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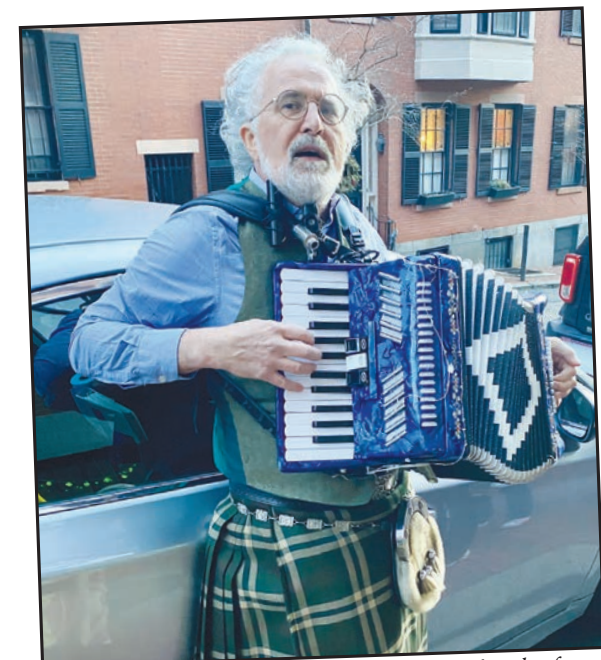
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## CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY ON THE HILL

LAURA COUSINEAU PHOTOS



Neighbors and friends celebrated St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 17, on Beacon Hill.



The inimitable Jeremy Bell was on hand for the festivities.



Neighbor Darcy O'Brien in her festive attire.

## Mayor Wu joins WECA for monthly meeting

By Dan Murphy

Mayor Michelle Wu was the guest speaker for the monthly meeting of the West End Civic Association on Thursday, March 14, at the Amy Lowell Apartments, where she fielded a number of questions from board members and others in the capacity crowd.

Her visit to WECA came in direct response to a request from District 8 City Councilor Durkan, who upon being sworn into office last August, immediately asked the mayor to attend one of the organization's monthly meetings, said Mayor Wu.

On the topic of Thoreau Path

and the \$1 million earmarked for its repaving, Mayor Wu made assurances that the budget wouldn't fall prey to inflation as it would be adjusted along with city's Capital Budget. But she also acknowledged that more staff would need to be hired internally "to move this forward."

Councilor Durkan, who sat alongside the mayor, said she believes \$1 million is enough money to complete the project. She added that Jascha Franklin-Hodge, the city's chief of streets, could schedule a time to discuss this matter with WECA leadership within

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## COYOTE ON THE HILL



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIC MARBERBLATT

A coyote was seen wandering on Anderson St. on Wednesday morning. Shown above is a member of the animal control department catching the coyote to take it to be tested and make sure it is healthy to be relocated. For many residents seeing wildlife like wild turkeys and owls is becoming a common occurrence on the Hill. However having a coyote walk the streets was for many residents a first.



# NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

## GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM BENEFIT SET FOR APRIL 18

The Friends of the Gibson House Museum invite you to its annual museum benefit, "The Sporting Life," on Thursday, April 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the St. Botolph Club at 199 Commonwealth Ave.

This fun and festive party will offer a nod to the Gibsons and other 19th-early 20th century families who spent much of their leisure time enjoying outdoor activities. The event will honor Community Boating, the oldest public sailing organization in the country, for its mission of breaking down the physical, social, and financial hurdles that sailing frequently presents and providing opportunities for people of all backgrounds and abilities to experience the joys of being on the water.

All proceeds will support the preservation and operation of the Gibson House Museum. Tickets are \$150 and may be purchased via the link above, or by sending a check with the names of your guests to: the Gibson House Museum, 137 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02116.

This year's Benefit features some fabulous raffle items, including tickets to the theater, restaurant gift certificates, a Community Boating membership, a pickleball set, and vintage treasures. You do not need to be present to win. More details, as well as a link to purchase raffle tickets, can be found at

<https://www.thegibsonhouse.org/museum-benefit>.

## NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM PROGRAM TO EXPLORE WOMEN'S HATS AND FASHION

The Nichols House Museum presents 'By Her Own Design: Women Milliners of Boston: Dress and Textile Historian Elizabeth Weisblatt,' on Wednesday, March 27, at 6 p.m. at 55 Mount Vernon St.

At this time, Weisblatt will explore the lives of Boston's entrepreneurial women milliners through the incredible hats they created. She will share hats from the 7,000-piece costume collection of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Housed in the W. H. Prescott House on Beacon Street, this collection provides a rich glimpse into the fashions worn by Boston women, including some Beacon Hill residents, and helps to shed light on the women who created the pieces.

Registration is through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/by-her-own-design-women-milliners-of-boston-tickets>, tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 Nichols House Museum members.

For more information, visit <https://www.nicholshousemuseum.org/events/>.

## SOUNDS ON THE HILL TO HOLD 'CELEBRATION OF FAITH' ON MARCH 28

Boston Society of the New Jerusalem – Sounds on the Hill, invites you to 'A Celebration of Faith.' The church at 140 Bowdoin St. invites you experience word and music during Holy Week and Easter.

On Thursday, March 28 (Maundy Thursday), at 5 p.m., the COH Brass Ensemble will present a musical offering featuring a five-member brass ensemble. On Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m., there will be a Service of Tenebrae, featuring "Seven Last Words of Christ" by Haydn.

On Sunday, March 31, at 11 a.m., the brass ensemble and BSNJ Choir will present 'Gloria' by Vivaldi. The fully professional, mixed-voice choir will be under the direction of Andrew Mattfeld.

Visit <https://churchonthehill-boston.org/> or call 617-523-4575 for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENT SPONSORED BY THE BOSTON ATHENAEUM

The Boston Athenaeum, located at 10½ Beacon St., is offering a children's program, 'Portraits In Color: Celebrating Blackness with Wee The People' on Saturday, March 30, at 1 p.m.

At this kid-powered celebration of the Harriet Hayden Albums Exhibition Framing Freedom, fam-

ilies will enjoy an interactive read-aloud of the award-winning picture book 'Take A Picture of Me, James Van Der Zee!,' followed by an art-making activity, creating picture frames for the portraits. The program is recommended for children, ages 6 and older.

