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ANNUAL SOUTH STREET YOUTH CENTER 5K



Costumed runners convene at the JP Pond Boathouse to register for the 5k race and mingle.



DEREK KOUYOUJIAN PHOTOS
Margo Sunshine celebrates
as she makes her first time
around Jamaica Pond.



State Rep. Samantha Montaño
and Boston City Councilor Ben
Weber. See more photos on
Pages 4 and 5.



Shown above, Nick Menzies
and Michelle Sinunu.

Shown below, runners in this
year's South Street Youth
Center Family 5K.



City, Community Builders announce the start of construction at 127 Amory St.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

The Mayor's Office of Housing, in partnership with the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) and The Community Builders, announced the start of construction at 127 Amory Street, a six-story, 96-unit affordable, transit-oriented development in Jamaica Plain. This project is a key part of the ongoing Jackson Square redevelopment, a collaborative effort between the Mayor's Office of Housing, BHA, the City of Boston's Planning Department, The Community Builders, Urban Edge, and the

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation.

"This project demonstrates our commitment to redeveloping Jackson Square and expanding affordable housing opportunities across Boston," said Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon. "Through strong partnerships, the City is ensuring that families and individuals of all income levels in Jackson Square have access to safe, stable, and high-quality homes."

The Boston Housing Authority provided the land for the

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Free culture access surges: Boston Family Days program triples in size

BY SIMONE KRAMER

Mayor Michelle Wu announced an expansion of the Boston Family Days program last month that will provide more students and families free entry to multiple cultural venues this fall.

City officials say the program has grown each year since it was introduced as BPS Sundays in February 2024. That first year, six cultural institutions were open on the first and second Sunday of each month. Today, students and families may visit 23 venues. Last year, 65,000 peo-

ple were provided free access to cultural events and performances. The Boston Ballet, Boston Symphony Orchestra and Huntington Theatre plan to provide more than 2,500 tickets this fall.

Sage Morgan-Hubbard, director of learning and management at The Museum of African American History, said the program and experiences have resonated with young people.

"We've had more young people come out, and our Juneteenth was probably our best visitation

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City opens applications for Boston School Committee

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

The City of Boston announced that applications for three four-year terms on the Boston School Committee are now being accepted by the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel. The Nominating Panel is a thirteen-member body composed of Boston Public Schools (BPS) parents, educators, school leaders, and representatives of the business and higher education communities.

In January 2026, two current Boston School Committee members' current terms are set to expire, prompting the beginning of the Nominating Panel process this fall. The selected members

for these terms will begin on January 1, 2026 and expire on January 7, 2030.

In addition, the Nominating Panel will accept applications for candidates to serve the remainder of the term currently expiring on January 2, 2029 due to a third vacancy to happen when Michael O'Neill, who currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the Boston School Committee, steps down at the end of December.

Applications to fill the upcoming vacancies are due Friday, November 7, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. The application can be found here.

Virtual interviews will be held in the early evening on Tuesday, November 18; Wednes-

day, November 19; and/or Thursday, November 20. Candidates must be Boston residents and should expect that service on the School Committee involves a significant time commitment to connect with school departments and leaders and prepare for and attend biweekly meetings that run into late hours in the evening.

The Boston School Committee is the governing body of the Boston Public Schools. The School Committee is responsible for:

Defining the vision, mission, and goals of the Boston Public Schools;

Establishing and monitoring the annual operating budget;

Hiring, managing, and eval-

uating the Superintendent; and Setting and reviewing district policies and practices to support student achievement.

The seven members of the School Committee are Boston residents appointed by the Mayor. The Mayor appoints members from a list of candidates recommended by the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel. The School Committee also includes a non-voting student member of the Boston Student Advisory Council.

The School Committee meets approximately twice per month during the school year to adopt, review and modify policies and practices that support teaching, learning, and improved student

achievement. With the exception of executive sessions, Committee meetings are open to the public, feature public comment periods, and are broadcast on Boston City TV.

Please direct all questions and submit completed applications to scnominatingpanel@boston.gov or to Boston City Hall, Mayor's Office, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02201. You can learn more about the Boston School Committee online.

Applications will be available in English, Simplified Chinese, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Spanish, Haitian Creole and Cape Verdean Kriolu.

Armory St.

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new development. The building will include 12 three-bedroom units, 51 two-bedroom units, and 33 one-bedroom units. Affordability levels are designed to ensure broad access for Boston residents, with homes available to households earning up to 80 percent of the Area Median Income. Ten units will be reserved for formerly homeless individuals or families.

"We're honored to help bring more new homes and vibrant community space to Jackson Square. Breaking ground at 127 Amory Street marks the start of construction and new oppor-

tunities for Boston families to thrive. We are deeply grateful to the City of Boston and our project partners who are helping make this a reality," said Andy Waxman, Senior Vice President of Development at The Community Builders.

The Jackson Square redevelopment is also preserving 199 public housing units as affordable housing, repurposing BHA administrative offices into 12 new affordable units, and building approximately 133 additional affordable units along with 214 market-rate apartments in nearby buildings, including 127 Amory Street. The plan is designed to foster community connection and resident well-being. The Amory Street development will feature 3,800 square feet

of shared indoor space, and the new Jackson Square Greenway will provide a gathering and play area for residents throughout the neighborhood.

"We're excited to see the Amory Street campus continue to grow into a thriving community for low-income seniors and families," said BHA Administrator Kenzie Bok. "Boston's affordable housing crisis demands creative, whole-of-government solutions, and contributing this BHA land for new affordable homes was part of that effort. The new housing at 127 Amory will be critical to building Jackson Square's future, and we're proud to have done our part to make it possible."

