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The English High School football team are Thanksgiving Day champions again after beating Boston Latin 40-30 at Harvard Stadium. The win for English was the fourth in the last five years. The Blue & Blue ends the season at 5-5. Latin ends at 2-8.

JPNC fills five vacant seats

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) held its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday evening, November 25. Chair Renee Stacey Welch presided over the session that was attended by JPNC members Peter DeCotis, Danielle Sommer Kieta, Bernard Doherty, Michael Reiskind, Carla-Lisa Caliga, Willie Mitchell, Dave Baron, Nick Chaves (who announced he was stepping down from the JPNC because he has moved to West Roxbury), Gert Thorn, Sarah Freeman, and Purple Reign.

Also on hand were Bonnie De-laune, Chief of Staff for District 6 City Councillor Ben Weber, and Caroline Peters, the community liaison to JP from the office of Mayor Wu.

Welch opened the meeting by noting that a number of individuals who have indicated that they would like to become council members (to fill the five announced open seats on the JPNC) were on hand for the meeting.

Those individuals were Erin-Ashlei Bailey (who has lived in JP for the past four years); David Brewster (who has lived here for 85 days); Alessia Shelley (who is 16 years old and is a lifelong resident of JP who attends the Noble and Greenough School); Aiko Miller (who has lived in JP for three years and works with Action Boston Community Development); and Bianca Terry (who has lived in JP for 27 years).

After each gave a brief talk about why they would like to join the JPNC and answered questions from the members, the full council unanimously voted to elect all five to the council.

In addition, Alcurtis Clark, a well-known, long-time resident of the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) who has been active in the community for many years and who has been a member of the JPNC's Zoning Committee for the past nine months, offered her candidacy for one of the two newly-open seats. A vote on her nomination will be held at the December meeting.

Baron presented the report of the Zoning Committee of which he is the chair. He said the committee took up four matters in November: 2A Rossmore Rd./3520 Washington St. (a request for a conditional use variance to open a boxing gym in the former space of the Wishing Well bar); 49 Oakview Terrace (variances needed for the interior expansion of a single-family home); 174 Forest Hills St. (a request by the Laurel Ridge Rehab and Skilled Nursing Center to in-fill an existing porte cochere for additional therapy and dining areas for residents); and 6 Brookside Ave. (dimensional variances are needed for construction of a three-story, single-family home).

The Zoning Committee gave all four of the applications its approval (with the allowance

From climate innovation to inventive play: JP Seventh-grader wins national toy invention award

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Twelve-year-old Kaia Minn of Jamaica Plain recently won the Best Pitch Award at the 20th Annual Young Inventor Challenge at the Chicago Toy & Game Fair (CHITAG), the largest youth invention showcase in North America. The Young Inventor Challenge connects youth creators directly with leaders from major toy and game companies, giving them a platform to share their innovations.

Kaia's winning project, Alpha Centauri Quest, is a space-themed board game she designed from scratch. It invites players on a journey through space,

where luck and curiosity about the universe are key to reaching Alpha Centauri, the closest star system to our own. The game weaves NASA-sourced facts into the gameplay, making space science engaging and accessible for kids. Judges praised not only the creativity of her game, but the clarity and confidence with which she delivered her pitch.

A tinkerer by nature, Kaia has been sketching, prototyping, and experimenting with ideas since early childhood. Her Young Inventor Challenge win follows her recognition as Massachusetts' State Merit Winner in the 3M Young Scientist Challenge earlier this year, where she

developed biodegradable seed pouches made from food waste to support reforestation.

"I love learning about science and the environment," said Kaia. "Whether it's helping our planet or wondering if there could be life on others, such as Alpha Centauri, I like finding fun ways to connect my ideas to the real world."

This year, 180 young inventors submitted a total of 127 toy and game creations to the competition, representing 8 U.S. states, as well as countries including Mexico, Switzerland,

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Wu announces youth job applications open for 2025-2026 school year

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

young adults ages 14-24.

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity (YEO) have announced that youth job applications are now open for the 2025-2026 School Year.

The program currently has over 2,000 employment opportunities available for Boston youth and

Program Highlights

Application: Youth can apply online at futureBOS, the centralized hub for all City employment opportunities, including the flagship SuccessLink program.

Funding: The City provided \$23.3 million in its FY26 budget for youth jobs, leveraging an ad-

ditional \$10.5 million in external funds.

Career Pathways: The program connects youth to employment in high-demand industries, including the new Boston Climate Youth Corps, which hired over 200 youth last summer for jobs focused on climate resilience and sustainability.

Partnerships: YEO partners with over 300 entities, including City agencies, non-profits, and educational institutions, and

continues to collaborate with Boston Public Schools (BPS) to fulfill the Youth Jobs Guarantee.

Financial Education: YEO partners with Bank On Boston and the Center for Working Families to provide financial education, workshops, and access to safe, no-fee bank accounts.

How to Apply

Job applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and youth are strongly encouraged to apply

early by December 15, 2025.

Online Guide: A step-by-step application guide is available online at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/youth-employment-and-opportunity/landing-summer-job-or-internship>.

In-Person Help: Youth can visit the YEO office in person at 1483 Tremont Street in Roxbury, Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or call 617-635-4202 for assistance.

Kaia Minn

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Italy, and England. The Young Inventor Challenge continues to expand its international reach, offering a platform for young inventors worldwide to share their

ideas.

The competition's judges, made up of professionals across all corners of the toy and game industry, collectively dedicated more than 200 hours to reviewing, scoring, and providing thoughtful feedback for each participant. This review process helped identify winners across the six categories, representing the best in innovation, originality, creativity, and market potential.

"It's incredible to see what happens when you give kids the tools, encouragement, and platform to bring their ideas to life," said Ahren Hoffman, director of the Young Inventor Challenge. "For two decades, the Young Inventor Challenge has empowered young creators to dream big, think boldly, and believe in the power of their own creativity, and this year's participants truly wowed our judges with their imagination and ingenuity. Congratulations to all the young inventors who took part in this milestone year!"

For more information about the Young Inventor Challenge, visit www.chitag.com/yic.

