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Fourth grade Travel Team member, Sergio Marin, shoots a goal during one of the skills activities at Boston Scores Field in East Boston to celebrate the official launch of East Boston Football Club, the community's first-ever comprehensive youth soccer club. See pages 4 and 5 for more photos.

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98-100 Condor Street project presented again at meeting

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

A proposed project that would bring residential units to a vacant industrial building at 98-100 Condor Street, which was presented at a public meeting back in October, was shown again during a meeting hosted by the Planning Department last week.

As part of the proposal, the existing four-story industrial

building will be renovated on the exterior and interior, and its occupancy will be changed to accommodate 35 rental units along with ground-level amenities such as storage and fitness areas.

Additionally, the project includes plans for seven parking spaces. The unit mix plans call for 12 studio, 12 one-bedroom,

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Wu officially kicks off reelection campaign

By Adam Swift

Mayor Michelle Wu officially kicked off her reelection campaign for a second term in office on Saturday.

During a speech to supporters at the Boston Center for the Arts Cyclorama in the South End, Wu highlighted her administration’s accomplishments over the past four years and addressed the recent chal-

lenges the city has faced from the Trump administration.

“Four years ago, we stood right here on election night, 2021,” said Wu. “I told you then that we would build a Boston for everyone. I told you that we don’t have to choose between the big and the small, between filling potholes and fighting to protect our neigh-

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NO GOOD CAN COME FROM THE NEW TARIFFS

It was 95 years ago in June, 1930, that President Herbert Hoover signed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff law (which had been passed by a Republican Congress) that imposed draconian increases in tariffs on more than 20,000 imported goods.

Smoot-Hawley has been recognized by economists and historians of all political persuasions as having been one of the key elements in destroying the world's economy that fueled the Great Depression over the next 10 years, resulting in the massive unemployment world-wide that led to the rise of Adolph Hitler and the horrors of World War II.

This is the commentary about Smoot-Hawley that presently can be found on the official website of the U.S. Senate:

"On June 13, 1930, the Senate passed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff, among the most catastrophic acts in congressional history. As economists had predicted, the high tariff proved to be a disaster. Even before its enactment, U.S. trading partners began retaliating by raising their tariff rates, which froze international trade. The tariff did not sit well with the voters. In 1932 they turned the majority in both houses of Congress over to the Democrats, by large margins, and booted both Reed Smoot and Willis Hawley out of office."

Last week's announcement by President Donald Trump of massive tariffs on every country in the world already has resulted in a huge drop in stock markets world-wide, especially in the U.S., and has led to retaliation from the Chinese.

Trump's absurd tariff levels not only have no basis in reality, but they have made the U.S. an international pariah, turning us into arguably the most-hated nation on earth (except by Vladimir Putin's Russia, which is the only major economy that escaped the Trump tariffs).

The United States has enjoyed unprecedented economic growth over the past 30 years, with our per capita GDP zooming way past Japan and our European peers. A cover story in the Economist Magazine last year rated the U.S. as the top economy in the world in the aftermath of the COVID pandemic.

However, this week's Economist cover depicts Trump isolating the U.S. from the rest of the planet and refers to Trump's tariff announcement as "complete drivel," a sentiment shared by the Wall St. Journal, among others.

The Trump tariffs will lead to higher prices for all Americans in just about everything we buy. The tariffs will lower our standard of living, with most economists predicting that a serious recession is likely in the months ahead. As the Wall St. Journal noted, tariffs are essentially a tax upon consumers, raising the prices of our everyday goods.

For the rich however, the tariffs will be a mere annoyance. Whether they pay an extra \$50,000 for their new Ferrari means nothing. But for the average American, an extra \$5000 for a new car will represent a significant cost that inevitably will lead the typical middle-class consumer to scale back on discretionary items, such as dining out.

The only real question is not whether, but to what extent, Trump's actions will hurt the economic well-being of every American both today and, as the Smoot-

Hawley Act proved, for years to come.

Wu calls for residents to come together for acts of kindness on One Boston Day

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston released the annual call to action for community-based organizations, businesses, and city of Boston residents to come together for volunteer events and acts of kindness in recognition of our City's spirit of care for one another in response to the tragic events of April 15, 2013. One Boston Day, observed on April 15, honors the victims, survivors, and first responders of the 2013 Boston Marathon. Mayor Wu is encouraging acts of kindness on Tuesday, April 15, and for people to take part in volunteer opportunities throughout the week.

"On One Boston Day, we remember the victims, survivors, families, and first responders of 2013, and center what unites our great city," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "One of our darkest moments has become a call to carry out acts of kindness, volunteer, and make a difference for our residents and our neighborhoods. I encourage everyone to reflect on this day and join in making a positive change in our communities."

City of Boston departments and workers will again this year be hosting service projects for people to give back to their communities on April 15 and throughout the week leading up to Marathon Monday, April 21. The Mayor's Office of Civic Organizing is facilitating a neighborhood cleanup for youth and families on Saturday, April 19, 2025, starting at 8:45 a.m. at Franklin Park Playstead. Interested volunteers are asked to register for the annual cleanup here.

"This April 15th, we join with people from across the city in remembering Martin, Krystle, Lingzi, Sean and Dennis," said Bill Richard, co-founder of the Martin Rich-

ard Foundation. "Our family continues to be humbled and grateful to all Bostonians who wish to carry on the generous spirit of One Boston Day. Choose kindness in your words and actions, volunteer, or give to your favorite charity. We are proud to call Boston home."

"One Boston Day is a powerful reminder that even in the face of tragedy, kindness and courage can shine through. After my family and I survived the Boston Marathon bombings, we learned that trauma is the leading cause of death for those 44 and younger—a reality that inspired us to create The Gillian Reny Stepping Strong Center for Trauma Innovation," said Audrey Epstein Reny, founder of The Gillian Reny Stepping Strong Center at Brigham and Women's Hospital. "Through

our center's work, we honor the resilience and generosity of the Boston community, turning heartbreak into hope and advancing trauma care to build brighter, healthier futures for all."

The Stepping Strong Center is partnering with the City of Boston to promote acts of kindness through a life-saving blood drive. This Marathon Monday they will host a blood drive to benefit patients at Brigham and Women's Hospital, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Massachusetts General Hospital who are in need of lifesaving transfusions due to traumatic injuries and other serious health conditions. The Stepping Strong Center Blood Drive will take place in Ken-

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Coletta Zapata stewards passage of legislation on road safety regarding food delivery apps

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Following an extensive amendment process, Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata steered passage of a revised road safety ordinance originally sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu. The ordinance responds to the rapid, unregulated growth of delivery services, which has worsened parking shortages, increased congestion, and contributed to reckless driving. It establishes a permitting process and mandates insurance for food delivery apps, ensuring greater accountability and protection for residents.

“This Ordinance ensures that Boston has clear and effective accountability measures that protect residents and improve safety on our streets, especially given the increased presence of third-party food delivery platforms in Boston. I want to thank my colleagues, the administration, and the representatives of large delivery providers for collaborating throughout this iterative process to produce legislation prioritizing safety with efficient and effective regulations,” said Councilor Coletta Zapata.

The Ordinance introduces three key regulations: requiring large delivery platforms to register with the City, mandating insurance coverage for accident protection, and enforcing data sharing to enhance safety and manage congestion. The insurance requirements would ensure that anyone injured in a crash involving a delivery driver has recourse, regardless of the type of vehicle used. Additionally, data-sharing provisions would give the city critical tools to address safety and congestion challenges more effectively. The data will be anonymized to protect the privacy of consumers and small businesses and ensure no personally identifiable information is shared.