The project is made possible through public and private investments, including support from the Mayor's Office of Housing, the Community Preservation Act Fund, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, and

federal and state tax credits. Financing was also provided by Eastern Bank.

127 Amory Street reflects Mayor Wu's commitment to making Boston a home for everyone. The Mayor has directed new financial resources into mixed-income developments, commissioned a public land audit to maximize City-owned property, and streamlined approval processes to reduce permitting times by more than 25 percent. Changes to zoning and development policies, including Linkage and Inclusionary Zoning, are helping private developers build more affordable homes. Projects like 127 Amory Street are delivering new housing opportunities for Boston residents in every neighborhood.

The Community Builders' mission is to build and sustain strong communities where all people can thrive. Its mission-driven businesses work with partners to develop, finance, and operate residential communities, neighborhood amenities, and opportunity programs for families, seniors, and adults with disabilities. Since 1964, it has advanced housing that is fair for all through award-winning affordable and mixed-income communities and its pioneering Community Life model for resident success. Today, its ownership and management portfolio includes over 15,000 apartment homes. Anchored by offices in

Boston, Chicago, Columbus, New York, and Washington, D.C., TCB operates across 15 states.

Boston Housing Authority provides quality affordable housing for low-income families and individuals through the public housing and Section 8 rental assistance programs. BHA fosters vital communities that are essential to Boston's economic diversity and way of life. As the largest housing provider in Boston, BHA brings stability, opportunity, and peace of mind not only to the thousands of low-income families it supports, but to the city as a whole. Learn more at www.bostonhousing.org.

The mission of the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) is to foster healthy, vibrant, and welcoming communities for all by ensuring stable, green, accessible housing and sustainable use of land. MOH achieves this by creating and preserving income-restricted housing, supporting residents to buy and maintain their homes, and developing housing policies that promote access and long-term stability. MOH also works to prevent evictions, implements housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness, and works to make Boston's housing stock healthy, resilient, and environmentally sustainable. For more information, please visit the MOH website.



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NEWS BRIEFS

BOSTON CIVIC SYMPHONY TO PRESENT CONCERT AT JORDAN HALL

The Boston Civic Symphony will present our first classical concert of its 101st season on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall in Boston. The opening concert will feature Amanda Harberg's Solis

for Orchestra, first debuted in 2015, followed by Brahms Double Concerto for Violin and Cello. The Double Concerto will feature the Boston Symphony's fantastic soloists Sophie Wang (violin) and Mickey Katz (cello). After an intermission, the orchestra will perform Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, also known as the Pathétique Symphony. The program is a demonstration of the Boston Civic's signature

contrasts of time and style, progressing from Harberg's 21st century American voice to the European Romantic traditions of Brahms and Tchaikovsky.

HALLOWEEN AT THE NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM

To celebrate Halloween this year, the New England Aquarium is hosting "Sunken Pumpkins:

Halloween at the Aquarium," a weekend-long event with special themed programming. Families and guests of all ages are encouraged to wear costumes* (see guidelines below) while touring the exhibits. Aquarium staff will be joining in on the fun with their own costumes.

While inside the Aquarium, guests can:

- Take part in a fall-themed animal scavenger hunt.

• See animal skulls and bones up close with Aquarium educators.

• Hunt for "sunken pumpkins" hidden throughout various exhibits.

• Stop by the Exploration Station, an interactive learning space, for guided and self-led activities.

• Enter raffles to win prizes.

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Family Days

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day," she said. "We had like 450 people ... of all different ages."

As one of the smallest museums in the program, Morgan-Hubbard said the additional traffic will advance the organization's effort to spread a message of empowerment through education. Tours begin at the Abiel Smith School, the nation's oldest public school to educate African American students exclusively. Among other exhibits, visitors can explore the African Meeting House, where prominent figures such as Frederick Douglass spoke to crowds, and abolitionist and writer William Cooper Nell attended school.

When the Museum of African American History joined the initiative last year, it incorporated performing arts into its programming. The museum partnered with dance group Jean Apolon Expressions, and the

Front Porch Arts Collective – a Black theater group, as well as others.

"I think there's nothing more transformative than having live arts because you know all your senses are engaged," said Morgan-Hubbard. "They're just much more interesting ways for young people to learn about different topics and be exposed to different art forms than sometimes a regular tour."

The Boston Family Days program was originally open only to Boston public school students and their families. Private school students and families are now eligible.

Bostonians gathered on a recent Saturday at RoboBoston, Mass Robotics' annual block party, held this year in the Seaport District. The free event showcased robotics from more than 50 institutions and companies throughout the city. While separate from the Boston Family Days program, the event attracted technology enthusiasts, families and students,

including Jovie Slagle, a mother from Quincy, who said she was vaguely familiar with the city-sponsored program. But it sounded interesting.

"I'd like to see some arts too," said Slagle, who mentioned that disciplines such as math and science are important to childhood education, but creative expression is another powerful way to open their minds.

The Huntington Theatre is tucked between the neighborhoods of Fenway, Back Bay and the South End. The theater joined the city program as part of the expansion, which staff members say is a continuation of an investment in Boston's art scene.

"It was pretty easy ... we want in," said Meg O'Brien, the theater's director of education.

Huntington staff members and representatives of other per-

forming arts venues met with city officials last summer. The goal was to integrate theaters into a program originally designed for museums.

The working group faced challenges. Museums allow visitors entrance at any time, while theaters operate with a fixed number of seats and specific performance schedules.

A plan to expand the program was unveiled this spring. In May, the Huntington Theatre hosted two family days for "The Light in the Piazza" directed by its Artistic Director Loretta Greco. The events fueled optimism for the fall, according to O'Brien.

