Boston students eligible for free community college tuition

BY THE CITY OF BOSTON

The Boston Foundation report “Getting Closer to the Finish Line: The College Enrollment and Experiences of Graduates of the Boston Public Schools” suggests that Boston students are in need of support to succeed in community college. While only 15 percent of the 2007 BPS graduates attending two-year colleges managed to graduate, with 40 percent of enrollees dropping out after the first year, the report found that students with grant assistance were far more likely to stay enrolled through the first two years of college.

Mayor Martin Wash announced the City of Boston rolled out a tuition-free community college plan for Boston Public Schools (BPS) on April 29, providing a cost-effective entry point into higher education for Boston’s young people. The program was available all BPS high schools since June 1 and will be run through the Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development (OWD), with support with the City’s Neighborhood Jobs Trust (NJT).

“The single most effective way to break down the social and financial barriers facing many Boston families is to make post-secondary education free and accessible,” Walsh said. “I am so proud to launch this program and give our talented BPS graduates another resource for success.”

The NIT, which collects linkage fees from large-scale commercial developments in the city, will fund the program. The program has already launched at Madison Park Vocational-Technical High School.

“This enormously helpful initiative is breaking barriers by increasing access to quality higher education for our students,” said BPS Superintendent Tommy Chang. “This is an example of a wonderful partnership that truly provides a path to help students succeed in college, career and life.”

BOSTON NEWS

Donald Trump wins election, as Chinatown votes for Clinton

BY LING-MEI WONG

Voters elected Republican Donald Trump on Nov. 8, defeating Democrat Hillary Clinton.

“Now it’s time for America to bind the wounds of division; have to get together. To all Republicans and Democrats and independents across this nation, I say it is time for us to come together as one united people,” Trump said in his Nov. 8 victory speech. Clinton conceded on Nov. 9. “We owe him an open mind and a chance to lead,” she said.

Trump won the electoral vote 306-232, while losing the popular vote with 60,722,551 votes to Clinton’s 60,676,601 votes.

“This loss hurts,” Clinton said. “But please never stop believing that fighting for what’s right is worth it.”

Chinatown voters in Ward 3 Precinct 8 cast 2,827 votes for Clinton, representing 82.04 percent of votes cast in the precinct, based on unofficial results from the Boston Elections Department. Clinton carried 80.43 percent of voters for Boston’s 255 precincts.

Ballot measures

Five measures were on the ballot for Boston residents. The third, fourth and fifth ballot questions were passed, representing prohibiting certain methods of farm animal containment, legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals over 21 and passing the Community Preservation Act for the City of Boston.

The only bilingual Chinese-English Newspaper in New England
Trinity Management will begin accepting applications for affordable rentals (30% & 60% of AMI) for the Treadmark Apartments beginning on December 14th, 2016 and ending on February 14, 2017 for occupancy beginning in June of 2017. Due to the anticipated demand for the affordable rentals, a lottery will be held.

The Leasing Center for The Treadmark Apartments is located in The Carruth Building located at 1916 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124. Applications can be picked up at the Leasing Center, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. With extended office hours on Saturday, January 7th 2017 from 10am until 1:00 pm (see location below) and Saturday, January 21st, 2017 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, in the Management Office. Please call the Leasing Center at (617) 265-5800 if an alternate application delivery method is required. (TDD #: 800-545-1833, ext. 945)

Informational meetings will be held on Saturday, January 7th, 2017 from 10am - 1pm and Tuesday, January 10, 2016 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the All Saints Church located at 209 Ashmont Street, Dorchester, MA 02124. Applications will be available.

Please note that the last day to pick up an application is Tuesday, February 7th, 2017 at 5pm in the Leasing Center. To be eligible to participate in the affordable unit lottery, completed applications must be either received in the Leasing Center before 1:00 pm on Tuesday, February 14th, 2017, or be postmarked by Tuesday, February 14th, 2017.

Reasonable Accommodations will be made upon request.

