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Edwards wins State Senate Primary Election

By John Lynds

District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards came out on top Tuesday night and made history once again as the first female woman of color to be nominated to the First Suffolk & Middlesex Senate seat. If there is no Republican challenger for the January 11 General Election, Edwards is on her way from

City Hall to Beacon Hill.

"This is a moment to celebrate," said Edwards at her victory party at Spinelli's in East Boston. "I'm just overwhelmed by this moment, but I can assure you no one will forget this race. When I first ran for Senate in 2016 people asked, 'Who is this girl?' but now this girl is the Senator for the First Suffolk & Middlesex District. I'm

just so grateful to all of you, my entire universe. I want to thank my entire team because without them I wouldn't be here. They always had my back."

Edwards won Boston wards and precincts in Beacon Hill, the North End, East Boston, Bay Village and Chinatown as well as wards and

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Shown above, Lydia Edwards is greeted by a room full of happy supporters at Spinelli's Banquet Hall following the results of the Dec. 14 State Senate Primary Election.



Lydia Edwards addresses her supporters during her victory party at Spinelli's.

Civic Association unanimously votes to support motion to make amendments to Beacon Hill Historic District language

By Dan Murphy

At its Dec. 13 meeting at the Boston Athenaeum – their first in-person gathering since the pandemic struck – the Beacon Hill Civic Association board of directors voted unanimously on a motion to support the enactment of a Home Rule Petition by the City Council to amend the language for the Enabling Act that created the Beacon Hill Historic District to expand its boundaries, among other changes.

"One purpose of the motion would be to ask the Council to draft legislation that would enlarge the District to include all of the North Slope, by adding to the District an approximately 40-foot-wide area running from Charles Circle to Bowdoin Street along Cambridge Street on the Beacon Hill side that is currently not included from the District," said

Rob Whitney, chair of the Civic Association board. "As a result of an historic anomaly, this section of Beacon Hill's North Slope was excluded from the District when the rest of the North Slope was added to District in 1963 by Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1963."

This omission, said Whitney, apparently came in response to concerns that including the entire North Slope in the Historic District could impede the city's plan to build a new fire station on Cambridge Street.

(On Oct. 28, 1963, the Bowdoin Square firehouse was closed, with Engine 4 and Ladder 24 temporarily moving downtown to 123 Oliver St., while a new firehouse was constructed at 200 Cambridge St., which opened on Cambridge Street on May 3, 1965, when Engine Company 4 and Ladder Company 24 moved in.)

Another purpose of the motion,

said Whitney, would be to give the Beacon Hill Architectural the "specific authority to levy fines for violations" – because although the Enabling Act does currently allow for fines to be imposed on violators, "it does not specifically state that the BHAC can levy such fines" and subsequently "the BHAC is unable to punish repeated violations of the Enabling Act."

A final purpose of the motion, according to Whitney, would be to ensure that any reconstruction of an exterior feature, which has been fully or partially demolished for any "public safety reasons," as determined by the Building Commissioner, is "done within the architectural requirements of the Enabling Act" – something currently deemed to be outside of the jurisdiction of the BHAC.

In another matter, the Civic

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Beacon Hill Books and Café lands Chef Colleen Suhanosky

By Dan Murphy

When the highly anticipated Beacon Hill Books and Café opens at 71 Charles St., (tentatively set for May), Colleen Suhanosky will be at the helm of its garden level café, marking a return to the neighborhood where the head chef and owner of Rifrullo Cafe in Brookline started her celebrated culinary career more than two decades ago working under Lydia Shire at her bygone Biba restaurant.

Besides working under Shire, Suhanosky baked with Gramercy Tavern pastry chef Claudia Fleming after graduating from New York's esteemed Culinary Institute of America in 1994. She jointly launched Sfoglia restaurant on Nantucket and Manhattan's Upper East Side six years later before opening Rifrullo in 2013.

At Rifrullo, the farm-fresh menu is "based on what's local and what's in season," said Suhanosky, and diners can expect more of the same from Beacon Hill Books and Café.

"We'll change [menu offerings] to keep things fresh," said Suhanosky. "We get bored too, so we



COURTESY OF BEACON HILL BOOKS AND CAFÉ

Chef Colleen Suhanosky, the culinary force behind the soon-to-open Beacon Hill Books and Café.

try to stay creative, and I think that's how we stay current."

Suhanosky also expects there will be a symbiotic relationship between the Bookstore Café and Rifrullo,

"We have a very capable team," she said. "We've been open eight years in Brookline and have a good rhythm going that I feel will

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EDITORIAL

'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING -- AND NEVER HAS THE NEED BEEN MORE URGENT

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." -- Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities.

With Christmas fast approaching, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our holiday shopping in hopes of finding that "perfect" gift for our family members and loved ones.

Despite the pandemic that has ravaged our nation in so many ways, most Americans actually are doing okay, if not extremely well. Sure, the pandemic has made life inconvenient and not as enjoyable as usual for everybody, but most of us are getting along just fine.

Those who are able to work from home have not suffered a loss of income. And for those among us who have any sort of investments, from real estate to the stock market to certain types of small businesses, the pandemic has been a boon.

However, the good economic news for the majority of Americans has not been shared by all. For a sizable minority of our fellow citizens, the effects of the pandemic represent an existential disaster.

Millions of Americans of all ages, in a percentage greater than at any time since the Great Depression, are struggling financially.

To put it in stark terms, more Americans, including families in our own communities, are going hungry than at any time in our history.

Far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because the reality of our economy has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to the pandemic.

The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what has existed in major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy.

Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, actually is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Helping others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called "warm glow" effect.

Never in the lifetime of anybody reading this editorial has the need for donations to local food banks been more urgent. There will be ample opportunity to do so in the coming days to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate -- and there is no excuse for failing to do so.

GOP'S OPPOSITION TO RACHAEL ROLLINS

The unprecedented opposition, accompanied by unprecedented vitriol, by the Republican members of the U.S. Senate to the nomination of Suffolk County District Atty. Rachael Rollins for the position of U.S. Attorney for the Massachusetts district has laid bare their driven agenda.

Here is what Tom Cotton, the odious Arkansas Senator, said during a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee in opposing Ms. Rollins's nomination:

"Miss Rollins appears to measure success as a prosecutor not by how many victims and innocent people she protects, but rather by how many criminals she keeps from facing consequences. If she's confirmed as the US attorney, the cartels and the gangs that are fueling violence and death in our communities will be gleeful. Rachael Rollins wants to destroy the criminal justice system from within. That's not hyperbole."

Cotton's last line -- "That's not hyperbole" -- ordinarily would be laughable, but unfortunately it is illustrative of the way that leading GOP politicians are gaslighting the country these days to appeal to the basest of their base.

Senator Cotton's sham statement also has put on full display the propensity among leading GOP politicians to bully women, and that is doubly so for women of color. We recall the vote by Mitch McConnell and the GOP-controlled Senate in 2017 that silenced Senator Elizabeth Warren during the confirmation hearing for Jeff Sessions as U.S. Attorney General when she read a letter (which already was part of the Congressional Record) by Coretta Scott King in 1986 about Sessions. Later, a male senator read the same letter -- but without a peep from McConnell.

These GOP politicians are like the "tough" guys who have no hesitancy to engage in road-rage behavior when the other driver is a woman, but they shrink from honking, gesticulating, etc. if the other driver is a male.

