

Boston Election Results: Incumbents Sweep Council Races

BY SUE O'CONNELL

Boston incumbents swept to victory in Tuesday's city council elections, with all four at-large seats and District 2 Councilor Ed Flynn easily winning reelection, according to the Boston Herald and official city results.

The four incumbent at-large councilors all retained their seats: Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, Julia Mejia, Erin Murphy, and Henry Santana, who Mayor Michelle Wu said won "in a land-

slide" over former councilor Frank Baker's comeback attempt.

In District 2, which includes the South End, South Boston, Downtown and Chinatown, Ed Flynn cruised to reelection with 86.6% of the vote (8,592 votes), easily defeating challenger Charles Jeffrey Delaney who received 12.1%, according to official city results.

The sole open seat on the council went to Rev. Miniard Culpepper, who declared victory in the District 7 race representing Roxbury, Dorchester, Fenway

and the South End. GBH and the Boston Herald reported Culpepper defeated Said "Coach" Ahmed with 53% to 45% — a margin of roughly 600 votes — with all precincts reporting.

The District 7 seat had been vacant since former Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson resigned in July after pleading guilty to federal corruption charges.

Mayor Michelle Wu, running unopposed, also won reelection to a second term.

South End Resident Honored for Excellence in Behavioral Healthcare

BY SOUTH END STAFF
With information provided by the Association for Behavioral Healthcare

Dimitris Niflis, a Senior Therapeutic Mentor at the South End-based Home for Little Wanderers, received the Excellence in Best Practices Award at the Association for Behavioral Healthcare's annual Salute to Excellence Awards ceremony on Oct. 24 at the Boston Marriott Burlington.

Niflis was recognized for providing structured, strength-based support

services to at-risk, abused, and neglected children and adolescents. He tailors therapeutic interventions—including cognitive behavioral therapy, narrative therapy, and Sensory Motor Arousal Regulation Treatment—to meet individual needs and interests.

Due to his expertise, Niflis is assigned the most complex cases. Many of the youth he has served graduate from the program and have their cases closed due to significant progress made in their treatment.

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Dimitris Niflis, Senior Therapeutic Mentor, The Home for Little Wanderers.

Man Arrested After Alleged Attack on Uber Driver in South End

BY SOUTH END STAFF

A Dorchester man is facing charges after allegedly attacking and carjacking an Uber driver in Boston's South End last week, according to the Boston Globe.

Police responded to the intersection of Massachusetts and Columbus

avenues around 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, where they found a distressed Uber driver, the Globe reported.

The driver told officers she had picked up a passenger in Cambridge and was traveling through the South

End when she felt a cord or wire tighten around her neck, restricting her breathing, according to police statements cited by the Globe.

A witness reported seeing the driver struggling with someone in the

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Umbrella Stage's 'Tick, Tick... BOOM!' Explodes with Energy

Tick, Tick... BOOM!, Umbrella Stage Company, Concord, through November 23. 978-371-0820 or theumbrellaarts.org



Anthony Pires Jr. as Michael, Johnny Shea as Jon, and Vanessa Calantropo as Susan in Umbrella Stage production of "Tick, Tick ... BOOM!" Photo by Jim Sabitus.

BY JULES BECKER
Contributing Writer

Before "Rent," there was "Tick, Tick...BOOM!". In the semi-autobiographical latter musical, composer-book author Jonathan Larson focuses on the struggles of a young composer to create a work that would bring him artistic fulfillment and a successful stage run in New York. In this Off-Broadway show (2001), Larson persona Jon actually gains the atten-

tion of Broadway legend Stephen Sondheim—referred to as "my idol." Thanks to a dynamite staging by director/choreographer Ilyse Robbins at the Umbrella Arts Center in Concord, Larson's own struggles with this earlier musical (begun in 1991) find exuberant expression in hero Jon's efforts to achieve his artistic goals.

Initially Larson himself actually performed "Tick, Tick...BOOM!" as a

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South End Volunteers Collect 180 Needles in Six Days

BY SOUTH END STAFF

Community volunteers in Boston's South End collected nearly 180 discarded needles in less than a week from a neighborhood park, highlighting ongoing concerns about public drug use in the area, Boston.com reported.

