Healey Declares State of Emergency to Take Care of 20,000 Refugees in Mass.

By Joanna Lin

On the second floor of an orange building on Allston’s Harvard Avenue, the muted conversations of parents and the loud chatter of young children can be heard, among suitcases and toys. In this pocket of the city that is the Brazilian Worker Center, Haitian families seek temporary refuge before continuing their long journeys to hotels or medical centers and pursuing the place where they hope to reside: a safer and more permanent home.

They compose some of the 20,000 individuals, including 5,600 families, living in state shelters in Massachusetts. This is an 80 percent increase from 3,100 families last year, which has left a sustained strain on the state’s housing resources.

Of the 20,000, many are Haitian and South American refugees, fleeing gang violence and political instability in their homelands — and the sexual assault, the daily sense of living in fear, and the lack of human rights protections that too often accompany these issues.

As a result of this surge in the number of unhoused people within the state, Massachusetts governor Maura Healey declared a state of emergency on August 8, calling the US federal government to do two things: provide funding to expand services and shelter, and expedite work authorizations for migrants.

Multiple factors led to this influx in Massachusetts.

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Organizers Give Update on Chinatown Master Plan

By Christopher John Stephens

The Chinatown Master Plan was first developed in 1990 to respond to residential concerns about competing demands for affordable housing and institutional expansion in Chinatown. As we reach nearly three and a half years since the start of COVID, and the release of the 2020 version of the report, Sampan convened a discussion with Chinatown Community Land Trust Executive Director Lydia Lowe, Pao Arts Center Director Cynthia Woo, and Asian Community Development Corporation Executive Director Angie Liou to discuss successes, failures, obstacles still impeding this vision for a better Chinatown.

SAMPAN: What were the original hopes involved with developing Chinatown as a Historic and Cultural District that celebrates its history as an anchor neighborhood for immigrant working class families? Are your hopeful things being on schedule to elevate the rich cultural legacy of Chinatown and its people?

Lydia: People always say that Chinatown is an important historic and cultural center, but until now we haven’t really tried to spell out what that means and how to maintain it. Now that we have experienced two decades of gentrification and displacement, there is broad consensus that we want to keep Chinatown on the map, and that this requires keeping immigrant working class families in the neighborhood. So, the Master Plan pointed to different strategies, and we are kind of pursuing all of them.

Cynithia: Cultural work and planning is instrumental in creating spaces of belonging that are essential to the health and well-being of all neighborhoods and communities. Cultural work invites community stories to be told, which spreads awareness of the historical context and current issues and needs in the neighborhood. In this way, the arts make community advocacy more accessible; and when community advocacy is more accessible, it becomes possible to envision the future of the neighborhood that is inclusive and collectively planned.

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Angie: As I mentioned earlier, developing new affordable housing is a long process that is far slower than the pace of gentrification and displacement in Chinatown, so it behooves us to look at new strategies of buying and preserving existing housing. ACDC successfully purchased our first “naturally occurring affordable housing”, or NOAH for short, in early 2022. We bought the building at 64 Beach St, which includes 14 apartments and a long-time Chinatown restaurant, and as a result we are able to keep the apartments affordable as well as ensure the restaurant remains.

SAMPAN: Finally, the Master Plan is focused on improving community health and quality of life, including greening efforts, open space improvements, prioritizing pedestrian safety, air pollution mitigation, and planning for climate change. Thinking about the extreme weather this year, especially the July heat and humidity here and across the country, are you looking to put an extra push towards community health and safety? Does the Master Plan put one goal above the other or are they all urgent? How can the general public be more regularly informed of how things are developing?

Lydia: Chinatown is affected by both the threat of flooding and extreme heat, and has the worst air pollution of any neighborhood in the state. That’s why several groups have come together in an effort called Chinatown Hope to work for improved access to nature, wellness activities, and improvement of open space. We are thrilled that the City is studying a long term plan to create open space over the Mass Turnpike, but there are more immediate steps that could make a difference, like redesigning Phillips Square as a community green space or protecting and expanding Reggie Wong Park. And longer term, we would like to see a park or community garden next to the future Chinatown library. The Chinatown Master Plan is just a plan, but it’s up to each of us and the different Chinatown organizations to implement the strategies and ideas. The Master Plan Committee is a common space to share updates. It meets the second Monday of each month online, and anyone can get on the email list by emailing lydia.clt@asianclt.org or angie.liou@asianclt.org.

