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Our final two issues of 2020 will be published a day early and available on 12/23 and 12/30 Happy Holidays!

BATHED IN BLUE FOR MGH FUND



Mass General's Bulfinch Building.

Special to the Times

On Dec. 8, the Prudential Tower and Mass General's Bulfinch building were bathed in blue to raise awareness of the MGH Fund, which supports lifesaving patient care and research. The MGH Fund was selected by Boston Properties as part of the annual 31 Nights of Light celebration, a holiday tradition created to showcase essential non-profit organizations during the holiday season. According to Britain W. Nicholson, MD, and Senior Vice President of Develop-

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Britain W. Nicholson, MD, and Senior Vice President of Development (left), Melissa Catone, RN, Pediatric Care (center) and Susan Wilcox, MD, Division Chief of Critical Care (right).

CONGRATULATIONS, JOEL PIERCE

Joel Pierce was awarded the Beacon Award for "significant and sustained" contribution to the community by the Beacon Hill Civic Association board of directors on Dec. 14. Check next week's Beacon Hill Times for an in-depth story.



BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

A Good Time was Had by All...
Thanks to our members, friends and neighbors who attended our virtual Holiday Celebration last Saturday evening. Over 130 people joined, and were welcomed by the BHCA, Tom Kershaw and Ivy Turner for a new take on our annual Decorating Days. We enjoyed Beacon Hill Christmas history, bell ringing by the Back Bay Bell Ringers and inspiring cocktail and cooking demonstrations from our friends at 75 Chestnut

and Hampshire House. We are also grateful to Rouvalis Flowers who provided us with a how-to video for holiday centerpieces. A good time was had by all as we stay connected during the holiday season!

Contractor Parking Problems

In response to many neighbors' concerns, we are working on ways to limit the amount of resident parking that is routinely

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Happenings on Charles Street

REMY opens on Charles Street

By Dan Murphy

A new boutique has opened on Charles Street that intends to offer one-stop shopping for women whether they're on the go in the city or plan to relax on the beach instead.

"We try to carry everything you would wear in the city or at the beach," said Remy Schaefer Stressenger, a fashion designer who recently opened REMY at 96 Charles St., "and you can get your wardrobes for both locations here."

Besides the REMY shawl and the Petite Jolie, another signature item Stressenger deigned herself is off the shoulder, part sweater and part shirt. "The shirt part can interchanged for other colors," she added.

The stop also sells jeans and sweaters made by other designers that, Stressenger said, "aren't sold

all over place," like Coolchange, Katherine Kidd, Place Nationale, among other brands.

REMY opened in Nantucket in 2016, and around that time, Stressenger launched the first REMY pop-up in the former location of Moxie at 51 Charles St. In June, REMY also opened a pop-up location in Duxbury that will stay in business through the holiday season.

Meanwhile, Stressenger who now lives in the North End, but previously lived in and raised her children in Beacon Hill, is happy that REMY has found a permanent home on Charles Street.

"Our store's tagline is "The city girl that loves the beach," she said, "so it's really nice to have a city location along with our Nantucket location."

Visit REMY online at remycreations.com, follow them on Instagram at @RemyCreations or call them at 617-840-5898.



REMY, a women's clothing boutique that recently opened at 96 Charles St.

Wishing you & your families a safe and healthy Christmas

The office will be closed Thursday Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25 & Thursday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 1.

Advertising deadlines for the week of Christmas will be Fri., Dec. 18.

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EDITORIAL

THE VIRUS IS IN OUR HOMES

We now are fully amidst the holiday season. Hanukkah is here and the Christmas and New Year's holiday week is fast-approaching.

Public health officials at all levels of government have been warning us for months that we must change our usual manner for celebrating the holidays if we are to have any chance of stopping the deadly spread of the coronavirus.

Unfortunately however, far too many of us have been ignoring these warnings. Families and friends continue to gather for holiday celebrations as if they are completely oblivious to the existence of a pandemic.

But consider these somber and alarming statistics recently released by the state: The overwhelming numbers of active coronavirus clusters across Massachusetts between the period of Nov. 1-November 28 (coinciding with the Thanksgiving holiday time frame) were traced to households, which accounted for 9393 of the state's 9883 clusters and 23,756 of the 26,451 confirmed cases.

In other words, the coronavirus is being spread by family and household members to each other.

This transmission of the virus among household members is nothing new, but its prevalence is striking -- about 90 percent of new coronavirus cases are now occurring within our homes.

The arrival of vaccines is wonderful news, but until each of us has a "jab" (that's what the British call getting a shot) in our arms, none of us are safe and all of us have to assume that everyone we come into contact with is a carrier.

We realize that staying apart from our family members and friends during the holidays is tough medicine -- but it's the only prescription that will work to suppress the spread of the virus.

THANK YOU, GOV. BAKER

We'd like to take a moment to express our appreciation to Gov. Charlie Baker, who has demonstrated incredible leadership during the past nine months of a crisis that is unprecedented in our state's history.

Day-after-day, Gov. Baker has confronted a deadly pandemic and an economic collapse (not to mention a dangerous president from his own party) with a degree of intelligence, competence, and assuredness that is unmatched by any governor in the country.

Massachusetts has been very fortunate to have Charlie Baker's steady hand at the tiller of our ship-of-state during this stormy period. And (to extend the metaphor), although we know there are still some rough seas ahead, thanks to Gov. Baker's helmsmanship, we can see clearing skies on the horizon.

REMEMBER THE NEEDY

We saw a statistic the other day that was absolutely mind-numbing: 18% of all Americans, and 24% of American children, do not have enough to eat on a daily basis.

We mention this because during this Christmas season, when many of us normally would be splurging on holiday parties, vacations, and the like, those of us who are fortunate enough not to fall within the 18% must consider how we can use our unspent resources to help our fellow Americans who are dealing with a situation that is even worse than what America faced at the height of the Great Depression.

Hopefully, Congress will get its act together shortly and provide relief for those in need. But until that happens, it is up to each of us to do what we can to assist our fellow citizens through donations to organizations -- of which there are many -- that will help to ensure that every American at least has enough to eat every day.



