyclists over the past decade and a significant share of fatal pedestrian crashes.

"The City's truck side-guard ordinance applies to City vehicles and those contracted for City projects, but we need protections for all trucks and large commercial vehicles on Boston's streets," Wu said. "In the coming months, we will work to advance more comprehensive truck safety legislation, strengthen side-guard enforcement, review City routes used by heavy commercial vehicles, and assess additional safety measures to prevent future crashes."

More than a decade ago, Boston became a Vision Zero city, committing to eliminate fatal and serious traffic crashes, according to Wu. Since then, she said the city has made significant progress to make streets safer, that there is still much work to do. The City's Vision Zero dashboard is currently updated with data through June 2026. Going forward, Wu said the city will update the dashboard monthly and expand its analysis to target locations and conditions for needed interventions.

Wu said the administration will use that data to keep streets reliable, well maintained, and resilient. She also pledged to protect and connect Boston's cycling network and improve school zone and pedestrian safety.

"Investing in safe sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, and roadways improves safety and mobility for everyone—particularly for residents with disabilities, seniors, and other pedestrians," Wu stated.

There will also be a focus on targeted, effective enforcement and the use of technology to tackle traffic issues.

Wu also pointed to a number of recently completed infrastructure projects as well as others that are in progress or the planning stages that will improve safety for pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists.

"Boston should be a city where every resident and visitor can move comfortably and confidently, enjoy beautiful public spaces, and feel part of a community that is home for everyone," Wu stated. "We will carry forward Louisa's legacy by working to make this vision a reality. There is much more work ahead. I look forward to getting it done together."

BHCA *(from Page 1)*

BHCA Digital Membership Cards!

We hoped you've received your digital BHCA Membership Card via email! By switching to digital cards, we're reducing paper and plastic waste and making better use of our resources while making it easier for members to keep their membership card readily available on their phone.

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2026 Annual Appeal

The BHCA works in small and sometimes silent ways to make our neighborhood more livable.

A neighbor reached out to us in 2021 to ask for help in remedying a difficult situation.

The front corner of her brick home sat inches away from the granite curb at a jog in the road, and the corner was continually getting hit by trucks that would pass. Although it took 3 years to resolve between the different agencies at the city, it was finally decided that some parking would be removed from the opposite side of this small street, allowing traffic the avoid the corner, and large trucks became prohibited from the area. The homeowner has recently been able to reset and repoint the damaged bricks and return to a better quality of life.

The BHCA worked towards a resolution with the city until the neighbor was satisfied and the problem was resolved.

Support the work we do for the neighborhood by giving to the 2026 Annual Appeal at bhcivic.org!

Block Captain Program r eturning to Beacon Hill!

Keeping our neighborhood clean and beautiful needs the combined strength of many individual actions, so we are looking for volunteers and Block Captains.

Block Captains would:

- Work with volunteers in their area to keep an eye on their block
- Report missing bricks, grafitti, or other issues to 311
- See that trees are watered
- Welcome new neighbors with information about BHCA generally and specifically on how to keep Beacon Hill clean
- Participate in regular walkabouts to pick up trash

But it's not all about clean-up - our Block Captains and volunteers will also be an important part of Holiday Decorating and Undecorating - celebrating the season working with neighbors and friends - and other neighborhood events.

If you have time to give, and interest in sharing your love of Beacon Hill, please fill out the sign-up form on our website or in today's BHCA newsletter. You can also call the office at 617-227-1922 and we can send you the form.

Upcoming BHCA Meetings and Events:

Meet & Greet - Monday, August 3rd, 6pm, 75 Chestnut

Streets & Sidewalks – Tuesday, August 4th, 5:30pm via Zoom

Zoning & Licensing Committee - Wednesday, August 5th, 6pm, via Zoom (tbc)

Save the Date for these BHCA Events:

Dinner Under the Stars – Saturday, September 26th (tickets available to BHCA members and previous Dinner Under the Stars guests on August 11th)

BHCA Fall HillFest – Sunday, September 27th

Visit the Beacon Hill Civic Association website www.bhcivic.org or call the office (617-227-1922) for more information on any of these meetings or events.

Commissioner rejects proposed rate increase from Fallon Community Health Plan, re-negotiated seven proposals to save $72 million for 670,000 residents

Special to the Times

Governor Maura Healey announced that the Division of Insurance has negotiated down proposed rate increases from seven health insurers, saving Massachusetts residents and businesses a projected $72 million in health care premiums for 2027.

The Division of Insurance re-negotiated lower rates with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts HMO Blue, INC., Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Health New England, Mass General Brigham Health Plan, Tufts Health Public Plans, United Healthcare and WellSense Health Plan. These efforts will result in savings for the approximately 670,000 Massachusetts residents and businesses who are enrolled in these plans in the Massachusetts merged market.

Commissioner Michael Caljouw also rejected Fallon Community Health Plan's proposed 25.7% rate increase for being excessive and inconsistent with his responsibility to Massachusetts consumers and businesses. This disapproval is now subject to an administrative appeal process should the insurance company choose one.

"Massachusetts residents and businesses are already struggling with the high cost of health care. Nobody can afford massive increases in their health insurance premiums on top of that," said Governor Healey. "Commissioner Caljouw and his team are always looking for ways to lower people's costs – whether that's by capping co-pays and deductibles or removing prior authorizations. Now, he's saving people tens of millions of dollars next year by negotiating with affordability as his focus."

Last year, Governor Healey signed legislation that increased the Division of Insurance's consideration of affordability during his review of the merged market rate filings. As a result, Commissioner Caljouw was able to initially save residents and businesses $54 million in 2026 by re-negotiating rate increases.