The Ordinance applies to all Third-Party Delivery providers in Boston including UberEats, GrubHub, and DoorDash and requires them to carry liability, personal injury, and collision insurance for operators. All large providers must obtain a permit from the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) and prove they have insurance, inform operators of coverage details, and commit to data reporting. Providers must also share data on Third-Party Delivery Services, Orders, and Operators with BTD.

If a Provider operates and charges a fee for facilitating services and fails to obtain and maintain a valid permit, they will be fined three hundred dollars per day-per restaurant they service and/or three hundred dollars per order. The BTD Commissioner may seek a court injunction to stop unpermitted Providers from offering services.

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

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and 11 two-bedroom units.

It should also be noted that Richard Lynds, the project attorney, said, “we’re not changing anything with respect to the elevation or the height, nor are we changing anything with respect to the overall footprint of the building itself.”

As for how this project aligns with zoning in the area, Lynds indicated that the property is located in the Waterfront Mixed-Use (WMU) zoning subdistrict, which he said, “allows for a number of uses to now occur as a matter of right in this district, not in the least of which is multi-family residential housing which is what we’re proposing.”

Further, Lynds mentioned that the project complies with all of the requirements in the zoning subdistrict.

Moreover, the aforementioned October meeting addressed the fact that this property is located in a Designated Port Area (DPA). At that meeting, Lynds also pointed to plans showing a line running through the back of the property, which signified a Chapter 91 boundary.

During the project presentation, Lynds outlined renderings, floor plans, site plans, and more. He also detailed other aspects of the project, such as landscaping, street trees and bike storage in front of the building, and a new crosswalk on Condor Street.

There was also an alteration to the project in that a previously proposed roof deck is no longer in the plans, though Lynds said the idea could be revisited.

Following the presentation, those who attended the meeting were able to comment and ask questions.

One attendee, an abutter who owns the building behind the proposed project, which Sparrow Enterprises currently occupies, wanted to ensure that an area on the right side of the building would remain open for industrial use.

Lynds indicated that there was no plan for closing that area since it is a shared-access with the building behind them and 130 Condor Street to the right.

The abutter followed up on their initial question and wondered how they would ensure that people would not park in the shared-access area and block it, considering the number of units with few parking spaces, and added that other than this concern, he was happy to see something happening with the building.

In response, Lynds said, “We will ensure, as part of this redevelopment, that there is adequate signage on the side of the building indicating that it’s no parking and it’s a tow zone.”

John Walkey, who is also director of climate justice and waterfront initiatives at GreenRoots, a non-profit environmental justice group, voiced several concerns about the city’s zoning and how it relates to this project.

For example, while Walkey acknowledged the zoning changes in East Boston, he raised concerns about having residential uses near industrial areas with noise, smell, off-hour activity, and more, and suggested that this information be included in a legal disclosure to potential tenants.

He also took issue with the city’s parking stance, saying, “to think that there’s going to be this many units and there’s not going to be more than seven cars is ludicrous.”

“We’ve run out of parking in the city, and at this point, there’s no indication that the city has a plan for dealing with that, and projects like this only exacerbate it.”

Walkey also talked about affordability, and Lynds mentioned that the project has zero affordable units but is compliant with regulations.

Lynds noted at the October meeting that affordable units are not required since this project was filed before the changes to affordability regulations in the city and does not need zoning relief.

Walkey continued providing his thoughts and eventually asked if any green aspects were proposed for the building. Lynds mentioned plans for some EV (electric vehicle) charging, and they could consider adding solar panels.

During the conversation, several other topics were touched on. For example, one attendee thought it would be prudent for the city and state to touch base regarding Chapter 91 jurisdiction, as the city’s zoning seems to conflict with it.

Others brought up the parking issue, saying they were not convinced the development would bring tenants without cars and that on a macro-level, the city should look to address parking concerns. There was also confusion surrounding whether construction on the project had already started due to the demolition of a shed at

the rear of the property.

However, Tyler Ross, a senior project manager at the Planning Department, indicated that they obtained a demolition permit properly, and it is technically not part of the project.

While the comment period for this project has closed, Ross indicated that people can still comment on the proposal. He also noted that it is slated to go before the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board for a vote this month.

For more information about the project, visit <https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/98-100-condor-street> and email tyler.c.ross@boston.gov to comment.

According to the Planning Department’s website, the BPDA Board meeting at which this project is tentatively scheduled to be voted on is April 10.

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EAST BOSTON FC POWERED BY BOSTON SCORES, KICKS OFF INAUGURAL SEASON WITH COMMUNITY-FILLED OPENING DAY EVENT

Despite the cold wind and steady drizzle that settled over the neighborhood, the energy was electric on Saturday morning, March 29, as more than 200 young athletes and their families gathered at Boston Scores Field in East Boston to celebrate the official launch of East Boston Football Club (East Boston FC or EBFC) — the community’s first-ever comprehensive youth soccer club.

This inaugural Opening Day event marked a historic moment for East Boston, showcasing the power of grassroots efforts, community pride, and a shared commitment to expanding opportunities for local youth and families.



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State Senator Lydia Edwards shares her excitement about the inaugural season of EBFC.



“This is more than just soccer,” said Allison Saucier, President of East Boston FC and Senior Manager of Community Programs at Boston Scores. “We’re building something special — a space for our kids to grow not just as athletes, but also as teammates, and community leaders.”

The launch of East Boston FC, Powered by Boston Scores is the result of a collaborative effort between local parents, volunteers, and Boston Scores, a local nonprofit organization who offers free after school soccer programs to over 1,800 youth across the city. Boston Scores provides backbone support for EBFC. The new club offers recreational youth soccer for children ages 3 to 18, including additional opportunities for high school students through Boston Scores.

This spring, East Boston FC takes the field with four competitive travel teams competing in the Boston Area Youth Soc-

cer (BAYS) 4th grade division. As part of the Mayor’s efforts to expand neighborhood-based soccer leagues across the city, EBFC will be participating specifically in the Boston Soccer League divisions of BAYS. The travel program includes three boys teams and one girls team, with plans to expand offerings for older players in the fall and future seasons.

Families braved the frigid, wet weather to enjoy a full

morning of soccer activities. Children kicked around with teammates, with each young athlete receiving a soccer ball, a variety of snacks, and pizza, and checked out the newly unveiled East Boston FC swag, featuring the club’s new logo and bold colors.

The speaker program reflected the deep community support behind the club’s launch. Alongside East Boston FC’s President Allison Saucier and

Vice President Tommy Welch, dignitaries in attendance included NWSL Boston Legacy FC General Manager Domènec Guasch, State Senator Lydia Edwards, City Councilor Gigi Coletta Zapata, and State Representative Adrian Madaro, all of whom spoke about the club’s importance to the neighborhood.

“This moment signifies the culmination of a tremen-

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Third graders work with a volunteer coach at one of the soccer skills stations.



Parents, athletes, EBFC advisory board members, special guests, and Boston Scores team members take a photo before the speaking program.

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dous amount of collaboration between Boston Scores and countless volunteers of the East Boston community... and this is just the beginning,” said State Senator Lydia Edwards. “Because of all the hard work and support from parents and community partners, years from now we won’t even be able to remember a time when East Boston didn’t have access to beautiful facilities such as the Boston Scores Field and East Boston FC.”

