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THE MADARO FOUNDATION HOSTS ANNUAL EASTIE'S ELVES TOY DRIVE AT THE HARBORSIDE HYATT IN EAST BOSTON



Eastie's Elves Toy Drive /Dinner Dance tradition has brought smiles and happiness to thousands of children around the East Boston Community, and now has expanded its range to include the communities of Revere and Winthrop. Shown are Representative Madaro with his staff that worked tirelessly making Eastie's Elves a success. Front: Jessica Bresler, Gabriela Ramirez, Steven Gingras, Marcela Lopez-Romero, Brianna Pereira, and Gloribel Rivas-Soldz. Back: Thomas Baranowski, and Garrett Kirk. See page 3 for more photos.

Wu announces White Stadium lease agreement

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the City of Boston has executed a Lease Agreement and BPS Stadium Usage Agreement with Boston Unity Soccer Partners, paving the way for the largest investment into BPS Athletics and White Stadium since it opened in 1949. This renovation and ongoing lease arrangement will transform the facilities and opportunities for Boston Public School students, Franklin Park lovers, and all community members. The new White Stadium complex will anchor youth sports in Boston with state-of-the-art facilities for multiple sports, as well as modern locker rooms, sports medicine, strength and conditioning for all students, and a much-desired community event space. The project will also host robust community programming; help implement needed park upgrades outlined in the

Franklin Park Action Plan; and create a home for Boston's National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) team. The City and Boston Public Schools will retain ownership of the stadium and will have priority in stadium scheduling. First opened in 1949, White Stadium has been deteriorating for decades, particularly since a fire in the 1990s rendered a large section of the facility unusable, and multiple efforts to kickstart renovations over several decades have fallen through. The City's carefully negotiated plan, shaped and propelled forward by extensive community input, represents the first concrete steps to fix White Stadium in more than 60 years. When completed, White Stadium will be one of three carbon neutral stadiums in the country. Construction is expected to begin in January. "Delivering excellent

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Healey, Driscoll, GM Eng celebrate removal of slow zones on 'T' for the first time in 20 Years

Special to the Times-Free Press

Governor Maura Healey, Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll and MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng joined MBTA workers and riders at North Station in celebrating the completion of the T's Track Improvement Program and the removal of slow zones for the first time in 20 years. Since 2003, the MBTA removed more than 220 speed restrictions and replaced 250,000 feet of rail across the system, saving riders 2.4 million minutes every weekday and generating nearly \$1 million in economic benefit every day.

"This is an awesome milestone. We knew when we first took office that it was essential that we improve safety and reliability on the T. So, we got General Manager Eng and his team into place, and they developed and executed on their strategy with our strong support. And as a result, riders are getting more time back in their days and our entire economy is seeing the benefits," said Governor Maura Healey. "I want to extend my deep gratitude to the T workers who made all of this work possible, as well as to the T riders who endured years of unreliable service and shutdowns. We thank you for your patience during this time and for your continued commitment to public

transportation in Massachusetts. We know there is still work to be done. We're going to continue to invest in the T, and Phil and the team are going to continue working every day to deliver the world-class service that Massachusetts deserves." "Each of these 2.4 million minutes saved is time back to the people of Massachusetts to spend more time with their families, pick the kids up from school, make a doctor's appointment that they've been putting off for too long, or make a stop in a local small business," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "We're so proud of the work that Phil and his team have accomplished with the support of T riders, and we're committed to ensuring they continue to have the resources they need to deliver even more of this progress."

"The completion of the Track Improvement Program is an outstanding accomplishment toward furthering the Healey-Driscoll Administration's commitment to providing safe, reliable, equitable, and accessible public transportation for all riders," said Transportation Secretary Monica Tibbitts-Nutt. "General Manager Eng, our project delivery teams, and the crews on the front lines all deserve tremendous credit for their part in this momentous work. We have appreciated the strategic management by MBTA officials for these projects and have been grateful to riders for their patience while this critical work was underway." "This has been a true team effort, and I want to thank everyone—from planning and construction to those maintaining our system and communicating with the public. All MBTA employees played a vital role in moving us

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Office of Housing celebrates GrowBoston accomplishments

Special to the Times-Free Press

The Mayor's Office of Housing announced the highlights and accomplishments of GrowBoston: Office of Urban Agriculture over the last year. Through innovative programs and targeted investments, GrowBoston continues to expand urban agriculture, improve food security, and enhance community green spaces across the city. "I'm so proud of what our team has accomplished this year," said Shani Fletcher, Director of GrowBoston. "By expanding opportunities for local growers and beekeepers and supporting communities to establish new food production spaces, we're building on decades of work to make food production more accessible and sustainable. These achievements are a testament to our team's dedication to creating a greener, healthier Boston for all."

Throughout 2024, the GrowBoston Grassroots Open Space Development Program awarded seven grants totaling \$950,000.

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Some of the food grown with the help from GrowBoston.

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ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA AND NORTH SHORE NEWS



The Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore recently held their annual Holiday Celebration at Jimmy's Steer House in Saugus. Every year at this time they collect toys and bring them to this event to donate to The Salvation Army in Chelsea. This has been a tradition for at least 20 years and is one they hope to continue. Shown (left to right) are Diane Cambria, Mary Jane O'Neill, Theresa Czerepica, Janice Sikorski, Sheila Arsenault, Trish O'Flaherty, Roberta Bayne, Adele Lubarsky, Christine DePrizio, Pam Miller, Barbara Lawlor, and Joan Lanzillo-Haheys. Missing from photo is Georgia Green.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

This is the most wonderful time of the year, to paraphrase the popular song, with holiday music playing in the malls and on our car radios, resurrecting our earliest childhood memories of Christmases-past.

