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- 2013 Opening of **Harvard Art Museum, The waterfront Kennedy Institute & LeCorbusier's Carpenter Center** is **50**

The **\$20 billion, 20-year** investment in Boston's infrastructure:

- **2011 marks the completion of decades and billions of dollars of investment in Boston's infrastructure.**
- **America's largest urban underground tunnel system has connected** Boston's international airport, Boston's new convention center, Boston's CruisePort, downtown Boston and Cambridge, the major east-west & north-south highways (I-90 & I-93) completely underground. On top of the downtown tunnel the 1.5 mile-long Rose Kennedy Greenway offers visitors gardens, paths & activities stretching from Boston's North End to Chinatown. The Greenway has connected the downtown to Boston's waterfront. **More than \$15 billion was invested.**
- **\$4 billion** of construction at Logan international Airport has been completed. Boston's **\$800 million** high speed Acela Express from New York City & Washington DC is a ten-year success story. **\$1 billion** of public transit construction has been completed, including the new Silver Line coach service which provides direct service from all Logan Airport Terminals to the new convention center, the waterfront, and downtown & Amtrak South Station terminal. Millions of dollars have been invested to water transportation, accessibility projects, parks, CruisePort Boston, convention center facilities, medical research facilities, performance, sports event, and university development in Boston & Cambridge.
- **More than \$500 million of new and renovation work on hotels, restaurants, and attractions has been completed.**
- **The completion of the Big Dig & related projects has resulted in major pedestrian, bikeway & greenspace connections and access in downtown Boston:** Boston's 125-year-old 'Emerald Necklace' is now connected to waterfront by the one-mile 'Walk To The Sea' which connects to the **Rose Kennedy Greenway**, a 1.5-mile downtown garden & path park with activities daily stretching from Boston's North End to Chinatown, and to **Boston HarborWalk**, new walking path that provides complete downtown waterside access. At Long Wharf new **fast ferries connect visitors to Cape Cod (National Seashore)** in 90-minutes, to the port of **Salem (National Park)** in 55-minutes and the **Boston Harbor Islands (National Park)** in 20 minutes. The 20-year-old **Southwest Corridor Greenway** connects Back Bay Station to Forest Hills; the 9-mile **Charles River Greenway** has been extended 2 more miles and will grow in the future.
- **Eleven hotels have opened in the last four years:** The eleven new hotels to open in the last 4 years include the **Hotel Veritas, Ames Boston Hotel, W Theatre District Boston Hotel, the Fairmont Battery Wharf, Mandarin Oriental Boston, the Copley Square Hotel, the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, Liberty Boston Hotel, Holiday Inn Express Suites, InterContinental Boston Hotel & the Westin Waterfront Hotel.**
- **Restaurant Boom: More than a dozen new restaurants have opened in the last two years: The newest:** the **stunning new harborfront three-story Northern Avenue Liberty Wharf development** on Boston's new HarborWalk –a three-story, 20,000-sq. ft. **Legal Sea Foods restaurant** (combination fish market, restaurant & private event space), Houston-based **Del Frisco steakhouse**, a 200-seat 5,000 s.f. **Jerry Remy's Sports Bar & Grill**, and Texamal Mexican restaurant. **The \$50 million waterfront Liberty Wharf** also features a 570-ft extension of the Boston HarborWalk, more than 500 linear feet of dock space for water taxis & private craft. Liberty Wharf is located adjacent to the Bank of America Concert Pavilion, the Seaport World Trade Center, Institute of Contemporary Art, and minutes' walk from Boston's renovated CruisePort Terminal. Nearby last fall the landmark Italian restaurant Strega Restaurant & Lounge on Hanover Street in Boston's North End, opened a 4,000 sq. ft. 150-seat indoor and outdoor dining restaurant, **Strega Waterfront**, at One Marine Center at Fan Pier next to the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA). With its prime waterfront location, within walking distance of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. Next? Capital Grille on the ground floor of the Hynes Convention Center in the Back Bay . **Earlier this year Towne Stove and Spirits opened-** a fine dining 300-seat, two-level space with three bars on Boylston Street .Towne's seasonal farm-to-table dishes & whole fish menu is by two Boston-culinary legends, Lydia Shire (Scampo, Locke-Ober) & Jasper White (Summer Shack). Towne features a wood-burning stove, private dining for 80 & and outdoor patio...