Governor Healey has also taken action to cap health care co-pays and deductibles for the first time in Massachusetts history, and further lowered that cap this year to save people an estimated average of $232 per year. She also eliminated prior authorization requirements for many routine and essential health care services, reducing delays and administrative costs for patients and providers, and prohibited medical debt from appearing on consumer credit reports.

Cambridge Breast Center earns national recognition for patient care

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston's metro-north communities, has received a three-year reaccreditation from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), a program of the American College of Surgeons.

Programs accredited by the NAPBC follow a model that facilitates multidisciplinary, integrated, and comprehensive breast cancer services. The NAPBC focuses on the spectrum of a patient's journey with breast cancer or breast disease, including prevention, screening, treatment, and survivorship. By setting high standards, NAPBC accreditation guides breast centers in providing comprehensive breast care based on the best available scientific evidence.

NAPBC accreditation shows that the Cambridge Breast Center meets the highest national standards for breast care. Following a rigorous survey process, the center was recognized for providing comprehensive breast care, access to the latest treatment options, a multidisciplinary approach to care, opportunities for clinical trial participation, and patient education and support services.

CHA was the first program in Massachusetts to receive accreditation in 2009, and has consistently been reaccredited during each cycle since. "Maintaining any NAPBC accreditation reflects the Cambridge Breast Center's commitment to delivering high-quality evidence-based and compassionate breast care," said Michelle Haslinger, MD, director of the Cambridge Breast Center. "National accreditation reinforces the importance of multidisciplinary collaboration, continuous quality improvement, and adherence to regular standards. This helps ensure that our patients receive comprehensive care—from screening and diagnosis through treatment and survivorship—from a team dedicated to achieving the best possible outcomes."

In addition to having a NAPBC-accredited Breast Center, CHA is also an ACS Surgical Quality Partner. Being a Surgical Quality Partner signifies dedication to consistently improving procedures and approaches, while maintaining a critical eye on process at every step. Patients can trust that the care they receive at Surgical Quality Partner hospitals adheres to the most rigorous standards in surgical quality.

Cambridge Health Alliance is an academic community health system committed to providing high-quality care in Boston's metro-north communities. It includes two acute care hospital campuses, an inpatient child and adolescent psychiatry specialty campus, a network of primary care and specialty practices, and robust community programs through its regional Department of Community Health and the Cambridge Public Health Department. As the sole public hospital in Massachusetts, CHA has expertise in primary care, specialty care, and mental health and substance use services, as well as caring for diverse and complex populations.

ROUNDUP *(from Page 2)*

NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM OFFERING TOURS

The 1804 Nichols House Museum at 55 Mount Vernon St. was home to an early 20th-century family of artists and activists, along with their domestic staff. The house was preserved as a museum by Rose Standish Nichols, a pioneering woman landscape architect. It is furnished with an original collection, including works by the sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, as well as furniture and textiles handcrafted by Rose and her sister Margaret. Tours are offered on Thursday through Saturday at 10 and 11 a.m., and noon; on Sundays at 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m.

For more information, tickets, and to register, visit: nicholshousemuseum.org

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) or Sandy Connor(ssconnor46@gmail.com).

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Healey-Driscoll Administration expands firefighter survival training with new mobile SCBA maze

Special to the Times

The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services (DFS) announced the expansion of firefighter survival training at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA) with the addition of a new mobile self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) training maze. The new training system will increase access to realistic, hands-on instruction for recruit and veteran municipal firefighters across the Commonwealth.

"One of DFS's most important responsibilities is ensuring firefighters across Massachusetts have access to the highest-quality training possible," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Gina Kwon. "That means continually investing in modern equipment and training environments that reflect the dangerous and unpredictable conditions firefighters face in the field. Better training builds more confident, better prepared firefighters, and better prepared firefighters help make communities across Massachusetts safer."

The new mobile training maze expands the MFA's ability to deliver firefighter survival training both on campus and directly to local fire departments. Combined with the Academy's existing mobile training resources, it will increase access to realistic, hands-on SCBA training for recruits and experienced firefighters alike. The unit also replaces the Academy's original Stow-based SCBA maze, ensuring this critical training remains available for years to come.

This year, DFS marks 30 years of training Massachusetts firefighters through the MFA. Since 1996, the Academy has prepared thousands of firefighters for the challenges of the job while continually evolving its training programs to reflect new technologies, emerging hazards, and best practices. The addition of the new mobile SCBA training maze builds on that legacy by giving more firefighters the opportunity to train in realistic, high-pressure environments that build the skills and confidence they need to respond safely and effectively when lives are on the line.

"The SCBA Training Maze is one of our most frequently requested training tools," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "This new mobile unit allows us to deliver critical survival training to more firefighters in more communities while strengthening the MFA's ability to prepare recruits and veteran firefighters for the dangerous and unpredictable conditions they face. Providing firefighters with realistic training is one of the best investments we can make in their safety and the safety of the communities they serve."

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's new SCBA Maze Trailer will provide vital firefighter safety training at the MFA's Stow campus and at local fire departments. It replaces a 40-year-old permanent installation that is at the end of its useful lifespan.

The new SCBA Maze Trailer's modern lights, speakers, and video monitoring system are powered by an onboard generator, allowing it to be used anywhere local fire departments need it.

Inside the maze, firefighters navigate dark, confined, and unfamiliar environments while wearing full turnout gear and SCBA. The training is designed to build confidence under stress, improve air management, and reinforce the skills firefighters rely on during searches, rescues, and self-extrication.

