



## Names of 7,000 Palestinian Kids Killed in Gaza Listed at Cambridge Installation

The Harvard Palestine Solidarity Committee held an exhibit entitled "Grief Beyond Words" at the university to write the names of 7,000 children under the age of 12 who have been killed this year in Gaza. Data Tech for Palestine provided the list of victims with Arabic and English names and birth date of each child who was known to have been killed as Israel continues to bombard Gaza.

The exhibit ran through Oct. 19. While the total number of those killed is in dispute, several medical organizations put the total toll at far higher than the official estimate of around 43,000 people. "It is likely that the death toll from this conflict is already greater than 118,908," wrote a group of health care workers, earlier this month ([www.gazahealthcareletters.org/usa-](http://www.gazahealthcareletters.org/usa-letter-oct-2-2024)

[letter-oct-2-2024](http://www.gazahealthcareletters.org/usa-letter-oct-2-2024)). This number is consistent with one earlier this year estimated in the Lancet, a British medical journal. In addition, the entire Gaza Strip is at risk of famine, according to a recent report from the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC). - *Sampan Staff/Photo by Clare Sheridan.*

## 25-Story Hotel Plan Draws Critical Reviews

*Tower would replace old See Sun shop*

By Ryan C. Lundgren

A proposal to raze a vacant and dilapidated building in Chinatown to build a 25-story hotel has sparked a debate over whether the project will further boost housing prices around the neighborhood and exacerbate congestion in the already crowded block.

The building's owner, Sing Ming Chan, claims that the 110-room hotel would bring increased tourism dollars, provide job opportunities, and help revitalize Chinatown. Detractors — including activists and current and former residents of Chinatown — claim that the construction of such a large commercial building will worsen the affordable housing crisis by encouraging real estate speculation. Over the past two decades, several other high-rise buildings were built nearby, also far surpassing zoning limits and despite the objections of resident groups.

The small existing building at 15-25 Harrison Ave. previously housed the See Sun market on the ground floor and housing space up above. After a fire in the building in 2012, the structure became vacant and is "really a remnant of an older building that was partially demolished" as described by Donald Wiest, an attorney specializing in land use and zoning working with Mr. Chan on the development. It was also "partially demolished," according to Wiest. "It's just not a safe building, or a structurally sound

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## Adoptees Torn Over China's End to Overseas Adoptions

By Hannah Nguyen

When Emili Van Volkinburg learned in early September that China is ending international adoptions, she felt conflicted.

Van Volkinburg, a 25-year-old Brighton resident, was adopted from southeast China at age two-and-a-half by white parents from Ohio. Growing up, she had open conversations with her mom about being adopted. Her parents enrolled her and her older sister, who was also adopted from China, in Chinese language and culture classes to keep them connected to their Chinese heritage. They took dance classes and her mom learned how to cook Asian food. For most of her life, Van Volkin-

burg had a generally positive outlook on her adoption, she said.

In her adult life, she connected with other Chinese and transracial adoptees who had different upbringings. Their parents, she said, many of whom were white, struggled to raise children of different races and ethnicities. It made her question how adoption affected others differently.

"There were probably a lot of families that went into adopting a child from China without thinking about the consequences on themselves and the child (or) thinking about the cultural impact that it may have on the child as they grow up," said Van Volkinburg.

Now, it appears, Van Volkinburg

is part of a final generation of adoptees like her from China. With the program over, she hopes it opens more nuanced conversations about adoption.

At a news conference in early September, China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning confirmed China is no longer allowing foreign adoptions from the country, saying it was "in line with the spirit of relevant international conventions." Exceptions would only be made for foreigners adopting children or stepchildren of blood relatives in China, up to the third degree of kinship, she said.

The decision marked the end of a three-decade-long program that resulted

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# Korean Americans Celebrate Nobel Prize to Han Kang in Literature First

By Ava Belchez

Han Kang won the Nobel Prize in Literature for 2024—the first writer from South Korea to be awarded this prize. Yet, she has “declined to hold a press conference, citing the global tragedies of the Ukraine-Russia war and the Israel-Palestine conflict,” according to The Korea Times, citing a letter from her father.

Korean-American software engineer Todd S.J. Simmer said this move was “commendable for her to take a step back to recognize the struggles and tragedies that are unfolding in those two conflicts.... She clearly understands that beyond the physical act of violence, there’s collective trauma for everyone involved. There’s not a lot to celebrate when we keep inflicting pain upon ourselves and those who are closest to us.”

Simmer was one of several Korean Americans Sampan interviewed about Han Kang’s recent award.

Simmer was born in South Korea, where he lived until he was adopted at eight years old and moved to the Midwest. Now he lives in Pennsylvania and is a fan of Han Kang’s work. He said her stories pack a lot of narrative while staying short and accessible.

“In my mind, Han Kang is representative of an entire generation of female Asian writers that are pushing the boundaries and creating amazing work,” Simmer said.

Common themes in Han Kang’s work are the impact of violence and South Korea’s turbulent history. Simmer said that before she received the award she was seen as “subversive” by the South Korean government for her writing.

“The history of modern South Korea is an entire country collectively trying to grow and heal from generations of wars and conflict and how it’s impacted social development,” Simmer said.

Han Kang herself was born in Gwangju, South Korea, but grew up in Seoul. Her father is also an author, with published works like “Aje aje bara-aje” and “The Life of Dasan.”

The writer won “for her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life,” according to the Nobel Committee’s press release.

“The magnitude of this high honor will open the door for Korean writers but tells the world that there are stories being told around the world,” said Linda



‘OPEN DOORS FOR KOREAN WRITERS’: Linda Champion discusses Han Kang’s Nobel Prize. Photo by Dahn Nguyen.

Champion, president of the Korean-American Citizens League of New England.

Han Kang is most known for her 2006 novel “The Vegetarian,” which after being translated into English, won the 2016 International Booker Prize. The focus of the story is a young woman in a stagnant marriage who suddenly refuses to eat meat, throwing it all out. She eventually quits eating at all and says all she needs is sunlight and water, longing to turn into a tree.

“Her writings illustrate that trauma isn’t intrinsic to individuals but becomes a shared experience within a larger group,” Simmer said. “‘The Vegetarian’ I thought followed similar themes of how violence perpetuates pain and suffering in unintended ways.”

Linda Champion, lawyer at Murphy Hesse Toomey and Lehane LLP, is a fellow reader of “The Vegetarian.”

“(Han) Kang’s writing style evidences the impact the story has about the ever changing situations we encounter within and in life,” Champion said. “The bold change to throw everything out of the refrigerator and put our family on notice, it adds humor but for many will hit to the core.”

Han Kang’s other works include “Human Acts,” “The White Book,” “Greek Lessons,” and “We Do Not Part.”

The novel “Human Acts”, about the 1980 Gwangju uprising, was the first of



HAN KANG  
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Han Kang’s works Simmer encountered “Her main protagonist is referred to as ‘you’ which places you, the reader, directly into the story of how a trauma inflicted on one person echoes through their connections with others through time and how it impacts those left to deal with the aftereffects,” Simmer said.

