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EAST BOSTON HOLDS FIRST HOLIDAY BAZAAR



The first annual East Boston Holiday Bazaar was held at the ICA Watershed. Organized by Veronica Robles, the event had many dance performances that drew a sizable crowd that were offered a wide array of vendors selling unique and enchanting gifts. Above, Members of the Veronica Robles Cultural Center Choir sing.



Shoppers browse through the unique items for sale at the Puntada table.



Geraldine Estelona at the Dulce Tierra table. See Page 2 for more photos.

CLF, GreenRoots appeal electrical substation decision

Special to the Times-Free Press

Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) and GreenRoots have filed an appeal with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court of a recent state decision that would allow a proposed electrical substation in East Boston to bypass an important permitting process. After hours of community testimony in opposition, the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board decided to fast-track the project in a vote on November 29.

“How many times does the community have to say no to this facility while decision-makers fail to listen?” said Staci Rubin, Vice President of Environmental Justice at CLF. “At every turn, the state has ignored laws governing community input and

alternative location of these types of facilities. East Boston does not need yet another environmental burden, and we will continue challenging this substation until the end.”

“For eight years the community of East Boston has fought this project and at no point was there ever a moment that Ever-source or State entities like the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) and the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), tried to negotiate some sort of alternative solution,” said John Walkey, Director of Waterfront and Climate Justice Initiatives at GreenRoots. “They’ve been jamming this project down our throats with the so-called ‘mitigation measures’ actually being paid

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Coletta names Ramirez Outreach and Communications Manager

Special to the Times-Free Press

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta has announced that Gabriela M. Ramirez (she/her/hers) will serve as Outreach and Communications Manager. Ramirez is a lifelong resident of East Boston and the proud daughter of Salvadoran immigrants. She is finishing her final year at Boston University, studying Political Science, Public Policy Analysis, and History. Gabriela was raised to advocate for her communities, particularly those often ignored. Her mother is National Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Alliance organizer, Ana Alonzo.

“I am thrilled to add Gabriela Ramirez to my team as Outreach and Communications Manager “ said



Gabriela M. Ramirez.

Councilor Coletta. “From a young age, Gabriela has been a fierce advocate for the District One community, and especially the immigrant community.

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North Suffolk Community Services cuts ribbon on Community Behavioral Health Center

Special to the Times-Free Press

Governor Charlie Baker and Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders today joined North Suffolk Community Services, a nonprofit provider of services for individuals of all ages needing mental health and/or addiction

treatment, recovery support and those with developmental disabilities, to cut the ribbon on a Community Behavioral Health Center that represents a new model of behavioral health care. The newly designated CBHC, set to open on January 3, located at 14 Porter Street in East Boston, expands

local access to routine, urgent, and crisis treatment for mental health conditions and substance use disorders.

North Suffolk Community Services, formerly known as North Suffolk Mental Health Association, also marked the occasion by unveiling its new name and brand identity.


“Massachusetts has long been a visionary leader in health care and we are honored to have a key role in making mental health and addiction treatment more available, accessible, and equitable in our communities,” North Suffolk Community Services President & CEO Damien Cabezas said. “North Suffolk has been a trusted, responsive community partner for nearly 65 years, and it’s important to have a name that reflects that. The name ‘North Suffolk Community Services’ honors where we started, acknowledges where we are, and announces where we are going as we continue

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TRASH DELAY

Due to the Christmas Day Holiday being observed on Monday 12/26/22, trash will be delayed by one day

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The Independent Newspaper Group office will be **closed** on **Monday, Dec. 26** in observance of the Christmas holiday..

Deadlines for next week’s issue will be **Friday, Dec. 23 at noon**



Gov. Charlie Baker helps cut the ribbon on North Suffolk Community Services’ Community Behavioral Health Center at 14 Porter St., in East Boston. Pictured, from left, are Sec. Marylou Sudders, Executive Office of Health and Human Services; state Rep. Adrian Madaro; state Rep. Jeffrey Turco; President and CEO Damien Cabezas, North Suffolk Community Services; state Sen. Lydia Edwards; Brett Fiore, NSCS client; Judi Lemoine, NSCS Senior Vice President of Clinical Operations and System Integration; Gov. Baker.



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Heidi Italiano with Quesos Y Fiambres selling pastries.



Veronica Robles and other Neighborhood luminaries cut the ribbon to officially inaugurate the first annual East Boston Holiday Bazaar.



Daniela Berrio of Daemmacrafts.



Diana Rodas and Angelica Vila Real with Decor Gifts offer party supplies and planning.



Adam Calus, Jason Torrey, and Carolina Florez.



Students from the Beverly Richards Dance Center perform.



Brenda Guichard with Colores de Mexico had many vibrant gifts for sale.



Lynn restaurant Taquerua Los Conpadres had a team offering tamales, burritos, and other Mexican food.



Gift shoppers look over the wares at Ikigai.



Dance instructor Beverly Richards prepares her students for their performance.



Veronica Robles Cultural Center dance Cristina Zarate-Ruiz performs a Peruvian dance called Marinera Nortena.



Dancers from the Veronica Robles Cultural Center perform.



The ICA Watershed was filled with visitors to see the performances and shop with the many vendors there.

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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 oldest among us.

Despite the 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.

A GREAT WORLD CUP

We don’t pretend to be big soccer fans, but even we were caught up in the excitement and the drama of the World Cup, which reached its climax this past Sunday with the exciting and exhilarating victory by Argentina in a shoot-out over defending champion France.

As long-time Boston sports rooters, we know of the passion that we and our fellow local fans have for our local teams. But our enthusiasm does not even come close to that of World Cup fans for their heroes.

The raw emotion among the fans in the stands, their raucous celebrations in the streets back home, and the individual stories of fans who traveled thousands of miles (and who spent their life savings) just to be on hand were epic.

