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In the photo above, (left to right) Ramsay Fretz, Elisabeth Fretz, Elizabeth Fegreus and Michael Broderick recently held their annual End of Season lobster roll party for their friends. The lobster roll was six feet long, and took more than 32 lobsters after boiling and cracking the shells to fill. Jeremy Bell provided music at the event with his bagpipes. Attendees agreed that nothing is better than the Boston Harbor lobster.

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Have you spotted a BHCA Block Captain?

Our new team of over 40 Block Captains has been out and about cleaning up litter and dog waste on Beacon Hill streets. You'll recognize them with their fluorescent BHCA vests. These volunteers are looking for other neighbors to join the effort, so reach out to the BHCA if you'd like to know who is in charge of your

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Area A-1 sees 7-percent drop in Part One crime

By Dan Murphy

As the third quarter of '26 was drawing to a close, Area A-1 had seen a 7-percent reduction in Part One crime from last year.

According to Boston Police, 1,541 incidents of Part One crime (i.e. major categories of violent and property crime) were reported in the district, which includes Beacon Hill, Chinatown, Downtown, and the North End, between Jan. 1 and Sept. 20 of this year, as opposed to 1,655 incidents during the same timeframe in 2025. This year also marked a nearly 3-percent reduction in Part One crime from the district's five-year average of 1,582 incidents.

Two homicides were reported this year, compared to one last year, while the district's five-year average for this category was 1.8 incidents.

Rapes and attempted rapes in the district decreased 40 percent

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BHAC approve new storefront at site of former Beacon Hill Pub

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission green-lit an updated design review application to construct a new storefront at the site of the erstwhile Beacon Hill Pub at the commission's monthly public hearing held virtually Thursday, Sept. 17.

David Freed, the project architect, then detailed the planned exterior changes at the street level of 147-149 Charles St. to accommodate Harry Hare's, an incoming British-style restaurant and pub from veteran Boston restauranter Patrick Lyons.

The proposed work, said Freed, includes installing a new wood band sign, with the incoming business name in carved

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EDITORIAL

FALL ARRIVES

After last week's summer-like weather, where temperature hit the mid-80s for a couple of days, much-cooler weather arrived this past weekend, Combined with the strong winds from a developing nor'easter later this week, it is clear that fall is here.

Aside from the change in the weather, the signs of summer's end have been unmistakeable.

Our tomato plants, which provided such a bountiful harvest since the beginning of July, now only have green fruit on the vine. Whether they will ripen depends on how much sunshine and warmth we get in the next few weeks, though we know from long experience that many will never make it to maturity. On the other hand, we have a neighbor who loves green tomatoes and he'll be welcome to them.

Nearby, the basil is still doing well, providing plenty of aromatic leaves. But they too, are not growing with the same vigor as they did just a few weeks ago.

Our cucumber plants continue to sprout the yellow flowers that inspired so much hope in July -- and we had a great year for cukes as well -- but the chances of the new buds developing are slim at this time of year.

Meanwhile, our potted annuals, especially our petunias, that have brought so much joy since early June, have grown leggy and "spent." We already are replacing them with colorful chrysanthemums.

The landscape is shifting colors, too. The marsh grass, a verdant green throughout the summer, has turned to a golden yellow. Goldenrod may be an invasive weed to some, but its blossoming these past few weeks along a nearby hillside has brought a yellow sea of joy to our eyes when we drive past it.

The so-called Montauk daisies -- native to Japan, but popular along our coastal areas for their salt-spray tolerance -- are ready to burst forth with white flowers, bringing color to our gardens when everything else is fading.

There are noticeably fewer birds. We no longer have the daily spectacle of the nearby colony of common terns. As the farthest-migrating birds in the world that see more hours of daylight than any other creature, they flew off for their annual migration to South America a few weeks ago.

Terns are fearlessly and aggressively territorial. Larger birds, whether they be seagulls, crows, red-tailed hawks, or osprey, who dare to cross the terns' "airspace" near their platform always were far outmatched when confronted by two or three terns working together to chase them off.

The terns also are aerial acrobats. They regularly alight from their nesting platform in unison every five or 10 minutes and fly in a seemingly chaotic, yet clearly disciplined, formation before returning to rest for five or 10 minutes -- and then repeating the sequence.

We even miss their non-stop screeching, which by mid-summer had become a staple of our local ambience.

Other birds in our "neighborhood" have followed suit. The osprey nests atop the poles in the marshes and harbor beacons sit abandoned until next spring. There are noticeably fewer egrets. Though a few are still hanging around, they'll all be gone shortly.

Aside from the transformations of the landscape and among the animal world, the ultimate measuring stick for the changing of the seasons is the shrinking daylight.

However, even this gloomy indicator of fall's arrival has a plus side. With the sunrises and sunsets moving southward as the earth tilts on its axis, the sun once again is rising over the ocean where we live, providing spectacular sunrises. When there are some clouds above the horizon, the rising sun lights them up in vivid red and orange hues.

Further north, the trees in New England are displaying their spectacular fall foliage, a blanket of color that our region soon will inherit. It is the reason that autumn is the most popular time of year for cruise ships traversing through Boston as they make their way northward from New York City for stops in Newport and Boston, and then along the Maine coast to Montreal and Quebec.

As much as we may want to hold onto the summer, we have to let it go. Autumn has arrived and we have no choice but to embrace it.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

PARKARTS FALL WATERCOLOR PAINTING WORKSHOPS RETURN TO PUBLIC GARDEN LAGOON

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department has announced the return of its popular ParkARTS Fall Watercolor Painting Workshop series, taking place throughout September. The free workshops are part of Boston Parks' 2026 ParkARTS program, which brings arts and cultural programming to parks across the city.

Workshop dates include the Public Garden Lagoon on Saturday, Sept. 26., from 10 a.m. to noon, weather permitting.

Open to Boston residents ages 9 and up, the Watercolor Painting Workshops welcome artists of all skill levels to create their own green space-inspired masterpieces. Materials and instruction will be provided by a local instructor. Pre-registration is required. For more information, visit boston.gov/watercolor-workshops.

WECA MEETING SET FOR OCT. 8 ON THOREAU PATH

The next meeting of the West End Civic Association (WECA) is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thoreau Path.

The WECA election process to fill open board positions is underway. Nomination forms were recently distributed to WECA members, and completed forms are due by Oct. 8. In addition to WECA election next steps, the meeting highlights include updates on West End projects and committee activities.

All West End residents are welcome.

WLP'S ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER RETURNS OCT. 29 TO FAIRMONT COPLEY PLAZA

The Women's Lunch Place's annual Spaghetti Dinner takes place on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. at the Fairmont Copley Plaza hotel.

WLP Advocate Bonnie Zamparelli will be the event's featured speaker.

Visit https://womenslunchplace.org/event/sponsors?utm_source=Women%27s+Lunch+Place+Community&utm_campaign to purchase tickets or for more information on the event.

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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State health officials announce season's eighth human case of West Nile virus

Special to the Times

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced the eighth human case of West Nile virus (WNV) this year. A woman in her 30s was exposed to WNV in an area of Middlesex County where other exposures have occurred this season.

Seven of the eight cases have been exposed in areas of Middlesex and Suffolk counties that are at high risk for WNV. Risk levels for WNV are currently high in Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Newton, Revere, Somerville, Watertown, and Winthrop. Most of the rest of the state is at moderate risk.

DPH announced the state's first WNV-positive mosquitoes this year on June 16. Since then, a total of 327 mosquito samples has tested positive for WNV so far this season from Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester counties. There have been no animal cases of WNV reported this year.

Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) continues to be detected in mosquitoes in Massachusetts this year. There have been 21 EEE-positive mosquito samples and no human or animal cases so far this year.

Surveillance information, including case updates, is updated daily and posted online at the Massachusetts Arbovirus Update web page. DPH encourages everyone to use this online resource regularly to stay informed on risk levels in their community and around the state.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient, such as DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), or oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-menthane-3,8-diol (PMD) or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wearing long sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent West Nile virus (WNV) and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, is available on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page, which is updated daily, or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

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as the number fell to nine from 15 last year. The district's five-year average for this category was 15.6 incidents.