Even though Han Kang has announced she is withholding any press conferences for her award, her win is still celebrated by many in South Korea. “About 530,000 copies of Han’s books had been sold as of 2 p.m. Sunday, since the announcement of her win as the first Korean to receive the Nobel Prize in literature last Thursday,” according to

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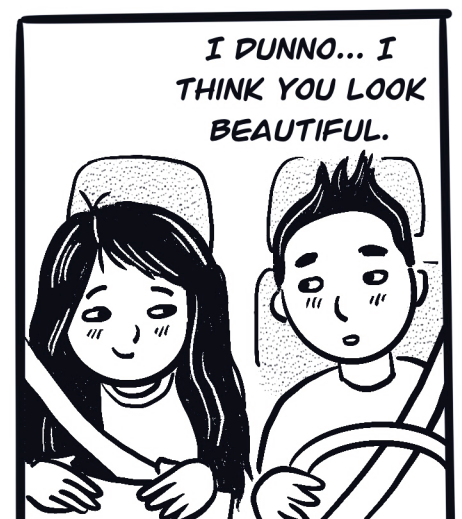
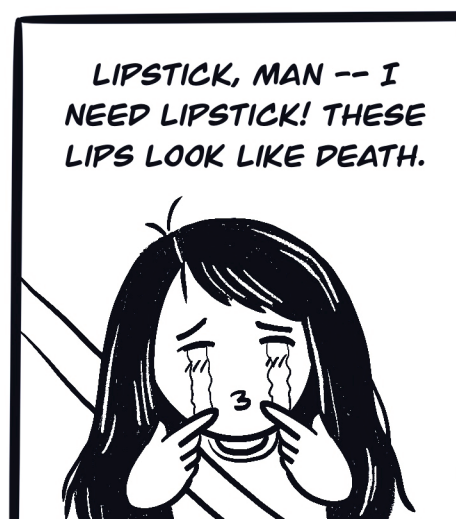
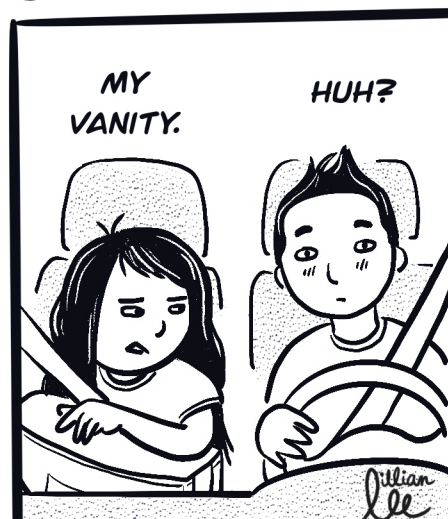
“I love [that] this honor was given to her at this time in history where we need a spotlight on our creative geniuses and to take a new look at educational systems to make sure children are learning creative writing,” Champion said. “If they have the ability to add a little poetry and prose, then we may have another Nobel Prize winner in the horizon.”

Simmer said he hopes the recognition that comes with the Nobel Prize award “will allow more freedom to examine the past through different viewpoints.”

“I think her works are very universal to the human experience,” Simmer said “There’s not a person alive today who hasn’t been touched or influenced by the trauma of violence from past generations.”

## empty bamboo girl 竹升女

by Lillian Lee





# As China Ends Foreign Adoptions, Adoptees Express Mixed Emotions

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in at least 150,000 Chinese children like Van Volkinburg being adopted to other countries, with more than 82,000 going to the U.S.

China's adoption program began in 1992 after the country introduced its controversial one-child policy in 1979 because of overpopulation concerns. A majority of the orphans were girls or children with disabilities who were put up for adoption, because of the strict policy and cultural preference for boys.

Adoptions began to dip in recent years after China reversed its policy in 2016 after the country faced declining birth rates that led to significant economic and political challenges. At the height of the pandemic in 2020, China suspended adoptions to the U.S. for two years. In 2021, China announced a "three-child policy" with incentives like longer maternity leave and housing subsidies to curb the country's shrinking population.

## Family Bonds, Beyond Blood

As a child, Antonia Martin-Nucatola, 24, of Newton, had always been curious about her and her non-biological sister's adoptions. She would ask her parents where her sister and she were born, what paperwork they had to fill out, and why more girls were put up for adoption than boys. Her parents were transparent about her adoption experience, she said.

They also immersed the family in Chinese culture. Learning about the Chinese zodiac, Lunar New Year, and Chinese food together as a family brought them closer.

"They were powerful little moments from my childhood, and it makes me very emotional," Martin-Nucatola said. "I think about my mom, who used to attend my Chinese dance recitals. She'd be the only white woman with all the other Chinese moms ... She was the minority in that space, but she did it to give me that exposure."

The recent development in the program has made Martin-Nucatola reflect on how her life would have looked if she hadn't been adopted.

"Part of me is like, there are probably kids who could benefit from the privileges that my sister and I were given by our parents, because we got adopted by the best parents in the world," Martin-Nucatola said.

Martin-Nucatola is concerned about the children stuck in orphanages or the hundreds of American families with pending applications who were left in the dark. China has not provided any details about what would happen to those children.

"It really frustrates me that the Chinese government made this decision in its own vacuum, with zero regard for the damaging impacts it has and will continue to have on all stakeholders," said Nicole Eigbrett, 31. "But most importantly, on adoptees and children themselves."

For Eigbrett, who was adopted when the program began in 1992, its legacy brings feelings of abandonment. She grew up in a predominantly white town in New York and was raised by two white and middle-class parents who had foster, adopted, and biological kids. She was the only Asian person in her family.

## 'Organized Abandonment'

The search for community and belonging became a pattern throughout her life as she experienced racism and ethnic isolation in her small town, Eigbrett said. When she moved to Boston in 2016, she sought an Asian American community to connect with. From there, she became a volunteer for Dorchester-based nonprofit Asian American Resource Workshop. The group supports pan-Asian communities in Greater Boston experiencing displacement. It offers resources



**FAMILY BONDS:**  
Emili Van Volkinburg of Boston tells Sampan about her views of being adopted.

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for Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laos refugees at risk of deportation, advocates for community members facing eviction, and drives young Asian American and Pacific Islanders to become civically engaged. Through the organization, she met people with shared political ideologies and other adoptees.

In addition to feelings of grief or worry over the effect the end of the program would have on adoption, she felt a sense of relief that Chinese children would no longer be separated from their biological families, birth country, and culture. Eigbrett is part of the adoption abolition movement, which calls for adoption or "organized abandonment" to be replaced with widespread reproductive health care, economic welfare, and societal support to care for families worldwide.

"There's this prevailing perception that adoption will automatically lead to a better life for the child," Eigbrett said. Instead, many experience anguish and trauma associated with their adoption experience, she added.

It also implies that all birth families cannot provide an adequate life for the children, said Maya Bergamasco, 29, from Medford, who is also pleased that China's adoption program ended and wants China to provide support for children, many who are disabled,

currently in orphanages.

Eigbrett believes that instead of promoting adoption, China and other countries should provide sufficient resources to their citizens.

Bergamasco hopes that the ban pushes the Chinese government to recognize the adoptee community as part of the Chinese diaspora. In doing so, adoptees can receive special visas or a clearer path to Chinese citizenship.

Meanwhile, she said the news may lead more adoptees to "come out of the fog," referring to a multi-layered process where adoptees reflect on how their adoption has impacted them. The news has since brought her closer to those with shared experiences and created a desire to uplift their stories.

"In history, we are a generation that is at risk of being forgotten if cultural preservation and storytelling aren't prioritized," Bergamasco said.

Those narratives must also be led by the adoptees themselves, Bergamasco said, which has historically not been the case. Bergamasco said the adoptee perspective gets belittled while adoptive parents' voices take center stage.

"We also deserve a voice and a platform that adoptive parents have historically had," Bergamasco said.