For more information on the Boston Athenaeum, visit [boston-athenaeum.org](http://boston-athenaeum.org).

## UPCOMING PROGRAMMING BY WEST END MUSEUM

The West End Museum presents 'Destruction and Rebirth: Barber and Beethoven' on Saturday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. at The Hub on Causeway Community Room at 52 Causeway St. (located along the alleyway next to Hub50House, across from the Tip O'Neill Building).

Join the museum for an artistically sublime experience as we project photographic images from the Edgell and Frani Collections (which chronicle life before, during, and after urban renewal) alongside a live performance of two of classical music's most emotive string quartets, both possessing tonal qualities that convey the ideas of transformation and explore the complex social dynamics that underpin both the destruction and rebirth of the West End neighborhood.

Tickets for this event cost \$15 each and can be purchased by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/destruction-and-rebirth-barber-and-beethoven-at-the-west-end-museum-tickets>.

The museum will offer 'Boston in Fiction: A Conversation with Frances McNamara and JB Harris,' a lively discussion about Boston in historical fiction with the two authors, on Wednesday, April 10, at 6 p.m.

At this time, McNamara and Harris will talk about their recent novels, 'Three-Decker Murder in a Nutshell' and 'The Immigrant's Wife,' respectively, and also answer questions about the process of writing historical Boston tales.

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The museum will offer a 'West End Architecture' walking tour on Wednesday, April 17, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/west-end-architecture-tickets>.

The museum's next Trivia

Month is set to take place on Monday, April 22, at the Dubliner Irish Pub at 2 Center Plaza. Admission is \$10 per person. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/856151160167?aff=oddtcreator> to purchase tickets and for more information.

The museum will also offer an online lecture, 'Curley to Kevin: The New Boston and the Mayors Who Made It' on Thursday, April 25, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

At this time, Sebastian Belfanti, the museum's executive director, will lead a discussion on the political impact of Boston's 20th-century mayors.

Over the course of the 20th century, Boston underwent a major change in political leadership, from the dynamic and populist, but corrupt, James Michael Curley, to New Boston's honest but elite-centric Hynes and Collins. They were followed by Kevin White, who tried to bridge these two leadership styles with a more populist good-government approach. The story of how these shifts changed the political landscape of Boston, reshaped the city, and created "The New Boston" are critical to understanding the city today.

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## WEM SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR SPRING AND SUMMERS SEASONS

The West End Museum is now seeking volunteers for the spring and summers seasons.

Volunteer opportunities include in-person openings on Wednesday-Sunday mornings and afternoons for greeter, event assistant, exhibit attendant, social media creator, and special projects assistant.

For more information, contact the WEM volunteer coordinator via email at [maisie@thewestend-museum.org](mailto:maisie@thewestend-museum.org).

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This book-launch celebration and discussion featuring translators Frances Malino and Yaelle

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# City outlines vision for future of preservation

By Dan Murphy

The city is now embarking on an ambitious vision for the future of preservation.

As Murray G. Miller, the city's director of the Office of Historic Preservation, outlined on Tuesday, March 12, at City Hall (and online) during his presentation, 'A Vision for Historic Preservation in Boston,' the city is now undertaking an in-depth analysis of all the processes and procedures within the Office of Historic Preservation itself. The review will evaluate city policies with a focus on uplifting underrepresented voices, as well as promote affordable housing and environmental stewardship.

(The Boston Landmarks Commission - the city agency charged with identifying and preserving historic properties - operates within the city's Office of Historic Preservation and includes the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission, among other architectural commissions which oversee historic districts within the City of Boston.)

Longer-term priorities for the vision include overhauling the Landmarks Commission and replacing Article 85 of the Boston Zoning Code, which allows for demolition delay, as well as supporting efforts to revise the state legislative language for landmark designation in the City of Boston.

Among the goals that Miller outlined for 'rethinking' Article 85 include "incentivizing the optimization of embodied energy and providing for intensification that leaves a smaller carbon footprint"; "incentivizing interventions to mitigate climate change and facilitate energy efficiency actions in underserved communities"; and "preserving the history of Boston that is inclusive with a focus on underserved communities."

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remained an active advocate for historic preservation in the neighborhood, added Kiefer, with representatives from the group on hand at every one of the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission's monthly hearings to provide well-researched input on applications.

"We couldn't do this and wouldn't be here without them," said Kiefer, who, in another capacity, previously served as the Civic Association's board chair.

Since the Historic Beacon Hill District was first established in 1955, it has been expanded three times - in 1958, 1963, and 1975, respectively. Kiefer said a pending bill sponsored by Rep. Jay Livingstone would expand the boundaries of the Historic Beacon Hill District again via the addition of an approximately 40-foot-wide swath running from Charles Circle to Bowdoin Street along Cambridge Street currently not included in the district.

Kiefer encouraged anyone with questions about preservation in the Historic Beacon Hill District, including would-be applicants, to reach out to Nicholas Armata, BHAC staff and a senior preservation planner with the Landmarks Commission.

"He's here to help you, and he's on your side," said Kiefer, adding that Armata, who also offered remarks at the meeting, frequently works with applicants ahead of time to help them craft proposals that will work for all stakeholders.

Rev. Marianna White-Hammond, the city's Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space, and Armata also joined in the discussion.

The meeting was the second of many planned throughout the city on its vision for the future of historic preservation. Subsequent meetings, which would be specific to each community, would cumulatively incorporate feedback heard from the community at this and other subsequent meetings. The dates for upcoming meetings and other information will be announced on the city's website on this project, said Miller.

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# EDITORIAL

## MARCH IS THE CRUELEST MONTH

Spring officially arrived this week, with March 19 marking the vernal equinox. According to meteorologists, “meteorological spring” began even sooner on March 1.

The poet Emily Dickinson extolled the arrival of March (“Dear March—Come in—How glad I am—”). But we always have viewed March as the ultimate tease. Emily Dickinson lived in Amherst, far from the coast, where ocean breezes off the still-frigid Atlantic -- water temps are their coldest in March -- can lower the dreaded wind-chill factor by 10 degrees even on sunny days.

For those of us who have been lifelong residents of Eastern Mass., March is the month on the calendar that we long for with great anticipation after the harsh winter season. But it always disappoints, like an object of desire who fails to live up to our expectations.