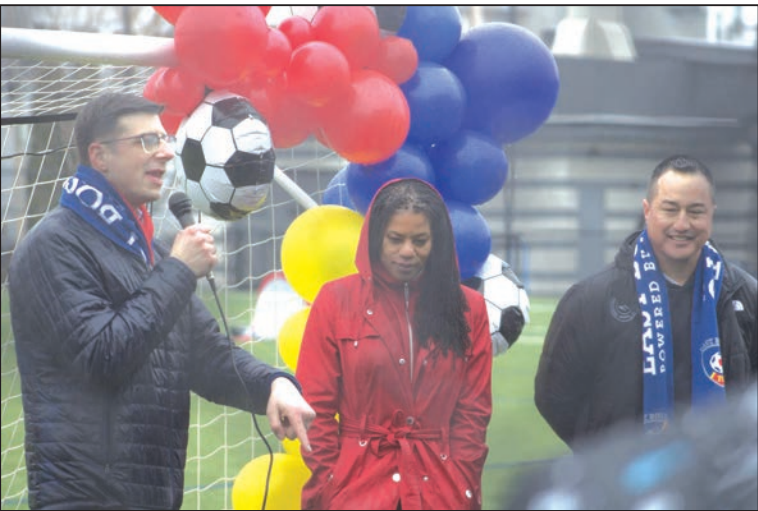
“This club represents the heart of East Boston — hard-working families, passionate volunteers, and kids who deserve every opportunity to thrive,” said Rep. Adrian Madaro. “It’s a dream realized for so many people who have worked tirelessly to make this possible.”

For parents like Deanna Castano, whose 10-year-old son is on one of the travel teams and 8 year-old daughter is participating in the grass-roots program, the launch of East Boston FC is more than just a new activity. “This club gives our kids a chance to be part of something positive and powerful,” she said. “It’s community, it’s joy, and it’s something we can all be proud of.”

With its inaugural season underway, East Boston FC is already shaping the future of youth sports in the neighborhood — one pass, one cheer, and one game at a time.

East Boston FC’s mission is to provide a recreational soccer club that offers multiple levels of soccer programming with holistic player development, rooted in character building, skill development, opportunity, and community. The club offers an in-house recreational league for Grades PreK–8, as well as expanding competitive travel options for more age groups, beginning with 3rd/4th grade and high school teams this spring. East Boston FC is part of Boston Scores whose mission is to inspire youth to lead healthy lives, be engaged students, and have the confidence and character to make a difference in the world.

For more information, to donate, or to get involved with East Boston FC, visit www.eastbostonfc.org or boston-scores.org/ebfc.



State Representative Adrian Madaro expresses his appreciation for East Boston FC and Boston Scores from the perspective of a community leader and parent of an EBFC soccer player.Photo credit: bygphotography



East Boston FC Vice President Tommy Welch welcomes families to the opening day ceremonyPhoto credit: bygphotography



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NWSL Boston Legacy FC General Manager Domènec Guasch addresses the families and EBFC players.



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East Boston FC Advisory Board member, Jane Reilley, and Boston Scores team member, Kelly Fletcher welcome families to the EBFC opening day event.



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Members of the 3rd/4th grade East Boston FC Travel Team.

Second abutters meeting held for 155R Princeton Street proposal

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Last week, a second abutters meeting was held for a project at 155R Princeton Street that includes a subdivision and would bring new units to the area.

Eva Jones, a city community engagement specialist, explained that the proposal calls for subdividing the parcel to create two separate lots.

One lot would be 3,500 square feet, which will house a preexisting one-story garage on the site. It is proposed that the garage has three stories and three condominium units built on top of it. It should also be noted that the proposal also calls for a change of occupancy.

The other lot would be 1,500 square feet and contain the existing three-family building on the site, which is slated to remain.

Eventually, Jones gave the floor to Attorney Derric Small, who provided more details about the project.

He noted that the garage level would remain a garage and that there would be parking for three or four vehicles inside it. Additionally, the proposed

units are all slated to be about 1,580 square feet with two bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms.

Small also spoke about the proposed elevation, indicating that the proposed building has a maximum height of 35 feet, and later noted that the site slopes downward in the rear, where the garage is located.

"The garage sits lower, which is why we're able to get the three stories at 35 feet because the rear of the property slopes down," he said.

Later, Small shifted gears to highlight how this proposal aligns with the area's zoning. He said the property is in the 3F-2,000 subdistrict under the old zoning and the East Boston Residential (EBR)-3 subdistrict under the current zoning.

The project is cited for violations. Small said one was for having two or more dwellings on the same lot, but the proposed subdivision would remediate that.

Another violation was for exceeding the maximum number of stories. "Because we are going up on the garage, the City of Boston considers it a four-story building; the garage being one and the vertical ad-

dition of three stories," said Small.

However, he did emphasize that even with the story violation, the building's height in feet is within the limit for the zoning subdistrict. The proposal is also cited for its side yard and rear yard, which are preexisting conditions that are non-conforming. The front yard is also non-conforming.

Moreover, Small showed another zoning code refusal letter from the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) for 157 Princeton Street, the location of the aforementioned existing three-family building.

"Because we're subdividing the lot, it puts the existing property at 157 also into non-conformity," he said.

This zoning code refusal letter mentioned violations for excessive building lot coverage, insufficient permeable area of the lot, the side yard, and the rear yard.

Following Small's presentation, Peter Alfe, who owns the property, made a statement about water remediation.

"All the water that comes off 157 and 155 is tied into an underground chamber. When it overfills it goes into wherever

the city asked us to bring it," said Alfe.

"Water, sewer, sprinkler lines, and electric are already into the garage. We're just waiting for Eversource to run the line to the box on the sidewalk, but on our part, everything is done...all underground work has been done already."

After Alfe's statement, attendees began to comment and ask questions. One attendee had commented that the plans show a pole coming down on an overhang on the proposed building that would be on a resident's deeded parking space.

However, Alfe indicated that a post would not be there and residents could park as usual. The same attendee also wondered how far the overhang went out and if it would be right across from the windows of the existing three-family building. In response, Alfe said that it would end before the windows.

Another attendee who lives behind the garage wondered if the concrete facade on the existing structure would be improved, and Alfe said they would look at it. Alfe and this attendee also discussed trees that hang over the garage and planned to communicate more

about them.

Additionally, this attendee appreciated the added density to the area and was excited about the proposal.

As the discussion wrapped up, another question was asked regarding how far the overhang came out from the existing garage, and Alfe estimated it was about seven or eight feet. Also, it was emphasized that the cable and wi-fi infrastructure for 157 Princeton Street needed to be moved from the garage roof.

Regarding potential construction at the site, Alfe mentioned that they would probably have to unload in the street and that things would be stocked inside the garage. He also let current residents know they could park in the garage after work inside it is completed.

As for the rest of this process, the proposal is usually presented to the local civic association, which may vote on it. However, Jones noted that since this is the second abutters meeting for the project, they have already met with the civic association.

The next step will be for ISD to schedule a hearing date with the Zoning Board of Appeal.

Bono Restaurant and Catering seeks extended hours and an alcohol license upgrade

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

During an abutters meeting last week, Fernando Rosas, one of the owners of Bono Restaurant and Catering, located at 271 Meridian Street, shared a proposal that would extend the establishment's hours of oper-

ation and grant it an upgraded alcohol license.