Moreover, it was a World Cup for everyone, including the U.S., which qualified for the cup for the first time in eight years and made it through the knockout round, but especially for the fans of underdog Morocco, which became the first team from Africa and the Arab world to reach the semifinals.

At a time when there is so much misery and conflict in our world, the World Cup brought nations together as no other event can.

We’ll be looking forward to the 2026 Cup when it will be hosted in No. America by the U.S., Mexico, and Canada.



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GUEST OP-ED

Light and strength for Christmas

Dr. Glenn Mollette

When I was a child at Tomahawk Elementary School in Martin County, Kentucky there were many kids who got little to nothing for Christmas. I had classmates who I would never ask if they got anything for Christmas because I already knew the answer. Some of these kids were just glad to be in school. At school they could receive a free lunch and have access to a bathroom which they didn’t have at home. This also meant they could wash their faces and their hands which was difficult at home especially in the winter months. While most of us didn’t have much, what we did have seemed like a lot to those who had nothing.

This is where you need to stop and think. You stress about all you may not have but what do you have in comparison to those who have nothing?

ing? Do you have a place to sleep? Do you have a comfortable bed? Is your house or apartment warm and comfortable? Do you know you will have food to eat on Christmas day? Do you have a television to watch? Do you have a telephone? Do you have a few dollars in your pocket?

I’m very aware there are millions of Americans who are below the financial income poverty level. They have it tough. Our cities are filled with growing numbers of homeless populations. People are sleeping under bridges, overpasses and on riverbanks. Too many of these have met with unfortunate circumstances in life due to bad choices, addictions, unemployment, mental illness, and family issues. The list is never-ending. This doesn’t make their lives any easier. Just because there is a reason for the problems doesn’t make their burdens lighter or unnoticeable. Their reality is still harsh and painful.

Millions more immigrants are coming to America. Where will they sleep? Where will they work? Many of them will work for \$8 an hour and work hard but many of them will be homeless or stranded in homeless shelters on government dependence for a long time. Would any of us want to trade places with them? I don’t think so.

Whatever darkness you are facing this Christmas is your reality. Seeing the hurts of others doesn’t make your troubles go away. However, if you can be thankful for the life you have, then maybe Christmas will take on a whole new light.

Look to the most special gift of all this Christmas – the baby in the manger. Shepherds raced to see the baby just as the angels said they would. Wise men came from the east and worshipped him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Mary and Joseph did the best they could as peasant parents of a new baby boy.

Keep the scripture of Isaiah 9:6 handy this Christmas. “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

May His peace comfort your heart and be your light and strength through this season and every day to come.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

Coletta reflects on first seven months with annual report, wins for the community

Special to the Times-Free Press

Councilor Gabriela Coletta recently released her 2022 Annual Report reflecting on her first seven months on the Boston City Council. In the report, she highlights funding wins, community service initiatives, policy and organizing efforts, and looks ahead to priorities on the Council and in our neighborhoods for 2023.

“As we close 2022, I’m proud to share our important work over the past seven months and what I’m advocating for in the new year. As promised when I was interviewing to work for you, I hit the ground running and I’m incredibly honored to serve district one every day.”

Coletta states she’s prioritized staying deeply rooted in the community while being as accessible and responsive as possible.

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“Together, we fought for more housing affordability, environmental justice and climate resilience, quality public education for kids, and so much more. ... In the community, I remain committed to improving quality of life for all residents through efficient municipal services. We’ve advocated for more transparency, held special interests accountable, and organized service projects to help beautify our neighborhoods.”

Coletta mentions that she looks forward to implementing a robust agenda that envisions a brighter and more inclusive Boston in 2023 and beyond.

Highlights of the report include:

- Over \$500,000 in budget amendments to improve city services and quality of life in District One

Once-in-generation oversight of Federal ARPA investments in affordable housing preservation, school infrastructure, food access, and youth and senior programming

Calling for a district-wide, comprehensive plan for our waterfront to protect against displacement due to coastal flooding and storm surge

Zoning Board of Appeals systemic reforms and prioritizing planning before development

Coordination of construction and utility street work while improving technology systems for permits

Standardizing an environmental justice and climate change curriculum in Boston Public Schools

Fostering a welcoming and inclusive City by supporting migrant families and policies supporting our LGBTQ+ residents

Encouraging residents to give back to their neighborhoods through community service projects

“It has been a privilege to serve a district that I love and that has given me everything. I am hopeful that we can expand prosperity and continue to foster the vibrancy of Charlestown, East Boston and the North End, together.”

Coletta encourages residents to reach out to her office for a meeting for suggestions and ideas to solve our most persistent issues. To see her 2022 Annual Report in full, please visit bit.ly/2022ColettaReport for English and bit.ly/2022ColettaReportAnnual for Spanish.

For additional information please contact the Office of Councilor Gabriela Coletta by phone at (617) 635-3200 or by email at elizabeth.sanchez@boston.gov.

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East Boston Mutual Aid, Boston Police, and The Trustees. Attendees were treated to projector video as well as complimentary food and beverages. This event provided a safe and fun place for neighbors to watch this anticipated match, participate in this global event by bringing together the community, and also provide awareness and access to City and social services.



Fabiano Latham, Bianca Suchite, Joshua Serrano, and Katty Segura with Massachusetts Health Connector.



Argentina fans react to their team winning the World Cup.



Argentina fans react to their team winning the World Cup.



The BCYF Paris Street Community Center was full of soccer fans excited to watch the final game of the 2022 World Cup.



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Argentina fans react to a goal scored.

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Sports

LADY JETS FALL TO TECHBOSTON 54-12

Powerful TechBoston put on a basketball clinic, rolling to a 54-12 win over the Lady Jets Thursday, December 15, at East Boston High School.



Sterling Marte (11) leads the break up-court after coming down with a rebound.



Ebaline Oliva (23) snags a rebound from a pair of Tech defenders.