Unit sizes range from: Studio, 1BR & 2BR. There are 5 Accessible Units: 1 - Studio, 2 - 1BR & 2 - 2BR. Additionally, there are 2 Hearing and visually Impaired units: 1 - 1BR & 1 - 2BR.

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Rockland Trust awards BCNC Quincy Youth Center with $2,500 grant

Wah Lum Malden celebrates 10 years

BY LING-MEI WONG

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Malden Mayor Gary Christenson said, “Wah Lum is a real difference maker in the community.” The event featured lion dances, drag-on dances, kung fu performances and tai chi demonstrations.
Event Calendar

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third essay immigration law discusses impact of trump presidency
by sylvana chan

The Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and Immigration Law Association at Suffolk University Law School hosted the third annual Harry H. Dow panel discussion on immi-
gration law. The lecture series was established to honor the memory of Harry H. Dow, who in 1929 became the first Chinese American admitted to the Massachusetts bar. As an attorney, Dow fought for immigrants’ rights in Boston and New York City. Sadly, he was driven out of his practice in the 1950s by the rampant xenophobia of the McCarthy era. Dow continued to advocate for im-
migrant issues by serving as a mentor for Suffolk attorneys tackling civil rights cases in the 1960s and as a social justice activist in Boston’s Chinatown.

This year’s panelists included four attorneys: Michael Wishnie, clinical professor of law at Yale Law School; Ragini Shah, clinical professor of law at Suffolk Law School; Halim Morris of Moris & O’Shea law firm in downtown Boston; and Elena Noureddine from NAIR, a nonprofit organization that pro-
vides free legal representation to asy-
lum seekers and immigration detainees. Joining them was Andres Del Castillo, a local community organizer whose own

mother was detained by U.S. Immigration
and Customs Enforcement for her undocumented status.

This year’s topic, “Deportation and Its Impact on Families,” could not have been more appropriate. Less than 48 hours earlier, Donald Trump’s election win shocked the world. His platform was anti-immigration.

Among the immigration objectives of the president-elect: building a physi-
cal wall along the Mexico–United States border; deporting all undocumented im-
migrants with criminal records; elimi-
nating sanctuary cities; and ending President Obama’s executive actions to grant employment authorization to some individuals who were brought to America illegally as children (DACA) and to certain parents of American children who are undocu-
mented themselves (DAPA); and termi-
nating the current “catch-and-release” protocol by detaining people who are caught in unlawful immigration status until they are deported (as opposed to releasing these individuals while they wait for a hearing with an immigration judge).

The panelists reflected on the po-
tential impact of these proposals should they become law.

Moris described an influx in the number of frantic phone calls to his office from clients concerned with Trump’s victory. “What’s going to hap-
pen to us? What’s going to happen to our families?” they ask.

These fears are not baseless. Moris, Noureddine and Del Castillo shared some of the struggles people face in private, immigration detention centers while waiting for removal proceedings before an immigration judge. Very few of these individuals are actually crimi-
nals — most are asylum seekers fleeing violence or persecution in their home countries. Some, like Del Castillo’s mother, have children who are U.S. citi-
zens. Others are here alone. Detai-
nees who were breadwinners are no longer able to provide for their loved ones be-
hind bars. There is no right to free le-
gal counsel, no education services and inadequate medical care. Detai-
nees are rarely able to afford bond.

If Trump gets what he wants, Wish-
nie said, there will be “severe immigra-
tion enforcement. And when that hap-

pens, there will be a need for a lot of help.”
Chinatown crime blotter for Nov. 5 to Nov. 18

BY THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

All reports are submitted by the Boston Police Department. The time period is from Nov. 5 to Nov. 18 for District A-1, which includes Chinatown.

To report a crime or suspicious activity, call 911. Interpreters are available for Chinese speakers.

Aggravated assault

Nov. 11, 2:22 a.m.: The victim reported while standing in front of 37 Harrison Avenue, she was stabbed by an unknown person. The incident will be further investigated by district detectives.