Robberies and attempted robberies saw an approximately 14-perecent drop as the number fell to 84 from 94 last year. The district's five-year average for this category was 109.8 incidents.

Incidents of domestic aggravated assault were up 120 percent as the number spiked to 33 from 15 last year, while the district's five-year average for this category was 21.5 incidents.

Incidents of non-domestic aggravated assault increased more than 10 percent, with the number climbing to 158 from 143 last year. The district's five-year average for this category was 163.4 incidents.

Incidents of commercial burglary were down 50 percent as the number fell to 48 from 96 last year. The district's five-year average for this category was 60.2 incidents.

Incidents of residential burglary decreased around 21 percent, with the number dropping to 26 from 33 last year. The district's five-year average for this category was 34.5 incidents.

Incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle saw a more than 35-percent decline as the number fell to 96 from 148 last year, while the district's five-year average for this category was 157.8 incidents.

Other larcenies saw a slight decrease as the number fell to 1,024 from 1,042 last year, while the district's five-year average for this category was 945 incidents.

Incidents of auto theft also saw a minor dip, with the number falling to 61 from 64 last year. The district's five-year average for this category was 71 incidents.

Citywide, Part One crime was down 7 percent as the number of incidents fell to 1,541 from 1,655 last year. This year also saw a slight decrease from the city's five-year average of 1,582 Part One crime incidents.

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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).

For more information, email Audrey Tedeman(artedeman@gmail.com) or Sandy Connor(ssconnor46@gmail.com).

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Wu appoints Emily Knight as Economic Development Chief

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle announced the appointment of Emily Knight as the City of Boston's new Economic Development Chief. Knight will begin serving in the role on October 19, 2026.

A longtime Boston resident, Knight has spent her career at the intersection of entrepreneurship, innovation, and economic development. Most recently, she has served as President and CEO of The Engine, where she shaped the organization's strategic direction and built partnerships with industry leaders, educational institutions, and public sector partners to help tech companies grow and bring breakthrough technologies to market.

Emily Knight

Under Emily's leadership, The Engine strengthened its position as a hub for 'Tough Tech'—science and engineering focused on solving the world's most difficult and urgent challenges. The organization now supports more than 150 companies and was recently recognized by TIME as one of the country's top incubators and accelerators.

"We are deeply grateful to Interim Chief Donald Wright for guiding this team and delivering such impact through the opportunities of last summer and beyond, while laying the groundwork for even more ahead," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Emily Knight has spent her career bringing people and institutions together to turn ambitious ideas into companies, jobs, and lasting economic growth. Emily understands what entrepreneurs and businesses need to succeed—and how to ensure that success reaches every neighborhood in our City. I'm thrilled to welcome her to our team and look forward to her leadership to grow our economy, strengthen our communities, and make Boston the best place to build a life and build a business."

Knight's appointment underscores the Wu administration's focus on strengthening Boston's economic competitiveness while expanding access to the jobs, investment, and opportunities created by Boston's thriving innovation economy.

"Boston has extraordinary talent, institutions, and ideas, and this role is an incredible opportunity to connect those strengths into economic growth that lasts," said Emily Knight, Incoming Economic Development Chief for the City of Boston. "I want to help companies start here and grow here, while making sure the jobs and industries they create are felt in every neighborhood across the City. I'm incredibly proud of what we built at The Engine, and I'm ready to bring those nine years of learning to the City I love and call home."

Knight joined The Engine in 2017 and served in several leadership roles before becoming President and CEO. Prior to that, she managed general operations, strategy, and product development at Workbar coworking spaces. Knight holds a Bachelor of Science from Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration, and is a resident of Roslindale.

NEW FROM SCAMPO

Beacon Hill's most iconic Italian destination just made date night (or girls' night) easier to say yes to. Scampo, Chef Lydia Shire's celebrated restaurant inside the Liberty Hotel, is expanding its beloved pizza and wine deal, any wood-fired pizza plus a full bottle of wine for $55. Previously reserved for the lobster pizza alone, the offer now covers Scampo's entire pizza menu, from the classic Margherita to fan favorites loaded with prosciutto, spicy salami, and burrata.

(The deal is dine-in only, available at the bar, 7 days a week, gratuity and tax not included)

SCAMPO at The Liberty Hotel
215 Charles Street, Boston

Offer available exclusively at the bar. Reservations not required.

Wu announces new partnership with UMass Boston that gives students hands-on training to deliver public health education to high school students

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu, Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), and University of Massachusetts Boston announced a groundbreaking partnership that will provide college students with hands-on training and experience in urban public health. The students will then deliver public health education in high schools across the city.

The partnership between UMass Boston's Urban Public Health department and BPHC will offer internships this fall to the first class of seniors in the three-year-old degree program. It deepens the partnership between the city and its only public research university and further strengthens Boston's longstanding commitment to ensuring all residents can live healthy, fulfilling lives.

"Boston thrives when our young people have opportunities to learn, lead, and directly shape the future of their communities," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "By bringing together UMass Boston, Boston Public Health Commission, and our Boston schools, we are giving our young people the chance to connect with public health leaders, gain meaningful hands-on experience and share trusted information with their peers and communities. We are excited to build on this partnership and create a healthier, more connected Boston for years to come."

"Our students know that public health begins close to home, and we are pleased to create this opportunity through our expanding partnership with the City of Boston to give our students hands-on experience improving health and fighting disease in their backyard and around the world," said Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston. "UMass Boston is proud to deepen our work with Mayor Wu and the entire City to further her short- and long-term goals to improve life expectancy and eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities."

This announcement builds on the Boston Public Health Commission's continued work to unite public health leadership and academia through Boston SPHERE (Strengthening Public Health-Academic Partnerships in Education, Research, and Equity), a coalition of colleges, universities, research centers, and academic medical centers working together to bridge the gap between research and on-the-ground outcomes. BPHC has long been invested in growing a diverse and culturally responsive workforce through its Boston Area Health Education Center (a partner of the statewide MassAHEC Network at the University of Massachusetts

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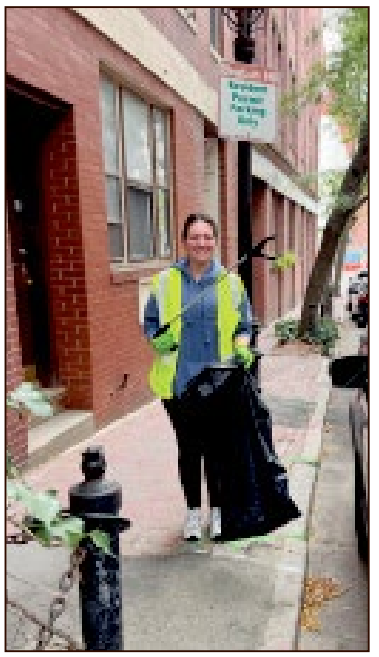

Samantha Pellicane working on Garden Street.

City contractors have been spotted out repairing bricks on various streets. Here, workmen repair an area at the end of Temple Street.

street to connect with them! You can also participate in our next Streets & Sidewalks meeting on October 6th to learn more about this program.

October Coffee Hour to Feature Mary Ann Ponti of St. Anthony Shrine

Mary Ann Ponti, Director of Outreach and Community Engagement at St. Anthony Shrine, will speak to Beacon Hill neighbors about community solutions to homelessness at our First Friday Coffee Hour. Come join the conversation on 10/2 at 8:30am at 74 Joy Street. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Shelter Music Boston to Perform at 74 Joy Street

Join us for light appetizers, beverages, and a special musical performance by Adrian Ananwan, violin, Sergio Muñoz Leiva, viola, and Jennifer Ho, keyboard, in collaboration with Shelter Music Boston.