Admittedly, these past few winters have not been too tough to take, both in terms of the lack of cold and snow, which environmental scientists tell us is the beginning of a long-term trend of warmer winters because of climate change. Those milder winters have given us all the more reason to hope that March would be even more temperate compared to the past, but our hopes have been dashed by Mother Nature.

To be sure, we had some warm weather last week and the crocuses and snowdrops have been pushing through the ground for a while now, especially in the areas of our gardens in full sun. But the cold weather that is forecast for the coming week, with below-freezing temperatures every night and early-morning, is anything but a harbinger of the coming spring season.

One of the earliest memories of our childhood was learning the aphorism, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” Despite the onset of climate-change, that saying remains as true today as it was then.

## IT’S A SAD, SAD, SAD, SAD WORLD

It is fair to say that for everyone reading this editorial, the world is in a greater state of chaos than at any time in our lives.

Although the decades in the aftermath of World War II brought us the Cold War and two “hot wars” in Korea and Vietnam, plus the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the world overall was a more orderly place, divided between the Western democracies and the Eastern European Communist autocracies. Everyone knew where they stood and played by the rules. Both sides possessed huge nuclear arsenals that could destroy the other 10 times over, but that equilibrium brought us relative peace thanks to the concept of mutually assured destruction, appropriately known by the acronym MAD.

Even during the height of the Cold War, we could laugh at movies such as “The Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming,” and the Beatles could make a parody of Chuck Berry’s “Back in the U.S.A.” and the Beach Boys’ “California Girls” with their song, “Back in the U.S.S.R.”

But since the demise of the Cold War’s hierarchy, turmoil has erupted in many places that had been relatively-peaceful. The civil wars that engulfed Somalia, Rwanda, and the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s presaged the terrible situations we have today.

Those relatively-contained civil conflicts have evolved into the ongoing cross-border wars in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Syria, and sub-Saharan Africa, where civilians are being bombed, murdered, raped, and displaced by the millions. No one is making jokes about the evils of Vladimir Putin and Hamas or the dire situation in Gaza.

In our own hemisphere, Haiti has collapsed into complete and total chaos, ruled by warring criminal gangs, and the Central American nations of El Salvador and Honduras are not far behind. In Mexico, the drug cartels effectively control large swathes of the country.

Venezuela has descended into desperate poverty despite having oil reserves that made it one of the wealthiest nations in South America just 10 years ago when its GDP was five times what it is today.

Even Chinese citizens are fleeing their country, where there is a huge crisis in the real estate market, because of economic stagnation that has brought record-high unemployment and a lack of opportunity to a nation that had known exponential growth for three decades.

It is estimated that 280 million people worldwide today are migrants, of whom 110 million are refugees, asylum-seekers, and others who are internally displaced people and in need of international protection. Both of those numbers are all-time records and are growing parabolically year-after-year.

The New York Times columnist and best-selling author Thomas Friedman has divided the post-post-Cold War world into two camps -- the nations of order vs. disorder. America remains a beacon, not only among the disorderly nations, but also compared to the industrialized world. We emerged from the pandemic as the strongest economy on earth, with an historically-low unemployment rate and a taming of post-COVID inflation that by far have outpaced our peers in Western Europe and elsewhere.

But despite our success, the news headlines each day inform us that the world today is a sad, sad place, instilling in all of us a sense that our relative strength and stability is fragile and cannot be taken for granted.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### MORE POOLS OPEN THIS SUMMER

To the Editor.

Thanks to interagency collaboration between BPS, BCYF, the Public Facilities Department, and the Property Management Department, investments of City funding, and improved facilities assessment, the City is on track to have more pools open this year than in previous summers, including the

BCYF Clougherty, Draper, Marshall, and Mattahunt. The BCYF Clougherty outdoor pool is in the midst of a two year renovation and is expected to open this summer with temporary restrooms and changing areas. More information will be available as we get closer to summer. The BCYF Charlestown Community Center has an indoor pool which is open.

The City also has more opportunities for lifeguards through a residency waiver

which allows us to hire more lifeguards and the lifeguard academy and hiring days that BCYF has been hosting in collaboration with the Office of Human Resources. Additionally, through the SwimSafe program the City is providing more free swim lessons for children in partnership with the YMCA of Greater Boston (9 pools), Boys and Girls Club (4 pools), Dorchester House (1 pool), and USA Swimming.

Sandy Holden

## NEWS BRIEFS

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

The City of Boston is developing a five-year Consolidated Plan for an estimated \$143 million in funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and we want to hear your thoughts on the needs and priorities of the City. The funds may be invested in housing, homeless assistance and community development programs

that serve low- to moderate-income residents over a 5-year period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029 through these HUD programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

To ensure robust citizen

participation, we are offering multiple ways to provide input on the Plan and hope that you will help us get the word out by sharing this email with your contacts and community members. Please encourage them to visit the Consolidated Plan website, complete the Multilingual Survey for Residents, or the Survey for Organizations or submit comments by calling 617-635-0363 or by sending an email to mohcomments@boston.gov.

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# Join the Gibson House Museum and the Forbes House Museum for tea

Special to Times

Tea was a favorite beverage in 19th century Massachusetts, savored by men and women alike for entertaining and relaxing.

Join the Gibson House Museum in Boston and Forbes House Museum in Milton as they welcome visitors for a joint program of enjoying and appreciating tea.

Visit the Gibson House on Saturday, April 6, at 11 a.m. or Sunday, April 7, at 4 p.m. for an engaging tour that explores the world of tea through the lens of 19th century domestic life and global trade. Then, join the Forbes House on April 21 for an afternoon tea service at 2 p.m., complete with assorted teas, scones and cakes.

"There are many stories and themes we don't often get to explore on our house tours, so we

are thrilled to dive into the 19th century world of tea in partnership with the Forbes House,"

Said Sarah Hagglund, museum and program coordinator at the Gibson House Museum. "This program is the perfect opportunity to show just how well our museums pair together."

The Gibson House Museum, located at 137 Beacon St. was home to three generations of Gibson family members and their household staff between 1859 and 1954. The museum preserves the 19th-century rowhouse and its collections, relating the lives of the Gibson family and their employees in a way that resonates in the 21st century.

"We're excited to partner with another independent house museum that highlights how 19th-century stories can continue to appeal today," said Heidi Vaughan, the

Forbes House

Museum's executive director, in a press release. "The Gibson House tour is a terrific complement to our afternoon tea on National Tea Day."