WINTER SOLSTICE... SHORTEST DAY. DEC. 21

GUEST OP-ED

Disappointment in expanded abortion

By Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts

The consistent teaching of the Catholic Church is that life begins at conception and ends with natural death. As the Roman Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts, we at all times hold firm to that teaching so as to promote the preservation of life and to create a culture of respect for life as the foundation of a just and moral society.

Today, we are deeply disappointed at the recent legislative action that, if enacted, would expand access to abortion in Mas-

sachusetts. The direct, intentional taking of a human life, regardless of the purpose or circumstances, is not morally acceptable and is particularly harmful to the common good. Most troubling is the fact that under these provisions, women will have greater access to late term abortions throughout the term of their pregnancy with no specific statutory requirement that a physician utilize lifesaving medical equipment if a child is born alive.

Despite our disappointment we are hopeful that the full legislature accepts the language proposed by the Governor to retain 18 as the age of consent, as provided by the current Massachusetts law,

and not reduce the age to sixteen. Clearly, a young girl of age 16 needs the guidance and support of a caring adult when considering the possibility of a decision that will affect her for the rest of her life.

We remain committed to life and pray for the end to all abortions. Our society is best served by the protection of every person's life, including those waiting to be born and those approaching natural death. We pledge ourselves to work to bring about a more just society that offers humane and effective alternatives for women facing a crisis or difficult pregnancy.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PRAISE FOR 'STOCKINGS HUNG WITH CARE AT PRESCOTT HOUSE'

Kirsten Aucoin's history of Christmas (Dec. 10 edition) was a total joy to read and so interesting! And for the composers of such classics as "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Jingle Bells" to be local sons just increases the appeal of the history and the holiday!

Thank you,

Deborah
Revere Street

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BPDA considers future of Urban Renewal in West End

By Dan Murphy

The Boston Planning and Development Agency held the final of 16 planned community meetings to discuss the future of Urban Renewal virtually on Dec. 10 in the West End - the first neighborhood in the city where the initiative was implemented more than 60 years ago.

Christopher Breen, the BPDA's Urban Renewal manager, said Urban Renewal came to the West End in 1957 - the same year that the BPDA's forerunner, the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), was established - and both were byproducts of the American Housing Act, which the federal government enacted under President Truman to invest in rapidly declining U.S. cities after World War II.

The BRA's first act was reimagining the West End through the lens of Urban Renewal, Breen said, and the federal government

awarded them, adjusted for inflation, \$189 million (\$17 million then) to accomplish "full slum clearance," replacing substandard homes with stable neighborhoods filled with open space, as well as creating wider streets, among other objectives. Instead, however, high-rises for upper middle class were built in the neighborhood and effectively dashed the hopes of many former West End residents wishing to move back to their old neighborhood.

While 14 of the city's 16 Urban Renewal Plans are set to expire in 2022 after receiving six-year extensions, the West End doesn't end then, Breen said, and instead "runs every 10 years."

As part of the Urban Renewal extension process, the BPDA has uploaded material for each neighborhood, including the West End, and made available to the public for the first time myriad docu-

ments such as Land Disposition Agreements (LDAs), which puts additional restrictions on public and private properties that the city took ownership; contracts between the buyer and seller (city) regarding the use of land; and an itemization of BPDA-owned land.

Additionally, Breen and fellow BPDA staffer Martin Serrano are creating a "story map" of the West End that, Breen said, will include pictures, maps and other documents from the city's archives.

Louise Thomas, a founding member of the West End Civic Association and a longtime resident of the neighborhood, said she believes the future of Urban Renewal in the West End is already a foregone conclusion as far as the city is concerned.

"As we all know, this West End Urban Renewal plan automatically renews," Thomas said. "Basically, do you whatever you want

in the West End. We want Urban Renewal to go away."

In contrast, Kevin McNamara, a Hawthorne Place trustee who has served on several of the city's Impact Advisory Groups to help determine mitigation for large-scale development projects, said he has his concerns about Urban Renewal, "but still think it's good thing to have in the neighborhood."

It's not up to the city, or even the state, to dispense with Urban Renewal, however, Breen said, since the federal government has overseen the process since 1974.

Urban Renewal plans also enable the city to use certain "tools" for development, Breen said, such as site assembly, title clearance and vertical discontinuances, which allow air-rights for building design. "If the plan goes away, there would be a lot more allowable uses for redevelop-

ment," he added.

Duane Lucia, executive director of the West End Museum, said that when Urban Renewal began in 1957 and was amended a year or two later, "part of the plan was to put a school or schools and family housing in West End," but there has been "no school and a decrease in family housing in West End since then."

Asked Lucia: "What is value of plan that didn't fulfill its goals?"

Breen said last week's meeting was intended as a general introduction that would precede a "mini-planning process" for the future of Urban Renewal in the West End and would include workshops and other activities.

"Do you want to preserve affordable housing and open space?" Breen asked stakeholders. "I'll take your lead on this."

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taken over - in many cases inappropriately - by contractors doing work on Beacon Hill. One such approach that we have undertaken is to deal with contractors misusing parking space permits directly on a case by case basis and we are visiting problem areas to speak with the owners or their contractors to limit such misuse of our precious resident parking resources. Such misuse includes contractor employees parking their personal vehicles in posted parking permit spots, which is not allowed, and contractors taking over resident spaces without any parking permits whatsoever. As always, we depend on you to inform us of any misuse of parking permits by contractors that you are seeing so that we can resolve it.

or concern online at <https://www.cityofboston.gov/311/>. The mobile app allows you to easily send a photo of the problem you are reporting. You can even Tweet @BOS311.

There are hundreds of topics that can be addressed by the 311 center, and these can be found on the 311 website. Some of the issues you can report to 311 include potholes, sidewalk problems, streets or sidewalks that need to be cleaned, how to get rid of a big item like furniture or appliances, broken street signs, broken traffic signals and broken gas lamps. The service will confirm your submittal and they will send you an email when the problem has been resolved.

We recommend that our neighbors use this service whenever they have a question or concern to which the City can respond. Please let us at the BHCA also know of any issues in the neighborhood that you think need attention. We can help follow up with the City.

Have you tried BOS:311?

The City of Boston has an important and useful resource for all Boston residents. 311 is an easy to remember telephone number that will connect you with the City's Constituent Service Center. The center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

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Join us!