Shelter Music Boston provides transformative chamber music concerts that promote community, creative interaction, respect, and therapeutic benefit to those experiencing homelessness and undergoing substance use recovery.

Tickets are $65 per person, with half the ticket price going directly to support Shelter Music. Seating is limited. Visit bhcivic.org to purchase tickets.

Brick Repairs Underway

Upcoming BHCA Meetings and Events:

Young Friends Social - Wednesday, September 30th, 7pm, 21st Amendment

First Friday Coffee Hour - Friday, October 2nd, 8:30am, 74 Joy St.

with special guest Mary Ann Ponti, Director of Outreach and Community Engagement at St. Anthony Shrine

Beacon Hill Meet & Greet - Monday, October 5th, 6pm, 75 Chestnut

Streets & Sidewalks Committee - Tuesday, October 6th, 5:30pm, via Zoom

Evening at 74 – with a concert by Shelter Music Boston, Wednesday, October 8th, 6pm, 74 Joy St

Board of Directors – Tuesday, October 13th, 7pm, 74 Joy

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.

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Boston Harbor City Cruises sets sail into fall with seasonal experiences

Special to the Times

Summer may be winding down, but the season on Boston Harbor is far from over. Boston Harbor City Cruises (BHCC) is welcoming fall with a lineup of experiences that give locals and visitors new reasons to get out on the water, from crisp-weather whale watching and an easy ride to the heart of Salem's fall festivities to sightseeing and year-round brunch, lunch and dinner cruises showcasing Boston's iconic skyline.

Adding even more reason to savor the season, City Cruises is offering 30% off select dining cruises with promo code FALL30 for bookings made through October 4. Eligible cruises sail through December 13, 2026, giving guests an opportunity to plan everything from fall date nights and family outings to celebrations with friends as the holiday season approaches.

"Fall is one of our favorite times to experience Boston Harbor," said Bob Lawler, General Manager and Regional Vice President of Boston Harbor City Cruises. "There's something special about seeing the city and coastline as the seasons change, whether you're heading to Salem, spotting whales offshore or simply enjoying brunch or dinner with the Boston skyline around you. And as we move toward the holidays, there are even more reasons to come aboard and celebrate together."

For one of New England's quintessential fall day trips, the Salem Ferry offers a convenient way to trade traffic and parking for a scenic ride on the water, bringing passengers directly to Salem for its busiest and most spirited season. Those looking to experience New England wildlife can head offshore on Whale Watch Cruises in partnership with the New England Aquarium, continuing through November 1, while BHCC's sightseeing experiences offer another way to take in Boston's maritime history and autumn scenery from the harbor.

On the dining side, the Spirit of Boston and Odyssey continue cruising throughout the fall and winter with brunch, lunch and dinner experiences, combining seasonal outings with sweeping skyline views, onboard dining and entertainment. Both vessels also offer private spaces on larger decks, fully private decks and private boats for holiday parties, year-end celebrations as well as festive social gatherings, weddings and other special occasions. Take 15% off your group event package when booking by October 30, for dates through January 30, 2027.

And while fall is just getting underway, holiday celebrations are already on the horizon. Boston Harbor City Cruises will once again welcome guests aboard for festive seasonal experiences spanning Thanksgiving, December holiday celebrations and New Year's Eve, including Thanksgiving dining, family-friendly opportunities such as Lunch with Santa, Christmas Eve experiences and New Year's Eve celebrations on Boston Harbor. A full holiday lineup will be announced later this fall, with holiday group and private event bookings also available now.

For tickets, schedules and additional information, visit https://www.cityexperiences.com/boston/city-cruises/

City Cruises creates amazing experiences for guests with unforgettable dining, events, sightseeing, and live entertainment cruises across 20 iconic destinations in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. City Cruises' diverse offerings also include private charters, corporate events, weddings, whale watching, water taxis, speedboat rides, and destination ferries. In partnership with the National Park Service and Niagara Parks, Statue City Cruises, Alcatraz City Cruises, and Niagara City Cruises serve as the official and exclusive ferry service operators to three of North America's most iconic destinations: the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, Alcatraz Island, and Niagara Falls, Canada. As part of Hornblower Group's extensive portfolio, City Cruises has a rich heritage dating back to 1926 with the founding of Boston Harbor Cruises. With a legacy of innovation and expertise, City Cruises sets the standard for excellence in maritime hospitality. For more information, visit citycruises.com.

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Medical School). BPHC also has a commitment to promoting adolescent health, providing evidence-based health education and other services through the Health Resource Center program and other adolescent-focused initiatives.

"This partnership with UMass Boston is an excellent example of how universities and public health organizations can come together in a shared commitment to improving the well-being of our communities," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston. "I'm grateful for UMB's partnership with us as part of SPHERE, BPHC staff who are supporting this program, and the UMB students who will be a great support in our efforts to deliver health education to Boston high school students through peer-led, evidence-based programming and mentorship."

UMass Boston launched the Urban Public Health department in 2022. It currently serves 65 students entering their second, third, and fourth years and will expand to over 100 students this Fall semester when the incoming cohort of first-year students arrives. The department prepares students for jobs in the public health field, with a focus on improving the health of diverse urban populations. Students seeking a Bachelor's degree study environmental health, epidemiology, data science, biostatistics, health care systems, urbanization, and health communications, with a focus on problem-solving while working with internationally renowned professors who challenge their assumptions about the social and cultural forces shaping modern community health.

"Our students, particularly our seniors working in internships and their capstone, long for this kind of hands-on experiential learning and there could be no better place to do that than with the Public Health Commission and in Boston schools," said Patricia Janulewicz, Chair of the Urban Public Health Department.

UMass Boston students applied to the year-long program last spring and were selected by BPHC. This fall semester, the seniors will receive training in adolescent health, health education, facilitation, community engagement, and public health practice from BPHC staff and experts. In the spring semester, under BPHC supervision, the UMass students will then deliver evidence-based, culturally responsive health education to Boston high school students during the school day. The three participating high schools are Roxbury Prep, Boston Prep, and Academy of the Pacific Rim.

"My experience in the Urban Public Health program at UMass Boston has given me the knowledge, tools, and confidence to see myself as someone who can make a meaningful difference in public health," said Nayerie Rosario-Johnson, Public Health student, UMB UPH Department. "I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work with the Boston Public Health Commission for my senior capstone through a program that aligns with my values and developing career. I look forward to learning more while having an impact on the health and well-being of youth in Boston."

"The Urban Public program at UMass Boston has opened both doors of knowledge and opportunity for me. Throughout the last three years, I have learned that public health is more than just an individual's choices, but rather how the systems and conditions they operate under dictate their wellbeing," said Balsam Mafhoum, Public Health student, UMB UPH Department. "As I begin my senior year, I look forward to serving as a health education intern with the Boston Public Health Commission, utilizing my knowledge of the social determinants of health and the importance of equitable access to help the younger generation make informed decisions about their bodies and lives."

"Working with the Urban Public Health faculty at UMass Boston has been very inspirational for me through learning about the spread of diseases and how to study them," said Jason Song, Public Health student, UMB UPH Department. "I find this useful because it allows us to apply knowledge gained in the program to current real-world scenarios, which is something that I aspire to do in my career. During my senior year, I am looking forward to learning from public health professionals at the BPHC in an environment where I can learn directly from their experience so that I can continue to grow as a public health professional."

Wu announces up to $35 million in low-cost financing to accelerate housing construction

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu recently announced that the City's Housing Accelerator Fund will competitively award up to $35 million in low-cost construction loans or equity investments to housing developments in Boston that are ready to begin construction and include an affordable component.

This announcement builds on the Mayor's recent proposal of targeted tax abatements for four previously approved market-rate housing developments. Together, those projects could help jumpstart construction of approximately 1,400 homes, including 180 income-restricted, and support an estimated 1,582 jobs across Boston. These efforts are part of the City's broader effort to accelerate housing production and help projects advance more quickly into the construction.

