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## Thanksgiving Day at Pine Street Inn

SUBMITTED BY PINE STREET INN

On Thanksgiving Day, Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Senator Edward Markey, Representative Aaron Michlewitz, and other officials visited the Pine Street Inn at 444 Harrison Avenue, Boston.

Bruins Captain Zdeno Chara delivered pies and over 200 volunteers prepared and served nearly



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## Enchanted Trolley Tour

SUBMITTED BY  
THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the schedule for the 2019 Enchanted Trolley Tour, a Boston

holiday tradition of lighting holiday trees throughout the City. This year, the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will start on Friday, December 6 and end on Sunday, December 8, in neighborhoods throughout Boston.

"I love the holiday season

around Boston. It's a great way to gather together as Bostonians and celebrate our neighbors, the City and our many neighborhoods," said

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## A Magical Ride

Agatha Christie's  
Murder on the  
Orient Express,  
Lyric Stage Company of  
Boston, through December 22.  
617-585-5678 or lyricstage.com

BY JULES BECKER

It is very curious how differently an adapting playwright and a master director may perceive a classic original work. Ken Ludwig considers the mystery "Murder on the Orient Express" akin to a comedy. It should come as no surprise that the author of a comic hit like "Lend Me a Tenor"

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## Obituary



Joe Thailand (Banjong Yuvayongdee)

## Joe "Thailand" Yuvayongdee

BY MAT SCHAFFER

South End restaurateur Joe Thailand passed away Sunday November 24th after a sudden illness.

His given name was Banjong Yuvayongdee when he was born in Bangkok in 1952, but in Boston he was known to all as Joe Thailand—owner of House of Siam on Columbus Avenue and House of Siam on Tremont Street. He might easily have

been called Joe South End given his love for the neighborhood. With his ear-to-ear grin and affable personality, Joe has been a beloved fixture in the South End since he opened House of Siam on Columbus Avenue on the auspicious date of April 13, 1998 (Thai New Year).

House of Siam On Tremont

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## ASK DOG LADY



### Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

I adopted a toy poodle last year from an owner who decided to move back to Japan and not take the dog,

The poodle is currently seven-years-old and isn't neutered. I know that all dogs should be neutered to prevent overpopulation and unwanted behavior, but due to his age, is the procedure still suitable for him?

—Alexandra

Dear Alexandra,

Oh yes, neutering a male dog of any age is the responsible thing to do. Spaying and neutering dogs is so important for the animals' health and welfare as functioning members of canine and human society. You're doing the right thing for the toy poodle — both castrating him and providing a new home.

Also, the poodle will benefit so

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## Theater

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would express such a view. Admittedly, there may be touches in the mystery with humorous overtones—notably the great Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot himself with his signature walk.

Still Agatha Christie buffs (including this critic who read most of her mysteries in his earlier days) might argue that this mystery gem has more in common with film noir. Tellingly, this is the genre which producing artistic director emeritus Spiro Veloudos brought up significantly during the Lyric Stage Company rehearsal period (see his playbill interview with acting artistic director Courtney O'Connor) for the company's striking current staging of "Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express."

With that affinity in mind, Veloudos has ingeniously created a kind of atmospheric symbiosis with Brynna Bloomfield's stylish scenic design and Seaghan McKay's artistic projection design. Bloomfield's train interiors design calls to mind Art Deco patterns and the cubist styles of Picasso and Leger. McKay provides film noir expository visuals about the pivotal Daisy Armstrong murder case as well as vivid representations of the Express and the areas it passes. Add kudos for Scott Klyve's richly complementary lighting—with poetic moments of shadow—and Gail Astrid Buckley's finely varied costume design for the ethnically diverse suspects—particularly the elegant evening wear of Princess Dragomiroff and Countess Andrenyi.

One can argue about Ludwig calling this mystery a comedy and reducing the book's

suspects to eight (especially the removal of Count Andrenyi), but Veloudos' sharp ensemble make the interrogations by Poirot and the brilliant denouement fully absorbing. Standout Remo Airaldi has all of Poirot's charm, wit and Sherlock Holmes-rivalling smarts. The veteran actor (with notable work at the Lyric Stage Company and American Repertory Theatre among others) turns Poirot's telling observations to the audience—who are close enough to the stage to feel as though they are fellow passengers—and his solution to his most difficult case into a tour de force.