Rachael Rollins had the full support of both of our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Ms. Warren, as well as the endorsement of many others, including former governor William Weld (who served as the U.S. Attorney in Mass. in the 1980s), Wayne Budd (another former U.S. Attorney here), Winthrop Police Chief Terence Delehanty, and Revere Police Chief David Callahan (both of whom work directly with the Suffolk D.A.'s office on a daily basis).

Despite the roadblocks thrown up by the GOP senators, the nomination of Rachael Rollins finally was approved, though only because of a tie-breaking vote by vice-president Kamala Harris.

We wish to congratulate Ms. Rollins upon her confirmation and we look forward to her tenure as our U.S. Attorney for the Massachusetts district.

GUEST OP-ED

Somehow, some way, may this be a Christmas worth remembering

Dr. Glenn Mollette

We had difficulties when we were growing up in Martin county, Kentucky but overall, we thought we were doing okay. President Lyndon Johnson came to Inez, Kentucky in 1964 to let us know we weren't doing very well. He began his campaign in our community and we became the poster child for American poverty. We hadn't really thought of ourselves as poor until we started hearing about ourselves in the news.

I had numerous friends who didn't get much for Christmas. Often it was one or two small gifts or nothing at all.

Several classmates at my elementary school in Tomahawk, Kentucky were fortunate if they had a coat to wear in the winter. Ragged looking shoes on a kid's feet during the winter was a common sight.

Several classmates came to school to wash their faces and hands in the boys' bathroom. The school lunch was the only decent meal some of the kids ate during the week.

It was a while before President Johnson's 1964 promises started helping our area. Even with the roll out of government assistance many families subsisted until the coal boom of the seventies which has almost died. Today our county is reinventing itself with agriculture, a service center to aid bitcoin mining, tourism and small businesses.

I don't remember every Christmas, but I remember one. My dad broke his back falling off a barn when I was a child. He was out of work for several months and in those days, we didn't have government safety nets to see us through tough financial times. Christmas came as usual and we did put up a tree. Our family gathered

on Christmas Eve and we had food, fellowship and laughter. We always raised a garden and my parents stored food so it came in handy during tough times.

I expected nothing for Christmas that year because the heaviness of family financial pressure was obvious even as a child. Surprisingly, my mother handed me a small wrapped box that Christmas Eve and said Merry Christmas. I was shocked because I expected nothing that year. Opening the box, I found a watch that had numbers that glowed in the dark. It may have cost \$5 but it was priceless to me. I was thrilled and wore it every night to just look at the glowing numbers.

Dad was recuperating that Christmas. His temporary disability and our financial stress made life gloomy for us that year. Yet, here I am remembering that Christmas as one of the best of all. It was during that Christmas that I remember the presence of family. Mom and dad were alive. We had food to eat. We had a roof over our heads and our family had each other.

This may not be your best Christmas, but maybe, just maybe you can still have Christmas.

The empty chair is painful. Depression is real. Financial or other personal difficulties may have disabled you. Millions have died from Covid-19. Thousands are suffering from horrific tornadoes and loss of life. Hurricanes have pounded us in the East and fires have incinerated our West. In the midst of all this inflation eats away at America's paychecks like an unchecked malignancy.

The message of Christmas is the story of peasant parents, enduring dif-

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feed well into Beacon Hill.”

Additionally, Suhanosky said, “The Brookline location is really well supplied with baked goods and doughs – things we can’t necessarily produce on a high level at the Beacon Hill location in a very tight space.”

But as opposed to Rifrullo, the Bookstore Cafe will be “more refined, with slightly more concentration on table service and hospitality, but it [will still offer] food that’s still easy and accessible and obviously local,” said Suhanosky.

Breakfast at the Beacon Hill outpost to start will likely include a homemade yogurt muesli bowl with blueberries, chia seed, as well as The BHB, the signature breakfast dish comprising scrambled egg with turkey sausage, cheddar, and caramelized onion jam on brioche, among other entrees, along with a bakery a la cart, with scones, blueberry buttermilk muffins, and lemon yogurt tea cakes.

Lunch offerings will include a roast chicken salad with local greens, Blue Hill cheeses, toasted walnuts, and flax cider dressing; the tuna salad sandwich, lightly dressed in olive oil, lemon, red onion, and olives on sourdough; cream of corn soup, with crispy bacon and a Mile High biscuit; and the house-roasted turkey club with bacon, tomato aioli, greens, and picked pepper.

In the evening, on only a cou-

ple of days each week to start, the Bookstore Café will also offer heavier fare, such as a classic chicken pot pie, with spelt flour crust and served in cast iron; and individual gouda quiche with apple and arugula.

Afternoon tea will also be served following lunch each day at the café – a custom that owner Melissa Fetter is eager to welcome back to the Hill.

“We’re bringing traditional afternoon tea back to the Hill, including scones and tea sandwiches, served in a traditional manner,” said Fetter.

In time, the Bookstore Café also plan to offer takeaway options, added Suhanosky, including frozen meals and soups to go.

Ultimately, however, the menu at the Bookstore Café will be catered and adapt to the whims of the clientele.

“Colleen and I have an idea of what we want to serve, but we’ll really respond to the interests of our customers,” said Fetter.

While the Bookstore Café’s seating arrangement is still something of a moving target, Fetter said, “We’ll have roughly 20 seats indoors and 12 more in the little courtyard.”

The Bookstore Café is also counting on repeat customers.

Suhanosky said, “Relationships and knowing people, that’s just how I do business, and by welcom-

ing [customers] into our family so they’ll want to come back. We’re going to be small and can really take care of what we produce and create with so much more intention.”

As for how this partnership between Suhanosky and Fetter came together, Suhanosky was looking to expand her business to the Hill, while Fetter was looking for a chef with the experience to help open the Bookstore Café. A real estate broker, who was working with both of them then made the introduction.

“I had been trying over the past year to expand my business, and one of my desired locations was Beacon Hill, but I really struggled with how to finance it, especially since real estate is so expensive in the neighborhood,” said Suhanosky. “So in many ways, it seems like we were meant to meet eventually.”

Fetter added, “Colleen has a lot of supporters on the Hill, and I think people are going to be really excited when they find out they’ll be able to get her food [in the neighborhood]. We’re absolutely thrilled to have Colleen on our team.”

Follow “Beacon Hill Books and Café” on Instagram, and visit www.ColleenSuhanosky.com for more information.

BHAC (from pg. 1)

Association board voted unanimously to ratify the BHAC Zoning and Licensing Committee unanimous vote to not oppose a proposed fifth-floor roofdeck at 112 Pinckney St.

Access to the proposed roofdeck would be via an existing hatch, said Tom Clemens, committee co-chair, as opposed to via a new headhouse, which would have resulted in an increased FAR (Floor Area Ratio).

The proposed roofdeck would still require three other variances, however, said Clemens, including for building height, which seems to be an issue in regard to the district’s 65-foot height limit, as well as for insufficient front- and side-yard setbacks.

Because of a pediment feature on the front of the building’s exterior and the low height of the proposed roofdeck, which would be flush with the building itself, as

well on account of the applicant’s plan to replace an existing HVAC unit at the small level with a “less obtrusive one,” the impact of the proposed roofdeck is expected to be minimal, said Clemens. The applicant intends to install a “green roof” on the building as well.

There was also no opposition from abutters to the proposal, said Clemens.

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difficult travel, taxes to be paid and no place to sleep but a barn and a cow’s trough for their newborn baby. Somehow, they found strength in each other and in God who brought them and their baby through a very difficult time. We never forget their story and their

plight, it’s truly a Christmas worth remembering.

We are going to remember this Christmas, no doubt. Somehow, somehow, with God’s help and each other, may this be a Christmas worth remembering.