We choose just the right tree, decorate it carefully with our family-heirloom ornaments, and when we first turn on the lights, it brings a smile to the faces of even the most-jaded among us.

Despite our hectic rushing to and fro, everybody, it seems, is in a good mood. We endure the traffic and the long lines in stores because we know that what we are doing will bring joy and happiness to others.

For those of us with young children, we get to see Christmas through their eyes, giving us a second chance to experience the wonder and joy that we felt when we were their age.

Although all of us celebrate the holiday season in our own way, the common thread is one of peace, joy, and happiness, regardless of religious or secular beliefs. Whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or a Seinfeldian Festivus, the spirit of the season imbues us with a sense of togetherness that transcends whatever negativity may exist both in our own lives and in the world around us.

We wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

HAPPY HANUKKAH

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, starts this Wednesday evening, December 25, and will culminate on Thursday, January 2.

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days by lighting the candles of the Menorah, one on each day of the eight-day celebration. (The Menorah itself consists of nine candles, one of which typically stands above the rest and is used to light the other eight.)

Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees in 166 BCE when the Maccabees liberated the Jewish people from the Greek-based rulers who essentially had outlawed the Jewish religion.

When the triumphant Maccabees captured the city of Jerusalem, they quickly entered the Holy Temple, tossing out the images of the Greek gods that had been installed there by the occupying rulers. When the Maccabees went to light the Menorah candles in the Temple, they thought they only had one day's worth of oil. However, the candles remained lit for eight days -- hence the miracle of the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah usually is a joyous occasion for Jews world-wide, marked by gatherings of friends and families and the playing of traditional games such as the dreidel and eating traditional -- and delicious! -- foods such as latkes. Needless to say, in the aftermath of the events of October 7, 2024, as well as the subsequent increase in anti-semitic incidents, Hanukkah this year will have special meaning for Jews the world over.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish our friends and readers of the Jewish community a happy, healthy, and joyful Hanukkah season and we join them in solidarity against anti-semitism in all its forms.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS SAFELY

The upcoming holiday week means that most of us will be partaking in traditional gatherings with our families, friends, and co-workers to share the joy of the holiday season.

Unfortunately, this also means that many among us will be overindulging in holiday "spirits."

It is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that where alcohol is present, it is used responsibly, not only by ourselves, but by those around us at our holiday gatherings. None of us wants to wake up the next morning with the regret, "If only I had taken their car keys."

We wish all of our readers a happy, and safe, holiday season.

Your opinions, please

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF BOSTON WILL BRING SOME PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET CLOSURES

People attending these events are encouraged to walk, bike, or take public transit. Information on Bluebikes, the regional bike share service, may be found on the website and information on the MBTA may be found online. The MBTA advises riders to purchase a round-trip rather than a one-way ticket for a faster return trip. Walking is also a great way to move around.

Hanukkah Vehicle Procession – Thursday, December 26, 2024

The annual Hanukkah Vehicle Procession will be taking place in Brighton. The procession starts near Dighton Street and Chest-

nut Hill Avenue. Parking restrictions will be in effect to support the event from 1PM to 8PM on the following streets:

- Dighton Street, Both sides, from Chestnut Hill Avenue to the Winthrop School.

- Chestnut Hill Avenue, West side (odd side), from #5 Chestnut Hill Avenue (Bank of America) to Academy Hill Road.

First Night Boston 2025 – Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Parking restrictions will be in place on the following streets:

- Arlington Street, Both sides, from Beacon Street to Boylston Street

- Atlantic Avenue, East side, from East India Row to Commercial Street

- Atlantic Avenue, West side, from Commercial Wharf to Cross Street

- Beacon Street, Both sides, from Charles Street to Arlington Street

- Boylston Street, North side (Public Garden side), from Arlington Street to Charles Street

- Both sides, from Charles Street to Tremont Street

- Cambridge Street, Both sides, from Court Street to Sudbury Street

- Cambridge Street, South side (even side), from Bowdoin Street to Somerset Street

- Charles Street, West side (Public Garden side) from Boylston Street to Beacon Street

- Charles Street South, West side (odd side, opposite the Transportation Building) from Park Plaza to Boylston Street

- Court Street, East side (City Hall side) from Court Square inbound to Cambridge Street

- Tremont Street, Both sides from Court Street to Boylston Street

Events such as parades, road races, and street fairs may require road closures to accommodate the activities.

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one step closer to a state of good repair," said MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng. "Thank you to our workforce for their diligence, and to our riders for their patience throughout the process. I also want to acknowledge Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll for their leadership and support of our workforce. Our goal is to continue the positive momentum by focusing on accessibility and signal upgrades in 2025, as well as staying on top of preventative maintenance to ensure the T delivers safe, reliable and frequent service to best serve the public today as we build for future generations."

The Track Improvement Program has been a bold and ambitious initiative to eliminate speed restrictions across the subway system and bring the MBTA's tracks closer towards a State of Good Repair. With the completion of the Green Line work on December 20, the MBTA subway system has undergone key track upgrades, including the replacement of over 15,400 feet of full depth track reconstruction, the replacement of approximately 38,000 ties, the installation of nearly 251,500 feet of new rail, and the performance of nearly 325,000 feet of tamping.