Built in 1833, the Forbes House Museum at 215 Adams St. in Milton has been a National Historic Landmark since 1966. The house belonged to four generations of the Forbes family, who were prominent in the 19th-century China Trade and also generous philanthropists and avid collectors. Inspired by the family legacy, the museum fosters discourse around civic engagement and cultural awareness.

Tickets are \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members and include both the house tour and afternoon tea. Space is limited; tickets are available at [www.thegibsonhouse.org/events](http://www.thegibsonhouse.org/events).



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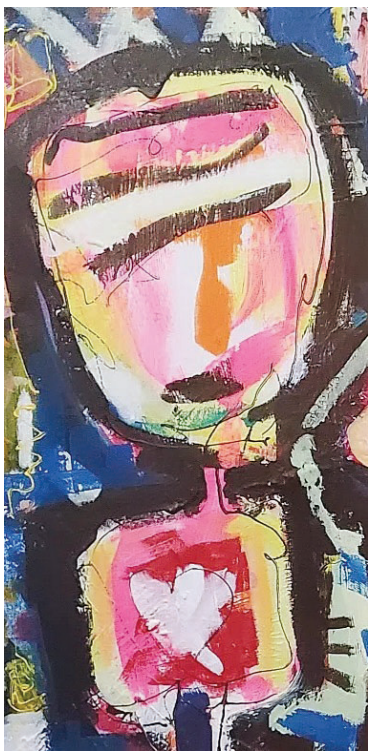
Enjoy house tours and afternoon tea at the Gibson House and Forbes House.

## Artists' Group of Charlestown kicks off their 2024 events with 'Clean Slate'

On Friday, March 22, the StoveFactory Gallery re-opens with the Artists' Group of Charlestown (AGC) 2024 Spring Exhibition entitled Clean Slate.

This exhibition is curated by AGC Member/StoveFactory Gallery Committee Member, Sioux Gerow, and will include a body of work of art from all forms of media. Clean Slate is a juried exhibition inspired by the change of season. The goal of this exhibition is to present artwork that embodies newness in growth, potential and emergence. More than 150 submissions from nearly 60 artists in an open and public call for art were considered.

Clean Slate also includes two special Guest Jurors, Martha Starr and Kathrine Hackle. Both are AGC Members, StoveFactory Artists, and members of the StoveFactory Gallery Committee. With Sioux, they helped aid in the difficult task of reviewing all of the art submissions, and helped ensure



that the pieces in the exhibition fit in the theme of the show and were high quality.

Clean Slate opens with a recep-

tion on Friday, March 22nd from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. It will continue to run the following Saturdays and Sundays March 23rd & 24th, April 6th & 7th, and April 13th & 14th, from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Closed Easter weekend, March 30th and 31st.

The StoveFactory Gallery is a 950-square foot space in a renovated 19th century factory building with exposed beam ceilings, white walls, and windows, at 523 Medford Street, Charlestown.

The Artists' Group of Charlestown (AGC), a non-profit organization, was founded in 1996. With grants, generous donors, and dedicated member volunteers, the AGC exists to fulfill its mission: to showcase artists' works and to promote high-quality cultural programming for the local community. The StoveFactory Gallery and Studios are the home of the Artists' Group of Charlestown, where almost all of their programming is held.

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## BHWF WELCOMES BHCA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICIA TULLY

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

Beacon Hill Women's Forum (BHWF) March 12 guest speaker, Patricia Tully, served as the British government's trade and consular representative in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands for 17 fulfilling years. Tully's compassion and attentiveness became essential for the advancement of commerce and the lives of those who depended on her guidance and care. Now as the executive director of the Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA) since 2016, she has continued her passion of service.

"I'm proud of what I've been able to accomplish, and I am still motivated and challenged," said Tully. "I know that the issues this neighborhood faces can be solved with the same professionalism and empathy that carried me through those years, and I am so grateful for it all."

In 1990, Tully and her then husband relocated from Londonderry, New Hampshire, to Puerto Rico with their three children under the age of five. She recognized that the best way to learn a foreign language was to immerse herself in the culture – particularly, the local supermarket. Five years later, Tully gave birth to her fourth child.

"It was different from the grey days in Boston. It was a vibrant place," Tully described. "I enjoyed this time of my life so much – raising my two daughters and two sons in this unrestricted place, where we were always outside, on the beach, or in the car on any given day."

In 1997 -- the year that Princess Diana of Wales tragically lost her life -- an exciting position on behalf of British trade arose for Tully, who by then, spoke flu-

ent Spanish. Her responsibility was searching for opportunities for British businesses to sell their goods or services, such as petroleum, scotch whiskey, and jewelry, in Puerto Rico. Tully also collaborated with large utility and infrastructure companies to build airport runways and aqueducts.

"I was on call always, and had to travel a lot," said Tully, who attended extensive training sessions and conferences. "My kids were so proud of me. They gave me the strength to keep going. They're in everything I do."

In 2000, Tully was promoted to vice consular; and later an honorary consular, the highest position she could attain as a non-British citizen. She utilized her background in architecture to help design a full consular office.

"It was built with bullet-proof glass, walls, and doors," detailed Tully. "Now I was the sole representative of the United Kingdom in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. My responsibilities expanded to assist and protect UK citizens in the region."

Tully recalled welcoming Prince Harry when he arrived in San Juan on route to Las Vegas. They sat and talked in an American Airlines lounge while people attempted to photograph him from behind plants.

Her duties included receiving Royal Navy ships and planning events to be held on them. Tully organized visits for United Kingdom ambassadors to meet the governor of Puerto Rico, and his cabinet, as well as local business owners.

"I would get wonderful letters of appreciation from commanders in the Royal Navy," smiled Tully. "I saved all of these things."

One of her first cases in response

to a UK citizen in distress involved a 31-year-old British man who worked on a cargo ship that was transporting yachts through the Caribbean. He fell 30 feet, face down onto a deck below, sustaining terrible injuries and memory loss. Although the man never remembered Tully, she visited him in the hospital every day until it was safe for him to return home.

Tully also regularly visited the federal prison in San Juan. A moment she will never forget was one of her first encounters with an inmate: a woman who had been arrested for smuggling drugs on a cruise ship.