Last year, the MFA's Springfield-based mobile SCBA maze supported training for more than 500 municipal firefighters. The addition of a second roadworthy mobile unit will expand training opportunities for fire departments across Massachusetts while continuing to support recruit training at the Stow campus.

The new mobile maze is one of several investments that have strengthened training at the MFA in recent years, alongside a forcible entry trailer, flashover training prop, search and rescue buildings on the Bridgewater and Springfield campuses, a hazardous materials leak prop, and a Mobile Extraction Unit used to decontaminate firefighting gear.

DFS invested approximately $500,000 in the new training system, supported in large part by a $435,000 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The investment reflects DFS's continued commitment to providing firefighters across Massachusetts with access to realistic, state-of-the-art training.

The new SCBA Maze Trailer replaces a 40-year-old permanent installation with obsolete electronics, seen here, that has exceeded its useful lifespan.

Advanced Fire Skills Program Coordinator Al Beardsley stands in the new SCBA Maze Trailer's control room, which features a digital audio and video feed from multiple cameras inside the training area. Instructors can communicate with trainees and control lights and sound at all times.

SPARK BOSTON COUNCIL MEETS WITH MAYOR WU

Mayor Michelle Wu met with members of the SPARK Boston Council (formerly ONEin3), which advises her on City policies and programs affecting 20- to 35-year-olds, on Monday, July 27, in the Eagle Room in City Hall.

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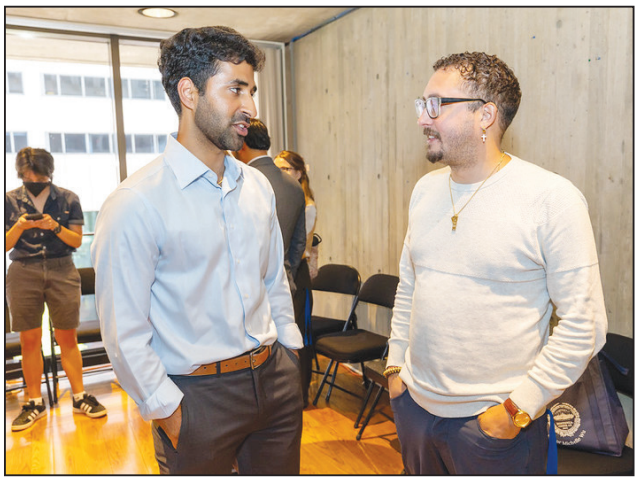

'Fatal Firefighter Injuries in the U.S.' report shows 83 on-duty deaths in 2025

Special to the Times

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) released its "Fatal Firefighter Injuries in the U.S. in 2025" report, which showed that a total of 83 U.S. firefighters died while on-duty, or as a result of heart attacks, strokes, or medical conditions within 24 hours of duty, in 2025. This number reflects a 17 percent increase over the 69 fatalities reported in 2024, with the majority of the on-duty fatalities (65, or 78 percent of the total) resulting from traumatic injuries, heart attacks, or medical conditions. The remaining 18 fatalities involved heart attacks while firefighters were off duty but occurred within 24 hours of on-duty activity. (Prior to 2022, deaths that occurred within 24 hours of duty were not included in this study unless the injury occurred while the victim was on duty or indicated not feeling well while on duty.)

"While we do see fluctuations in the number of firefighter fatalities each year, as we did in 2025, there has been a consistent downward trend in the number of annual fatalities since the study began nearly 50 years ago," said Richard Campbell, a senior research analyst at NFPA and the lead author of the report.

Campbell indicated that because fatal heart attacks, strokes, and medical conditions within 24 hours of duty were only added to the study in 2022, they are reported separately from the on-duty fatalities in the report to facilitate historically consistent trend comparisons.

The vast majority (95 percent) of firefighter fatalities in 2025 were municipal firefighters: 34 career firefighters and 45 volunteer firefighters. The remaining four firefighters were wildland firefighters, including two federal wildland contract firefighters, one state forestry supervisor, and one seasonal state wildland firefighter.

As in most years, heart attacks were the leading cause of death of firefighters in 2025, accounting for 45 fatalities. Twenty-seven of these deaths occurred while the firefighters were on duty; 18 occurred within 24 hours of duty. The on-duty heart attack victims included 16 career firefighters, eight volunteer firefighters, and three wildland firefighters. Volunteer firefighters accounted for 16 of the 18 heart attacks within 24 hours of duty.

"Sudden cardiac death remains a critical concern among firefighters. Fitness programs, annual medical evaluations, and medical monitoring continued to serve as preventative measures that support cardiac health for all firefighters and should be prioritized," said Campbell. "It's important to note that predominance of sudden cardiac deaths among volunteer firefighters within 24 hours of duty suggests the need for additional areas of intervention for this group."

According to the study, age is an important risk factor for cardiac injury and an issue that is particularly relevant to the volunteer firefighter community.

"While education about symptoms of cardiac distress should be a component of risk reduction efforts for all firefighters, communicating these messages is of particular importance among volunteer firefighters, who may not return to the station following an alarm and may not have immediate access to medical treatment," said Campbell.

Overexertion or strain injuries are regularly the leading cause of firefighter fatalities; they were responsible for 29 (45 percent of the total) of the on-duty firefighter deaths in 2025. An additional 13 fatal injuries (20 percent) were caused by crashes, while five firefighters (eight percent) sustained fatal injuries when they were caught or trapped in some way, and another five firefighters when they were struck by an object. Falls and assaults each caused four deaths. Two fatal injuries were contact-related, and three had an undetermined cause. All of the deaths within 24 hours of duty were considered to be overexertion or strain injuries.