This major achievement was made possible by 23 full-access closures across various lines throughout the year, ranging from weekend closures to several days or even weeks of work. These closures allowed for safe and efficient construction, ultimately enhancing the safety of riders and workers alike while improving reliability and reducing delays. Uninterrupted work was a key factor in the expeditious completion of the project.

As a result of these improvements, roundtrip travel time has been significantly reduced for riders: over 20 minutes on the Orange Line, nearly an hour on the Red Line, 4 minutes on the Blue Line, and almost 9 minutes on the Green Line.

The MBTA's efforts show that, on average, heavy rail riders on the Red, Orange, and Blue Lines now collectively save 2.4 million minutes per weekday due to the removal of speed restrictions. This translates to \$950,000 in daily economic benefits, representing an estimated \$300 million in annual savings for the region. This milestone highlights the positive impact of enhanced rail operations for commuters following the first multi-day Ashmont service outage in October 2023.

The completion of the Track Improvement Program marks the culmination of a year of progress for the Healey-Driscoll Administration's goal of improving reliability and safety across the system. Governor Healey delivered the highest level of state funding to the T for the first time in 20 years, including leveraging \$600 million from Fair Share funding to support rail and station upgrades. The T also launched a first-of-its-kind reduced fares program, as well as a new contactless payment system.

In the future, speed restrictions may be needed

from time to time if warranted by a changing track condition -- this is normal and common across all passenger rail service providers. As a result of the successful Track Improvement Program that has taken place over the last year, the MBTA is now well-positioned to quickly respond to any track issues that may arise. If and when new restrictions are required, they will be addressed promptly to continue to provide riders with the safe and reliable service they deserve.

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Eastie's Elves started over 20 years ago and it has been passed down to the Madaro Foundation, headed by State Representative Adrian Madaro & family.

This holiday toy drive / dinner dance tradition has brought smiles and happiness to thousands of children around the East Boston community, and now has expanded its range to include the communities of Revere and Winthrop.

With the generosity of many local businesses and donations from residents of all these communi-

ties the Eastie's Elves toy drive has become a staple in the community of good will, and thanks to the hard work of the many volunteers it grows bigger every year.

The volunteers of the Madaro Foundation have just hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner program, during which they fed over 1,000 families, and still stayed focused on the Christmas venue of Eastie's Elves, collecting toys and donations, to make this Christmas a very merry one for lots of deserving children.



Joetta and Julianna Yutkins enjoying themselves at the Eastie's Elves event last week.



Jacqueline Babin lucky winner of a pair of Bruins tickets, shown with Representative Madaro.



Isabel Vasquez wearing her best holiday attire.



Molly Roark from First Priority CU with Michael Bucci and Bob Bennett from IAM 1726 East Boston.



State Representative Adrian Madaro welcomes his guests to the Eastie's Elves at the Hyatt Hotel, Aaron Michlewitz Chairman of the House Ways and Means, John Lynds, and former East Boston City Councilor Sal LaMattina.



The Madaro family welcomed hundreds of supporters of Eastie's Elves last Friday evening at the Harborside Hyatt Hotel, State Representative Adrian and Ariel Madaro with Nico and Mateo.



Beverly Richards of the Beverly Richards Dance School (right) with Sara Arango and Jennifer Curry and Felicity Shelton.



State Representative Adrian Madaro with some of his crew ready to start the raffles, shown: Brianna Pereira, Allison Markowski, Lauren Uhl, Samantha Chong, and Mary Bancroft.



The members of the East Boston High School Boys Soccer Team after collecting hundreds of toys for the event hit the dance floor.

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DAY OF THE LITTLE CANDLES CELEBRATION

DEREK KOUYOUJIAN PHOTOS

The Veronica Robles Cultural Center held a celebration of El Día de las Velitas, or Day of the

Little Candles is an unofficial start of the Christmas season in Columbia. The holiday honors the Virgin

Mary, commemorating the Immaculate Conception the following day. The celebration involves lighting

candles, eating traditional Columbian food, performing music, and enjoying the community together.



Wendy López preforms on violin.



Alexa and Yelitza light candles.



Author Yohana Zapata and Carolina Alzate offer her literature and other gifts for sale.



Veronica Robles with Claudia Gomez, owner of Bono Restaurant.



Angelo Betancur and Valeria Santillan.



Performing violin renditions of Christmas carols were Angelo Betancur, Valeria Santillan, Vilma Pineda, and Wendy López.



Members of the Veronica Robles Cultural Center Chorus get ready to sing.



Members of the Veronica Robles Cultural Center Chorus sing Silent Night in Spanish.



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Shown (above and below) are members of the Veronica Robles Cultural Center Chorus sing Silent Night in Spanish.



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These funds, ranging from \$50,000 to \$150,000 per project, will support neighborhood-based groups in Roxbury, Mattapan, Charlestown, and Jamaica Plain. The grants aim to develop and improve community gardens and open spaces in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. Selected through a rigorous review process, the projects were evaluated based on design, community participation, and alignment with the City's diversity, equity, and inclusion principles.

As part of its Raised Bed Grant Program, GrowBoston allocated more than \$385,000 to six projects, enabling the construction of 532 raised garden beds across Boston. These gardens will enhance local food systems, providing low-income and food-insecure households with the resources to grow their own produce. The program underscores the City's dedication to addressing food insecurity while empowering residents to take an active role in their food production.