"We're taking an all-of-the-above strategy to build the housing Boston needs," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "With this model, we expect our public investment to help leverage hundreds of millions of dollars in private capital to move construction projects forward. We thank the many banking and development partners who have helped us shape this new opportunity."

The Housing Accelerator Fund will help unlock stalled developments by filling a critical gap in the construction financing market. Private construction loans typically cover only 60 to 75 percent of a project's cost, leaving developers to secure additional, often expensive financing before they can break ground. The Fund will supplement private loans with below-market fixed-rate financing and low fees, reducing the overall cost of building new housing. Because the Fund provides capital during construction rather than after completion, it can be utilized on a faster timeline. Repaid principal, along with fees and earned interest, will revolve back into the Housing Accelerator Fund, allowing the City and BHA to make further investments in housing production.

Mayor Michelle Wu

Through a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), the Housing Accelerator Fund will provide up to $20 million per project in subordinate construction financing, meaning debt or equity that is repaid after a project's primary construction lender. Developments must contain at least 100 housing units, must have obtained all applicable Boston Planning & Development Agency and Zoning Board of Appeal approvals, and must be able to start construction by September 30, 2027.

"If we can invest to get homes built in these difficult times, then recoup our public investment to produce even more housing in the future, that is a huge win for Boston residents at every income level," said Kenzie Bok, Administrator and CEO of the Boston Housing Authority. "The Boston Housing Authority is proud to partner with the City to offer this innovative tool to get Boston building the homes we so urgently need."

This approach is the latest step in the City's broader effort to accelerate housing production by moving approved projects into construction despite high interest rates, rising construction costs, and other economic headwinds affecting development nationwide.

"The Housing Accelerator Fund will launch many housing projects that have been struggling to break ground due to federal, state, and other large financial grants on pause," said City Councilor Enrique Pepén, Chair of Housing & Community Development. "This award will be the activation to see the vacant lots or properties that have been promised to be homes for our families come to fruition."

"What the City is offering is exactly what many projects need to solve their financing puzzle, especially as interest rates rise," said Maurice Coleman, Managing Director at Bank of America. "We commend Mayor Wu for continuing to think creatively about how to get housing built in Boston."

"A revolving fund aimed at last-mile financing is a smart and fiscally sustainable way to get new homes built faster in this environment," said Colin Higgins, Executive Director of the National Housing Crisis Task Force. "We are glad to see the Boston Housing Authority and Mayor Wu lead with proven strategies outlined in our State and Local Housing Action Plan, showing how more and more states, cities, and their partners are taking the lead in driving innovation to solve our nation's housing crisis."

The complete RFP is available on BHA's website. Responses are due by 2:00 PM on October 23, 2026. Inquiries related to the RFP from potential bidders should be directed to bids@bostonhousing.org by 2:00 PM on September 28, 2026.

About the Housing Accelerator Fund: In 2024, Mayor Wu proposed the creation of the $110 million Housing Accelerator Fund to speed construction of housing projects in response to Boston's housing shortage amid economic headwinds. In January 2025, the Boston City Council unanimously approved this revolving fund. The fund is intended to kickstart the production of housing by closing financing gaps for projects that have already been approved but have been unable to start construction. With support from the Housing Accelerator Fund, 266 homes are already under construction in Charlestown at Bunker Hill Building F, which will deliver 208 market-rate apartments and 58 deeply affordable apartments to replace aged public housing stock by Summer 2027. Boston's Housing Accelerator Fund is also supporting an ongoing partnership with the State's MassHousing Momentum Fund to provide longer-term financing to mixed-income rental projects, and a separate effort to offer competitive short-term financing to local mixed-income homeownership projects as well.

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Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum's weekend concert series

Special to the Times

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum will continue its Fall 2026 Weekend Concert Series with three performances in October. This ten-concert autumn season curated by Abrams Curator of Music George Steel is held on select Sundays at 1:30 pm and runs from September 13 through November 22, 2026. In addition, the Gardner Museum will present its first Thursday Night Music concert of the season on October 29, 2026 at 7 pm. With no intermissions, open seating, and a relaxed atmosphere, these bold, single-set performances offer immersive and adventurous listening experiences. All concerts take place in the Museum's extraordinary Calderwood Hall—a 300-seat "sonic cube" with three levels of balconies designed so that 80% of seats are front row, creating a uniquely intimate and intense acoustic environment.

The first October concert features Franz Schubert's monumental "Death and the Maiden" quartet, anchoring the Ivalas Quartet's program on Sunday, October 4. The Ivalas pairs Schubert with two American works: an early piece in George Walker's "American" style (Walker died only a few years ago at age 96) and An Elegy: A Cry from the Grave, a moving miniature by Carlos Simon, whose Requiem for the Enslaved had its Boston premiere at the Gardner Museum in 2022. Hailed by The Strad for playing with "tremendous heart and beauty," the Ivalas Quartet has been changing the face of classical music since its inception in 2017 with a mission to enrich the classical music world by spotlighting past and present BIPOC composers alongside the standard repertory.

Shown (clockwise from top left) Teresa Wakim, Ivalas Quartet, Amanda Forsythe, Aaron Sheehan, Jesse Blumberg, ACRONYM, and Kim Leeds.

In conjunction with the Museum's exhibition, ACRONYM presents Esther in the Age of Rembrandt on Sunday, October 18, offering rare performances of three Esther cantatas written during Rembrandt's time. The program includes a work by the remarkable French composer Élisabeth Jacquet de La Guerre, alongside music by Flemish composer Leonora Duarte, Jewish Mantuan composer Salamone Rossi, Giacomo Carissimi, Johann Heinrich Schmelzer, and Marc-Antoine Charpentier. ACRONYM will perform with a roster of vocal soloists as special guests: Amanda Forsythe and Teresa Wakim, sopranos; Kim Leeds, alto; Aaron Sheehan, tenor; and Jesse Blumberg, baritone.

The Gardner Museum's annual John Lowell Gardner Chrysanthemum Installation inspires Celebrating Chrysanthemums on Sunday, October 25, an exploration of the flower as artistic muse hosted by the Gardner's Stanley P. Kozak Director of Horticulture Erika Rumbley and Abrams Curator of Music George Steel, who will also read related poems, letters, and horticultural texts. An all-star cast—mezzo-soprano Kara Dugan, pianist Peter Dugan, violinists Katherine Winterstein, Gabriela Díaz, and Mina Lavcheva, violist Cara Pogossian, cellist Jia Kim, flutist Emi Ferguson, and accordionist Cory Pesaturo—performs music by Jules Massenet, Léo Delibes, Giacomo Puccini, Scott Joplin, Dora Pejačević, Nikolai Harito, William Penn, Zbigniew Maciejowski, Ernesto Lecuona, Tōru Takemitsu, Xiaogang Ye, and Juantio Becenti.

In addition to the Weekend Concert Series, the Gardner Museum will present an installment of its bold new Thursday Night Music series on October 29, 2026, featuring the kinetic ensemble Alarm Will Sound conducted by Alan Pierson performing Georg Friedrich Haas's masterpiece in vain, a 70-minute work for 24 players, much of which is played in complete darkness. Haas wrote in vain in 2000 in response to the rise of far-right parties in his native Austria in 1999. The piece is described as a "modern masterpiece" by Alex Ross in his influential book The Rest is Noise. Alarm Will Sound is a 20-member band committed to innovative performances and recordings of today's music. They have established a reputation for performing demanding music with energetic skill in the world's leading concert halls. Their performances have been described as "equal parts exuberance, nonchalance, and virtuosity" by The Financial Times.

George Steel's music programming for the Museum continues founder and legendary arts patron Isabella Stewart Gardner's vision of bringing together musicians and audiences for inspiring gatherings. Dating to 1927, the Gardner's Weekend Concert Series is the longest-running museum music program in the country. Much like Isabella Stewart Gardner did in her time, Steel champions unknown repertoire and embraces new works, creates connections and builds community among musicians, and supports them by presenting them in new endeavors and collaborations. His programming also frequently draws on the history of the Gardner

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ABCD WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER CELEBRATES LABOR DAY

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The ABCD West End Neighborhood Service Center celebrated Labor Day in true neighborhood style, with a delicious homemade meal, friendly faces, and special visitors!