Bono Restaurant and Catering, which started as a bakery called La Casa del Pandebono in 2019, focuses on serving food from El Salvador, Mexico, and Colombia.

"We always have been a

small business, family-owned, and we are happy [with] what we have become in the past five years," said Rosas.

As part of the proposal, Bono Restaurant and Catering is looking to change its closing time from 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. "This change will give us a little bit more flexibility to be able to host some events and to be able to make the last call a little bit later," said Rosas.

The current operating hours are as follows: Monday and Tuesday 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m., Wednesday 11:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m., Thursday-Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m., and Sunday 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

Rosas also noted that he was not looking to close at 1:00 a.m. daily and mentioned Fri-

days, Saturdays, and Sundays as days for the later closure.

Additionally, the establishment is looking to upgrade its existing beer and wine license to an all alcohol license.

"This will allow us to [better serve our guests] who are celebrating events, birthdays, or a small gathering, and it will also increase [flexibility] in the crafting of our drink menu," said Rosas.

He also mentioned that they have held their existing beer and wine license for almost a year and have only had one issue, a noise complaint that was corrected within five minutes.

Rosas also assured those in attendance that the business would not turn into a nightclub or "crazy bar."

"We're still going to be the same Bono [we're just] going to have a better opportunity to grow, offer better services, and keep guests local."

Following the brief presentation, only one attendee commented, complimenting and supporting the business in its endeavor.

As for the next steps in this process, Eva Jones, a city community engagement specialist who hosted the abutters meeting, indicated that the proposal will be presented to the local civic association, which could vote on it depending on how the group runs.

Following the completion of the community process, a hearing date will be scheduled with the licensing board.

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MBTA announces spring schedules, increases subway and bus service frequency

The MBTA announced improvements this spring to bus and subway schedules, which is now in effect. Among the changes, the MBTA will improve subway frequency as well as bus frequency and schedule reliability in order to address growing traffic congestion. This includes increased frequencies for Routes 57 and 77, along with additional resources to help routes on some of the region's most congested streets meet their existing schedules. More information on upcoming spring changes is available at mbta.com/ServiceChanges.

"The Healey-Driscoll administration is fully committed to making the MBTA safer, more reliable, and more responsive to the needs of riders," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "We're seeing the results of targeted investments in both our workforce and infrastructure—more efficient service across buses, subways, and Commuter Rail, driven by the completion of critical repairs and smarter capital planning. With more frequent service and more dependable schedules, we're building trust with riders and encouraging more people to choose the MBTA for their daily trips."

"We're pleased to roll out these upcoming schedule enhancements this spring, which include a number of improvements for riders," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "Our seasonal schedule revisions give us a regular opportunity to improve service, make upgrades, and incorporate feedback from our riders and stakeholders. The improvements to Routes 57 and 77, for example, are an important Bus Network Redesign milestone as we continue to improve service for riders who depend on it most."

Subway Frequency Improvements This Spring

Beginning April 6, frequency and reliability improvements are planned on the Red, Orange, Blue, and Green lines. Shorter four-car Red Line trains will also continue to be added to the schedule this spring during weekday rush hour. More information is available at mbta.com/ServiceChanges.

Bus Service Improvements

Beginning April 6, many bus routes are shifting trip times to improve service frequency and reliability. Riders are encouraged to use the MBTA's Trip Planner to plan their trips and check out the full list of upcoming bus service changes at mbta.com/ServiceChanges.

Notable frequency increases this spring include Bus Routes 57 and 77:

Increased Frequency for Route 57: Watertown Yard – Kenmore Station

Service frequency will improve from every 15-20 minutes to every 10 minutes for Route 57 riders in Newton and Watertown next month during weekday morning and evening rush hour periods. The route will also be simplified to create a more consistent service pattern and more consistent trip spacing between Oak Square and Kenmore.

This increase in service supports the MBTA's collaboration with the City of Boston on the future Route 57 Transit Priority Corridor, which will use strategies like dedicated bus lanes and transit signal priority to help buses move more efficiently. Data shows these lanes and signals will improve travel times for more than 8,500 daily riders.

Increased Frequency for Route 77: Arlington Heights – Harvard Station

Route 77 will also become more frequent beginning April 6. Route 77 will operate every 10 minutes or better during rush hour periods beginning this spring, an increase from the current 15-20 minutes on weekdays. On Saturdays, frequencies will improve to every 12-14 minutes from every 20 minutes. Sunday service will be upgraded from every 20-25 minutes to every 15 minutes or better, except during early morning and late-night service hours.

"Reliable and frequent MBTA service is essential for thousands of Cambridge residents and employees who rely on public transit daily," said Cambridge City Manager Yi-An Huang. "These service enhancements will make a real difference, and we're grateful to the MBTA for their continued focus on improving transit access. This progress supports Cambridge's broader efforts to

reduce congestion and encourage sustainable transportation across Greater Boston."

This investment in increased service on Route 77 aligns with the City of Cambridge's commitment to existing bus lanes on Massachusetts Avenue north of Porter Square and into Arlington, which helps to keep bus riders moving safely and reliably. These lanes have proven to save more than 4,300 daily riders three to four minutes each way, which amplifies the MBTA's investment in increased service.

These frequency improvements for Routes 57 and 77 are another step as part of Bus Network Redesign, the MBTA's strategy to better align the bus network with today's travel patterns and offer more frequent bus service in busy neighborhoods. The MBTA plans for these routes to become Frequent Bus Routes with service every 15 minutes or better all day, every day in the future.

Accounting for Increased Travel Times

Rising traffic congestion in the Boston area affects bus operations by increasing the travel time for each trip, which can result in buses running behind schedule. To address this challenge, the MBTA will allocate more buses and operators to several routes that have experienced rising traffic congestion: Routes 1, 22, 23, 32, 66, 111, and SL4. These additional resources aim to improve reliability and will allow these routes to meet their existing schedules amidst increased travel delays. More than half of the additional bus operators available this spring will be dedicated to addressing traffic congestion on these routes. These changes do not expand service or increase frequencies beyond the existing schedule.

More information on the updated schedules for all affected bus routes are available at mbta.com/ServiceChanges.

Spring 2025 Commuter Rail Schedules

Passengers can find current spring 2025 Commuter Rail schedules, which went into effect on March 24, at mbta.com/ServiceChanges and at mbta.com/CommuterRail.

2025 Ferry Service Schedules

Seasonal 2025 ferry schedules are now available at mbta.com/ServiceChanges and mbta.com/ferry. As previously announced:

Winthrop and Quincy Ferry Information

Weekday Service:

Winthrop and Quincy Ferry weekday service will begin on Monday, April 28, 2025.

To better serve ferry passengers, weekday trips will be divided into two separate routes: the Winthrop Ferry operating directly between Winthrop and Boston and the Quincy Ferry operating directly between Quincy and Boston. With two separate ferry routes serving Winthrop and Quincy, the MBTA is more than doubling trips to these destinations on weekdays. Two separate routes also allow the MBTA to improve trip times from Winthrop to Boston by about 30 minutes (last year, a weekday trip from Winthrop to Boston or the Seaport took about 50 minutes; this season, these trips will take about 20 minutes). Both ferry routes will continue to serve Logan Airport, the Seaport, and Central Wharf / Aquarium.