To accommodate theaters, the city will release a rolling schedule of upcoming performances instead of set times throughout the fall. That way, families can decide when they are free rather than schedule

an event in advance. "The goal is to make it feel as inviting and as welcoming as possible so that they actually do come out and spend the time with us," O'Brien said.

The city will continue the program through June 2026, according to a press release from the mayor's office.

"I would want to see more programming at the institutions themselves," said Sam Fidler, director of administration and finance in the mayor's Office of Arts and Culture. "I think that is something also that we're in the process of working on."

Simone Kramer is a student in the Boston University Journalism program. This story is a partnership between The Jamaica Plain Gazette and the Boston University Journalism program.



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Project Proponent: The Community Builders (TCB)

Mildred Hailey Phase 4 includes the construction of two residential buildings (Building 4A and Building 4B). Building 4A, located on the northeastern portion of the Site, will be approximately 58 feet in height (five levels) and include approximately 78,500 square feet ("sf") of residential space consisting of approximately 67 units. Building 4B located on the southwestern portion of the Site, will be approximately 84 feet in height (seven levels) and include approximately 127,500 sf of space consisting of approximately 112 units and approximately 5,000 sf of non-residential space. The non-residential space may include uses such as retail, office, civic, community, and/or residential amenity.

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8TH ANNUAL SOUTH STREET YOUTH CENTER 5K AT JAMAICA POND



Anaya Gaskins and Anna Jensen were zombie ballerinas.



Christina Stallings may appear as Cruella but her heart is filled with goodwill in supporting the South Street Youth Center.



The South Street Youth Center Family 5k Coordinator Doris Burford (right) with her wife Donna Casali.



Erica Suazo is raising good vibes as she runs her 5k.



Elias Raislar Cohn and Christy Pardew.



Runners enjoyed the beautiful scenery of Jamaica Pond for their 5k.



Runners enjoyed the sunny but brisk day for their 5k run.

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

Jamaica Pond for a good cause. Costumes were encouraged as Halloween is around the corner adding to the coercive fun enjoyed by all.

The 8th Annual South Street Youth Center Family 5k brought supporters of the community resource to enjoy a run around



Community legend Gerry Wright (right) with his son Matt and Alison Yoos.



Dylan, Mary, and Charlotte McCooe.



John Froehlich has his child Ori on their trusty scooter to help him keep pace.

News Briefs

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• Enjoy Halloween treats for sale at the Harbor View Café. Visitors can also join in on Boston Public Market's annual

Pumpkin Stroll on Sunday, October 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Aquarium will be a stop along the Greenway, featuring a colorful pumpkin near the Atlantic harbor seals exhibit. *For the safety of the Aquarium's animals, costume restric-

tions apply. Costumes may not be inflatable or contain balloons, lights, reflective materials (mirrors, metals, etc.), sharp objects, or pointed objects. Costumes must comply with our attire policy and cannot include any weapons that resemble or could

easily be mistaken for an actual weapon, or any materials that may accidentally injure or frighten another guest, staff, or the animals in our care. The New England Aquarium is located at 1 Central Wharf, Boston, and the event will take

place on Saturday, October 25 and Sunday, October 26 during regular Aquarium hours, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Regular admission rates apply. Tickets are available for purchase at the Box Office or online at neaq.org.

8TH ANNUAL SOUTH STREET YOUTH CENTER 5K AT JAMAICA POND



South Street Youth Center director Corey Stallings with Thanel Thomas go over the 5k course around Jamaica Pond with the runners.



The runners are off on their 5k circuit of a little over two times around Jamaica Pond.



Josh Raisler Cohn has his canine buddy Juno to join him on his run.



Justin Jimenez crosses the finish line.



Kate McNally was ready for the 5k with her daughter Molly by her side.



Second-Place winner Peter Shapiro and Tricia Brennan.



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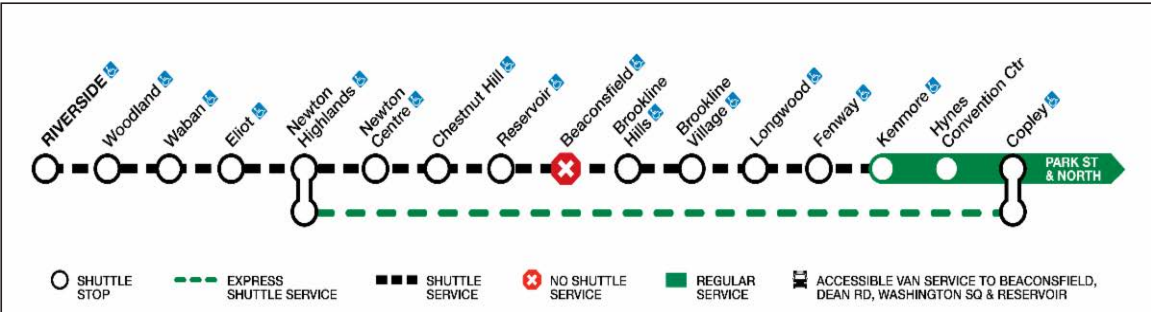
Green Line D Branch service suspended between Kenmore and Riverside from Oct. 24 through 31

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The MBTA is reminding riders that Green Line D Branch service will be suspended between Kenmore and Riverside beginning at approximately 8 PM through the end of service on October 24 and continuing for the following seven days, October 25 – 31.

The MBTA will perform continued work on the Green Line on the D Branch to install Green Line Train Protection System (GLTPS) infrastructure. When complete, GLTPS will combine vehicle and wayside equipment to avoid train-on-train collisions, incorporate speed enforcement, and more.

Riders can find complete information at mbta.com/Green-



Line. More information on these service changes and alternate travel options is below:

- Free and accessible Express and Local shuttle bus services will replace trains between Riverside and Kenmore.
- Express Shuttle: Shuttle buses will make all stops between Riverside, Woodland, Waban, Eliot, Newton Highlands, and then run express to Copley.