If you haven't yet become a member of the BHCA, we invite you to join. Your input in quality of life issues on the Hill is important to us, and we rely on you our neighbors to bring your comments and concerns to our attention. By joining our membership, you strengthen our numbers and add credibility to our purpose as advocates for Beacon Hill. Please call our office at 617-227-1922 or email the BHCA Executive Director at patricia.tully@bhcivic.org with any questions, comments or concerns, or to become a member.

We are also always looking for persons who might be interested in joining one or more of our many standing committees that are involved in the issues that concern us all on the Hill - such as our Traffic and Parking Committee, our Streets and Sidewalks Committee, or our Architecture Committee to name just a few. Check out our website - bhcivic.org - for a list of our committees and what they do. In addition, if you are interested in potentially joining our Board of

Directors, please reach out and let us know. We'd be happy to talk to you about what our Board does and what the process is for joining.

Upcoming BHCA Virtual Events
Beacon Hill Meet & Greet - Monday, January 4th *

Zoning & Licensing - Wednesday, January 6th *

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



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PLEASE RECYCLE

COVID positive test rate in Beacon Hill increases over 50 percent

By John Lynds

The COVID-19 surge across Boston is continuing and Mayor Martin Walsh said the city is focusing efforts on neighborhoods that have a high volume of community spread ahead of the Christmas holiday.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday, 34,688 Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, West End and Downtown residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 9 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a 52.5 percent increase from the 5.9 percent testing positive the week of Thanksgiving. The citywide positive test increased 45 percent last week and went from 11.9 percent of Boston residents testing positive for the virus to 17.3 percent.

Overall since the pandemic began 3.8 percent of Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, West End and Downtown residents were found to be COVID positive.

On Monday, Mayor Walsh and Gov. Charlie Baker announced new state-wide restrictions for the city and state. In an effort to reduce



Mayor Martin Walsh announcing the new state-wide restrictions for the city and state.

the further spread of COVID and its impact on Boston's health care system and essential services, Walsh said starting Wednesday Boston will return back to a modified Phase Two, Step Two of the Reopening Massachusetts plan. The

"Unfortunately, we are at the point where we need to take stronger action to control COVID-19 in Boston, and urgently, to ensure our health care workers have the capacity to care for everyone in need," said Walsh. "We are hopeful that by reducing opportunities for transmission throughout the region, we will reduce the spread of this deadly virus and maintain our ability to keep critical services

open. We continue to urge everyone to take personal responsibility and follow the public health guidelines while visiting any public space or business, and employers to allow their employees to work from home as much as possible. Together, we will be able to get this virus under control, save lives, and ultimately come back stronger."

Returning to a modified Phase Two, Step Two requires the closure of certain businesses that were allowed to open during the Phase Three reopening plan. Gatherings in private and public settings are required to have no more than 10 people for indoor settings and 25 people for outdoor settings.

The following industries in the City of Boston are required to close starting Wednesday, December 16 for at least three weeks:

- Indoor fitness centers and health clubs, including gyms using alternative spaces. One-on-one personal training sessions are allowed.
- Movie theaters
- Museums
- Aquariums
- Indoor recreational and athletic facilities (except for youth 18 and under)

- This does not apply to collegiate or professional sports. Collegiate sports teams in the City of Boston may continue to use indoor recreational facilities and fitness centers.

- Indoor pools may remain open for all ages under pre-registration format structure limited to one person per swim lane.

- Indoor recreational venues with potential for low-contact (batting cages, driving ranges, bowling alleys, rock-climbing)

- Sightseeing and other organized tours (bus tours, duck tours, harbor cruises, whale watching)

- Indoor historical spaces & sites

- Indoor event spaces (meeting rooms, ballrooms, private party rooms, social clubs)

- Private social clubs may continue to operate, if they serve food, consistent with restaurant guidance.

- Indoor and outdoor gaming arcades associated with gaming devices

- The Mayor said bars and restaurants may remain open with bar seating restrictions and a strictly enforced 90-minute seating limit.

The infection rate in Beacon Hill and surrounding neighborhoods increased 11.8 percent in one week according to the latest city statistics.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 245.5 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 219.4 cases per 10,000 residents.

One hundred forty-five additional residents became infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area increased from 1,223 cases to 1,368 cases as of last Friday.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 11 percent percent last week and went from 30,342 cases to 33,735 in a week. Twenty-seven more Boston residents died from the virus and there are now 960 total deaths in the city from COVID.

BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will hold a public hearing on Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89488271551>.

Subject of the hearing will be applications for Certificates of Design Approval on the agenda below, reviews of architectural violations, and such businesses as may come before the commission, in accordance with Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1955 of the Massachusetts General Law as amended. Applications are available for review during business hours at the office of the Environment Department. Applicants or their representatives are required to attend, unless indicated otherwise below. Sign language interpreters are available upon request.

ATTENTION: This hearing will only be held virtually and NOT in person. You can participate in this hearing by going to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89488271551> or calling 1 (929) 205-6099 and entering meeting id # 833 9259 9753. You can also submit written comments or questions to BeaconHillAC@boston.gov or via Twitter @bostonlandmarks

I. Design Review Hearing
APP # 21.0383 BH 74 Beacon Street: (Previously Reviewed 11/2020)

Applicant: Mike Carey; KMC Builders

Proposed Work: Remove existing roof deck and rail, repair rooftop pool leak, reinstall roof deck in kind

APP # 21.0469 BH 22 Beacon Street:

Applicant: John Nucci; Suffolk University

Proposed Work: Replace storefront awnings

APP # 21.0470 BH 7 Byron Street:*

Applicant: David and Amanda Currey

Proposed Work: Restore or Replace and repaint existing front door, install new door hardware, install security panel, install life-safety bell and strobe and fire hose connection. (See Additional Items under Administrative Review).

APP # 21.0471 BH 104 Mount Vernon Street:

Applicant: Elliott Olson; Hickox Willams Architects

Proposed Work: Add window wells at front façade.

APP # 20.0472 BH 77 Chestnut Street:*

Applicant: Eduardo Serrate; Hacin + Associates

Proposed Work: Replace penthouse windows and doors; replace fiber board on elevator head house. Replace wood lattice flue enclosure with new standing seam copper.