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BOSTON PARKS DEPARTMENT BRINGS FOREVER YOUNG PROGRAM INDOORS FOR WINTER

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF), is excited to announce the return of the Forever Young Program for older adults.

To keep seniors active, social, and warm all season, the free program is moving indoors to the Carter Playground Bubble.

Program Details

What: The program provides a welcoming indoor space for fun and fitness, featuring activities such as bocce, cornhole, walking, and weekly special events.

When: Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m..

Duration: Starting January 7th and running weekly until March 2, 2026.

Where: Carter Playground Bubble, 709 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA 02118.

Attendance: Sessions are drop-in, and pre-registration is not required.

The program aims to encourage physical activity, mental well-being, and community engagement for older adults throughout the winter.

USPS REMINDS CUSTOMERS TO KEEP PATHS CLEARED FOR CARRIER AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The Postal Service is reaching out to communities throughout the region to raise public awareness of the importance of keeping walkways, sidewalks, and approaches to mailboxes clear from

snow and ice so letter carriers can provide safe and timely mail delivery.

Mounds of snow and patches of ice in front of mailboxes create havoc for carriers trying to safely deliver the mail. Postal officials emphasize that residents maintaining a clear path to the mailbox — including steps, porches, walkways and street approach — will help postal carriers provide timely delivery service. Customers receiving curbside delivery should also ensure clear access to their mailboxes for letter carriers from the street.

Postal employees make every reasonable effort to deliver the mail in many difficult weather conditions. At the same time,

we must insure the safety of our carriers along their routes. Carriers are not allowed to attempt door delivery when there is a heavy buildup of snow and ice on sidewalks, steps or porches. They are not allowed to dismount for curbside boxes blocked by snow and ice buildup.

If mailboxes are blocked off and conditions are difficult, letter carriers must always consider safety and accessibility first. Letter carriers are instructed to not deliver to mailboxes and locations which are too hazardous or unsafe to access.

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DEMO BEINGS AT THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH



PHOTO BY PATRICK O'CONNOR

Demolition began in mid November at the rear of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Hyde Square to make way for a five story addition as part of the transformation of the church into housing.

JOIN THE SELF ESTEEM TEAM Part-Time Self-Esteem Group Educator

Self Esteem Boston is seeking an experienced, reliable, psycho-educational group leader for Tuesday groups in metro Boston to facilitate self-esteem educational programs for women in transitional recovery programs.

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Revolutionary Spaces announces December events, featuring free admission and Boston Tea Party commemoration

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Revolutionary Spaces, the organization stewarding the iconic Freedom Trail landmarks the Old State House and Old South Meeting House, invites visitors to experience a schedule of special events throughout December. Revolutionary Spaces was formed in 2020 by the merger of the Bostonian Society and the Old South Association.

Family-Friendly Events

Free Admission for Boston Families: In partnership with Mayor Wu's Boston Family Days, Revolutionary Spaces offers free admission on Sunday, December 7 and 14, to Boston school-aged children with up to two family members or guests. Interested families can register through the City of Boston's program.

Family Hours: Join Revolutionary Spaces for a modern take on family fun at their historic sites with themed games, crafts,



Families enjoying one of the past Revolutionary Spaces Family Hours



scavenger hunts, and music.

When: Sunday, December 14, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m..

Admission: Activities are included in the price of general admission and are free for children ages 12 and under.

Sensory-Friendly Mornings: The Old State House hosts special early open hours on Saturday, December 20, designed for

visitors of all ages who benefit from a quieter, more supportive museum experience, ideal for people with sensory needs or chronic illnesses.

Additional December Programming

- **Boston Tea Party 252nd Anniversary Commemoration:** Experience history where it hap-

pened on Tuesday, December 16, with an evening of powerful performances, immersive storytelling, and patriotic spirit bringing December 16, 1773, vividly to life.

- **Revolutionary History Tours (Seasonal):** These tours are free with joint museum admissions and take visitors inside the historic Freedom Trail sites.

- The "Slavery and Resistance in Colonial Massachusetts" tour runs daily at 2:00 p.m., exploring the untold history of slavery and defiance from figures like Scipio Gunney and Phillis Wheatley.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit revolutionaryspaces.org/

JPNC

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of tandem parking for the 6 Brookside Ave. project) and Baron asked the full JPNC to ratify the Zoning Committee's recommendations. The JPNC voted unanimously to approve all four matters. The owners of the properties now must go before the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) in order to obtain their variances.

Reiskind presented the report of the Public Service Committee. He said there was a continued discussion on the general topic of package stores in the neighborhoods. Reiskind also shared the committee's list of requested street improvements that it has made to the city's DPW over the past 12 years, some of which date back to 2013. He noted that about 30 percent of the list has been accomplished to date and

that the Public Service Committee will be sending a new list to the DPW in the spring.

Sommer Kieta presented the report of the Housing and Development Committee. She noted that the committee heard from Joe Bamberg, the Chief of Planning, Construction, and Development for the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), regarding the BHA's plans for renovations to the Doris Bunte Apartments complex in Egleston Square.

The Bunte is the landmark 20-story, cylindrical tower at 1990 Columbus Ave. The Bunte originally was known as Walnut Park before being renamed in 2013 in honor of Doris Bunte, the longtime community activist, BHA administrator, and elected official. The building, which was constructed in 1970, has been determined as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places based on its unique architecture and community development significance.

Sommer Kieta said that the BHA's plans include slightly reconfiguring the present mix of 105 studio units, 52 1-bedroom units, and eight 2-BR units that will result in a slight reduction from the current total of 165 units.

The BHA's plans to revitalize the building will enhance energy efficiency and will allow residents to age in place. Bamberg had noted that the Bunte, which serves senior citizens and non-elderly disabled persons, will convert from the present federal public housing subsidies to Section 8 subsidies, "which are a much more robust and generous stream of subsidies." The proposed work will involve no changes to the exterior of the building. The renovations will ensure that the building will be fossil-fuel free with electric heating and cooling systems. There also will be modifications to balconies and railings to meet 2025 building codes. In addition,

there will be enhancements to site security with added fencing and secure gates. Sommer-Kieta added that the present residents will have priority if they wish to remain and that the rents will be affordable for the lowest-income groups.

Sommer-Kieta concluded her presentation by noting that the Housing Committee discussed proposed legislation that will benefit renters.