- Local Shuttle: Shuttle buses will make all stops between Riverside and Kenmore except Beaconsfield.
- There will be no shuttle service at Beaconsfield. Riders are encouraged to travel instead to Dean Road on the C Branch, which is less than a quarter mile away (or about a four-minute walk).
- Accessible van service will

be available at Beaconsfield, Reservoir, Dean Road (on the C branch), and Washington Square (on the C branch). Riders should see station personnel to request this service.

- Riders may change between each shuttle bus option at Newton Highlands.
- Riders who typically board or disembark at Reservoir are encouraged to instead consider

traveling to Cleveland Circle on the C Branch, which is less than a tenth of a mile away (or a two-minute walk).

- Riders using shuttles buses should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to Government Center from Riverside should budget at least an additional 30 – 45 minutes of travel in addition to their regular commute.

More information is also available through in-station signage and public announcements. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

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MBTA hosts 'Fall Rail Ride' on October 25

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

The MBTA announced its first "Fall Rail Ride" on Saturday, October 25. Departing from North Station and Porter, this scenic "leaf peeping" special train will connect riders with guided autumnal bicycle tours in West Concord on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail as well as shuttle buses at Wachusett for connections to Wachusett Mountain's AppleFest. More information is available at mbta.com/FallRide.

"There is so much to enjoy in Massachusetts all year long, including the fall season, and we are excited to offer the new Fall Rail Ride for the first time, allowing everyone to enjoy the spirit and beauty of the autumn season," said Interim MassDOT Secretary and MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng. "Much like our CapeFLYER, Haunted Happenings, Football trains, and other special event services, the new Fall Rail Ride is another example of how we are making mass transportation available for our riders. It is more than just

commuting for work; it connects people and communities, allowing friends and families to leave their cars at home and enjoy all the fall festivities that New England has to offer. We thank our partners at MassTrails, DCR, and Wachusett Mountain for collaborating with us on this special offering, and we look forward to making this an annual leaf-peeping tradition at the T."

Train Information

The Fall Rail Ride will depart North Station at 9:15 AM with stops at Porter at 9:30 AM, West Concord at 9:55 AM, and Wachusett at 10:45 AM. The ticket cost includes the return trip in the afternoon making the same stops. Schedules are available now on mbta.com.

The train includes special bicycle coaches able to accommodate 75 bikes as well as a café car with a fall-themed menu of items available for purchase.

Round-trip tickets for the Fall Rail Ride are \$20 each and will be sold exclusively on the mTick-

et app beginning at 11 AM on Monday, October 20, 2025. Two types of tickets are available:

Passenger + Bicycle (75 available), exiting at West Concord

Passenger + Wachusett Mountain AppleFest access, exiting at Wachusett

The Fall Rail Ride ticket also functions as a Weekend Commuter Rail Pass, allowing passengers to access the entire Commuter Rail network for the entire weekend, October 25 – 26.

Bicycle Tour Information

"DCR is thrilled to be part of the MassTrails 10 project, which showcases some of our state's incredible recreation opportunities—many accessible by public transit," said DCR Commissioner Nicole LaChapelle. "This Fall Rail Ride expands our collaboration with state partners and now the MBTA, connecting people to scenic bike rides along the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, vibrant fall foliage, and adventures at Wachusett Mountain. Initiatives like this build healthy commu-

nities, support local economies, and encourage exploration of Massachusetts through green transportation."

Passengers with bicycles will exit the train at West Concord for one of two autumnal and picturesque guided tours along the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail:

A faster, longer tour is available for experienced cyclists.

A slower, shorter tour is available for less experienced cyclists and families with historical facts along the way

This ride is part of the MassTrails10 initiative and is offered in collaboration with MassTrails, an interagency team comprised of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR), the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), each tour will be guided by DCR and MassDOT staff.

AppleFest Information

"We are very excited to part-

ner with the MBTA to offer up some fall fun!" said Wachusett Mountain Ski Area Vice President Carolyn Stimpson. "The ski train in the winter is one of our most long-running success stories, so it was a no brainer to extend it to the fall."

Passengers without bicycles will exit the train at Wachusett to board shuttle buses to Wachusett Mountain for Weekend II of AppleFest:

Shuttle bus service is provided by Wachusett Mountain.

Shuttle buses will provide service back to the train station with ample time to connect to the return train trip.

Shuttle buses are family-friendly and include space for strollers.

For more information, visit mbta.com/FallRide or connect with the T on X @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.



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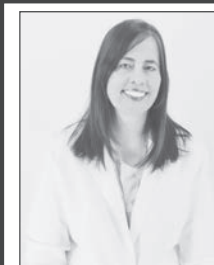
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ROSLINDALE VILLAGE MAIN STREET GALA RAISES OVER \$75,000 FOR NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

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DOCUMENTING LIFE'S MOMENTS

The Roslindale Village Main Street (RVMS) Gala was a resounding success, surpassing fundraising expectations and raising over \$75,000 to support the neighborhood's local businesses and community programming.

The event, held on Thursday, served as a celebration of the organization's 40th anniversary and a tribute to Josef Porteleki, RVMS's founding Board President. The gala brought together a diverse group of supporters, including longtime RVMS ad-

vocates, former directors and board presidents, residents, volunteers, and business owners.

The funds raised will directly support RVMS's mission to strengthen the local economy and create vibrant, inclusive programs that establish Roslindale Village as a welcoming destination for all.

The success of the 2025 Gala was made possible by the generosity of numerous community partners, including:

The Substation, for hosting the event and running the bar.

The Boston Public Quartet, for providing beautiful music.