APP # 20.0473 BH 62 Chestnut Street:*

Applicant: Joe Boccelli

Proposed Work: At rear façade, modify fire escape, add new opening of rear garden wall, repaint wood surfaces and trim colors, new skylights, new rear second level windows and doors.

APP # 20.0474 BH 51 Hancock Street:*

Applicant: Tim Burke

Proposed Work: Install a new roof deck previously approved in 2015.

APP # 29.0475 BH 51 Hancock Street:*

Applicant: Lisa Jessogne
Proposed Work: Install shutters to front façade.

APP # 29.0476 BH 1 Spruce Street:*

Applicant: Michelle Kerry
Proposed Work: Replace trellis, replace 4th floor shutters, repair fence.

*Notes Outstanding Requirements

II. Advisory Review
11 Irving Street:

Applicant: Christine Connolly
Proposed Work: Install security gate at front door

III. Administrative Review/Approval: In order to expedite the review process, the commission has delegated the approval of certain work items, such as those involving ordinary maintenance and repair, restoration or replacement, or which otherwise have a

minimal impact on a building's appearance, to commission staff pending ratification at its monthly public hearing. Having been identified as meeting these eligibility criteria and all applicable guidelines, the following applications will be approved at this hearing:

Applicants whose projects are listed under this heading NEED NOT APPEAR at the hearing. Following the hearing, you will be issued a Determination Sheet to present at the Inspection Services Department (1010 Massachusetts Avenue) as proof of project approval when applying for permits. ISD personnel will send an electronic copy of your building-permit application to the commission staff for review. (To avoid potential confusion, the text of your building-permit application should be consistent with the project description given below.) Commission staff will accordingly authorize the execution of the work, attaching any applicable provisos, reflecting the relevant guidelines and precedents.

Please Note That Following Issuance Of The Determination Sheet No Further Correspondence Will Be Issued For The Applications Listed Below. The electronic building-permit application as annotated by commission staff will constitute your Certificate of Appropriateness; this will be valid for one year from the date of the

hearing. The applicant is required to notify the commission of any project changes; failure to do so may affect the status of the approval.

If you have any questions not addressed by the above information, please contact staff at 617.635.3850 or BeaconHillAC@boston.gov Thank you.

APP # 21.0470 BH 7 Byron Street: Replace second floor vinyl windows with 6 over 6 wood true divided light windows. Restore garage transom window, restore carriage house door. (See Additional Items under Design Review).

APP # 21.0476 BH 28 Chestnut Street: Repair, repoint chimney

APP # 21.0477 BH 63 Chestnut Street: Sanding and repainting front door in kind (Black).

APP # 21.0478 BH 70 Chestnut Street: Replace three rear, 3rd floor, 8 over 8, non-historic, wood windows with 8 over 8, true divided light, wood windows.

APP # 21.0479 BH 14-16 Lynde Street: Replace gutters, rear windows at 1970s stairwell addition; repoint chimney, parapet, lintels and sills.

IV. Ratification Of 11/21/2019 Public Hearing Minutes

V. Staff Updates

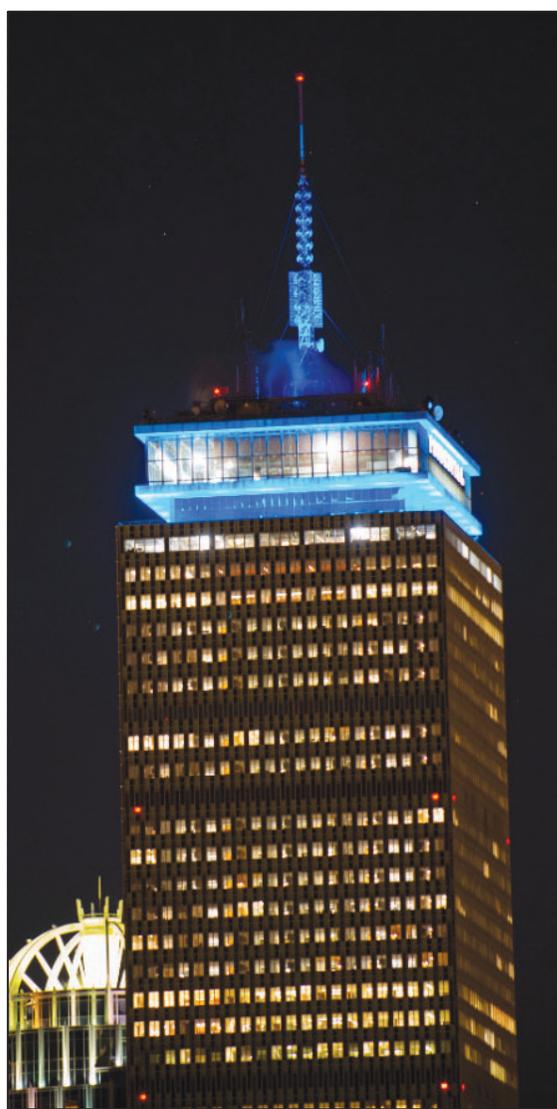
VI. Projected Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.

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ment, 2020 ceremonies have even greater significance than in years past.

“We encourage the Boston community to reflect on the impact the pandemic continues to have on frontline workers who are the backbone of MGH’s COVID-19 response team,” said Nicholson.

Each night throughout December, Boston Properties will light top of the Prudential Tower a different color to honor partnering non-profit organizations. Donations in support of the MGH Fund can be made at: <https://giving.mass-general.org/mgh-fund/donate/31-nights-of-lights/>.



The Prudential Tower.

T votes to make short-term service reductions

By Dan Murphy

Faced with diminished ridership, the MBTA will make a number of short-term changes to service next year following a majority vote on Monday, Dec. 14, by its Fiscal and Management Control Board.

Changes to subway service, which take effect in March or April of 2021, will include a 20-percent reduction in frequency on the Red, Orange and Green lines, said Kat Benesh, the T’s chief of operations strategy, policy, as well as a 5-percent reduction in frequency on the Blue line.

As for changes to bus service, which also go into effect next March or April, 80 essential routes will also see a 5 percent reduction in service while, Benesh said, the frequency of “heavily used routes like the 111 and 116 will have little to no change.”

Additionally, 60 non-essential routes will also be scaled back 20 percent while another 16 routes will be consolidated and four more shortened.