Steve Fox, a South End advocate, said volunteers picked up

the needles over six days along the Southwest Corridor Park, according to the report published November 2.

The cleanup effort came just days after South End residents held a public safety meeting at Cathedral High School on October 23, where they called on city officials to

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Parking Restrictions

During declared snow emergencies, parking is prohibited on all posted snow emergency arteries and major roads. Vehicles parked on these streets will be ticketed and towed. Residents should monitor local news, the city's website at boston.gov/snow, or sign up for AlertBoston notifications to stay informed about emergency declarations.

Discounted Parking Options

Boston offers discounted parking at participating garages and lots for vehicles displaying resident parking stickers. Residents can begin parking at these facilities

two hours before a declared emergency and must remove their vehicles within two hours after the ban is lifted, or face standard rates.

Shoveling Requirements

Property owners must clear all snow, sleet, and ice from sidewalks and curb ramps within three hours after snowfall ends, or within three hours after sunrise if snow falls overnight. Failing to shovel can result in fines. Never throw snow from private property into the street.

Space Savers and Safety

After a snow emergency ends, residents have 48 hours to use space savers to hold shoveled parking spots. Remember to clear fire hydrants and catch basins near your property. When shoveling, clear vehicle exhaust pipes to prevent deadly carbon monoxide buildup, and never let children sit in idling cars.

For non-emergency questions, call 311 or visit boston.gov/snow.
Information from the City Of Boston.



Needles

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address drug dealing and public drug use in the area, Boston.com reported.

City Councilor Ed Flynn told the outlet that open drug dealing and illegal drug use cannot be tolerated in the neighborhood. Flynn advised residents to call 311 to report discarded needles.

The Southwest Corridor Park includes playgrounds and walking paths used by neighborhood families.

The needle collection effort underscored concerns raised at the recent community meeting about conditions spilling over from the Mass and Cass area, where the city has struggled to address homelessness, addiction, and related public safety issues.

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This building, The Homes at Old Colony, features 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 bedroom apartments for families, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments for seniors 62+, as well as accessible apartments in all bedroom sizes for families and seniors.

Located adjacent to Moakley Park and with view of Boston Harbor, apartments offer state-of-the-art energy efficient appliances, individual zone thermostats, air conditioning and spacious closets. The community features bike storage, elevator accessed apartments, central laundry facilities, and access to public transportation. All residents have access to programs and activities offered at the Tierney Learning Center.

Information and application help sessions will be held on

- **Thursday, November 6th** from 9am-12pm at 125 Mercer Street
- **Wednesday, November 12th** from 4pm-7pm at 103 Mercer Street
- **Saturday, November 15th** from 9am-1pm at 103 Mercer Street

No appointment necessary, translation services available

Applicants must meet BHA Project-Based Section 8 income and other qualifications for approval.

FY 2025 Income Limit Category	Household Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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When applying, if you are a first-time applicant through the Boston Housing Authority, please select the green START HERE BUTTON. If you are a returning applicant, please select the ALREADY APPLIED OPTION.

In the BHA application, select one of the following programs under the "Your List" section:

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SOUTH END CALENDAR

THANKSGIVING WEEK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Boston Rescue Mission - Day of Thanks

Sunday, November 24, 2025, starting at 12:00 PM

Location: 39 Kingston Street, Boston

The annual Day of Thanks takes place the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Volunteers help serve complete Thanksgiving dinners to hundreds of homeless and hungry community members. Families also receive turkey baskets to take home. This is one of Boston's longest-running Thanksgiving volunteer events. Volunteer Info: brm.org

United Way Thanksgiving Project

Various dates through Thanksgiving week 90-minute family-friendly packing shifts assembling holiday food bags for families in Attleboro, Chelsea, Dorchester, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Quincy, Roxbury, and Taunton.