"I found myself angry at this person I didn't know who I had to help because of what she had

(BHWF Pg. 7)



Lisa Macalaster, Founder/Co-President, Patricia Tully, guest speaker, and Tricia Stone, Co-President.



Sandra Gilpatrick, Patricia Tully, Amy Tsurumi, Lisa Macalaster, Katherine Kennedy, Emily Synk, Mary Beth Kelley, Susan Korthals, Sarah Hidey, and Jacqueline McBride.

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# BHWF (from pg. 6)

done, and the danger she could have brought to any child. As a mother, that was my reaction,” shared Tully. “It was the first time I had ever been to prison. I’ll never forget the slamming of the doors behind me. Once I left my belongings with the guards, and I was allowed to enter, I had to pass through two doors. It was impressive. I realized this was serious.”

Tully waited in a guarded cafeteria, where the furniture was attached to the floor. When the prisoner was escorted into the room, and Tully began speaking with her, she realized that her perceptions were wrong, and that the person was a woman just like her, but without the same opportunities. All she had asked for was baby powder and feminine hygiene products.

“I went to that prison many times after that to sit with prisoners who had done terrible things; but I tried to keep my professionalism, listening skills, and empathy front and center,” explained Tully.

The most challenging case that Tully aided in was for a couple who had been vacationing on a cruise ship. When the husband became ill, he was rushed to a San Juan hospital, where he passed away. Tully visited the morgue, and tended to the man’s wife, Sylvia, who was in need of support and a comfortable place to rest until Tully was able to arrange a flight home so their only son could be reunited with his father in Sheffield.

“I had to face a grief-stricken woman who would rely on me for almost everything for the next two weeks, and I had to face the thing that I most feared, which was seeing a recently-deceased person,” Tully shared. “The next few days were filled with insurance issues back in the UK, and all kinds of complications.”

The ladies formed a bond that prevails to this day. Tully and Sylvia remain in touch; and Tully even visited her in London in 2005.

In 2006, in recognition of her exemplary work handling difficult consular cases, Tully earned an Honorary Member of the British Empire, bestowed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. At the British Embassy, in Washington, DC, Tully was acknowledged for her achievements, along with a recipient who was researching a cure for AIDS, and an individual who was devising a peace plan for Northern Ireland.

“This was beyond anything I ever could have imagined,” said Tully, who has four grandchildren. “It was more than I could absorb. It’s something I treasure.”



Betty Murray, Lori Conway, Program Co-Director, and Sarah Hidey.



Lisa Macalaster, Founder/Co-President, Patricia Tully, guest speaker, and Susan Korthals.



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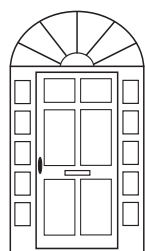


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NE/WE NSC HOLDS ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) held its St. Patrick’s Day celebration on Friday, March 15th, well in advance of the local parade and other festivities around the neighborhood! Over four dozen members of the community, almost all of them older adults from the North End and West End, feasted on traditional Irish corned beef and cabbage, salad, cookies, cupcakes, cannoli, and soda bread, the latter of which was made by Acting Director Julia Power, using her grandmother’s recipe, to balance out the Italian cannoli!

The NE/WE NSC extends heartfelt thanks to Eagle Bank, who annually sponsors this event. Gisella DiPaola, SVP Retail Banking Officer, from Eagle Bank on Hanover Street, and also a NE/WE NSC Advisory Board mem-

ber, assisted with serving the meal. The offices of Mayor Michelle Wu, Senator Lydia Edwards, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, and City Councilor Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta turned out with sweets to visit with their constituents.

Silke Evans, well known for her musical performances in the area, played Irish music and other tunes on the piano. Volunteer and former NE/WE NSC Advisory Board member David Roderick and Irene Pien, volunteer from Strada 234, lent a hand with much-needed serving and clean up. All in all, it was a delightful day spent in the drop-in center, with lovely food, conversation, and friends, for those who trace their roots back to Ireland’s shores, along with the “honorary” Irish for a day. Happy St. Patrick’s Day!



Shown (left to right) are ABCD NE/WE NSC Acting Director Julia Power, Gabriela Ramirez (Office of Gabriela Coletta), Karen D’Amico (Office of Representative Aaron Michlewitz), Ciara D’Amico (Office of Mayor Michelle Wu), Eagle Bank SVP, Retail Banking Officer and ABCD Advisory Board Member Gisella DiPaola, Yamina Lachmi (Office of Senator Lydia Edwards), ABCD NE/WE NSC Fundraising Specialist Johannah Malone



Eagle Bank sponsored the St. Patrick’s Day celebration.



Karen D’Amico (from the Office of State Representative Aaron Michlewitz) delivers a cannoli and a smile.



A lot of resident turned out for the event.

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# WECA (from pg. 1)

the next month, likely in the last week of March.

Likewise, Mayor Wu said the city would be able to provide an estimate for the project, or at least the timing for an estimate, at this meeting. She also agreed to a request from longtime WECA Board member Louise Thomas that the city adhere decals on the path to instruct users that no bicycles or motorized bikes are permitted there.

In response to concerns raised about the precedent that could be set by an 11-story life science building proposed for 222 Friend St., which would be more than twice the allowable height for its location, Mayor Wu suggested that Murray Miller, the city's director of the Office of Historic Preservation, could join WECA leadership for a site walk to see "specifically what you're looking to preserve."

Councilor Durkan said she would also like to be involved in this conversation. She also suggest-

ed that a city architect should be hired in house to help the Boston Landmarks Commission fulfill its requirement of studying each building for its historical significance, since these studies are now typically outsourced by the city at a significant cost.

Moreover, Mayor Wu pledged to fill potholes on Nashua Street in the spring and said she would also take steps to help address the problem of ubiquitous trash in the area.

"All day I have been thinking about things I can't change, like climate change," said Mayor Wu. "Trash is something I can fix."

Sen. Lydia Edwards was also on hand for the meeting, discussing some of her latest achievements with the legislature, including helping to push through a \$4.1 billion bond bill that she said would "transform the housing system."

Meanwhile, Sebastian Belfanti, president of WECA, said "a fully functional" community space at 75 Blossom Court – a property

owned by Mass General Hospital which was previously home to the J Pace & Son grocery store – is tentatively scheduled to be handed off to the West End community in September.