Doherty and Thorn spoke briefly about the ongoing efforts to address concerns at Jamaica Pond regarding the safety issues presented by bicyclists dangerously using the pedestrian walkways. The latter are closer to the pond than the path for cyclists, which traverses across the top of Jamaica Pond. However, the signage is either lacking or not clear, especially at the Perkins St. entrance at the Brookline end of the pond.

The meeting concluded with community announcements:

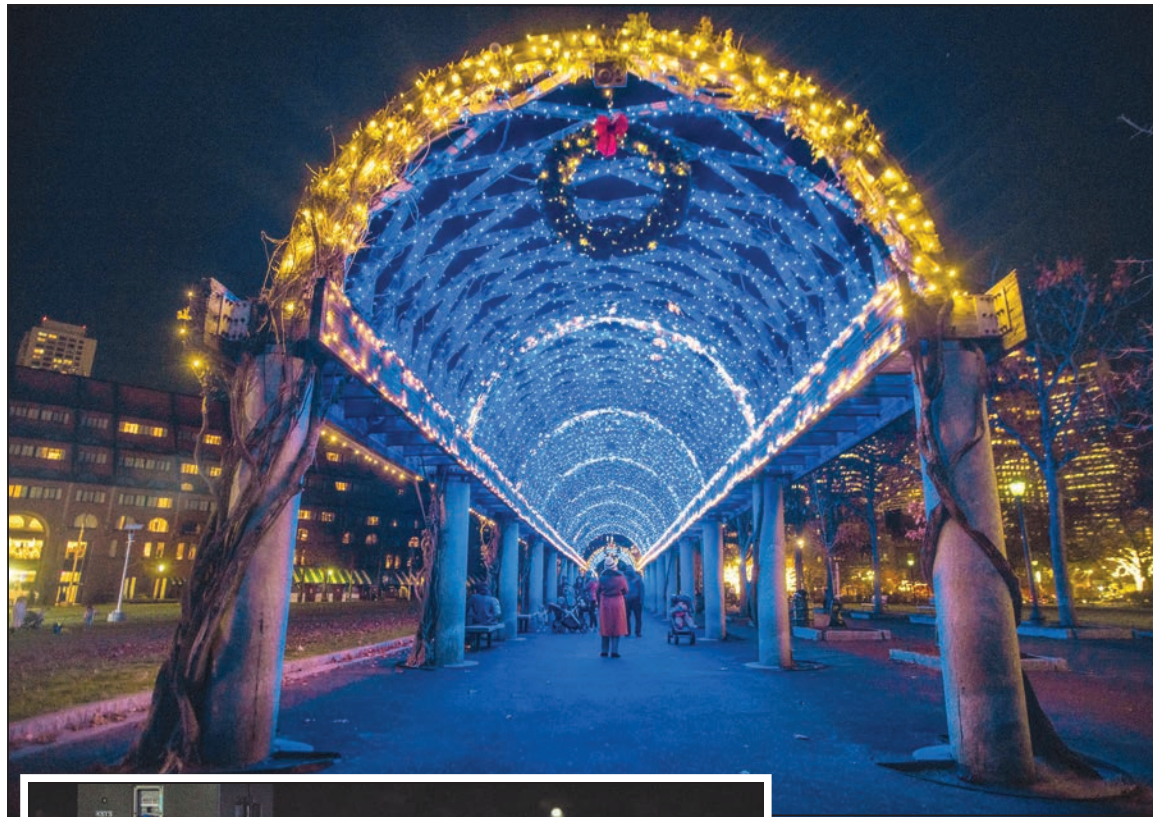
Clark noted that the SNA will hold its annual Holiday Stroll on Sunday, December 7, from 4:30-7:30, starting at the JP Community Room at 141 McBride St.; Peters announced that the mayor's annual Holiday Trolley Tour will stop at two locations in JP (the only neighborhood in the city where it make two stops) on Saturday, December 6, at 2 p.m. at Hyde Square and at 3 p.m. at the Monument and will include tree lightings; and Delaune added that Councilor Weber will be holding office hours on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9-10:30 at Oda, the new coffee shop near Forest Hills.

The next meeting of the JPNC is set for Thursday, December 18, at 7:00.

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ANNUAL TRELLIS LIGHTING CEREMONY AT CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK



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Season stars like The Grinch, Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer, and Santa Claus himself. Be sure to check for the Enchanted Trolley Tour making it's way through the neighborhoods of Boston on Dec 6 and Dec 7.

One of the first events of the Holiday Season is the trellis lighting at Christopher Columbus Park. There were complimentary treats, musical performances, and visits from Holiday



Anna Samoilava meets Santa and The Grinch.



The Christopher Columbus Park Trellis was lit last week in a spectacular ceremony to kick off the holidays in Boston. The trellis will remain lit through April.

Shown left, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and Santa take the stage.



City of Boston Director of Park Maintenance Nate Hinchliffe, Deputy Director of Neighborhoods Ciara D'Amico, and Boston City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune.



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Boston City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune shows her musical side.

ANNUAL TRELLIS LIGHTING CEREMONY AT CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK



Anna Samoilava conducts the NEMPAC Holiday Community Choir. Comprised of residents from the North End and Charlestown, they sang Jingle Bells and We Wish You A Merry Christmas.



City of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and her daughter Mira take a photo with members of the Northeastern University a capella group Pitch Please.



Photon Gaikwad meets Santa.



Even with all of the civic leaders and luminaries on the stage, help was needed from the kids in the audience to light the trellis. The kids did not disappoint.



Interim Commissioner of the City of Boston Parks Department Cathy Baker Eclipse speaks.