"At The Food Project, my favorite part of the job is supporting people taking the step to grow their own food," said Danielle Andrews, Boston Farm Manager for The Food Project. "Last week, we installed a raised bed for an elderly woman who had recently lost her husband and moved in with her daughter in Dorchester. Gardening had been a childhood joy for her, and she was eager to reconnect with it while sharing the experience with her grandchildren. People apply for raised beds for many reasons—mental, physical, spiritual health, teaching their children, or saving on groceries. Every story is meaningful, and I'm grateful to the City of Boston for supporting a program that helps build healthier individuals and communities."

Further bolstering this effort, the Urban Agriculture Ambassador Program awarded a total of \$352,000 to four grantees in East Boston, Mattapan, Dorchester, and Roxbury. Each grantee will provide one-on-one garden education and technical assistance to residents benefiting from the Raised Bed Program. These ambassadors will also facilitate community workshops, ensuring that public facilities and local gardeners receive the support they need to thrive.

A groundbreaking bee ordinance, crafted in collaboration with City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune's office and the Inspectional Services Department (ISD), was passed this year. This ordinance removes beekeeping from the zoning code and places it in the municipal code, making it allowable citywide under specific guidelines. Previously,

beekeeping was permitted in only a small portion of Boston, forcing many to seek variances or operate without legal approval in order to engage in this aspect of urban agriculture. This change reflects Boston's commitment to fostering sustainable urban agriculture practices while ensuring compliance with local regulations.

This year, GrowBoston published the 85-page Urban Agriculture Recommendations Report, a comprehensive guide to strengthening Boston's urban agriculture landscape. The report includes 22 recommendations and 225 sub-recommendations designed to expand food production, improve access, and promote sustainability across the city. Currently in its second phase, the GrowBoston team is prioritizing actionable strategies from the report and actively working toward implementation, paving the way for future growth in Boston's food systems and green initiatives.

The accomplishments of GrowBoston in 2024 reflect the City of Boston's commitment to fostering resilience, sustainability, and equity through urban agriculture. By empowering local growers, collaborating with City Council as well as City agencies, and creating vibrant community spaces, GrowBoston is laying the groundwork for a healthier, greener future. The Mayor's Office of Housing will continue to champion these efforts, ensuring that all Boston residents have access to the resources and opportunities needed to grow, thrive, and connect with their communities.

GrowBoston's goal is to increase food production and support local food producers in Boston, including gardeners, farmers, beekeepers, and more. Our work builds on the long-term work of the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH). MOH, through the Grassroots Program, has been supporting the development of community gardens, urban farms, food forests, and other open spaces through land disposition and capital funding for more than 25 years. We work to increase food-growing spaces throughout Boston. We support the implementation of innovative food production strategies, such as rooftop growing, vertical growing, and hydroponics. GrowBoston provides technical help to prospective and existing gardens and farms. Our team develops educational and other food production resources for gardeners, farmers, and residents. We partner with sister agencies to leverage public facilities to increase food production. We also coordinate with other City departments to make food production more accessible in Boston.

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education for BPS students includes ensuring the fullest access to sports, arts, and enrichment of every kind across the city. White Stadium is a generational opportunity to anchor citywide youth sports, revitalize community programming, and bolster our beloved, historic Franklin Park—all while creating a home for the City of Champions’ newest professional team,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “I’m so grateful for all the community members, coaches, students, and park lovers who helped shape this project to reflect the community’s dreams for the next generation. Thank you to Boston Unity Soccer Partners for their commitment to our students and community, and their comprehensive investment to make this dream a reality.”

“This is an exciting moment for BPS and our student athletes who are so deserving of a world class facility to call home,” said Mary Skipper, Superintendent of Boston Public Schools. “This major investment by the City and Boston Unity Soccer Partners will have direct and lasting benefits for BPS students who will have access to state-of-the-art facilities where they can study, train and compete. The new White Stadium will also provide us with an opportunity to continue expanding on our storied athletics program. I’m incredibly proud to bring this project another step closer to reality for BPS students and I can’t wait to see our teams compete on this exceptional stage.”

“We are incredibly proud that our team’s home will be in the heart of the city through this generational public-private-community partnership to revitalize White Stadium,” said Jennifer Epstein, Controlling Owner of Boston Unity Soccer Partners. “This transformative milestone enables our club to deliver a lasting, year-round impact for Boston Public School student-athletes while uplifting the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses and providing a world-class facility for our home games. A renewed White Stadium will honor its historic roots while providing an extraordinary fan experience and we are excited to take the pitch at this iconic venue for our inaugural season in 2026.”

“This marks a historic step forward not just for the future of professional women’s soccer in Boston, but for the entire sports community,” said NWSL Commissioner Jessica Berman. “This agreement between the City of Boston and Boston Unity Soccer Partners is a shining example of how sports can serve as a catalyst for innovation and meaningful impact. We are thrilled to see this vision come to life and grateful to Mayor Wu and the countless community voices who have made this possible. This partnership sets a precedent for how public and private collaboration can elevate women’s sports and leave a lasting legacy in our cities.”

The project incorporates comprehensive feedback from neighborhood residents, BPS athletes and coaches, and the Franklin Park community—shared through more than 60 public meetings and small group community discussions and more than 900 public comment letters. The

project was also vetted by and received approvals from the Boston Civic Design Commission, Zoning Commission, Parks Commission, Landmarks Commission, BPDA Board, and the Boston School Committee.

