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The Footlight Club lounge was filled with supporters for JP Main Streets during its night of casual celebration and auction. See Pages 4, 5, and 6 for more photos.

MAIN STREETS CELEBRATION



Nicole Gunn, owner of Cada Dia and the recipient for the JP Center/South Main Streets Business Of The Year, is presented with her award by Boston City Councilor Kendra Lara and President of JP Centre/South Main Streets Michael Reiskind.

Study shows gains, systemic obstacles to Boston's ambitious climate goals

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

A first-of-its-kind report on Boston's collective progress toward being a carbon-neutral city by 2050, that was released last week, finds that while the city has made notable progress in

some areas, a variety of obstacles will make meeting that goal difficult. The report, the Inaugural Boston Climate Progress Report, was prepared for the Boston Foundation by researchers at Northeastern University's Dukakis Center for Urban and

Regional Policy.

The report will be updated every two years to assess Boston's progress toward achieving net-zero emissions by 2050, our resilience to future climate dis-

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Police laud assistance of neighbors in solving recent crimes in JP area

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

The Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) held its regular monthly meeting this past Monday, November 7.

Chairperson Kay Mathew and fellow members Peter Elmutts, Peter Steiger, Martin Thomson, Jasmine Crafts, Tamara Pitts, Michael Reiskind, Michael Frank, Kevin Moloney, Martin Thompson, Rosemary Jones, and David Moir were in attendance for the meeting.

Boston Police Officers Carlos Martinez and Patricia DaRosa from District 13 were on hand, with Officer Martinez presenting the monthly Community Safety Report for the period of October 7-November 7.

He noted that there had been a commercial break-in in the area

on American Legion Highway in which \$600 cash was taken.

There also were five residential breaks, one of which was what Martinez termed a "targeted break-in" on Halloween night on So. Huntington Ave. in which the burglars stole a cache of narcotics, including cocaine and fentanyl.

However, two of the three suspects in the break were apprehended thanks to a call from a neighbor who heard the sound of breaking glass. In addition, other residents were able to point the direction in which the burglars fled the scene to the police.

"We appreciate our witnesses," said Martinez.

One of the other incidents, in which the suspect took some

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PUMPKIN SMASH



Bengie Vaduva smashes a pumpkin as his mother Ann Marie and Mothers Out Front staff look on during the Mother Out Front Pumpkin Smash. See pages 10 and 11 for more photos.

Crime

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documents and fled in a car, involved a mental health issue. The suspect was not arrested, but was placed into a mental health facility.

Another incident involved an attempted break in the daytime. According to Martinez, the would-be perpetrator entered the foyer of a building through an unlocked outer door and then attempted to pry open three apartment doors without success.

Martinez urged all homeowners to place locks on their outside doors in order to keep would-be burglars from gaining entrance to the premises.

“Once they’re inside the building, they can take their time and are not visible to police who might be on patrol,” Martinez said.

Another burglary involved a suspected domestic incident in which an ex-boyfriend is believed to have taken a TV.

Martinez made note of a shooting that occurred behind the VA building on October 10 with one victim. Martinez said that the area has become a hangout for groups where they smoke

and drink. He said that ballistics evidence has been recovered from the scene, including a shell casing that he himself had discovered.

“If you see any kinds of ballistics, don’t touch it. Just please give us a call,” Martinez said.

Martinez also discussed the ongoing, international trend involving the theft of catalytic converters, primarily from Toyota and Honda vehicles. He said there was one such theft from a Toyota Prius on Chestnut Ave. in the past month.

“There are three materials in these converters (the precious metals platinum, palladium, and rhodium) with a value that is worth 15 times more than an ounce of gold. This is an international epidemic,” said Martinez, who reminded residents that if they see someone acting suspiciously in the vicinity of a motor vehicle, they should call the police.

Capt. John Hughes, the E-13 Precinct Commander, addressed a question about the recent daytime break and sexual assault that occurred near the Arborway on the Arboretum block last month.

Hughes said that police have identified a suspect and have issued a warrant for his arrest for

a parole violation. Hughes noted that the suspect may be in Rhode Island at the present time and assured the association members and the community that police feel this event was an isolated incident.

Hughes said that once the suspect is apprehended on the parole violation, it is expected that DNA evidence will link him to the sexual assault.

Hughes pointed out that there was no lock on the outside door of the apartment building where the incident took place, allowing the perpetrator access to the premises, from where he then broke into the apartment.

“This is one of the more serious crimes we’ve had in the neighborhood in a while,” Hughes noted.

Officer DaRosa showed videos on the Zoom screen from the Ring cameras of neighbors that proved crucial in identifying the suspect.

“We have to work together,” emphasized Martinez, who added that thanks to the many angles presented by numerous cameras, “The community was able to identify the person. This was great work by the homeowners.”

Peter Steiger led a brief discussion about the IDEA (inclusion, diversity, equity, and access)

Committee which is seeking to make changes to the association to achieve the goals of IDEA.

“The basic thought is we would like to take the opportunity to revisit how we interact with the community, the type of image we project to the community, and what kind of topics we engage in to mobilize the community,” said Steiger. “We want to project an image of a kinder and more inclusive organization.”

Steiger said the IDEA subcommittee will be meeting twice over the next month in preparation for a presentation at the JPA’s annual meeting in December.

The association also discussed the goal of moving to in-person meetings in the near future and various possibilities for meeting places were mentioned by the members.

Although there were no formal committee reports, Moloney, who is a member of the Parks and Open Space Committee, started a discussion about the plans by the DCR for the Arborway and Arboretum and the perceived lack of transparency by the DCR regarding its plans to improve safety for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists from Jamaica Pond to Forest Hills.

The DCR favors what is known as Alternative 4, but that

proposal is opposed by the JPA, which recently sent a letter to the DCR requesting public records pertaining to the criteria used by the DCR in its selection of Alternative 4 as the DCR’s preferred alternative.

“It’s just classic business as usual, lack of transparency, business behind closed doors,” said Mathew, echoing sentiments expressed by other members.

However, Reiskind pushed back. “It’s not as much of a snow job as you think,” Reiskind said. “This is the most rational, best decision in their minds.”

The meeting concluded with a reminder that the BAA’s annual 1/2 marathon is scheduled for this Sunday, November 13, from 7-11 a.m.. All of the major roads will be closed to accommodate the thousands of runners, who will traverse the 13.1 mile route primarily through the Jamaica Plain area, out-and-back along the Emerald Necklace park system to the Riverway, with the start and finish at White Stadium in Franklin Park.

The JPA’s annual meeting, which will feature the election of new members, is set for Monday, December 5, via Zoom.