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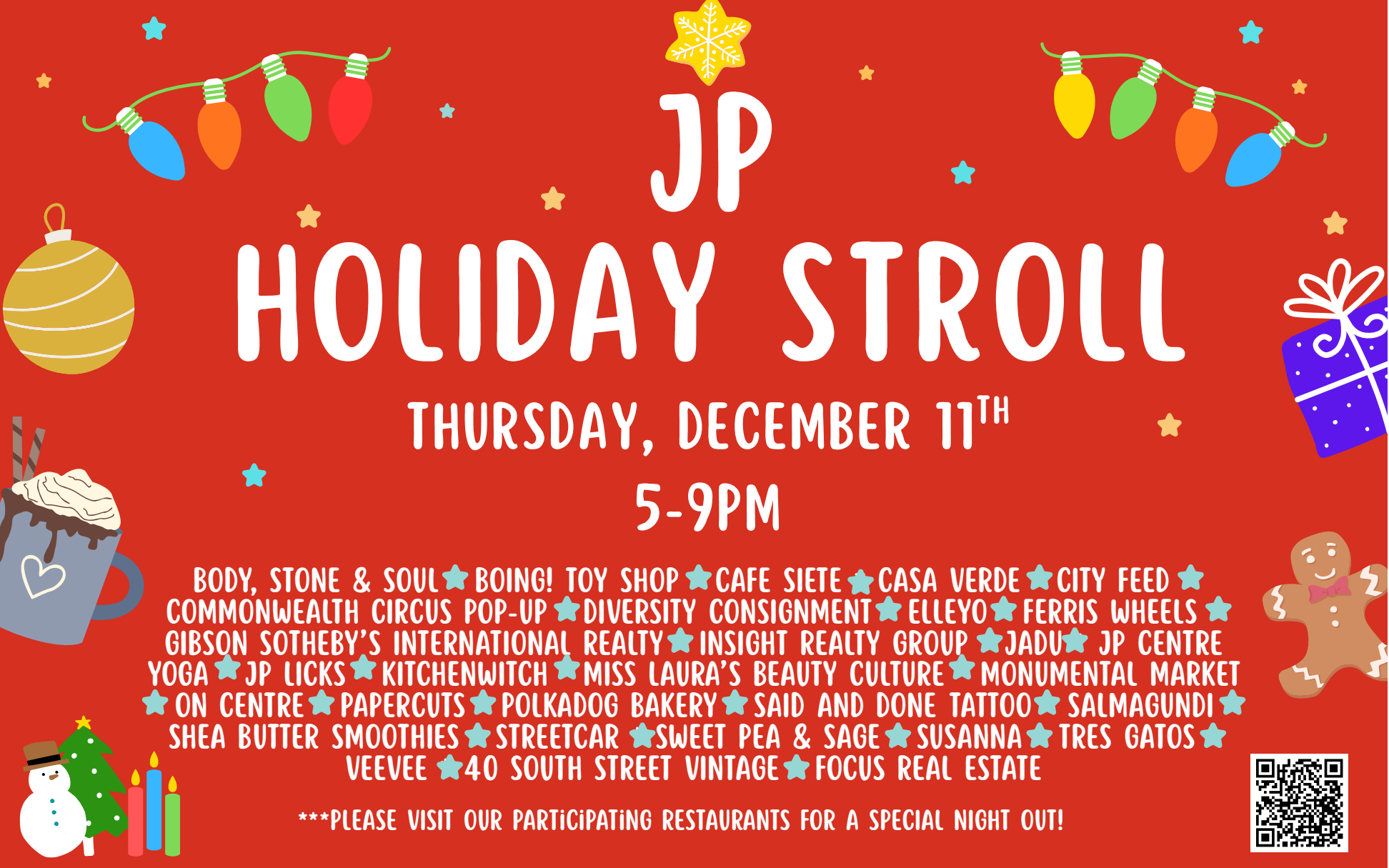
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2026 Mini-Grant opportunities supporting mental health and violence prevention for youth

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The Mayor's Office of Women's Advancement (MOWA) today announced the launch of two 2026 mini-grant opportunities totaling \$100,000 to support community-based organizations working to strengthen mental health, prevent violence, and promote the well-being of Boston's youth.

The Women and Girls Mental Health Mini-Grant and the Domestic, Sexual, and Gender-Based Violence (DSGBV) Prevention Mini-Grant are designed to invest in early-intervention, skill-building, and culturally responsive programming rooted in community expertise.

"Investing in the well-being and safety of our young people is an investment in Boston's future," said Mariangely Solis Cervera, Chief of Equity and Inclusion. "These grants reflect our City's commitment to ensuring every young person—regardless of identity or background—has access to programs that strengthen mental health supports, promote connections

and recognize the work of our community partners.

"Supporting the mental health and safety of women, girls, and young people requires collaboration, compassion, and strong community partnerships," said Dana Alas, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Women's Advancement. "These grants are a direct response to what community organizations have shared with us: the need for more mental health resources, mentorship, and early-intervention programming that equips young people with the skills to build safe, healthy lives. We are proud to offer resources that help break down silos, promote innovation, and uplift the leaders already doing transformative work in our city."

Grant Opportunities

Women and Girls Mental Health Mini-Grant – \$50,000 Available

This grant supports programs that foster mental well-being among young women and girls. Eligible activities include social cohesion, youth mentorship,

mental health education, and other evidence-based approaches that strengthen resilience and emotional wellness.

Organizations may apply for up to \$9,999 individually. Collaborative applications—submitted by two partner organizations—may receive up to \$20,000 in combined funding. Collaborative proposals will receive additional consideration to encourage innovative, cross-organizational approaches to mental health.

Domestic, Sexual, and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Mini-Grant – \$50,000 Available

Recognizing that boys and young men must be part of the solution to ending violence, this grant funds early-intervention programming focused on healthy relationship skills, emotional literacy, and evidence-based violence-prevention strategies.

Organizations may apply for up to \$9,999. All funded programs must be open to Boston residents regardless of identity.

Timeline for Both Grants

Application Launch: November 17, 2025

Application Deadline:

Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Review Period: January 2026
Award Notification: February 2026

Grant Period Ends: June 30, 2026

Applicants may apply to one or both opportunities.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

Be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or work with a fiscal sponsor

Serve Boston residents

Demonstrate sufficient staff, experience, and programmatic capacity

Maintain equitable, culturally responsive outreach and service delivery

Be in good financial standing and able to collect impact data

Implement all activities by June 30, 2026

Collaborative applications (for the mental health grant) must include a lead applicant and a partner organization, each submitting an application re-

questing up to \$9,999.

How to Apply

Applications for both grants must be submitted through the City's grant portal no later than January 7, 2026, at 5 p.m..