Angie: How are things progressing with preserving every unit of Chinatown’s existing subsidized housing and seeking opportunities to secure permanent affordability?

Lydia: I would say that is the particular focus of the Chinatown Community Land Trust, although this is one of the strategies listed in the Master Plan. Buying properties off the overpriced market for affordable housing, it’s hard to make the numbers work, but in partnership with the City, Chinatown CLT has been successful in preserving 11 affordable units to date. We continue to look for these opportunities, with a focus on permanently affordable, resident-controlled housing, which could mean condo units, cooperative housing, or rent-to-own.

Angie: ACDC has worked with the community over the years to create high-impact affordable housing on publicly owned land, including Oak Terrace, The Metropolitan, Parcel 24, and the new Parcel R-I development that will begin construction next year. We have also just submitted a proposal to the City’s RFP for Parcel 12. As wonderful as these projects are, Chinatown is running out of public parcels of land to develop on, and the pace of developing new projects can be painfully slow, so we need to look at new strategies such as purchasing privately owned housing and preserving their affordability. The Mayor’s vision of converting underutilized office buildings into housing is an intriguing one, and there may be opportunities in and around Chinatown for this type of conversion in the near future.

SAMPAN: The Master Plan has also been looking to remove properties from the private market for permanent affordability. How is that progressing?

Lydia: There are 10 vulnerable tenants at the City-owned Chinagate Apartments at 15 Beach Street, where the owner has opted not to renew his Section 8 contract. Chinatown non-profits and the City would be eager to preserve affordable housing for those tenants, some of whom have lived there for three decades.

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Lydia: With a lot of tenant and community organizing, as well as a strong stand from the City of Boston, we have managed to preserve most affordable housing subsidy contracts as they have expired in and around Chinatown. But an important building to watch is the Chinagate Apartments at 15 Beach Street, where the owner has opted not to renew his Section 8 contract. Chinatown non-profits and the City would be eager to preserve affordable housing for those tenants, some of whom have lived there for three decades.

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- **Caribbean Americans & Politics**: Celebrating 50 Years of the Caribbean American Carnival of Boston
  - Thursday, August 24, 2023, 6:00 - 7:30 pm; 115 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02215. In turn of the Boston Caribbean Parade’s 50th anniversary, this free program explores Caribbean politics in Massachusetts and the Caribbean American Carnival Association. Register for this event to hear from guest speakers in person or online. [https://www.masshist.org/events/caribbean-americans-politics-celebrating-50-years-carib-american-carnival-boston](https://www.masshist.org/events/caribbean-americans-politics-celebrating-50-years-carib-american-carnival-boston)

- **36th Annual August Moon Festival**
  - Sunday, August 20, 2023, 11:00 am-3 pm; Coddington Street, Quincy Center, Quincy, MA 02169. In honor of the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, the city of Quincy is hosting a celebration open to all community members. Featuring street markets, cultural booths, and more, come with family and friends to gather and have fun under the moon! [https://www.quaria.org/august-moon-festival](https://www.quaria.org/august-moon-festival)

- **Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival**
  - August 19, 2023, Along the Pawtucket Blvd | LOWELL, MA. Food + Boat Races + Cultural Performances. Don't miss your chance to participate in this year’s Water Festival! [https://www.lowaterfestival.org/](https://www.lowaterfestival.org/)

- **Boston Public Market at Tall Ship Boston**
  - Sunday, August 20, 2023, 11:00 am-4:00 pm; The Tall Ship Boston, 1 E Pier Drive, Boston, MA 02128. Boston Public Market is now on the waterfront in East Boston! Along the pier of the tall ship, you’ll also find food trucks, pop-up shops, and more. Stop by to support vendors and enjoy live entertainment, food, and the wonderful waterfront experience. [https://www.visitma.com/event/28402/](https://www.visitma.com/event/28402/)

- **Caribbean Americans & Politics**:
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The Biden administration and Department of Homeland Security launched a program in January for up to 30,000 migrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela (CHNV) to arrive in the US monthly on a legal basis.