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Boston voters support Healey for governor in general election victory

By DAN MURPHY

Like voters throughout the Commonwealth, Boston residents resoundingly supported Maura Healey in her historic victory in the Nov. 8 general election to become the next Governor of Massachusetts.

According to the city's unofficial election results, the bill of Healey, the Democratic attorney general, and her running mate, Lt. Gov.-elect Kim Driscoll, garnered nearly 81 percent of ballots cast in Boston, or 138,775 votes, compared with her Republican challenger, Geoff Diehl, and his running mate, Lt. Gov. candidate Leah Cole Allen, who together received nearly 18 percent of ballots cast in Boston, or 30,278 votes citywide. Kevin Reed, a Libertarian candidate for governor and his running mate, Lt. Gov.-hopeful Peter Everett, trailed with around 1.4 percent of ballots cast in Boston, or 2,416 votes citywide.

Healey will become the first

female, as well as the first openly gay, elected Governor of Massachusetts, while her victorious bill with Driscoll, the former Mayor of Salem, also made history as the first female duo elected to the Massachusetts governorship.

In another first, Andra Campbell, the former city councilor who made an unsuccessful bid for Mayor of Boston in last November's general election, also made history to become the first Black woman elected as Attorney General of Massachusetts.

Campbell, a Democrat, garnered around 81 percent of the ballot in Boston, or 137,477 votes, while her challenger, Republican nominee Jay McMahon, trailed with nearly 19 percent of the ballot, or 31,870 votes cast citywide.

In the race for Massachusetts Secretary of State, Bill Galvin was elected to an eighth term.

Galvin, a Democrat, garnered more than 81 percent of the ballot in Boston, or 136,234 ballots cast, as his Republican challeng-

er, Rayla Campbell, trailed with just over 14 percent of the ballot, or 23,626 votes cast citywide. Finishing third in the race was Juan Sanchez, a Green-Rainbow Party candidate who received less than 5 percent of the ballot in Boston, or 7,783 votes citywide.

On Ballot Question #1, nearly 65 percent of Boston's registered voters, or 107,804 ballots cast citywide, supported an amendment to the Massachusetts constitution that would impose an additional 4-percent state income tax on any portion of annual taxable income in excess of \$1 million. In contrast, just over 35 percent of Boston's registered voters cast a total of 58,725 ballots citywide in opposition to the so-called "millionaire's tax."

Ballot Question #2, which, according to the state's election website, "would regulate dental insurance rates, including by requiring companies to spend at least 83 percent of premiums on member dental expenses and

quality improvements instead of administrative expenses, and by making other changes to dental insurance regulations," was supported by nearly 80 percent of Boston's registered voters who cast 129,849 ballots citywide in support of the proposed measure. Contrastingly, more than 20 percent of Boston voters cast a total of 32,855 ballots citywide in

opposition to Ballot Question #2.

Ballot Question #3, which, according to the state's election website, "would increase the statewide limits on the combined number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption (in-

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JP CENTER/SOUTH MAIN STREETS HOLDS NIGHT OF CASUAL CELEBRATION

For 20 years, JP Center/South Main Streets has worked tirelessly to highlight the diverse neighborhood it has called home. They've organized events such as neighborhood cleanups, the annual Dog Parade, and Holiday Light Show while providing resources to local businesses to help with: legal matters, design

assistance for signage and storefront improvements, industry guidance, and more. So on Nov. 2, at The Footlight Club, a night of casual celebration of this organization and the neighborhood it serves was held. Drinks, food, and community were abundant as a live auction for items from local artists and

merchants was held. JP Center/South Main Streets also took the occasion to honor their Vice President Karen O'Brien as Volunteer Of The Year and bubble tea shop Cada Dia Mini Cafe and its visionary proprietor Cada Dia as Business Of The Year. Boston City Councilor Kendra Lara was in attendance and

noted her days living in Jamaica Plain before JP Centre/South Main Streets offered its support to local businesses and the community. She was thankful for the organizations efforts in helping to make Jamaica Plain's residents' live better. JP Centre/South Main Streets was able to keep its traditions going safely

through the pandemic providing a sense of normalcy in those uncertain times. The event truly reflected the spirit of Jamaica Plain, people from various walks of life getting together and celebrating, in a relaxed and casual setting, the neighborhood that they all love.

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUJIAN



JP Centre/South Main Streets Executive Director Ginger Brown with VP Karen O'Brien, who is being honored with the Volunteer Of The Year Award.



Janis Galloway and Lillie Marshall, who designed the colorful top she's wearing.



Patti and Larry McKenna.



JP Centre/South Main Streets Executive Director Ginger Brown is presented with the organization's Volunteer Of The Year Award by Boston City Councilor Kendra Lara.



50 Pioneers Nomination

Nominate a pioneer, past or present, by November 15, 2022!

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Executive Director Ginger Brown and Abby Furey, Boston Main Streets Program Manager for 20 districts.



Louisa Borden and Chris Marshall.



Ali Torshizi and Rachel Van Der Kruik.



Paul Driscoll and Sandy Holden.



Justin Mellette and Cassie McMillan.



Christa Gonsalves and Lauren Franczy



Becca and Alex Butler with Margaret Gander.




Hannah Campolo-Rich, Chris McIntosh, Lillie Marshall, and Luis Ottonelli, City Of Boston Neighborhood Business Manager for Jamaica Plain.

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Carolina Frias holds a painting titled Spruce Grove by Karen O'Brien during the auction for that item.



Brad Brown auctioneer provided Ann atmosphere which excited the fundraising and made the experience more fun.



Nicole Gunn, owner of Cada Dia the recipient for the JP Center/ South Main Streets Business OfThe Year.



Auction items donated by Jamaica Plain businesses.



Boston City Councilor Kendra Lara (center) with Mi'Kel McMullen Constituent Services from her office and Massachusetts State Rep candidate Samantha Montaño.

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Fenway/ Jamaica Plain/ Franklin Park
BAA Half Marathon- Sunday, November 13, 2022
The BAA Half Marathon will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2022, beginning and ending

at White Stadium in Franklin Park. The race begins at 8:00 AM and after 11:30 AM, participants must use sidewalks. Course information can be found on their website.

Traffic restrictions and potential closures will be in place to accommodate the runner on the following streets:

- Boylston Street (for bus embarking), South side (Copley Square side), from Dartmouth Street to Clarendon Street
- Circuit Drive, Both sides, from Blue Hill Avenue to Morton Street
- Valley Gates / Pierpont Road Area, Both sides, from Circuit Drive to the White Stadium Entrance to the Zoo (except for the angles parking area which receives the two day regulation).