Brandy Aguilar (5) looks for room to put up a shot over a Tech defender.



Jenna DeSilva (2) chases a loose ball.



Cindy Alfaro (3) tangles with a Tech forward for a loose ball.



Gianna Troville (4) tries to fight away past a Tech defender.

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ue to build on the services we offer, such as opening a CBHC, to strengthen the safety net and improve access to a continuum of care for our community.”

Through its Community Behavioral Health Center, North Suffolk will be offering an accessible front door to mental health care and treatment for substance use disorders by further expanding same-day evaluations and referrals to treatment; adding more evening and weekend hours; enhancing timely follow-up appointments; and offering more peer support and evidence-based behavioral health treatment – including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) – both in-person and via telehealth.

Part of a statewide network of 25 newly designated CBHCs rolling out in early 2023, North Suffolk will deliver 24/7 community-based mobile crisis intervention and stabilization as an alternative to overwhelmed hospital emergency departments, for individuals of all ages in East Boston, Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, and Charlestown.

“The goal of the Roadmap for Behavioral Health reform is to make ambulatory behavioral health care far more accessible to every Massachusetts resident, when and where they need it,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. “We are deeply appreciative of North Suffolk Community Services and all of the other community-based providers working to make that a reality.”

Community Behavioral Health Centers are an important component of the state’s Roadmap for Behavioral Health Reform, launched by the Baker-Polito Administration in February 2021. The Roadmap is a multi-year blueprint, based on listening sessions and feedback from nearly 700 individuals, families, providers and other diverse stakeholders who identified the need for expanded access to treatment, more effective treatment, and improved health equity.

The 14 Porter Street site was once the East Boston Relief Station, an affiliate

of what was then Boston City Hospital, and provided health care and hospital services to neighborhood residents until approximately 1970.

Founded in 1959, North Suffolk Community Services (formerly North Suffolk Mental Health Association) touches the lives of nearly 15,000 people annually in more than 75 programs throughout Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, Charlestown, and Boston. North Suffolk supports adults, children, and families across the lifespan who are coping with behavioral health issues, substance use disorders and/or have developmental disabilities. The organization employs over 1,000 talented individuals who provide services in nine languages, including ASL, through four outpatient clinics; 39 residential programs; two Recovery Support Centers; and a Recovery Learning Center. It operates a robust Training Center as well as a 24/7/365 Recovery Support hotline. Visit nortsuffolk.org.

NORTH SUFFOLK COMMUNITY SERVICES HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

North Suffolk Community Services held an Open House Dec. 15 for the new Community Behavioral Health Center located at 14 Porter St., East Boston.

NSCS President and CEO Damien Cabezas welcomed officials and residents on their visit and tour of the new center.



Pictured at the Open House for North Suffolk Community Services’ new Community Behavioral Health Center in East Boston are, from left, Suffolk County DA’s Office Intern and Paralegal Isabelle Stacks, DA’s Office Chief of Community Engagement True See Allah, NSCS President and CEO Damien Cabezas, DA’s Office Chief of Staff Padraic Lydon, NSCS Director of Recovery Katie O’Leary, First Assistant DA Kevin Mullen, NSCS Senior Vice President Judi Lemoine, Director of NSCS Community Behavioral Health Center Sam Green Atchley, and Deputy Chief of District Courts Marc Tohme.



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Pictured at the Open House event for the Community Behavioral Health Center are, from left, NSCS Director of Recovery Katie O’Leary, Chelsea District Court Presiding Justice Matthew J. Machera, NSCS President and CEO Damien Cabezas, Chelsea District Court Justice Jane D. Prince, NSCS Assistant Vice President of Clinical Services Audrey Clairmont, and Chelsea District Court Chief Probation Officer Jessica Iovanna.

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LYDIA EDWARDS CELEBRATED HER BIRTHDAY AT THE REEL HOUSE IN EAST BOSTON

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Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards with Andretti Stanziani.



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards and Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta.



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards with Boston City Councilor Kenzie Bok.



Navy Yard Hospitality Group manager Rachel Engdahl and President Charlie Larnar.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta with Juan Contreras.



Neil Doherty and Tim Sullivan



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards (2nd from left) with Juan Contreras, Luis Robles, and Matthew Broude.



Lydia Edwards' Chief Of Staff Eduardo Moreno-Mendez, Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta with her Chief of Staff Ellie Sanchez, Chief of Staff for State Rep Adrian Madaro Gloribel Rivas, and Andretti Stanziani.



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards with Claria Dosantos and her husband Anderson (far right) and Julia-no and Natalia Fernandez.



Navy Yard Hospitality Group manager Rachel Engdahl and President Charlie Larnar with Carrier and Associates President Al Carrier.



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards (center) with Monique Nguyen and Natacha Thomas.



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards (center) with John Antonellis and Lasstell Tinley.



Heather O'Brien, Andrea Manfredonia, Dr Sherri Raftery, Cynthia Steg, Cynthia Hoff, and Janet Kilderry.



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards (3rd from right) with Kenell Broomstein, John Antonellis, Heather O'Brien, Lasstell Tinley, and Juan Contreras.



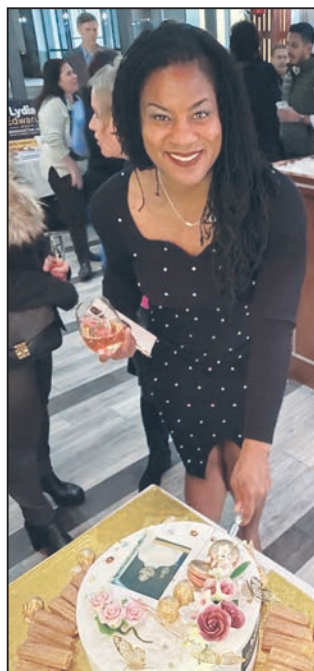
Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards (center) with birthday guests.



Heather O'Brien and Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards.