Unarmed robbery

Nov. 11, 3:40 p.m.: The victim reported while on Oxford Street picking up his mail he was assaulted and robbed by three unknown males. The suspects took the victim’s cell phone and ran down the street.

Drugs

Nov. 14, 10 p.m.: The suspect was arrested on Beach Street on a drug possession offense. Also, upon further investigation the suspect had a default warrant out of Roxbury District Court.

Aggravated assault

Nov. 15, 5:12 a.m.: The victim reported while walking on Harrison Avenue he was assaulted and hit with a wooden leg of a table by a group of 10 unknown black males. The victim transported to hospital by EMS.

The Chinatown Coalition met Nov. 10 at the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center. Nuri Chandler-Smith of Bunker Hill Community College spoke about the One Chinatown Arts Center. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

TCC discusses plans for community art center, gambling

BY LING-MEI WONG

The Chinatown Coalition met Nov. 10 at the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC), discussing a community art center based in Chinatown and the impact of the Wynn Boston Harbor casino.

The One Chinatown Arts Center will be housed at One Greenway as a partnership between BCNC and Bunker Hill Community College. Beginning Jan. 17, Bunker Hill will offer a range of classes at One Greenway, including business, psychology, sociology, literature, theatre and Mandarin. There will also be a variety of arts and cultural events, said Nuri Chandler-Smith of Bunker Hill. The center will have an artist in residence and a grand opening planned for April 2017.

The Chinatown Community Educational Partnership (CCEP) is evaluating the impact of the Wynn Boston Harbor on Chinatown, as the casino is slated to open in 2019. Casino operators are recruiting, as a recent job fair at the Asian American Civic Association (AACA) had 136 people show up. The job fair focused on construction jobs, but some attendees expressed interest in other jobs, such as dealers.

“Gambling is a major public health issue which also affects families with increases in domestic abuse, alcoholism and more,” said Richard Goldberg, AACA director of education. “We don’t want to make it easier for people to gamble.”

CCEP recommended TCC to write to Wynn for funding toward addiction prevention and counseling in Chinatown. The group also requested TCC to fund a community education program on gaming, with neighborhood posters and a gambling awareness curriculum for English for speakers of other languages programs.

TCC is a group of organizations, institutions and individuals who share a common desire to serve Boston’s Chinatown community and provide a forum for discussion, collaboration and resource sharing.

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Applications are available during the 10-day application period: 11/25/16 – 12/22/16

To request an application be sent by e-mail, contact the agent at hawthorneaffordableunits@gmail.com or call 617-242-0080 during the application period listed above

Applications may also be picked up in person at the 197 Portland Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02114 on the following dates and at the following times:

Monday, December 5; Tuesday, December 6, and Thursday, December 8 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM And evening hours on Wednesday December 7 from 4 PM – 7 PM

Saturday, December 10th in person hours at 192 Friend Street from 11AM - 3PM

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than December 22, 2016

Deadline for completed applications to be in lottery: Monday, November 28, 2016 by 4:00 p.m.

You may also request an application by contacting the management office via email at Montebello@winco.com

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Equal Housing Opportunity
Chinese educators visit Madison Park vocational school

BY LING-MEI WONG

A delegation of educators from Beijing visited Madison Park Vocational Technical High School on Nov. 8. Madison Park executive director Kevin McCaskill explained the school’s admissions, then showed the group several of the school’s 18 vocational training areas. Students attend math, English and sciences courses for one week, then undergo vocational training the following week. The school serves 850 students from ninth to 12th grades. Its most popular vocational program is automotive technology.

Boston’s Economic Development team holds office hours in Chinatown

BY LING-MEI WONG

The Mayor’s Office of Economic Development aims to promote a healthy environment for businesses of all types and sizes in the City of Boston. It will offer office hours in Chinatown starting Dec. 8. Bik-Fung Ng, senior business manager, will assist business owners during her office hours every Thursday in Chinatown. Ng speaks English, Cantonese and Mandarin fluently. She is familiar with city regulations for local business owners, having managed her family’s restaurant Peach Farm.