Contact: mcheek@supportunitedway.org | Website: unitedwaymassbay.org

Boston Cares Volunteer Opportunities

Multiple Thanksgiving-related volunteer opportunities available

Website: bostoncares.org/calendar

Community Servings

Monday-Friday volunteer shifts available Jamaica Plain-based organization preparing nutritious meals for the critically ill

Website: servings.org

HOLIDAY SHOPPING & EVENTS

SoWa Winter Festival - Opening Weekend

Black Friday, November 28: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (Opening Day)

Saturday, November 29: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday, November 30: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Location: SoWa Power Station, 550 Harrison Avenue

10th Anniversary Celebration featuring 125+ local vendors with handmade art and holiday gifts, specialty foods and cocktails, live music (including Matt Koelsch, Rich Dimare, Maddi Ryan, Better Late Boston, Gabby Patrice, and more), special appearances by

Buddy the Elf (Nov. 29), and food trucks. Admission: \$10 (Children 12 and under free) Parking: \$10 cash at multiple South End locations Website: sowaboston.com

ONGOING EVENTS

SoWa Artists Guild Open Studios

Every Sunday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, 450 Harrison Avenue. Over 80 professional studio artists open their doors year-round. Browse studios, meet artists, and buy art directly from makers. FREE.

Website: sowaartists.com.

Community Music Center of Boston Programming

Registration open for fall 2025 lessons and classes. 109-year-old accredited music school providing equitable access to music education. Location: 34 Warren Avenue. Website: cmcb.org.

Age Strong Commission Programming

Union Church, 485 Columbus Avenue. Programs for older adults including fitness and social activities. Contact: 617-635-4505

Youth Flag Football

Saturdays, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Carter Playground Bubble, 709 Columbus Avenue. Free co-ed program for ages 8U, 10U, 12U, and girls 15U.

Registration: boston.gov/sports

DECEMBER 6

SoWa First Friday (December)

Friday, December 6, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Location: 450 Harrison Avenue & SoWa District. Monthly art walk with open studios, galleries, and special events during the Winter Festival season. FREE

JANUARY 16

Boston Symphony Orchestra Community Chamber Concert

Thursday, January 16, 2026, 1:00 PM. Location: Community Music Center of Boston, 34 Warren Avenue. FREE chamber music concert (reservation required). Website: bso.org.

For the most up-to-date event information, visit boston.gov/events, sowaboston.com, seaboston.org, haleyhouse.org, southendhistoricalsociety.org, ellisneighborhood.org, or check individual organization websites and social media pages. Weather may affect outdoor events. Event times and dates subject to change.

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Carjacking

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back seat before she managed to escape from the vehicle and call for help, the Globe reported. The passenger then moved to the driver's seat

and fled in the car.

Officers tracked the vehicle using the driver's phone, which remained inside, and located it in the area of Stanwood Street and Blue Hill Avenue, where they arrested Christopher Dawkins, 30, of Worcester, according to the

report.

Universal Hub also covered the incident on its website.

The driver's husband confirmed to WCVB that she was treated at a hospital and later released.

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"This year's Salute to Excellence Awards win-

ners are representative of the community behavioral health professionals throughout the Commonwealth," said ABH President and CEO Lydia Conley. "They are unwavering, compassionate providers of recovery and resiliency."

The Association for Behavioral Healthcare represents more than 80 organizations that are the primary providers of community-based behavioral healthcare in Massachusetts, serving more than 80,000 individuals daily.

COMMUNITY SERVICES & PROGRAMMING

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Note: South End Branch closed for facilities issues - residents can access services at Central Library in Copley Square

- ESOL Conversation Groups (Tuesdays, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM)
- Story Times for children
- Adult programming and literacy services
- Website: bpl.org

United South End Settlements (USES)

48 Rutland Street. Early childhood education, after-school programs, family services. Website: uses.org

City Hall on the Go

Mobile City Hall services including paying parking tickets, requesting documents, checking voter registration. Check boston.gov for South End schedule locations and times. Note: Does not accept cash payments. Website: boston.gov.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

South End Landmark District Commission

First Tuesday of each month. Reviews proposed changes to South End building exteriors.