Tony's Market, for the char-

cuterie.

Shanti, for the delicious food. Weesh, for the cake and desserts.

A special thank you was also extended to auctioneer Matt Newsom, who traveled from North Carolina to donate his time and expertise. RVMS concluded the evening by thanking the community for their belief in Roslindale, looking ahead to the next 40 years of service.



Public meeting held for proposed 41-unit building in Rozzie Sq.

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The Boston Planning Department (BPD) held a public meeting via Zoom this past Monday regarding the proposal by BBH Community Development LLC, the development arm of B'nai B'rith Housing New England, to construct a 100% affordable senior housing community at 4259-4267 Washington Street in Roslindale Square on the location of a parking lot for the former Bank of America building.

Camille Platt-DeCosta, a Senior Project Manager with the BPD, efficiently moderated the session, which was the first official Article 80 public meeting for the project since the filing of its plans with the city in September. Article 80 is the Boston zoning code section that establishes the review process for large-scale development projects.

The meeting was recorded to

allow for comments from members of the public to be submitted through November 3 on the project webpage. Residents also can email their comments directly to Ms. Platt-Decosta at Camille.plattdecosta@boston.gov.

Chris James, a Senior Project Manager with BBH, presented the proposal. He noted that BBH is a non-profit housing developer that aims to ease the housing crisis. BBH has constructed projects in Brighton, Newton, West Roxbury, Swampscott, Hyde Park, and Sudbury. James said BBH's projects are designed to provide an independent, services-enriched senior housing model that includes gardening clubs, exercise classes, and group trips.

The project will consist of a six-story (the sixth story will be recessed back from Washington St.), 42,200 square-foot, mixed-use building (on a footprint of

about 7800 sq. ft.) with a mostly-brick facade that will provide 41, one-bedroom apartments for adults 55 and older earning at or below 60% of the Boston Area Median Income (AMI).

BBH's resident services program will be incorporated into the project which will feature a fitness center, laundry facilities, a multipurpose room with a roof deck, and 4,250 square feet of ground-floor commercial space (which will be offered to the Thrift Shop of Boston, a revered local institution), plus a landscaped outdoor courtyard area.

The structure will be designed to meet the new passive-construction guidelines and Boston's zero-emissions building standards.

James said BBH will begin the process of obtaining funding from city and state sources this winter, which he said will consume most of 2026, with an anticipated start of construction in the spring of 2027 and a completion date of fall, 2028.

James said that the project does not need any variances because it lies within the S-4 Active Squares Sub-District within the overall Squares + Streets zoning district that allows for buildings of up to seven stories. This will be the first project in Rozzie Square under the city's new Squares + Streets zoning guidelines.

He said it is anticipated that

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SCENES FROM THE ANNUAL ROSLINDALE DAY PARADE



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Residents and city officials



joined together on Oct. 5 for the annual celebration of Roslindale with the Roslindale Day Parade.

Rozzie Square

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few, if any, of the residents will have cars and will rely on MBTA bus service. There will be bicycle storage on the ground floor per city requirements. James said a shadow study revealed that the building will not cast shadows on any nearby residential properties. The courtyard will contain landscaping, plantings, and seating areas.

James presented a chart of the AMI breakdown for the units: 16 units will be reserved for tenants with less than 30% AMI (which is \$34,740 for a sin-

gle person based on an AMI of \$115,000 in Suffolk County); one unit for a tenant with less than 50% of the AMI; and 24 units for tenants with less than 60% of the AMI.

James revealed, in response to a question from an attendee, that BBH also owns the adjacent former bank building, but has no specific plans for redeveloping the building at this time, though it ultimately will be developed for affordable housing.

Roslindale resident Ben Bruno offered his enthusiastic support for the project. "It is fantastic to see this become the first Squares + Streets project," Bruno said.

Another resident, Stephen Gag, who lives nearby on South St., lauded BBH for working with the community up to this point. "I am very much in favor of this project," said Gag. "We need this type of housing. They (BBH) are looking out for the needs of the community. I also am pleased that they are working with the Thrift Shop to make sure that this important business remains in the square."

"I also think the project is great," added Jane Adler, who lives on Cohasset St., which runs parallel to Washington St. behind the site. "However, some residents are concerned about parking either by the tenants or their visitors."

James said it is hoped that parking spaces will be made available in the rear of the building, though that is still to be determined.

District 5 City Councillor Enrique Pepen said he has been meeting with representatives of the developer, which has a similar project in another portion of his district in Hyde Park. "This has been a project that I've kept an eye on for quite a while," said Pepen, who happens to live on

Cohasset St. and acknowledged the potential parking issues for residents of that street, many of whom do not have driveways and park on the street. "The concept of affordable senior housing in the middle of Roslindale Square is amazing."

Mike Collins from Cohasset St. lauded the passive housing standards being implemented, but asked about the drain water management plan because of its potential impact on the culvert that flows underneath the bank building.

"We have localized flooding, especially during the winter when we have snow and it freezes. What kind of stormwater drainage strategy do you have?" Collins asked.

Katya Podsiadlo from Verdant Landscape Architecture said that there will be an infiltration chamber system below the patio pavement in the courtyard area that will be adjacent to the culvert. Kevin Maguire from BBH pointed out that rainwater from the roof will be routed to the capture system that eventually will go either into the ground or into the culvert.

Alan Wright, another near-

by abutter, expressed concerns about traffic. "The city must do a comprehensive traffic study before this project gets underway to obtain a traffic count and average speed on adjacent streets," Wright said, noting that motorists will often use Cohasset and other streets as cut-throughs when traffic backs up at the lights on Washington St. during the rush-hour periods.