Crash-related fatalities - the

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Behind the Counter

With Susanne Beck

The sparkling reality of the team at Persona Fine Jewelry

Most people would agree that hair appointments come with welcome down time: time to read, time to talk, and for many, time to nap.

Not so for Nikki Rizaoglu, a staffer at Persona Fine Jewelry, the boutique jewelry store at 51 Charles Street who turned a noontime appointment a few years ago into more of a working lunch. Her boss and store owner, Gary Shteyman, remembers the day clearly. “She [Nikki] went to the hair salon for a typical visit. She became fascinated with the way Alana [one of the attendants] was talking to customers and how she presented herself. [Nikki] returned and said, ‘we need to hire her.’"

Gary said sure. And Alana quickly agreed. "I got an offer from my colleague, and just agreed on that," she says today with a smile.

Almost four years on, the foreign-born trio is still together, a tightly knit tribe of dedicated professionals, whose emphasis on customization and service shine as brilliantly as the various gems that grace their many sales cases. They may have come to the United States for different reasons – Gary says, “freedom and the American dream,”

Alana’s engagement ring, designed by Gary Shteyman.

Garey Shteyman, owner of Persona Fine Jewelry.

Alana, points to a fiancé, and Nikki, to move on from a changing political environment in Turkey – but they are now united in their affection for their work, their team, and especially their customers and colleagues on Beacon Hill.

Alana [Polazenko] mans the front of the store, greeting customers with a warm smile and refined continental accent. "I work most closely with the client throughout the whole sales process,” she explains. “From the first idea to the final piece. For me, it's very interesting." While she lacks the formal industry training of her colleagues – she sold clothing at retail for years - she has clearly learned on the job, answering questions on each piece and listening carefully to clients’ comments and requests. “"We say everything is possible for the customer. Everything,” she beams with pride. "What makes us different from other stores is our personal approach to the clients," she adds. It can be a time-consuming process but her patience and understanding clearly make it an enjoyable one. "What do we do? We listen. This is how to build trust — and to see the story behind it is very important. This is a serious purchase. It's not just an accessory. They need to have time to make that decision." She should know. Her favorite piece in the store is the engagement ring on her finger, one that Gary designed especially for her.

Nikki agrees, citing the level of personal attention the store staff provides. “Earlier in my career, I worked more in environments focused on larger-scale production, while here every piece feels personal and every client has their own story.” She credits Gary for setting that tone and that standard. “What makes Persona special to me is Gary. His personal approach to every client, the way he truly loves his work, and how deeply he cares about every detail. Jewelry is very emotional for people, especially when it comes to family heirlooms” she says. “Clients often come to us with pieces connected to generations of their family, and I think Gary treats those pieces with a great deal of respect and care.”

Customers might not even be aware of Gary when they first step into the store. But he is not far away, tucked inside a small, elevated workspace at the back of the store. He can see all the comings and goings from there but, more often than not, is head down, focused on developing a new setting or refashioning an existing piece as the store’s lead designer. "Sometimes if it doesn't come out of me right away, I let it sit,” he says. “I prefer to be in the flow. If I'm in the flow, everybody's going to enjoy the design."

Gary came to Boston with his parents at the age of fifteen from Belarus, hoping for a better life. He graduated from Sharon High School and considered an offer from the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) for architecture but chose to defer for a year. Yet another year went by, but by that point, his mind was made up. Jewelry would be his craft of choice (he had apprenticed with extended family in the Newton area for years). "I will find a way to make it happen," he said to himself. His hard work paid off. By 2004, he had secured a sales space and launched Persona as a boutique inside the Hotel Commonwealth. Soon, he had multiple sites and, thanks to a particular sale to a particular unnamed football player - and then word of mouth - became known as "unofficial jeweler for the Patriots.” [Jostens was, in fact, designated to design the team’s Super Bowl rings in 2019.]

Alana Polazenko.

"You can't learn the design,” he says today. “You either have it or you don't," he adds, without ego. But what a particular Persona design may ultimately look like is very much up to the customer. “Aesthetically I don't dictate,” he stresses. “I think everybody's an individual and they need to present their own views. I'm just helping. That's all." Inspiration for Gary is everywhere, from a stone, a phrase. “Many different things.” And it infuses not just the pieces he crafts but how the store is arrayed as well. “Everything is important to human eye,” he declares, and it is obvious wherever one looks in the showroom.

Like her boss, Nikki, the store’s behind-the-scenes administrator, came to Boston through Russia but in her case, by way of Istanbul where she was born and lived briefly after 10 years in Moscow. She is still shy about her English. “My pronunciation is not very good yet,” she claims. “Even though I speak three languages fluently, English has been the most difficult one for me.” Protestations notwithstanding, she could not be more facile than when writing about her trade and being part of Beacon Hill.

“What do I love about my work?” she parrots in answering a recent question. “Honestly, everything,” she says with a sigh.

“Working on Beacon Hill is truly special,” Nikki says. “Being in such a historic neighborhood, right in the heart of Boston, is inspiring on its own. There is also such a wonderful community here.” Her colleagues feel much the same. Alana sounds nostalgic when she likens the area to her home country. "Beacon Hill has this European style. It reminds me of Ukraine a lot. That's why I actually love to be here and work here." She emphasizes the neighborhood’s “strong sense of community and character.” “Here, people really value quality and craftsmanship," she says.

Gary refers to Beacon Hill " a small little town within the city.” “It's so friendly and welcoming. It makes me want to be a part of it always." He calls Charles Street Supply his backyard, going on to describe how the crew there helped him deliver and install his new sales cabinets recently without ever being asked. "When my cases arrived from Hong Kong,

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Healey urges Congress to pass legislation extending Temporary Protected Status for Haitians

Special to the Times

On Monday, Governor Maura Healey urged the U.S. Senate to pass legislation extending Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians, which has already been passed by the House of Representatives.