Additionally on the federal level, the Trump-era Title 42 provision, which turned away immigrants immediately at the US-Mexican border, ended in late May. Immigrants can now cross the border, seek asylum and wait out their immigration cases in the US. Many of the immigrants from the US-Mexican border are sent by Texas Governor Greg Abbott’s administration to Boston.

“Every day today in Massachusetts we will see between [...] ten and thirty families arriving here in Massachusetts. Oftentimes they will have flown here, landed at Logan Airport. Many of them are having plane tickets bought for them by organizations and entities in Texas churches,” says Healey in an interview with WBH News.

Perhaps the most important factor is that Massachusetts is a right-to-shelter state — the only one in the US. By law, the state must provide shelter to any unhoused family with a child under the age of 21. As a result, the state is obligated to seek as much open housing capacity as possible.

For the past few months, Massachussets has found a solution in shelter organizations and hotels. The current effort can only be described as reactive and scuffled: whenever the need arises, an organization has been there to address it. The Brazilian Worker Center, which has been chrystened as the Allston Family Welcome Center, is one of two organizations that has turned into a safe holding center for refugees before they receive a more permanent living situation, such as a hotel or shelter.

Executive Director of Brazilian Worker Center Lenita Reason explains, “Initially, what we thought that we’d be seeing is 10 families a day. And each family has an average of four individuals. Well, that was the day that we saw 45 families. [...] They’re supposed to be in a hotel for a week or a few days, go to the GTA, get processed and find a shelter, but then there are so many families. There’s no space.”

The state is calling for social service organizations and hotels to become emergency shelters and for landlords to offer empty units to refugees.

However, while expanded housing remains a short term solution, the Healey administration finds expediting work authorizations to be the ultimate answer for the shelter shortage.

“Healey concludes: “Think about the journey they did. Something that any one of us would do. You leave an incredibly dangerous situation, you’re bringing your kids. Sometimes you’re fleeing when you’re pregnant. [...] Why? Because they are only looking for safety and an opportunity.”

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In 1998, Quincy saw the opening of its first Japanese restaurant - Fuji, marking the start of JP Fuji Group's unprecedented growth and success in Boston's competitive restaurant scene. As it celebrates its 25th anniversary, Sampan met with Jimmy Liang, the founder and his partner and Executive Chef of Sushi, Ming Cao.

Jimmy shared how he was first introduced to the art of sushi. "At 14," he said, "I met my Sensei (teacher) who taught me sushi-making for a few years before he returned to Japan. I worked at the Tokyo restaurant in Cambridge where I honed my skills. During that era, most sushi chefs were Japanese. I was one of the few Chinese sushi chefs as well as one of the youngest. By age 18, Jimmy became the youngest head sushi chef in Boston. He started to notice customers following him to wherever he worked, one restaurant after another. He started to wonder, "What if I open my own restaurant?"

He became the youngest Japanese restaurant owner in Boston. "When I first got into the food industry, sushi was super simple and there weren't a lot of restaurants where I worked. But after they learned their skills, they could work anywhere in the world. Making sushi is all about precision, starting from the basic task of washing the rice. When I first started learning how to make sushi, I genuinely thought Jimmy was crazy, because his standards were exceptionally high. He challenged me every day, pushed me to do better. Sushi is easy to learn but difficult to master."

Jimmy's parents were farmers from Taishan, China. They were very poor. His great-grandfather and great-grandmother had helped build highways in the United States. Grandfather was born in the US but lived in China. When his grandfather was 50, he found his American birth certificate, and that's when the entire family immigrated to the United States. Jimmy mused, "Although I moved to the US when I was four years old, I often feel like I'm a man without a country. I don't have the typical American face, and when I first went back to China for business, I didn't speak fluent Chinese, and people could smell me from ten miles away that I didn't grow up in China. They thought I was a kung fu designer. I think China is my birth parent, the US is my adoptive parent. But the United States has always been my home; it's here I was given every opportunity, taught me everything I know, to become who I am today."