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er of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

Beacon Hill, surrounding area’s COVID cases increase

By John Lynds

Beacon Hill and the city’s weekly COVID positive test rate continues to rise dramatically post Thanksgiving and ahead of the Christmas Holiday.

A week after Mayor Michelle Wu announced several measures to help combat the explosive rise in cases in Boston, Beacon Hill and the surrounding area’s weekly positive test rate approached 5 percent last week and the citywide weekly positive test rate neared 7 percent. Last Monday, Wu said Boston health officials will distribute 20,000 free rapid antigen home tests, offer free masks to neighborhoods with the highest rates of COVID-19 and appointed a 17-member COVID advisory board to help with the latest outbreak.

According to the weekly report released Monday by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 2,267 Beacon Hill, North End, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 4.8 percent were positive. This was a 55 percent increase from the 3.1 percent that tested

positive between November 29 and December 6.

The citywide weekly positive test rate also increased dramatically last week. According to the BPHC 21,266 residents were tested and 5.2 percent were COVID positive--this was a 30 percent increase from the 4 percent reported by the BPHC on November 29.

One hundred nine additional residents have been infected with the virus between December 6 and December 13 and the total number of cases in the area increased to 4,679 cases overall since the pandemic began.

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 3 percent last week and went from 89,745 cases to 92,481 confirmed cases in a week. There were eight additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,480.

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Beloved neighbor Jim Borden dies at age 67

By Karen Cord Taylor

James W. "Jim" Borden, a treasure in the Beacon Hill neighborhood, died on Monday, November 1. Born on June 8, 1954 in Fayetteville, NC, he was 67 and lived on Mount Vernon Street.

Jim seemingly knew most residents of Beacon Hill and had helped many of them, working in their gardens, painting their walls, wallpapering, helping them move, hanging their pictures, checking in on them if they were indisposed, supervising contractors, installing air conditioning, serving as a bartender for their parties and managing the flowers for a daughter's wedding, said Beacon Street resident Chris Clyde, who had known Jim for at least 25 years as he helped her negotiate moves and house maintenance.

Jim came from Chambersburg, PA, his childhood home, to Boston after high school graduation in 1972. He attended the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Services but did not stick around for graduation, reported his friend and fellow stoop-sitter, Phil Short.

Instead he took a job as a waiter at the former Charles Restaurant, now known as 75 Chestnut,

and later became a stalwart at the long-ago Charles Street florist, Victorian Bouquet. When that shop closed after the owner's death, Jim's work had already introduced him to many customers who valued his discerning eye for beauty and balance and talent at producing gardens and window box displays all over the Hill. They also admired his effectiveness at getting carpenters, window washers and all kinds of people to help maintain their homes.

Lynne Wolverton, the proprietor of Linens on the Hill, remembers him helping her settle into her house in Milton, driving there in his Saab, with plants poking out the windows.

Chris Clyde said Jim helped her and her husband move from a house on Chestnut Street into a temporary rental apartment by choosing the furniture they had that would fit into the apartment and by supervising other matters that enabled them to move with ease. He took care of their dog, Polly, when the Clydes were away. "I was really spoiled by Jim," said Clyde.

He was particularly devoted, said Clyde, to the late Sudie Schenck, helping her move from a house on Louisburg Square to an apartment on the other side of the square. When she became ill, he became her care-giver, not just a gardener and handyman, Clyde said. When Sudie died in April, 2020, Jim took it hard and Clyde suspects that was one reason for his subsequent decline.

As he was helping residents, he was also becoming more deeply involved in community activities. He was instrumental in helping the Beacon Hill Garden Club every year at its annual Tour of the Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill on the third Thursday in May. In fact, the garden club gave Jim and his friend, Phil Short, awards

featuring engraved glass bowls at the club's annual meeting in June, 2015, for their devoted work hauling, lifting, carrying and planting for the club and club members, especially on tour day.

He helped the garden club maintain the Peter Faneuil House gardens and also heled the Nichols House staff in that museum's front garden.

In the early '90s, he helped the Beacon Hill Business Association decorate Charles Street with garlands and bows, remembers Charles Street real estate broker Ivy A. Turner, who was also instrumental in getting the neighborhood going on its holiday decorations. Jim procured rolls of cedar or laurel, as well as rolls of ribbon and taught Turner how to fashion beautiful bows for the lampposts on Charles Street. At the same time he was helping shop owners decorate for the holidays, creating different looks for every business. After the year 2000, he was still involved in procuring and instructing volunteers to always wind the length of holiday greenery in a counter-clockwise direction, as neighbors participated in decorating every lamppost on Beacon Hill with the garlands and ribbons.

One year, when the city produced a tree for the corner of Charles and Mount Vernon Street, Jim was appalled at the condition of the concrete base, said Turner. So he provided greenery and covered up the base so it wasn't noticeable.

Everyone who knew him reported that even though he knew Beacon Hill residents and their habits well, he was always discreet and never gossiped. Everyone also reported that he was modest, never wanting to take credit for any of his good and helpful works. They describe him as selfless, kind, generous and pleasant to be with.

So pleasant in fact, that he had



PHOTO BY IVY A. TURNER

Jim Borden worked for many years with Ivy A. Turner, teaching her and others how to mount the laurel and cedar ropes on Beacon Hill's lamp posts and tie the bows.

friends, including Phil Short, who would sit for hours on the steps at 60 Pinckney Street for the last 25 or 30 years, passing time, greeting passers-by, talking about all kinds of things and watching the street, keeping the neighborhood safe. Everyone called them the Stoop Group. In fact, if you google Apple maps, you'll see three of them sitting on the steps where Apple's map photographer caught them.

Jim, a son of Phyllis Kennedy Borden and the late Robert Borden, leaves all his friends on Beacon Hill as well as a brother, Bruce Borden, his niece, Kristen Bobb (husband Alex) of Chambersburg, PA, a nephew, Ryan Borden (wife

Natasha) of Johnstown, OH, and great-nieces, Kenzie Borden and Delia Bobb and great-nephew, Ezra Bobb.

A funeral has been held in Chambersburg. Several business owners and residents, appreciating the contributions Jim has made to the neighborhood, have opened a Memorial Benefit Account to fund a possible permanent memorial and to pay for a service held on Beacon Hill in the new year. If you wish to donate to honor Jim's memory, please send checks to Lynne Wolverton FBO Jim Borden Memorial Fund, c/o Linens on the Hill, 52 Charles Street, Boston, MA 02114.

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WEST END MUSEUM HOLIDAY POP-UP MARKET

By Marianne Salza

Jewelry -- like a gold, vintage, nautical-themed charm bracelet once owned by a West Ender -- and custom-decorated cookies were a couple of the popular items sold during the West End Museum's (WEM) Holiday Pop Up Market on December 11. Visitors drank hot apple cider and explored clothing, books, and dumplings from local vendors. There were soybean candles hand-poured in Dorchester, nature inspired macramé ornaments, plant hangers, and yoga straps, as well as food-themed screen-printed greeting cards.



Albert Feldman, co-owner of Sky Candle, a company that sells soybean candles hand-poured in Dorchester.



Eden Floyd, of Mei Mei Merch, a Fenway-based dumpling business.



Maya Colman, WEM Program Committee; Leland Alexander, WEM board member; and Sebastian Belfanti, WEM Director.



Brigid Beller-Ducey, owner of Salt Circles + Square Knots, and Sarah Dudek, a Somerville-based screen printer who creates food-themed towels, greeting cards, and zines.