- Pierpont Road, Both sides, from Sigourney Street to Playstead Road
- Playstead Road, Both sides, from Walnut Street Entrance to Pierpont Road
- Seaver Street, South side (Franklin Park side), from Walnut Avenue to Elm Hill Avenue.
- Walnut Avenue, Both sides, from School Street to Seaver Street.

The angled parking spaces next to Playstead Field will be posted with a two day restriction to assist with the set-up for the event beginning on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

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City of Boston opens applications for Boston School Committee

Mayor Michelle Wu announced applications are now being accepted for two four-year terms by the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel. The Nominating Panel is a thirteen-member panel composed of parents, teachers, school leaders and representatives of the business and higher education communities. Applications for these positions are due Tuesday, November 22nd, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

The Boston School Commit-

tee is the governing body of the Boston Public Schools (BPS). 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 evaluating 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.

Interviews for selected candidates will be held on the week of November 28, 2022 between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Interviews will be conducted through

a hybrid format of in-person and virtual options. Please direct all questions and submit completed applications to scnominatingpanel@boston.gov or to Room 603 of Boston City Hall by mail or hand delivery. More information about the Boston School Committee is available online.

Applications are available in English, Simplified Chinese, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Spanish, and Haitian Creole.

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BOSTON'S OFFICIAL TREE ARRIVES NOVEMBER 22

The annual gift of an evergreen Christmas tree from Nova Scotia

is scheduled to arrive by police escort at Boston Common at approximately 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 22.

This is the 51st year that a tree has been donated and commemorates 105 years of friendship with Nova Scotia after the people of Boston provided emergency assistance when Halifax, Nova Scotia's capital, was devastated by a maritime munitions explosion in the harbor in 1917. The first Tree for Boston was donated in 1971 by Joseph Slauenwhite from Lunenburg County.

Boston's official 2022 tree is a 45-foot white spruce donated by landowner Roddy Townsend of Christmas Island, along with his children Angela, Carmen, and Andrew.

"How appropriate that this year's tree comes from Christmas Island," said Boston Parks and Recreation Commissioner Ryan Woods. "For 51 years the province of Nova Scotia has provided this festive gift, a symbol that our bond endures and testimony to the resilience of their citizens in the face of disaster and the generosity of our own city in a time of need."

A public tree-cutting ceremony will be held November 16 on the Townsend family's property on Christmas Island, Cape

Breton. Carmen Townsend, an award-winning musician, will perform a song she has written about the Tree for Boston, and a local Mi'kmaq elder will conduct a smudging ceremony before the tree is cut. The tree will leave Halifax for Boston on November 21.

"The holidays are a time of reflection and gratitude," said Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables. "The Tree for Boston continues to be a sign of our deep appreciation for the aid Boston provided after the Halifax Explosion."

Parks Commissioner Woods, Santa Claus, and local school

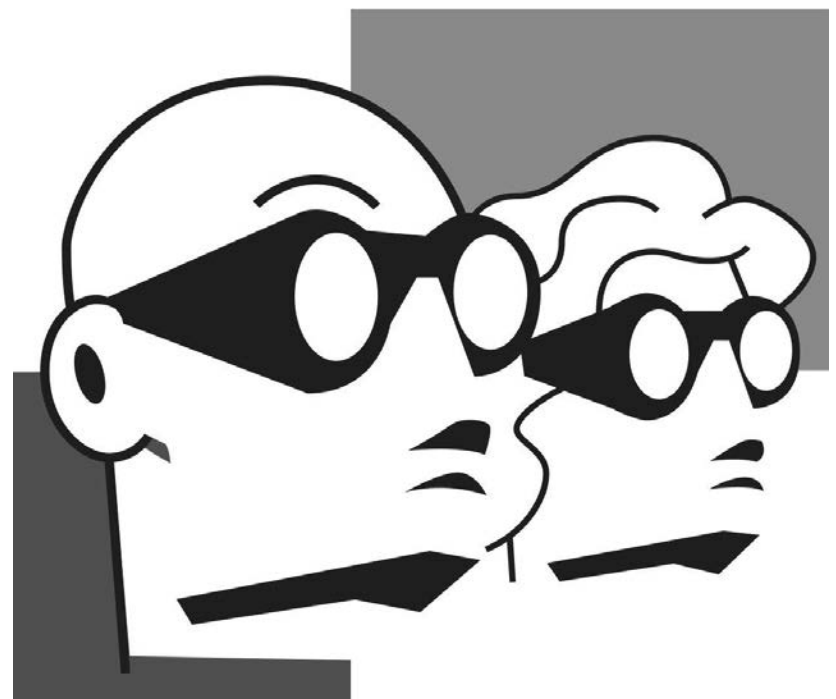
children will greet the tree at its final destination near the Boston Visitors Center at 139 Tremont Street. The tree will be lit at approximately 7:55 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, as the City of Boston's Official Tree Lighting is celebrated on Boston Common from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The ceremony will be broadcast live on WCVB Channel 5 starting at 7 p.m.

The annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common is co-sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the title sponsor, The Province of Nova Scotia. Amazon serves as our presenting sponsor, JetBlue is the

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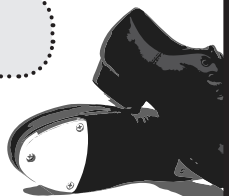
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ruptions, and the equity of our climate response. The report highlights a dozen key outcomes that must be achieved by programs, projects, and initiatives whose success is imperative to reaching the overarching goals, and then lays out four “big lifts,” system-transforming actions which Boston—along with the broader region and state—needs to accelerate to sharply reduce net emissions.

“This is a comprehensive report that captures the complexity and nuances of making Boston an urban leader in climate protection and resilience,” said M. Lee Pelton, President and CEO of the Boston Foundation. “It also sets a framework for tracking our ability to progress toward Boston’s ambitious but critically important goals of becoming a net-zero city that is prepared for the impacts of climate change and protects all its residents equitably.”

“As a coastal city, Boston is already seeing the effects of our changing climate and is pursuing plans to mitigate them on multiple fronts,” said Amy Longworth, Executive Director of the Boston Green Ribbon Commission. “What this report does is set out a framework for us to track our efforts during what will be a decades-long, all-in process to eliminate our carbon footprint and prepare ourselves for the impacts of a warming planet. The challenge requires transformative action. City government leadership is essential, but the action has to take place across all sectors.”

Commenting on the report District One City Councilor Gabriella Coletta said, “Boston is uniquely vulnerable to sea-level rise due to climate change and a warming ocean. We must act with urgency and utilize innovative strategies seen around the world to reduce our carbon emis-



A man stands on a retaining wall at the corner of Marginal and South Bremen streets in East Boston, during the January 2018 flood.

sions. My coastal district will be disproportionately affected by the disastrous impacts of heat waves, storm surge, and other weather-related events. We need meaningful action at all levels of government and an investment from everyone to protect our collective future.”