Weekend Service:

Winthrop and Quincy Ferry weekend service will begin on Saturday, May 24, 2025, to coincide with Memorial Day weekend.

On weekends, the MBTA will continue to operate a combined Winthrop and Quincy Ferry route serving all destinations.

A one-way fare on the Winthrop and Quincy Ferry is \$6.50 (or \$3.25 for Reduced Fare riders). Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash on board. Commuter Boat or Commuter Rail Zone 1 (or higher) passes and M7 cards are also accepted.

Lynn Ferry Information

Lynn Ferry weekday service will begin on Monday, March 31, 2025. Lynn Ferry weekend service will begin on Saturday, May 24, 2025, to coincide with Memorial Day weekend.

A one-way fare on the Lynn Ferry is \$7 (or \$3.50 for Reduced Fare riders). Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash on board. Commuter Boat or Commuter Rail Zone 2 (or higher) passes

and M7 cards are also accepted.

Hingham/Hull Ferry Information

Hingham/Hull Ferry weekday service continues to operate year-round. Hingham/Hull Ferry weekend service will begin on Saturday, May 24, 2025, to coincide with Memorial Day weekend.

A one-way fare on the Hingham/Hull Ferry is \$9.75 (or \$4.85 for Reduced Fare riders). Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash on board. Commuter Boat passes or Commuter Rail Zone 6 (or higher) passes are also accepted.

East Boston Ferry Information

East Boston Ferry weekday and weekend service will begin Monday, March 31, 2025.

A one-way fare on the East Boston Ferry is \$2.40 (or \$1.10 for Reduced Fare riders), which is the same as taking the subway. Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app. Printed LinkPasses, Commuter Rail Zone passes, and M7s are also accepted.

Charlestown Ferry Information

Charlestown Ferry weekday and weekend service continues to operate year-round.

A one-way fare on the Charlestown Ferry is \$3.70 (or \$1.85 for Reduced Fare riders). Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash on board. Commuter Boat passes or Commuter Rail Zone 1A (or higher) passes are also accepted.

Sign up for T-Alerts

Riders can find more information on service changes through in-station signage, in-station public announcements, and at mbta.com/alerts. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

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bors, and I told you that Boston's promise and possibility are on our shoulders right now together.

"This is our city," she continued. "Over the past four years, I have seen Boston's promise and possibility every day over every part of our city."

As both a city councilor and then as a mayor, Wu said she has been fighting for people over profits and to make Boston a city that everyone can be proud of.

"I believe in the promise and possibility of Boston, because

this city has given me everything that I cherish in my life, and as mayor, I promise that I will never back down from fighting for our families and our future," Wu said. "Boston will not back down; not to kings, not to bullies, and not to naysayers who want to take us backward. Four years ago, gun violence in Boston had just hit a 10-year high.

"Every year since taking office, we've set new record lows and now we are the safest ma-

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Fenway High School senior Joliné Brito thanks Mayor Wu for her support of public education and determination to make Boston a safe city for everyone.



President of Union Local 26 Carlos Aramayo noted how Mayor Wu stood by striking hospitality workers.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu: "I promise you that Boston will never back down...not to kings, not to bullies, and not to naysayers that want to bring us backward. Boston is not for sale."



Community activist José C Massó III lauded Mayor Wu's commitment to affordable housing and standing up against bullies and oligarchs.



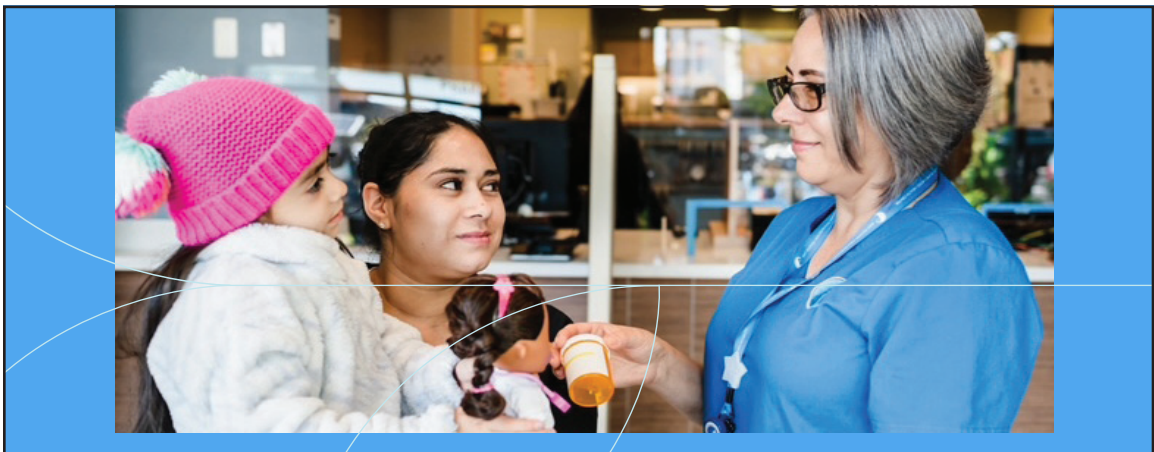
Before US Representative Ayanna Pressley introduced Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, she remarked "I thank God that we have a Mayor that doesn't back down."



Massachusetts State Rep and Campaign Manager for Michelle Wu Aaron Michlewitz begins the program.



Co-Executive Director of The Fenway Alliance Genevieve Day the fenway alliance, senior advisor to Mayor Wu Stephen Chan, Director of Public Affairs at the Huntington Theatre and Temple Gill with Massachusetts State Rep Jay Livingstone.



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Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata and her husband Sebastian.



Massachusetts State Rep John Moran with Chester Square Neighbors President Carol Blair.



Business manager for Painter's Union District Council 35 Chris Brennan, President of AFSCME Tiger Stockbridge (3rd from right), Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards, State Reps Rep Chris Worrell, Jay Livingstone, and Dan Ryan.



Massachusetts State Rep Jay Livingstone with Bob Binney, Gretchen Bennett, and Patrick McDonough of Ward 5.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu with her children Mira, Blaise, and Cass met with supporters.



US Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley with Sharita Fauche, Marta McClung, and Karen Maxwell.

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Masterson named Project Bread's new Director of the Make Hunger History Coalition

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Spencer Masterson, a dedicated advocate for food justice, has joined Project Bread as the new Director of the Make Hunger History Coalition. Masterson brings more than 14 years of experience in food justice, advocacy, and coalition-building to the role, where he will lead the organization's efforts to eliminate hunger in Massachusetts.

"I'm excited to join Project Bread because I believe ending hunger is not just a goal but a moral imperative," says Masterson. "Food insecurity is a policy choice, and Project Bread's work to create systemic change—through statewide initiatives like the Make Hunger History Coalition—resonates deeply with my commitment to equity, justice, and building meaningful partnerships to tackle hunger."

Masterson arrives at Project Bread at a critical time, as the nonprofit advances the ambitious Make Hunger History Coalition. This pioneering initiative brings together a diverse group of policymakers, community leaders, service providers, and individuals with lived experience of food insecurity to achieve a collective goal of ensuring all Massachusetts residents have dignified



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Spencer Masterson.

access to food and the economic resources needed to make choices about their food. Masterson's leadership will play a key role in expanding the coalition's capacity and driving the transformation necessary to ensure all Massachusetts residents have reliable access to nutritious, affordable food.