Jane Wilson, WEM board member, Maria McSheehy, of Sweet Treats by Maria Rose, and Theresa Raso, at the museum table.

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precincts in Cambridgeport.

In Ward 5, which includes Beacon Hill, Bay Village and the South End Edwards received 1,068 votes to D'Ambrosio's 148 votes.

In her home neighborhood of Eastie, Edwards received 1,958 votes with D'Ambrosio receiving 774.

As expected, D'Ambrosio, who was elected to the Revere School Committee in 2019, won his home city handily with 3,121 votes to Edwards's 933 votes, but the turnout there was lower than expected.

In Winthrop, where some felt

D'Ambrosio might pull off a win, Edwards won Winthrop with 1,189 votes to D'Ambrosio's 873, and carried all but one precinct in the Town.

Councilor Edwards, an Eastie resident, previously ran for the Senate seat after former State Senator Anthony Petrucelli left office in 2016. While unsuccessful in that race, Edwards went on to run for the District One City Council seat, which includes Eastie, Charlestown, and the North End, the following year. She went on to win that race and has served on

the council ever since.

D'Ambrosio was gracious in defeat at a gathering of his supporters at Casa Lucia in Revere.

"Going forward, we're going to be represented by a really good

person, a really smart person in Lydia Edwards," said D'Ambrosio. "It's in all of our best interests, it's in our community's best interest to have a vested stake in her success here. I really want to

emphasize this: she's one of the smartest people I've ever met. And that's pretty clear. And she's going to do really, really great things."

Cary Shuman contributed to this story.



Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Mayor Michelle Wu, Rep. Adrian Madaro and Councilor Ed Flynn at Lydia Edwards victory party on Tuesday night.

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Preventing doggie dementia

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

One of the great gifts you can give your dog in the next year is taking steps, no matter what their age, to prevent dementia and improve their quality of life. In dogs, dementia is called canine cognitive dysfunction (CCD). Many of the same lifestyle habits known to help brain health in humans also apply to our dogs.

Research Shows

Researcher Sarah Yarborough at the University of Washington recently published her findings on common factors reported in dogs with CCD. Her study found, "... odds of CCD was 6.47 times higher in dogs who were not active compared to those who were very active." In addition, she noted, "When controlling for age, breed type, activity level, and other comorbidities, dogs with a history of neurological, eye, or ear disorders had higher odds of CCD..."

These findings translate to the same steps that we can take ourselves to promote healthier aging. You protect your dog from CCD by increasing exercise, and by doing it together, you protect yourself. It's a win-win situation.

Always consult both your doctors before starting any big change in exercise routines.

We know that loss of sensory input increases the danger of dementia in humans. That's why seniors need to have their hearing tested and use hearing aids as recommended. Scientists are working on hearing aids for dogs, and corrective eye surgery for dogs is now standard. However, we as guardians can make sure we are aware of and provide the necessary care to prevent ear and eye infections from causing deafness and blindness.

Good nutrition and proper weight control are other steps we can take to protect our dogs from CCD. Cailin R. Heinze, VMD, MS, DACVIM from Tufts University's Cummings Veterinary Medical Center wrote, "... diets with increased concentrations of fish oil, B vitamins, arginine, antioxidants from fruit and vegetables as well as vitamin E and C, and medium chain triglycerides have been demonstrated to improve cognitive function in aged dogs and cats."

On your next visit, ask your

veterinarian to recommend safe ways to use these findings in your dog's diet. You might also ask for a consultation with a veterinary nutritionist if your dog shows symptoms of CCD.

Some humans do crossword puzzles to engage their brains. You can provide your dog with brain stimulation by engaging her in play and training or retraining sessions. Old dogs can and should learn new tricks and training is a lifelong responsibility for dog families.

Symptoms of Canine Cognitive Dysfunction

Prevention is a lifelong program to prevent brain degeneration. However, there are still things you can do if your older dog is showing symptoms of CCD. Don't just blame old age if your dog is losing housetraining and soiling your home. Report this to your veterinary team because it may be a dementia symptom or something else that can be corrected.

Changes in a dog's sleep/wake cycles are another reportable symptom, as is disorientation. You might also see increased separation anxiety, phobias, excessive vocal-



Our lovely Maggie Mae had doggie dementia late in life but she still enjoyed her time on park benches.

ization, and changes in a dog's interaction with people and other animals.

As your dog ages, note changes in these areas and ask your veterinarian to help you choose the best interventions for your particular animal. Keeping a log of what you notice is a great way to monitor how long changes have been

happening and whether they are worsening or getting better. Ed did this with our Maggie Mae when she had doggie dementia and it helped both us and her veterinary care team.

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At Boston Premier Dentistry, patients are like family

By Dan Murphy

What sets Boston Premier Dentistry, PC (formerly Ficociello and Ficociello D.D.S, PC) apart from the competition, according to Dr. Kourosh Asha, DMD, the owner of and one of the practitioners at the longstanding downtown dental office, is the warm, familial kinship they share with their patients, who are often kin themselves.

“We’re a family practice in that we treat the whole family – kids, adults, and seniors –and the second part of this is that we treat our patients like family,” said Rose, the office manager. Dr. Asha, affectionally known to his patients as “Dr. A” who added the feeling seems to be mutual judging from the many invitations from to weddings and other family events he and his staff have received from their patients.

The dental practice got its start in 1958, when, upon graduating from Georgetown Dental School, Dr. Ralph Ficociello began his professional practice in at 102 Prince St. in the North End, the neighborhood where he grew up. When his brother, Michael Ficociello, grad-

uated from Georgetown Dental School in 1973, he too signed on with the practice, and they relocated their office to 1 Bullfinch Place in Government Center. Ficociello and Ficociello D.D.S. PC continued at that location for 21 years, until Dr. Ralph Ficociello retired from the practice in 1994. Afterwards, Dr. Michael Ficociello moved to their current home at 10 Tremont St., Suite, #402.

Several years ago, when Dr. Michael Ficociello wanted to find another dentist to join the practice, he interviewed many potential candidates, looking for someone he was comfortable leaving entrusting his patient with, before he found the perfect candidate in Dr. Asha.

Dr. Asha, who earned a Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry from Tufts School of Dental Medicine, and is a member of American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, and Massachusetts Dental Society, said he is “a firm believer in the concept of family dentistry with a strong focus on ethics and providing quality care for the patients and the community.” With his genuinely gentle

and caring manner, he focuses on building relationships with all of his patients, explaining each individual case in detail and keeping his patients well informed and comfortable during every dental procedure.

Additionally, Dr. Asha, who is certified in nitrous sedation, digital dentistry, Invisalign, and dental implants, uses the latest state-of-the-art technology, as well as the most advanced dental materials available. He remains truly devoted to his profession and often attends specialized courses in surgical and cosmetic dentistry.

In September of 2018, Dr. Asha bought the practice formerly known as Ficociello and Ficociello D.D.S from Michael Ficociello and rebranded it as Boston Premier Dentistry, PC, which now boasts the latest in state-of-the-art machinery, including digital intra-oral cameras and a cone beam CT scan machine.

“Our philosophy is to offer conservative and gentle dentistry,” said Dr. Asha. We’re here to treat and help people.” Boston Premier Dentistry also continues to welcome new patients, he added.



COURTESY OF BOSTON PREMIER DENTISTRY

A look inside the offices of Boston Premier Dentistry at 10 Tremont St., Suite, #402.

And above all else, Boston Premier Dentistry always focuses on its patients’ oral health as an ongoing commitment, rather than simply performing dental procedures on a one-off basis. “We not only treat the teeth, but we also go step by step with the patients and try

to help the patients improve their oral health.” said Dr. Asha.

