

## Ellis Early Learning Honors Longtime Supporter Natixis, Raises \$676,000 at Annual Benefit

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ELLIS EARLY LEARNING

Ellis Early Learning raised \$676,000 to support the nonprofit's mission during its annual benefit event held on Nov. 7 in Boston's South End. The theme of this year's event was "Celebrating Ellis and the Magic of Childhood" and the organization honored Natixis Investment Managers as a "Champion of Early Childhood Education."

Over 300 supporters, parents and teachers convened at the Boston Center for the Arts' Cyclorama for the event, co-chaired by Ellis board member Sean Curran, the principal of Waterville Consulting, and Jerome Smith, regional head

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Natixis Investment Managers U.S. President & CEO David Giunta (holding frame) accepts the "Champion of Early Childhood Education" award at Ellis Early Learning's "Celebrating Ellis and the Magic of Childhood" benefit event. Giunta is joined by (from left) Laima Bobelis, Jerome Smith, Coleen Dinneen, Molly Gorman, Lauren Cook, and Sean Curran. Photo by Craig Bailey, Perspective Photo.

## Climate resilience trumped affordable housing in the South End

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On Nov. 19, the Zoning Board of Appeal rejected a non-profit group's plans to convert a Shawmut Avenue office building into affordable apartments because it would have one apartment on the first floor despite being in Boston's coastal flood resilience overlay district, where residences are supposed to be higher than that in anticipation of flooding as sea levels continue to rise and storms become more fierce.

The board's vote, however, will likely only delay, not stop, Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción's proposal to convert space inside 403-405 Shawmut Ave. into six apartments,



Parts of the South End and nearby areas subject to climate-resilience review. Photo via www.bostonplans.org.

all to be rented at affordable rates. less than a year with a new proposal, for example, one in which The board denied the proposal "without prejudice," which means the non-profit can come back in

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## LOCAL NEWS for and about Boston's best neighborhood

## MGfC Storybook Ball a Success



Martha and Dr. Ronald Kleinman Photo by Matt West.

South End residents joined nearly 600 guests for Mass General for Children's (MGfC) Storybook Ball on Saturday, November 2,

2024, celebrating 25 years of the spectacular fundraising event.

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## BOSTON HOLIDAY LIGHTS



Photo by Jon Seamans.

**November 30**  
**Martin's Park Ship Lighting**  
4PM-6PM  
Martin's Park, 64 Sleeper Street, Boston, MA 02210

**December 5**  
**Beacon Hill Tree Lighting**  
6PM-9PM  
Charles Street to Cambridge St  
170 Charles Street, Boston

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## SOUTH END HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS!

**November 29 - December 22**  
**SoWa Winter Festival 2024**  
Mark your calendars for the 9th annual SoWa Winter Festival!  
The SoWa Winter Festival Opens Black Friday 11/29!

Our 9th annual Winter Festival brings 100+ of the region's best small businesses selling everything from specialty food, art, crafts, and

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## BOSTON MAYOR'S ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR & TREE LIGHTINGS 2024

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
2 PM - Hyde Square, Jamaica Plain  
3 PM - J.P. Monument, Jamaica Plain  
3:45 PM - Brigham Circle, Mission Hill  
4:30 PM - Bolling Building, Roxbury  
5:45 PM - Blackstone Square, South End

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
3 PM - Beach Street and Harrison Ave, Chinatown

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## Friends of the South End Library

### South End Community Meeting

Join us for a virtual community meeting to discuss plans for the South End Library

on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.

Virtual-Followlink:<https://bit.ly/3NN64u8>

### Holiday Happenings

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other goods under one festive roof at the SoWa Power Station.

100+ Local Vendors, Handmade art + Holiday gifts, Specialty foods + cocktails!

Onsite Parking Available; Admission is \$10; Children 12 and under are free!

Opening Day – Friday, November 29th: 10AM – 8PM; 550 Harrison Ave, Boston.