Jimmy said, "My father didn't even know what credit cards and checks were. At that time my family didn't have the resources to educate ourselves. As a new immigrant, the first step is to understand the rules of the country you are in. For us, it is important to share knowledge and train our workforce. Over the years, the JP Fuji Group has collaborated with non-profit organizations to offer courses in English, finance, housing, and citizenship to help our staff living in the US."

Jimmy's first restaurant experience was packing takeout at a Chinese restaurant when he was 12. As an immigrant, at that time, there were only a few things Chinese people could do for work because they spoke no English. He said, "Although we were poor, we had the opportunity to open our own restaurant. Honestly, if you're an immigrant now and want to start a restaurant today, the barriers are incredibly high. The costs are substantial. Running a restaurant requires a lot of goal setting, teamwork, communications, and problem solving... and as the old Chinese saying goes, success comes with favorable timing, geographical and human conditions."

Ming also cautioned that there's a big difference between dreaming and reality. "Many people dream of opening their own restaurant, but running one is a 24-hour job. From recruiting and training staff to launching new cuisine, the initial few years are exceptionally challenging. While many see that restaurants can make money, it takes more than passion. It requires 100% effort, dedication, and commitment. At Fuji, we use fresh fish every day. Sushi making is a form of art, we offer customers an exceptional experience in terms of both visual appeal and taste."

Jimmy and Ming made a promise to each other at such a young age. They strongly believe that no matter the challenges or disagreements they face, they'll find solutions and succeed. They both emphasize the importance of having goals, motivation, and honoring commitments, whether it's starting a restaurant, managing a business, or accomplishing anything in life. They've got a team; they are a family, providing support and encouragement along the journey. Jimmy proudly highlights that even after 25 years, the original team remains tightly connected. The philosophy of the JP Fuji Group is simple: good food and hard work.

JP Fuji Group is the first major sushi restaurant group in Boston. The group owns 9 restaurants and has expanded into Cambridge, Somerville, South End, Newton. Just a few months ago, Jimmy retired from Fuji, he said, "There is an old saying that students become teachers. Now when we work together, we learn from each other. Sometimes, I still help write the menus and taste profiles. Being a chef and a cook is a different mentality. Although Ming says that I often challenge him, he always keeps me on my toes, as I must live up to the title of his Sensei (teacher)."
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An Interview with For the Beauty of the Earth: Solutions to Net Zero Energy author Frank C. Pao

By Christopher John Stephens

Frank C. Pao has spent more than twenty years as a leader in the fields of energy and technology. The stated mission of his organization Climate X Change is to focus on achieving an equitable zero-emissions economy through means of an advanced state policy. Sampan recently had the opportunity to ask Mr. Pao about this delicate balance between the urgency of saving the planet while dealing with the sometimes volatile and unpredictable nature of the human condition.

SAMPAN: One of the more interesting and refreshing elements of your new book For the Beauty of the Earth: Solutions to Net Zero Energy is that you don’t have a dire undertone. More often than not, the mass public is drawn towards apocalyptic images and frantic calls for change or else. We are certainly in a crisis situation, with July being the hottest month in recorded history, but your book is both informative and illuminating. How do you build and sustain hope for our future in the light of these dark climate times?

PAO: Right now, we are still highly dependent on fossil fuel despite the renewable energy resources available. On the positive note, recently, the IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) has come up with incentives on converting sand to silica which is a very important step. Hopefully, states like Massachusetts and New York will join together and set up a silicon processing plant which will slowly reduce our usage of fossil fuel. Meanwhile, we could start planning to deploy machines to start manufacturing solar cells and make active energy materials like BHP products. Another positive note is that in June, we started a Trans-Atlantic Climate Alliance between Europe and the US in order to speed up the development and deployment of solar technologies. Company representatives from New York and Massachusetts got together with representatives from Germany, Austria and Switzerland to see how we could exchange on technical know-how and expedite the situation on technical and manufacturing development in a massive way so that the Building Integrated Photovoltaic and Thermal products will be more affordable average household as well as help out on Climate Change.

SAMPAN: Is there a way you can distill the BITERS (Building Integrat-ed Thermal Electric Roofing System) hybrid system into a practical, immediately understandable concept for our readers? It seems (as you put it in your introduction) that the goal is to make sure we rely less on the grid. If by “the grid” we mean an interconnected network for electricity delivery from producers to consumers, who is improving and sustaining it? How old is it? Are innovators like yourself collaborating with FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) to make systems like BITERS reliable?