Karilyn Crockett, director of the Office of Economic Development, said, “We hope our Chinatown office hours help local businesses to grow, whether the owners have been here multiple generations or are new immigrants. Boston is stronger with our diversity and our entrepreneurs.”

The Chinatown office hours are Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 87 Tyler Street.

Affordable Housing Lottery
Paddock Estates
1415 Mass. Ave, Boxborough, MA

1BRs @ $1,310*, 2BRs @ $1,570*, 3BRs @ $1,814

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Paddock Estates is a 244 unit rental apartment community located in Boxborough on Lumber Street. 61 of these apartments will be made available through this application process. Paddock Estates is a brand new, distinctive apartment community in Boxborough, Massachusetts. Situated on 67 scenic acres, the community will feature an abundance of amenities including a 6,000 sq. ft. resort-style clubhouse with a fully-equipped fitness center, game room, and heated pool. Apartment homes will feature 9 foot ceilings, premium vinyl plank hardwood flooring, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and walk-in closets. All homes will offer private outdoor balconies or patios.

MAXIMUM Household Income Limits: $51,150 (1 person), $58,450 (2 people), $65,750 (3 people), $73,050 (4 people), $78,900 (5 people) and $84,750 (6 people)

Completed Applications and Required Income Documentation must be received, not postmarked, by 2 pm on January 4th, 2017.

A Public Info Session will be held on December 5th, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Sargent Memorial Library (427 Mass Ave, Boxborough). The Lottery will be held on January 17th, 2017 at 6 pp in Town Hall.

For Lottery Information and Applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to www.w-e-b.com/lottery or call (617) 782-6900 (toll-free) and leave a message. For TTY Services dial 711. Free translation available. Applications and Information also available at the Sargent Memorial Library on 427 Massachusetts Ave in Boxborough. Library Hours (M+W 10-6, Tue+Thurs 10-8, Sat 10-3)

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10 PARK PLAZA
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Public Announcement of Request for Letters of Interest for Design-Build Services for Installation Work Relating to the Automated Fare Collections, Systemwide

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (the “MBTA”) hereby solicits Letters of Interest (LOI) from firms or teams (the “Teams”) interested in providing Design-Build (DB) services for installation work (the “Project”) relating to a new automated fare collections system (AFC 2.0). The Project is being procured using a two phase, best-value DB procurement process pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149A s. 14 et seq.

The MBTA intends to enter into a DB agreement with the best-value proposer (“DB Contractor”) identified through a two-phase selection process including a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) with a subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFQ will be utilized to identify qualified Teams to submit a proposal pursuant to Section 19 of M.G.L. c. 149A. The best-value selection criteria detail will be provided in the RFP. Respondents to this request for LOI will receive future notifications of the RFQ’s availability and its amendments.

Project documentation and instructions for submitting a Letter of Interest are available on the MBTA website, http://www.mbta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

South Shore

Join Linden Ponds for a Sunday Open House

Get an inside look at vibrant retirement living on the South Shore. Come and tour our beautiful campus and maintenance-free homes. Experience top-notch amenities and discover dozens of exciting clubs, classes, and activities. See the continuing care neighborhood, offering memory care, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, and skilled nursing care right on campus.

Sunday, November 27, 2016
Tours scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
300 Linden Ponds Way, Hingham

Call 1-800-989-0448 for more information and directions.
Asian Spectrum raises awareness for breast cancer and diabetes through video

BY LING-MEI WONG

Asian Spectrum is broadcasting its diabetes awareness series “Dance of Prevention, Pounds off for Cure” and will have a breast cancer series coming soon.

“We are honored to share our work with the community in Chinese,” said Melody Tsang, Asian Spectrum coordinator.

Asian Spectrum is broadcast live on Malden Access Television, Channel 3 from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on every first and third Tuesday from September to June.