The financial and operational landlord/tenant arrangement between the City of Boston and Boston Unity Soccer Partners is defined by multiple legally binding documents outlining the public-private partnership to deliver, operate, and maintain the complex:

Cooperation Agreement: Outlines project scope and codifies commitments regarding mitigation, community benefits, and operational details as part of the Article 80 development review approval issued in July 2024.

Lease Agreement: Establishes financial terms and legal obligations for maintenance and operations of the facility.

Stadium Usage Agreement: Codifies responsibilities and usage terms including types of permissible activities, hours of operation, and noise level and lighting mitigation.

Work Letter: Defines the scope of construction and parameters for coordinating construction activities between the two structural halves of the project.

BUSP/NWSL/City of Boston Side Letters: Reflects the team’s, league’s, and City’s commitment to the unique partnership for the Boston Public Schools.

Through these legal agreements, the City of Boston, Boston Unity Soccer, and the NWSL are setting new standards for public benefit.

New or Renovated Amenities

With newly modernized facilities, White Stadium will sustain at least 700 programmable hours annually for BPS, ensuring year-round opportunities for student-athletes:

Regulation-size, eight-lane track and facilities for track and field for BPS to host state track meets, including new field events such as shot put and pole vault for the first time

Natural grass field for BPS soccer, end of season football, and other BPS sports teams

BPS student athlete locker rooms

BPS strength and conditioning spaces

BPS sports medicine facilities

BPS Athletics administrative offices and space for coaching staff

BPS student lounge spaces for studying

Community event space to foster academic and social growth and celebrate student achievements or host community events.

Freshly surfaced bas-

ketball courts outside the stadium

Resurfaced and expanded tennis courts within Franklin Park so BPS can host competitive tennis matches

Modernized and expanded BPS Athletic equipment storage

For park users and community members, new upgrades will also include investments laid out in the Franklin Park Action Plan:

Public restrooms and water fountains accessible throughout the year

Freshly paved and surfaced pathways outside the stadium

New lighting for enhanced safety and wayfinding outside the stadium

Stormwater infrastructure to address drainage issues and prevent flooding

Reopening an acre of green space in the park by removing fencing south of the current stadium that has long closed off public access

Expanded public offerings and programs in the Grove, connected to the nearby Playstead, Overlook, and future Elma Lewis Playhouse project

Enhanced seasonal maintenance as Boston Unity Soccer Partners will assist the Parks Department in the Playstead and newly planted meadow areas around the stadium

Financial Terms

Boston Unity Soccer Partners will fund more than half of the construction costs for the new complex, as they will carry out construction of the West Grandstand, public restrooms, NWSL team spaces, scoreboard, stadium lighting, technology system, and the Grove area. The City will carry out construction of the East Grandstand, BPS student athletics spaces, the grass field, and the track. Boston Unity Soccer Partners will be responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance for the team’s spaces and all the shared areas of the facility, including the field and track. See table below for a detailed breakdown of construction, maintenance, and usage responsibilities.

Boston Unity Soccer Partners will be responsible for ongoing financial payments to the City:

Rent: \$200,000 annualized first season payment, prorated for the number of months the field will be operational; \$400,000 annualized rent, in monthly payments starting in the second season, and escalating by 3% each year afterwards. Should the lease be extended beyond the first 10-year term, the base rent will increase by either 3% or the average annual increase in CPI over the last ten years, whichever

is larger, with the 3% annual escalator continuing after the first year of the extension term.

Revenue-Sharing: 10% of in-stadium advertising revenues (except field naming rights revenue), 10% of field naming rights revenue, 3% of concessions revenue. The City reserves the right to pursue potential additional sponsorships or revenues exclusive to the City’s areas as well.

Operations and Maintenance Reserve Fund: each quarter, 40% of in-stadium advertising revenues (except field naming rights revenue), 15% of field naming rights revenues, and 5% of concessions revenues will be deposited into an O&M Reserve Fund and used for such costs, but each year when the amount of reserves in the fund has been built up to 50% of the anticipated annual operations and maintenance costs, additional funds collected on this basis will be split 50%/50% between the City and BUSP as additional revenue sharing.

BUSP will also provide financial safeguards against potential project risks:

Prior to demolition, BUSP will fund a \$25 million Construction Escrow Account that is restricted exclusively to fund direct construction costs on the site and requires City approval of expenditures. The escrow account cannot be reduced below \$10 million until total project financing is secured.

BUSP is subject to a \$45 million Pre-financing Guaranty, including escrowed funds, such that if BUSP fails to secure total project financing or cannot advance the renovation, the City will have significant extra resources to renovate White Stadium.

After BUSP secures project financing, subject to confirmation by the City, the team is contractually bound by a Completion Guaranty to complete all renovations outlined.