PAO: Yes, our grids are getting old and some of them are a bit outdated. In addition, transmission lines are costly. Moreover, as high as 30% energy is lost during transmission. In the Climate Change concerns, more horrific storms could be anticipated that will result in getting more power outages to homes and buildings that could be deadly to a lot of people especially in the winters. Nowadays, hacking is getting more prevalent especially from our adversaries like Russia or some domestic terrorists. Now is the time to learn more about solar technologies so that we know how to handle them in case there are problems. Meanwhile, it is important that the homes are well insulated and built to withstand heavy storms. We collaborate with certifying agents like UL, ETL and TUV. I am proud and happy to say that our BITERS are reliable because they have been around for over 15 years and with not a single complaint.

SAMPAN: You do an admirable job delineating how coal, oil, natural gas, nuclear power, and water have been used. What energy sources have yet to be accessed? Are there sources inadequately or improperly accessed?

PAO: Hydrogen is an important energy source especially when it is green. It is going to be one of the major sources of energy. Toyota and BMW are the producers of hydrogen cars. In Holland, they have bought a couple hundred of them for their taxis. At the current moment in the US, there are hardly any hydrogen fueling station infrastructures except in California. Filling up a tank of hydrogen is a lot faster than charging batteries. As to improperly accessing resources, fracking the obtaining fossil fuel is a concern that would affect pollution and the groundwater system due to chemicals used in the process. It is better not to do it instead start considering hydrogen and silicon which are abundant and clean. Hydrogen has a much higher energy density than fossil fuel.

SAMPAN: Some of the buildings profiled in Chapter 2 (Major Projects and Iconic Projects) are quite aesthetically beautiful, especially Seven Caltrans in California, Sunflower at night in Texas, the Umwelt Arena (especially the Sogh building) in Switzerland. How does a Frank Lloyd Wright perspective and feng shui factor into success based on your objectives?

PAO: On the Future House USA project, I was working with our marketing director, the late Louise Demetri. He was from Illinois and had seen quite a bit of Frank Lloyd Wright’s home. Then I spoke to him on the Chinese Feng Shui at home where entrance and exit, with high ceilings with a lot of natural light are important and where one hardly sees or feels any obstruction or disorder. We decided there are some matches to Frank Lloyd Wright home designs that he had seen in Illinois. It is how we jointly made that statement.

SAMPAN: Could you please elaborate on some of the major innovations in the Green Cherokee Home in Raleigh, North Carolina? Everything from the subterranean elements (geothermal, rainwater catchment system) to the tree preservation seems focused on a holistic approach to net zero energy. Whether it’s with residenc-es, greenhouses, or transportation, it seems you’re following the old proverb of seeing the forest for the trees. How important is that for your mission?

PAO: Cherokee Home was designed by a world-renowned solar technology architect William McDonough who had thought out all the natural. Our company, Atlantis Energy Systems Inc., mainly supplied the Sun-slate and the thermal system. Aside from all the advanced systems and appliances, it is very important that a home is close to mother nature. We need them more than they need us and respect co-existence.

SAMPAN: Where do we go from here? You end your book with a classic line from Chaucer: “Time and tide wait for no man.” The Massachusetts Gover-nor declared a migrant crisis state of emergency on August 8. There are so many people in need right now, here, throughout the country, and throughout the world. How have these needs put a strain on the grid? Are the political implications here too incendiary, or do you think there’s a clear path to serv-ing human society and preserving (and even improving) our natural resources?

PAO: It is unfortunate that so many migrants have been shipped to northern states. Considering the size of our country, we should be able to handle it. Most southern states should be able take care of them instead of the north. Take Germany, considering having one third of our population, they managed to get one million into the country. A great portion of the potential immigrants could be good citizens. Our nation is a land of immigrants, and we all have to make the best out of it. As for housing availability, we should be thankful to our mayor and governor because they have started implementing rent control so that people will not be driven out of their homes. It is a great beginning, and we can do better.

Looking at the current political situation, fossil companies are continuing to get subsidies which should be slowly faced out while taking a much more active role on renewables. Let us hope we have the political will to do so.