Local congressional and business leaders voiced support for the passage of the Senate legislation.

TPS for Haitians was set to expire on Monday after the Supreme Court upheld President Trump's plan to end this policy that has been in place since 2010. Healey highlighted what she said is the critical role that Haitian TPS holders play in Massachusetts' economy and workforce, particularly in health care, long-term care, transportation, hospitality and construction.

As of press time on Tuesday, the U.S. Senate had taken no action to vote on the legislation.

The governor warned that allowing TPS protections to expire would have significant consequences for families, employers, and essential services across Massachusetts, impacting private employers, public agencies and programs that rely on these workers to deliver critical services.

"Haitian TPS holders are essential contributors to our state's workforce, filling roles that are vital to our economic stability and growth. The sudden loss of their legal status and work authorization would be devastating for our state," wrote Healey. "I urge Congress to take immediate action to extend TPS protections for Haiti. Forcing Haitian TPS holders to return to a country that has faced repeated natural disasters, economic crisis, widespread violence and political instability goes against the very purpose of TPS, which protects individuals already in the United States who cannot (safely) return to their home country."

Massachusetts is home to more than 45,000 Haitian TPS holders.

Healey highlighted the significant workforce impacts she stated that ending TPS would have across Massachusetts, including on the state's healthcare system. The Massachusetts Senior Care Association estimates that up to 2,000 workers in its member facilities could lose work authorization if TPS protections are not extended, further straining an already challenged healthcare workforce.

Congresswoman and Democratic Whip Katherine Clark, who represents Revere and Winthrop, said TPS holders are essential threads in the fabric of local communities.

"They are teachers, caregivers, small business owners, and invaluable leaders," Clark said. "Donald Trump's vile, anti-immigration agenda is threatening to strip these individuals — 45,000 of whom live in our Bay State — of the dignity, opportunity, and protection they deserve. We cannot turn our backs on our neighbors. We must act immediately to extend TPS for Haitian immigrants."

Tom O'Brien, the CEO of the HYM Investment Group – which is developing the mixed-used Suffolk Downs development in Revere and East Boston – said a strong workforce is essential to Massachusetts' economic success, and that Haitian TPS holders play an important role in helping businesses across our state thrive.

"In construction, they are helping build the housing, commercial developments and infrastructure that keep Massachusetts growing," O'Brien stated. "Ending Temporary Protected Status would worsen workforce shortages, drive up costs and make it even harder to deliver the projects our communities need. I thank Governor Healey for her leadership on this issue and join her in urging Congress to extend Temporary Protected Status and provide certainty for these workers, their families and the employers who depend on them."

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley – who represents Chelsea, Everett, and part of Boston – said Haitian TPS holders are essential to the local communities and economy, and ending TPS for Haiti would be devastating for Massachusetts and the country.

"The Senate must do right by our Haitian siblings and pass our bill to extend TPS for Haiti and deliver the critical protections they deserve," she said. "I'm grateful to Governor Healey for her partnership in standing up for our neighbors."

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Jack and Chase and James were the first ones to come and say, 'can we help you?' Without me asking. I'll never forget." He pauses, reflecting before going on. "I am so grateful to have neighbors like them. And believe me, everybody's like that here." Nikki, too, is a frequent visitor to the hardware store across the street, but for very different reasons. "I'm constantly stopping by Charles Street Supply for duplicate keys," she writes, "which my daughter somehow keeps losing!"

Every team member at Persona strikes the same note of affection and enthusiasm when talking about their colleagues. "There are only three of us at Persona," Nikki notes, "but I think that's part of what makes the atmosphere so warm and personal. Each of us has our own role, and we really rely on and support each other every day. Working in a small team also teaches you patience, communication, and attention to detail." Gary is more to the point when he talks about their camaraderie and what they have built together. "This is perfection," he says with satisfaction. "It's perfect."

CAVA OFFICIALLY OPENS AT LOGAN'S TERMINAL B

MarketPlace Logan, which manages the concessions program at Boston Logan, and the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) celebrated the official arrival of CAVA to the concessions program at Boston Logan International Airport's Terminal B.

CAVA has officially landed at Boston Logan, bringing its signature Mediterranean-inspired cuisine to passengers traveling through Terminal B. Known for its fresh, customizable bowls, pitas, and salads, CAVA's menu is rooted in bold Mediterranean flavors and a commitment to serving food that's both wholesome and craveable—making it the perfect option for travelers looking for a healthy, flavorful meal before takeoff.

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Shown (left to right) Michael DiCosola, President, MarketPlace Development; John Jamison, President, Paradies Lagardère; Rich Davey, CEO, Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport); and Wade Sterns, Senior Vice President, Operations, CAVA.

New England Aquarium releases five more endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles off Cape Cod

Special to the Times

Five rehabilitated Kemp's ridley sea turtles are back in the ocean waters off Cape Cod after the New England Aquarium's fourth sea turtle release of the summer Wednesday morning.

For the past seven months, staff at New England Aquarium's Sea Turtle Hospital in Quincy, Mass., treated the hypothermic turtles for a variety of life-threatening medical conditions, including pneumonia, dehydration, and trauma. Staff veterinarians cleared the sea turtles, including "Papyrus" and "Times New Roman," to return to Nantucket Sound.