Guests gathered to enjoy a scratch-made lunch of cheeseburgers, crispy tater tots, and salad while catching up with friends and neighbors. Representative Jay Livingstone helped sweeten the celebration by sending over cookies for everyone to enjoy, and his Legislative Aide, Sarah Bakal, joined the party and spent time chatting with constituents.

City Councilor Sharon Durkan stopped by to say hello, visit with lunch guests, and share in the festivities.

Good food, great company, and a few lovely surprises made for a wonderful afternoon and a cheerful way to celebrate Labor Day together in the West End!

Cookies generously donated by Representative Jay Livingstone.

A view of the crowd.

City Councilor Sharon Durkan speaking with a constituent.

Behind the scenes in the kitchen.

Boston residents to participate in the 38th annual Jimmy Fund Walk

333 residents from Boston will participate in the 2026 Jimmy Fund Walk for Dana-Farber presented by Hyundai on Sunday, October 4.

Zoe Bosenberg, Peter Martino, and Marek Michalak, along with hundreds of Boston residents and thousands of other walkers, will participate in the annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Last year marked a historic milestone, with the Walk raising more than $11.2 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and setting the stage for an even greater impact in 2026.

"Each year, the Walk brings our community together in a powerful way, with people of all ages supporting Dana-Farber's groundbreaking research and patient care," said Jessica Abbott, assistant vice president of the Jimmy Fund. "For more than three decades, this event has been a celebration of hope, where every step helps fuel breakthroughs, support patients, and inspire progress."

To register for the Walk or to support a walker, visit JimmyFund.org/Walk or call 866-531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for $5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Walk T-shirt. You can also sign up to volunteer on Walk Day.

City of Boston adopts small clean energy infrastructure zoning

Special to the Times

The City of Boston Zoning Commission this week adopted new zoning for Small Clean Energy Infrastructure to comply with the Massachusetts State Climate Act. This new zoning establishes a 'Consolidated Local Permitting process' in line with State law and Boston's own climate resiliency goals. The new zoning and permitting process is an effort to decarbonize and transition our energy sources to be fully electric in the coming years. The new zoning also introduces regulations on dimensions and use for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

"As our communities continue to grow, so does the need to transition to cleaner, more sustainable energy sources. This new zoning will help expand our electric capacity, lower costs and ensure that current and future generations can enjoy our beautiful city," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Boston has set clear goals to reduce carbon emissions by 2030, and we will continue taking big swings to improve quality of life for all our residents."

"Not only is this a win for meeting our carbon neutrality goals, but it's also another example of how we continue to reform our permitting process," said Chief of Planning Kairos Shen. "Streamlining for clarity and predictability is essential to creating a more energy efficient city."

"The benefits of clean energy and battery storage are clear: more affordable electricity, less pollution, and local control over our energy production," said Chief Climate Officer Brian Swett. "Improving how we permit clean energy infrastructure is a critical step in reducing Boston's emissions and achieving our shared climate action goals"

The State is requiring cities and towns to provide this opt-in consolidated permitting process for this type of infrastructure by October 1, 2026, aligning with the energy resilience goals of Boston's 2030 Climate Action Plan and our goals of reducing carbon emissions by 2050. This kind of infrastructure can include things like solar panels, wind energy turbines, battery energy storage, and short energy transmission lines.

"Solar and storage are some of the cheapest and fastest energy we can build," said Massachusetts Energy Resources Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony. "The City of Boston is taking an important step forward in bringing more clean energy into Massachusetts to lower costs and reduce climate-warming emissions."

This new zoning and permitting process supports the City's efforts to increase Boston's grid capacity to keep costs low and reduce pollution for a healthier community. The Planning Department will now focus on creating design guidelines for this type of infrastructure that will ensure it is always consistent with neighborhood context and enhance the safety of public spaces.

In April, Mayor Michelle Wu announced the release of Boston's 2030 Climate Action Plan, a roadmap for how the City will achieve its carbon emissions reduction and climate resilience goals. These targets include reducing community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent by 2030 and reaching carbon neutrality by 2050. The Plan includes 22 metrics that the City will track over the next five years through its Climate Action Plan Implementation Dashboard. In the Plan's creation, the City of Boston prioritized community engagement in its environmental justice communities and will implement strategies to ensure that every neighborhood receives the public health, economic, and resilience benefits of climate action.

The City of Boston's Planning Department shapes growth that serves Boston's residents and centers their needs. Our mission is to address our City's greatest challenges: resilience, affordability, and equity, and to take real estate actions and prioritize planning, development, and urban design solutions that further these priorities. We seek to build trust with communities through transparent processes that embrace predictable growth and shape a more inclusive city for all. Learn more at bostonplans.org, and follow us on Twitter and Instagram @BostonPlans.

City of Boston kicks off Free Fall Fitness Series

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) announced the 2026 Boston Parks Fall Fitness Series, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. The series will offer free weekly classes in City of Boston parks from now through October 17.

This fall, residents can enjoy a variety of healthy activities in the parks, including Walking Group, Yoga, Tai Chi, ZUMBA®, Dance Hall Bootcamp, and more. Classes are designed for all skill levels and ages, with options that are family-friendly, age-friendly, and welcoming to those who may be new to fitness.

"Our parks are places where Bostonians of all ages and backgrounds can move, connect, and thrive year-round alongside some of the city's best fitness experts," said Commissioner Diana Fernandez Bibeau. "We're grateful for our partnership with the Boston Public Health Commission and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, which helps bring free, accessible fitness programming and opportunities for community connection directly into our neighborhoods this fall. Join Boston's own Brandy K. Cruthird for a brisk walk in Franklin Park, or get your heart pumping with Dancehall Bootcamp led by Miciyiaah Renrick."

"The Fall Fitness Series is a wonderful opportunity for residents of all ages to enjoy Boston's beautiful parks, while participating in free and accessible activities that can improve their health and well-being," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston. "Resources like these free classes help reduce the risk of chronic disease, which is one of the goals of Live Long and Well, our citywide population health equity agenda. By improving access to safe spaces where everyone can engage in physical activity, we are ensuring that Boston is a city where all residents can thrive."

"The Boston Parks Fitness series celebrates our city's diverse neighborhoods by connecting communities through fitness," said Jeff Bellows, vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. "We're proud to partner with the City of Boston to offer inclusive classes for all ages and fitness levels — helping residents improve their physical and mental well-being in our beautiful parks."

For more information and to pre-register for classes please visit boston.gov/fitness.

Through this citywide initiative, the Parks Department and BPHC aim to reduce barriers to active living and provide more opportunities for Boston residents to stay healthy and active throughout the fall. Building on the success of the 2026 Parks Summer Fitness Series, the fall series offers the opportunity for residents to stay active during shorter daylight hours while enjoying safe, accessible outdoor options. All classes are free and open to the public.

For up to date information, including weather-related cancellations for outdoor fitness classes, visit boston.gov/fitness.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD) stewards over 2,200 acres of public open space across 288 properties, including the Boston Common, the Public Garden, and the Olmsted-designed Emerald Necklace park system. Our parks feature walking trails, playgrounds, courts, natural areas, and historic sites, as well as 29 urban wilds, four high school athletic fields, two public golf courses, and more than 40,000 street trees. BPRD offers free cultural and recreational programming for people of all ages, helping to create welcoming, active, and connected communities. Learn more at boston.gov/parks and sign up for updates at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails. Follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on X, Facebook, Instagram, and @parks.boston.gov on Bluesky.

Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is the country's oldest health department. We envision a thriving Boston where all residents live healthy and fulfilling lives. To accomplish this, BPHC works in partnership with communities to protect and promote the health and well-being of all Boston residents, especially those impacted by racism and systemic inequities. Learn more about our work at boston.gov/bphc.