Women and Girls Mental Health Mini-Grant: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/womens-advancement/women-and-girls-mental-health-mini-grant>

Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Mini-Grant: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/womens-advancement/domestic-sexual-and-gender-based-violence-prevention-mini-grant>

Detailed application instructions, required documents, and downloadable templates are available at each link above.

Applicants should ensure their organization or fiscal sponsor has a valid Supplier/Vendor ID before award processing.

For questions about eligibility, timelines, or application requirements, contact Emily Nasiff at (617) 635-2525 or bostonwom-en@boston.gov

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Holidays in Jamaica Plain

Spontaneous Celebrations to Host annual JP Holiday Market

STAFF REPORT

Local non-profit Spontaneous Celebrations is set to transform its Danforth Street headquarters into a bustling hub of commerce and community this month with the return of the JP Holiday Market.

Scheduled for the weekend of Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14, the market will run from

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.

Organizers have curated a lineup of over 40 local vendors, offering residents a chance to bypass big-box retailers in favor of local artists, small businesses, and non-profits. The event aims to highlight the creative talent within Jamaica Plain while offering a festive atmosphere complete with warm drinks and seasonal celebrations.

Shoppers can expect a diverse array of goods suitable for holiday gift-giving. According to the event listing, the inventory will range from traditional handmade items to unique artisan crafts. Highlighted items include jewelry, handmade knits, pottery, and holiday cards, alongside more specialized goods such as terrariums, crystals, and kilim rugs.

For those looking for con-

sumables and self-care items, vendors will also be selling local honey, jams, handmade soaps, and body care products. The market also promises vintage clothing, handblown glasswork, prints, and books.

The event is open to the public and located at 45 Danforth St, Jamaica Plain, just steps from the Stony Brook station on the Orange Line.

For more information, visit

www.spontaneouscelebrations.org.

Event Details at a Glance:

What: JP Holiday Market
Where: Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

When: Saturday, Dec. 13 & Sunday, Dec. 14

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Admission: Public

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JP Holiday Light Show and South Street Illumination now lighting up JP

STAFF REPORT

The holiday season is officially aglow in Jamaica Plain following the launch of the annual large-scale laser projection show and the inaugural South Street Illumination.

Organized by JP Centre/South Main Streets, the festivities kicked off on Thursday, Dec. 4, with a community debut party. The opening night celebration

featured a premiere of the projection show, hot cocoa served by the E-13 Boston Police Department, and a lively procession to the South Street Mall led by the band JP Honk.

For those who missed the kickoff, the displays are now running nightly through January 3, 2026. The centerpiece of the event is the light show projected several stories high onto the steeple of the First Baptist

Church, located at 633 Centre Street. Following the projection, the festive atmosphere continues down the street with the new illumination display at the South Street Mall.

The projection show, titled “Twas the Night Before Solstice,” runs approximately eight minutes. It features audio in English on the hour and half-hour, and in Spanish at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour. In a nod to

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Holidays in Jamaica Plain

BalletRox to host free Christmas celebration and dance party in JP

STAFF REPORT

Local youth arts organization BalletRox is inviting families to kick off the holiday season this weekend with a festive afternoon of music, art, and community. The organization's annual Christmas Celebration is set for this Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025.

Hosted at Spontaneous Celebrations in Jamaica Plain, the event runs from 1:00 p.m. to

3:00 p.m.. Admission is free, and residents of all ages are welcome to attend.

Organizers have planned a variety of seasonal activities, including holiday crafts and festive snacks. The highlight of the afternoon will be a special opportunity to meet Santa Claus, alongside a high-energy dance party set to holiday classics.

The event reflects the core spirit of its organizer, BalletRox.

Founded in 1992, the non-profit is dedicated to empowering Boston youth through dance and providing a supportive community for life-long success. While the organization is known for providing high-quality dance instruction to underserved youth and integrating arts into Boston Public Schools, this weekend's event focuses on bringing the wider community together for a moment of shared joy.

Light Show

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local creativity, the intervals between shows feature projections of drawings created by children in the Jamaica Plain community.

The event is made possible through the support of numerous local contributors, including Blue Frog Bakery, City Feed and Supply, Rachael Kulik at Insight Realty Group, TCB – The Cooperative Bank, 42 Degrees North Media, bb.q Chicken, Brilliant Places at Gibson Sotheby's International Realty, Ellen and Janis Real Estate Team, Jamaica Plain Rentals and Sales & Property Management, Station8salon, Rockland Trust, Morrison's Auto Rite Inc., First Baptist Church, On Centre, KidsArts, Boing! Toy Shop, JP Licks, and the E-13 Boston Police Department.

JP Centre/South Main Streets is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization seeking to guide the



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A scene from last years holiday light show projected onto the steeple of the First Baptist Church as he tests the presentation sequence.

growth of Jamaica Plain's Centre and South Streets' business district and build a resilient local economy.

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FriendshipWorks launches New Ride & Thrive: Healthcare, Transportation, and Medical Escort Guide to help older adults access essential services

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

ton-based nonprofit dedicated to ending elder isolation through FriendshipWorks, a Boston-based connection, compassion, and

community, is proud to announce the launch of its new Ride & Thrive: Healthcare, Transportation, and Medical Escort Guide (The Guide), designed to help older adults and caregivers navigate the often-complex landscape of local transportation and healthcare options.

The Guide, now available online (fw4elders.org/be-informed/healthcare-and-transportation-guide.html) in English and Spanish, provides up-to-date, practical information about transportation resources, non-emergency medical transportation, accessibility options, and community programs that

help older adults get to medical appointments and stay connected to essential care.

“Transportation is one of the most significant barriers to healthcare and social connection for older adults,” said Kyle Robidoux, Executive Director of FriendshipWorks. “This guide empowers older adults and their caregivers with the knowledge and resources they need to stay healthy, engaged, and independent.”

The new Guide includes: Comprehensive listings of local and regional transportation providers in Greater Boston Tips for preparing for medical

appointments and coordinating rides

Information on cost, accessibility, and eligibility for programs

The resource builds on FriendshipWorks’ mission of creating connections to reduce social isolation by addressing one of the root causes of isolation—lack of accessible transportation. Through this initiative, FriendshipWorks aims to make it easier for older adults to maintain their health, independence, and social connections.