The supporting cast members work well with Airaldi and with each other. Kerry A. Dowling captures Helen Hubbard's talkative nature and Midwestern directness; this gifted singer even gets to sing briefly from "The Lullaby of Broadway." Celeste Oliva makes Countess Andrenyi charming and alluring enough to make Poirot wish that he were younger. Rosa Procaccino combines Mary Debenham's vulnerability and nervousness, and Davron Monroe has her lover Colonel Arbuthnot is properly protective as Poirot questions her. Monroe also convinces in the minor but flashy role of murder victim Samuel Ratchett. Sarah de Lima catches Dragomiroff's haughtiness in her voice and her body language, while Marge Dunn finds her maid Greta Ohlsson's diffidence. Will McGarrah is very convincing as Orient Express Wagons Lit director and Poirot former colleague Monsieur Bouc.

Poirot's solution—or 'two' solutions—resembles "a magic trick." Likewise Veloudos' direction of "Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express" itself proves magical.



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## Obituary

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followed ten years later.

Joe came to the US in 1970 to study. He selected Boston because Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej was born at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. After graduation from the Lowell Technological Institute with a degree in Industrial Engineering he was approached by a chef friend to open the first House of Siam in Copley Square in 1985. The chef left but Joe endured.

Joe introduced thousands of Bostonians to iconic Thai dishes like tom yum koong soup, satay, pad Thai, and Massaman curry. His restaurants have been the recipients of multiple Boston magazine Best of Boston awards. His red Toyota smart car—which he

used for his bustling delivery business—was as recognizable as a duck boat. If there was a South End charity event or a death in the neighborhood or a family in need, he was there with his delicious food and his megawatt smile.

Joe leaves behind his partner James Rogers. His nephews Kai and Ped Wongjantit will take over the two restaurants.

Three years ago, I interviewed Joe Thailand for an article I wrote for the Improper Bostonian about the melting pot of international restaurateurs and chefs in the Hub. "I love this country and I love Boston," he told me. "It was my dream to come here, to work here, to open a business here, and become a US citizen. That was my dream and it worked. It worked for me."

Mat Schaffer is the former restaurant critic for Boston Herald and Boston magazine and the host of Sports Hub Grub podcast.

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# Winter 101

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### No space-savers in the South End

In the South End, the city will ban all space saving all the time

### Shovel out hydrants please

The city asks residents to shovel out hydrants after a storm

### Winter in Boston

Emergencies: dial 911

Non-emergency city services and information: dial 311

www.boston.gov/winter-boston for more information

### Parking Bans

### Discounted Garages

During declared snow emergencies, discounted parking is available at some parking lots and garages for Boston residents.

A list of discounted parking garages and lots you can use at [www.boston.gov/winter-boston](http://www.boston.gov/winter-boston).

### Restricted Streets Map

Through our map at [www.boston.gov/winter-boston](http://www.boston.gov/winter-boston), you can search with your address to find the restricted streets in your neighborhood.

### Parking In Snowy Weather

It's important for us to keep main roads clear for plows and emergency vehicles during extreme weather. You will be ticketed and towed if you park on a posted snow emergency artery during a declared snow emergency.

### Plows And Emergency Vehicles

Help us keep streets open to plows and emergency vehicles by parking at least 20 feet away from intersections and no further than 1 foot from the curb. Don't block sidewalks, fire hydrants, ramps, driveways, or the street with your vehicle.

### Clear Your Muffler

For your safety, make sure to clear all snow at least one foot around your muffler before starting your engine. Blocked mufflers can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

### Towed Cars

If you believe your vehicle was towed in Boston, search the towing database or call the

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## Dog Lady

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*much from the neutering procedure, not just in terms of health but also as regards his temperament. Uncastrated dogs do not mix well with their neutered brethren. They are more aggressive, jumpier, and, yes, loonier. When they show up at the dog park – and, really, they should be banned from social contact with other dogs – intact dogs are the elephants in the room. They should also be barred from coming indoors to socialize because male intact dogs are inclined to leave their pee marking on everything.*

*Make sure your new poodle is "fixed" and then proudly take him out in public.*

Dear Dog Lady,

My dog Buddy is a great dog and very friendly. When he jumps up on people, I can understand the behavior. However, I I can't wrap my mind around why Buddy pees on his own leg while lying in the hallway as we wait for the elevator. It seems hee would rather be punished than wait a few seconds more to make it outside. Maybe he can't control it, but he rarely pees in the apartment. What gives?