To date, the Make Hunger History Coalition has garnered over 300 members who are currently split into working groups focused on the movement's five key pillars:

- Ensure that all residents can access and buy food, establishing systems and support that make food reliably accessible and affordable for everyone.

- Integrate food security and healthcare, connecting food access with healthcare systems, recognizing food as a foundational element of health.

- Support residents to eat nutritious and local food, enabling more people to enjoy the benefits of fresh, locally sourced, and healthy foods.

- Enhance food support programs for target populations, strengthening support for those who need it most and providing tailored assistance to communities and populations facing unique challenges.

- Address the root causes of hunger, tackling the underlying economic and social factors contributing to food insecurity across our communities.

In his new role, Masterson will focus on strengthening the coalition's work, supporting the working groups' progress, and forging new partnerships to address the root causes of hunger in Massachusetts. He is particularly passionate about ensuring that food systems are equitable, culturally competent, and responsive to the needs of all communities.

Prior to joining Project Bread, Masterson served as Associate Director of Partnerships & Programs at the Oregon Food Bank,

where he facilitated a statewide coalition of 21 food banks and over 1,400 independent distribution sites. His extensive background in advocacy, coalition-building, and policy transformation has resulted in significant policy wins, such as funding for Double Up Food Bucks, and helped catalyze support for universal school meals, as well as broader systems change in areas such as minimum wage increases and driver's licenses for all residents. Throughout his career, Masterson has been a staunch advocate for racial justice and community-driven solutions to food insecurity.

"Spencer's passion for food justice, deep commitment to equity, and proven success in leading large-scale initiatives make him an invaluable addition to the team," says Jennifer Lemmerman, Project Bread's Chief Policy Officer. "His leadership will strengthen our efforts to make Massachusetts the first hunger-free state in the nation and help turn the coalition's bold ideas into action. We are thrilled to have him on board."

Outside of work, Masterson enjoys spending time with his wife and two young children, baking, and making pizza. He is also an avid hiker and has a

passion for music. A Chicago-land-area native, Masterson now lives in Hyde Park, Boston, with his family.

Individuals and organizations looking to get involved and join the Make Hunger History Coalition can visit MakeHungerHistoryMA.org to learn more about this groundbreaking initiative. People experiencing food insecurity should call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential, free assistance getting connected to a variety of food resources in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. Counselors can pre-screen families and help them to apply for SNAP. Learn more at www.projectbread.org/get-help.

Project Bread is the leading statewide food security organization in Massachusetts. Beginning in 1969 with the first Walk for Hunger, the nonprofit focuses on driving systemic change to ensure people of all ages have reliable access to healthy food. Project Bread works collaboratively across sectors to create innovative solutions to end hunger and improve lives across the Commonwealth. For more information, visit: www.projectbread.org.

Boston Public Library receives the 2025 AIA Collaborative Achievement Award

The Boston Public Library (BPL) has been recognized with the prestigious 2025 American Institute of Architects (AIA) Collaborative Achievement Award for its visionary approach to people-centered architecture—preserving history while shaping inclusive, inspiring spaces for the future.

As the first large, municipally funded urban public library in America and one of only two public research libraries in the U.S., the Boston Public Library has long been a leader in innovative public space design. Across its 27 locations, BPL blends historic preservation with modern functionality, ensuring its buildings serve as both cultural landmarks and dynamic community spaces. From its landmark 1895 Central Library to today's reimagined neighborhood branches, the architecture of BPL's spaces has continuously evolved to meet the changing needs of its neighborhoods.

"This recognition from the American Institute of Architects underscores the Boston Public

Library's dedication to creating spaces that inspire and serve the community," said David Leonard, President of the Boston Public Library. "The principle of 'Free to All' is not just etched in stone above our doors—it guides our commitment to designing welcoming, accessible spaces that enrich lives. Our libraries are more than just buildings; they underscore the importance of creating spaces that reflect the vibrancy of our neighborhoods and the evolving needs of the people we serve. We are grateful to our partners—architects, City leaders, and community members—who help us bring this vision to life."

BPL's commitment to good design is patron-focused and rooted in inspiring a sense of curiosity and connection in its visitors. Public input drives the planning and design of library spaces; BPL's partnership with Boston's leading architects, designers, City leaders, and most importantly, its community, enables the creation of welcoming, transformative spaces that are

accessible, sustainable, and responsive to community needs.

A statement from AIA's Jury Chair notes, "The Boston Public Library focuses on providing accessible, community-driven, and architecturally significant public spaces. Their work aligns with AIA's values of inclusivity, sustainability, and civic engagement, ensuring that library spaces evolve to meet the changing needs of Boston's diverse population. BPL has contributed to the city's fabric by strategically placing libraries in underserved areas and ensuring that 70% of residents live within a 15-minute walk of a branch. The statement of contributions emphasizes BPL's long history of commissioning visionary architects to design and renovate its buildings - from 1895 until the present day. There is an impressive emphasis on thoughtful design excellence (demonstrated by many design awards). It also details the library's commitment to sustainable and inclusive design, ensuring that public spaces remain welcoming, adaptable,

and functional. The submission underscores how BPL's capital projects reflect a deep understanding of urban design, public engagement, and environmental responsibility."

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu's FY25 capital plan allocates \$134 million to library projects, funding new branches and essential renovations. In 2025, BPL will break ground on the new Fields Corner Branch, while designs advance for new branches in Chinatown, West End, Uphams Corner, Egleston, and the South End. Several of these projects, including the new Chinatown, Uphams Corner, and West End branches, are part of Boston's 'Housing with Public Assets' initiative—integrating library spaces with affordable housing to strengthen communities. Meanwhile, significant investments continue at the Central Library in Copley Square, supporting repairs, renovations, and long-term master planning. More details on these projects can be found at apps.boston.gov/capital-projects.

"The Boston Public Library's recognition by the American Institute of Architects highlights its commitment to creating inspiring, community-centered spaces," said Dion Irish, Chief of Operations for the City of Boston. "The Public Facilities Department is proud to partner with BPL in designing and renovating libraries that are both architecturally significant and deeply connected to the neighborhoods they serve. This award underlines the power of collaboration in shaping public spaces that will enrich Boston for generations to come."

The AIA Collaborative Achievement Award will be presented at the AIA Conference on Architecture 2025, where the Boston Public Library will be honored alongside other leaders shaping the future of architecture and public space design.

For more information about the AIA Collaborative Achievement Award, visit <https://www.aia.org/design-excellence/award-winners/boston-public-library>.

Boston Logan International Airport joins Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program

Program discreetly identifies passengers who may need extra support

Special to the Times-Free Press

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is partnering with the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower program; a worldwide program that helps create accessible and inclusive places for all those with disabilities. By wearing a Hidden Disabilities Sunflower lanyard, passengers can subtly indicate to airport staff that they may need additional assistance in the airport. Nearly 300 airports and dozens of airlines globally take part in the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower network.

Starting in the UK in 2016, the global Hidden Disabilities Sunflower provides their innovative program and training to businesses and non-profits across all sectors including air travel, retail, tourism, education and more. Globally 1 in 6 people, approximately 1.3 billion of the world population, live with a disability. These disabilities can be temporary, situational, or permanent. Non-visible disabilities can be neurological, cognitive, and neurodevelopmental, physical, visual, auditory and including sensory and processing difficulties. They can also include respiratory, heart, rare diseases, and chronic conditions such as asthma, endometriosis, and chronic pain. Across Massachusetts, nearly 11 percent of the population has some form of disability.