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Boston Logan Airport officials celebrate opening of new Terminal C Canopy and Upper Deck

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), airline partners, and other stakeholders celebrated the completion of the new Terminal C Canopy and Upper Deck at Boston Logan International Airport. The two-year project increased the efficiency of the space by adding travel lanes and curb space at the terminal's entrance for easier passenger pickups and drop-offs and created a modern canopy that provides more weather protection and natural light. This project plays a significant role in the overall roadway project that will reduce congestion between Logan's two busiest terminals, B and C.

"We're delighted to unveil the new Terminal C Canopy. This is just one of our key initiatives in a long-term plan to improve the customer experience, reduce con-

gestion and air emissions, and build a more sustainable airport to support the region's economy," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we strategically advanced several key initiatives, like this one, to prepare the airport for the rebound in air travel and economic activity."

Built in 1967, Terminal C is Logan Airport's busiest terminal, and home to JetBlue Airways, Cape Air, Aer Lingus and TAP Air Portugal departures. The terminal served over 13.4 million passengers in 2019.

- Added four travel lanes and two curbs to the Departure level, and added two travel lanes and one curb to the Arrival level to reduce bottlenecks at the passenger drop-off and pickup areas;
- Replaced the old canopy with

a bigger, sustainable structure that provides more natural lighting by using a skylight material, called Ethylene Tetrafluoroethylene, or ETFE, that is more aesthetic, offers more weather protection and natural light, and uses a much lighter material than a traditional glass canopy;

- Installed 10,000 square feet of new rooftop solar panels, estimated to generate enough electricity to power 12 homes per year; and

- Added three high-efficiency elevators at the terminal to improve pedestrian flow to and from Central Parking.

"This project is more than just putting a new roof over the terminal entrance. This is about ensuring Logan Airport provides a safe, modern and world-class facility while maintaining our commitment to sustainability," said Mass-

port Director of Capital Programs & Environmental Affairs Luciana Burdi. "Thanks to the collaboration of our airline partners and other stakeholders, our construction projects enhance the airport experience for all travelers, from the roadway to the terminal gate. We appreciate the patience of our passengers throughout the process."

A new plaque marking the completion of the Terminal C and Upper Deck project, in partnership with Gensler as the Lead Designer and Skanska as the Construction Manager, was also unveiled following the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The plaque will be permanently placed in the terminal's entrance.

At Logan Airport, Massport is investing to support economic growth, facilitate connections, increase efficiency, and improve

the customer experience. A number of other construction projects to improve the passenger experience at Logan are ongoing, including the Terminal B-C Connector project. This new concourse will connect Terminals B and C post-security with renovated hold room space public art and exhibits and renovated aircraft gates. The Connector is expected to be completed next summer.

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, public terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field and Worcester Regional Airport. For more information, please visit massport.com.



Terminal C before the new canopy and upper deck.



Terminal C after the new canopy and upper deck.

NEWS BRIEFS

CELEBRATING THE WINTER SOLSTICE WITH MUSIC AND SPOKEN WORD

First Church in Boston, Unitarian Universalist, continues its tradition of offering a Celebration of the Winter Solstice on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 7 PM at the church, 66 Marlborough St. in Back Bay.

In time-honored tradition, we will welcome the darkness but also anticipate the return of the

light with music, song and spoken word. Participants include Irish Harpist Aine Minogue, pianist Jacqueline Schwab, First Church Interim Minister Edmund Robinson and Music Director Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, tenor Noel Velasco and bass William Thorpe. (The audience will be required to wear masks during the performance, and all performers will be masked except when performing.)

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Carolyn Attenborough and Cameron Griffen are seen with a dog named Crouton.



Pictured, left to right, are Johanna Seddon, John Young, Ralph Higson, and Laura Cousineau.



John Young and Sarah Crawford.

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Wu announces relaunch of Boston Opportunity Fund

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture announced applications have reopened for the City of Boston's Opportunity Fund, a grant program that supports meaningful one-time opportunities for artists living in the city of Boston to further develop their careers and help provide access and community engagement opportunities throughout the city.

"We have the opportunity to use every bit of Boston's diversity and creativity to grow our economy, support small businesses and help our communities recover. Arts and culture connect, heal, and inspire—and these investments in the arts and our creative community will be a cornerstone of our recovery," said Mayor Michelle Wu.

The Opportunity Fund has two

grant categories:

- Artist Career Development Grants provide support for professional development opportunities and expenses related to projects that help the applicant further their artistic career in a meaningful way.

- Community Arts Experiences Grants provide support for individual artists and teaching artists across various artistic disciplines who want to bring arts experiences into Boston neighborhoods that have been identified as having a lower concentration of arts activities that are free, accessible, and open to the public.

Several changes have been made to the Opportunity Fund program this year, the biggest being that funding amounts have increased from \$1,000 grants to \$5,000

grants for the Artist Career Development category, and \$10,000 grants for the Community Arts Experiences category.

The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture will also be prioritizing artists who:

- live and/or work in communities that have had the highest rates of COVID-19 (e.g. Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, and Mattapan),

- are from demographics that saw the most economic impact due to COVID-19 (e.g. women, people of color, immigrants, artists who have lower levels of education, artists who identify as LGBTQIAP+),

- and have artistic professions that were most economically impacted by COVID-19 (e.g. performing and teaching artists).

"Shifting our focus to artists

who have experienced the highest negative impacts of COVID-19 is crucial to Boston's citywide recovery efforts," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture for the City of Boston. "We're excited to support artists and communities in a more meaningful way."

This is the fifth year of the program, and over \$170,000 in grants were awarded to artists through the Opportunity Fund last fiscal year.

"I used this grant for my Vietnamese Buddhist youth girls to perform traditional Vietnamese dances," said 2021 Opportunity Fund grantee Nhi Phan. "We perform at temples and the community, and we used this grant mainly for costumes, equipment, props, and transportation. This grant really lightened our financial load

and helped spread culture through the art of dancing."

"The Opportunity Fund grant helped me buy music equipment during the pandemic that would otherwise be inaccessible to me," said 2021 Opportunity Fund grantee Hannah Enoy. "It's important that our city makes it a priority to financially support independent artists and women of color so that our creative communities can flourish and have access to the resources they deserve."

In FY22 nearly \$245,000 will be available for grant distribution. The deadline to apply for the current round of funding is January 28, 2022 at 5 p.m. The grant will reopen for applications on March 7, 2022. The application and grant guidelines can be found at boston.gov/opportunity-fund.

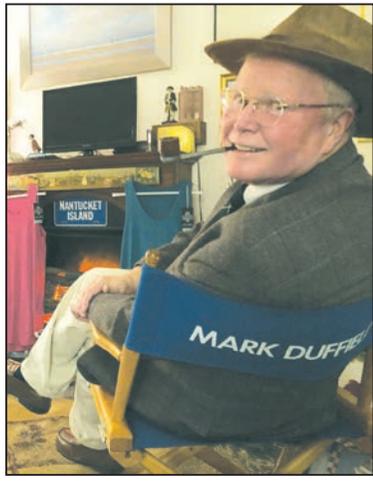
'The Last Shepard' celebrates 10 years of wonder

By Mary Jo Rufo

"The Last Shepard & Tales of the Tenth Ornament" is celebrating 10 years of wonder.