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards with her staff: Ben Tayag, Christianna Golden, Eduardo Moreno-Mendez, Yamina Lachmi, and Eric Reidister.



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards cuts into her birthday cake.



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in medical research—including being the
principal investigator in applying the first
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Dr. Galpin actually credits his own
incurable condition for giving him the focus
that made him so passionate in his research.
His story leaves us with two of the most
contagious messages we know. Don't give
up, and remember to give back. If
Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more
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Wu announces the space grant program to help small businesses

Mayor Michelle Wu to-
day announced the launch
of the SPACE Grant pro-
gram in partnership with
the Office of Economic
Opportunity & Inclusion
(OEI). The program will
identify creative ways to
bring people back to ma-
jor commercial districts,
revitalize the economy as
we emerge from the pan-
demic, and close the racial
wealth gap. Through this
program, up to 50 local
entrepreneurs will receive
substantial grant funding
to help them open new
storefront businesses in
vacant commercial spaces
across Boston, with par-
ticular emphasis on major
commercial hubs like Co-
pley, Downtown, Fenway,
and Seaport to increase
the diversity of storefront
businesses in these neigh-
borhoods.

The SPACE (Support-
ing Pandemic Affected
Community Enterprises)
Grant program will
provide grants of up to
\$200,000 over a three-year
period to subsidize rents,
upfront capital costs, and
necessary infrastructure to
help local, small, diverse
businesses seeking to fill
vacant storefronts. The
City plans to collaborate
with MassDevelopment,
Massachusetts Growth
Capital Corporation,
Downtown Boston BID,
Main Streets, local com-
mercial banks and CDFIs,
and property owners to
ensure that participating
small business owners
have access to additional
financial resources and as-
sistance to open and thrive
in their new locations. The
City expects the first co-
hort will include approx-
imately 10-15 businesses.

“The SPACE grant
program is critical to bol-
stering our local econo-
my and will help local,
small, diverse businesses
open new locations across
our neighborhoods,” said
Mayor Michelle Wu.
“This grant program ad-
dresses commercial va-
cancies by connecting
entrepreneurs with crucial
support and the chance
to grow. I’m thrilled to
launch this program and
grateful to our Economic
Opportunity & Inclusion
Cabinet and all of our
partners for their critical
work to ensure that Bos-
ton’s thriving, inclusive
and equitable for all.”

OEI has received
preliminary interest from
a range of entrepreneurs
through a recent survey
and the Boston Main
Streets. This initiative will
prioritize helping Bos-
ton small businesses that
were most affected by
the COVID-19 pandemic,
which includes, but is not
limited to:

- Arts, creative econo-
my, and entertainment;
- Childcare;
- Fitness, recreation,
wellness;
- Food service and pro-
duction;
- Laundry services;
- Repair and mainte-
nance;
- Restaurants; and
- Retail

The SPACE Grant pro-
gram is funded by a \$9
million investment from
the federal American
Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
to aid in Boston’s local
economic recovery, and
will support both entre-
preneurs looking to open
their first brick and mor-
tar storefront business, as
well as current small busi-
nesses in the City of Bos-
ton looking to expand to
new locations within the
city.

Grantees will be
matched with technical
assistance providers that
are part of OEI’s Small
Business Technical Assis-
tance Program to set them
up for success. In addi-
tion, grantees will benefit
from workshops and one-
on-one coaching to guide
them through the opera-
tional steps of opening a
new storefront location.
These skills will include
lease negotiation and oth-
er legal support, financial
marketing, or other areas
of expertise. To assist in-
terested entrepreneurs,
OEI will hold a virtual
workshop in mid-January
2023 focused on how to
write a business plan for
entrepreneurs. For more
information, sign up for
the City’s small business
e-newsletter.

“The SPACE Grant
program is a direct re-
sponse to the immense
need for innovative ways
to fill storefront vacancies
and bring vitality to our
neighborhoods that we
heard from business own-
ers on the ground, whether
through our weekly Main
Streets walks, surveys, or
our one-on-one engage-
ment,” said Segun Idowu,
Chief of Economic Op-
portunity and Inclusion.
“I am grateful to our team
and our partners who built
this program, and am hap-
py to launch an effort that
will bring about a more ro-
bust economy and greater
diversity to our city.”

Businesses can apply
to the SPACE Grant pro-
gram online at: boston.
gov/space-grant. Applica-
tions are available in mul-
tiple languages.

First cohort application
deadline: February 17,
2023

Grantees chosen: April
2023

Eligibility:
Applicants must meet
the following criteria to be
considered for a SPACE
Grant:

- Business must be in-
corporated in a Qualified
Census Tract OR one of
the prioritized business in-
dustries mentioned above.
- Business must have
fewer than twenty-five
(25) employees (not in-
cluding the business own-
er).
- Business owners must
provide proof of a Boston
business address (e.g., a
signed lease, business per-
mit / license / title, utility
bill in which the business
is named directly, or other
home office documenta-
tion).
- Business and busi-
ness owners must be in
good-standing with the
City of Boston.
- Business must provide
a copy of its up to date
Business Certificate.

The COVID-19 pan-
demic has negatively im-
pacted Downtown and its
businesses, and the Wu
Administration remains
committed to its Down-
town Revitalization plan,
announced in April 2022
to address decreased
foot traffic and consumer
spending. As Boston aims
to encourage people back
to its commercial centers,
the City is moving for-
ward bold initiatives to
increase consumer confi-
dence and support small
businesses. While Boston
aims to activate spaces in
all of our neighborhoods,
the City is also seeking to
ensure its Downtown core
is flourishing.

To learn more, please
visit: <https://www.boston.gov/space-grant>

Wu joined City officials to discuss winter preparations currently underway

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu joined City officials at the Public Works yard on Frontage Road to discuss winter preparations currently underway in the City of Boston, and resources to offset rising utility costs available to residents, including older adults and individuals experiencing homelessness. This year, three minority-owned businesses (MBEs) and or women-owned businesses (WBEs) were awarded contracts for the clearing, plowing, and salting of staircases and footpaths across the City.