"We are thrilled to welcome

Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) to the global Hidden Disabilities Sunflower network," said Lynn Smith, Regional Sunflower Director -U.S.A. "As one of the top twenty busiest airports in the U.S., Boston Logan's commitment to the Sunflower program will have a positive impact on many travelers and employees. We look forward to our continued relationship with BOS where passengers and employees with hidden disabilities can now feel even more supported and welcome during their time at BOS."

Improving the passenger experience is a top priority for Massport. Programs such as this one, Wings for Autism where families with children with autism can practice the airport experience, and the Sensory Room at Logan's Terminal E, help reduce the stress of traveling and make our airports more welcoming. Massport is committed to making our airports inclusive places for all.

"As a member of the Sunflower Program, Massport is furthering our commitment to making sure all passengers get the assistance they need at our airports," said Mia Healy-Waldron, Deputy Director of Customer Service at Massport. "We are dedicated to exceptional guest experience, and this program is an important step in making sure all of our customers, no matter the disability, can fly smoothly."

Visit the kiosks at the Information Booths in the airport or go to flylogan.com for more information on the program and how to obtain a Sunflower lanyard.

For more information on Hidden Disabilities Sunflower, please watch this video or go to: www.hdsunflower.com.

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OBITUARIES

Louise J. Petrozzelli

Family was what mattered most to her

Family and friends attended Visiting Hours on Tuesday, April 8 in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St. Revere for Louise J. Petrozzelli, a resident of East Boston, who died on Monday, March 31st in Framingham, following a long illness. She was 77 years old. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, 45 Brooks St., East Boston following visiting hours. Interment was private.

Louise was born in Boston on March 19, 1948, to her parents, Antonio and Ida (Spagnuolo) Petrozzelli. She was one of three children who were raised and educated in East Boston. She was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1966.

Following high school, Louise began working for Jordan Marsh Co. in downtown Boston. She became a buyer in the homeware department. She later left and began working at Lechmere, in the same capacity. She then took a better position staying within retail and became the Chief Merchant for online catalog for The Harvard Coop. Louise loved working there and had a career that spanned over 20 years. One of the greatest joys of her career was traveling all over the world.

She was also a very caring and devoted daughter to her parents, whom she cared for and looked after as they were aging. Her family was what mattered to her the most. She never had children but was blessed with nieces and nephews whom she loved as if they were her own children.

Louise was also a Godmother for many children of family



and friends. She was a lifetime parishioner of Sacred Heart Church and the former St. John the Baptist Church.

The devoted daughter of the late Antonio and Ida Petrozzelli, she was the loving sister of Pasquale C. "Pat" Petrozzelli and his wife, Rita of Revere and Angelo Petrozzelli and his wife, Kathleen of Haverhill; cherished aunt of Patricia Petrozzelli and Alan Lord of Salem, N.H., Anthony Petrozzelli and his wife, Judith of Revere, John Petrozzelli of Framingham, Annmarie Spear and her husband, Matthew of Gaylord, Michigan and Kathleen Gallagher and her husband, Joseph of Lynnfield; the treasured grand aunt of 10 grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN.

To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuciosmithvazza.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, Revere.

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Court rules in city's favor on White Stadium renovations

By Adam Swift

Last week, a Suffolk County Superior Judge ruled that the renovations at White Stadium at Franklin Park can continue and that the stadium is not protected as park or conservation land under Article 97 of state law.

The \$200 million public-private project between the city and the Boston Unity Soccer Partners group calls for a major renovation of the stadium, which would be the home of Boston's new team in the National Women's Soccer League, Boston Legacy FC, beginning in 2026. According to Mayor Michelle Wu, the upgraded stadium would be open for use for the Boston Public Schools and the community more than 90 percent of the time.

But a group made up of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and about 20 neighbors filed suit against the project, claiming there were a number of negative impacts from building a professional sports stadium in the middle of Franklin Park.

During a press conference at the stadium last Thursday, April 3, Wu, Boston Legacy FC controlling manager Jennifer Epstein, and representatives of BPS athletics celebrated the legal victory.

"In a city of sports champions, this is a historic victory," Wu said. "A renovated White Stadium will be open and used by BPS students, coaches, and community 15 hours per day, more than 345 days per year. We thank the Superior Court for twice affirming this vital project for our students and community as a year-round facility that will inspire the next generation of Boston students."

"Together, after so many years of broken promises, we will give our young people and all our residents the scale of investment and opportunity that Franklin Park and our city deserve."

Epstein said with the legal ruling, Boston Legacy FC is pleased to continue the renovation of the stadium along with the city of Boston.

"Boston Public Schools students and the communities around Franklin Park have long deserved the type of generational investment this project delivers," Epstein said. "We



Mayor Michelle Wu at a press conference at White Stadium on Thursday, April 3 discussing the superior court ruling allowing renovations to the stadium to continue.

look forward to contributing to a beautiful, modern venue to be enjoyed by everyone in the city and to playing our games in front of the best sports fans in the world."

Avery Esdaile, the BPS executive director of Athletics, thanked Wu and Boston Superintendent of Schools Mary Skipper for their support for the White Stadium project.

"Knowing that this construction is going on now, we know that we are going to have a home and a space that is going to be able to withstand the weather," Esdaile said. "We know that we are going to have appropriate spaces for our students to be in, that they will be able to play a soccer game, that they will be able to have a track meet and our kids won't be out in the weather. These are big things and big movements in terms of what we've been trying to accomplish through this process."

Esdaile said the project is an example of the schools and the city working together to make Boston a place where youth sports is available for everyone.

"White Stadium is going to play a big part in that," he said. "It's going to help us in terms of BPS, but it is also going to give a lot of kids their first opportunity to see a professional soccer game, their first opportunity to dream about being a soccer player or going out and running a 100 or a 200 like the



Demolition work is underway at White Stadium

students they have seen out there."

Dr. Jean McGuire, a Roxbury resident and plaintiff in the legal case said that they were disappointed by the trial's outcome, but not surprised.

"Our community is used to seeing laws meant to protect the public get trampled when the rich and powerful see an opportunity to make money," said McGuire. "Despite this outcome, we still believe that our community deserves an alternative to an oversized, for-profit sports and enter-

tainment complex in Franklin Park. Losing 145 trees, two acres of green space, two tennis courts, and full use of the field for several months each year is not the price our Boston Public School students should have to pay for working plumbing and high-quality athletic facilities."

"Leasing a new and bigger White Stadium to wealthy private sports investors is not the right plan for our kids or for Franklin Park," McGuire continued. "This is our park; the public's park. We pay for it with our taxes, and have for-

ever. Our kids should not have to ask permission to play in a public park."

Emerald Necklace Conservancy President Karen Mauney-Brodek said their advocacy for Franklin Park and the community is about supporting the community's kids and the park with a truly public stadium.

"The communities around the park should be central to decision making for our parks, not asked their opinion after decisions are already made," Mauney-Brodek stated.

SPRINGTIME AT THE WATERFRONT

Spring is here and the Downtown Waterfront is coming alive as foot traffic increases and families take advantage of dozens of activities along the water's edge.