“We know that something

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Boston Legacy Football Club launches ticket donation initiative for BPS students

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Boston Legacy Football Club is teaming up with fans to bring the next generation of supporters to the stadium. Following a launch on Giving Tuesday, the club is currently running a ticketing initiative designed to open the door for more fans to discover the love of the game and connect with their community.

For every two tickets pur-

chased to the club's home opener on Saturday, March 14, Boston Legacy FC is donating one additional ticket to a Boston Public Schools (BPS) student.

The initiative is part of an ongoing effort to ensure BPS students have an exciting, memorable experience at the historic first home game. In addition to the public buy-one-give-one model, the club's season ticket holders can purchase BPS-allotted

tickets at a preferred rate using a promotional code. The program will remain open until 24 hours before the home opener.

The club is collaborating with the City of Boston and Boston Public Schools to facilitate ticket distribution.

"Our ticketing initiative is just one of the ways we've committed to giving back to our community," said Boston Legacy president Jennifer van Dijk.

"Having BPS students there is going to add incredible energy for our first ever home game. We want the next generation of fans to come to our games—and for the next generation of players to be able to watch the best athletes in the best women's soccer league in the world."

Boston Legacy FC will add to Boston's winning legacy as the 15th team in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL)

starting play in 2026. Founded and led by women, the club is committed to creating a home for the greatest female athletes of our time, building upon the supercharged legacy of Boston's historic sports teams, cultivating a community of fans with impact at its core, and forging new connections across our city through sport. For more information, please visit bostonlegacyfc.com or its social media platforms.

Healey-Driscoll Administration releases statewide high school graduation framework

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has released an initial statewide graduation framework designed to set nation-leading expectations and prepare all students for success after high school, regardless of their chosen career path. This framework, developed with the K-12 Statewide Graduation Council, represents the state's most robust education standards ever.

Key Principles and Changes

The new system moves away from reliance on a single high-stakes test. Key changes include:

- Phasing Out 10th Grade MCAS: The 10th Grade MCAS exam would be phased out as part of the new framework.
- No Single Barrier: No single test will represent a barrier to graduation for any student.
- Comprehensive Approach: Massachusetts will be the first

state to implement such a comprehensive approach to setting high educational standards.

Seven Elements of the Framework

The framework is structured around seven elements that focus on building a strong academic foundation, demonstrating mastery, and developing real-world problem-solving skills.

Strong Starts

Students must complete a set of coursework that aligns with admissions requirements for higher education.

Proven Skills

To show mastery of course content, students will complete:

- A limited number of end-of-course (EOC) assessments. EOCs are a more targeted and relevant approach than the current high school MCAS.
- Students do not have to pass an EOC to graduate.

• A capstone or portfolio. Capstones are cumulative projects, typically including research, a written assignment, and a final presentation.

Portfolios are a collection of a student's best work demonstrating mastery in one or across content areas.

Bright Futures

This element focuses on future planning and literacy:

- Students create their own plan for college or career.

• Students must complete the FAFSA or MASFA (financial aid application).

- Students learn financial literacy.
- Students can earn seals of distinction, such as the State Seal of Biliteracy.

Stakeholder Engagement and Next Steps

This initial framework is the first step, following significant feedback from over 400 people who attended listening sessions,

6,615 respondents to a statewide online survey, and 103 district administrators.

The administration will continue to seek input from communities to refine the recommendations and work toward a final report next year. This work builds on the administration's existing "Reimagining High School Initiative," which includes expanding access to programs like Early College, Innovation Career Pathways, and MyCAP.

FriendshipWorks

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as simple as a ride can make the difference between isolation and inclusion," said Emily Shea, Age Strong Commissioner at the City of Boston. "This guide helps ensure that no older adult misses a medical appointment—or a meaningful moment in their community—because they can't find a ride."

The comprehensive guide complements FriendshipWorks' Medical Escort program, which

connects older adults with a volunteer to accompany them to local medical appointments. The Guide was made possible with funding from The Gould Charitable Foundation. About FriendshipWorks Since 1984, FriendshipWorks has been building connections to end elder isolation in Greater Boston. Through volunteer programs such as Friendly Visiting, Medical Escort, PetPals, MusicWorks, and Friendly Helpers, FriendshipWorks fosters connection, care, and community for older adults. Website: www.fw4elders.org

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An Appetite for Art The Future of Art in Boston

BY ARIELLE APPLEBY

Doors to the stately brick-walled SoWa Power Station opened to a maze of contemporary art booths on a nippy Thursday night in October. The smell of fresh paint lingered, ambient jazz cushioned a buzz of voices and laughter, while the signature sound of cocktail shakers prepped drinks for an edgy young crowd.

Many members of Boston's new generation say they are hungry for art, and perhaps for the first time, their appetite was satiated at the Affordable Art Fair held in October, a world-traveling exhibition that caps the price of creative work at \$10,000.

Boston's show featured 50 local artists, attracted 6,000 visitors, and generated approximately \$2 million in sales, according to Erin Schuppert, founder of the event.

"We are really excited about the positive energy and reception that we received in Boston," she said. "A lot of what I've been hearing is that people are excited to see contemporary art being presented in this way, and that Boston really needs this."

Founded in London in 1999, the art fair has expanded to 15 cities worldwide. Organizers said the price cap for artwork makes it more accessible while supporting creative professionals. The Affordable Art Fair's goal is to open the door to con-

temporary art for the public. "The dead artists don't need the money," said Will Ramsey, the event's co-founder.

In a city where art is a pillar of its history, expressed in the iconic personal gallery of Isabella Stewart Gardner and the collections of early colonial art in the Museum of Fine Arts, many say the resurgence of artistic interest and the arrival of the Affordable Art Fair are key to preserving that legacy.

The local art market differs from that of other American cities, according to Jameson Johnson, founder and editor of the Boston Art Review.

Unlike New York City's vibrant and energetic art scene, she said Boston lacks a robust network of commercial contemporary galleries operating on a national or international scale. "People aren't going out of their way to buy or indulge in art," Johnson said.