- Preceding Liberty Wharf, Towne, & Strega a dozen new restaurants in Boston have opened including **Menton, Market by Jean-Georges, Post 390, Pairings, Bistro du Midi, Woodward, North 26, Jerry Remy's Sports Bar & Grill, Mumbai Chopstix, Barlow's Restaurant & EVOO.**

- **Later this year construction will begin on Seaport Square** includes the creation of 20 new urban blocks with 22 new buildings that will house approximately 6.3 million square feet of residential, retail, office, innovation, hotel, civic and cultural uses. Several new parks, plazas and pedestrian ways will be created as a part of the project, including an active recreation park. With direct access to highway, airport and maritime transportation, the neighborhood is easily accessible by plane, train, automobile, public transportation or even ocean liner. The focus of commercial development in the South Boston Seaport District is on 'innovative economy' companies in health research, information technology, architectural design, computer gaming, and other segments which Boston is already attracting to this waterfront district . The City of Boston has already dubbed the area '**The Innovation District**'. Thomson Reuters, a leading innovative information technology group, employs 2,000 people in the Fort Point Channel and is expanding. Next door to CruisePort in the eastern end of the district, the Boston Design Center (One Design Center Place, 660 Summer Street), with its 1.5 million feet of floor space and 87 showrooms, stands at the forefront of design innovation. **Seaport Square** will be Boston's largest development in history, signaling the current strength of Boston's economy and continued investment in the city. The project's residential component includes the creation of 2,500 for-sale and rental homes, including 325 affordable units as well as the 325 innovative workforce housing units. The workforce housing units are intended for people whose income is too high to qualify for the restricted affordable housing units but who are often priced out of the housing market, and include types of housing that will attract new economy employers to the district, including co-housing and/or live-work housing. Next to begin construction will be the \$132 million **Waterside Place**, a new 21-story, 376,300 sq. ft development which includes new residential, office, 72,000 square feet of retail space, and the creation of a 14,000 square-foot Innovation Center that will provide office/flex/IT rack space for small entrepreneurial and developing companies. Completion date in the second quarter of 2013. Waterside Place will replace three-acres of vacant land, further enlivening the South Boston Seaport District by creating new and improved streetscapes and public spaces.
- **Tour Boom:** There are now **more than 50 great tours available in BostonUSA** There are tours by foot, boat, bike, bus and even tours in amphibious vehicles called "ducks" that explore Boston & the Charles River! There are Italian, Chinese, Russian, chocolate, or Jewish culinary walking tours, bicycle tours, kayak river tours, Freedom Trail costumed tour guide tours, cultural heritage tours, whale watch tours, lighthouse tours, movies-filmed-in-Boston tours, pedicab tours, Fenway Park tours, Segway tours, Tall Ship tours, Upper Deck (13-ft-high!) Trolley tours, college campus tours, yacht tours, ghost tours, tours of Harvard by Harvard students, youth-led neighborhood walking tours, lunch or dinner cruise tours.
- **Cultural facility Boom: There are now more ten (10) museums & performing arts facilities that are new, have completed a major addition/restoration or are within 2 years of completion:** The Institute of Contemporary Art on the waterfront, The New England Aquarium, the Museum of Fine Arts Americas Wing, the Paramount Theatre, the Modern Theatre, the Calderwood theatres, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Wing, the Fogg/Harvard Art Museum, The Kennedy Institute ,the Frederick Law Olmsted House National Park Service, & the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library Museum.