Meanwhile, the Trans-Atlantic Climate Alliance is working hard in looking at advanced manufacturing machinery to automate the deployment of BHP and BIPVT products so that they will not be driven out of the grid. The effective installation of these active building products could be beneficial to solving climate change. Though we might not be able to meet the UN deadline, it is better to be late than never. As to the strain of the grid, making individual homes and buildings as micro-grids would be one of the main solutions.
As a young child, I remember attending the annual August Moon Festival with my family. The sights were fresh and vibrant which always brought a huge smile to our faces. After the opening ceremony my body could still feel the beat of the Lion dance drums and the excitement from all the performers. My sisters and I would each pull our parents in different directions as something from every corner caught our attention, the bright fabric and mesmerizing trinkets for sale; the snapping sounds of snap pops; the aroma of tasty treats from food vendors; and who could forget the parking lot filled with kids' amusement rides!

When we were a little older, the excitement built up as we were now some of the performers on stage! Some years it was martial arts, others it was traditional Chinese dances, we couldn’t believe that we were now part of the performances that we loved watching so much. Later as a teen I can remember waking up really early to help as a volunteer and even setting up as a vendor to fundraise for the local volleyball team that I traveled with. Nowadays, although some of the attractions have changed, it’s still a family tradition and I attend with my sisters and now their children. Sharing the tradition of the August Moon Festival in Boston’s Chinatown with the next generation and seeing the excitement through their eyes brings such joy and nostalgia!

Michael Wong, President of Chinatown Resident Association

The Mid-Autumn Festival, an esteemed tradition in Chinese culture, boasts a rich historical lineage intertwined with diverse customs. Its preservation and perpetuation stand as paramount objectives. Rooted in the ethos of familial and communal reconnection, the festival serves as a platform for venerating ancestors, expressing gratitude for their blessings, and embracing profound legends.

Regrettably, a knowledge gap regarding the historical and cultural tapestry of the Mid-Autumn Festival has emerged among the younger generation and recent immigrants. This Sunday, on the 13th, the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association held a vibrant Mid-Autumn Festival celebration within the bustling precincts of Chinatown. The event will be punctuated by cultural exhibitions and an array of merchandise vendors.

Enthusiastically, I extend an invitation to partake in this festive revelry, immersing oneself in Chinatown's effervescent ambiance. From savoring a diverse spectrum of Chinese culinary delights to the mandatory indulgence in mooncakes, the offerings promise to be truly engaging. An enduring collaboration between the Boston Chinatown Residents Association and Quincy School has historically coalesced to stage the Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations. Alas, the specter of the pandemic forced an unfortunate hiatus. Nevertheless, the earnest aspiration remains to resurrect these cherished festivities in the days that lie ahead.

Vanna Howard, Democratic Representative, 17th Middlesex District, Massachusetts House

Southeast Asian communities (Khmer, Thai, Vietnamese, and Lao-tian) celebrate every third Saturday in August since 1997, hundreds to thousands of people, of all ages, from around the country and the world come to Lowell, Massachusetts along the Merrimack River, to sing, dance, and watch the boat races, and celebrate water as it is celebrated in Southeast Asia after the end of the harvest season. Farmers and fishermen rely on rivers, lakes, and ponds for their means of sustenance. Water represents prosperity, life, and goodness to the Southeast Asian people. We come to the Water Festival for the blessings, food, crafts, performances, and, of course, the boat races. The annual water festival’s mission is to preserve, protect and share the cultural heritages of Southeast Asian Americans. Lowell has the second-largest Cambodian American population in the United States. The water festival has been celebrated in Cambodia, the Water Festival is celebrated in the United States, the water festival has been celebrated in Southeast Asia for centuries. In Cambodia, the Water Festival is celebrated in November for three days. In the Chinatown, the event will be staged at the Lowell area on Saturday, September 22, 2023, at 1:00 PM, at the Merriam River. The event will be held at the Boston Chinatown Residents Association and Quincy School. The event will be punctuated by cultural exhibitions and an array of merchandise vendors.

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### South Cove Community Health Center

**華人醫務中心**

### Happy August Moon Festival 中秋節快樂！

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Eastern Bank is committed to recognizing the good in our communities and celebrating the work of the ASIAN AMERICAN CIVIC ASSOCIATION.
Hello Sampan readers!