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### Story of New Americans from Haiti Lost Amid Election Rhetoric

By Milourdes Augustin

As immigration has taken center stage in the presidential election, it now feels like all eyes are on Haiti, my home country.

That nation in turmoil -- like Mexico and Latin America before, and even China in the distant past -- has been unfairly singled out as a poster child for all kinds of America's ills, with immigrants serving as scapegoats.

Trump once stated that Haiti was a "shit hole country" and he opposed extending aid to the country as it was hit with violent political unrest. Now he is vowing to reverse the Biden Humanitarian Act and deport the new immigrants back to Haiti. Sen. JD Vance, the vice presidential candidate, is making the same promises to his voters, claiming that Haitians threaten jobs of Americans, even that they break union lines, weakening wages for "Americans." Springfield, Ohio, which accepted 20,000 Haitian refugees in the last year, has come under the national spotlight since the false accusations of pet eating erupted from the Trump campaign.

The truth is, however, many from Haiti have been awarded temporary immigration status and legal permission to enter this country.

So the term "illegal" immigration that's often tossed around by politicians is highly misleading (the term is always misleading as it can refer to many people in immigration limbo). The truth is, many Haitian immigrants -- like the vast majority of all immigrants -- contribute to their communities and are just trying to make ends meet for their families.

"Haitian immigrants are bringing stability to Springfield, Ohio, by contributing to the workforce in the automobile industry," an industry that was in decline, noted Dr. Gerelde Gabeau, a native to Haiti, in a recent rally in support of Haitian immigrants.

We also can not forget that America is a country built on the blood and backbones of indigenous people, enslaved blacks and immigrants. The Immigration Act of 1891 was placed to regulate immigrants coming to America and to control ethnic populations in the country. In modern times, immigrants continue to arrive in the U.S., seeking opportunities, asylum and refuge. The U.S. has a long standing history of denying immigrants from certain countries, like Mexico and China. Racist and ethnocentric hate gets recycled with claims of those groups being criminals who don't contribute to the country.

As with most places, Haiti has a complex history with America. During the slave revolts that started in 1811, newly liberated Haitian fighters came to the U.S. to help battle alongside African Americans for their freedom. The American government has been involved in Haitian government affairs for more than a century, even dismantling the Haitian army and contributing to the destabilization of the Haitian government. Since the Biden Humanitarian Act was put into effect in January of 2023, there have been 205,026 Haitians who have legally moved to the U.S. This act was put into place as a response to the political turmoil the Haitian people have been enduring for decades, a crisis that became dire after the assassination of Pres. Jovenelle in July of 2021.

Gangs have taken over Haiti since June of 2021 causing thousands of deaths and disruption in the country's capital, Port-Au-Prince. Recently, the gangs expanded and reached to Artibonit, killing dozens of people.

Haiti is not the only country President Biden has extended the Humanitarian Act to. The countries benefiting the most from this act are Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans. We would be well advised to look at the stories and situations of all immigrants, and recognize their contributions to the nation.

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### We Must Guard Our Rights to Free Speech and Dissent

By Adam Smith

This election has been portrayed as critical for the future of our democracy.

But a key part of that democracy, our First Amendment rights, will no doubt remain under attack -- no matter who wins. Republican candidate and former president, Donald Trump, openly threatens those who do not agree with him. At the same time, vice president and Democratic candidate, Kamala Harris -- and Pres. Joe Biden -- are guilty of doing little to protect the rights of those who protest, get arrested, and even report on rallies against the mass killings of Palestinians and now Lebanese.

No doubt, Trump has gotten the media spotlight for statements like he made on Fox News recently that "radical left lunatics" should be handled by the National Guard or the military, if necessary. That is a terrifying proposition.

An NBC News story even warned of Trump's escalating "rhetoric on outlawing political dissent and criticism."

The new biopic drama film, "The Apprentice" by Ali Abbasi, amplifies these concerns by highlighting the relationship between a young Donald Trump and Roy Cohn, who was chief counsel to U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy during his "Red Scare" campaign.

But Trump's threats should not obscure what we have seen over the past year under the watch of the current administration and many others in political power.

We saw crackdowns at major colleges and universities, attempting to quash free speech in the form of demonstrations and protests and other civil disobedience. We saw reporters get arrested -- even if those charges were often later dropped -- and students cuffed

and even booted from campuses. Some international students had no choice but to leave the U.S., long believed to be the "freest" place in the world. We saw gray-haired professors thrown to the ground and carted away.

All of this happened on the watch of the current administration, which, while not directly responsible for the responses, did not use its influence to dissuade the crackdowns, and at some points incorrectly portrayed protesters as hateful.

A recent report by the Committee to Protect Journalists, which is largely critical of the Trump administration's rhetoric against the press, included this: "The 2023-24 protests in the U.S. in response to the Israel-Gaza war offered hints of yet more shifts in the safety paradigm for journalists. As of late September 2024, at least 58 journalists have been assaulted and at least 42 detained, arrested, or charged at those protests, according to the U.S. Press Freedom Tracker."

While more than half of the assaults came from private citizens, according to CPJ, the rest came at the hands of law enforcement.

Even worse for press freedom globally, the current administration has looked away from Israel's own mass murder of Palestinian journalists and blocking of foreign press. According to the most conservative estimates, around 112 journalists have been killed in the Israel-Gaza fighting, and the number grows by the month.

The CPJ also quoted a Palestinian journalist saying that it was unlikely a Harris administration would be much better for the press there.

Yet, both candidates have argued over who's more ready to protect Israel -- apparently no matter how many lives that govern-

ment kills and no matter how many journalists that government kills.

To be fair, it's not just our two current presidential candidates with the most chance of winning the election in November who have been problematic here.

We have a host of lawmakers, too, who see little value in protecting freedom of expression they don't like. U.S. Sen. Tom Cotton comes to mind first, but he's just one of many. He's the senator who suggested people who face demonstrators blocking roads to "take matters into your own hands."

"These little Gazas are disgusting cesspools of antisemitic hate full of pro-Hamas sympathizers, fanatics and freaks" is how Cotton referred to campus protest groups.

But perhaps Americans -- at least an angry minority of them -- are getting what they want from elected officials whom they keep voting in. After all, we have a society ever more eager to quiet, cancel, censor and shout down voices we don't like. We have a society so out of touch with the idea that freedom of speech only works if it's for everyone that it's ready to have books pulled from libraries.

This is happening in Massachusetts and around the nation.

If this sounds like hyperbole, note that efforts to limit expression are now even coming from some libraries themselves. This month Harvard's Widener Library put a "temporary ban" on a dozen pro-Palestine student demonstrators "for holding a silent 'study-in' in the library's reading room" earlier this month, according to a report from the Harvard Crimson.

The lesson here is that no matter who gets voted in this November, the task of protecting voices of dissent, of criticism, of free thinking, must be guarded by you and by me.

### Gov's Emergency Gun Rule Triggers

By Esther Wang

Gov. Maura Healey signed an emergency preamble early this month that effectively put a new gun law into immediate effect, expanding Massachusetts' preexisting firearms regulations -- already some of the strictest in the country. The move will crack down on private-made "ghost guns"; criminalize possession of "bump stocks" and trigger cranks; require a gun license for live-fire training; prohibit people outside of law enforcement from carrying guns at schools, polling places, and government buildings; ban the possession, transfer, and sale of assault firearms; and expand "red flag" laws that allow courts to at least temporarily suspend a person's possession of firearms.