Commuter rail service could be eliminated on weekends on some lines and end as early as 9 p.m. on weeknights beginning in March or April while Charlestown and Hingham direct ferry service will be suspended beginning next month.

The latest changes to service were informed by 10 public meetings, which drew around 2,200 attendees, Benesh said, as well as by 6,723 public comments after the T unveiled its original plan on Nov. 9.

“The service changes approved today will align capacity with ridership demands during Fiscal Year 2021, which ends on June 30, 2021,” MBTA General Manager Steve Pofatak said in a press release, “and we will continue to analyze ridership and other factors

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Danish Country & Modern to close after nearly 37 years on Charles Street

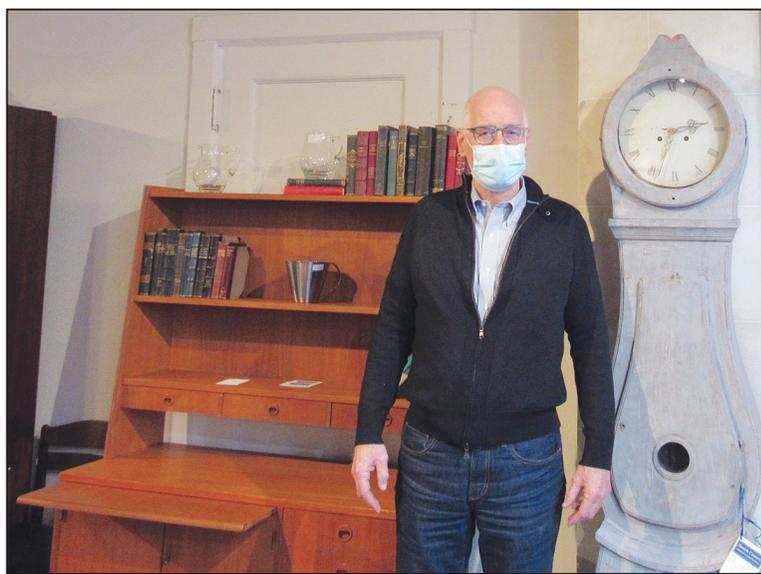
By Dan Murphy

When Danish Country & Modern permanently shuts on New Year's Eve, it not only draws the curtain on one of Charles Street's longest standing retail establishments after nearly four decades in business at the same location, but also leave behind one less of only a handful of remaining antique shops on what was once rightfully called Boston's "antique row."

Jim Kilroy opened the store at 138 Charles St. on Feb. 1, 1984, immediately after the first delivery container arrived there, and passersby clamored around to get a closer look at the unusual selection of Scandinavian antiques and mid-century modern furniture he was selling.

"The store had no sign at first, but people saw us unloading the shipment were curious and then they saw the merchandise, which wasn't your typical antiques," he said. "There was no mahogany, and it wasn't American or English. It was totally sort of fresh and fashionable."

Over the previous month, Kilroy had enlisted family members, including his sister, Ann Kfoury, and others, to help him thoroughly renovate the approximately 1,500 square-foot space, which previously hadn't been touched in 35 years. They did all the restoration, except the electrical work themselves, Kil-



Jim Kilroy, owner of Danish Country & Modern at 138 Charles St., which will close at the end of the month after nearly 37 years in business, is seen with a piece of mid-century Swedish furniture to his left and an operational Swedish Mora clock on his right.

roy said, including removing partitions, painting the ceiling blue and remodeling the basement.

As for Kilroy, he had just returned to Boston after living in Europe for several years to be closer to his family, and his wife, Ruthi, was pregnant with their first child, Danielle. It wasn't until later that he learned many of the other antique dealers on Charles Street pitied him then and believed that his store would never last with its selection of unconventional merchandise.

The doubters were soon

silenced, however.

"I just opened the doors and people flocked in," he said. "I was very lucky because people liked what I was selling."

Danish Country & Modern was also graced with good fortune early on when Mopsy Strange Kennedy, a frequent contributor to The Boston Globe at the time, featured the store in a small write-up with a photo in that newspaper's Sunday edition on March 25, 1984, and which still hangs in the store to this day.

Even more so, Kilroy credits



Danish Country & Modern at 138 Charles St.

the devoted and unwavering support of his family, as well as good friends, like Courtney McGlynn, a professor of graphic design at Bunker Hill Community College, who've been there since the beginning of the business's long and successful run on Charles Street.

"It was a small family affair then," Kilroy said of Danish Country Antiques, "and that's how it's remained."

Leanne, the middle of Kilroy's three children who now lives in London, helped him make the jump from placing weekly ads in The Globe's Sunday editions to Instagram and other social media, as well as to launch of Danish Country Antiques website around 20 years.

"We were one of the first furniture stores to have a website, and it wasn't fluff either, it actually showed the furniture," Kilroy said, adding: "We've already gone through two servers."

Besides Leanne, Jonathan, the youngest of the siblings who worked in the shop in high school, and now lives in San Francisco, has been helping Kilroy move out of the Charles Street space, and Danielle, who now lives in Maine, pitches in when she can, too.

Additionally, another of his sisters, Carol Kilroy, has worked in the shop alongside his sister, Ann, for the past 15 years as well.

Danish Country & Modern, meanwhile, has won numerous accolades over the years, including notably, Boston Magazine's Best of Boston in 2012, as well as Yankee Magazine's Best of New England in 2004 and again in 2009.

Besides goods imported from Scandinavia, which have been a mainstay for the business since it first opened, the shop also dealt in Chinese furniture for a number of years beginning in 1997, but eventually stopped carrying those items

when they fell out of fashion.

Since the very beginning, Kilroy has made regular pilgrimages to Denmark and Sweden to personally ensure that every item the shop sells lives up to his own discerning standards. "It has to be something I like," he said, "and if I don't like it, I don't buy it."

Recently Kilroy has taken about three buying trips to Europe each year, but in the 1980s and '90s, at the height of his business, he made about five a year. His last one was in February, and even though Kilroy heard rumblings of the impending pandemic when he was last in Denmark, he said, "No one understood it then."

But by the time that container arrived, all business in Boston had been sidelined by COVID-19, so Kilroy had all the incoming merchandise transported to his warehouse in Newton (which closed a few weeks ago as well).