The show is rerun on the second and fourth Thursday on MATV and also every Tuesday on Boston Neighborhood Network, Channel 23 of Boston.

Diabetes is caused by the body’s inability to control glucose with the insulin hormone. Type 2 diabetes is developed from weight gain and lack of exercise, while type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disorder which attacks the insulin-producing cells of the pancreas.

The series includes doctor interviews, healthy cooking tips and tai chi demonstrations.

Asian Spectrum partnered with Beebe Elementary School in Malden to have overweight students learn kung fu. The interviews are in Mandarin and Cantonese, with subtitles in English and Chinese.

There are 29 million diabetes patients in the United States, according to data from the Joslin Diabetes Center. However, China and India have 50 million diabetes patients. People of Asian origin tend to develop diabetes at a lower body weight than other ethnic groups, at a BMI of 23, compared to the usual BMI of 27.

Breast cancer has the lowest rates among Asian-American and Pacific Islander women, according to the American Cancer Society. However, Asian American women often overlook screenings and do not get diagnosed until later stages. The upcoming breast cancer series features oncologists and surgeons from Tufts Medical Center and Dana Farber Cancer, along with patient testimonials.

Asian Spectrum is a nonprofit with a mission to address issues in the Asian community, producing videos.

The Lenox Housing Authority Hiring

The Lenox Housing Authority is seeking qualified applicants for an Executive Director to oversee the daily management and operation of 102 units of income housing option for the elderly, disabled and low-income housing for seniors — including those with development disabilities and enjoy the socialization aspect of the class most of all. Some of them participate fully, some are able to modify different positions, and some participate fully while others sit quietly, benefiting from the quiet space and deep breathing.

A particularly beautiful moment during the class was when the first line of an Ed Sheeran song played: “When your legs don’t work like they used to be,” while everyone stood up to reach for the sky, some with shaking but determined limbs. Chair yoga provides fruitful health benefits to seniors — including but not limited to, reducing hypertension, easing pain from musculoskeletal conditions like arthritis, and preventing falls by improving balance and strength.
Five steps to declare your financial independence

BY STATEPOINT

Whatever your vision is of financial independence, having strong credit is fundamental, potentially impacting borrowing, and even routine matters, such as having utilities connected, getting a cell phone or even applying for a job.

The experts at Wells Fargo are offering five ways you can take control of your credit:

1. Monitor credit reports.
   Review your credit reports at least once a year with all three national credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Reviewing your credit reports may help you catch errors or fraud and correct them before they could impact your credit history. Some banks, like Wells Fargo, provide eligible customers free access to your FICO Score through mobile apps.

2. Pay bills on time.
   Your payment history makes up approximately 35 percent of your credit score, so making timely payments is important. One way to stay on top of your bills is to prioritize and schedule monthly payments, and to pay at least the minimum balance every month on all your accounts.

3. Keep track of your credit balances.
   Always try to stay on top of how much you’ve borrowed against your credit and make sure to stay within your budget and credit limits. One way to manage your balances is to use online banking to view your monthly statements.

4. Manage your debt-to-income ratio.
   Lenders use your debt-to-income (DTI) ratio to assess your ability to pay back any new debt. By keeping your payments much lower than your income, it can help ensure a lower DTI ratio, which can make it easier for you to qualify for new credit.

5. Avoid maxing out credit accounts.
   Don’t exceed or max out your credit line. It can reflect negatively on your credit report.

Credit card rewards programs should fit your lifestyle. (Image courtesy of Jacob Lund - Fotolia.com)

Tips for getting the most out of your credit card rewards

BY STATEPOINT

With so many options to choose from, it would seem that finding a credit card that is right for you should be easy. Often overlooked, however, is the importance of finding one with a rewards program suited to your spending habits.

A recent study conducted by ORC International on behalf of Ally Bank explored consumer preferences when it comes to rewards. Of the 1,005 respondents nationwide, 589 had a major credit card in their name, qualifying for the survey.