Approved last July, the gun law

was originally not due to take effect until Oct. 23, but Gov. Healey's emergency action has sped up the schedule. In doing so, the governor has blocked any temporary suspension of the law -- thereby frustrating gun rights advocates and other opponents who view the law as infringing on their rights. Opponents of Gov. Healey's actions called them a gross overstepping of her powers. Previously, the opposing Civil Rights Coalition had been planning on gathering enough signatures to temporarily suspend the gun law until it could be put before voters in 2026 and repealed. In order to achieve this, the coalition would have had to gather 37,287 signatures by Oct. 9 to put the gun law on the 2026 ballot, and 49,716 signatures for the temporary suspension. Reports indicate that

the coalition already collected more than 65,000 signatures -- enough to achieve their goal.

Now, however, those hopes have been dashed. Gov. Healey's emergency preamble blocks temporary suspension, ensuring that the law will remain in effect for at least the next two years. According to the state constitution, the governor does have the ability to declare laws an emergency, either as or after she signs the bill. But opponents take a less generous view, arguing that Healey's actions were motivated by the coalition being on the verge of suspending the bill.

"The only reason she's signing this as an emergency preamble is because they don't want this suspended," said Toby Leary, one of the leaders of the Civil Rights Coalition, in a statement. "If this



*Election News and Views: News*

# Sampan Readers Give Their Take on Key Election Issues

By Christopher John Stephens

It's been over 30 years since famed Democratic strategist James Carville tried to provide a pithy summary to all that concerned the American voting public: "It's the economy, stupid."

Carville's way with a slogan helped his candidate Bill Clinton start the first of two terms as president of the United States. Carville remained a feisty political strategist in the decades that followed, and Clinton weathered a notorious sex scandal in his second term that led to his impeachment. By the end of the 1990s, apparently, the means by which a voter needed to elect a suitable presidential candidate had expanded beyond the confines of the economy.

In 2024, many feel this election is more urgent. Bill Clinton was followed by George W. Bush, the horror of 9/11, and several stark reminders that the war machine was always a boost for the economy.

Barack Obama's eight years were followed by the divisiveness of Donald Trump. Now we have Pres. Joe Biden exiting the office soon.

History not only seems to be repeating but buckling into itself.

The economy remains paramount for all of us and it's equally matched by social issues, environmental damage to our coasts, gender and race and restitution for collective national sins like slavery. Social movements like "Me Too" and "Black Lives Matter" proved that voices heretofore marginalized are refusing to be silenced.

It's in this context that Sampan solicited responses from you, our readers, about some of the most

important issues facing us today. As Donald Trump attempts to reclaim a presidential seat he believes was taken from him in 2020, and Vice President Kamala Harris runs an intense campaign that's only been in existence for three months (as opposed to Trump's four years), questions remain. How do readers feel about bodily autonomy, the Affordable Care Act, housing, and immigration?

Thank you all for your responses and please remember if you are a citizen to vote in Nov. 5.

Here is a sample of the dozens of responses we received:

## **Abortion- How important is a candidate's view of reproductive rights and bodily autonomy in your choice of president?**

"All Americans need to own the right to decide what happens to their own bodies."

"Abortion should be available to all who need it, even if you personally would not have one. Did you know that the Catholic Church condoned early abortions and did not condemn abortions until the mid-19th century?"

"Denying women the right to make decisions about their own bodies is unfair and undermines their autonomy. A candidate's stance on reproductive rights is a crucial factor for me when choosing a President, as it reflects their commitment to individual freedom and equality."

## **Affordable Care Act: Has the Affordable Care Act made a difference in your health coverage? Are you more assured now that you can have access to comprehensive care if needed? Are you afraid it might**

disappear?

"The ACA provides a healthcare option that if you want to quit a corporate job, you know there are health insurance options via the ACA, allowing Americans to be insured and not tied to employer or public coverage."

"I assume ACA has made my health coverage costs go up."

"I support the Affordable Care Act, although I am on Medicare myself. Yes....I am afraid that if Republicans come to power, they will eliminate it or alter it for the worse."

"The ACA does not affect me or my husband directly. We are on Medicare. We think the ACA has been good for the country, although we would prefer single-payer government-provided healthcare for all."

"Yes, the Affordable Care Act has made a significant difference in my health coverage. It has provided access to low-cost insurance, which many people, including myself, rely on to receive comprehensive care when needed. I do feel more assured knowing that this safety net is available, but I am concerned that it might disappear, which would leave many without affordable healthcare options."

## **Housing: Is there a direct correlation between the migrant crisis and affordable housing?**

"The migrant crisis has many roots and impacts that there is no one direct relationship. It is complex and requires coordination to solve in the long run."

"Affordable housing has been an issue for years -- well before the influx of migrants. They are blaming migrants for every ill in the country."

## **Have you given up the dream of home ownership?**

"While I haven't given up the dream, I've grown more estranged with hope of it occurring"

"I never made enough to buy a house. But I own a condo which I acquired when prices were cheap."

## **As for immigration, are border closings inevitable?**

"Global and country factors all contribute to migration of people, and it is something that will not be stopped."

"With the right legislation, the borders can be controlled in a sensible way. But our Congress refuses to pass bills that make this possible."

## **How effectively has this nation dealt with the migrant crisis?**

"We need better government coordination and proactive processes which requires our politicians to work together."

"We need education and training for jobs."

"We need to manage the borders closely."

"We could spend more money on this subject. All these high paying officials could take a cut in their pays because they do nothing. It is all talk with these high paying officials in order to keep their jobs and pays. That is why I do not listen to speeches and debates. Action is what I look for."

"I understand that they should provide their work visa more quickly so that many of those earnings can be audited and the tax payments of each of the people who work under the table can be obtained."

## Debate Around Second Amendment Rights in State

were truly a public health emergency, she would have enacted the preamble when the bill was signed back in July. Now that we are close to gathering the signatures needed to suspend the law for two years, she's invoking an emergency preamble to sidestep the will of the people."

Leary also pointed out the damaging effects the gun law—especially the provision prohibiting the sale of rifles and shotguns—will have on gun sellers, including himself. "As a store owner, I'm faced with two choices—break the law to stay open or stop selling guns and close my business. After a decade of hard work, my state government is trying to destroy my business's future," Leary said. "She's acting more like a dictator than a governor."

Massachusetts's Republican Party has taken a similar stance, releasing a statement that accused Gov. Healey of

"deliberately subverting the democratic process and trampling on the people's right to petition."

On the other hand, Massachusetts' robust gun laws are central to the state's low rate of firearms violence—one of the lowest in the country, in fact. Healey's rhetoric on the subject has also been unwavering, arguing that the gun law is "necessary to preserve public peace, health, safety, and convenience" of the people of Massachusetts. "This gun safety law bans ghost guns, strengthens the Extreme Risk Protection Order statute to keep guns out of the hands of people who are a danger to themselves or others, and invests in violence prevention programs," Healey said. "It is important that these measures go into effect without delay."