The report was prepared by a team from the Dukakis Center led by Northeastern University Professor Joan Fitzgerald. The Northeastern team was joined by Michael Walsh, a partner and Director of Policy Research at Groundwork Data, a new think tank focused on helping cities to better use data to accelerate a clean, equitable, and resilient energy transition. The report was shaped in part by a 19-member Advisory Committee, including representatives from businesses, foundations, and nonprofit organizations that play a leadership role in the climate space.

“This report has been a significant undertaking, bringing together ideas and resources and building out a means through which we can begin to effectively understand our climate progress,” said Joan Fitzgerald, Professor of Urban and Public Policy at Northeastern University. “It also lays out potential courses of action that, if begun now, can accelerate our progress and strengthen both our equitable response and climate resiliency.”

2030 Emissions Goal Likely

Out of Reach

The report notes that Boston has made measurable progress on its interim goal of reducing its carbon emissions by 50 percent from 2005 levels by 2030, despite increases in the built environment and a rise in vehicle miles driven. A cleaner grid, improvements in vehicle efficiency, the broad adoption of building energy efficiency measures from lighting to insulation, and oil-to-gas heating system conversions have all begun to bend emissions downward – but have only achieved incremental improvement. City climate policies, such as the Building Energy Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO), also show potential but barring more systemic changes, the city has no clear path to meet its interim 2030 goal or its 2050 net zero target. The report emphasizes that an immediate pivot that builds off of recent federal and state legislation is necessary to get back on track to achieve the 2050 target.

The report also evaluates the city’s status on two critical themes of climate plans – the efforts to make Boston resilient to future climate impacts and the multipronged strategy to address climate issues equitably, as laid out in the City of Boston’s 2019 Climate Action Plan and elsewhere.

Because these goals can be

challenging to quantify and difficult to measure, and because meeting any of these goals is expected to take years, if not decades, the Climate Progress Report offers a series of twelve key outcomes that are needed to achieve net-zero emissions, demonstrate climate resilience, and reflect equitable climate-related policies and outcomes, and provides a general assessment of where the city stands on each outcome (reflected in italics here):

Low Carbon Electricity: Boston must generate and be supplied with electricity sourced from renewable and other low-carbon generation resources.

A transition from coal to gas and early growth in regional solar has been responsible for pushing down electric sector emissions, but permitting delays have hindered wind growth and transmission capacity expansion. Both will need to be accelerated by the state and the regional authorities.

Electrified Mobility: Phase out the use of non-zero emissions vehicles and deploy accessible charging infrastructure.

Rapid market transformation, the State’s adoption of California’s zero emissions vehicle timeline, and the City’s leadership in guiding charging infrastructure deployment and electric school buses generate cautious optimism that this outcome can be largely achieved in time.

Equitable Housing and Mobility: Build more housing near transit and within the urban core. Accelerate strategies to reduce vehicle reliance and ownership by growing alternative travel modes and reshaping the street to prioritize the needs of people over vehicles.

The region is not yet building enough housing, nor is it sufficiently reducing vehicle reliance to support its climate goals.

Electric and Efficient Buildings: Electrify buildings while updating them for energy efficiency, comfort, and resilience.

Beyond Vicinity’s commitment to electrify Boston’s downtown steam system, the pace of building electrification is too slow; urgent attention is needed to accelerate and guide electrification across Boston’s building stock.

Greater Integration of Energy Systems: The utility-owned electric distribution grid must be modernized to support electrification, share the solar power generated on its roofs, and ensure resilience. Simultaneously, developing and sharing alterna-

tive thermal energy resources—such as the earth, water bodies, and waste heat—can efficiently displace fossil-fuel heating.

Efforts to develop modern energy district and microgrid systems in Boston have run into roadblocks due to legacy policy and institutions. Conflicts surrounding grid upgrades highlight the challenges facing the modernization of the infrastructure needed for Boston’s climate goals.

Targeted and Modest Use of Fossil Fuels: Fossil fuel use must drastically decline by 2050; however, modest judicious use of fossil or alternative fuels (e.g., bioenergy) will be needed to support low-cost reliability and resilience.

Fuel use is not declining fast enough across all sectors to achieve emissions reduction targets. A lack of alignment among stakeholders on the future role of fuels challenges long-term planning threatening climate, cost, and reliability objectives.

Sustainable Waste Management: The amount of waste produced needs to decline while shifting to more sustainable waste treatment practices. These practices include locally-sited material and energy recovery processes such as composting and technologies that convert organic waste to gas, electricity, or liquid fuels.

Continuing plastic use and the region’s reliance on waste incineration challenges efforts to reduce emissions. The collection of organic waste for energy recovery provides an opportunity to advance climate and zero waste goals.

Responsible Carbon Dioxide Removal: Appropriately support the scaling of carbon dioxide removal (CDR) technologies to extract carbon from the atmosphere and permanently store it in geologic or natural stocks.

Too many Boston institutions rely on buying offsets to make claims of net zero rather than prioritizing the outcomes above. CDR will play a role once mitigation efforts become exhausted, but this is not a viable near-term strategy.


Robust and Resilient Urban Forests: Boston must better manage its trees and natural spaces to ensure they grow and provide enhanced benefits to their communities in a changing climate.

The City of Boston’s recent 2022 Urban Forest Plan is a com-

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Climate

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prehensive and robust strategy for equitably restoring the city's tree canopy. The private sector and property owners should embrace it.

Protection of the Coastline: Maintain ongoing implementation of coastal resilience strategies across Boston's and the region's coastline. These include both nature-based and hard-engineered flood and sea-level rise infrastructure adaptations to reduce the risk of coastal and riverine flooding, with the aim of protecting all neighborhoods.

Despite solid neighborhood plans, efforts to protect the coastline from sea-level rise and storm surges are challenged by a lack of funding and coordination among private property owners, the City and the State.

Preparation for Extreme Weather: Prepare the infrastructure systems that support life in Boston for future climate conditions and create new resilient systems. These include stormwater, energy, transportation, and emergency support systems in both public and private spaces.

Hurricane Sandy could have hit Boston with similar force as it did in New York. Boston is currently unprepared for this likely future event on all fronts, despite deployment of new protective infrastructure.

Repair of Past Harms: Frontline communities have experienced a history of discriminatory practices, neglect, and outright damage.

A planning process to repair these harms should be initiated as emissions are mitigated, homes and blocks are made more resilient, economic opportunity is created, and community is revitalized.