(Providing this community space was included in the community benefits and neighborhood mitigation for MGH's new, state-of-the-art clinical care building now under construction on Cambridge Street.)

Belfanti added that "late negotiations" are now ongoing with a retailer poised to take over the former nail-salon space.

Duane Lucia was also on hand for the meeting to deliver the report for WECA's Green Committee, which included an update on the Greatest Neighborhood Park.

For WECA's April monthly meeting, a representative from Beacon Hill Village will be the guest speaker, said Belfanti.



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Mayor Michele Wu is seen flanked by District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan at the West End Civic Association monthly meeting on Thursday, March 14, at the Amy Lowell Apartments.

## MassDOT's announces second National Work Zone Awareness Week

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the launch of its second National Work Zone Awareness Week billboard design contest, exclusively for Massachusetts college students. The contest aims to raise awareness of work zone safety and encourage drivers to exercise caution when passing through active construction and maintenance projects.

"We're calling for all great ideas for our second annual National Work Zone Awareness Week billboard contest," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbitts-Nutt. "Creative designs and advertisement are a powerful way to reach residents and remind them how to keep our construction crews safe."

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual

event that brings attention to work zone safety and education around preventing crashes and fatalities in these areas. The theme for NWZAW 2024 is "Work Zones are temporary. Actions behind the wheel can last forever." The main takeaway is while work zones may be temporary, the choices made by drivers in these areas can have far-reaching effects. Whether it's excessive speed, distracted driv-

ing, or ignoring traffic laws, poor behaviors exhibited behind the wheel can lead to severe injuries, fatalities, and long-lasting trauma for individuals and families.

MassDOT is taking an active role in promoting work zone safety to protect the men and women working out on the roadway and would like to invite all Massachusetts college students to create a billboard design that promotes the theme and encourages drivers to be cautious when driving through work zones. Massachusetts college students interested in participating should create a billboard design that includes the theme and promotes work zone safety. Review the MassDOT Digital Billboard Design Specifications before preparing yThe contest is open to all students who are currently enrolled in Massachusetts colleges. The winning designs will be selected based on creativity, impact, and relevance to the NWZAW theme. The con-

test ends on April 19, and the winning designs will be announced on May 1 during the 2024 MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference. The top 3 designs will be displayed on a series of digital billboards along the highways in Massachusetts throughout the 2024 construction season. The winning designs will be awarded a scholarship generously provided by the Massachusetts Aggregate and Asphalt Pavement Association (MAAPA). As staunch advocates for roadway safety, MAAPA recognizes the crucial importance of promoting work zone safety and is dedicated to increasing awareness about driving responsibly near work zones.

1st place: \$500 and 3-month billboard display (June, August, November)

2nd place: \$300 and 2-month billboard display (July, October)

3rd place: \$200 and 1-month billboard display (September)

### BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

#### Love Your Block

Love Your Block returns on Saturday, April 6th, and we are looking forward to working together with neighbors to clean up our sidewalks and parks. Please let the office know if you are available to join in from 9am to 12pm. We'll be meeting in front of the CVC at 155 Charles Street.

A Reminder about Public Trash Bins

Please remember all public trash bins are for small trash or recycling small items (newspapers or other recyclables), and that it is illegal (\$1,000 fine) to dispose of household trash in any public trash bin. Let's all work together to keep our streets and sidewalks clean and free of trash and litter by using these trash bins appropriately.

#### Did You Know?

The Beacon Hill Civic Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to community building, civic engagement, and historic preservation on Beacon Hill. Your membership donations allow us to continue our efforts to preserve and protect our historic neighborhood. As a member, your voice adds strength to our numbers and credibility to our purpose as advocates for Beacon Hill residents and businesses. Join, renew, or donate today to support the work we do for you at bhcciv.org.

#### Upcoming BHCA Meetings

Architecture Committee – Monday, March 18th, 5:30 pm via Zoom

Events Committee – Wednes-

day, March 27th, 6pm, 74 Joy Street

Zoning & Licensing – Wednesday, April 3, 6:00pm via Zoom (TBC)

#### Other upcoming BHCA Events

BHCA Young Friends Social – Wednesday, March 27th, The Dubliner

First Friday Coffee Hour – Friday, April 5th, 8:30-9:30am

Love Your Block – Saturday, April 6th, 9am

Founders Reception – Thursday, May 2nd, 6pm (location TBD)

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



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# CSF receives match support for new donations made towards the Building Minds Scholarship Fund

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The Building Minds Scholarship Fund grants scholarships to over 3,500 low-income students each year who wish to attend Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Bill and Jane’s match gift was announced ahead of CSF’s upcoming 34th Annual Building Minds Scholarship Fund Gala, taking place at Boston Marriott Copley Place on April 11th, 2024. Thanks to their generosity, every new sponsorship, ticket purchase, and donation made will now have double the impact.

Bill Mosakowski, CSF Trustee, said:

“Jane and I are honored to sup-

port the Catholic Schools Foundation’s Building Minds Scholarship Fund.

Every child deserves the opportunity to build a brighter future. By matching new and increased contributions to the Building Minds Scholarship Fund, we hope to inspire others to join us in making a lasting impact on the lives of in-need students and their families in the Archdiocese of Boston.”

The 34th Annual Building Minds Scholarship Fund Gala is the single largest fundraiser held by CSF, raising over \$4M annually for low-income students to attend Catholic Schools across Boston and the surrounding communities.

Drawing together approximately 800-1,000 members of the Greater Boston business community and beyond, the event will be chaired by Renee, CSF Trustee, and Mike Minogue, President & CEO of Minogue Consulting, LLC, and Retired Chairman, Pres-

ident, and Chief Executive Officer of Abiomed.

Some of the most recognized and influential names in the Commonwealth will be in attendance to honor Rick Henken, President & CEO of the Schochet Companies and former president of the CSF Board of Trustees.

Gala attendees will also have the opportunity to meet over 100 CSF scholars who will be present at the event to share more about their great experiences with the organization and to display school projects they have been working on throughout the year.

Mike Reardon, CSF’s Executive Director, commented:

“At the Catholic Schools Foundation, our top priority is the education of our scholars. We’re proud to say that 100% of CSF Scholars graduate high school, and an impressive 98% matriculate to college.