This latest gun law and Governor Healey's actions can be viewed as a natural continuation of the stricter

stance Massachusetts has adopted on the subject of firearms over the course of the last century. Prior to 1906, gun laws were lax to the extent of being virtually nonexistent; there were no restrictions on owning or carrying guns. Before 1968, no license was required to possess firearms in one's home or business place, and only carrying handguns outside the home or business required a license. Not until the 21st century did Massachusetts's gun laws come to resemble its contours today. Currently, there are two types of firearms license in Massachusetts. A Firearms Identification Card (FID) is available to residents 15 years and older, allowing possession and carrying of rifles and shotguns that are not large capacity or semi-automatic. A License-to-Carry (LTC) enables residents 21 years and older to possess and carry rifles and shotguns, including those that are large capacity and

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The right to bear arms remains a contentious issue, not just in Massachusetts but on a national level. On one side, Massachusetts' new gun law will undeniably impact gun owners and sellers, and Gov. Healey's signing of the emergency preamble does raise troubling questions about the exercise of gubernatorial powers. On the other side, it is also precisely such laws that ensure Massachusetts' low rates of gun violence and Gov. Healey is not alone in the opinion that "strong gun laws save lives. This law is the state's most significant gun safety legislation in a decade. It will make Massachusetts safer as soon as it goes into effect."



# Hotel Tower Plan Gets Pushback

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building to occupy.”

Several former residents of Chinatown, during a group discussion arranged by the Chinese Progressive Association for the Sampan, however, argued that they were concerned about the costs of housing and about traffic and air pollution. But the main concern appeared to be the proposed hotel's height, which at 277 feet, far exceeds the current zoning limit of 65 feet. The proposal is currently going through what's called the Article 80 review process needed to be allowed for development.

Some current and former residents said they felt the proposed hotel does not fit with the character of Chinatown and most whom Sampan spoke with said they were opposed to it. Most said they had friends and family who already had to leave the neighborhood because of new luxury developments and getting priced out.

Similar sentiments were shared by activists during a public meeting about the project on Oct. 17.

“We're all at risk of shrinking and disappearing” said Angie Lou from the Asian Community Development Corporation during her remarks, in reference to ongoing gentrification in Boston's Chinatown. ACDC's Jenny Huang said in an interview earlier this month that there's been a “pattern of these big luxury developments coming into Chinatown and threatening housing.”

Charlie Jiang, a legal fellow with the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, brought up similar concerns of “displacement risks” and pollution and claimed that the analysis of the economic benefits is insufficient.

Chan did not respond to several emails seeking his direct comments by deadline for this story, but Wiest argued that this is “not a luxury hotel” and emphasized how it would connect with the community, such as providing an arts space on the ground floor. He also said that to his knowledge, “Boston is the only major city in America where the Chinatown lacks a locally owned hotel” and that Chan is committed to working with the local hotel union to provide good jobs in the community.

At the public meeting, however, several people held signs that said “no 25 story hotel” and repeated many of their concerns. Many people shared concerns about the building's height and their desires that there be space made for retail and housing. Lydia Lowe from the Chinatown Community Land Trust further stated that “hotel use is not a priority for us.”

Wiest said the footprint of the building created limitations on how much retail could be housed on the lower levels of the building -- “we'd love to have more active use of the ground floor, it's just a very small site,” he said.

Those same size constraints are also the primary reason that housing is difficult to build on the site, he said.

“We have looked at housing in the past, for the most part it's hard to do housing in a high-rise condition like this,” he said. “For a small building that's this centrally located, (it's) tough to do residential here, (but) works well for a hotel.”

Chan appeared to be present in the public Zoom meeting based on the listed participants, but did not address the meeting personally.

Such projects should be, in general, based on what “the market needs,” said Kaushik Vardharajan from Boston University's School of Hotel Administration, in an interview with the Sampan.

Vardharajan, who refrained from commenting on the project specifically, said typically the hotel operator would ultimately be responsible for engaging with the community.

State Senator Nick Collins, whose district includes the part of Chinatown that includes the site of the proposed hotel, spoke optimistically about the project and said he does see a market need for more hotels in Boston, due to the high room rates. He also spoke of the potential benefits that others in the meeting may have overlooked. Sen. Collins said pricey hotel room rates have been bad for tourism and that the meal and hotel taxes generated by tourism would help alleviate revenue issues that the city is currently facing. Collins did acknowledge that the “displacement of community amenities” is a challenge, but spoke highly of the opportunities a hotel presents, telling Sampan that hotels provide good job opportunities that can be filled by new arrivals and those who are underemployed. He also stated that through a “community cooperation agreement” the property developer could voluntarily contribute to a fund which supports community housing and jobs training, even though the proposed building would be below the square footage which would normally make such contributions a requirement.

But another complaint among opponents of the project is that the city failed to provide multilingual notices of the review process that were easily accessible to Chinatown residents. When activists suggested however that another meeting be held in-person, the city said it was willing to work with the proponent to arrange one. Collins also endorsed the idea of an in-person meeting due to the demographics of the neighborhood that includes many older and Chinese speaking people. “If the process is sound, the dialog is going to be healthy” he told Sampan. “When we're faced with a public process, we can always do better.”

The public comment period for this project was originally scheduled to end today, but at the suggestion of members of the community, has been extended to Nov. 29.

Comments can be submitted on [bostonplans.org](http://bostonplans.org) and comments in a language other than English can be emailed to [planningwebcontent@boston.gov](mailto:planningwebcontent@boston.gov).



CHECK IN: The 25-story hotel planned for the site of the old See Sun Market gets push-back from some in the community.

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# 'More Than a Village' Explores Changing Climate Through Chinese Woodblock Prints

By Yuchen Hong

In an exhibit at Boston College's Carney 203 Gallery using traditional woodblock printing, artist Cina He explores the effects of climate change in her hometown.

Born in Liuzhou in Guangxi province, He moved to Buenos Aires at age 12. Her artistic practice is deeply informed by these two distinct cultural landscapes. Now a senior at Boston College, she is pursuing a double major in transformative education studies and studio art, with a minor in film studies. Her show, "More Than a Village," opened on Oct. 17 and runs through Nov. 1.

Woodblock printing is a unique art form from He's hometown.

"Internationally, Japanese ukiyo-e woodblock prints are the most famous," He explained. "But in Liuzhou, due to the climate, it's actually difficult to preserve woodblock art, though it's still passed down through generations."

Although woodblock carving is physically demanding, He views the process itself as part of the heritage worth preserving. In her exhibition, Cina showcases this through a documentary that captures her working process. Each piece requires designing four different woodblocks, and each block must be precisely aligned to print the same pattern in the exact position, layering four or more colors to create the final image. In her "Prunus Vases Series," He explores the contrast between nature-inspired symbols of longevity and the impermanent nature of the woodblock medium, reflecting on both heritage and impermanence.

"Intangible cultural heritage is intangible by nature, and this process itself is intangible," she explained.

Supported by the Advanced Study Grant, He apprenticed with Hu Bo, a sixth-generation woodblock artist, during a summer spent in Guilin, Guangxi. This allowed her to immerse herself in this traditional Chinese art form, gaining both technical mastery



CHANGING TIMES: Cina He, center, is showing her exhibit that used woodblock art to portray climate change. The show runs through Nov. 1 at Boston College.

Sampan staff photo by Yuchen Hong

and a deeper connection to her personal and cultural identity.

One of her original designs, "Shifting Climate," is the centerpiece of the exhibition. The piece features flora and fauna from her hometown, bringing them to Boston, seeking to draw attention to the impact of climate change on the vulnerable ecosystems. "The Chinese merganser is a rare

bird with distinctive feathers that lives near Liuzhou. There are only about 3,000 left," He said. "The flowers I used are Bauhinia from the riverbanks in Liuzhou. They used to bloom in rows, but this year, due to flooding, they didn't flower."