- **New Museum of Fine Arts Boston \$504 million Americas Wing Opened:** The new Art of the Americas Wing opened on **November 20, 2010**. The opening of the 'New MFA' marks three key events for the 101-year-old Museum of Fine Arts Boston - the opening of the spectacular 12,000 s.f. Art of Americas Wing designed by Sir Norman Foster, a new clear building plan that is 'visitor-friendly', and the launch of more than 25 new exhibitions that will open between November 2010 & April 2012. The new wing, comprised of 53 galleries, features nine period rooms & four behind-the-scenes galleries. Galleries are arranged chronologically on the four floors, allowing visitors to travel through time as they rise vertically. More than 5,000 works from the Museum's Art of the Americas collections will be on view, more than double the number previously displayed. Complementing the wing is a soaring 63-foot high glass spectacular light-filled courtyard—the Shapiro Family indoor Courtyard which encloses one of the Museum's two courtyards. The new space will provide year-round enjoyment of the outdoors and will serve as a venue for special events. The 25 exhibitions presented through Spring 2012 will include such subjects as Chihuly, Goya, African Textiles, Ellsworth Kelly, Degas, ancient & modern gems, French, Japanese & Chinese paintings & prints, & contemporary photography exhibitions. The 2011 Chihuly exhibition has been designed by the artist Chihuly for the 'new' MFA space. The **Museum of Fine Arts Boston**, is one of the largest museums in the world, attracts more than one million visitors a year, contains over 450,000 works of art, and is one of the most comprehensive collections in the Americas. Founded in 1870 and its current Huntington Avenue location dates to 1909. The current director of the museum is Malcolm Rogers.
- **The historic Modern Theatre opened on November 4, 2010.** The Modern is the third of three endangered historic landmark theatres located on one block of Boston's Washington Street Theatre District which were

restored as **'new' mixed-use performing spaces** The 1928 Opera House, now home to the Boston Ballet, opened in 2004 after receiving a \$31 million restoration; the 1932 Paramount Theatre opened early in 2010, and the Modern will open in November 2010. The original building housed showrooms. In 1913, when motion pictures began moving from makeshift nickelodeons to theaters, the Dobson Building was converted into the Modern, the first Boston theater designed specifically to show films. Admission was 15 cents, and musical accompaniment was provided on an Estey Organ designed specifically for use in the theater. Clarence Blackall was the architect for the Modern Theatre conversion. His firm also designed 13 other theaters in Boston, including the surviving Colonial, Wilbur and Metropolitan, now known as the Wang Center for the Performing Arts. In 1928, the Modern Theatre premiered *The Jazz Singer*, the first Boston showing of a "talkie." It later introduced the double feature in an effort to compete with newer theaters showing movies and vaudeville together. The Modern Theatre was included on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979 as part of the Washington Street Theatre District. Suffolk University has restored the landmark, featuring the historic façade, a student residence hall, and 184-seat performance space.

- **MIT 150 sesquicentennial birthday celebration in 2011:** The most famous technology school in the world with students & faculty from 117 countries is 150 years old in 2011. Originally named "Boston Tech" located in the Back Bay Boston, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is a private research university containing a total of 32 academic departments, with a strong emphasis on scientific and technological research. Founded by William Barton Rogers in 1861 in response to the increasing industrialization of the United States. Its current 168-acre campus opened in 1916 and extends over 1 mile (1.6 km) along the northern bank of the Charles River basin. MIT researchers were involved in efforts to develop computers, radar, and inertial guidance in connection with defense research during World War II and the Cold War. In the past 60 years, MIT's educational disciplines have expanded beyond the physical sciences and engineering into fields like biology, cognitive science, economics, philosophy, linguistics, political science, and management.