“From the tools to clear snow from our City streets, to resources to help residents save on their electric bills - Boston stands ready for winter weather,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “This year we’re also proud that several of our snow removal contracts are also investing directly in our local communities. I encourage residents to get ready, check our snow clearing regulations, and check in on neighbors.”

The Public Works Department (PWD) currently has 40,000 tons of salt on-hand to treat City streets. Along with 170 pieces of in-house snow clearing equipment, the PWD has the capability to place over 800 additional pieces on the roads during larger storms. As part of their neighborhood plowing operations during winter storms and to ensure the safety of riders following events, PWD allocates pieces of equipment to clear snow from Boston’s dedicated bike lanes.

This year three companies owned by women or people of color were awarded snow removal contracts, with two of those contracts being part of the City of Boston’s Sheltered Market Program to advance equity in procurement with direct outreach support from the Department of Supplier and Workforce Diversity. To assist the Public Works Department during snow and ice control operations, bids were issued to clear, plow, and treat staircases and footpaths across the City of Boston before, during, and after inclement weather events.

These one-year contracts were divided into five separate zones and awarded to Casablanca Services Inc. (two zones), NS Contracting (two zones), and A & M Home Services (one zone). Both Casablanca Services and A & M Home Services are owned by people of color, while NS Contracting is both minority and women-owned. A & M is based in Dorchester and NS Contracting in Roxbury.

As temperatures drop and utility costs are expected to rise, Mayor Wu is reminding residents, small businesses, and local organizations to opt in to Boston Community Choice Electricity (BCCE). This City-run program gives residents three options for electricity pricing and renewable energy. Even on the most expensive 100% renewable option, the average residential customer would save nearly \$90/month. Individuals interested in learning more should visit Boston.gov/BCCE to opt in, opt up, or opt out at any time.

Rules on clearing snow:

- Property owners must fully clear snow, sleet and ice from sidewalks and curb ramps abutting the property within three hours after



Mayor Michelle Wu (center) joined City officials at the Public Works yard to discuss winter preparations currently underway in the City of Boston.

the snowfall ends or three hours after sunrise if the snow ends overnight. Curb and pedestrian ramps to the street should be cleared fully and continually over the duration of the storm to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities. If a storm will last over an extended period of time, property owners are asked to continually check ramps abutting their property for compliance.

- Removal of snow, ice from a private property to the street or sidewalk is prohibited.
- Failure to comply with the rules can result in fines issued by PWD’s Code Enforcement Division. Fines associated with improper removal of snow can be found here.
- Parking during a declared snow emergency:
 - If a snow emergency is declared, cars will be ticketed and towed if parked on a posted snow emergency artery.
 - Space savers must be removed within 48 hours after a snow emergency has been lifted. Please note: space savers are NOT allowed in the South End and Bay Village.
- During declared snow emergencies, discounted parking is available at some parking lots and garages for Boston residents. A list of discounted parking garages can be found here.

- Trash and recycling:
 - During severe snowstorms, recycling and trash collection may be canceled, but this is extremely rare. Most often, severe snowstorms can cause delays in service. To view your neighborhood recycling and trash schedule, locate a textile dropbox in your neighborhood, and to find out what items you CAN and CAN’T recycle, download our free Trash Day App.
 - Crews have a difficult time reaching trash barrels and recycling carts placed behind snowbanks. Please clear an area at the curb for collection or place containers next to or in front of snowbanks.
- Caring for vulnerable populations:
 - If you see homeless and vulnerable individuals out in the cold who appear immobile, disoriented or under-dressed for the cold, please call 911.
 - The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) utilizes a city-wide network of emergency shelters, outreach providers, city agencies and first responders to assist those in need of shelter.

- Boston’s emergency shelters are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and amnesty is in place for those with nonviolent restrictions. Men can access shelter at the 112 Southampton Street Shelter, and women should go to the Woods-Mullen Shelter at 794 Massachusetts Ave. BPHC and the City work closely with shelter providers in the city to ensure that no client is without shelter, food, resources, and a warm respite from the cold.
- From Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.,

please call 617-534-4440 to facilitate access to shelters. Outside of these hours, guests should access shelter directly.

- During extreme cold weather, street outreach teams operate with extended hours and provide mobile outreach vans on the streets in the evening and throughout the day.
- Safety tips:
 - If you are able, keep catch basins and fire hydrants clear of snow and debris. This will help prevent flooding and allow for access in the event of an emergency. For a map of catch basins and fire hydrants, visit here.
 - Shoveling snow requires significant exertion; please be cautious and pay attention to symptoms. Stop if you feel chest pain, shortness of breath, lightheaded, nauseous/vomiting. Call 911 if those symptoms do not resolve quickly.
 - Snow piles can make navigating intersections dangerous for walkers and drivers. Please take extra care when turning corners with snow piles that might limit visibility.
 - Carbon monoxide poisoning is a concern during winter weather, especially with the use of generators. Residents should use their home heating systems wisely and safely, and have a working carbon monoxide detector on each floor of the home. Call 911 immediately if you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning.
 - Sitting in a car while idling can be deadly if the tailpipe is blocked. Do not let children sit in an idling car while shoveling. Clear any household exhaust pipes of snow.
 - Have a contractor check the roof to see if snow needs to be removed. If roof snow can be removed from the ground with the use of a snow-rake, do so with caution. Avoid working from ladders and be mindful of slippery surfaces.
 - Dress for the weather:
 - Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing.
 - Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.
 - Always wear a hat and cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
 - Dress children warmly and set reasonable time limits on outdoor play.
 - Restrict infants’ outdoor exposure when it is colder than 40 degrees Fahrenheit.
 - Watch for signs of frostbite:
 - Signs of frostbite include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
 - Watch for signs of hypothermia:
 - These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. If you or someone you know shows any of these symptoms, get in touch with a healthcare provider immediately. If symptoms are se-

vere, call 911.