Reflecting on her trip back home, He expressed a sense of longing. "I miss my hometown," she said. "When

I went back, I noticed everyone had electric scooters." Liuzhou, known for its electric scooter industry, is also gaining attention as a tourist destination through luosifen, a popular local dish. "The car industry is definitely polluting the water," He said. "So it's contributing to climate change."

He will give an artist talk about the exhibition on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.



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# Warmer World Brings Dengue Close to Home

By Kristen Si

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is warning that after years of climate change, the global incidence of dengue fever has reached a record peak this year – reaching several parts of the U.S.

In a recent Health Alert Network Health Advisory, the CDC reported that nearly 9.7 million dengue cases were spotted in the Americas for the first half of 2024, double the number of cases in 2023. According to the Pan American Health Organization, Latin America is experiencing significant outbreaks of dengue virus infections, with more than 11 million cases in 2024 as of this month, a 401% increase from the 5-year average. In a statement for NBC News, Dr. Albert Ko, a professor of epidemiology of microbial diseases at the Yale School of Public Health, said the trends were “concerning for places where dengue hasn’t occurred before in recent history: North America and Europe.”

With the global rise in cases, health officials have also noted a significant uptick in the number of cases in the United States. Earlier this year, Puerto Rico declared a public health state of emergency due to a rise in dengue virus infections. While locally transmitted cases of dengue fever in the continental United States continue to be relatively rare, the CDC cautions Americans traveling overseas of the possibility of infection. In a May report from Florida’s Department of Health, the number of dengue cases in Florida spiked to more than 150 cases, mostly from traveling Americans returning to the United States. Cases have also been reported in Texas, Arizona, California, and Hawaii.

Dengue fever is caused by four types of dengue viruses (DENV 1-4). The virus is spread through the bites of infected Aedes aegypti mosquitoes. Those who are infected with the dengue virus can be bitten by female mosquitoes of this species. When that mosquito bites a healthy person, the virus enters the bloodstream and leads to disease. These mosquitoes are commonly found in tropical environments and southern parts of the United States, but in a 2017 study published by the CDC, these mosquitoes have been found in more northern parts of the country, such as Delaware.

Many experts believe that climate change and global warming are partially responsible for the increase in the number of dengue virus infections. Global temperatures have increased to record highs in recent years. In 2023, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association released an annual climate report that the summer months had reached more than 1.0°C higher than the previous long term average. According to an National Institute of Health study in 2018, temperature is an essential requirement for the survival of Aedes aegypti mosquitoes, which thrive in the temperature range of 77 to 86 degrees Fahrenheit. With the increase in global temperatures, more areas of the world than ever are now habitable for these mosquitoes.

In addition, Aedes aegypti mosquitoes thrive in wet and warm climate conditions. Due to climate change, in recent years, the El Niño weather pattern has resulted in more severe weather events. This weather pattern occurs every 3 to 5 years, leading to humid and rainy seasons that are conducive to the spread of mosquitoes. As a result of this pattern, more people in the future may be at risk for insect-borne illnesses, such as dengue fever.

According to the CDC, about one in four cases of dengue fever are symptomatic. Symptoms usually manifest about 5-7 days after the infection occurs. Mild cases of dengue fever cause flu-like symptoms such as fever (up to around 104 degrees Fahrenheit), headache, nausea, vomiting, and rashes. For mild cases, most people recover within a week. Notably, people who are infected with one strain of the virus are usually protected for life against reinfection, but are still susceptible for the other variants of the virus. For some people, depending on the type of second infection, the disease can become severe and deadly in a phenomena known as “original antigenic sin.”

Severe cases of dengue fever, also known as dengue hemorrhagic fever or dengue shock syndrome, can be life threatening. According to the Mayo Clinic, this occurs when blood vessels become leaky and the number of clot-forming cells, also known as platelets, drop. The result is a risk for internal bleeding, which is life-threatening. Symptoms of dengue hemorrhagic

fever include severe abdominal pain, difficulty breathing, and blood in urine. People who are experiencing any of these symptoms, especially after traveling overseas, should seek immediate medical attention.

Dengue fever can be diagnosed through a blood test and is otherwise difficult to differentiate from other conditions with similar symptoms. Currently, there is no treatment available for dengue fever outside of supportive care. There is no available antiviral medication to treat the disease. The Mayo Clinic recommends that if during the process of recovering from dengue fever, a patient shows signs of dehydration, such as decreased urination or lack of tears, a doctor should be called immediately. Over-the-counter

medications such as Tylenol or Advil can also be used to mitigate the effect of symptoms. In more severe cases, intravenous fluid can be administered in a hospital and blood pressure can be monitored.

There are many ways that people can protect themselves from being infected with the dengue virus. Using Environmental Protection Agency-approved repellents is recommended by the CDC, especially during travel to tropical areas. The CDC provides a list of areas with high levels of dengue outbreaks, and travelers should be especially cautious when traveling to these areas. In addition, people can use mosquito screens, wear loose clothing, and remove still-standing sources of water to prevent mosquito bites.

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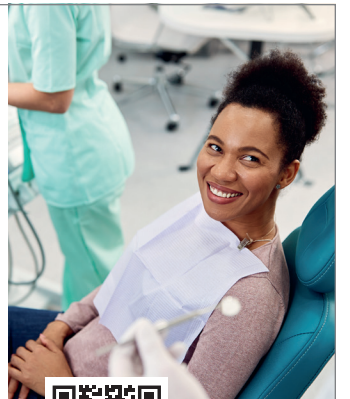
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 City of Boston Residency

Multilingual

**Salary:** \$74,353.00

Website: <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/>

Contact Info: [Recruitment@BostonPublicSchools.org](mailto:Recruitment@BostonPublicSchools.org)

### Tufts Medical Center-Boston, MA

#### Position: Dietary & Food Service Aide I, FT, Boston

High School diploma or equivalent  
 Food service experience.

Website: [tuftsmedicalcenter.org](http://tuftsmedicalcenter.org)

#### Position: Environmental Services Aide I, Boston

Ability to read, write, speak basic English, count and follow simple instructions.

Physical skills required: Standing, walking, bending and stretching a majority of shift. Occasional climbing of ladders.

Website: [tuftsmedicalcenter.org](http://tuftsmedicalcenter.org)

#### Position: Registered Nurse, RN- MICU, FT Boston

Bachelor's Degree required, Bachelor's Degree in Nursing preferred.

BLS Certification required

Current Massachusetts Registered Nurse License required

Experience varies according to unit requirements and needs.

Website: [tuftsmedicalcenter.org](http://tuftsmedicalcenter.org)

#### Position: Patient Service Rep: PT, Lowell

Hours: Per-Diem. 48 hour monthly requirement at minimum

High school diploma

One (1) year of medical office, insurance, physician's office practice, or hospital registration experience

Bilingual

Website: [tuftsmedicalcenter.org](http://tuftsmedicalcenter.org)

### ABCD-Boston, MA

#### Position: Career Advisor, FT, Hybrid, Dorchester/Roxbury

Minimum of High School Diploma, or equivalent, required and minimum of three years of customer service or relevant experience required

Bilingual skills are preferred, but not required.

Website: <https://careers.bostonabcd.org/>  
 Contact: Lavette Sealls, [lavette.sealls@bostonabcd.org](mailto:lavette.sealls@bostonabcd.org)

#### Position: Client Advocate, FT, Roslindale

*This is a temporary position for three months with potential for extension.*

Minimum of high school diploma or equivalent, with up to one year of experi-

ence

in case management, job development or general office support required

Demonstrated proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel required

Bilingual skill in Spanish is preferred.