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Boston Public Health Commission ensures access to free flu and covid-19 vaccines

Special to the Times

To ensure that residents are protected from serious respiratory illness, Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is hosting free vaccine clinics offering flu and COVID-19 vaccinations throughout the city. Getting vaccinated every year for flu and COVID-19 as part of back-to-school and fall routines is an important tool to protect ourselves and our communities from serious illness.

BPHC is making it easy for residents to get vaccinated as part of their regular routines. By partnering with Boston Public Schools, Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BYCF), Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, labor unions, Mass Port, and community organizations, BPHC will provide vaccines in the places where people live, work and play. By providing easy access to free vaccinations, BPHC is ensuring that residents who may struggle to get vaccinated can do so with fewer barriers.

"Vaccination is the safest and most effective tool we have to reduce the risk of serious illness from respiratory viral illness, like the flu," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston. "By hosting free vaccine clinics where residents already spend much of their time, we are making great strides towards ensuring that vaccines are accessible to all. The evidence-based science behind vaccinations have been keeping us safe for decades, and BPHC will continue to let expert advice guide our work. This commitment allows us to protect our families and keep loved ones safe, particularly during respiratory virus season."

Flu vaccination is strongly recommended for all individuals ages 6 months and older. Young children, older adults, and individuals with underlying health conditions are particularly vulnerable to severe illness from the flu and benefit from flu vaccination. During the 2025-2026 flu season, 364 individuals in Massachusetts died from the flu, including two children in Boston. COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for children between 6 and 23 months, adults 65 and older, healthcare workers, those with medical conditions associated with higher risk of severe COVID-19 disease, and those who are immunocompromised, pregnant, or lactating. People who live in households with any of these vulnerable groups are also recommended to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. These vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illnesses and can help prevent residents from needing to take sick days from school or work.

BPHC's vaccine clinics begin in September, as people are adjusting to back-to-school routines and before the peak of respiratory virus season. All clinics will offer free flu and COVID-19 vaccines. No appointment is needed. Insurance and identification are not required, but those with a health insurance card should bring it with them. Residents should check boston.gov/vaccine-clinics for a list of dates and locations. The website also details which vaccines will be available and for what ages. Clinics are currently being scheduled from September through December.

The dates and locations of our first month of clinics are:

Wednesday, September 23, from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. at BCYF Curtis Hall

Thursday, September 24, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at BCYF Vine Street

Monday, September 28, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at BCYF Paris Street

Thursday, October 1, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at BCYF Perkins

Wednesday, October 7, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Josephine Fiorentino Community Center

Thursday, October 8, from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at BCYF Roslindale

Saturday, October 17, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at BCYF Hyde Park

BPHC has been using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the vaccine clinics, but the funding is coming to an end in December. As part of Boston's Live Long and Well agenda to advance health equity, BPHC's free vaccine clinics help remove systemic barriers to care by bringing essential preventative health resources directly into impacted communities, regardless of insurance status, cost, and access to primary care providers. To ensure that all Boston residents have equal access to critical resources, BPHC is exploring new, creative and cost-effective strategies to bring vaccinations to communities highly impacted by respiratory illnesses. This year, BPHC, Mass Port, and labor unions have collaborated to launch an initiative offering free, on-site vaccines to Logan Airport employees to increase healthcare accessibility and protect essential workers whose jobs require frequent interaction with large numbers of travelers, putting them at higher risk of illness. BPHC is also offering in-home vaccinations this year to improve vaccine access for older adults who may have difficulty traveling to a clinic or pharmacy.

BPHC's vaccine clinics are only one of many ways people can get vaccinated. In Massachusetts, these vaccinations are free and available to all who wish to receive them. Boston residents are also encouraged to contact their health care provider, local health center, or pharmacy to schedule appointments, receive vaccinations, or ask questions. Locate additional vaccine resources at vaccinefinder.org.

Residents who need help applying for health insurance, which is not required for these vaccinations, or finding medical care, can contact the Mayor's Health Line at (617) 534-5050. The Mayor's Health Line is a free, confidential, and multilingual service that can help families, regardless of immigration status, find routine care.

If residents have symptoms of respiratory viral illness, BPHC recommends:

Stay home, if possible.

Wear a mask:

For five days after being sick.

If you must leave the house while sick.

If you are at high risk of severe illness.

Have COVID-19 and flu rapid test kits available at home to test if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or flu. Pharmacies are currently the best place to purchase COVID-19 and flu rapid test kits.

Seek treatment from a trusted healthcare provider if you test positive for flu or COVID-19 and are at high risk for severe disease and/or illness.

Residents should also routinely:

Regularly disinfect and clean high-touch surfaces.

Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Cover your cough.

Increase indoor ventilation and air circulation; even cracking open a window helps increase airflow.

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lettering, along with overhead lighting; changing the windows in the storefront to become operable, "fully swinging" windows; installing new cedar window boxes; recladding the storefront with a granite base; changing the fenestration on two of the three front doors to become windows; and installing a menu display to the left of the remaining front door, among other alterations.

Chair Mark Kiefer made a motion to approve the application with provisos, which was unanimously supported by himself, along with Commissioners Annette Given, Ralph Jackson, and Sandra Steele; the motion included several provisos, including that the new windows be true divided-light; that the new windows contain dark spacer bars; and that the new windows not contain low-e glass. Details of the windows and the remaining front door would also be delegated to staff (Nicholas Armata) for final approval.

The matter of an outstanding chimney and window violations at the property were mentioned during public comment. Staff said they are working towards resolving these issues, which weren't part of this application and are a separate matter altogether.

The commission unanimously approved a revised design review application for the street-level storefront at 160 Charles St., which was formerly home to Savenor's Market. The proposed work includes the installation of a new board sign and a new awning emblazoned with the name of the incoming business, Brick Street Bagel.

In his staff notes, Armata noted that while buildings in the Historic Beacon Hill District are each typically allowed both a band sign and a blade sign, the application wasn't asking for the allowable blade sign, so the proposed awning was effectively being permitted for the applicant in lieu of another sign.

Likewise, Chair Kiefer said the proposed awning signage was acceptable to him, since signs are sometimes permitted for larger

The street-level storefront at 160 Charles St., which is the proposed future home of Brick Street Bagel.

buildings in the historic district that are home to multiple businesses (e.g. the Charles Street Meeting House). He also noted like Armata, he was willing to consider the proposed awning signage in light of the fact that the applicant isn't also pursuing a blade sign for the business.

Commissioner Alice Richmond put forth a motion to approve the revised application as submitted, which was unanimously supported by herself, along with Chair Kiefer and Commissioners Given, Jackson, and Steele.

The commission also unanimously approved a design review application for the installation of a new awning at the corner of Beacon and Park streets for the incoming Childs Gallery. The proposed awning would be mounted on an existing frame, with business name adoring the bottom portion of the awning.

Richard Baiano, president and owner of the longstanding art gallery, noted that the awning's gold-and-brown color scheme proposed for 22 Beacon St. is consistent with the company's branding colors while the proposed stripes pay tribute to the design of the awning, which adorned the business's former home on Newbury Street in the Back Bay.

Commissioner Jackson expressed his preference for a solid-colored awning, rather than a

The proposed future home of Harry Hare's at 147-149 Charles St.

patterned one, regardless of the color ultimately selected.

"The pattern is so bold," said Commissioner Jackson of the proposed awning. "It seems very loud."

Chair Kiefer agreed that the awning should be "something less busy and more understated."

The applicant also presented an alternate awning design in a solid-gold color.

Chair Kiefer made a motion, which was approved unanimously by himself, along with Commissioners Given, Jackson, Richmond, and Steele, to approve the application in its revised form; this came with provisos that the alternative design with a solid-gold color be used; and that the business name be displayed in simple lettering on only the larger of the two awnings.

The commission also heard a design review application for 9 Louisburg Square, with proposed work including the modification of the garden-level security gate, as well as the replacement of a deteriorating service door and its hardware.