Rehabilitated Kemp's ridley sea turtle "Gigi" enters Nantucket Sound on July 22, 2026. CREDIT: Vanessa Kahn/New England Aquarium

"Our team tracks each turtle's progress closely and adjusts care as needed throughout recovery," said Dr. Melissa Joblon, Director of Animal Health at the New England Aquarium. "These five turtles are now strong enough to survive entirely on their own in the wild. That's the goal every time."

Scientists from the Aquarium's research arm, the Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life, worked with the Rescue team to tag the turtles for post-release monitoring. The tags collect information about the turtles' behavior, habitat use, and survivorship, which helps inform sea turtle conservation and protection efforts, especially in New England where little is known about these species. This season, the team is using a combination of satellite tags for real-time data and acoustic tags for longer-term tracking; some of the turtles will be added to the Aquarium's Sea Turtle Tracker for the public to follow their journey. This sea turtle work is permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through Permit Number ES69328.

During the 2025 cold-stunning season, the Aquarium treated nearly 500 live sea turtles, most of them Kemp's ridleys, that were rescued from the shores of Cape Cod from November to December by staff and volunteers with Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. Getting these turtles back to full health requires a collaborative effort between biologists, veterinarians, and researchers. Under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, Kemp's ridley sea turtles are endangered, facing threats including climate change, ocean pollution, and degradation of their habitats. Rescue and rehabilitation efforts help to conserve the species.

The Aquarium has now released 35 turtles off Cape Cod this summer. A handful of turtles remain at the Aquarium's Quincy facility, continuing treatment until they are medically cleared to return to the ocean.

Aquarium staff, volunteers, and interns have a tradition of naming the turtles receiving long-term care, with this year's theme being font-inspired names. More details on the released Kemp's ridley sea turtles:

- "Times New Roman" (#512)

Stranded Dec. 3, 2025, in Dennis, MA

- "Papyrus" (#579)

Stranded Dec. 5, 2025, in Wellfleet, MA

- "Gigi" (#590)

Stranded Dec. 5, 2025, in Brewster, MA

- "Walter Turncoat" (#644)

Stranded Dec. 10, 2025, in Truro, MA

- "Punk Kid" (#659)

Stranded Dec. 11, 2025, in Truro, MA

The New England Aquarium is a nonprofit research and conservation organization that has protected and cared for our ocean and marine animals for more than 55 years. We provide science-based solutions and help shape policies that create measurable change to address threats the ocean faces. We inspire action through discovery and help create engaged, resilient communities.

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"We wanted to do something for the community that has supported us so much over the years," said Liam Devlin, the Director of Community Outreach. "We know everyone could use a little break right now, so we thought, why not just offer our classics for ten dollars. People can rest assured before they go out that they are getting a great product and a great value." The neighborhood promotion is sure to be a hit with families. Guests are encouraged to book a reservation online or by calling, as space is filling up quickly as word is spreading locally.

The $10 menu is available for the full month of August during operating hours and also applies to the sandwiches in the coffeeshop portion of the restaurant. Tradesman Coffeeshop and Pizza Bar is located at 50 Hood Park Drive, Charlestown, MA 02129. For hours and general inquiries, call them at (617) 337-5196 or book your table online via OpenTable.

News Briefs

SUSPECT IN LAST WEEK'S MURDER ON THE COMMON PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED ON GUN CHARGE

A suspect in the murder of a man last Wednesday, July 22, on the Boston Common had been previously arrested on a gun charge, according to published reports.

Ashlie Jeremie, age 27, of Bedford is charged with murder, assault and larceny in connection with two seemingly random, consecutive attacks last week.

Jeremie allegedly attacked a man on the Common at the corner of Boylston and Tremont streets, near the Boylston MBTA station, just after 5 a.m. on July 22, before fleeing the scene. The victim, identified Friday as 35-year-old Jonathan Sanon of Norwood, was rushed to Tufts Medical Center, where he died.

About four hours later, Jeremie was arrested a few blocks away on Beach Street for allegedly hitting another victim with a metal pole. That victim was then hospitalized.

Jeremie appeared briefly on July 23 in Boston Municipal Court, where he pleaded not guilty to the charges. The judge ordered him held without bail and sent him to Bridgewater State Hospital for a mental health evaluation. Jeremie is due back in court on Aug. 11.

Meanwhile, Jeremie was also arrested on May 18, after he allegedly tried to bring a loaded handgun in a backpack into the Tip O'Neill federal building in Boston. He was released on $2,500 bail on July 6.

AUGUST EVENTS AT THE MGH BLUM CENTER

The Blum Patient and Family Learning Center (Blum Center) at Massachusetts General Hospital is hosting in-person educational and wellness sessions in August that we think would greatly benefit your Beacon Hill community. All are welcome and free to attend. No registration is needed. Can you assist in sharing them in the Beacon Hill Times Neighborhood Roundup? Here is an updated schedule with our events.

All sessions are free and will take place at the Blum Center (MGH Main Campus, White 110):

• Sound Therapy, Reiki, and Acupressure Healing Events:
Wednesday, August 12, 11AM-1PM
Tuesday, August 18, 4PM-6PM

• Tuesday, August 11, 3PM-4PM: Menopause: Managing the Midlife Transition

• Wednesday, August 12, 4PM-5PM: Why Am I Not Hungry? Exploring Appetite Loss

• Wednesday, August 26, 4PM-5PM: Keeping Up with Your Care: Update and Vaccinate

For more information, call the Blum Center at 617-724-7352.

OVERNIGHT CLOSURE OF SUMNER TUNNEL

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that the Sumner Tunnel / Route 1A southbound will close to all traffic on Friday, July 31, at 11 p.m. and will reopen to traffic at 6 a.m. the following morning. Travel through the Ted Williams Tunnel (I-90) and Callahan Tunnel (Route 1A northbound) will remain available. A signed detour will be in place during the closure.