Jill Lacey Griffin, a board member of the Thrift Shop of Boston, said she appreciated the concern that BBH was taking with regard to the Thrift Shop to ensure that it remains in Roslindale Sq. "for many years to come." She also lauded the design of the building, which she described as "beautiful."

Nearby resident Mark Tedrow voiced his support for the project, noting that "the best thing that can happen to a parking lot is for it to be used for affordable housing."

Nate Stell of Farquhar St., who has been active with the Abundant Housing Massachusetts group, praised the project. "We could not have asked for a better project to kick off the Squares + Streets rezoning for the square," said Stell. "This will be a phenomenal catalyst for the next chapter of the square's development." However, Stell also raised the issue of parking and suggested that resident permit parking in the area may be necessary.

An abutter's meeting has been scheduled for next week.

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Mayor Wu, Supt. Mary Skipper cut ribbon on Sarah Roberts Elementary School

SPECIAL TO THE SUN

Recently, Mayor Michelle Wu joined Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper, the City's Public Facilities Department, the descendants of Sarah Roberts, and community members at the official ribbon cutting of the new Sarah Roberts Elementary School in Roslindale.

The Sarah Roberts Elementary School is a new PreK-6 school created through the merger of the former Philbrick and Sumner school communities. The school welcomed close to 700 students for the 2025–2026 school year inside the fully renovated Irving building and officially launched two strands of the Spanish Dual Language Program in Kindergarten. The former Washington Irving Middle School closed in 2022 as part of the district's phasing-out of stand-alone middle schools.

"Today we're celebrating the intertwining of so many legacies. The Sumner and Philbrick communities, the Washington Irving, and of course Sarah Roberts and her father Benjamin and all of the barriers that have been knocked down because of Sarah's legacy," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The Sarah Roberts School makes our district and community stronger. This is one more example of the baseline — the standard that all of our young people deserve — that we will continue fighting to deliver all throughout the district and the city."

"I am proud to see the new Sarah Roberts School in Roslindale officially open today! This opening shows that Boston Public Schools is evolving, and with that comes an exciting opportunity for students, parents, and

educators to thrive together," said District 5 City Councilor Enrique Pepén. "Let's continue to advocate for what's best for our children and build a future they all deserve."

This \$90.9 million investment included in the City's five-year Capital Plan has transformed the historic 1935 building into a modern, energy-efficient, student-centered facility. Spanning 109,000 square feet, the renovated school offers bright, updated classrooms and new kindergarten spaces; specialized STEM, art and music rooms; a refurbished auditorium; and a rebuilt cafeteria with a welcoming dining area. A newly constructed addition houses administrative offices, a nurse's suite, and a media center, while the restored historic auditorium now features modern lighting, sound, and full accessibility. Outside, the campus has been enhanced with a new entry plaza, safer parking areas, an expanded playground with an outdoor classroom, and refreshed landscaping. Throughout the building, updated finishes and systems ensure a safe, accessible, and inspiring learning environment for every student. The Sarah Roberts Elementary School project builds on Mayor Wu's work to ensure that Boston is a home for everyone.

"At Sarah Roberts Elementary School, our students will have access to innovative and high-quality learning spaces along with a comprehensive Spanish dual-language program that will encourage curiosity and exploration to reach their fullest potential," said Superintendent Mary Skipper. "This state-of-the-art facility offers modern classrooms and robust learning spaces that ensure students receive

the 21st-century education they deserve. Boston Public Schools, in collaboration with our City partners and the Philbrick and Sumner school communities, came together to reimagine this historic building as a dynamic space that continues to serve our community and reflects our shared commitment to providing an equitable and high-quality education to every student."

"Our students deserve a beautiful building such as this, one that reflects their worth, their brilliance, and their potential," said Danladi Bobbitt and Meghan Welch, Co-Principals of the Sarah Roberts Elementary School. "At Sarah Roberts Elementary, we are inspired by Sarah Roberts' courage and her legacy of fighting for educational equity. This school stands as a reminder that every child in Boston deserves access to an excellent education in a space that honors their dignity and joy. What a great day for Boston!"

"The Sarah Roberts Elementary School embodies the Public Facilities Department's dedication to creating welcoming, high-quality spaces for Boston residents," said Executive Director of the Public Facilities Department, Carleton Jones. "By blending restoration with new construction, we've built a school that will support student learning and strengthen the community for generations to come."

In 1847, Sarah C. Roberts was just five years old when her family challenged Boston's racially segregated school system after she was barred from attending a nearby white school. Represented by abolitionist Charles Sumner and Robert Morris, the first Black lawyer to win a jury trial, her case, though

unsuccessful in court, ignited a movement led by Black activists that pushed Massachusetts to become the first state in the nation to abolish school segregation in 1855 and pioneered the legal concept of "equality before the law." Her story stands as an early and powerful example of how one child's experience, supported by courageous advocates, helped pave the way for equal education and future civil rights victories.

"We, as a family, are incredibly excited and honored to have the school named after our beloved Sarah," said Claire Galloway-Jones, descendant of Sarah Roberts. "As an educator, I firmly believe that education and social justice are not merely about the transfer of knowledge; they're about systemic transformation. That is what my 3rd great-grandfather Benjamin Roberts was fighting for: systemic change, educational equity, and equal access to the American Dream for his family."

At a community meeting on December 17, 2024, students, staff, parents, and neighbors presented their name suggestions to the Joint School Site

Council and School Leaders. Seven names were selected to move forward. The City invited all Philbrick and Sumner community members to vote on their top three name suggestions from then until late January 2025. After widespread feedback to choose a school name for the merger, the final three suggested names were presented to the Joint School Leader and School Site Council at a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. The Philbrick and Sumner School Site Councils officially voted on the Sarah Roberts Elementary School as the final name, which was brought to the Boston School Committee on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 and was approved unanimously on Thursday March 20, 2025.