Even if he could potentially resume making buying trips to Europe again in the near future, Kilroy said Danish Country & Modern wouldn't reopen at its current location, and that he needs to take a much-deserved break from working to catch his breath after 37 years in business.

And while his impending retirement might only turn out to be temporary, Kilroy said he couldn't conceive of owning another business anywhere other than on Charles Street.

"It's been great, and I think it's a great neighborhood," Kilroy said. "People always ask me, 'Don't you want to open another store?' But Charles Street would be a very difficult act to follow."

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49 new trees planted along Esplanade

By Dan Murphy

Forty-nine new trees were recently planted along the Esplanade, courtesy of the Esplanade Association.

As part of its L.E.A.F. (Lasting Esplanade Arbor Fund), the non-profit's three-person Horticulture Team planted myriad tree species or cultivars, 12 of which are new to the park, including Crabapple,

Honeylocust, Sugar Maple, Serviceberry, and Carolina Silverbell.

"During a time when so much of the state was closed, the Esplanade Association's essential horticulture staff planted the largest number of trees in our organization's history," said Michael Nichols, executive director. "A healthy tree canopy is a critical tool in our effort to make the Esplanade both climate resilient and a welcoming

habitat for birds and other wildlife."

All the new trees were planted along the Esplanade in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation while the L.E.A.F. Initiative's tree diversification efforts intend to bolster the health of the park's tree canopy against pests and plagues for years to come.

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Barry, Kevin M		Beal Robert L Est	21 Brimmer St	\$6,600,000
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Doucette, Joan F		Codazzi, Daniel	15 River St #401	\$895,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE				
Perkins, Ashley N		DeVincentis, Alexia	66 Appleton St #3	\$607,500
Simha, Vikram		Chu, Jacyln H	1 Charles St S #1504	\$1,975,000
FTP RET 2004		Regan RET	15-17 Harcourt St #306	\$1,565,000
Thopsey, Brian F		Orefice, Robert	700 Harrison Ave #409	\$1,000,000
Ledonne, Eric		Dinicola, Giovanna	12 Keswick St #3	\$810,000
Gamache, Matt G		Martinelli, Roberta	5 Keswick St #3	\$898,000
Slifka, Max		Metzger, Terry L	298 Shawmut Ave #5	\$1,950,000
Lake, Craig A		Noonan, Mary J	602 Tremont St #3	\$1,150,000
Pappas, Felicia A		Douglas L Wooden T	22 Upton St #4	\$1,840,000
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Attention to Detail

By Penny Cherubino

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The balcony in the last clue is on the courtyard side of River House at 145 Pinckney Street. It was designed by architects Desgranges & Steffian and was built in 1951. This 7-story structure is considered a mid-rise building defined as having between 5 to 12 floors.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

WEST END MUSEUM CLOSED FOR WINTER

The West End Museum is closed through at least mid-February.

"While closing for most of the winter is a challenging decision, we feel that doing so is our best option to serve the WEM community, do our part to keep people safe, and prepare for a return to normal," reads a statement on the museum's website posted prior to Mayor Martin Walsh's announcement that Boston would be returning to Phase two Step Two on Dec. 14, which shuts museums citywide for at least three weeks. "While we're closed our work will continue."

Over the winter, the museum will continue to offer virtual tours/talks about West End history, as well as outdoor "Strolling Tours" scheduled upon inquiry.

To schedule a tour, email thewestendmuseum@gmail.com.

HISTORIC CHRISTMAS EVE HANDBELLS WILL BE SILENT THIS YEAR

Due to state COVID-19 guidelines limiting outdoor gatherings, bell ringing on Louisburg Square Christmas Eve has been canceled, but the proprietors of Louisburg Square hope to resume the beloved tradition in 2021.

The tradition began in 1924 with Margaret Nichols Shurcliff, who was raised at 55 Mount Vernon St., which is currently home to the Nichols House Museum. On Christmas Eve of that year, Margaret and her children, including her youngest daughter, 9-year-old Alice, rang Christmas carols in front of their home, then, joined by a joyful gathering of neighbors, strolled the streets of Beacon Hill ringing carols. This celebration

grew in such popularity that Margaret's family has continued for many years, passing bell ringing down to new generations. Some of her grandchildren still observe the Christmas Eve ringing on Louisburg Square, the perennial home of this tradition on Beacon Hill.

TONIGHT: VIRTUAL HEARING ON PROPOSED HURLEY BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT SET FOR DEC. 17

The state's Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. to present the draft Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Charles F. Hurley Building.

You can view the draft Project Proposal at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/charles-f-hurley-building-draft-project-proposal/download>.

The hearing will be held online, via Zoom. To pre-register, click on https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Zw1ed5LORHqn_M2OsqqqBg;

after registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining.

BEACON HILL SEMINARS REGISTRATION AND KICKOFF

Beacon Hill Seminars is offering 18 online courses this spring and the public is invited to learn more at their Spring Semester Kickoff on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 2 p.m. via Zoom. The course leaders will share brief introductions to their classes on art, history, science, politics and more.

For more information, visit beaconhillseminars.org or email info@beaconhillseminars.org.

'MEMOIRS' COLLECTION OF ARTWORK NOW ON EXHIBIT AT THE BARRY GROUP'S OFFICES

The Hidden Art Gallery presents "Memoirs" - a collection of paintings by Patrick Anderson and Zoe Arguello that are a mix of realists cityscapes of Boston, Beacon Hill and impressionist paintings of nearby public parks - for viewing during the week or by appointment at The Barry Group offices at 98 West Cedar St. through Dec. 31. Feel free to stop by in person or call 617-308-5966 for an appointment.

HILL HOUSE OFFERING SEMI-PRIVATE CLASSES FOR FAMILY PODS

Hill House, Inc., located at 127 Mount Vernon St., recognizes that many families have formed pods to keep groups smaller/reduce exposure.

To acknowledge that, Hill House is now offering semi-private classes and athletics for small cohorts of children. From art to science and Pre-K sports, there are open opportunities for you to come into the Firehouse at flexible times and enjoy the wide array of enrichment programs and athletics with the comfort of knowing who you're in the class with in an individualized space. These semi-private classes are open to all ages and led by our trained staff. For further information and to sign up, call the Front Desk at 617-227-5838, or visit www.hillhouse-boston.org.