Looking back at the five-year effort to conceive, code, design, manufacture, and ship mystery ornaments around the country was no small task, but author Mark Duffield faced it with passion and purpose. The story itself focuses on a cynical Boston reporter assigned to cover the demolition of beloved Blackstone's on Beacon Hill, who ends up mystified by the faith and community that surrounds the story's protagonist, Jack Shepard. Let me tell you more about this community project that entailed the children's book, 10 mystery ornaments, and a magical Christmas Eve event.

There have been many momentous events in Beacon Hill, and this Christmas Eve 10 years ago is where many people donated their Christmas Eve to read a five-line message of hope, locked in a bank safe. It is hard to find a project today that brought so many angels and anonymous donors together to support one cause. This incredible storytelling of author, and Beacon Hill resident, Mark Duffield was matched with the talent of Mario Friedrich, who helped create the iconic 10 Christmas ornaments that helped make this project so special.



Mark Duffield, author of "The Last Shepard & Tales of the Tenth Ornament."

When Jennifer Hill, co-owner of Blackstone's on Beacon Hill at the time, met Friedrich, she "just knew this was the start of something amazing, an encounter meant to be," which it was and led to these ornaments traveling from Boston to Toronto to Poland and back again to be delivered to each recipient.

Hill attests that this led to "solidifying Blackstones' as a store that helps spread the magic of Christmas, and in this particular case, for a very special cause, to benefit the pediatric cancer research and care at Mass General Hospital for Children Care Center."

In addition to donating the

proceeds to pediatric cancer, the special tale brought together 150 families from 26 states, as far as Alaska, to join in Christmastime magic. A connection like this brought five families that had just lost a parent or grandparents only two weeks prior to spend their Christmas Eve in Boston alongside Duffield. This community project began with Duffield, described as "THE quintessential storyteller" by Mary Ann Gabriel, an early supporter of the project. Duffield has picked up and continued to love and share the art of storytelling from his father, older brothers, and childhood community.

Through "The Last Shepard and Tales of the Tenth Ornament" project, Duffield brought them together for one more special night at the Boston Park on Christmas Eve.

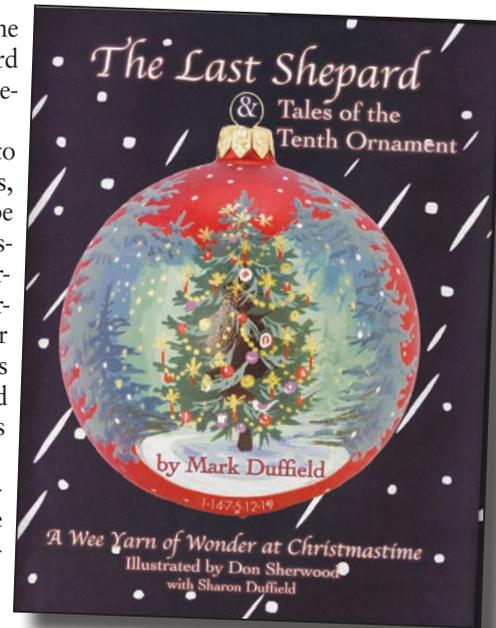
After writing, illustrating, self-publishing and selling 5,000 copies, this extravagant project ended with a private video from then-Mayor Thomas M. Menino to greet these families, as well as the attendance of Richard Thomas, the actor famous for the long running television series, "The Waltons"; Ray Brown, host of "Talkin' Birds"; opera singers and famous musician, such as John Muratore. This Christmas Eve night was special from start to its finish at the Cambridge Trust Bank, where the President and Bank Manager were waiting to open the vault to reveal the secret five-line message of hope that Mark Duffield had put in the bank five years prior.

Duffield's wish has "always been that somehow I would have been able to republish the book, especially as we celebrate its 10th anniversary. Also, those individuals who wanted to make a movie right here on Beacon Hill of my book did not have enough capital and connections to move it forward. Some came close...but fund-

ing and finding anyone with influence are hard to find. Maybe someday," said Duffield.

Although it is hard to find a copy these days, if you do, you will be enjoying the great illustrations by Don Sherwood, American cartoonist and illustrator of Hanna-Barbera's "The Flintstones" and Sharon Duffield, Mark's twin sister.

Sharon was instrumental in rescuing the entire effort with illustrations, ornaments, repainting ornaments for customers, organizing the Christmas Eve event, and at times helping finance the project.



"The Last Shepard & Tales of the Tenth Ornament" By Mark Duffield.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARK DUFFIELD

Left to right: Jennifer Hill, Ted, Don Sherwood, Mario Friedrich. Front Alice O'Neil, and Mark Duffield.

You can enjoy the magic for yourself by re-printing the book online with Barnes and Noble. "The Last Shepard" project was truly a group effort from start to

finish. I encourage you all to spend this holiday season with those you love, whether it be 300 people at the Park Plaza or friends and family nearby.

Special words about 'The Last Shepard & Tales of the Tenth Ornament'

Mark Duffield's story of "The Last Shepard" was a remarkable work! It was something that you could immediately envision as a movie with so many touching emotions. We should all be fortunate enough to know Mark and his wonderful stories! May he continue sharing his gift of storytelling to us all" - MaryAnn, a collector of ornaments and early funder of the book

"Mark, our neighborhood storyteller, continues to write every day and during the pandemic has produced seven new stories, three of which are richly illustrated and has just completed his second Christmas story, "On The Cuff," this one a true story when a homeless man came to him in a blizzard at Blackstone's to give his confession and then died later on Christmas Eve leaving Mark a special gift. All of Mark's collected works seem to seek a publisher and an agent on the likes of which reflect the angels and miracles he writes so often about in his stories." -Mary Jo Rufo

"Author Mark Duffield shares his gift for storytelling in 'The Last Shepard,' a yuletide Christmas story set against the backdrop of charming Beacon Hill, Boston. This nostalgic, contemporary classic begs to be read fireside; its life-affirming message has the essence of the holiday spirit at heart and reveals the power of faith, community and the good of humankind." - Sandy Giardi of Three Beans Press

"Special thanks to my Captain Charlie Sayle and wife, Kathleen, who ventured into Boston with cane in hand to support the 'Last Shepard' project in a moment I needed it most. He was a special supporter who supported the project and generously donated to help complete the special Christmas Eve events." - Mark Duffield, author

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Justice Department awards more than \$17.5 million to support project safe neighborhoods

The Department of Justice has awarded \$314,273 to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) to administer Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) grant funds in the District of Massachusetts. Since the program began in 2001, nearly \$7 million in federal grant funds have been allocated to the District of Massachusetts's violent crime reduction efforts.

PSN is a Department of Justice nationwide violent-crime reduction initiative coordinated by the U.S. Attorney's Offices. PSN brings together federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement officials, prosecutors and community leaders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop compre-

hensive solutions to address those issues. While the initiative was first launched in 2001, the Department strengthened the program in May 2021 by implementing a new strategy focused on reducing violent crime in the places we call home, not solely increasing the number of arrests or prosecutions.

Each U.S. Attorney's Office across the United States is responsible for creating a comprehensive strategy for reducing violent crime. The District of Massachusetts established an extensive network of law enforcement and community partners who have been fundamental to this strategy's success in six target cities: Boston, Brockton, Lawrence, New Bedford, Springfield and Worcester.

The distribution of grant funds

to target cities across the state has enabled communities and organizations to implement programming focused on after-school activities, education, employment, re-entry for returning citizens, law enforcement/community collaboration, and public service outreach projects, among others.