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#### Position: Cook, FT, Malden

Minimum of a High School Diploma or equivalent.

Excellent written and verbal communication as well as interpersonal skills.

Salary range: \$21.93 - \$24.69 / hour

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#### Position: Health Services Assistant, FT, ABCD central office

Minimum of one year of relevant experience and a high school diploma or equivalent required. Certificate or college course work in a related field preferred.

Salary: \$22.59 / hour

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### City of Somerville, MA

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**Salary:** \$82,806.06 annualized, plus benefits

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#### Position: Land Use Analyst, FT

Bachelor's degree in urban planning, public policy, or related field and a minimum of five (5+) years of experience; or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job.

**Salary:** Salary: \$45.00/hour

#### Resume and cover letter required.

Apply at: <https://cityofsomerville.applyto-job.com/>



**Affordable Housing Lottery**  
**The Enon**  
 8 Enon Street, Beverly, MA

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<https://form.jotform.com/SEBHousing/EnonBeverly>

One 1BR Unit @ \$1,427; One 2BR Unit @ \$1,524

*\*Rents subject to change in future years. Tenants will be responsible for paying for electricity (cooking/heating/hot water), cold water and sewer. One parking space per unit is included in the rent. Pets are permitted, subject to restrictions.*

The Enon is rehabilitation of an existing property on 8 Enon Street in Beverly. This property is near public transportation, Wenham Lake, various restaurants, coffee shops, and grocery stores, and provides easy access to Route 128. There are a total of 13 units in this development. There will be 2 affordable apartments within 8 Enon Street that will be rented to households with incomes at or below 60% of the area median income through this application process. One unit will feature 1BR and 1 bath, and the other will feature 2BR and 1 bath. These units are expected to be ready immediately following the lottery and all applicant screenings.

**Maximum Household Income Limits:**

\$62,538 (1 person), \$71,472 (2 people); \$80,406 (3 people); \$89,340 (4 people)

**Public Info Session:** November 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm via Zoom

Go to zoom.com/join or call (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 818 9317 7595, Passcode: 088159

**Application Deadline:** December 3, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Applications must be completed online, delivered, or postmarked by this date.

*Applications postmarked by the deadline must be received no later than 5 business days from the deadline*

**Lottery:** December 18, 2024 at 6:00pm via Zoom

Go to zoom.com/join or call (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 857 2736 5609, Passcode: 276410

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**Affordable Housing Lottery**  
**Larkwood**  
 643 Church Street  
 Raynham, MA

**One (1) 2BR Condo for \$250,750**  
**Seven (7) 3BR Condos for \$278,500**

Larkwood is a new development located at 643 Church Street in Raynham, MA. This community will eventually consist of thirty-five (35) income restricted units. This is a lottery for the first eight (8) income-restricted units within Phase 1 at Larkwood. The income-restricted units will come in a variety of home styles, offering either 2-bedroom or 3-bedroom options. These 8 units will be sold at affordable prices to households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income. The condominiums are expected to be ready starting in the Winter of 2024/2025, and will continue to be built over the next several months. The income-restricted homes provide ample square footage, feature 2 or 2.5 baths, and include parking.

**Public Info Session:** November 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm via Zoom

Go to zoom.com/join or call (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 818 9317 7595. Passcode: 088159

**Application Deadline:** December 16, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Completed Applications and Mortgage Pre-Approvals must be delivered by this date.

**Lottery:** January 2, 2025 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Go to zoom.com/join or call (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 857 2736 5609, Passcode: 276410

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**Affordable Rental Housing Lottery**

**Richmond Meadows II Rental Apartment Development**  
 (Phases V and VI – Second Lottery) – Twelve (12) AMI Restricted Rental Apartment Units  
 1, 2, 3 and 6, 7 Gooseberry Place  
 Located off Old South Road – Town of Nantucket, MA

The Richmond Meadows II (Phases V and VI) Rental Apartment Development Project is comprised of a 55-unit component and is the final two phases of the total 225-unit rental apartment community located off Old South Road in Nantucket. This lottery is for a series of twelve (12) units of AMI restricted rental apartment units, the first of which are scheduled to be available for initial occupancy immediately following the lottery. The twelve (12) AMI restricted rental apartments are being made available through this application and lottery process, and will be rented to households with the following annual income limits and at the following monthly rents:

**Two (2) Units will be Rented to Households Earning 80% or Less of the Area Median Income (AMI)**  
**80% AMI Maximum Household Income Limits:** \$76,750 (1 person), \$87,750 (2 people)  
**80% AMI Restricted Unit Monthly Rents:** One Studio @ \$1,752, One 1BR @ \$1,998

**Five (5) Units will be Rented to Households Earning 110% or Less of the Area Median Income (AMI)**  
**110% AMI Maximum Household Income Limits**  
 \$117,887 (1 person), \$134,728 (2 people), \$151,569 (3 people), \$168,410 (4 people)  
**110% AMI Restricted Unit Monthly Rents:** Four 1BRs @ \$3,173, One 2BR @ \$3,535

**Five (5) Units will be Rented to Households Earning 120% or Less of the Area Median Income (AMI)**  
**120% AMI Maximum Household Income Limits**  
 \$128,604 (1 person), \$146,976 (2 people), \$165,348 (3 people), \$183,720 (4 people)  
**120% AMI Restricted Unit Monthly Rents:** Two Studios @ \$3,049 (or market rate, whichever is lesser), One 1BR @ \$3,479 (or market rate, whichever is lesser), Two 2BR @ \$3,879

*\*These monthly rents are based on the 2024 HUD income limits and the December 2023 HAC Utility Allowances. In addition to the monthly rent, Tenants will pay for their own Electricity (Heat, Cooling, Hot Water, and Cooking are all electric). Residents of the 110-120% AMI units will also pay for their own water & sewer. For residents of the 80% AMI units, water and sewer charges are included in the rent.*

**Public Informational Session:** November 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Go to zoom.com/join or call (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 818 9317 7595 or Households can view the session in the Community Room of the Public Safety Building at 4 Fairgrounds Road, Nantucket.

**Application Deadline:** December 9, 2024 at 2:00 pm. Applications postmarked by the deadline must be received no later than 5 business days from the deadline.

**Lottery:** January 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Go to zoom.com/join or call (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 857 2736 5609, Passcode: 276410

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Applications are also available at the Richmond Meadows II Leasing and Management Office located at 1 Orchid Place, Nantucket MA 02554 and at the Nantucket Atheneum (Library) located at 1 India Street, Nantucket MA 02554.





# Events Calendar

## Sweet & Sour Comedy Presents: Gary James 10/26

Date: Saturday, October 26

Time: 7 - 10pm

Address: 3 Tremont Street Kingston, MA 02364

Event Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sweet-sour-comedy-presents-gary-james-1026-tickets-1048845764917?>

Price: \$15

## Dia de los Muertos Party

Date and Time: Saturday, November 2

Time: 10PM-2 AM

Address: 916 Commonwealth Avenue Boston, MA 02215

Event Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dia-de-los-muertos-party-tickets-1051109806727?af>

Intro: Enjoy a vibrant and unforgettable "Día de los Muertos Party," celebrating life with music, dance, and colorful traditions.

Price: \$5 plus tax

## RED OUT BOSTON FT SPRAGGA BENZ & FRIENDS

Date: Saturday November 2, 2024

Time: 10 PM- 2AM

Address: KAYS LOUNGE, 1125 BLUE HILL AVE Boston, MA 02121

Event Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/red-out-boston-ft-spragga-benz-friends-tickets-1015762130877?>

Intro: Enjoy an epic night of reggae vibes and high-energy performances

Price: Varies based on ticket type.