Chair Kiefer made a motion to approve the application with some provisos, which was approved unanimously by himself, along with Commissioners Given, Jackson, Richmond, and Steele.

The motion's provisos included that the applicant work with staff to revise the design of the gate to resemble its previous existing conditions as closely as

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The proposed new home of Childs Gallery at the corner of Beacon and Park streets.

possible; that the thinnest stock possible be used for the frame; which would be mounted behind the existing iron work; that the frame only constitute the horizontal portion of the ironwork; and that the final design be submitted to staff for prior approval.

Chair Kiefer added that he had no objection to replacing the security door and its hardware on the condition that the applicant submit supporting documentation to staff ahead of any construction work.

Meanwhile, the commission also reviewed a violation for the ratification of unapproved side facade alterations at 180 Cambridge St., including the removal of stucco from the underlying brickwork. (The removed stucco contained an impression of the adjacent building, commissioners noted.)

The applicant said the removal of the stucco was a necessary step to reach and remedy the deteriorating brickwork below.

Chair Kiefer said the commission would never have approved this type of "architectural intervention" in the first place, instead opting for an approach that would have prioritized preserving the stucco outline of the adjacent building.

Chair Kiefer also noted that this address only came under the commission's jurisdiction in 2024, with the passage of a new law expanding the Beacon Hill Historic District to include all of the North Slope via the addition of an approximately 40-foot-wide area running from Charles Circle to Bowdoin Street along Cambridge Street on the Beacon Hill side.

Moreover, Chair Kiefer noted that the commission didn't need to vote on this matter, since no formal action was being taken at that time. He instead requested that the applicant work with staff to conceive a new proposal, which aims to restore the building's side facades to their original condition as closely as possible.

A design review application for the Sevens Ale House at 77 Charles St., with proposed work including the installation of a new lighting fixture; the extension of storefront glazing to match the historic glazing; trim-work at both entries; and the replacement of the mailbox and buzzer, was removed by staff from the meeting agenda.

A design review application for 15 West Cedar St., which proposes painting the door in 'Delft Blue,' high-gloss finish, and Hollandlac Brilliant 98, also appeared on the hearing agenda but ultimately wasn't heard due to the applicant's absence.

Third annual 'Beacon Hill Design Day' set for Oct. 1

Special to the Times

Beacon Hill Books & Cafe and the Boston Athenaeum have announced the seven acclaimed designers headlining 2026 Beacon Hill Design Day, a one-day event celebrating craftsmanship, elevated style, and the timeless principles that define extraordinary spaces.

Hosted at the Boston Athenaeum's historic building at 10½ Beacon St. on Thursday, Oct. 1, Beacon Hill Design Day will feature a series of thoughtful conversations with iconic tastemakers influencing the modern world of design. All of the speakers are authors of recent books detailing their careers in luxury placemaking, artistic influence, or approach to craftsmanship.

Speakers include: Elizabeth Lawrence, Partner at luxury interior design firm Williams Lawrence (williamslawrence.com) and co-author of 'Decoration' (2026); Cathy Kincaid, Founder of luxury interiors Cathy Kincaid Interiors Ltd. (cathy-kincaid.com) and author of 'Memorable Rooms' (2026); Tom Kligerman, New York-based architect at Kligerman Architecture & Design (kligermanad.com) and author of 'Summer By The Sea' (2026); Scott J. Sottile, Partner at architectural firm Ferguson & Shamamian Architects (fergusonshamamian.com) and co-author of 'Collaborations: Architecture, Interiors, Landscapes' (2026); Marshall Watson, Founder of luxury interior design firm Marshall Watson & Reid Deane Ganes (marshallwatsoninteriors.com) and author of Defining Elegance (2026); Genevieve Wheeler Brown, founder of fine art auction advisory firm Genevieve Wheeler Brown Decorative Art Advisory (genevievewheeler.com) and author of 'Beyond Blue and White' (2025); Marissa Geoffroy, Creative Director at luxury craftware designer Sherle Wagner International (sherlewagner.com) and author of 'The Art of the Bath' (2026).

The program includes presentations by the authors accompanied by a seated luncheon, offering moments of meaningful exchange among those who appreciate the art of creating beautiful spaces, and providing attendees with insights into the process, philosophies, and craftsmanship of some of the nation's leading designers.

Tickets are $325 and offered on a limited basis; proceeds benefit the Boston Athenaeum's programming. Interested attendees can purchase tickets at bostonathenaeum.org/events. Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase books previewed during the presentations, offering a deeper look into each speaker's portfolio and creative vision.

Eversource reaches 500,000 smart meter milestone

Special to the Times

Eversource has reached a major milestone in its statewide smart meter rollout, installing its 500,000th smart meter in Massachusetts as the energy company continues bringing the technology and its benefits to customers across the state. The energy company is approximately one-third of the way through its statewide smart meter rollout.

Smart meters are a key part of Eversource's ongoing work to give customers greater visibility into their energy use and modernize the electric system. Through online tools and the Eversource mobile app, customers with smart meters can see more detailed information about how much electricity they're using and when they're using it, helping them better understand what's driving their energy use and identify opportunities to save. Customers will also receive high-bill or high-usage alerts, giving them advance notice of potentially higher bills before the end of the billing cycle.

"Reaching 500,000 smart meter installations is an exciting milestone and a reflection of the tremendous work our teams have been doing across Massachusetts," said Jason Valente, Eversource Manager

of AMI Deployment. "We've made significant progress since installations began last summer, and every meter we exchange brings another customer the benefits of this technology while moving us closer to a smarter, more responsive electric system. Our teams are proud of how far we've come, and we're looking forward to continuing that momentum as installations move forward across Eastern Massachusetts."

The milestone comes just over a year after the first smart meters were installed in Western Massachusetts in July 2025. The pace has accelerated significantly since then, growing from more than 35,000 meters installed by the end of October 2025 to 500,000 today. Installations are now substantially complete in Western Massachusetts, while crews continue exchanging meters in communities across Eastern Massachusetts. Crews are currently exchanging approximately 60,000 meters each month, with installations underway in dozens of communities across Massachusetts. Eversource is working to substantially complete the statewide rollout by the end of 2027.

As the number of smart meters grows, so do the benefits. Smart meters do the same basic job as traditional electric meters, measuring how much electricity a customer uses, but automatically communicate that information through a secure network. That gives customers more up-to-date information about their energy use while providing Eversource with greater visibility into the electric system. The technology can help detect outages more quickly and provide better information about what's happening on the grid, supporting safe and efficient restoration. Additional capabilities that will benefit customers are expected to become available as the rollout progresses.

Participation in the rollout has remained strong, with an opt-out rate of less than 1% among Eversource's residential electric customers in Massachusetts. All customers will have their existing meter exchanged as part of the statewide rollout. Customers who choose to opt out of smart-meter technology will instead receive a meter without smart-meter capabilities.

Eversource notifies customers ahead of installations in their community through a series of hard-copy letters. Customers who have not yet received a new meter should watch their mail for information about their upcoming meter exchange. Eversource will also send emails or text messages prior to installation to customers who have chosen to receive information through those channels. These communications include information about what to expect during the exchange and ahead of their scheduled installation.

Customers can learn more about smart meters, installation schedules and the tools available to them at Eversource.com/smart-meters.

Eversource (NYSE: ES), celebrated as a national leader for its commitment to sustainability and corporate citizenship, is named among America's Most Responsible Companies by Newsweek for 2026 and recognized as the #1 utility on USA Today's list of America's Climate Leaders for 2025. Eversource transmits and delivers electricity and natural gas to more than 2 million customers throughout Massachusetts, including approximately 1.62 million electric customers in 159 communities and 641,000 gas customers in 122 communities. For more information, please visit eversource.com, and follow us on X, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

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Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER

The wooden detail in the last clue is at The Tip Tap Room at 138 Cambridge Street. This year, the business won a Legacy Business Award, which "Celebrates independent, long-standing local enterprises that have operated for at least 10 years and shaped the cultural, historical, and societal fabric of their neighborhoods."