An unusual happening in a unique neighborhood



"Thanksgiving morning, I got a text message from Jack Gurnon from Charles Street Supply saying that he had meant to come in to purchase the turkey napkins in the window but just didn't make it," wrote Lynne Wolverton, proprietor of Linens on the Hill at 52 Charles St. "Cassie [Jack's wife] saw them the eve before when she was returning from walking their dog and said something like, 'How did those not sell?'"

"Jack asked permission to use my spare key, which of course they keep for me, to come in and get the napkins to surprise Cassie. My response was, of course and if you look further in the right you'll see the table runner to make the set complete. Of course for the self-service and very late sale, I offered 25 percent off. Later in the afternoon he sent me [this] photo of the table all perfectly set with the new linens.

"It's not often that I make a sale when the shop is closed. In a unique neighborhood like this however, many unusual things like this happen," Wolverton wrote.

BEACON HILL BEAT

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Larceny

12/09/20 - The suspects - two females and one male - were caught inside a Cambridge Street pharmacy stealing merchandise at around 5:50 p.m. The store clerk reported that the suspects concealed items, then attempted to steal the female clerk's phone from her hand. The suspects then fled the store after knocking over and damaging several display cases. Video footage of the incident has been made available to police.

Assault and Battery

12/10/20 - Police responded to a Park Plaza hotel for a removal of unruly guests at about 11:27 p.m. Security stated a family consisting of four women and one man were causing a disturbance in the room they rented and were bothering other guests on the floor. The suspects were removed from the room, at which time, the male suspect became very aggressive towards his sister and pushed and shoved her to the ground. He was subsequently arrested for assault and battery.

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Boston Public Schools returns some students to in-person learning

By John Lynds

Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Public School Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius announced that approximately 1,700 students across 28 schools, including the Eliot School, returned to in-person learning on Monday.

The students returning to school this week have complex disabilities and language needs and were identified by BPS as having a high priority for in-person learning.

"After the return three weeks ago of students to our special education-focused schools we returned the next group of students on Monday, December 14," said Cassellius. "We are communicating directly with those families in collaboration with their school leaders to outline next steps. This group includes approximately 1,700 students across 28 schools.

These plans are based on families who selected hybrid learning for their students and on each building's ability to welcome students and staff back to in-person learning. We will add free-standing air purifiers into the school buildings without HVAC systems to promote airflow."

However, the Boston Teachers Union (BTU) passed a vote of 'no confidence' in Dr. Cassellius's reopening plan.

"The BTU has advocated for Cassellius for common sense reopening provisions such as prioritizing in-person learning for special education students, particularly those who cannot access remote learning," said the BTU in a statement after the vote.

Other asks by the BTU included safe ventilation and air quality standards; vents in bathrooms and working sinks with soap for hand-

washing; a scheduling process that takes into account pre-existing medical conditions of educators and their families; PPE for educators, nurses and staff working with students who cannot socially distance or wear masks; and access to COVID-19 testing.

The union did not seek additional provision with regard to safety, instruction, or staffing issues covering the Eliot and the 27 other schools in Boston, but merely sought the same provisions that were formally agreed to by the superintendent for the first four schools that were opened last month.

"These key provisions were at last agreed to with the Superintendent in November for the initial four schools that were reopened with our support for some of our highest-need students," the statement continues. "Prior to the vote

of no confidence, the union had passed a resolution calling for the same safety, instructional, and staffing provisions that exist at the four currently open schools to be extended to the 28 additional schools where staff and students will be present on Monday."

On Monday, Mayor Walsh shot back at the BTU's no confidence vote and credited Cassellius and her team for doing this work and prioritizing the students who most need our support.

The Mayor addressed the vote that the BTU took over the weekend that criticized the district and the superintendent on Monday during a press briefing.

"That action doesn't help our collective efforts at a critical time," said Walsh. "I value deeply the work that our teachers are doing and have done, all year, under very difficult circumstances. I am sym-

pathetic to their concerns about COVID safety. These are all of our concerns and we are responding to those concerns. 100 percent of the safety measures that the teachers union requested are implemented in all the schools we have opened. The result is that, today, many more high needs students and their dedicated teachers and support staff are in school, working together, being safe, and learning. That's a great accomplishment by all involved. We're going to continue to support our teachers and school staff in that work. And we're going to keep our promise to the families of our city to do everything we can to get kids safely back in school, where they belong. I have absolute confidence in the Superintendent and her team's commitment to these values and this work."

CITY PAWS

Protect pet-friendly housing

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

One of our least favorite phrases is "No Pets." As life-long animal lovers, we cringe when we see these words attached to everything from hotel and rental listings, doors to shops, and parks.

We realize that many prohibitions began because irresponsible people let their animals run amok, damage property, or disturb others. As responsible pet guardians, we're more upset by these scofflaws than those who live without pets. We know that scofflaws provide pet-haters with the ammunition needed to add restrictions and take away options for those who live with animals.

Protecting Your Pet-Friendly Building

If you live in a multi-family,

pet-friendly building, your day-to-day behavior can help keep it that way. Be the kind of neighbor you'd want to have. People who oppose pets in buildings are concerned about the annoyance of dogs barking inside homes and common areas.

Terriers are barkers. Our Poppy would be a nuisance to our neighbors if we didn't stop her immediately. We correct her at the first sound and send her to her quiet spot. There, she is supposed to lie down with head on her paws and wait quietly. She knows that if she barks again, she'll find herself in a time-out in the bathroom with the door closed.

When we leave her alone in our condo, she is in her crate, away from the door, and has background music to help block

any sound that might cause her to bark. Most non-stop barkers are left loose in the home, sit by the door listening to every sound, respond by barking, and are very annoying to neighbors.

If your dog barks in response to other dogs or people in the common areas, you need to be prepared to keep moving when you're with your dog. Save activities like dropping off trash, conversing with neighbors or staff for times when you are alone. Even if your dog is not a barker, hanging around common areas with a dog can cause other dogs to bark and endanger the right to have dogs in your building.

Respect Rules!

Buildings that allow animals usually have rules. Ask what they

are and follow them to the letter of the law. Commonly, dogs are not allowed off-leash anywhere outside your home, and you are responsible for picking up after your animal. Simple enough, but we see these broken in our community all the time.