—Peter

Dear Peter,

Your first mistake is to claim you understand why Buddy jumps up on people. Do those jumped-upon people utter an expletive as the dog pounces on them? Buddy needs training. In the Ask Dog Lady rule book, jumping up on innocent people is a much worse dog offense than peeing in the hallway.

Is your dog fixed? An unfixed dog would most likely pee in a hallway – or anywhere.

*You should not be punishing for peeing, you should be rewarding for the good behavior of not jumping. If Buddy doesn't jump on people, give him a high-test treat (a piece of cooked chicken, a freeze-dried liver chunk) to reward his restraint – and for following your directive of "no jumping." If Buddy makes it all the way outside without peeing in the hallway, praise him lavishly and slip him a yummy. Dogs understand positive feedback much more than negative yelling. Also, they learn with repetition. You might have to give him the same directive over and over. You might think you're becoming a boring broken record. Your dog, on the other hand, will understand you mean business.*

*Be good to your dog. Being a good owner often means laying down the law and sticking to it.*

Write: [askdoglady@gmail.com](mailto:askdoglady@gmail.com).

## Trolley

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Mayor Walsh. "I'm excited to start the season by making stops throughout the City for the

annual trolley tour and tree lightings. This weekend-long celebration is a great family tradition for all Bostonians to come out and enjoy."

For the 24th year, the Mayor's Enchanted

Trolley Tour will continue the festive tradition of lighting holiday trees while bringing holiday spirit to children across Boston. The event is sponsored by Bank of America, and includes visits with

Santa, holiday performances, tree lightings, and more.

The Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment is committed to producing fun and free public events for Bostonians and visitors to the City. For more information, please call 617-635-3911, visit the Tourism website, or follow @VisitBostonCity on Twitter.


Below are the stops for Saturday, December 7 ONLY. Visit the city's website for the full schedule.

- 1:45 p.m. - Hyde Square, Jamaica Plain
- 2:30 p.m. - J.P. Monument, Jamaica Plain
- 3:30 p.m. - Brigham Circle, Mission Hill
- 4:15 p.m. - Bolling Building, Roxbury
- 5:30 p.m. - Blackstone Square, South End

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# Holiday Calendar

**Thursday, December 5**  
**Boston Common Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
 6 - 8:30 pm  
 Boston Common

**Friday, December 6 - Sunday, December 8**  
**SoWa Winter Festival 2019**  
 450 Harrison Avenue

**Saturday, December 7**  
**Boston SantaCon Crawl 2019**  
 12 - 6 pm  
 Hard Rock Cafe, 22 Clinton Street

**Enchanted Trolley Tour**  
 5:30 p.m.  
 Blackstone Square, South End

**Sunday, December 8**  
**Caroling in Hayes Park!**  
 3 - 4 pm  
 James Hayes Park, Warren Avenue and West Canton Street  
 Join the Friends of Hayes Park in our annual holiday singalong! Bring your voices, good cheer and an edible donation to the South End Community Service Center food pantry. We will provide hot cider, cookies and songbooks!

**Sunday, December 8**  
**South End Boston Women's Holiday Market**  
 11 am - 4 pm  
 AC Hotels by Marriott  
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**Sunday, December 8**  
**Holiday Lights of Boston**  
 3:30 - 8:00 pm  
 Boston Public Garden

**Saturday, December 14**  
**Toys 4 Joys 11th Annual Gala**  
 7 - 11 pm  
 the 11th annual Toys 4 Joys Gala.  
 This event helps raise tens of thousands of dollars worth of toys for local children in need this holiday season.  
 Last year the organization was able to extend their generosity to migrant children in detention camps right here in Massachusetts.  
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**Sunday, December 15**  
**Holiday Lights of Boston**  
 3:30 - 8:00 pm  
 Boston Public Garden

**Tuesday, December 17**  
**Ward 4 Dems Holiday Party 2019**  
 Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee  
 Join fellow Ward 4 Dems members, friends, neighbors, and electeds to celebrate 2019 and get ready for 2020.