Monday – Thursday: 4PM – 8PM

Friday: 4PM – 9PM

Saturday: 10AM – 9PM

Sunday: 10AM – 7PM

[sowaboston.com/sowa-winter-festival](http://sowaboston.com/sowa-winter-festival)

### December 1 and December 8

**Open Newbury Street Winter 2024: Holiday Edition**

Newbury Street will shut down to car traffic.

### Wednesday, December 4

**The Annual South End Holiday Stroll!**

On Wednesday, December 4th your favorite South End shops are staying open late for this one night only neighborhood event. Come stroll the festive South End streets to welcome the holiday season. Shopping, sipping and dining starts at 4pm. Plan your night with our interactive map! [instagram.com/southeastbusiness](https://www.instagram.com/southeastbusiness)

### Saturday, December 7

**Blackstone Annual Tree & Wreath Sale**

Get your tree or wreath or donate a tree or wreath to a family or to our parks

The Blackstone Franklin Neighborhood Association is your South End source for trees, wreaths, bows, and sharing with your neighbors

In addition to your own celebration, you

can support your community by bringing joy to a local family or bring beauty to our neighborhood parks.

9AM to 1PM in Blackstone Square, South End, Boston. Stay for holiday music, refreshments, and Santa as we celebrate the season!

All proceeds support Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association and Friends of Blackstone & Franklin Squares and will go toward neighborhood improvement and programming as well as maintenance and historical renovation of the parks. We thank you for your support. We wish you a joyous holiday season. To learn more about us visit [blackstonefranklinna.org](http://blackstonefranklinna.org)

### Saturday, December 7

**Cathedral of the Holy Cross Christmas Fair**

10AM-3PM

Food, raffles, gifts, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause; 1400 Washington Street, Lower Church

### Saturday, 12/14-Sunday, 12/15

**Boston Women's Holiday Market South End**

Shop more than 40 women-owned local businesses for unique and sometimes handmade gifts for the holidays. Face painting, food, gift wrapping.

11AM-4PM

AC Hotel, 225 Albany Street, Boston, MA 02118

### Sunday, December 15

**City Lights Holiday Showcase**

4 - 7:30PM

Friends and family come join us for food music and a showcase performance from our students and teachers!

Boston City Lights Foundation, 1154 Washington Street

[eventbrite.com/e/city-lights-holiday-showcase-tickets-1088868427779](https://eventbrite.com/e/city-lights-holiday-showcase-tickets-1088868427779)

### Storybook Ball

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The evening raised \$2.1 million for MGfC's extraordinary work and highlighted Complex Care, which includes Pediatric Coordinated, Supportive and Palliative Care programs.



Rahul and Jo Swani. Photo by Matt West.

## Boston Public Library South End Branch

Join us for a community meeting to discuss plans for the South End Library

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 4, 2024  
6:30 to 8:00 PM

**WHERE:** Virtual  
Scan QR code or follow link:

<https://bit.ly/3NN64u8>



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# Boston Lights

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## December 5

**Boston Common Holiday Tree Lighting**  
6PM-8PM  
The Frog Pond, Boston Common

## December 5

**Commonwealth Avenue Mall Holiday Lights**  
8PM-9:30PM  
Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Boston

## December 6

**Light Up Seaport**  
5PM-9PM  
Seaport Common, 85 Northern Avenue



Photo by John Seamans

# Climate

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the building only has five residential units, on the upper floors, or it somehow rejiggers its plans to fit six units above the ground level and its anticipated possible flood level in the coming decades.

"This is coming as a bit of a surprise," IBA attorney Jacob Taylor said.

The overlay district, adopted in 2019, covers parts of the city from East Boston

to Dorchester that could experience significant ocean, or in some cases, river, flooding in the future.

The IBA proposal was part of a larger package reviewed by the zoning board, in which IBA also sought approval to do extensive renovations on several buildings in the South End in which it already rents affordable units, from roof replacements to kitchen and electrical upgrades.

Those projects, along with the Shawmut Avenue proposal, needed separate zoning-board approval because they sit in another

"overlay district" in which new buildings or large renovation projects have to be certified as not affecting the amount of rainwater that percolates into the ground. That water is necessary to keep the wooden pilings that support so many buildings in the South End, the Back Bay and Bay Village from drying out, which could lead to rotting.