Following a feasibility study in 2022, the renovation was designed by Mount Vernon Group Architects. J&J Contractors, Inc. served as the construction manager. Boston Public Schools Capital Planning Department and City of Boston Public Facilities Department helped lead the project to completion.



The new Sarah Roberts Elementary School.

Franklin Park Zoo lights up the night with annual lantern show

BY SIMONE KRAMER

A colorful glow lights the sky above the Franklin Park Zoo each night from August to November, a result of delicate, larger-than-life lanterns designed to transport people to distant lands, across lively coral reefs and into traditional Chinese villages.

“My favorite part is really seeing the joy on people’s faces as they walk around and discover these incredibly beautiful lanterns,” said Brooke Wardrop, the zoo’s vice president of marketing and communications. “There’s nothing like this experience in

Boston.”

The annual show began six years ago during the Covid-19 pandemic. During a period of isolation for many, the zoo provided Bostonians an opportunity to safely leave the house and enjoy an event with others, according to Cassie Chance, associate director of marketing at Zoo New England, which owns and operates Franklin Zoo and Stone Zoo in Stoneham, Massachusetts. More than 5,000 people enjoyed the light show Oct. 4, a typical Saturday turnout, Chance said.

Naomi and Marco Mendiola, of Chicago, strolled along the Zoo’s lighted promenade on a

recent chilly night. They noticed the attraction on an Instagram video showcasing activities around the city. Fans of similar community events at home, they expressed appreciation for the grandeur of the show.

“I think it’s beautiful. I wish we had something like this back at home,” Naomi said. “It seemed like there’s a lot of work that went into putting this all together.”

The zoo works closely with Tianyu Arts & Culture to design and build lanterns, according to Chance. It is the “largest Chinese lantern festival producer in North America,” according to the company’s website. Lanterns are built at a warehouse in China and are shipped around the world. Tianyu’s other partners include the National Museum of Natural History in France, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and the Los Angeles Zoo, among others.

Three years ago, Chance helped design an Egypt-themed section at the zoo. “I actually worked at the MFA (Boston Museum of Fine Arts) and the Egyptian curator there to craft that whole section right down to the hieroglyphs,” she said.

Zoo officials use surveys to understand which lanterns and interactive exhibits are most popular with visitors. “We take great care to have different themes and different lanterns each year so it’s a new experience,” said Wardrop.

The zoo wants to ensure that local community members also benefit from the event. Chance said that each year before the event opening, it hosts a community night with free entry for key community groups and non-profit organizations from surrounding areas such as Jamaica Plain, Roxbury and Dorchester.

“It’s really important to us that this event be accessible to everyone,” Chance said.

The zoo’s lantern festival runs through Nov. 2. Beginning in October, lights illuminate an hour earlier, at 5:00 p.m., due to earlier sunsets, according to Wardrop. Guests can stay until 10:30 p.m.

Wardrop said leaders of the zoo value biodiversity. “And so, as guests walk throughout Boston lights, they will notice signage



A 22-foot-tall Owl overlooks the Franklin Park Zoo.

that we have to relate the lantern themes back to conservation.”

The zoo features interactive experiences such as motion sensors, a carousel and a wall of lanterns that challenge visitors to solve riddles.

It also supports projects such as Health In Harmony, a program that aspires to preserve wildlife and human health in the Manombo region of Madagascar. “[We’re] always trying to make sure that we keep the commu-

nity engaged,” Chance said. “[It’s about] ...really trying to make that connection, not just about the work we do in Eastern Massachusetts and from New England, but the connection between the work we do globally.”

Simone Kramer is a student in the Boston University Journalism program. This story is a partnership between The Jamaica Plain Gazette and the Boston University Journalism program.



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EDITORIAL

Street takeover law needed immediately

The repeated and gross lawlessness by roving gangs of youths who engage in the practice known as a “street takeover” reached its apex two weeks ago in Boston’s South End, culminating in the torching of a Boston Police cruiser by the group of about 100 youths who overwhelmed the two Boston police officers who were first on the scene.

What we are about to say is not a criticism of our police, but rather of the politicians and policy-makers who have been slow to recognize the gravity of the problem.

There are two things that need to be done immediately. The first is that our law enforcement personnel need to be empowered to have the tools at their disposal both to recognize and to respond with force to these street takeovers.

We won’t even pretend to be experts in law enforcement, but the politicians need to provide the resources for our police to identify when these incidents are happening and then be able to respond in force with the military-grade equipment, including armored vehicles, that almost all police departments have these days.

Municipal and public safety officials also need to devise 24/7 plans for mutual aid for when a street takeover occurs, especially in smaller communities such as Randolph, where a street takeover took place on the same night as the Boston incident.

Ideally, we’d like to see the police use dum-dum bullets to shoot out the windows of the miscreants’ vehicles and lay down those spiky chains to puncture their tires as they try to drive away.

However, what also is needed is a new state law that specifically targets those who conspire to cause these dangerous disruptions to public order. The two young men who were arrested in connection with the Boston incident were charged with plain-vanilla crimes -- resisting arrest, assault and battery upon a police officer, malicious destruction of property, and disorderly conduct -- that do not reflect the totality or reality of what actually occurred.

In our view, we need a new statute (similar to what the state did 30 years ago when the crime of “tagging” was created to address the widespread practice of spray-painting graffiti). The new law would impose for example, a mandatory loss of license, the impoundment of any motor vehicle used in a street-takeover, and a charge of conspiracy to engage in a street-takeover.

The ancient Romans put it very simply: Let the safety of the people be the highest law of the land.

It’s time that the governor and other politicians put their tough talk into action. Otherwise, perhaps we just might need the National Guard.