The Building Minds Scholarship Fund transforms the lives of

these in-need students by providing them with a quality Catholic education that will open the door to a wealth of opportunities.

Your support, along with the generous match from Bill and Jane Mosakowski, will help us to continue making a difference in their lives and build brighter futures for CSF scholars. It all starts with you.”

The Catholic Schools Foundation would like to thank Bill

and Jane Mosakowski for their remarkable commitment to the Building Minds Scholarship Fund. For more information on CSF’s 34th Annual Building Minds Scholarship Fund Gala and how you can double your donation, visit [www.csfboston.org/34annualgala](http://www.csfboston.org/34annualgala).

Any questions can be directed to Vanessa at [vmcgeehan@csfboston.org](mailto:vmcgeehan@csfboston.org) or (617) 398-5459.

## VISION (from pg. 3)

remained an active advocate for historic preservation in the neighborhood, added Kiefer, with representatives from the group on hand at every one of the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission’s monthly hearings to provide well-researched input on applications.

“We couldn’t do this and wouldn’t be here without them,” said Kiefer, who, in another capacity, previously served as the Civic Association’s board chair.

Since the Historic Beacon Hill District was first established in 1955, it has been expanded three times - in 1958, 1963, and 1975, respectively. Kiefer said a pending bill sponsored by Rep. Jay Livingstone would expand the boundaries of the Historic Beacon Hill District again via the addition of an approximately 40-foot-wide swath running from Charles Circle to Bowdoin Street along Cambridge Street currently not included in the district.

Kiefer encouraged anyone with questions about preservation in the Historic Beacon Hill District,

including would-be applicants, to reach out to Nicholas Armata, BHAC staff and a senior preservation planner with the Landmarks Commission.

“He’s here to help you, and he’s on your side,” said Kiefer, adding that Armata, who also offered remarks at the meeting, frequently works with applicants ahead of time to help them craft proposals that will work for all stakeholders.

Rev. Marianna White-Hammond, the city’s Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space, and Armata also joined in the discussion.

The meeting was the second of many planned throughout the city on its vision for the future of historic preservation. Subsequent meetings, which would be specific to each community, would cumulatively incorporate feedback heard from the community at this and other subsequent meetings. The dates for upcoming meetings and other information will be announced on the city’s website on this project, said Miller.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction look-ahead for the North Washington Street Bridge through March 30 is as follows:

### Scheduled Work

Removal of temporary vehicle bridge and pile supports

Demolition of old bridge structure

### Work Hours

Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Travel Tips

For everyone using the east sidewalk of the new bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events. For your awareness, the

following TD Garden events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

BRUINS: March 21 at 7 p.m.

CELTICS: March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS: March 22 at 4 p.m., March 23 at 7 p.m., and March 22 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

NCAA Div. I Men’s Basketball Championship (times TBA): 3/28 and 3/30.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

### Advisory: Boston

North Washington Street (Charlestown) Bridge Replacement

Temporary lane closures on Friday, March 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. the following morning

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing lane closures at Keany Square in Boston to safely complete the demolition of the last bridge span on the existing North Washington Street Bridge. The right turn lane and right through lane will be closed beginning on Friday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m. through 8:00 a.m. the following morning.

Two inbound lanes will be maintained across the bridge. The outbound lanes across the bridge

and pedestrian paths will not be impacted. Three temporary traffic stops will be implemented in the 2 inbound traffic lanes during crane removal of steel beams, which each stop expected to last two to three minutes.

For more information, please see: <https://www.mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## BEACON HILL BEAT

### From Boston Police Area A-1

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#### Assault

03/13/24 – At around 8 a.m., police responded to the intersection of Garden and Blossom streets for a reported assault. The victim stated when she was sitting in traffic, an individual in the car next to her was acting erratically and attempting to gain her attention. She stated that she then rolled her window

down, at which time the suspect sprayed her with an unknown clear substance. The victim stated that the suspect stated throwing various items at her car before taking off onto Blossom Street.

Police searched the area to no avail; however, 1 district detectives are further investigating the matter.

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# Goldberg announces latest release of unclaimed property listings

Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg has announced the latest grouping of names added to the state’s list of unclaimed property owners. Over 50,000 new properties worth millions of dollars are owed to individuals and businesses throughout the Commonwealth.

“Did you know there is \$3.4 billion in unclaimed property here in Massachusetts? 1 in 10 people in this state are owed money and one of them could be you,” said Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “So check the list, go online, or call our office to search for your name and begin the process today.”

Unclaimed property includes

forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. Most accounts are considered abandoned and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity. Last year, Treasury processed over 145,000 claims and returned \$185 million in property to its rightful owners.

This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100. Treasurer Goldberg urges all citizens to check the comprehensive list for all amounts at [www.findmassmoney.gov](http://www.findmassmoney.gov) or call our live

call center at 1-888-344-MASS (6277).