This closure is necessary for crews to safely conduct repairs and maintenance activities.

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

Drivers traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

• Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

• Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

• Follow @MassDOT on X, (formerly known as Twitter), to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

COTTAGE PARK HOSTS 32ND ANNUAL REGATTA TO BENEFIT MAKE-A-WISH

Cottage Park Yacht Club's 32nd annual Regatta to benefit Make-A-Wish provides a chance for sailors of all ages to compete for a good cause and the whole community to contribute to a nonprofit that grants wishes for children suffering serious illnesses.

The three-day event, Friday, July 31 through Sunday, Aug. 2, provides funds for wishes that range from meeting a famous sports hero to a trip to Disneyland to building a backyard playscape to many others that spring from the mind of a child. What they all have in common is they shine a ray of hope at what is often a dark time in the lives of the children and their families.

The Summer Soiree starts the Make-A-Wish weekend at CPYC and is open to the community. It opens Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. and features an open bar, tastings from local restaurants and breweries, silent auctions and raffles, as well as live music from local favorites John Polino and the Second Hand Band.

CPYC has set a goal of raising $100,000 this year, adding to the $1 million it topped last year in its contributions over the years as a Make-A-Wish community partner. The nonprofit's local chapter honored CPYC with its "Community Hero Award" last year, in recognition of the club's efforts to help children suffering from cancer, cerebral palsy, leukemia and other serious illnesses.

A look at last year's event at the Cottage park Yacht Club.

Community members can help in ways big and small: donate and become an event sponsor, register your sailboat for the Saturday pursuit race at Regattaman.com, and attend the Friday night fundraising Soiree (July 31 6:30 p.m. at CPYC, open to the public). To buy Soiree tickets, donate to Make-A-Wish, or to see other details, check out CPYC's Make-A-Wish website at makeawish.cpyc.org.

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER

The girl on a swing in the last clue is part of the mural "Secret Gardens We Shared," located at 9 Knapp Street. The signage says this art is a "...collaborative project between artist ponnapa prakkamakul and Chinatown residents from the Resident Leadership Academy..."

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE

ABCD, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and the Boston Red Sox celebrate community partnerships

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) President and CEO Sharon Scott-Chandler threw out the first pitch for Harvard Pilgrim Health Day at the July 19th Red Sox game where the Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 6-1. ABCD Foster Grandparent Marylyn Johnson joined Scott-Chandler at the pitcher's mound. ABCD is a long standing nonprofit partner of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care — the Official Health and Wellness Partner of the Boston Red Sox.

A Title X grantee since 1973, ABCD Health Services offers access to reproductive health services through its Family Planning Partnership Program in collaboration with 13 partner agencies with services at 27 sites – community health centers, school-based health centers, and hospital primary care programs to support comprehensive family planning and sexual health counseling, education and medical care for residents in Boston, Brighton, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roxbury, South Boston and Worcester.

ABCD President and CEO Sharon-Scott Chandler and Marylyn Johnson, a Foster Grandparent at ABCD'S Dorchester Head Start, are shown with Harvard Pilgrim Health Care President of Commericial Markets and Specialty Products Jake Biscoglio at Sunday's game

Healthy Fact: ABCD in partnership with Tufts University, established the Geiger Gibson Community Health Center in 1965 – the first in the United States, which is still providing service today in Dorchester.

Annual Feast of the Madonna Della Cava returns to the North End August 7-9

The Annual Feast of the Madonna Della Cava will be held on Hanover Street (between Charter St. & Commercial St.) on August 7-9.

Friday: 8 - 10:30 p.m.

Saturday: 2 - 4 p.m. and 8 - 10:30 p.m.

Sunday: 2 - 4 p.m. and 5 - 8 p.m.

Hosted by the Society of the Madonna Della Cava, a North End-based religious and cultural organization founded by Sicilian immigrants. The Society honors the Madonna Della Cava, the patron saint of Pietraperzia, Sicily, where the original festival continues to this day. Many society members are descendants of the original Italian-American families who settled in Boston's North End.

A time-honored tradition, the feast features a grand procession through Boston's historic North End, during which a beautiful cloth banner bearing the Madonna's image is carried through the streets. As is customary, residents and visitors contribute money and other offerings during the procession to support local causes. The streets are filled with music, faith, and festivity — with more than 100 food and craft vendors lining Hanover Street. The celebration includes live entertainment, traditional Italian fare, games, and a family-friendly atmosphere that draws thousands each year.

Founded in the early 20th century by immigrants from Pietraperzia, Sicily, the Society of the Madonna Della Cava is a religious and cultural organization based in Boston's historic North End. Dedicated to preserving the spiritual and cultural traditions of its founders, the Society organizes the annual Feast of the Madonna Della Cava each August — one of the neighborhood's most treasured events. Through its festivities and fundraising efforts, the Society supports local churches, youth initiatives, and community-based charities, keeping the spirit of devotion and generosity alive for future generations.

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.
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	

Fresh and Local

We love affogatos

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We've always been surprised that dining spots that serve espresso drinks and ice cream don't have affogatos on their dessert or after-dinner drink menus. We hope that as these traditional Italian drinks gain traction on social media, the hospitality industry will recognize that this can be a welcome and profitable add-on to a meal tab.

Affogato Ingredients

Let's begin with translation. In Italian, an espresso is called "un caffè." Affogato means "drowned," and "correcto" means corrected. Finally, gelato is the ice cream traditionally used in these drinks. Therefore, an Affogato, in its simplest form, is gelato or ice cream drowned in espresso.