"How Boston performs on these twelve outcomes tells us a great deal about how Boston is doing in moving toward its broader goals," said Michael Walsh. "This report sets the framework for evaluating our collective efforts, which will require commitment from the City of Boston, critical partnerships with state and regional governments, and investments from the private sector."

Evaluating Boston's climate goals along these lines raised four critical areas of challenge, referred to as "Big Lifts" in

the report, that are essential to achieving aggressive climate goals. The Big Lifts are linchpins to a successful response to our changing climate, but they are also decades-long, multifaceted efforts, each with their own challenges and priority actions. They are:

Retrofitting the Small Building Stock: 70,000 single- and small multifamily homes need to be electrified by a new industry powered by a workforce that represents the communities it serves.

Local Energy Planning for an Electrified City: As homes and business convert away from carbon-emitting technologies, energy planning must be rapidly modernized to meet the changing needs, enhance and modernize the distribution system, and make it more resilient in the face of extreme weather.

Building a Resilient Coastline through Improved Governance: Boston needs to be part of a decision-making process to create a governance structure for managing the Massachusetts coastline that could provide coordinated funding and mediate conflicting goals.

Prioritize Reparative Planning for Boston's Frontline Neighborhoods: Boston must run with its "Green New Deal" vision to integrate climate action with reparative planning (and become a national leader in the process). Linking reparative planning to climate action creates the imperative that communities that have experienced the "first and worst" of climate change impacts—frontline communities—should be the first to receive the benefits of climate action.

These efforts will require systemic transformations driven by funding, State and City legislation, increased staff capacity at City Hall, coordination among community organizations, metrics and accountability frameworks, leadership by the private sector, and guiding support of citizens.

The Climate Progress Report is now available for download at <https://tbf.org/climate2022>. Detailed reports on each big lift are currently being finalized and will be released on the site in the coming months. Future iterations of the report are anticipated to explore other areas in detail such as transportation, the role of the private sector, and the impact of community organizations.

Election

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cluding licenses for "all alcoholic beverages" and for 'wines and malt beverages') that any one retailer could own or control: from nine to 12 licenses in 2023; to 15 licenses in 2027; and to 18 licenses in 2031," was supported by around 54 percent of Boston voters who cast a total of 89,398 ballots citywide in favor of it.

Nearly 46 percent of Boston voters cast 74,975 ballots citywide in opposition to the proposed law, which also, beginning in 2023, would set a maximum number of "all alcoholic beverages" licenses that any one retailer could own or control at seven unless a retailer currently holds more than seven such licenses.

Ballot Question #4, which would keep in place a state law enacted about six months ago and set to go into effect next year that allows Massachusetts residents who can't provide a Green Card or other proof of U.S. citizenship to obtain a driver's license, was supported by nearly 71 percent of Boston voters, who cast a total of 114,421 ballots citywide in favor of it. Around 21 percent of Boston voters cast a total of 47,213 ballots citywide in opposition to the ballot question.

Regarding the outcome of the election, District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok wrote: "It was an amazing Election Night in Massachusetts, seeing Democratic women elected to all the statewide open seats, and watching our first female and openly lesbian Governor-Elect,

Maura Healey, declare victory. I'm especially excited because these are all women whom we've witnessed work so hard in the public interest before — Healey as Attorney General, Driscoll as a long-time mayor, Campbell on the City Council with me, and DiZoglio in the State Senate." Councilor Bok continued, "So it shows you what's possible when your state has a deep bench of strong female candidates, and I know that these are women who are going to roll up their sleeves and do the work ahead. In the City of Boston we need strong state partnership on so many fronts — from housing to transportation to climate to the opioid epidemic — so I'm really looking forward to building that partnership with these women in the lead."

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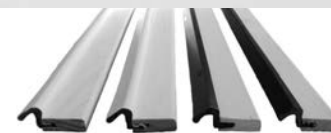
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MOTHERS OUT FRONT ORGANIZE A PUMPKIN SMASH

Mothers Out Front is a national organization that is focused on protecting the environment to ensure a livable climate for children. The Jamaica Plain team has inaugurated a Pumpkin Smash, where orange gourds that served as jack-o-lanterns and other decorative purposes can be smashed safely to be used for compost. Throwing them into the trash only adds to the landfill and composting them maximizes their potential to contribute to the eco system. Having children engage in the activity piques their interest in the climate and encouraging activism in maintaining the environment.



Annabelle Vincent made this jack o lantern, now she's preparing it for its next phase of existence.



Leann Canty is ready to go "hammer time" on a pumpkin.



Charlie Goodchild has second thoughts about saying goodbye to Halloween.

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Lila Vincent gets into the work of preparing this pumpkin for compost.



Mothers Out Front staff members Mary Brady and Gabbie McFrane hold a sign made for this occasion.



Mothers Out Front staff members Gabbie McFrane, Leann Canty, Mary Brady, and Andee Krasner.

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Lauren Sullivan uses a slam drink approach to smashing this pumpkin.



Ann Marie Vaduva gets in on the pumpkin destruction fun.



Ronan McFrane hits a pumpkin while his mother Gabbie assists.



Lila, Will and Annabelle Vincent arrive with more pumpkins to smash.



A pickup truck bed holds the aftermath of pumpkin apocalypse.



Mashed pumpkins ready for the compost pile.



Katie Oliver and Lauren Sullivan arrive with new additions to the pumpkin compost pile.

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Wu announces new environmental standards for city infrastructure, requiring use of green technology

Mayor Michelle Wu announced a new policy to require that certain City projects include environmental benefits and stormwater mitigation through the use of green infrastructure. The policy establishes five new standard designs and the necessary accompanying maintenance resources to expand the implementation of small-scale green infrastructure installations in Boston. In dense urban areas where space in public sidewalks and roadways (referred to as the right-of-way) is limited, small-scale green infrastructure (GI) can be effective in reducing stormwater flooding, promoting groundwater recharge, and filtering pollutants from runoff. Additionally, green infrastructure has numerous co-benefits, including increasing urban tree canopy, mitigating urban heat island effect, and enhancing ecological diversity.

“We are announcing Boston’s first ever green infrastructure policy and in doing so setting a new standard for safer, more sustainable roadway infrastructure throughout the city,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Together these elements will improve community safety, foster community engagement, and boost our climate resilience.”

This new policy will apply to

curb extensions, also known as neckdowns, bulb-outs, or bumpouts. Curb extensions improve safety at crosswalks by reducing the distance to cross from one side of the street to the other and preventing vehicles from parking too close to crosswalks, making pedestrians more visible to drivers. Curb extensions can also be used to ensure that crosswalks are accessible for people with limited mobility or in wheelchairs. Due to Boston's compact nature, curb extension projects often result in the creation of small spaces not suited for other uses. Historically, these spaces have been paved with impervious materials.