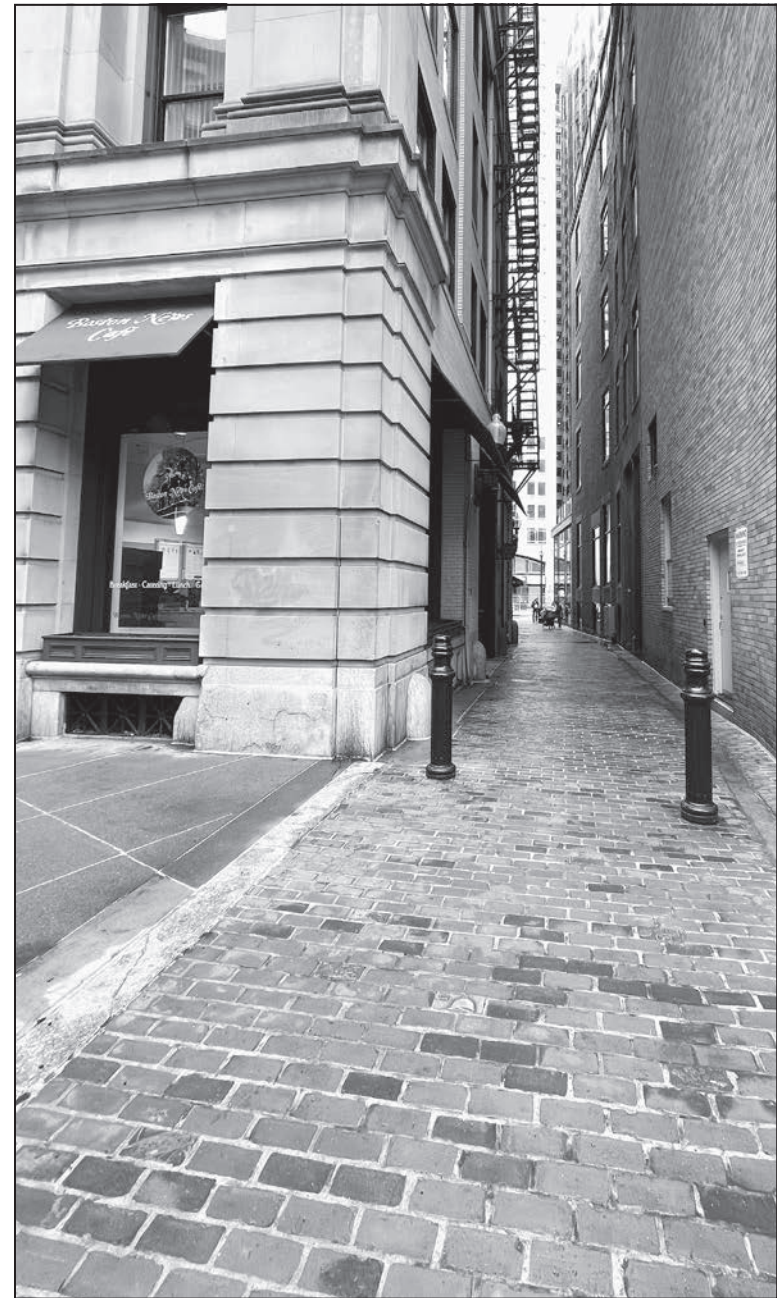
The full list of the new individuals and businesses added to the unclaimed property list will be published in the Boston Globe on March 3rd and in the Boston Herald on March 10th . In addition, the list of names will be published in over 30 regional and local papers in following weeks.

The Treasury releases an updated list of unclaimed property assets every six months as the new accounts are turned over to the Commonwealth. There is no time limit for a person to claim this property and, in many cases, claimants will receive interest.

# Attention to Detail

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## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



In the last clue, the bronze brick with the keys is part of the “Boston Bricks” installation on Winthrop Lane. Atlas Obscura’s website said, “The project, funded by the Browne Fund in Boston and A. W. Perry and Ryan Associates, consists of roughly 100 brick-sized bronze reliefs installed in the paving between the other bricks of Winthrop Lane.

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Email [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your suggestion.

## THIS WEEK'S CLUE



## Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
<b>BACK BAY</b>			
Bjm Realty LLC	Chheng, Sunnuarith	182 Beacon St #9	\$950,000
Calabia, Diana	286 Beacon St Unit 9 Nt	286 Beacon St #9	\$1,300,000
Robbins, Seth	Loretta T Attardo RET	324-332 Beacon St #166	\$1,500,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
Gatto, John	Balmforth, Jonh B	2 Hawthorne Pl #2-5G	\$500,000
Judith A Newton T	83 Mount Vernon LLC	83 Mount Vernon St #3	\$3,645,000
Anwar, Qirrat K	Brown, Deborah B	6 Whittier Pl #17A	\$420,000
<b>BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE</b>			
Dale 3rd, Louis	Howland, Charles A	298 Columbus Ave #3	\$1,100,000
Ep3 Investment LLC	251 West Newton St Nt	251 W Newton St	\$3,900,000
Felix LLC	Dambrosio, Victor	25 Hanson St #2	\$619,000
485 Harrison Ave Rt	Steven J Cohen RET	485-495 Harrison Ave #609	\$3,550,000
Verity, Jon	Avery Jr, Mark F	2 Rollins St #D205	\$422,478
32-34 Symphony Rd LLC	Roche Rt	32-34 Symphony Rd	\$7,325,000
Gary Musso 2001 RET	Nechev, Yavor L	40 Traveler St #501	\$1,230,000
A I Kreisel Qtip T	Szkodzinski, Michael A	692 Tremont St #3	\$1,585,000
Goff, Brian	9 Upton St Rt	9 Upton St #1	\$3,400,000
Lewis N Rosenberg Lt	46 Wareham St LLC	46 Wareham St #5F	\$2,250,000
<b>WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN</b>			
Adrienne F Dion RET	Sullivan, Brendon	220 Commercial St #5C	\$900,000
Miller, Laura	Dagene, Francesco M	25-27 South St #1	\$1,100,000
Lam, Man S	Bui, Irene D	151 Tremont St #15S	\$810,000



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## OUR MEMBERS, YOUR NEIGHBORS, THEIR EXPERIENCES ...

*Moving one's family from the suburbs into the city there are certain conveniences you do consider. I was grateful that parking for my family and guests was not one of them. I have been using Acorn for over a year and I can honestly say the efficiency and professionalism of the staff is what makes this service reliable and valuable as a homeowner. My car arrives heated, and I love the tracking system, so I know when my car is close to arriving. The most I ever waited was 15 minutes but that is because I arrived without giving them prior notice. Usually, you give them your ETA or what time you want to leave, and they are at your door spot on. Holidays were a breeze and allowed family and guests to be excited about coming into the city without any stress of parking. My husband was parking himself in the garage nearby but made the switch to Acorn because of their efficiency and value.*

Chris & Tony S.

Back Bay

*"Have enjoyed the service to date and recommend to anybody thinking about it. Prompt service, very personable and trustworthy group not to mention accommodating when in a pickle."*

Stuart C.

Beacon Hill

*Acorn has made living in the city with 2 dogs much easier than I expected. Without a deeded parking spot, I worried about having to get our belongings to and from the apartment while holding dog leashes. Now, the car comes to me. Communication is very easy via text. The valets are incredibly pleasant and keep me informed about when to expect them. Acorn removes the stress of having a car in the city.*

Tracey W.

Beacon Hill

*"Acorn Valet parking service is a game changer for living in Back Bay. The service is efficient and reliable, and the employees are professional and personable. The cost is reasonable compared to owning a space. My car is parked in a garage, out of the elements, which is perfect for street cleaning, weather emergencies and when I travel.*

*Now that I have Acorn, I am no longer interested buying or renting alley parking."*

Libby M.,

Back Bay

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