"We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful front-row seat to our active Harbor," said Luz Arregoces, the New England Aquarium's Director of Community Engagement. "And, it's open to everyone. You can stroll along the Harborwalk, see large scale public art, and get involved in fitness and cultural activities, many of which are free or low-cost. The warmer months really showcase how lucky we are to be a coastal city, one we need to protect and prepare for the impacts of climate change, like sea level rise."

- In April, the Aquarium will host free programming on Central Wharf Plaza to mark Massachusetts Right Whale Day on Thursday, April 24, when visitors can learn more about the plight of these critically endangered whales during April School Vacation Week. Events around Boston for Earth Week are also coming together.
- Year-round, the 43-mile Boston Harborwalk affords the best views of the active harbor, and it's all free to traverse the public pathway along the ocean.
- For simple crossings between East Boston, the Seaport, and North Station, there are inexpensive public ferries that offer short, daily rides for commuters or tourists.
- In East Boston, Piers Park offers low-cost sailing lessons and more extraordinary views and access to the water in a picturesque park into the Harbor.
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Sundays each month, Boston Family Days continues to offer free admission to cultural institutions across Boston for students who live in Boston and their families. Participating locations along the waterfront include the New England Aquarium, Boston Children's Museum, Institute of Contemporary Art, JFK Presidential Library and Museum, and USS Constitution Museum.

- The Aquarium is hosting free, public lectures this spring. On Tuesday, April 29, the of S'well reusable, insulated water bottles, Sarah Kauss, will be the featured speaker in the Lowell Lecture Series from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- On April 16, the Aquarium is also hosting a free event for a night of learning with the North American Indian Center of Boston's (NAICOB) Past, Present & Future. As the oldest urban Indian center in the Commonwealth, NAICOB's discussion from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. will center on the city's urban Indigenous histories and current activities. Guests are invited for light appetizers and songs



A look at the downtown waterfront as visitors make their way to the Aquarium.

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from the Red Hawk Singers (Mashpee Wampanoag).

- Along The Greenway, there are myriad art experiences, fitness and yoga classes, activities for families and children such as the carousel, play areas, and food trucks.

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jor city in America.”

Wu also touted efforts to increase affordable housing in the city, and major gains in climate resiliency action. She also highlighted the gains the public school system has made during her time in office.

“Four years ago, the Boston Public Schools had a revolving door of leadership and no real plans for systemic improvement,” she said. “We fought off state receivership, built a foundation for steady progress, and now we’re investing to solidify literacy and academics, update more school buildings than ever before, and serve every student according to their needs and their talents. We

boosted universal pre-K and early college to the highest levels ever, and we won’t stop until the oldest school district in the country is the best.”

The mayor touted efforts to connect residents to good jobs in the city and to help local entrepreneurs open small businesses.

While highlighting the progress the city has made during her first term, Wu also talked about the challenges Boston has faced since President Trump came back into office at the beginning of the year.

“Four years ago, none of us could have imagined what these past three months have looked like,” she said. “Today,

it is not just our country and democracy that is under attack, it’s communities like ours, our lives and our livelihoods, our identities, and our independence. It feels like everything that makes Boston, Boston is being threatened by the administration that is clearly threatened by who we are as a city.

“We face serious challenges in this moment, and now is not a time for a mayor who needs on the job training.”

Over the next four years, Wu said she will continue to be a mayor who will fight for Boston and the interests of its residents.

“Together, we have spent the last four years making big

progress on the big challenges the city faces, and we have much more work to do,” she said. “More work to keep the city safe, more work to lower costs, more work to keep investing in our schools, combating climate change, caring for our seniors, and continuing to deliver top-notch services. It’s not easy making the greatest city on earth even better, and it’s not easy, especially in times like these; but we can, and we will, because here in Boston, we don’t back down.

“Here in Boston, we stand up, we fight, we win, and we show the world that when we work together, because we work together, anything is possible.”

Wu’s declared opponents for mayor this year include Democrat Josh Kraft, who heads Kraft Family Philanthropies, and independent community activist Domingo DaRosa.

In a statement, Kraft said Wu has taken an ideology-first, results second approach to governing that has resulted in record high rents and home prices.

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more Square on April 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as part of the “One-Mile-To-Go Block Party”. For more information and to schedule an appointment, please visit the Stepping Strong Center’s website.

As the city marks 12 years since 2013, the City of Boston and the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) will honor the day with a wreath laying in the Back Bay the morning of Tuesday, April 15. More details will become available in the coming weeks.

“One Boston Day is always a special day for the City and our sport of running because we are reminded of the power and importance of uniting, recognizing, honoring, and serving,”

said Jack Fleming, President and CEO of the Boston Athletic Association. “The 129th Boston Marathon, presented by Bank of America, will take place in 2025 one week after April 15, and marks the 250th Anniversary of Patriots’ Day. However, One Boston Day is forever connected to our Marathon and has become the day we reflect AND take action in that we acknowledge the selfless spirit and resilience shown by Bostonians.”

More information about One Boston Day, including the 2025 Acts of Kindness Checklist is available on boston.gov/one-boston to provide inspiration and ideas on how individuals can get involved.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Take one rotisserie chicken

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We've made a time-saving change to our approach to getting our money's worth when we buy a rotisserie chicken. We've always made stock from the bones, skin, and scraps, but now we do that in minutes with less cleanup.

Recently, a video from Anyday, a maker of microwave cookware, appeared on social media. Penny accepted the challenge to do the three things they suggested with our next rotisserie chicken.

Directions

The first step was easy: unpack the chicken and eat a drumstick. Like many of you, Penny always pauses for this cook's treat! The second was to remove all the meat and save it for meals over the next few days.

Third, we were to make

chicken stock from the carcass. While we always make chicken stock from the remains of a rotisserie chicken in a pot on the stovetop, they suggested making it in the microwave. We were skeptical but decided to try it.

The directions were to put the chicken scraps in a "Large Anyday Dish" and cover them with water. While we used the specific bowl recommended, any large microwave-safe bowl should work.

Next, add any desired seasonings, aromatics, or herbs and cook uncovered in your microwave for ten to fifteen minutes. Strain and package the stock for the freezer, or use some to make soup.

Our Tips!

We always put the water we need for stock in the chicken container or bag and stir it to recover all the chicken goodness

left behind in the packaging.

Another significant change was adding three chicken feet to the bones to ensure a rich, collagen-filled broth. We buy chicken feet in Chinatown, freeze them in packages of three or four, depending on their size, and use them to add richness to chicken-based soups and stocks.

If chicken feet make you squeamish, use three chicken wings. If either is frozen, add a few minutes to the suggested microwave time, and make sure they are fully cooked before you strain the stock.

Finally, be sure to use protection for your hands when you remove the bowl of hot stock from the microwave.

Results!

This method was a hit with us, and we recommend it. It was not as reduced as we make stock on the stovetop to save space in the freezer. The result was a good stock from something that might have been food waste.

We had less cleanup. We did not have a pan to wash and a cooktop to clean. The microwave was steamy when we removed the broth, and a quick wipe-out left it sparkling. It

was done in under half an hour compared to an hour or more for our stovetop version, depending on how much we reduced it.

This method will reduce humidity in our kitchen in summer, as our microwave has a vent system that removes some moisture.

Give it a try! Even if you have never made stock, this is so easy you may decide that you like receiving full value from your food dollars and saving money by creating food from scraps. And, if you don't think you would use the stock in your cooking, think about ramen noodles, pastina in broth, or adding ice cube-sized portions to any prepared food that is a bit dry.

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