Heating guidelines for property owners and tenants:

- In accordance with the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code, the heating season officially begins on September 15 and runs through June 15. Property owners must heat habitable spaces at a minimum temperature of 68° between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and 64° between 11:01 p.m. and 6:59 a.m.
- In cases of emergency, property owners are encouraged to keep a list of licensed contractors (electrician, plumber and general contractor) on file. Tenants experiencing problems with their heating system should check the thermostat, ensure the dial is turned on, and report insufficient or no heat problems to the property owner or manager immediately.
- If your landlord or property manager is unresponsive, contact the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) at (617) 635-5300 to file a complaint, or call 311.
- Heating safety:
 - Never try to heat your home using a charcoal or gas grill, the kitchen stove, or other product not specifically designed as a heater. These can cause a fire or produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide very quickly.
 - Have your heating system cleaned and checked annually.
 - Make sure all vents are clear of snow or any other debris.
 - Install and maintain smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home. Carbon monoxide is an invisible gas produced whenever any fuel is burned. Common sources include oil or gas furnaces, water heaters, fireplaces, stoves, and some space heaters. It has no smell, taste, or color. It is a poison and is deadly.
- Tips to keep water flowing and pipes unfrozen during extreme cold:
 - The Boston Water and Sewer Commission recommends homeowners locate a home’s main water shut off valve, and learn how to use it. Should a frozen pipe burst, shutting the main valve quickly will minimize flooding and property damage.
 - Homeowners should insulate pipes in unheated areas like basements, garages and crawl spaces. Use inexpensive hardware store materials to prevent pipes from freezing and to keep warm water flowing.
 - Circulate warm air around pipes by keeping cabinet doors open. Circulate a trickle of tap water through pipes during extreme cold to help prevent them freezing up.
 - Locate your water meter, protect it from drafts, and make sure basement doors and windows are shut tight.
 - If pipes do freeze, slow thaw with a hair dryer. Never use an open flame to thaw pipes. If water is lost in all taps, call BWSC 24-hour Emergency Assistance Line at 617-989-7000.
- Emergency home repair resources:
 - Income-eligible homeowners and Boston’s residents over age 62 can receive assistance with winter emergencies and repairs, such as fixing storm damage, leaking roofs or leaking/frozen pipes. Grant and loan funding is available. For assistance, residents should call the Mayor’s hotline at 311 or the Boston Home Center at 617-635-HOME (4663).
 - Never use a torch to

thaw a frozen pipe. Always call a professional plumber to troubleshoot your problem.

- In addition, the Mayor’s Seniors Save program helps income eligible Bostonians over the age of 60 replace old, inefficient heating systems with a brand new heating system before a failure occurs during the cold winter months. Grant and loan funding is available. Eligible owners should also call 311 or the Boston Home Center at 617-635-HOME (4663) to be connected with a City staffer to provide additional details.
- Tips to increase home energy efficiency:
 - Disconnect the water hose from the home.
 - Wrap or cover exposed spigots.
 - Caulk or putty windows.
 - Ensure kitchen and bathroom dampers close properly.
 - Close all storm windows and doors.
 - Apply weather stripping.
 - Properly insulate all pipes that are exposed.
 - Install insulated or heavy drapes to keep cold drafts from coming in.
 - Don’t forget to close the damper to a wood burning fireplace after each use. Consider a chimney balloon if you don’t have a damper.
- Tips for what to do before a power outage:
 - Before a weather event prepare your home by:
 - Ensuring that your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working and have fresh batteries.
 - Consider purchasing a generator to provide power during an outage. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions and learn how to use it safely before an outage.
 - Ensuring that you have sufficient heating fuel. Consider safe backup heating options such as fireplaces or woodstoves.
 - Have a landline phone with a corded receiver.
 - Fully charge your cell phone, laptop, and other electronic devices.
 - If you have a water supply (such as a well-water pump system) that could be affected by a power outage, fill your bathtub and spare containers with water. The water in the bathtub should be used for sanitation purposes only. You can pour a bucket of this water directly into the toilet bowl to flush it.
 - Keep your car’s gas tank full. Pumps at gas stations may not work during a power outage.
 - Set your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings to keep food cold (but remember to reset them back to normal once power is restored).
 - If you have life-support devices, such as home dialysis or breathing machines, or other medical equipment or supplies, that depend on electricity:
 - Talk to your health care provider about how to use them during a power outage;
 - Contact your local electric company and equipment suppliers about your power needs. Some utility companies will put you on a “priority reconnection service” list;
 - Let the fire department know that you are dependent on life-support devices; and
 - If you have medication that requires refrigeration, check with your pharmacist for guidance on proper storage during an extended outage.
- Tips for what to do during a Power Outage:
 - Follow instructions from public safety officials.
 - Call 9-1-1 to report emergencies including downed power lines.