- **The MIT 150 Exhibition** opened on **January 7, 2011**,. The 150 objects and displays –like all of the MIT Museum exhibits – celebrate key international innovations developed at MIT as well as the witty (to some offensive) "hacks" that MIT students are famous for. Visitors can anticipate the exhibition will feature objects such as the Kiva Systems Mobile Robots (revolutionized operations at major warehouses worldwide) to 'hacks' such as the Baker House Piano Drop , where a (non-functioning) piano is dropped six stories from the roof of Baker House to the ground below and high speed cameras set up to record the event, MIT's most famous- a police car that appeared on top of the MIT Dome building complete with stuffed dummies and a box of donuts on the police car dashboard. Hacks from MIT often involve jokes on MIT's neighboring school- Harvard. In 2007, during the night prior to the release of the heavily advertised *Halo 3* video game, MIT hackers transformed the statue of John Harvard into the Master Chief character from the game. In the game, the character's real name is known only as John. John was wearing the signature helmet from the game and was also holding a gun from the game. Harvard Police removed the "hack" at 8am, but the image was transmitted worldwide by that time.
- **The MIT Museum** (which is 40 years in 2011) Science and Technology Collection contains 6,000 artifacts of historical interest and significance that document the intellectual, educational, and social-cultural-political history of MIT, and MIT's role in the history of modern science and technology. Containing everything from slide rules to stroboscopes, thermometers to telephones, and cathode-ray tubes to computers.
- Among the remarkable buildings at MIT **the "visitor must" is the visually-dramatic Frank Gehry-designed seven-year-old Stata Center**, home to the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL), the Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems (LIDS), and the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy. The Center was completed in 2004 on the site of the legendary **Building 20**, a "temporary" timber-framed building constructed during World War II that served as a breeding ground for many of the great ideas that were born at MIT, including radar during World war II; visitors can view one of its original radar dishes on display. Also several of MIT's most famous "hack" objects are on display. Another "visitor must" : walking the campus to view MIT's public art collection which includes works from Alexander **Calder**, Pablo **Picasso**, Henry **Moore**, Louise **Nevelson**, Jacques **Lipchitz**, Matthew **Ritchie**, and Frank **Stella**. One of the largest collections of contemporary architecture as well as such modern masters as Alvar **Aalto** (Baker House), Eero **Saarinen** (MIT Chapel, Kresge Auditorium), **I.M. Pei** (Wiesner Building, Green Building, Dreyfus Building, Landau Building), Steven **Holl** (Simmons Hall), and Frank **Gehry** (The Ray & Maria Stata Center) have all designed buildings for MIT. **Visitors can tour the MIT campus using a self-guided map or take a free escorted daily walking tour usually led by a MIT student** Regularly scheduled student-led campus tours are conducted Monday through Friday at 11:00 AM and at 3:00 PM, excluding legal U.S. holidays and the Winter Break period (typically December 15th-January 4th).. **The best place to begin tour of MIT is at the MIT Museum open daily 10-5pm.**

- E-mail Invented by MIT grad in Cambridge 40 years ago:** Ray Tomlinson gave society one of the greatest communication tools in history. He invented email back in **October 1971** at the Cambridge offices of BBN. The birth of the beginning of the invention was modest. After graduating from MIT in 1965, the young computer engineer spent two years working on a doctorate, then went to work nearby at Bolt Beranek and Newman (BBN), a company that had a government contract to work on the Arpanet, precursor of the Internet. Consider there are more emails sent every day than telephone calls. Raymond Samuel Tomlinson is a programmer who implemented an email system in 1971 on the Arpanet. Email had been previously sent on other networks such as AUTODYNE. It was the first system able to send mail between users on different hosts connected to the Arpanet. Previously, mail could be sent only to others who used the same computer. To achieve this, he used the @ sign to separate the user from their machine, which has been used in email addresses ever since. The first email Tomlinson sent was a test e-mail. It was not preserved and Tomlinson describes it as insignificant, something like "QWERTYUIOP". This is commonly misquoted as "The first e-mail was QWERTYUIOP". Tomlinson later commented that these "test messages were entirely forgettable and I have, therefore, forgotten them." Boston has hosted major technological breakthroughs before: on March 1876 in downtown Boston (Exeter Place) "Mr. Watson, come here; I want you" was uttered by Alexander Graham Bell over the first phone line.