**Sunday, December 22 - Sunday, December 29**  
**Menorah Lighting on the Boston Common**  
 At the Brewer Fountain, at Park Street MBTA Station at Tremont Street.  
 The grand ceremony is Sunday, Dec. 22, and will include a live music ensemble, warm beverages, and Chanukah treats. All are welcome; no RSVP required.

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## Winter 101

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### Shoveling

Property Owners Must:

clear sidewalks within three hours of snowfall ending or three hours after sunrise if it snows overnight, and clear at least a 42-inch-wide path for wheelchairs and strollers.

Simply put, we're looking for an accessible path of travel. While the rule is three hours, we try to be reasonable for deciding when we start the clock. Our goal isn't to fine you. We just want people - especially youth and seniors - to be able to get around safely.

### Shoveling Fines:

We have information on what you can expect to pay in fines each day your sidewalk is unshoveled, or if you shovel snow onto the street. We fine ourselves for City-owned properties too.

### Things We Could Use Your Help With:

Don't shovel or push snow into the street. If you do, the City may fine you.

Remove ice to bare pavement or make as level as possible and treat with sand, sawdust, or similar material. Every year dozens of people are seriously injured slipping and falling on sidewalks.

Please clear any snow that may be blocking a handicap ramp, fire hydrant, or storm drain. If a hydrant is buried in snow, it takes the fire department time to find it and shovel it out.

Don't leave snow or ice on stairways or fire escapes. All common means of exit must be clear in case of a fire or another emergency.

### Prepare For The Cold Stay Safe During Extreme Cold

When you know severely cold weather is coming, remember to take steps to prepare. Please also check on your elderly or disabled neighbors, and take caution when using portable heating devices like space heaters.

### Frostbite And Hypothermia

Make sure to cover exposed skin and watch out for frostbite. In extreme cold, frostbite can happen in under a minute. Wind also increases the risk of frostbite.

Hypothermia occurs when your body loses heat faster than it can retain heat. This can create a dangerously low body temperature.

### Carbon Monoxide

Every year, thousands of people are killed or seriously injured from breathing in carbon monoxide.

Winter is a dangerous time for carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure the exhaust pipe on your car is clear of snow, as well as your house's heater vent.

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## Pine Street Inn

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## Holiday Calendar

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There is a menorah lighting each night of Chanukah:

- Sunday-Thursday (December 22-26): 4:00pm
- Friday, December 27th, at 2:00pm
- Saturday night, December 28th at 7:30pm
- Sunday, December 29th: 4:00pm



## Public Meeting

# BMC Institutional Master Plan

**Wednesday, December 11**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**850 Harrison Ave**  
Yawkey Center A/B  
Conference Room  
Boston, MA 02118

**Project Proponent:**  
Boston Medical Center

**Project Description:**

Boston Medical Center is proposing a new, ten-year Institutional Master Plan for the 2020-2030 term. This includes proposed future development projects, renovations, and consolidations to their campus. Please note: the first half of the meeting will be devoted to public discussion, while the second half will focus on discussion among the BMC Community Task Force. The meeting will be held in the Yawkey Center A/B Conference Room. Attendees should enter via the 850 Harrison Avenue lobby and take the elevators to the basement. Turn right out of the elevator and the conference room will be on the left as you continue down the hallway.

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**BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

D/B/A BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL PLAN,  
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56, FOR PARCEL 17; PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO SOUTH END  
URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56, LOCATED AT 566 COLUMBUS

Public Notice is hereby given that the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency will consider at its scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2019, starting at 3:30 P.M. in the Board Room – Room 900, 9th Floor, Boston City Hall, One City Hall Square a proposed modification to the South End Urban Renewal Plan regarding Parcel 17, located at 566 Columbus Avenue, South End neighborhood. This Public Notice is being provided in accordance with a certain "Conciliation Agreement" by and among the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the BRA and others, dated as of January 16, 2001.

- Brian P. Golden, Director



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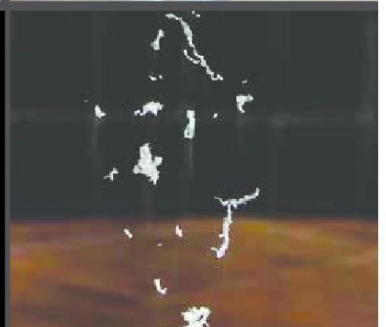
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