- Call your utility company to report power outages and get restoration information.
- National Grid 800-322-3223
- Eversource (formerly NSTAR) 1-800-592-2000
- Stay away from downed utility wires. Always assume a downed power line is live.
- If a traffic light is out, treat the intersection as a four-way stop.
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy.
- Use generators and grills outside because their fumes contain carbon monoxide. Make sure your carbon monoxide detectors are working as it is a silent, odorless, killer.
- If possible, use flashlights instead of candles. If you must use candles, place them in safe holders away from anything that could catch fire. Never leave a burning candle unattended. Never go to sleep with candles burning.
- Unplug sensitive electronics to avoid power surges when power is restored.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours.
- Be a good neighbor. Check on family, friends, and neighbors, especially the elderly, those who live alone, those with medical conditions, and those who may need additional assistance.
- Tips for Driving in a winter storm:
 - Avoid driving during the worst part of the storm. If possible, only travel during daylight hours, don’t travel alone, and stay on main roads instead of taking shortcuts.
 - Consider taking public transportation.
 - Clear snow and ice from windows, lights, hood, and the roof before driving.
 - Don’t try to out drive the conditions. Remember the posted speed limits are for dry pavement.
 - Know the current road conditions. Call 511 from your cell phone or the following from either your cell phone or landline phone.
 - Metro Boston: (617) 986-5511
 - Brake early and correctly. It takes more time and distance to stop in adverse conditions.
 - Be wary of bridge decks. They freeze first, making them more dangerous than the approach road.
 - Exit ramps sometimes have less anti-icing material than the main line. Be aware of this when exiting the highway.
 - Don’t use “cruise control” driving in wintry conditions. Even roads that look clear can have sudden slippery spots. Using your brake on these spots will deactivate cruise control, possibly causing you to lose control of your vehicle.
 - Many 4x4 vehicles are heavier than passenger vehicles. This means it takes longer to stop than passenger vehicles. Be wary of your 4x4 vehicle’s traction.
 - Trucks are heavier than cars, making their brake time slower. Avoid cutting quickly in front of them.
 - Don’t crowd the plow. Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows. Stay back at least 200 feet and don’t pass on the right.
 - Always wear your seat belt.
 - Let others know your destination, route, and expected travel times.
 - Allow for extra travel time.
 - Drive with your headlights on at all times to see and be seen.

NOAH HOLDS ANNUAL DINNER

For the first time since 2019, NOAH held its 35th Annual Dinner with more than 110 “Friends and Family” at Spinelli’s on the Dec.15.

Phil Giffie, NOAH’s Executive Director, said it was a real pleasure to be live with NOAH’s new Board of Directors along with so many new friends as well as some colleagues who have been with NOAH for decades. He thanked Mayor Wu for generating millions more dollars for affordable housing in her announcement that afternoon of IDP and Linkage increases. He then introduced Rep Adrian Madaro, who spoke about his

time on the NOAH Board as Vice-President. Adrian went table to table to say hello in his own gregarious manner. Hugs abounded. Adrian is known as a go-to representative for many community development programs at the State House. Nathalia Benitez, from the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services greeted the audience after spending the first part of the evening at the Harbor-View holiday party. Councilor Gabriela Coletta sent her regrets as she had a pre-existing family event.

Orlando Pacheco, NOAH’s Board President, welcomed people and spoke about the breadth of NOAH’s work in East

Boston as well as developing affordable housing for those in need in Greater Boston. Latifa Ziyad, NOAH’s Director of Community Building and Resilience, introduced one of NOAH’s major new initiatives, building a Resilience Network in East Boston. She said there are already 35 agencies and local personnel who have signed up since NOAH’s first Resilience Summit in September. She promised more outreach and organizing in 2023 along with the Office of Emergency Management to help prepare East Boston’s many diverse residents, businesses, and small businesses to work with first



Latifa Ziyad, Director of Community Building and Resilience and Rep Adrian Madaro.



Linda Miller Foster who organized the event with Ed Doherty.



Dr. Krina Patel and Latifa Ziyad, NOAH's Director of Community Building and Resilience at the Annual Dinner at Spinelli's.

responders in the event of climate crisis or other disaster.

Latifa also presented the NOAH youth, N’Yo, who spoke of their glee for receiving a new laptop to help do their climate, environmental, open space and community work.

After Spinelli’s killer chocolate cake, the evening wrapped up with a fun raffle of food and drink from local small businesses. Diana Franco and Linda Miller Foster of NOAH handed out the winning prizes, including

to two people who each won twice! It was a special evening to conclude a challenging year and a positive window looking towards 2023.



Noah's Youth Coordinator, Karina Flores (left) and Latifa Ziyad, Director of Community building and Resilience at the Annual Dinner and Community Gathering.



Nathalia Benitez, from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services greeted the audience



Phil Giffie, NOAH's Executive Director, Dr. Carl Donaldson, and Latifa Ziyad, Director of Community Building and Resilience.



NOAH's 13 Youth Organizers, N-YO all received Mac Book Airs as part of a grant from the City of Boston, for Digital Equity.



Children of NOAH's Volunteers sit at table at Community Gathering at Spinelli's on December 15.



Dr. Carl Donaldson, leads the attendees in a self-love, Qi-Gong exercise as an icebreaker for NOAH's Annual Dinner and Community Gathering, Dr. Donaldson has been running a workshop with the East Boston Resilience Network run by NOAH for the past week. Helping residents prevent burnout and assist with long and short-term mental and physical health exercises.



Rep Adrian Madaro, who spoke about his time on the NOAH Board as Vice-President.

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EBNHC hosts listening session

On Thursday, December 15, East Boston Neighborhood Health was proud to host a listening session with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Director Melanie Fontes Rainer on President Biden's Executive Order on Securing Access to Reproductive and Other Healthcare Services. The meeting provided an opportunity for federal, state and local public health and community leaders, including Massachusetts State Representative Marjorie C. Decker, to discuss the essential role of federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) in increasing access to reproductive health care, a critical part of advancing women's health equity.

EBNHC is a leading provider of care to women in our community, and this year alone, provided high-quality women's health care to more than 37,000 patients, 74% of whom are Hispanic and 83% of whom are a racial/ethnic minority.

For more information about your Reproductive Health Rights in the U.S., visit here <https://reproductiverights.gov>. For more information about how the U.S. Department of Justice is working to protect access to reproductive health services under federal law, visit www.justice.gov/reproductive-rights.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center



Featured from left to right – Everett Handford, HHS Region 1, Regional Director; Susan Rhodes, Regional Manager, Office for Civil Rights (OCR); Assaad Jean Sayah, M.D. Cambridge Health Alliance; Greg Wilmot, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), President & CEO; Melanie Fontes Rainer, OCR Director, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Rep. Marjorie C. Decker, MA. House of Representatives; Dr. Julio Mazul, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, EBNHC; Ernani DeAraujo, Chief Legal Officer, EBNHC; Dr. Jackie Fantes, Chief Medical Officer, EBNHC; Phil Johnston, CEO, Johnston & Associates.