I hope you all are having a wonderful summer. It's hard to believe that we're already almost at the end of August. I'm personally looking forward to the fall, which is my favorite season in Boston. The weather is starting to cool down, the leaves are changing color, and there are always so many great things to do in the city. Oh and of course, I am all too excited to celebrate the August Moon Festival!

In my family, we usually celebrate the August Moon Festival by attending the festival in Chinatown. We also enjoy eating mooncakes, which are a traditional pastry filled with lotus seed paste or red bean paste (my favorite are the ones with two yolks in the middle). Mooncakes are often given as gifts during the festival, and they are said to represent family unity and prosperity.

I'm also excited to welcome back all of the college kids to Boston.

In the meantime, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the latest City of Boston initiatives from Mayor Wu.

**Mayor Wu Bans Fossil Fuels in New City-Owned Buildings:** Mayor Wu recently signed an executive order banning the use of fossil fuels in new city-owned buildings. This is a major step forward in our city's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change.

**City Invests in Bike Riding Instruction for Kids:** The city is also investing in child bikes and bike instruction. This program will help connect Boston's kids to more summer programming and the opportunity to build lifelong skills. The program will provide free bike instruction to kids ages 4-13 at 15 city sites.

**Mayor Wu Announces Space Grants for Local Businesses:** Mayor Wu also announced the awardees of the first round of SPACE Grants, which will support 24 Boston entrepreneurs opening new storefronts in vacant spaces throughout the city. This will help to revitalize Boston's downtown, bring vibrancy to city neighborhoods, and close the racial wealth gap. The grants will provide up to $100,000 to each business to help with lease negotiation, accounting, taxes, regulatory compliance, marketing, and employee-ownership.

**Mayor Wu Launches Summer Meal Sites and Farmers Markets:** Finally, Mayor Wu launched the annual Summer Meal Sites and Farmers Markets program, which will provide healthy meals at no cost to all youth aged 18 and younger.

I know that these are just a few of the many initiatives that Mayor Wu is working on, and I'm excited to see what we accomplish in the coming months and years.

In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy. And if you see me around Chinatown, be sure to say hello! You can reach out to me directly at chulan.huang@boston.gov. Follow me on Twitter and Instagram @ONS_Chatown. The 311 Constituent Service Center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. Download the 311 app or give the City a call at 617-635-4500 if you have any questions regarding issues in your neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Chulan Huang
Mayor Wu’s Chinatown Liaison
In the News

Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC) Chinatown Backyard Summer Picnic

On Saturday, July 22nd Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC) hosted a Summer Picnic for the community to beat the heat together. Tufts University provided space at the Tufts Community Common. The event featured bilingual emcee, Alison Qu of CHUANG Stage and performances by Violin Viiv and Kwong Kow Chinese School K-pop Dance Crew. Participating organizations included CHIC Consulting, Chinatown HOPE, Friends of the Chinatown Library, Chinatown Community Land Trust, The Greenway, ADAPT, the City of Boston, BPD, and Siena. We were also joined by special guests, Boston City Council President Ed Flynn, Chulan Huang from the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services, Chris Cook from the Greenway, and Dr. Heang Leung Rubin of CHIC Consulting. Volunteers from Kwong Kow Chinese School, Sasaki, and youth from ACDC’s Summer Leadership Academy supported the event.

Staying Cool at Tufts University’s Ice Cream Social

Boston, MA – On Wednesday, August 9, Tufts University, located in Boston’s Chinatown, hosted its 2nd annual Chinatown Ice Cream Social, inviting neighborhood community partners to take a break from the summer heat with a cold treat. Over 170 Chinatown community members and university leaders gathered at Tufts Community Commons where they enjoyed ice cream sandwiches from local ice cream shop Cookie Monstah. Liza Perry, deputy director of Tufts University’s office of Government and Community Relations said: “Bringing our Chinatown neighbors and Tufts University leadership together over an ice cream during the summer season is the perfect way to celebrate our strong local partnerships. We are so fortunate to be a part of the Chinatown community, a vibrant and diverse neighborhood, and we look forward to working closely with nonprofit partners and Boston public schools in the upcoming academic year.”