There are also common-sense rules that make you a better neighbor. Walk your dog away from the building's doorways, stairways, fencing, and plantings before you allow him to relieve himself.

Fess-up About Damage

If your animal ever relieves itself inside your common areas because it is ill or because you were late to bring it outside, clean it up yourself. Self-report the incident to management so they can deep-clean the area, preventing other

dogs from marking over the spot.

Here's a tip that might catch a mess. Keep a waterproof puppy pad near your dog's leash. Then if you know something might happen on the way out, you can scoot that under your dog in time to save the cleanup. These pads are also an excellent way to dry any type of spill in your homes, making it worth keeping a small supply on hand.

As you begin to list your resolutions for the new year, add a thought about doing your part in protecting pet-friendly places by being a responsible pet keeper and a good neighbor.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

T VOTE (from pg. 5)

including the economic reopening and vaccine distribution as we plan for Fiscal Year 2022 service levels during our budget process this spring."

Poftak also said he expected ridership would return "incrementally" as individuals make personal decisions regarding returning to work or school.

Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack said in a press release, "Today's action by the FMCB ensures that the MBTA will provide more than enough service to meet the needs of transit riders this winter and spring. The resulting savings can be reinvested

later, when warranted by durable ridership and consistent with the timing of the post-vaccine economic reopening."

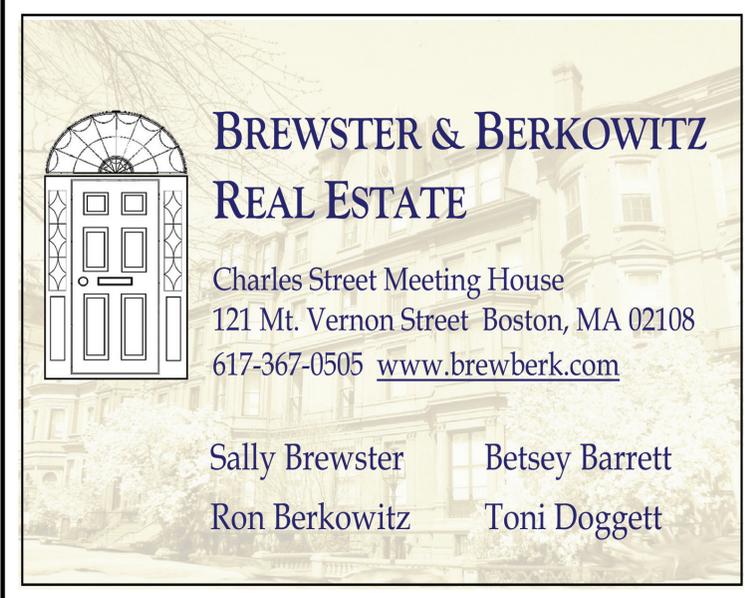
Ridership on the T has reportedly dwindled from 330,000 trips on an average weekday from around 1.26 million daily trips prior to the pandemic

An amendment offered by Director Monica Tibbits-Nutt to the Service Level vote that required the FMCB to assess the need for additional service to meet ridership demand by no later than March 15, and, if feasible, to allocate additional resources to meet such a demand was accepted in the final

proposal.

The T must also receive approval on a Title VI Service Equity Analysis to ensure that no particular group of riders is disparately impacted or disproportionate burdened, as well as undergo an Environmental Review, which is triggered by the planned 10-percent service reduction in accordance with MEPA (Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act).

For a complete listing of all upcoming changes in MBTA service, including all changes to bus routes, visit www.mbta.com/ForgingAhead.



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The Beacon Hill Business Association's Beacon Hill Safe Holiday Stroll fell prey to inclement weather on Saturday, Dec. 5, so Upstairs Downstairs Antiques at 93 Charles St. was among those shops on the street to celebrate the eagerly awaited annual event on the subsequent Saturday, Dec. 12.



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Mark Duffield and Sandra Gilpatrick, neighbors and friends of Upstairs Downstairs Antiques.



Upstairs Downstairs Antiques at 93 Charles St.

'TIS THE SEASON

Second Sunday of Advent 2020 - Charles Dumbaugh and advents wreath - social distancing...with thoughts of friends on the Hill and family here and away.



SCAMPO'S

Holiday TAKE OUT Selections as Follows:
To be picked up Christmas Eve Day December 24th 2020 at 215 Charles Street (Liberty Hotel) Boston, MA.
Available from Noon to 4 PM*
Reserve Menu by December 20th at 5PM
Visit www.scampoboston.com or call 617-536-2100

STARTERS

4 to 6 people

Lydia's Crisped Extra Large Roka Shrimp
12 pc. \$55
18 pc. \$70

6 ppl. Sherried 'Winter Place' Lobster Stew
\$58

Cesare Casalla's Thinly Sliced Prosciutto on Platter with Whole Burrata, Pear Mostarda, Toasted Hazelnuts
\$48

Whole Brown Sugar & Beer Smoked Pork Shoulder Slow Roasted served w/ Honey Mustard
\$65

12 petite James Beard's Cream Biscuits
\$20

DINNER

6 to 8 ppl. Crisp Roasted Christmas Goose w/ Cranberry 'Necklace' Chestnut, Apple & Sausage Stuffing, Black Pepper Caramel Cider & Bourbon Glazed Shallots
\$220

6 to 8 ppl. Prime Nebraska Raised Cote de Boeuf (Rib of Beef) with our Pomegranate Marinade Grilled over Cherry Wood Chips Two Sauces : Roquefort & Au Poivre
\$220

4 ppl. Roast Chilean Sea Bass w/ White Miso Glaze, Scallion & Radish
\$120

6 ppl. 'Crackling' Sicilian Porchetta Rolled w/ Pistachio & Apricot
\$85

6 ppl. 12 oz. each Meaty Barbera Wine Braised Shortribs
\$150

Fazzoletti 'folded handkerchiefs' Pasta w/ Chunky Pesto
\$50

Polenta w/ Crisped Onion Strings
\$30

SIDES

Baked Acorn Squash w/ Bacon, Brown Sugar & Butter
\$35

Chantilly Mashed Potatoes
\$35

Crisped Brussels Sprouts w/ Sweet Chili Sauce, Shaved Ricotta
\$40

Coconut Basmati Rice, Thai Basil & Wasabi Peas
\$28

Wines To Go Available

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