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE

Museum *(from Page 6)*

Museum, featuring instruments from the Museum's collection and music by composers who were associated with its founder. In honoring Isabella Stewart Gardner's musical legacy, Music at the Gardner remains strongly committed to broadening the repertoire of music presented to include previously overlooked and marginalized composers as well as performers of all backgrounds.

Fall 2026 At-a-Glance Concert Schedule

September 27: Chamber Music Celebration

This annual concert celebrates the life and legacy of Scott Nickrenz, first Abrams Curator of Music at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

October 4: Ivalas Quartet

October 18: ACRONYM: Esther in the Age of Rembrandt

October 25: Celebrating Chrysanthemums

Plus Thursday Night Music Continues

This performance is made possible by the Anne Hawley Fund for Programs.

October 29: Georg Friedrich Haas's in vain performed by Alarm Will Sound, conducted by Alan Pierson – Thursday Night Music

November 1: Eleanor Alberga with Green Room Ensemble

November 8: Poiesis Quartet

November 15: Lysander Piano Trio

November 22: Jean Rondeau, harpsichord

This concert is made possible by the generous support of David Scudder in memory of his wife, Marie Louise Scudder.

All concerts take place on Sundays at 1:30 pm in Calderwood Hall at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (25 Evans Way, Boston, MA), except for the October 29 Thursday Night Music concert which starts at 7 pm.

Ticketing Information

Tickets ($25-$99) are available at gardnermuseum.org/about/music or by calling the Box Office at 617 278 5156. All concert tickets include Museum admission.

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum invites you to escape the ordinary in a magical setting where art and community come together to inspire new ways of envisioning our world. Embodying the fearless legacy of its founder, the Museum offers a singular invitation to explore the past through a contemporary lens, creating meaningful encounters with art and joyful connections for all. Modeled after a Venetian palazzo, unforgettable galleries surround a luminous Courtyard and are home to masters such as Rembrandt, Raphael, Titian, Michelangelo, Whistler, and Sargent. The Renzo Piano Wing provides a platform for contemporary artists, musicians, and scholars and serves as an innovative venue where creativity is celebrated in all of its forms.

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum • 25 Evans Way, Boston, MA 02115 • Hours: Open Weekends from 10 am to 5 pm, Weekdays from 11 am to 5 pm, and Thursdays until 9 pm. Closed Tuesdays. • General admission: Adults $25; Seniors $22; Students $15; Free Thursdays from 5 – 9 pm and for members, children 17 and under, and everyone named Isabella • Information: 617 566 1401 • Box Office: 617 278 5156 • www.gardnermuseum.org

Music at the Gardner is supported by the Nora McNeely Hurley Foundation. The Museum thanks its generous concert donors: The Coogan Concert in memory of Peter Weston Coogan; Fitzpatrick Family Concert; James Lawrence Memorial Concert; Scott Nickrenz Concert; Alford P. Rudnick Memorial Concert; David Scudder in memory of his wife, Marie Louise Scudder; Wendy Shattuck Young Artist Concert; and Willona Sinclair Memorial Concert. The piano is dedicated as the Alex d'Arbeloff Steinway. The harpsichord was generously donated by Dr. Robert Barstow in memory of Marion Huse, and its care is endowed in memory of Dr. Barstow by The Barstow Fund. Music at the Gardner is also supported in part by Barbara and Amos Hostetter, Joseph Mari, Sallie and Jim McGregor, Nicie and Jay Panetta, and The Aaron Copland Fund for Music, Inc.

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June 21, 2026
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Colleen M. Duran of Woburn, MA
Colleen M. Duran of Woburn, MA and Kathleen M. McGuire of Arlington, VA have been informally appointed as the Personal Representatives of the Estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court.
Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate

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

Apartment Building locations:

8 Whittier Place	1 Emerson Place
6 Whittier Place	0 Emerson Place
150 Stanford St.	45 Temple St.
1 Longfellow	10 Bowdoin St.
4 Longfellow	122 Bowdoin St.
5 Longfellow	144 Bowdoin St.
2 Hawthorne Place	130 Bowdoin St.
3 Hawthorne Place	45 Myrtle St.
9 Hawthorne Place	19 Myrtle St.
Emerson Place	65 Martha Rd.
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Fresh and Local

Pantry treats

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

For us, a stockpile of pantry treats began with our introduction to the Freshé line of tuna and salmon meals, which combined legumes, vegetables, fish, and a promise of high quality and sustainability. Each tin provides a complete, high-protein meal that is as easy to enjoy as opening the can.

The founders of Freshé expanded their offerings with lines of "Henry and Lisa" tinned and frozen fish. We expanded our stock of pantry treats with offerings from Patagonia Provisions, Costco, Trader Joe's, Row 34, and Fishwife. We eat our main meal at midday and often enjoy a bowl of rice topped with a selection from our high-protein tins.

Here is our current selection of pantry treats that we will use to make special or speedy meals.

Vegetables Too!

In addition to our fishy treats, we have upped our vegetable game with premium tinned and bottled veggies and legumes from Dan Barber's Row 34 canned selections, Trader Joe's canned legumes, Jovial Beans, and others. These products all have simple ingredients, great nutrition, and long use-by dates.

Higher Quality/Higher Cost

Many of our choices have a higher price tag than the other offerings on the shelf. However, they also have fewer ingredients, higher standards, higher-quality ingredients, and trusted sources and manufacturers.

In some cases, like canned trout, we stock both Fishwife for eating out of the can or over rice, and Trader Joe's for making trout pâté or adding to a salad. Both are excellent products, but Trader Joe's is lower cost, still high quality, and works well as a recipe ingredient.

The Fishwife contains smoked trout, olive oil, garlic, and salt. The Trader Joe's version has smoked trout, canola oil, and salt, plus possible additional ingredients that may matter for someone with allergies. We use it to make a trout pâté for an appetizer, and we keep it on hand.

We also watch for sales on many of our tinned pantry items. We stock up on Fishwife, Row 34, Jovial Beans, and Patagonia when they are on sale online or in the supermarket. So we save when we can. However, we strongly believe that these products are worth the cost. The quality is outstanding, and when we turn to our tinned-treat shelf for a quick supper, we know we are having a special meal, so we slow down and enjoy it.

Simple to Serve

We have to admit that since Ed loves to eat at the kitchen sink, he will sometimes pop open a can and eat it as is, without leaving the kitchen. Penny is happiest with tinned fish over brown rice. (And, by the way, that brown rice is the frozen packets from Trader Joe's cooked for three minutes in the microwave.) For a fuller meal, you can combine some of the offerings into a salad or a combined plate. A good tin of smoked salmon pairs well with Jovial Cannellini Beans and some Row 34, Badger Flame Beets. We also find our stash a great way to enhance a meal of leftovers. Often, protein is the missing element that balances a meal. Tinned protein gives you plenty of options.

Beyond feeding us at home, our tins can also be added to picnics, roofdeck suppers, or as a cool item to introduce to friends at a potluck. We discovered Trader Joe's tinned trout when a neighbor brought a trout pâté to a roof deck gathering.

When you consider the cost of dining out or takeout when you're tired, our pantry options boost all our budgets: food, energy, and time.

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

MARIE CLOUQUEUR SPEAKS TO BOSTON VILLAGE AUDIENCE

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Boston Village recently held the second in its 'Aging in Place, Living Your Best Life at Home' speaker series with Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Marie Clouqueur. Her presentation, titled, "Everyone Wants a Long Life. Nobody Wants To Get Old," was based on her clinical work in geriatric psychiatry as well as examples in history and literature. The speaker series will continue as Boston Village celebrates its 25th anniversary. To learn more about the series, which is free and open to the public, go to www.Bostonvillage.org. Pictured (l-r): Dr. Michael Goldberg, Boston Village board member and speaker series organizer, Marie Clouqueur, and Melissa Interess, Executive Director, Boston Village.

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