## RnB Me Halloween

Date: Sunday, October 27

Time: 5 - 10pm

Address: Oceanside Events Center / Wonderland Ballroom

Event Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rnb-me-halloween-tickets-1011112002217?aff>

Intro: RnB Me Halloween is the place where smooth R&B vibes meet spooky Halloween fun for a night of unforgettable music and chilling good times

Price: Varies based on ticket type.

## Historic Boston City Painting Tour

Date: Saturday, October 26 – Sunday,

October 27

Time: 12 PM-4PM

Address: The Hidden Art Gallery

Event Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/historic-boston-city-painting-tour-tickets-1030094188447?aff=>

Intro: Discover Boston's rich history and vibrant art scene on the "Historic Boston City Painting Tour.

Price: \$15

## 2024 IRON POUR +SIMS AVE FESTIVAL

Date: Saturday, November 2

Time: 2 - 8pm

Address: The Steel Yard

Event Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-iron-pour-sims-ave-festival-tickets-899133852557?aff>

Intro: Explore the street festival and enjoy live music, delicious food, watch some fire-art demonstrations, and browse the work of over 20 local artists and makers

Price: Varies based on ticket type.

## Halloween Costume Party at The Verb Hotel

Date: Saturday, October 26

Time: 9 PM – 2 AM

Address: The Verb Hotel, 555 Boylston St

Event Link: <http://www.clinkboston.com/halloween-2023>

Intro: Dance the night away in a spooky atmosphere with DJ sets and drink specials.

Price: Varies based on ticket type.

## Boston Marathon Expo

Date: Friday, October 25 – Sunday, October 27

Time: Various hours

Address: Hynes Convention Center

Event Link: <https://www.baa.org/bank-america-boston-marathon-expo>

Intro: Explore the latest running gear, meet professional athletes, and learn about the Boston Marathon.

Price: Free admission.

## Halloween Spooktacular at the Museum of Science

Date: Saturday, October 26 – Sunday, October 27

## Double Ninth Fest to Include Silk Chrysanthemum Art Show

The Tufts Community Common at 186 Harrison Ave. in Chinatown will transform into a living work of art with multidisciplinary artist Anita Yip's "The Thousand Bloom: A Chrysanthemum Grows in Chinatown" installation on Oct. 26, 3 to 5 p.m.

Yip describes the work as "a multi-pronged public art project that uses the chrysanthemum as a metaphor for Boston Chinatown's resilience by creating joy and memories."

The installation will coincide with the neighborhood's celebration of the Double Ninth festival, with a rain date of Oct. 27.

Observed on the ninth day of the ninth lunar month, the Double Ninth Festival is a day dedicated to honoring elders and promoting good health.

"The Thousand Bloom," will celebrate the day with 1,000 naturally dyed silk chrysanthemums bundled in bouquets of nine to "create a visual

metaphor for the strength and unity" of Chinatown, according to Yip. Each flower will represent an individual story, memory or contribution.

"The Thousand Bloom" is about honoring Boston Chinatown as a community built on the strength and contributions of many," said Yip. "It's also about creating shared experiences that bring people together and celebrating the community that makes Chinatown special."

In addition to the art, the festival will include qi gong exercises, Chinese square dancing and arts and crafts.

The installation will also be presented by Pao Arts Center, curated by Lani Asunción, and is funded by the City of Boston Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture's Un-monument initiative, supported by a grant from the Mellon Foundation.

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Time: 10 AM – 5 PM

Address: Museum of Science, 1 Science Park

Event Link: <https://bostonchildrensmuseum.org/events/spooktacular-after-hours-event/>

Intro: Enjoy spooky science experiments, costume contests, and trick-or-treating.

Price: Varies based on ticket type.

## Halloween Brunch Cruise on the Charles River

Date: Sunday, October 27

Time: 11 AM – 2 PM

Address: Charles River Cruise, 160 Northern Ave

Event Link: <https://charlesriverboat.com/tours/charles-river-tours/>

Intro: Enjoy a festive brunch buffet with stunning views of Boston's skyline.

Price: Varies based on ticket type.

## Halloween Horror Nights at Six Flags New England

Date: Select nights from September 21 to November 3

Time: 6 PM – 12 AM

Address: Six Flags New England, 1617 Main St, Agawam, MA

Event Link: <https://www.sixflags.com/>

[newengland.com/events/fright-fest-2024](https://www.newengland.com/events/fright-fest-2024)

Intro: Experience terrifying haunted houses, scare zones, and live shows.

Price: Varies based on ticket type.

## Halloween Party at The Middle East

Date: Saturday, October 26

Time: 9 PM – 2 AM

Address: The Middle East, 31 Central Square

Event Link: <https://www.mideastoffers.com/tm-event/horror-halloween/>

Intro: Dance the night away to live music and DJs in a spooky atmosphere.

Price: Varies based on ticket type.

## Haunted Happenings at the USS Constitution Museum

Date: Saturday, October 26

Time: Various showtimes

Address: USS Constitution Museum, 171 Constitution Rd

Event Link: <https://www.usconstitutionmuseum.org/>

Intro: Explore the museum's spooky side with guided tours and special exhibits.

Price: Varies based on ticket type.





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Alta French Hill

303 Lincoln Street, Marlborough, MA

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Seventeen 1 Bedrooms: \$2,327; Ten 2 Bedrooms: \$2,537; One 3 Bedroom: \$2,717  
 Rents do not include the cost of utilities. Tenants will be responsible for paying electric (heating, cooking, hot water), electricity, water, and sewer. One parking space is available for residents and is included in the rent. Pets are permitted, subject to restrictions.

Alta French Hill is a brand-new apartment community located in Marlborough. There will be 28 affordable apartments within Alta French Hill that will be rented to households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income through this application process. Units feature in-unit laundry, stainless steel appliances, quartz countertops, smart thermostats, and modern finishes throughout. The building features three elevators and accessible routes throughout. Amenities include a fitness center, work from home areas, a clubhouse, sports simulator lounge, pet spa, dog park, pool, firepit, grilling stations, outdoor lounge areas, and direct access to the adjacent rail trail. The community provides easy access to interstate 495 and is located near the shops and restaurants of downtown Marlborough.

**Maximum Household Income Limits**

\$91,200 (1 person), \$104,200 (2 people), \$117,250 (3 people)  
 \$130,250 (4 people), \$140,700 (5 people) \$151,100 (6 people)

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- 4 Persons, \$130,550

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- 2 Persons, \$130,600
- 3 Persons, \$146,900
- 4 Persons, \$163,200

**120-122 HANCOCK ST.  
 \$213,700 - \$317,000**



**BUYERS SELECTED BY LOTTERY. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 12.**

It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that applicants attend the virtual information session on **NOVEMBER 5 at 6:00 PM.**



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Condos are sold by lottery. Only qualified applicants may enter. The units are deed-restricted; owner-occupancy requirements apply. Income and asset limitations apply. **Requirements:** First time homebuyer. Homebuyer will need to complete an approved homebuyer education course prior to closing. **Preferences:** Boston Residency preference. Preference for one (1) person per bedroom. Income limits for qualified buyers are 80% and 100% Area Median Income Limits based on HUD data that was refined and calculated by MHP and the City of Boston. **Please note:** Persons with disabilities and those with limited English language proficiency are entitled to request a reasonable accommodation.

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