7月22日星期六，亚美社区发展协会为社区举办了夏季野餐活动，共同抵御酷暑。塔夫茨大学在塔夫茨社区共用空间提供了场地。此次活动邀请了创剧社的双语主持人Alison Qu以及Violin Viiv和中华广教学校的表演。参与组织包括CHIC Consulting、唐人街希望、唐人街图书馆之友、華埠土地信托会、The Greenway、ADAPT、波士顿市办公室、東京警察和Siena。出席的还有波士顿市议会主席爱德华•费林先生、黄楚岚女士、市长办公室唐人街联系人Greenway的Chris Cook以及CHIC Consulting的Heang Leung Rubin博士。来自中华广教学校的志愿者和亚美社区夏季领导力学院的青少年支持了此次活动。

马萨诸塞州波士顿 – 8月9日星期三，位于波士顿唐人街的塔夫茨大学举办了第二届年度唐人街夏日冰淇淋社交活动，邀请社区合作伙伴在夏日的炎热中享用冰淇淋。超过170名唐人街社区成员和大学领导聚集在塔夫茨社区共用空间，享用来自当地冰淇淋店Cookie Monstah的冰淇淋三明治。塔夫茨大学政府和社区关系办公室副主任丽莎•佩里（Liza Perry）表示：“在夏季，让我们的唐人街邻居和塔夫茨大学领导聚首一堂，享用冰淇淋，是庆祝我们强大的当地合作伙伴关系的完美方式。我们很幸运能够成为唐人街社区的一部分，这是一个充满活力和多元化的社区，我们期待在下一学年与非营利合作伙伴和波士顿公立学校密切合作。”
Massachusetts Asian Restaurant Association (MARA) Annual Gala

The 2023 GALA Annual Celebration on August 15th at Kowloon Restaurant brought the MARA team together with new and existing members, sponsors, partner organizations, and guests to celebrate the industry's progress and plan for future growth. With live music, entertainment, and delicious catering by Kowloon restaurant, it was a memorable night for everyone. The Massachusetts Asian Restaurant Association (MARA) Annual Gala was our flagship event dedicated to gathering members, industry professionals, distinguished guests, supporters, and friends to share an enjoyable evening together. MARA, being the only statewide nonprofit association focused on assisting the Asian restaurant industry in Massachusetts, this event held special significance. We aimed to provide vital information and resources to restaurant owners and operators, ensuring they had access to the support they needed to thrive.

马萨诸塞州亚洲餐馆协会 (MARA) 年度晚会

8 月 15 日在九龙餐厅举行的 2023 年度庆典将马萨诸塞州亚洲餐馆协会的成员与新老会员、赞助商、合作组织和嘉宾聚在一起，庆祝行业的进步和未来发展的计划。现场音乐、娱乐表演以及九龙餐厅的美味餐饮，让大家度过了一个难忘的夜晚。马萨诸塞州亚洲餐馆协会的年度晚会是我们专门为餐厅业主和经营者提供的宝贵信息和资源，确保他们能够获得所需的支持。

Chinatown August Moon Festival

The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England (CCBA) was pleased to announce the 53rd Chinatown August Moon Festival, which was held on Sunday, August 13, 2023, from 10 AM to 5 PM. Attendees were invited to join us for this wonderful all-day event. Each year, the CCBA organized Chinatown’s August Moon Festival. Now in its 53rd year, Chinatown's August Moon Festival was a day-long event filled with cultural performances (including lion dancing, Chinese music and singing, traditional folk dance, and martial arts) as well as Chinese calligraphy, arts and crafts, and various vendors of Chinese food and merchandise.

第五十三届華埠中秋联欢会

中华公所很高兴地宣布第 53 届華埠中秋联欢会于 2023 年 8 月 13 日星期日上午 10 点至下午 5 点举行，与会者敬请参加这个精彩的全天活动。每年，中华公所都会举办唐人街八月节，至今已是第 53 年。这是一个为期一天的活动，充满了文化表演（包括舞狮、中国音乐和歌唱、传统民间舞蹈以及武术）以及中国书法、艺术和手工艺品以及各种食品和商品。