- Harvard 375:** The most famous university in the world and the oldest institution of higher learning in the United States will **celebrate its 375th birthday beginning on October 15, 2011** (<http://375.harvard.edu/>). Founded 16 years after the arrival of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, the University has grown from nine students with a single master to an enrollment of more than 18,000 degree candidates, 13,000 students are enrolled in Harvard Extension School, 14,000 people work at Harvard, including more than 2,000 faculty, and there are 7,000 faculty in affiliated teaching hospitals. Seven presidents of the United States – John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Theodore and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Rutherford B. Hayes, John Fitzgerald Kennedy and George W. Bush – were graduates of Harvard. President & First Lady Obama are 1991 Harvard Law School graduates. Its faculty has produced more than 40 Nobel laureates. Harvard College was established in 1636 by vote of the Great and General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and was named for its first benefactor, John Harvard of Charlestown, a young minister who, upon his death in 1638, left his library and half his estate to the new institution. ***Plans to celebrate 375th not finalized at this time. Visitors can tour the Harvard campus using a self-guided map or take a free escorted daily walking tour by Harvard University – or the “Unofficial “tour. The Official Tour : Regularly scheduled student-led campus tours are conducted Monday through Saturday at 10:00 am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm excluding legal U.S. holidays and the Winter Break period (typically December 15th-January 4th from the Harvard Information Center at the Holyoke Center). The “Unofficial Hahvahd Tour “ starts in the brick plaza in the middle of Harvard Square in Cambridge. Harvard Student Tour Guides give you an insider’s look on the history of Harvard and student life at Harvard. “We strive not only to educate and inform, but to entertain! Tourists the world-over have cited us as the “highlight of their trip to Boston.”***
- Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) 200 in 2011:** One of the world’s most famous hospitals, the third-oldest general hospital in the USA, the birthplace of the Harvard Medical School, and the location of the first demonstration of ether to the medical profession on Oct. 16, 1846, Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) is celebrating its Bicentennial in 2011 <http://www.massgeneral.org/bicentennial/> . Massachusetts General consistently ranks as one of the top hospitals in the world, and recognized as one of the international innovators in medical research and surgery. Founded in 1811, the original hospital was designed by the famous American architect Charles Bulfinch (architect Massachusetts State House, US Capitol). The MGH surgical staff performs over 34,000 operations yearly. Since 1994, MGH has been awarded the most research funding for an independent hospital by the National Institutes of Health. ***The Ether Dome still exists and is open to the public. It is one of the oldest operating theaters in existence. MGH is planning 15-minute theatrical presentations that will highlight key historical moments in early MGH history.***
- Institute of Contemporary Art 75 in 2011, new waterfront building is five:** One of the first contemporary art museums in North America, the museum was founded in 1936. Founded in 1936 as the Boston Museum of Modern Art (the name changed in 1948), this was the first organization in the United States to be devoted solely to contemporary works; it was originally affiliated with the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Over the years, the ICA has been prescient in introducing artists to U.S. audiences: it hosted the first American exhibitions dedicated to Georges Braque and Edvard Munch, in 1938 and 1940, respectively, and organized important early-career shows for Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg, Roy Lichtenstein, and, more recently, Vanessa Beecroft, Cindy Sherman, Bill Viola, and Rachel Whiteread. In 1959 the ICA joined forces with the visionary Metropolitan Boston Arts Center in the 1950s to plan the first public-private theater, visual arts, and music complex in the United

States. The ICA built its gallery using primarily private donations, augmented by state funds and located on Metropolitan District Commission property. Although the art gallery was the only permanent building completed as part of the Arts Center, the idea served as a model for the Lincoln Center in New York and the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. The ICA relocated to a larger facility in a renovated historic police station on Boylston Street in the Back Bay in 1975. The new waterfront Boston Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) features a dynamic state-of-the-art center for performances and educational activities, as well as contemplative exhibition space for contemporary art. The cantilevered design for the museum integrates the city's public Boston Harbor walk into the building and produces shifting views of the waterfront throughout the galleries, theater and public spaces including 17,000 sq. ft. of exhibition space; a 325-seat performing arts theater with glass walls that face Boston Harbor, a media center; educational facilities and the new Wolfgang Puck Water Café. The ICA has been located on the Charles River, in the Back Bay, and its new waterfront building designed by Diller, Renfro & Scofidio celebrates its 5th birthday in December 2011.