The city also lacks blue-chip galleries – prestigious, high-end spaces with exclusive access that creates mystery and intrigue – which suppresses the artistic reputation of Boston. Johnson founded the Boston Art Review in 2017 while she was an undergraduate student at Northeastern University. She said the magazine works with writers from all stages, and their team of writers aspire to advance a world conversation about art.

Many Boston organizations



Shown are scenes of the SoWa Power Station's Affordable Art Fair.

work to make art accessible, beyond the constraints of price. One of these organizations that was present at the event was Gateway Arts, a nonprofit that supports nearly 100 artists with disabilities, helping them develop a professional presence in the visual arts.

"A disability should not be a barrier to the professional growth and opportunity for artists," said Gregory Liakos, director of Gateway Arts. "We believe that our artists are creating art that is as vibrant and creative, and as valuable as anything in contemporary art today." Liakos believes sustained momentum from events like the Affordable Art Fair could make art fairs a staple in the city.

"Boston's art community is growing, diversifying, becoming more contemporary," Liakos said, "and also more public."

Arielle Appleby is a student in the Boston University Journalism program. This story is a partnership between Jamaica Plain Gazette and the Boston University Journalism program.



COURTESY PHOTOS



FRESH & LOCAL

Inspired by Street Food

BY PENNY & ED CHERUBINO

December is when entertaining friends and family adds to an already busy schedule. We suggest you choose to serve a meal inspired by street food. You could select a street food specialty that reflects your family's culture, features a family favorite, or honors a guest.

Food designed for last-minute preparation, served from a cart, food truck, or small stall, is usually limited in ingredients and makes great party food. As a bonus, most street food can be

eaten out of hand, from disposable serving items, with fingers or wooden spoons and forks.

You can have one or two people play chef and prepare each person's choice to order. Or, make it self-serve. Set up a table of optional ingredients so your guests can be their own chefs.

Menu Suggestions

We consulted local food truck menus and drew on our favorite items from the past to offer menu suggestions for your street food party. We also looked for items you could purchase if you have time to shop but not to cook.

If we were hosting a Vietnamese street food party, we would serve fresh rolls, bon mi sandwiches, and a big bowl of bun thit nuong (a noodle salad). Anyone who can build a sandwich can make a bon

mi, and we have based parties around teaching friends to make fresh rolls. The preparation for this menu is mostly shopping and chopping.

One of our favorite food trucks, Mei Mei, has turned

its menu into a dumpling business. You can buy their excellent products frozen and serve a selection of dumplings and sauces. Round out your menu

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EDITORIAL

Remember those in need on your holiday shopping list

Americans already have been spending a record amount of money thus far this holiday season, spurred on by the extended “Black Friday” (we are using quotes because Black Friday sales began in early November), Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday shopping days.

However, amidst our zeal to find the “perfect” gifts for our family members and friends, we hope that our readers make the effort, no matter how small, to remember those in need this holiday season.

Homelessness is at an all-time high in this country. According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the number of unhoused Americans jumped significantly from 2023 to 2024 by about 18%.

It is estimated that homelessness in New York City has reached the highest level since the Great Depression of the 1930s. This past August, 103,391 people slept each night in NYC shelters. Even more depressingly, according to the Coalition for the Homeless, almost one-in-eight New York City school children experienced homelessness during the most recent school year.

The most vulnerable members of our society -- including people with disabilities, children, and older adults -- are experiencing homelessness at increasingly-higher rates. In addition, the proposed cuts to social safety net programs are expected to make the problem even worse.

The simple reality is that for far too many of our fellow Americans, the holidays bring little or no joy.

There are countless ways by which each of us can make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate, ranging from toy drives to food banks to Salvation Army Santas. With Christmas fast approaching, we urge everyone who has the means to do so to make that small effort to help those for whom the holidays are just another day.

Trump delivers on GLP-1 drugs

Back in January, we wrote an editorial entitled, “GLP-1 weight-loss drugs should be made affordable for all Americans.”

We pointed out that the U.S. ranks among the most obese nations in the world -- an astounding 72 percent of Americans are deemed to be overweight. We also noted that the new GLP-1 drugs, which originally were designed to help persons with diabetes (by making sugary, salty, and high-fat foods less appealing), had the “side-effect” of bringing about significant weight-loss in the consumers of these drugs.

It also has been found that the GLP-1 drugs not only help to decrease users’ appetite for food, but also to reduce their cravings for harmful substances such as alcohol, drugs, and even cigarettes, and to reduce the “food noise” for those with eating disorders.

Researchers also have established that the GLP-1 drugs improve the health of our cardiovascular system, liver, brain, and kidneys, and even help with sleep apnea.

In short, the GLP-1 drugs offer the potential of a life-changing medicine that could benefit tens of millions of Americans.

However, as we noted in our editorial in January, the GLP-1 drugs were prohibitively expensive -- about \$1300 per month -- for those not eligible for a prescription for their diabetes, which is the only condition covered by most health plans and Medicare for the drugs.

That all changed this past month with an agreement forged by President Donald Trump with the makers of these drugs, Eli Lilly (Mounjaro and Zepbound) and Novo Nordisk (Ozempic and Wegovy), by which they agreed to reduce their prices by more than 50%. For some consumers (who had been eligible for a previous 50% reduction off the \$1300 sticker price), this has worked out to a greatly-reduced monthly rate of about \$350 per month.

In short, President Trump’s deal makes these drugs much more affordable for millions of our fellow citizens who now can begin to take advantage of this miracle medicine. Trump’s efforts not only will benefit the health of individual Americans, but also promise to reduce our national healthcare costs in the years ahead.

Mass. House passes Supplemental Budget to close Fiscal Year 2025

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

The Massachusetts House of Representatives have passed a supplemental budget to address deficiencies, to make new necessary investments, and to close the books on Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25). The legislation appropriates \$2.25 billion in gross spending, at a net cost to the state of \$750 million, representing a reduction of almost \$200 million from the Governor’s original proposal.

“This supplemental budget closes the books on FY25, and aims to fortify the Commonwealth’s finances, bolster economic development, and ensure continued access to critical health care services,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “In the face of unrelenting attacks from the Trump Administration that will strip health insurance coverage from millions of Americans and deny access to lifesaving vaccinations, this supplemental budget will help vulnerable residents prepare for, and avoid, a lapse in coverage, and ensure continued access to vaccines for every child in Massachusetts. I want to thank Chairman Michlewitz for his hard work, and all my colleagues in the House for recognizing the importance of the investments that are included in this legislation.”