“These new design standards will allow the City to continue enhancing our streets as public spaces for everyone,” said Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge. “These curb extensions help keep our neighborhood safe by slowing cars and making street crossing easier for pedestrians and now they can also benefit our quality of life by providing more green space in our City.”

“Integrating green infrastructure into the City’s projects as a standard will help us reduce stormwater flooding, create new green space and provide more shade in all of our neighborhoods,” said Kate England, Director of

Green Infrastructure. “We are also excited to introduce a volunteer program that will foster stewardship by creating opportunities for neighbors to come together and take care of these new features.”

“Innovative green infrastructure policies offer an additional pathway to adapt to the impacts of climate change, such as storm-water flooding and sea level rise, while making our communities more resilient,” said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. “I am excited to support these new design measures that will bring us closer to our collective goal of being a Green New Deal city.”

The purpose of this policy is to aid the City in implementing preferred GI alternatives to current design practices and ensure adequate maintenance so that GI can be integrated as standard practice into large-scale capital projects in the future. The five design alternatives are as follows:

1 Right-of-way (ROW) Bio-retention: Curb extensions may incorporate green infrastructure in the form of Rain Gardens, Bioswales, etc.

2 Infiltration Tree Pit/Tree Trench: Curb extensions may in-

corporate green infrastructure in the form of Infiltration Tree Pits or Infiltration Tree Trenches.

3 Porous Paving: Curb extensions may incorporate Porous Asphalt, Permeable Pavers, Porous Paver Installations, and Porous Concrete Slabs.

4 Subsurface Infiltration Area: Curb extensions may incorporate Stone Subsurface Infiltration Areas (with or without perforated pipe).

5 One-time Seeding: The area within the curb extension may be seeded once with a groundcover, low-grow fescue or wildflower mix.

Additionally, to help support the longevity of green infrastructure, two GI-specific maintenance contracts will be available for maintenance on new and existing public GI installations. The first is a contract for maintenance on porous paving installations. The second is a contract for landscape maintenance on “green” infrastructure features. These two contracts will provide much needed regular maintenance, including regenerative air vacuum sweeping for porous paving, as well as vegetation maintenance, replacement, and pruning for GI features in the right-of-way. They will also provide the flexibility re-

quired to perform maintenance as needed or requested by residents through the City's 311 system.

The policy will also establish a volunteer program to assist in the maintenance of select GI sites. Prospective volunteers will be able to sign up through an online portal to “adopt” a GI feature. This program will allow volunteers to aid in litter removal and/or seasonal cleanups for GI features where they live, work, and play.

This infrastructure will complement the City's network of nearly 36,000 catch basins connected to roughly 600 miles of pipes beneath our streets, which is maintained by the Boston Water & Sewer Commission.

This announcement builds on the Wu administration's commitment to creating resilient communities while adapting to the impacts of climate change. Green infrastructure is a key component of the recently released Urban Forest Plan, which includes strategies to bolster the City of Boston's tree canopy while enhancing the livability and public health of Boston's neighborhoods. Curb extensions will be a common tool in implementing the Mayor's vision for safer streets, announced in September.

October revenue collections total \$2.359 Billion

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder announced that preliminary revenue collections for October totaled \$2.359 billion, \$85 million or 3.5% less than actual collections in October 2021, but \$293 million or 14.2% more than benchmark.[1]


FY2023 year-to-date collections

totalled approximately \$11.565 billion, which is \$369 million or 3.3% more than collections in the same period of FY2022 and \$529 million or 4.8% more than the year-to-date benchmark.


“October collections decreased in non-withholding income tax, corporate and business tax, and ‘all other tax’ in comparison to October

2021” said Commissioner Snyder. “These decreases were partially offset by increases in withholding and sales and use tax. The decrease in non-withholding is primarily driven by two offsetting factors: an increase in income tax refunds (outflows) related to passthrough entity (“PTE”) member credits and a partially offsetting increase in income tax return payments. The decrease in ‘all other tax’ is primarily attributable to estate tax, a category that tends to fluctuate. The increase in withholding is mostly due to the timing of the receipt of withholding payments: certain payments received in October 2022 were captured in November in 2021. The increase in sales and use tax reflects, in part, continued strength in retail sales.”

In general, October is among the lower months for revenue collection, because neither individual nor business taxpayers make significant estimated payments during the month. Historically, roughly 6.5% of annual revenue, on average, has been received during October.



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Groups sue EPA for failure to fully protect Boston rivers

Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) and Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) have filed a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for failing to take necessary actions to protect three Boston-area rivers from polluted runoff. Though EPA recently ac-

knowledge the damage caused by stormwater pollution from nearby properties, the agency has not issued the permits needed to protect the Charles, Mystic, and Neponset Rivers. "These iconic rivers are suffering because of the EPA's consistent foot-dragging," said Heather

Govern, CLF's Vice President of Clean Air and Water. "Despite all the evidence linking stormwater pollution to dirty and unsafe water, the agency has failed to take legally required steps to address this growing problem. We have waited over three years for them to regulate the pollution,

and these rivers cannot wait any longer." Stormwater runoff from private properties with large areas of paved surfaces, like big box stores, strip malls, private universities, and major apartment complexes, was not previously regulated by EPA. These proper-

ties contribute a disproportionate amount of polluted runoff to nearby rivers. CLF and CRWA petitioned the EPA to regulate the aforementioned properties along the Charles, Mystic, and

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New waste-disposal ban regulations are now in effect

The Baker-Polito Administration announced that new waste ban regulations that promote recycling and re-use, reduce trash disposal, and foster recycling business growth are now in effect. The new regulations will ban the disposal of mattresses and textiles in the trash, as well as decrease food waste from businesses and institutions. Massachusetts currently has a food waste ban on businesses disposing one ton or more per week, and these regulations lower that threshold to a half-ton per week.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) established a ban on disposal of food waste from businesses and institutions disposing of one ton or more per week in 2014, which increased food waste diversion from 100,000 tons per year to more than 300,000 tons per year, while also creating hundreds of new jobs and increasing the gross state product by \$77 million. Despite this progress, food waste still represents more than one-fifth of the trash we dispose of. Lowering the threshold from one ton to a half-ton per week aims to continue Massachusetts' progress in this area. An estimated 4,000 businesses will be subject

to the new threshold. Fortunately, Massachusetts businesses are well on their way to compliance as more than 3,500 businesses already participated in a food waste collection program in 2021.

"In order to meet the important goals outlined in the 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan, the Baker-Polito Administration has focused on reducing waste disposal, while also increasing recycling, diversion, reuse, and composting measures," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card. "These regulations and the supporting strategies that are being implemented today will continue our nation-leading efforts and jumpstart waste diversion work that is occurring across the Commonwealth."