- **New England Aquarium:** The Largest Shark and Ray Touch Tank on the East Coast opened in April 2011.. This exhibit features sharks and rays in a 25,000-gallon tank surrounded by shallow edges and viewing windows, allowing visitors to experience a close encounter with these animals. Note: This exhibit is still under construction. Species are subject to change.
- **2011 marks the 50th anniversary of JFK's First Year of his Presidency.** This is the new JFK 50 web site: <http://www.jfk50.org/> The *Making of a President* is just one of the many exciting and inspiring exhibits visitors will find in the Museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library as part of the multi-year commemoration of the 50th anniversary of JFK's 1960 Election & 1961-1963 Presidency. The Museum's 25 multimedia exhibits and period settings from the White House offer an exciting "you are there" experience, and create a stirring account of President Kennedy's thousand days in office. Beginning with a 17-minute film narrated by President Kennedy, visitors step back into the recreated world of the early 1960s and witness the first televised presidential debate; accompany first lady Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy on her televised tour of the White House; sit in on press conferences with the President; relive the thrill of Col. John Glenn's first orbital mission; stroll through White House corridors; witness Cabinet meetings during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and observe the president's televised address from the Oval Office on the Civil Rights crisis. One of Boston's most popular destinations for visitors from all nations, the architectural masterpiece designed by I.M. Pei sits on a 10-acre waterfront site on Columbia Point offering panoramic views of Boston's skyline and Harbor Islands. A new "brochure is available, events and one of the finest Presidential library museums in the USA that showcase America's Civil Rights struggle, the creation of the Space Program, the Kennedy Administration recognition of the Arts, international diplomacy, the creation of the Peace Corps. Situated on a dramatic harbor site, the Library is an incredible family destination. **Visitors can visit the Museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library daily Adults \$12.00, Seniors (62 and over) and students (with valid college ID) \$10.00, Ages 13-17 \$9.00, Children 12 and under are free.**
- **Faneuil Hall Marketplace is 35!** : A national leader in preservation the three-building 1826 downtown Faneuil Hall Marketplace landmark was one of the first urban historic shopping districts and its success inspired many other cities throughout the USA following its opening in 1976. Faneuil Hall Marketplace features more than 100 national & local shops and local specialty pushcarts, 14 restaurants and pubs including Cheers, McCormick & Schmick's, Ned Devine's Irish Pub and Todd English's Kingfish Hall. Many outdoor cafes, more than 36 international food vendors inside of the Quincy Market Colonnade, which is the largest food hall in New England. **Boston's newest summer event is at Faneuil Hall Marketplace :** the **Changing of the Guard** jointly offered by Faneuil Hall Marketplace and the Freedom Trail Foundation feature the Freedom Trail Players, experienced 18th century costumed guides, who re-enact what might have been daytime and nightly guard duty in a hostile environment. The Changing of the Guard event occurs twice on Sat, Sun & Monday at the Faneuil Hall northwest corner at 11:45am & 1:45 pm.