Neighborhood Association Meetings

- Ellis South End Neighborhood Association - Website: ellisneighborhood.org
- Pilot Block Neighborhood Association - Email: PBNAinfo@gmail.com
- Various other associations - check with individual groups

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

South End Neighborhood Liaison

Sarah Sharpe, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services 617-635-4505 | Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM

Boston 311 Services

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Umbrella Stage

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one person show. After the composer's untimely passing, (from an aortic dissection at the age of 35), noted playwright David Auburn (of "Proof" fame), serving as script consultant, expanded the cast to three characters. Jon, his girlfriend Susan and his best friend Michael. Right from the start, New York-based Jon experiences anxiety—here identified as the "Tick, Tick" of the title—as he approaches the age of 30 without yet attaining fulfillment. Sondheim buffs may recall the very different but equally insecure feeling of protagonist Bobby as he nears 35 in the latter's earlier Tony Award-winning musical "Company." Susan and Michael provide Jon with significant support just as Bobby's friends do in Sondheim's show. Larson very clearly pays homage to Sondheim as an influence by including a song entitled "Sunday," a clever parody calling to mind Sondheim's artist-centered winner "Sunday in the Park with George."

Jon's artistic and personal coming of age in Larson's musical is not unlike George (Seurat)'s challenges as a painter and Bobby's maturing as a man in Sondheim's respective shows. Reflecting the difficult evolving of Jon's artistic development, scenic designer Erik Diaz smartly gives the edge of SoHo (South of Houston Street) apartment that Jon shares with Michael the kind of metallic look that pre-figures its counterpart in "Rent." Robbins's varied choreography often finds Michael and Susan dancing around Jon in support. That support proves crucial as Jon despairs about waiting tables for four years and working on a futuristic musical called "Superbia," loosely

based on "1984."

While Jon aspires to make a go of "Superbia" on stage (a musical within Larson's musical) and gain the attention of his "idol" (Sondheim, who is not actually identified by name), Michael and Susan have their own challenges. Eventually successful marketing executive Michael (whom Jon knows is gay) reveals a difficulty of his own to his roommate. For her part, dance teacher Susan is weighing the possibility of an important job on Cape Cod against her less satisfying position teaching "untalented children" and seeking personal commitment from Jon.

Under Robbins's sharp direction, Johnny Shea captures Jon's emotional vulnerability, particularly in the touching number "Come to Your Senses", and professional earnestness. Vanessa Calantropo has all of Susan's inner strength and deep feeling for Jon. Shea and Calantropo display strong chemistry throughout the musical. Anthony Pires, Jr. Smoothly moves from Michael's confidence as a businessman to his emotional complexity as a man and a friend. All three actors turn the anthem-like "Louder Than Words" finale into a high stepping showstopper. Alex Berg effectively modulates his sound design from the title emotional explosiveness to quieter moments during Jon's reflective stretches. Jordan Oczkowski properly fires up the upper stage left band.

Sondheim often wrote letters of recommendation for Larson to various producers to get developmental readings for his musicals. Eventually the theater world wholeheartedly embraced "Rent." As the joyous revival by Umbrella Stage demonstrates, "Tick, Tick...BOOM!" deserves as much attention as Larson's celebrated mentor gave to the beautiful sound of his distinctive work.

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In the matter of: Mark P Gonthier Of: Boston, MA	RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114	
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by James N Gonthier of Framingham, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Mark P Gonthier is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.	
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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 03, 2025 <i>Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate</i>	

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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 03, 2025 <i>Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate</i>	

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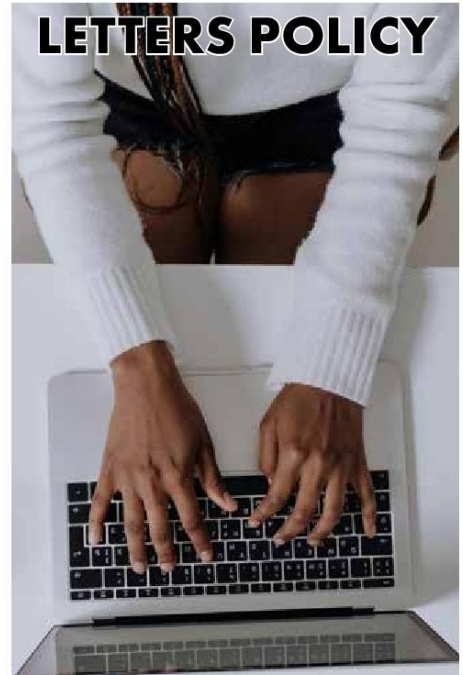
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