The following themes were consistent with many respondents — and they could help you choose a card that will deliver the greatest rewards that matter to you.

Earn rewards you’ll use
   More than half (58 percent) of survey respondents who have a credit card said they preferred cash back rewards, topping interest in travel rewards, store promotions, introductory interest rates or bonus rewards. “Consumers value convenience and flexibility when it comes to the products they choose for their personal finance needs, and nothing beats the simplicity of cash rewards,” said Diane Morais, CEO and president of Ally Bank, the direct banking subsidiary of Ally Financial.

Leverage everyday purchases
   The majority of credit card holders surveyed (59 percent) use a credit card for specific purposes only, as opposed to everyday purchases. Whether it is hotel points, miles or cash back, a rewards program puts extra money in your pocket and may be the right enticement to use a credit card instead of cash to pay for everyday purchases.

Get rewarded for loyalty
   Eighty percent of consumers with credit cards surveyed said they would prefer to have multiple financial products, such as a bank account, loan or credit card, with the same bank if they earned rewards for doing so.

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- Bidders must have a valid digital ID issued by the Authority in order to bid on projects.

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- MBTA Contract No. J75CN03, MANSFIELD STATION – ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, MANSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS (Class 1, GENERAL TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION – PROJECT VALUE $7,771,132).

- Submitted at www.bidx.com until two o’clock (2:00 p.m.) on December 15, 2016.

- Immediately thereafter, in a designated room, the Bids will be opened and read publicly.

Work consists of the construction of two new pedestrian stairs and ramps with canopies, demolition and reconstruction of two mini-high platforms with canopies, reconstruction of platform including new tactile edge, lighting, and guardrails, and parking lot improvements including regrading, restriping, and drainage improvements.

Bidders’ attention is directed to Appendix 1, Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Insure Equal Employment Opportunity; and to Appendix 2, Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity, Anti-Discrimination, and Affirmative Action Program in the specifications. In addition, pursuant to the requirements of Appendix 3, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Provision, Bidders must submit an assurance with their Bids that they will make sufficient and reasonable efforts to meet the stated DBE goal of ten percent (10%).

Additional information and instructions on how to submit a bid are available at http://www.mbta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/
Mayor Flynn among team recognized for Chinatown Gate

BY THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN BOSTON

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Boston presented awards to contributors of the Chinatown Gate and unveiled new signage on Nov. 7 at Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar.

Dr. Robert Guen, Robert J. Fleming, Boston Director-General Scott Lai to former Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn, Dr. Robert Guen, Robert J. Fleming formally of the Edward Ingersoll Browne Trust Fund and Daniel G. Moriarty, among others. Lai thanked them for their efforts to build the Chinatown Gate in 1980, which had materials donated from Taiwan and labor costs covered by the Browne Trust Fund.

This year, TECO Boston with 25 Chinese community organizations unveiled a pair of bronze plaques at the base of the gate, which translates the eight Chinese characters on the gate. The four characters facing Surface Road read “Humility, integrity, justice, civility.” The U.S. flag and Taiwan flag are engraved on one plaque, along with the insignias for Boston and Taipei. Boston and Taipei have been sister cities since 1996, and the national flags signify the friendship between two countries.

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The Work consists of furnishing and installing a new 3,500 kVA single ended, fully enclosed power substation with four (4) auxiliary power units, one at each layover train set, and the associated underground concrete encased distribution ductbanks and hot mix asphalt paving at the Rockport Commuter Rail Station. Work also includes the installation of under drain system, catch basins, water quality structures, a fire alarm system for the power substation, and the installation of security cameras for the Rockport Commuter Rail Station.

Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades include the installation of a 24 inch wide tactile edge strip along the platform and reconstruction of accessible parking spaces. The work also includes the installation of a casing pipe beneath the layover storage tracks to carry the ductbank as well as construction of new information signage for the regional bus authority.

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ART AND PUBLIC SPACE

Sunday, December 4 | 3-4:15 pm
Complimentary admission | Reservations at pem.org/calendar

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