(EBNHC) is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community health center in Massachusetts, serving over 100,000 patients and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a Health Center Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBNHC has offered access to comprehensive care for the underserved populations of Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Boston's South End. EBNHC is dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services to all who live and work in our service area. For more information, please visit www.ebnhc.org.

Wu announces two-day hockey fan festival on City Hall Plaza

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the National Hockey League (NHL®) will hold NHL Winter Classic Plaza™, a two-day free, non-ticketed fan festival on December 30th and December 31st on the newly reopened City Hall Plaza. City Hall Plaza will host interactive hockey-themed activities, including appearances by Boston Bruins alumni. NHL Winter Classic Plaza™ builds up to the 2023 Discover NHL Winter Classic®, an outdoor regular season hockey game that this year will be at Fenway Park on January 2nd, 2023.

“We’re excited to host Bruins fans and Boston families for one of the first big events on City Hall Plaza since we reopened the space,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Especially during the colder months we need spaces to bring people together. I encourage everyone to come out to build community and get ready to cheer on the Bruins.”

City Hall Plaza will treat hockey fans to many interactions and experiences, including autograph sessions featuring current and former Boston Bruins greats, family-friendly hockey inter-

actives, giveaways, food, and an appearance by the oldest trophy in sports – the Stanley Cup®. NHL Winter Classic Plaza™ will run Friday, December 30 from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, December 31 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. A full list of activities that are free and open to the public can be found here.

“An event of this nature and size is exactly what we designed the renovated City Hall Plaza for,” said Chief of Operations Dion Irish. “This is a great opportunity for Boston families to see the new features of the Plaza while

building excitement for the 2023 Discover NHL Winter Classic®. I want to thank the NHL for their partnership in hosting this family-friendly event.”

The 2023 Discover NHL Winter Classic® outdoor game will feature the Boston Bruins facing off against the Pittsburgh Penguins at Fenway Park on Monday, January 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

The hockey fan festival builds on Mayor Wu's vision to reimagine how the City can use public spaces to foster community and a family-friendly environment. In November, Mayor Wu reopened City Hall Plaza as a transformed civic space for all residents, with universal accessibility, new communal spaces, increased environmental sustain-

ability, and critical infrastructure improvements. Phase 1 of the City Hall Plaza reopening includes the planting of 250 new trees, 3,000 new shrubs, and over 10,000 new perennials and grasses. The renovation also includes an increase in green infrastructure through permeable surfaces that will soak up stormwater.

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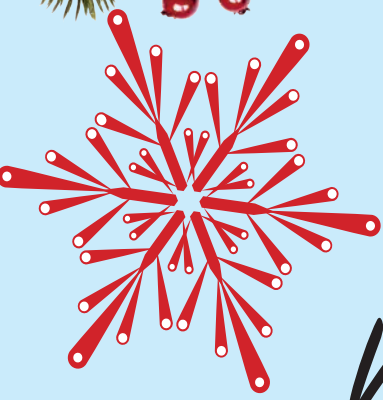
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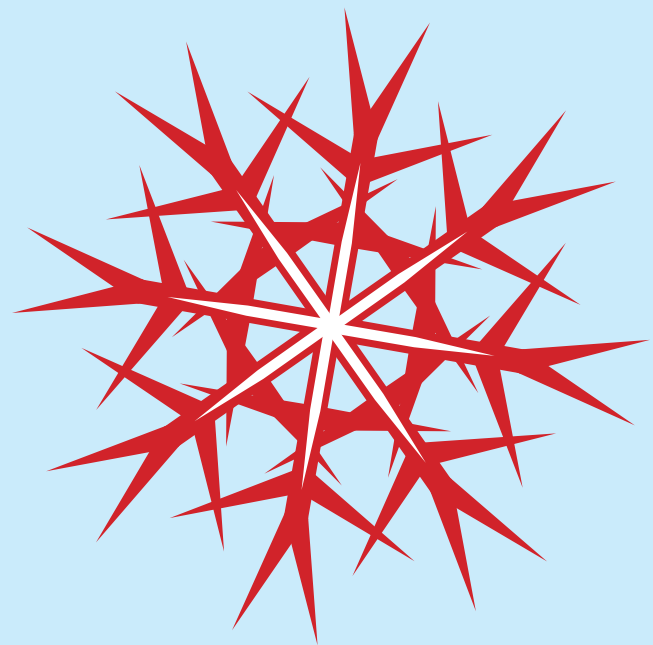
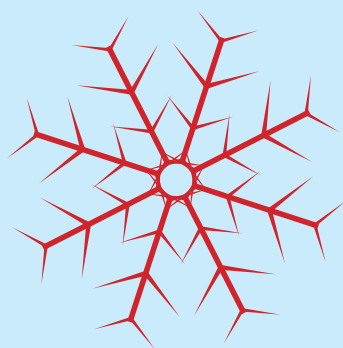
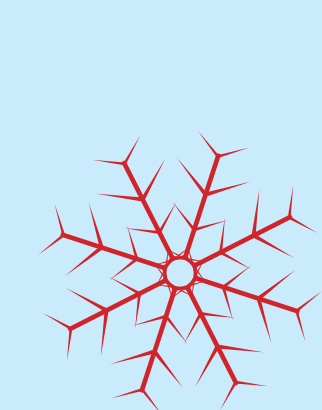
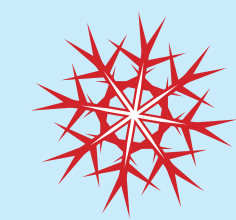
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