“This supplemental budget will close the books on FY25 in a balanced and fiscally responsible manner. By making critical investments into much needed programs in healthcare, education, and housing to name a few, the Commonwealth will be in a strong fiscal position for FY 26 and beyond,” said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston). “I want to thank Speaker Mariano for his dedication to these issues, as well as all my House colleagues for supporting this initiative.”

“This supplemental budget closes the books on FY25, allocating important funds to programs that will help our residents,” said Representative Adrian Madaro (D - East Boston). “In the face of devastating cuts and inaction from the federal government that will strip health insurance,

take away access to care, and impact the quality of life for many across the Commonwealth, the funding in this bill ensures that our residents will be protected and covered, while providing resources for everything from housing, to school meals, to clean water and snow removal this winter. I’m proud of the steady, responsible approach Massachusetts continues to take to ensure our priorities are funded”.

The bill passed today appropriates \$10 million for Health Care for All to conduct a public awareness campaign, and to conduct health coverage enrollment assistance for communities at risk of losing health care coverage as a result of the new Medicaid reporting requirements that were put in place by President Trump and Congress through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. It invests \$10 million for the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, and includes \$5 million in grants to reproductive health care providers. It also invests \$15 million for a new Sports and Entertainment Fund grant program, for which \$10 million will be set aside for the events related to the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The bill passed today also includes a policy section which authorizes the Department of

Public Health Commissioner to determine routine childhood immunizations and vaccination schedules, rather than relying on the recommendations of the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

In addition to the appropriations, the bill also invests in the state’s future by depositing the remainder of the funds to an escrow account (\$337.7 million), to support pensions (\$18.8 million), and to the Other Postemployment Benefits Trust Fund (\$18.8 million).

Additionally, the House accepted an amendment from Chair John Lawn that updates and restructures existing assessments on Massachusetts hospitals used to fund the Health Safety Net and related hospital support trust funds. The changes modernize financial data used in the assessment, increase the amount hospitals contribute, and adjust how the resulting funds are distributed among hospitals.

The bill also addresses budget deficiencies, including:

- \$1.67 billion in gross spending (\$303 million net cost) for MassHealth
- \$60.7 million for snow and ice removal
- \$35 million for HomeBASE
- \$14 million for the Section

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MBTA reminds riders of Orange Line suspension on December 5, 6

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The MBTA is reminding riders that Orange Line service will be suspended between Back Bay and Forest Hills all day on Friday, December 5, and all day on Saturday, December 6. Regular Orange Line service will operate on Sunday, December 7.

The MBTA will continue signal upgrade and modernization work on the Orange Line. By upgrading and modernizing its signals, the MBTA will significantly increase operational efficiency and improve scheduling reliability for riders. The MBTA will also maximize access to closed stations by performing

cleaning, signage replacement, plumbing repairs and pump room work, and window replacements throughout the shutdown area as well as preparations for column work at Massachusetts Avenue Station.

Riders can find complete information at mbta.com/Orange-Line. More information on these

service changes and alternate travel options is below:

- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops between Back Bay and Forest Hills.

- Riders are also encouraged to consider the Commuter Rail for fare-free service between Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, and South Station. The trip between Forest Hills and Back Bay on the Commuter Rail is approximately 10 minutes.

- Riders using shuttles bus service should budget ample ex-

tra travel time. For example, a rider travelling to Downtown Crossing from Forest Hills should budget at least an additional 30 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.

For more information, please visit mbta.com/OrangeLine

Cancer Care

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with a takeout order from your favorite Asian restaurant.

Pennypackers is another well-loved food truck famous for its porchetta sandwiches. If you are a good home cook, you could make your porchetta in advance and surround it with a basket of bread, a tray of antipasto, and a big Italian salad.

Taco trucks are what sparked the street food scene in this country, and a taco party could be the perfect theme to feed a crowd. Even when we make tacos for two, we set up our dining bar as a taco assembly line. You could

offer a hot plate of fillings, including vegetarian and vegan options. Add salsas, shredded lettuce, cheese, and creamy toppings. Let everyone decide whether they want hard, flour, or whole-grain tacos, and fill them as they wish.

If you have a crew of less adventurous eaters, you could have a grilled cheese menu inspired by Roxy's Grilled Cheese truck. We geek out on grilled cheese by making them with an assortment of flavored breads from When Pigs Fly bakery. Or, you could duplicate Roxy's support of local businesses by choosing your ingredients from the vendors they proudly display on their website. Don't forget to have a simmering crockpot of tomato soup for dipping.

Do It Yourself or Have It Catered

One final note on this topic, many local restaurants and food trucks offer catering services. You could support a small business and have someone who's an expert in creating a popular street food menu handle the food for the party. The three who cater, mentioned here, are Mei Mei, Pennypackers, and Roxy's. If you have a favorite place for a favorite food, ask if they can cater your event. Small businesses can use the income and exposure, and you can use the free time!

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

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35 program

- \$12.5 million for no-cost calls

- \$12 million for Universal School Meals

- \$7.2 million for Department of Correction (DOC) Facilities operations
- \$6.8 million for the Clean Water Trust Fund

- \$3.5 million for State Police

operations

- \$700,000 for the Suffolk County District Attorney

The bill passed in the House of Representatives by a vote 141-14, and now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Docket No. SU25D1751DR

Sarah Amine

vs.

Adnane Hmar Laaouinet

Defendant

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Sarah Amine, 37 Intervale St., Boston, MA 02121 your answer, if any, on or before 01/22/2026. If you fail to do so, the court will

proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, Esquire, First Judge of this Court. Date: November 3, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate Court

12/5 JP

LEGAL NOTICE CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT

OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L.c. 190B, Section 5-304

Docket No. SU25P2634GD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA, 02114

In the matter of: Holly Mignosa of: Boston, MA

RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons,

a petition has been filed by Mass Dept. of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Holly Mignosa is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish

to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 12/18/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 21, 2025

Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

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