In Massachusetts, PSN projects include:

- Developing and sustaining community/law enforcement partnerships and strengthening their capabilities in targeted communities across the state by maximizing federal resources;
- Collaborating with state and local law enforcement on violent crime and illegal firearm prosecutions;
- Providing training for nearly

4,500 law enforcement personnel and community members on topics such as advancements in technology, empowering neighborhoods on addressing gang prevention; updates on new innovative community programs and partnerships; and officer safety training;

- Supporting community partners and outreach programs to address reentry barriers for returning citizens and empower youth to resist gang recruitment;
- Formulating tools to measure the performance of projects funded with PSN and other federal grants.

"Shootings and other violent crimes cause devastating injuries and death for victims, of course, but they also destabilize the communities in which they occur. That

is why this Office continues to prioritize violent crime reduction efforts through the PSN initiative," said Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell. "This funding, in addition to the continued collaboration with our federal state and local law enforcement partners, will enable us to develop tailored strategies that target the most violent criminals and make our communities safer."

PSN programs are led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices in collaboration with local public safety agencies, community stakeholders and other agencies and organizations that work to reduce violent crime.

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ExteNet, LLC is proposing to construct two pole structures in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. The overall heights of the pole structures would be 24 feet. The proposed poles would be located at 818 - 840 Harrison Avenue (42 20 5.6N, 71 4 18.3W), and 59 Lenox Street (42 20 10.4N, 71 4 49.4W). ExteNet, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to publicnotice@eca-usa.com. Ms. Howell can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 405 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this

notice. X2310/JMW

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ExteNet Systems, Inc. proposes to construct four 24-foot tall pole telecommunications structures within Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. The proposed poles would be located at 320 D Street (N42° 20' 26.3"; W71° 02' 55.6"), off Dorchester Avenue (N42° 20' 33.5"; W71° 03' 24.9"), 11-95 B Street (N42° 20' 19.7"; W71° 03' 03.6"), and 368-372 West Broadway (N42° 20' 16.1"; W71° 02' 56.8"). ExteNet Systems, Inc. invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Docket No. SU13P0984EA
Estate of: Charles B. White
Date of Death: 12/18/2006
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Mary K. Alder

of Marshfield, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law, a determination of heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 12/31/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 12, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU21P2244EA
Estate of: Kevin W. Leary
Also Known As: Kevin William Leary
Date of Death: August 10, 2021
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Nora M. Leary of Milton, MA A Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Nora M. Leary of Milton, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court

24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21P2205EA
Estate of: Norma J. Beyer
Date of Death: 07/18/2021
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mary Gottschalk of Wellesley, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/31/2021.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appear-

ance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 12, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo
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First Comm Intl LLC	RWRC NT	2 Commonwealth Ave #16E	\$15,000,000
First Comm Intl LLC	RWRC NT	2 Commonwealth Ave #PH2	\$15,000,000
First Comm Intl LLC	RWRC NT	4 Commonwealth Ave #16E	\$15,000,000
First Comm Intl LLC	RWRC NT	4 Commonwealth Ave #PH2	\$15,000,000
Glindmeyer, Henry W	Louis T Wells Jr T	43 Commonwealth Ave #2	\$2,100,000
First Comm Intl LLC	RWRC NT	6 Commonwealth Ave #16E	\$15,000,000
First Comm Intl LLC	RWRC NT	6 Commonwealth Ave #PH2	\$15,000,000
First Comm Intl LLC	RWRC NT	8 Commonwealth Ave #16E	\$15,000,000
First Comm Intl LLC	RWRC NT	8 Commonwealth Ave #PH2	\$15,000,000
Carter, Andrew D	James M Whiten LT	46 Dartmouth St #2	\$905,000
ANZ Investments LLC	Noonan Enterprises LLC	257 Marlborough St #7	\$697,000
Kljat, Angelina	Back Bay 473 Beacon St LLC	473 Beacon St #4	\$588,000
Shihpin-Liao, Ben	Ambelotis, Nicholas M	483 Beacon St #36	\$525,000
Dangelo, Henry A	KEF Holdings LLC	382 Commonwealth Ave #11	\$1,315,000
Singh, Ajay	Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr	350 Marlborough St #2	\$730,000
C Hal&Bryan Croft IRT	Kasschau, Dane A	403 Marlborough St #15	\$2,729,000
C Hal&Bryan Croft IRT	Kasschau, Dane A	403 Marlborough St #16	\$2,729,000

BUYER 1 BEACON HILL	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Shaw, Scott W	B Wolfner Nessen 2000 T	19 Charles River Sq	\$3,225,000
5050 Invs LLC	Belvoir Condo T	67-1/2 Chestnut St	\$630,000
Avalos, Andres	51 Hancock 12B LLC	51 Hancock St #12B	\$539,000
Wang, Rui	Mathisen, Jennifer L	2 Hawthorne Pl #10F	\$430,000
Martin, Peter G	Richard M Reilly T	97 Mount Vernon St #53	\$882,000
Oliver, Christopher	Petty, John E	132 Myrtle St #1	\$980,000
Boston Beacon HI Rlty LLC	Selmasson Holdings LLC	66 Myrtle St	\$4,437,500
Tekchandani, Rajesh	Scott, Laura	45 Province St #2501	\$3,800,000
Zook, Christopher J	8 Spruce Court NT	8 Spruce Ct	\$1,750,000
Odenca, Bethany J	S J Seward T 2019	15 Temple St #1	\$760,000
Page, Stephen W	Hacobian, Gaspar	61 W Cedar St #4	\$750,000
Garcia, Alexandre C	Cherry, Brayton	12 Walnut St #5	\$857,000

BUYER 1 BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Ramseyer, Logan V	Callahan, Courtney	66 Appleton St #2	\$578,000
410 Boylston LLC	Assoc Of 410 Boylston St	410 Boylston St #1	\$5,200,000
Irvin, Daniel R	Savicki, Charles	144 Chandler St #3	\$1,626,000
AFY Investment Prop LLC	Contractor, Shahan	220-224 Clarendon St #12	\$600,000
Kelly, Matthew	Muthiah, Senthil	10 Bradford St #2	\$1,515,000
Skarinaka, William	Tadvalkar, Chetan	5 Dwight St #3	\$2,225,000
French, Braden	Kolman, Jason	22 Greenwich Park #3	\$2,200,000
NYT Real Estate LLC	Anagram Hunt 307 Group	270 Huntington Ave #307	\$307,000
8 Keswick Street LLC	Ahrens, G Raymond	8 Keswick St	\$2,560,000
Guan, Yongqiao	Gietzen, Kyle	100 Lovejoy Wharf #8M	\$706,600
Giannakis, George J	Mierzwicki, Leo A	77 Rutland St #2	\$1,700,000
Towns, Adam	Moss, Brett A	242 Shawmut Ave #3	\$2,985,000
Liao, Xin	Joelle M Hogan T 2017	40 Traveler St #309	\$1,300,000
Truglio, Kristen L	Haddad, Habib	141 W Concord St #1	\$1,450,000
Riotto, Nicholas	Pahavan, Daria	141 W Newton St	\$3,765,000
Smith, Elizabeth	Adair, John	81 Waltham St #4	\$823,000
Alkhereiji, Tarik A	Hawkes FT	90 Wareham St #415	\$626,000

BUYER 1 WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
2 Avery Street 25C LLC	Anderson, Lincoln	2 Avery St #25C	\$3,150,000
42-48 Batterymarch LLC	BGT T	42-48 Batterymarch St	\$1,800,000
Illuminate Building LLC	50 Broad LLC	50-52 Broad St	\$5,600,000
Orino, Conlan J	F H Strickler Jr	440 Commercial St #202	\$775,000
Thomas, Lindsay	Bihrlle, Richard	43 Commercial Wharf #6	\$1,474,000
Leung, Tommy	Isherwood, Phillip T	59 Fleet St #5	\$680,000
Hackenson, William	Schwartz, Adam	1 Franklin St #3709	\$1,555,000

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PHOTOS AND TEXT BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The shuttered windows in the last clue are above Rouvalis Flowers at 40 West Cedar Street. This family-owned and operated establishment has been serving Beacon Hill neighbors for 40 years. As you do your holiday shopping, stop first at small businesses like this one right here in your own community.