MassDEP has supported the food waste ban by providing grants to businesses establishing or expanding capacity to manage food waste, including anaerobic digestion and composting operations. MassDEP also recently announced a new grant offering to invest in expanding the infrastructure for collecting food waste, mattresses, and textiles. Additionally, MassDEP supports business waste reduction, recycling, and composting initiatives

through the RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts program. This program, which is fully funded by MassDEP, is run under contract by the Center for Eco Technology. Through RecyclingWorks, Massachusetts businesses receive free assistance to manage any waste they generate, including the new banned materials.

Textiles represent another important opportunity for Massachusetts to reduce the waste stream and capture valuable resources. Each year, the Commonwealth throws out more than 200,000 tons of textiles in the trash. This includes old clothing, as well as other things like towels, linens, and even bags, belts, and shoes. Fortunately, Massachusetts has an extensive collection infrastructure of both non-profit and for-profit textile recovery organizations that can find a new use for these materials, either through selling or donating for reuse, or recycling into products such as carpet padding, insulation, or wiping rags.

"Recovering textiles is an excellent opportunity for our cities and towns to reduce trash disposal from their residents at the same time as they get paid for the valuable textiles that they recover," said MassDEP Com-

missioner Martin Suuberg. "We are pleased to partner with this burgeoning industry to remove these valuable materials from the waste stream and put them back to work."

Mattresses are a difficult material to manage at solid waste facilities and take up a large amount of space in landfills. More than 75 percent of mattresses can be effectively separated and recycled, including metal, wood, fabric, and padding. Massachusetts has established a statewide mattress recycling contract that includes five recycling companies that can serve Massachusetts municipalities that establish mattress recycling programs to

serve their residents. MassDEP has provided grants to several of those companies, as well as other Massachusetts-based mattress recyclers, to increase the capacity to manage mattresses as well as to create new job opportunities. Massachusetts generates approximately 600,000 unwanted mattresses per year, about 200,000 of them from residents, with the rest coming from businesses and institutions. MassDEP has provided grants to help establish mattress recycling programs in 137 municipalities.

More information on the waste disposal bans is available on MassDEP's website.

EPA

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Neponset Rivers in 2019 and 2020.

In response to our petitions, EPA announced on September 14, 2022, that certain polluters in the three watersheds will be required to comply with a Clean Water Act permit to reduce stormwater runoff. But EPA has not yet issued the permits that will actually reduce stormwater pollution, which is why CLF and CRWA are taking EPA to court.

"The EPA must move quickly. Stormwater runoff is increasing as rainfall gets heavier with climate change, adding more pollution to our rivers," said Emily Norton, CRWA's Executive Director. "The Charles River is clearly

suffering, as CRWAs monitoring of toxic algal blooms and water quality shows."

Over several years, EPA's failure to regulate these polluters has resulted in ever-increasing toxic algae blooms on all three rivers in the warmer months,

which make people and pets sick, and put activities like boating and kayaking at risk - limiting public use of the river and harming the outdoor recreation economy. The blooms also degrade water quality and harm the wildlife that calls the rivers home.

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Salads for holiday menus

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Have you considered adding salads to your holiday meals? Traditional side dishes on a Thanksgiving table might be more inviting to some of your diners if they were in salad form. What’s more, salads can be made ahead, demand less attention from the cook, and don’t need space on a crowded stove.

Food Preferences Have Changed

Many of our holiday food traditions come from a time when hearty food was needed for people who performed manual labor. Today, many of us are careful about what we eat because our work is less physical. Some guests may decline meat, avoid gluten, or have food allergies. More of your guests will have their needs and preferences met if you opt for vegan salads (perhaps with an assortment of add-ins like bacon or nuts on the side).

Thanksgiving Options

You can begin with a classic Thanksgiving turkey with gravy,

stuffing, and mashed potatoes. It’s the side dishes that can be transformed. You might replace a green bean casserole with a protein-packed salad of cannellini, kidney, and garbanzo beans in a vinaigrette dressing. We discovered sweet potato salads this year and would happily include this option in place of candied yams.

Tang is one flavor profile that is missing from most Turkey-Day meals. If the cranberry sauce is homemade and not too sweet, it can offer a brighter flavor to cut through the heavier food. You might consider a dish of pickled beets as an uplifting side. Asian-style coleslaw is another salad that can be sweet and sour or even hot and sweet. This touch of spice would give the chiliheads in the group reason to cheer.

Great artisan pickles are becoming more common. You might search out your Great Aunt Tilly’s condiment server and provide an assortment of pickles, chutneys, and mustards for guests to add to their plates.



Sweet potato salad can make a light and easy-to-prepare ahead, side dish for your holiday table.

What Can I Bring?

Salads are the perfect answer when you are hosting, and your guests are bringing part of the meal. These dishes are easy to transport and can go right on the table or buffet when they arrive without a trip through the kitchen. Many of the suggestions we’ve made here are best when

prepared ahead and allowed to marinate.

We suggest you ask the salad maker to keep the dressing on the side for salads that are best when tossed at the last moment and make dressing their contribution their responsibility. Another option is to put the dressing in a separate bowl and

let the guests add their own. That can help make a big bowl of leafy greens better as a leftover.

Leftover Salads

Around our house, we have two opinions on leftover salads. Ed loves them all, even those with wilted greens. Penny only enjoys marinated salads like slaw or carrot salad as leftovers. If you choose your salad sides carefully, they can become part of the weekend smorgasbord. While traditional mayo coleslaw is typical on sandwiches like pulled pork, we love Asian slaw on turkey sandwiches. The pickle tray can come out and brighten the sandwich plates.

Yes, you will have someone who profoundly regrets your decision to replace their favorite holiday menu item with a salad version. However, you may also receive praise from other guests who were happy to bring something easy to make or who may even ask if they can take a little of a delicious salad home in their doggie bag.

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by Sarah Carroll





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MOTHERS OUT FRONT ORGANIZE A PUMPKIN SMASH



Lauren Sullivan uses a slam drink approach to smashing this pumpkin.



Ann Marie Vaduva gets in on the pumpkin destruction fun.



Ronan McFrane hits a pumpkin while his mother Gabbie assists.



Lila, Will and Annabelle Vincent arrive with more pumpkins to smash.



A pickup truck bed holds the aftermath of pumpkin apocalypse.



Mashed pumpkins ready for the compost pile.



Katie Oliver and Lauren Sullivan arrive with new additions to the pumpkin compost pile.