The board approved all of the projects, including the Shawmut Avenue one, as compliant with the city's groundwater-conservation regulations.

# Ellis

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of community affairs for Amazon. Special guests included state Sen. Lydia Edwards, state Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and state Rep. Samantha Montano.

"We are grateful for the tremendous support we receive year after year that allows us to deliver high-quality early childhood education," said Lauren Cook, CEO of Ellis Early Learning. "The support of our community is critical to our mission, and we know that the impact of these funds will be felt deeply by the children and families served by Ellis."

Natixis has been a steadfast and generous partner to Ellis for 16 years, providing volunteer leadership through Ellis's Board of Directors and Board of Trustees. The company, which once again sponsored this year's event, has also provided countless volunteer hours with Ellis children and staff. Natixis is a champion of global social impact through its dedicated involvement with philanthropic initiatives that address community-based goals, including education programs that support vulnerable populations in the region.

"We are proud to partner with Ellis, an extraordinary organization making early childhood education inclusive and accessible for members of our community," said David Giunta, Chief Executive Officer of Natixis Investment Managers in the US. "Our longstanding, collaborative partnership has been impactful for the Ellis family and fulfilling to the Natixis employees who have contributed to Ellis's mission."

Ellis is grateful for the generous support from its many event sponsors, including Amazon, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Eastern Bank, National Grid, Olivia's Organics, New England Patriots Foundation, Pure Insurance and The TJX Companies.

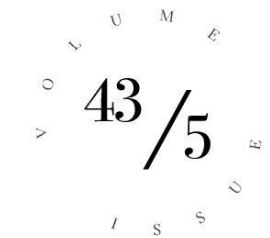
Ellis has strengthened Boston's diverse

working families by providing high-quality education and care for children since 1885. The organization is committed to helping

all children develop the social, emotional and academic skills they need to be successful in school and in life.

Ellis stands out for being among the most socio-economically, racially and culturally diverse organizations serving the children of Boston. Ellis engages over 300 children per year in full-time early education programming, with an emphasis on program excellence and diverse enrollment. Of its participants, 80% are people of color. The nonprofit is licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

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<b>CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON</b>	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU99P0708
In the Interests of: <b>Clarissa Myers</b> Of: <b>Boston, MA</b>	RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by <b>Department of Mental Health of Westborough, MA</b> in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: <b>Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent.</b>	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114
<b>Remove the Guardian</b> The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court. <b>You have the right to object to this proceeding.</b> If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 12/5/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.	
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<b>WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.</b> Date: November 6, 2024	<i>Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate</i>

<b>CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304</b>	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU24P2511GD
In the matter of: <b>Charles Selph</b> Of: <b>Boston, MA</b>	RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by <b>Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA</b> in the above captioned matter alleging that Charles Selph is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114
<b>The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.</b> <b>You have the right to object to this proceeding.</b> If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/24/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.	
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<b>WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.</b> Date: November 21, 2024	<i>Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate</i>

<b>CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 &amp; §5-405</b>	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU24P2470PM
In the matter of: <b>Ryan M. Meehan</b> Of: <b>Boston, MA</b>	RESPONDENT Person to be Protected/Minor
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by <b>Samantha M Tavantzis of Boston, MA</b> in the above captioned matter alleging that <b>Ryan M. Meehan</b> is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that <b>Samantha M Tavantzis of Boston, MA</b> (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve <b>Without Surety</b> on the bond.	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114
<b>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.</b> <b>You have the right to object to this proceeding.</b> If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/19/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.	
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<b>WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.</b> Date: November 20, 2024	<i>Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate</i>

<b>CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304</b>	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU24P2396GD
In the matter of: <b>Clarissa Myers</b> Of: <b>Boston, MA</b>	RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by <b>Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA</b> in the above captioned matter alleging that <b>Clarissa Myers</b> is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114
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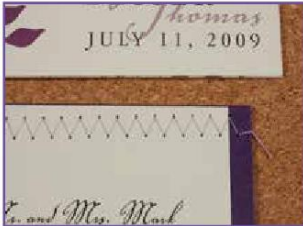
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