Community Benefits
BUSP will direct resources and investments into local community priorities:

Community Annual Fund: an annual contribution of \$500,000 in the first year, escalating by 3% annually, to be distributed to local organizations and initiatives

Franklin Park Preservation Fund: \$1 per NWSL ticket sold, to be directed toward implementing ongoing initiatives outlined in the Franklin Park Action Plan

Tree Bank: BUSP and the City will contribute to the planting of more than 500 trees within Franklin Park

Local Purchasing & Supplier Diversity: In coordination with the Black Men and Boys Commission, and under the leadership of the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, the City of Boston and Boston Unity will establish a Supplier Diversity Advisory Committee to help ensure MWBE businesses are aware of available contracting opportunities and reach 50% MWBE participation in design, construction, and operations

Jobs: BUSP will create up to 500 construction jobs and 300 permanent jobs

BPS partnerships: BUSP will provide scholarships, internships, and mentorship from the NWSL team to enhance opportunities available to BPS students

Sustainability: improvements in green infrastructure, all-electric facilities, and usage of green building materials

Stadium Usage

The legal arrangement will guarantee enhanced public access and codifies scheduling priority and parameters for students and community to enjoy the facilities:

Public access to the stadium and track for informal community use 6am-9pm, or 15 hours per day including weekends (when not reserved for an event), instead of the current access from 8am-4pm on weekdays only

The City and BPS will have top scheduling priority for 12 major events per year, followed by BPS and NWSL games having co-priority in scheduling, then other City or City-permitted community events, then NWSL team practices, then other BUSP events as permitted by the City

NWSL usage limited to no more than 20 games per year (including play-off games) and one team practice in the week ahead of each scheduled game

To minimize late-night noise and activity, NWSL games must start by no later than 8:30pm; affiliated programming may only start two hours prior to the game and must conclude by one hour after the game ends or 11:30pm, whichever is earlier

To protect time for BPS and community program during the day and on weekends, NWSL games cannot take place more than two weekends in a four-week period, and no

more than four weekend games per season can start before 5pm

BUSP must ensure cleanup is completed within 3 hours after each game

Next year, the White Stadium Neighborhood Council will be created, to advise the City, BPS, the Parks Department, and BUSP on public programming and provide neighborhood feedback on stadium usage.

Transportation

The game day transportation plan has been significantly refined through a robust community engagement process to minimize impacts on neighborhoods surrounding the park and will be codified in the Transportation Access Plan Agreement (TAPA) to be signed after construction documents are finalized. This represents the first comprehensive transportation strategy for major events at Franklin Park. Key elements of the game day transportation plan include:

Electric Shuttle System: Free electric shuttles for ticket holders from MBTA Orange and Red Line stations, as well as from satellite parking lots on game days

Multimodal Infrastructure: BUSP will fund a new Bluebikes station, secure bike parking, and a bike valet service

Parking Protections: Implementation of a resident permit parking system near White Stadium and an app-based parking system (via ParkBoston) for non-game visitors, including zoo visitors, golfers, and park permit holders

Enforcement and Oversight: Additional parking enforcement funded by BUSP to ensure efficient traffic and parking management

The City and BUSP will continue to create open dialogue with the community throughout the project’s implementation. Regular updates through the City and the White Stadium Neighborhood Council will empower even greater direct communication across all parts of our community as the transformative vision for White Stadium becomes a reality. For more information, visit boston.gov/white-stadium.

Statements from Community Stakeholders

See WHITE STADIUM Page 8

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Ho, Alphonsus K	Favale, Joseph	1 Prescott St #302	\$389,900
Farag, Sherif	100 White Street LLC	100 White St #5	\$1,050,000
Saïndon, Christopher M	Bcif Trs LLC	106 Webster St #102	\$590,000
Whittaker, Andrew	Bcif Trs LLC	106 Webster St #101	\$380,000
Calderon, Wilber	Chubb, Jeffrey H	139 Falcon St	\$810,000
Luna, Alberto	Serna, Felipe L	18 Leverett Ave #9	\$550,000
Battery 50 T	225 London Street LLC	225 London St	\$975,088
Bevan Jr, Douglas E	272 East Eagle LLC	272 E Eagle St #1	\$999,000
Fall, Nathan	272 East Eagle LLC	272 E Eagle St #2	\$785,000
Akpinar, Cem	Trichilo Development LLC	68 Liverpool St #1	\$595,000
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John Kett and Gary Hilderbrand – Principals, Reed Hilderbrand Landscape Architecture (Co-Authors of Franklin Park Action Plan)

“The City’s investment in the rehabilitation of Franklin Park’s White Stadium promises a legacy of benefits for students and park users that will extend for generations. We thank Mayor Wu for adopting significant design changes in the expanded project that more fully reconcile the stadium with the historic character of the Playstead and the Overlook—including pathways, lighting, plantings, and the establishment of a 10-year tree bank to significantly expand the park’s tree canopy. These measures will leverage continued investments in the park in the coming years. We are proud to collaborate with Mayor Wu and the Parks Department and advocate on behalf of the park and its community.”

changes FPC advocated for have been incorporated directly as binding commitments in the lease documents. FPC is pleased with the project’s progress, but our advocacy on behalf of park users will continue. We will push for comprehensive traffic management for all large events (including BPS activities) to prevent increased motor traffic in and around the park. We will press BUSP to meet their 50% commitment to hire minority businesses, contractors and employees, and for BPS to exceed their targets. Thank you Mayor Wu for your vision, commitment, and courage on making this project a reality.”

Coach Cleo Woodcock – BLS Girls Soccer

“BPS soccer is more popular and competitive than it ever has been before. I share the excitement of many BPS soccer players that I coach. The access to world class soccer right in White Stadium is going to be such a gift to our players and coaching staff. As a neighbor, I am excited to walk to games. As a lifelong Bostonian, I am excited to have another women’s team! The renovation of the stadium and access to top-notch facilities are going to be great!”

Coach Hatim Jean-Louis – Head Coach, BPS Cross Country

“As a former BPS student and now a coach, I’ve always believed in the untapped potential of our kids. They face so many obstacles—transportation challenges, lack of resources—but they show up every day with heart and determination.