An Affogato correcto adds a small amount of an alcoholic spirit. For what it's worth, there is also a "un caffè correcto," which is an espresso with a spirit added.

Your choice of spirit (usually about half an ounce) can take the drink two ways. Liquors like Amaretto, Frangelico, Sambuca, Kahlúa, or Cream Liqueurs make the drink sweeter. Dry spirits like Grappa, Rum, Bourbon, Irish whiskey, or Brandy can add flavor without added sweetness. Remember, the base flavor you are adding to is coffee. Try to choose additions that complement the strong, bitter taste of espresso.

Affogato History

The website Tasting Table offers the following history of Affogato. "While most of us can probably agree that affogato is delicious, where it came from is disputed. According to Porte, some believe that the affogato dessert gained prominence only in the 1950s in Italy, around the same time the ice cream industry became modernized. However, some say that a medieval friar called Angelico from the Piedmont region of Italy spontaneously blended ice cream with espresso, creating affogatos."

While the origin is in Italy, the world soon caught on, and it was added to cafe and restaurant menus worldwide. However, Tasting Table also points out that the word affogato was not added to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary until 1992.

Elaborate Affogato

The springboard for this column was a video by David Lebovitz featuring Margot Lecarpentier of Combat Bar in Paris. She prepared an elaborate Affogato using a chocolate sorbet David had made. She combined a cocktail of liquors, an espresso, and then added toppings. Her method was to put the sorbet into a metal dish, pour her liquor mixture, then the espresso, and top it with shaved chocolate, cocoa nibs, and salt.

This is the type of recipe on social media that is bringing affogatos to a new audience. But there is still a place for the simplest version that we make at home.

Here's the setup for pour-your-own affogato corretto: vanilla ice cream in the cup, espresso in the tiny pitcher, and a shot of amarretto in the glass.

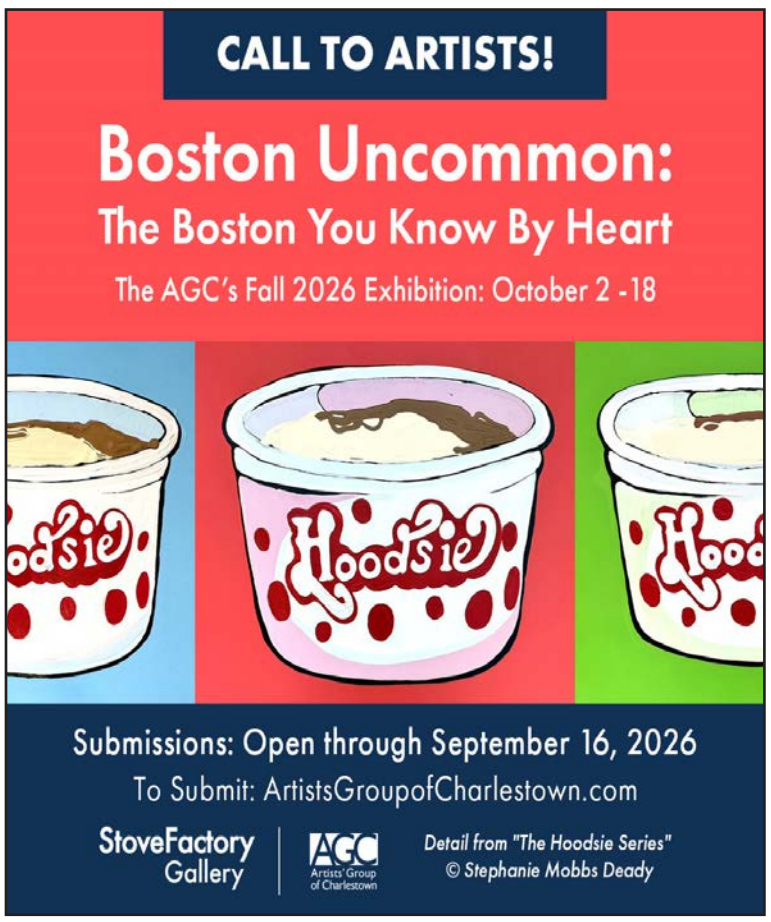
Size Matters

Penny has used a small, simple Affogato made with a 2-ounce scoop of ice cream and one shot of espresso from our Nespresso machine. She can vary the flavor by using different espresso capsules. This treat comes in at around 150 calories, and she uses it when she's craving something special. The ritual of making the drink and savoring it is part of the experience.

Final Thoughts

Choose the container for your Affogato carefully to ensure the combination of cold and heat does not cause the glass to crack from temperature shock. At home, we make ours in bone china cups that are exceptionally strong and stable across a range of temperatures.

And if a place you love has espresso and ice cream, ask them to make an Affogato for you. We asked, and soon it became a menu item and frequent order at our favorite pub.



Firefighter *(from Page 9)*

second-leading cause of fatal injuries in 2025 - represents another area of concern. Research has shown that driver error, excessive speed, lack of seatbelt use, inclement weather, and use of private vehicles are factors that are commonly associated with fatal crashes.

"Career and volunteer firefighters are increasingly called upon to handle an ever-growing range of incidents in their communities, many of which present high-risk, high-stress situations," said Jay Petrillo, research analyst at NFPA who co-authored the report with Campbell. "The data from this year's study show that as the demands on career and volunteer firefighters continue to grow and evolve, the need for comprehensive injury prevention training and strategies remains critical."

This firefighter fatal injuries study is made possible by the cooperation and assistance of the U.S. fire service, NIOSH, the United States Fire Administration, the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Bureau of Land Management of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

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