- **Huntington Theatre Company 30th Anniversary in 2011.** The Huntington Theatre Company, in residence at Boston University, is Boston's largest professional theatre company. Under the direction of Artistic Director Peter DuBois and Managing Director Michael Maso, the Huntington creates seven new productions each season featuring world-class theatre artists from Boston and Broadway and the most promising new talent. The Huntington has transferred over a dozen of these productions to Broadway, including recent favorites Noël Coward's *Present Laughter* and Alfred Hitchcock's *The 39 Steps*. The Huntington also runs nationally renowned programs in education and new play development, and serves the local theatre community through its operation of the **Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts**, which the Huntington built six years ago in **2004**. The Calderwood Pavilion, which includes the 370-seat Wimberly Theatre and the 200-seat Roberts Studio Theatre, houses most of the Huntington's new works activities and complements its 890-seat, Broadway-style main stage, the Boston University Theatre. The Huntington provides the first-class facilities and audience

services of the Calderwood Pavilion to dozens of organizations each year, including some of Boston's most exciting small and mid-sized theatre companies, at significantly subsidized rates. As a national leader in the development of new plays, the Huntington has produced more than 50 New England, American, or world premieres to date, with two world premieres scheduled for the 2010-11 Season. The Huntington's acclaimed education programs have served hundreds of thousands of middle school and high school students since 1982, and bring theatre to the Deaf and blind communities, the elderly, and other underserved populations in the Greater Boston area. The Huntington was founded in **1982** by Boston University and separately incorporated as an independent non-profit in 1986. Its two prior artistic leaders were Peter Altman, (1982-2000) and Nicholas Martin (2000-2008). **Details** huntingtontheatre.org.

- **Museum of Science Boston Planetarium Re-Opening: RACE, Pompeii, Dinosaurs Exhibitions in 2011.** The Museum of Science has opened New England's most technologically advanced digital theater with the reopening of the Charles Hayden Planetarium following a \$9 million renovation and the installation of the \$2 million state-of-the-art Zeiss Starmaster on February 13, 2011. **Museum of Science Boston –one of the world's great science museums marked its 60th birthday on Charles River** in February 2011. The 14,000 sq ft museum was built in 1951 **on** the Charles River Dam – it may be the only museum in the world that spans two cities- Boston & Cambridge. Originally the New England Museum of Natural History in Boston's Back Bay, which opened in 1864, the Museum of Science Boston opened in February 1951, The original Hayden Planetarium, opened in 1958 (new planetarium in Jan. 2011). The West wing opened in the early 1970s and the Elcho Thomson Theater of Electricity, which houses the 2 1/2 million-volt Van de Graff generator -- the two-story tall high voltage electricity generator opened in 1980. The Mugar Omni Theater, opened in 1987, utilizes state-of-the-art film technology to project larger-than-life images onto a five-story high, domed screen, creating a "you are there" experience for viewers....2011 Museum of Science exhibitions include ***Dinosaurs: Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries***, June 5 through August 21, 2011... For the first time ever, more than 250 artifacts from Pompeii, including real body casts, come to Boston in October 2011. With the opening of the exhibit, ***Pompeii***, the Museum of Science invites visitors to step back in time to experience this vibrant, ancient city before it was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.
- **Rose Kennedy Greenway Armenian Heritage Park** groundbreaking occurred on September 7, 2010, with completion set for late 2011. The park, currently under construction, is located on the Greenway between Clinton Street and State Street, across from the Columbus Waterfront Park, will feature a labyrinth, a circular winding path in grass and inlaid stone, a single jet of water at its center, an abstract sculpture, a 12-sided split dodecahedron, sitting atop a reflecting pool with waters washing over the sides. The sculpture is dedicated to lives lost during the Armenian Genocide of 1915 and all the genocides that followed.