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EDITORIAL

Remember to thank
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This Friday, November 11, marks the national holiday of Veterans Day, a day marked by solemnity and reverence to honor those who have served in our nation's military.

Veteran's Day initially was known as Armistice Day when it was enacted in 1919 in observance of the end of World War I (which at that time was known as The Great War) on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

A new film on Netflix, All Quiet on the Western Front, a remake of the classic 1930s film based on the book of the same name, graphically depicts the futility of that conflict in which the front lines of the opposing sides became entrenched (literally) from the start of the war to the end.

The only thing that changed during the course of the conflict that began in 1914 was the number of deaths that grew with each passing year of the war. Eventually, 10 million soldiers and another 10 million civilians perished in a war that was fought for nothing and achieved nothing.

The most notable aspect of the carnage of the so-called "war to end all wars," from the perspective of history, is that it laid the groundwork for WWII just 20 years later by imposing such onerous terms upon the defeated Germans that it provided fertile ground for the rise of Adolf Hitler.

Hitler invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, and the world again became enmeshed in a global conflagration that made the first world war seem like a mere practice run for the mass annihilation that took place from 1939-45.

Even after that epic second world war, America has been involved in countless bloody conflicts in the 77 years since General Douglas MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender on the Battleship USS Missouri and millions of our fellow Americans have fought in our nation's numerous wars and military engagements since then.

Unfortunately, "Peace is at hand" has been nothing but a meaningless slogan for most of the past 103 years.

Armistice Day officially became known as Veterans Day in 1954 so as to include those who served in WWII and the Korean War. All of our many veterans since then also have become part of the annual observance to express our nation's appreciation to the men and women who bravely have answered the call of duty to ensure that the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been preserved against the many challenges we have overcome.

Although Veterans Day, as with all of our other national holidays, unfortunately has become commercialized, we urge our readers to take a moment, even if just quietly by ourselves, to contemplate the debt we owe to the veterans of all of our wars and to be grateful to them for allowing us to live freely in the greatest nation on earth.

If nothing else, Veterans Day should remind us that freedom isn't free and that maintaining our freedom since our nation's founding has required the personal sacrifice of the millions of our fellow Americans who have placed their lives on the line to preserve our ideals and our way of life.



OP-ED

Thanksgiving is coming and it's never out of season
to say thank you

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Say thank you to your local politicians. The majority of those who pursue an office, lose. Losing is tough and usually expensive. Thank them for their interest in your community or state and for the time they gave making their case and pursuing votes.

Our world would be better if we all said thank you and please as often as possible. Amazingly many people don't know how to say thank you, or please.

If someone does anything for you say thank you. Even if they haven't necessarily done it for you but are helping others then say thank you. Thank your community leaders, teachers, politicians, clergy, this media source, family, friends and anyone who is somehow positively impacting your life.

Teaching our kids to say thank you and to say it often is well worth our time for us and them.

Here are some thank you notes from Reader's Digest, RD.com June 2022

About 15 years ago, we purchased a dining set from an older couple after seeing their ad. When we went to pick it up, it was apparent to me that the lady was having a hard time

seeing it go, although it hadn't been used for many years. On Thanksgiving, I set the table, took a picture, and sent it to her, saying we were thankful to be enjoying the beautiful set. She sent a note back that read, it looks like it was meant to be. It really has helped me, seeing it

happy. Thank you from my heart. —Diane Ensich, Mansfield, Texas
As a volunteer, I recorded several audiobooks for the blind. I received a braille card that said thanks for my work. Fortunately,

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Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN
Docket No. SU21P0015GD
In the Interests of: Joseph Rivard
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA
RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lemuel Shattuck Hospital of Jamaica Plain, MA and Mission Care at Holyoke of Holyoke, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court. 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 A.M. on the return date of 01/05/2023. 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**
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 27, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

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Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU22P2441EA
Estate of: Linda Marvin Hastie
Also Known As: Linda Chase Hastie
Date of Death: 09/10/2021
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John C. Hastie of Easton, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: John C. Hastie of Easton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU22P2322EA
Estate of: Eladia Amable Ross
Also known as: Ross A. Eladia
Date of Death: 11/26/2019
To all interest persons: A Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jose O. Urrea of. Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Jose O. Urrea of Jamaica Plain, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this

Court.
Date: October 27, 2022
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LEGAL NOTICECITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO LIMIT THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON
Docket No. SU20P1920GD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
In the interests of: Julie Tejada Of: East Boston, MA
RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected 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 requesting that the court: Limit the Powers of a Guardian.
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited, since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 19, 2022
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the sender also enclosed a reading chart for the braille words. It took me 90 minutes to figure out what the card said. It reminded me of how blessed I am and how much I can keep giving. —Yen Chou, Taipei, Taiwan

My coworker sent me this heartwarming e-mail after I was laid off: Thank you for giving me a chance way back when. This position got me off state assistance, paid for my car, and has blessed me and my son in so many ways. You have been an amazing mentor and friend, Mike. The best! I've learned so much and not just about pest control. To speak up for myself. To be less emotional when things go wrong. To have patience with myself and others. Thank you for being so incredibly patient with me and my thou-

sands of questions and mistakes! It has helped my confidence in so many ways. Thank you! Thank you! It was humbling for me to know that I had that kind of impact on someone's life by just being myself, doing my job. —Michael Shearing, Port Angeles, Washington.

After I had worked as a mail carrier for 30 years, it was time to retire. I put a note in each of my 436 customers' mailboxes, thanking them for allowing me to serve them over the years. I never expected that on my last day so many would hang balloons on the boxes and put out so many beautiful thank-yous. I hope I delivered all the mail properly that day, as there were tears of gratitude filling my eyes. —Kay Scott, Bucyrus, Ohio

I was gram's favorite, and she was mine. She passed away in September 2016, at 100½—she always said you earned the "half" when you got to be her age. To my

surprise, I received a card in the mail that my sweet grandma had tucked away for my aunt to send after she passed. It read, Melis, thank you for all the nice things you did for me. Remember, this is the year you'll meet your man. Be cool and play it safe. Don't screw it up. Be careful. I'll be watching you. All my love, Gram.—Melissa Wegman, Cincinnati, Ohio

You can find these and other thank you notes on RD.com Reader's Digest, June 3, 2022

Thanksgiving season is here. Let's all aim for a lifestyle of saying thank you.

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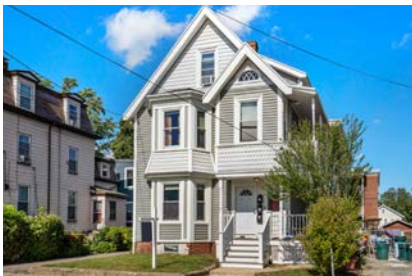
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