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



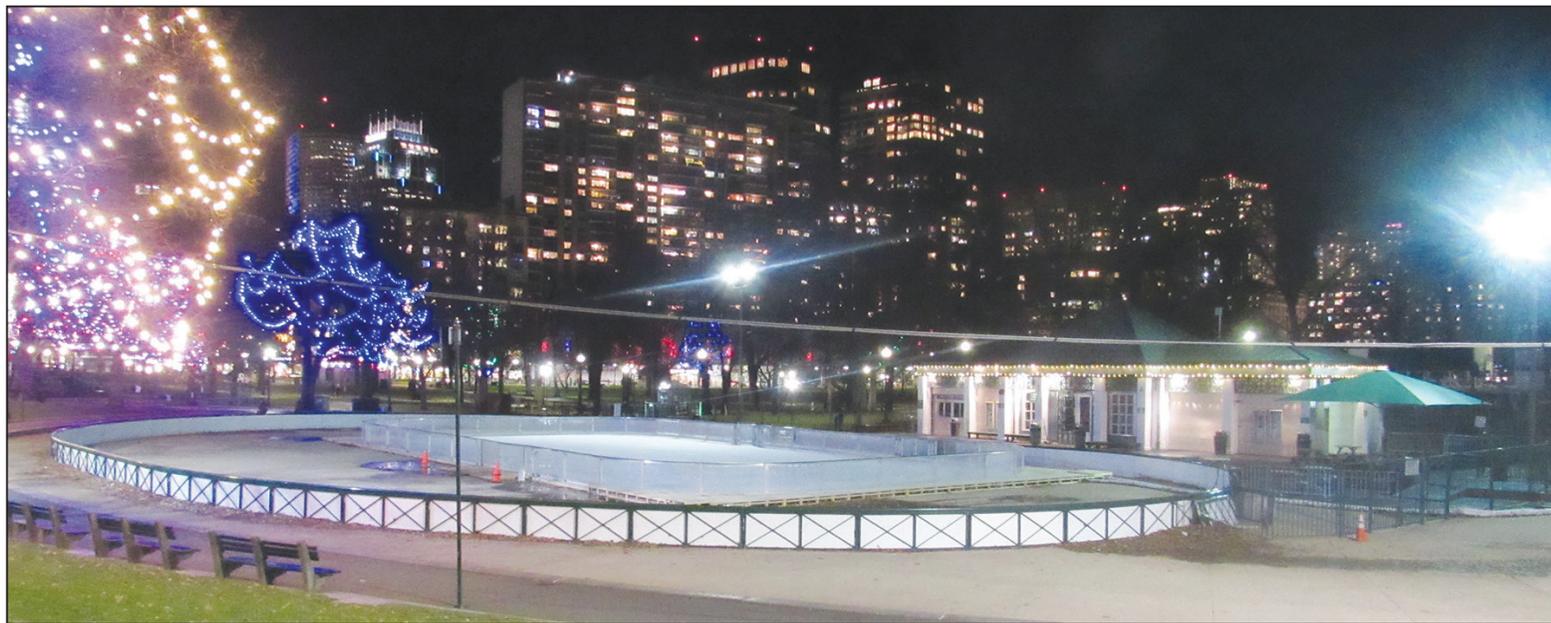
Temporary rink installed at Frog Pond to allow for skating this winter

By Dan Murphy

When it looked as though there would be no skating at the Frog Pond on the Boston Common this winter for the second consecutive season – this time, due to a mechanical issue with the rink’s colling mechanism – the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the city worked together with The Skating Club of Boston, the private entity that manages the facility’s year-round operations, to remedy the situation by installing a temporary rink there.

Ryan Woods, commissioner of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, said the Frog Pond, which usually opens for skating the week of Thanksgiving, “wasn’t freezing because the chiller couldn’t get through the ice.”

Woods added, “In order to locate the leak, we would have to tear up the concrete to do some studies. We decided that having a temporary rink for skating was more important than not having it for two years in a row.”



The Frog Pond on the Boston Common.

D. MURPHY PHOTO

Skating at the Frog Pond, the oldest outdoor skating rink in New England, was cancelled last winter due to the ongoing pandemic, but Woods said the Parks and Recreation Department worked “hand

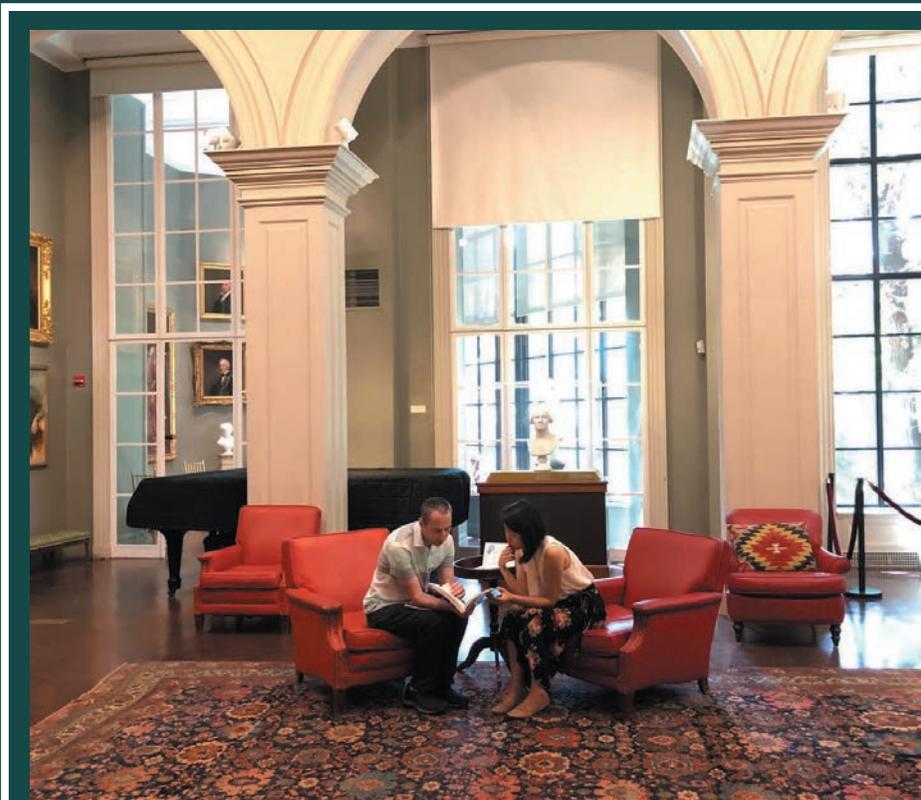
in hand to find the temporary rink solution” (which is smaller than the traditional rink).

The temporary rink was installed this month, which unfortunately was too late to accommo-

date this year’s annual Tree Lighting Skating Spectacular, which had been scheduled originally been scheduled for Dec. 2 to coincide with the Common tree-lighting.

“As soon as the skating season

ends, which is usually in mid-March, around St. Patrick’s Day, engineers will conduct a study on the rink’s pressure so hopefully next season, we’ll be back to full capacity,” said Woods.



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