I’ve seen how much it means to them to be part of something bigger, like our city-wide cross-country program, despite all the hurdles. White Stadium’s renovation is going to change the game. No more worrying about injuries on a worn-out track. Now they’ll have a facility they can be proud of, one where we can finally host state meets and showcase their talent. I’ve always known how incredible these kids are—now the rest of the city will, too.”

Coach Tony DaRocha – BPS Middle School Track and Cross Country; Co-Founder and President, Boston United Track Club

“With over 30 years in BPS as a PE teacher and coach, and as co-founder of the Boston United Track Club, I’ve seen how the right facilities transform opportunities for young athletes. The renovated White Stadium, with its new throwing cage and multi-sport spaces, will give kids the tools they need to compete and grow safely. Having coached state championship teams and national champions, I know this investment will inspire the next generation to reach new heights.”

Coach Terry “Beefy” Cousins – President and Head Coach, Dorchester Eagles Pop Warner Football

“This White Stadium renovation is exactly what our students deserve. The city is investing in fields across Boston and creating an athletic complex so every team has a great place to play. White Stadium is now all about the big games—Thanksgiving rivalries, playoff show-

downs—the moments our kids will remember forever. And the new indoor spaces? That’s a huge win for every sport. I’m excited my kids can now use the facilities in the offseason to get stronger. This is how you do it right—student-centered and top-notch. IT’S BIGGER THAN FOOTBALL.”

Steve Vaitones – Managing Director, USA Track & Field (USATF)

“Designing an 8-lane track for White Stadium has been a careful process, and I’ve worked with the team to ensure the facility supports the needs of athletes and meets key competition standards. The upgrades prioritize both functionality and the experience of hosting meets, creating a space that will serve as a valuable resource for BPS and the broader track and field community.”

Dion Irish – Chief of Operations, City of Boston

“This is not a renovation—it’s a realization of the potential that White Stadium holds in the eyes of our community. These historic investments will benefit Boston residents and our talented students year-round while maintaining our commitment to sustainability and community-first values. This generational commitment will be sustained through our partnership that provides ongoing investments in the stadium, community, and Franklin Park, while creating long-term economic opportunities for MWBE businesses.”

Liza Meyer – Interim Commissioner, Boston Parks and Recreation

Department

“The White Stadium improvement project is transformative for Franklin Park, building on the vision outlined in the Franklin Park Action Plan. This project strengthens the connection between White Stadium and the larger Playstead, breathing new life into an area that has long been a vital hub for recreation, athletics, and community events. With this project, we’re supporting Boston’s young athletes and the local community while laying the groundwork for sustainable, long-term funding streams for Franklin Park. Paired with improvements at the Overlook and Bear Dens, this work signals a bold commitment to the future of Franklin Park as a place for connection, play, and celebration.”

Avery Esdaile – Senior Director of Athletics, Boston Public Schools.

“The new stadium will be a cornerstone of BPS athletics as we continue to elevate our sports programming and opportunities for students. Our focus is on the student athlete experience. The ben-

efits that come with the upgraded track, field and facilities at White Stadium will be transformative for thousands of BPS student athletes across the City of Boston.”


Segun Idowu – Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, City of Boston

“As a proud product of Boston Latin Academy and someone who grew up in the Grove Hall and Humboldt Ave. areas I’m excited for what this project will mean for the economic health of the neighborhood. In addition to what this project means for the long term health of the small businesses in the immediate vicinity, I have the privilege of leading the Supplier Diversity Advisory Group to create meaningful pathways of opportunity at every stage of this stadium’s development. From connecting high school students to their first jobs, to ensuring established local and diverse companies secure opportunities to build, manage, and operate the stadium, we will deliver on the promise of keeping this as a space that is for our community.”

Rickie Thompson – President, Franklin Park Coalition

“The Franklin Park Coalition (FPC) believes a renovated and well-maintained White Stadium will be an asset to Franklin Park, community members, and Boston’s student athletes - a net benefit to all. FPC has worked tirelessly for the past two years raising concerns, proposing ideas, and submitting feedback at all stages of the renovation process. The City of Boston and Boston Unity Soccer Partners (BUSP) have engaged with the community through dozens of meetings and been responsive to feedback, resulting in significant improvements. Many of the

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 Brandywyne Village will be closing its Waiting Lists for the 1, 2 and 3-bedroom Section 8 affordable waitlists on January 31, 2025. Applications received until January 31, 2025, will be placed on the waitlist based on date and time of application receipt. Applications received after January 31, 2025, will not be accepted. Applications maybe be picked up in person from the Management Office located at 88 Brandywyne Drive, East Boston, MA 02128 between 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. You may also request an application by phone 617-569-2255 TTY/TTD Relay #711 or email at info@brandywynevillage.com. For more information or for reasonable accommodations, contact Brandywyne Village at 617-569-2255 TTY/TTD Relay #711