Happy Diwali

We’d like to offer a “Happy Diwali” to our friends and neighbors who have been celebrating that holiday this past week.

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is observed (with slight differences) by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and some Buddhists. It is celebrated by lighting oil lamps and candles to symbolize the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.

The holiday takes place during a five-day period which began last Saturday, with the main festival day having occurred this past Monday, October 20, a time that coincides with the new moon.

The essence of Diwali is spiritual renewal, a time for each of us to reflect upon our shortcomings of the past year and to vow to make ourselves a better person in the year ahead.

We think all of our readers, regardless of religious beliefs, would agree that is a worthy goal for all of us.

Mayor Wu announces inaugural State of the Schools address

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that she will host the first ever State of the Schools address. Under Superintendent Mary Skipper's leadership, the Boston Public Schools (BPS) is setting ambitious goals, with high academic expectations and high-quality supports for every student. In a moment when public education is under attack, Mayor Wu will celebrate Boston's educators and lay out a shared agenda to make BPS the first choice for Boston families. The State of the Schools will take place at the Josiah Quincy Upper School at 900 Washington Street in Chinatown. The program will run from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28. Doors will open for invited guests at 6:00 p.m. and media can begin setting up at 5:30 p.m.

The program will be streamed on boston.gov. NBC10 will serve as the pool camera. All other media will be positioned in a

specific section and ushered to a scrum following the event. Media interested in attending are asked to RSVP by Monday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m.

“Our mission is to make Boston Public Schools the first choice for families. The country’s oldest public school system should be the best, and our city has the resources and vision to make it happen,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “I look forward to delivering this first ever State of the Schools address to showcase the work of our school communities and invite our entire city in pushing forward progress for our young people and families.”

“Across our school communities, we are dedicated to ensuring that every student has the support and resources needed to reach their full potential in learning environments that uplift students and gives them a sense of purpose,” said Superintendent Mary Skipper. “The State of the Schools is an exciting opportunity to honor

this collective commitment and reaffirm our shared belief that every child in Boston deserves a world-class education. It takes a village and together with our educators, families and community partners, we are creating a district where our students can truly thrive.”

Mayor Michelle Wu joined Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper, Treasurer and Receiver General Deb Goldberg, the City’s Public Facilities Department, and Chinatown community members at the official ribbon cutting of the newly constructed Josiah Quincy Upper School, serving grades 6-12, in Chinatown last September. The school opened for the 2024-2025 school year and includes a state-of-the-art media center, fitness center, band rooms, and other features to help each Josiah Quincy student reach their full potential and explore their individual educational interests.

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Grab some popcorn: John Candy documentary delivers big insights

BY MIA HART

“John Candy was for everybody,” says Dan Pasternack as he welcomes the audience to the Shubert Theatre in Boston, Massachusetts. It’s the final stop of the month-long national tour celebrating the life and legacy of beloved Canadian actor and comedian John Candy, and everyone in attendance is fervent.

It’s just after 7 p.m., the lights dim, and a special screening of “John Candy: I Like Me” begins to play. Anticipation quickly gives way to laughter, reminiscence, and eventually, a few tears. The audience—a wonderful blend of viewers old and young, parents and children, friends and couples—is enraptured, united in their affection for the man on the screen. It’s clear that Pasternack’s words ring true: John Candy truly was for everyone.

A grand and golden man, Candy fills each frame with his sweet smile, boyish disposition, and sarcastic humor. Every single clip and interview – from Bill Murray to Tom Hanks to Dan Aykroyd - has a purpose, radiating nostalgia and fond remembrance of a man whose kindness and humility were just as defining as his talent.



John Candy

Appearing in the documentary, talk show host Conan O’Brien specifically recalls inviting Candy to speak at Harvard while O’Brien was writing for the Harvard Lampoon humor magazine. Candy’s unique charm—showing up at the airport with a camera around his neck like a tourist—was evident from the moment he stepped foot into Boston. And when O’Brien expressed how someday he’d like to “try” comedy, Candy gave him advice that stuck for life: “You don’t try it, kid. You either do it, or you don’t.”

As the credits come to a close, Ryan Reynolds, executive producer of the film, takes the

stage, along with Paul Myers (author of “John Candy: A Life in Comedy”) and Steven Page (singer-songwriter). Reynolds, who has filmed a number of his movies in Boston, spoke warmly of the city’s generosity and spirit, thanking the audience for making the tour’s final stop feel so special.

The conversation, part reflection, part celebration, was intimate, joyful, and in-part an ode to Canadian culture. Reynolds further shares his collaboration with Pasternack back in February 2025 about why they decided to take the film on the road: “We wanted to show it to real people,” he says.

Candy, who was often cast in roles that played off his size and humor, carried both the joys and burdens of fame. The film does not shy away from the pressures he faced—his struggles with mental and physical health, and the sense of “living on borrowed time” after losing his father (Sidney James Candy) at 35 as John was turning five years old. Yet, the overwhelming sentiment of the film is one of admiration.

An audience member shares how deeply the film moved him. “The documentary was amazing,” said Nolan Dana of Millbury, Massachusetts. “It showed how great a person John Candy

was... I’d recommend everyone to go see it.”

As the night wraps up, the audience gets out of their seats as the stage fills with song. Page performs, with Reynolds, Pasternack, and Myers joining alongside. It’s a fitting tribute to a man whose spirit brought people together, on screen, in life, and of course, in remembrance.

“John Candy: I Like Me” is more than just a documentary; it’s a love letter to a man so full of life and with a heart so big. As Candy once said, embrace who you are. Or, in his famous words from “Trains, Planes and Automobiles”: “I like me.”

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SU25P2293EA

Estate of:

John A. O'Leary

Date of Death:

06/10/2025

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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 08, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

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