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ZONING HEARING
The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a virtual public hearing will be held on January 8, 2025, at 9:15 A.M., in connection with Text Amendment Application No. 529, filed by the City of Boston Planning Department. Said amendment includes reformatting text and tables in Article 2, Article 8, and Article 26 to make it easier to read the existing zoning rules and understand when they apply. Particularly, these updates clarify which land uses meet the Ground Floor Active Use Requirement in Squares + Streets Districts by moving the list of Active Uses from the use table to a definition. This amendment makes all the formatting changes needed to keep the zoning consistent, as well as other small clarifications to make the Zoning Code more readable. This also includes changes to minor formatting in Article 24, Article 53, and Article 80. This is because these articles currently refer

to the use categories from the Article 8 use table, and because this amendment makes formatting changes to these categories (by removing Active Uses as a section on the table) this change in formatting must be carried out through these Articles as well. This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in this meeting by going to <https://bit.ly/BZJan82025>. A copy of the petition may be obtained from the Zoning Commission electronically, and you may also submit written comments or questions to zoningcommission@boston.gov. Interpreting services are available to communicate information at this hearing. If you require interpreting services, please contact the following: zoningcommission@boston.gov or 617-918-4308. The meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2025. Please request interpreting services no later than January 3, 2025. For the Commission Jeffrey M. Hampton Executive Secretary 12/24/24 EB

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P2676EA
Estate of: George Patrick Sullo
Date of Death: 05/07/2020
To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Linda H. Sullo of Ormond Beach, FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Linda H. Sullo of Ormond Beach, FL be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve 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 Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/10/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate,

including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 13, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 12/24/24 EB

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU16P1806EA
Estate of: Joseph C. Rogowicz
Date of Death 07/17/2013
To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Joseph J. Rogowicz of Rancho Cucamonga, CA requesting that the Court enter

a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Jopseh J. Rogowicz of Rancho Cucamonga, CA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in unsupervised administration.
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 16, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate 12/24/24 EB

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No.

SU24P2463EA
Estate of: Sheila N. Mullen
Date of Death: 02/24/20113
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Paul Mullen of Bedford, NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Paul Mullen of Bedford, NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/02/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 21, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 12/24/24 EB

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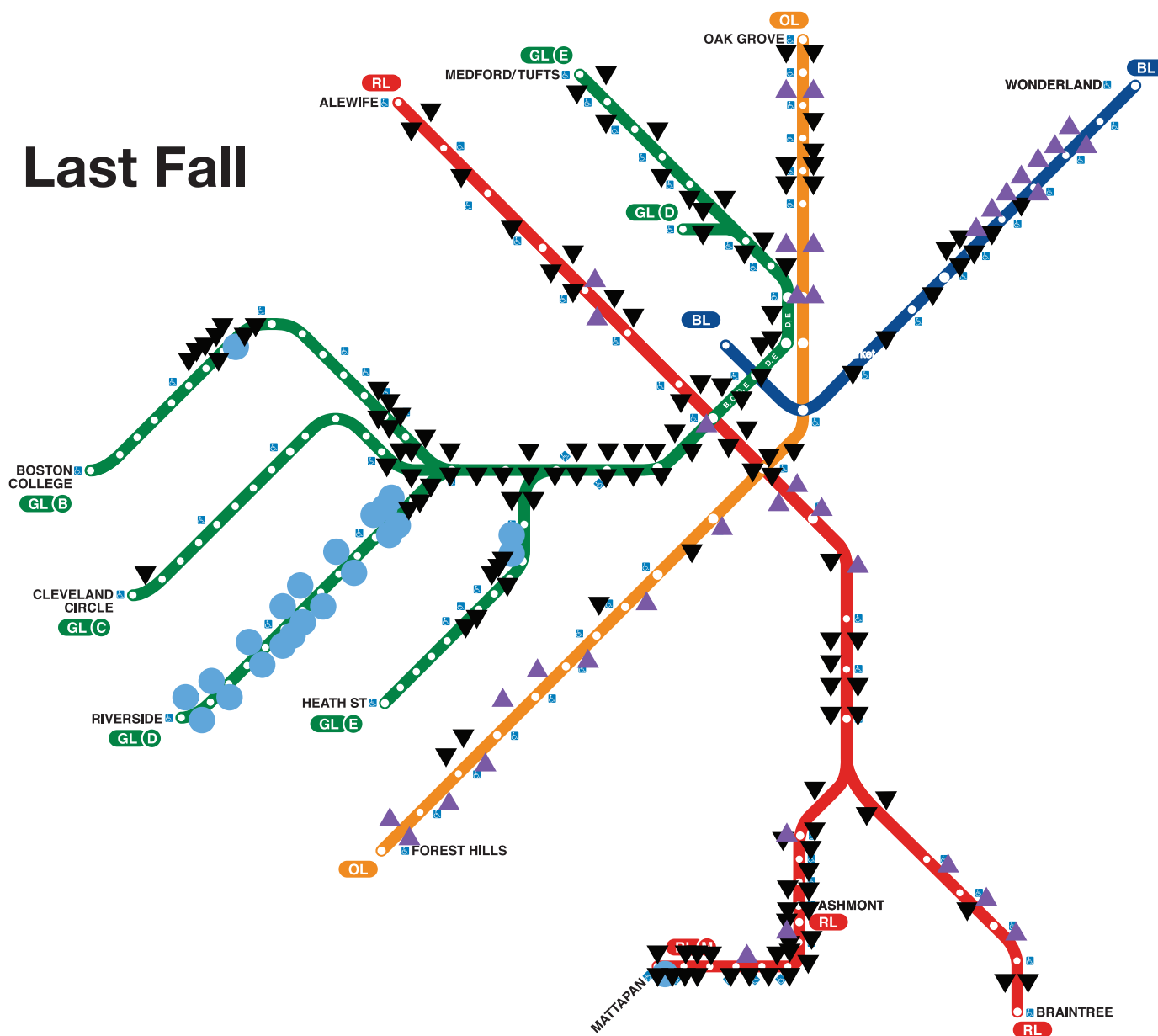


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