- **One of the world's great urban small parks- The Norman B. Leventhal Post Office Park is 20 years old in 2011.** In the heart of Boston's Financial district, nestled among the high-rise office buildings, lies a lush oasis of green, a testament to the ingenuity and creativity of a group of people, both public and private, who joined together to foster this unique vision. What had previously been a decrepit and unsightly garage, is now an award-winning and inviting park set above a new underground parking garage. The meticulously maintained park was conceived, financed and built by Friends of Post Office Square in cooperation with the City of Boston. The park was designed by Boston's Halvorson Design Partnership. Over 125 different kinds of plants form a unique horticultural display. All seasons are special - from the earliest flowering witch hazels of February, through spring's blossoming trees, shrubs, and bulbs, to the colorful beds of herbaceous perennials and bright annuals of summer. When the perennial show is over, all color gives way to the majestic conifers and the bright berries of winter. Identifying labels and keys to the plants enable visitors to note favorite selections for use in their own landscapes. Also included in the garden are some famous plants first introduced to the American landscape by the Arnold Arboretum.. The 1.7 acre park's centerpiece is a walk-through sculptural fountain, so whimsically friendly that in the summertime, office workers eating lunch often kick off their shoes to dip their feet in the fountain. A few yards away is a 143-foot-long formal garden trellis, supported by granite columns, draped with seven species of vines. The jewel-like Great Lawn, raised above the walkways by a granite curb, provides a relaxed retreat. More than a hundred different species of plants, flowers, bushes and trees are within the park. It features custom wrought-iron fencing and specially designed drainage gates. Seating styles fit every posterior and mood – stately teak benches, curving steel settees, movable cast-iron café chairs with tables, hundred of linear feet of inviting polished granite wall and half an acre of lawn. The number of "firsts," "mosts," and "bests" connected with the park and garage at Post Office Square is almost laughable: deepest excavation in the city, biggest garage, most expensive park, first privately financed park. Even the site is special; the post office at Post Office Square was the first in the 13 colonies.
- The critics, the politicians, the corporate neighbors, and the users all love it. Even headline writers relish it: **"They Pulled Down a Parking Lot and Put Up Paradise"; "Call It Garage Mahal."**

- Of course, **Post Office Square is not the first park built over a downtown parking garage** – San Francisco; Pittsburg; Alexandria, Virginia; and other cities did the trick earlier. It isn't even the first privately built facility – Cleveland has one, too – although it is probably **the first that used absolutely no public funds**. And it is certainly **the first to sell stock and offer investors interest**.
- **Boston's National Parks 2011: Six (6) great 2011 travel stories:** Boston offers visitors an incredible selection of 'America's Greatest Idea' – the National Parks . Celebrations, expansion of sites and visitor centers in 2011: **2011 will mark the 15th birthday of the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area** – one of the country's most diverse collections of historic forts, Native American history, 'green' attractions (are you aware one of the benefits of the 'Big Dig' was the redesign of Spectacle Island, one of the Boston Harbor Islands, and one of 34 islands, as a minutes-away-by-fast ferry most compelling 'green sustainable visitor attractions on the East Coast?). The Boston Harbor Islands Park has constantly grown in programming & visitation as a result of a unique partnership called the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership. Boston Harbor Island Alliance, National Park Service, Department of Conservation and Recreation, City of Boston, and others are members of the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership. Visitors enjoy boat rides to island destinations that offer hiking trails, beaches, camping, natural and historic sites, and activities and tours led by park rangers. Programs and exhibits help visitors learn about the natural, cultural, geologic and, historical background of the islands.
- **2011 will mark the 30th anniversary of the Boston African American Historic Park and Black Heritage Trail:** Just steps away from the Freedom Trail is The **Boston African American National Historic Site**. Located in the heart of Boston's Beacon Hill neighborhood, the site interprets 15 pre-Civil War structures relating to the history of Boston's 19th century African-American community, including the Museum of Afro-American History's African Meeting House, the oldest standing African-American church in the United States. The 204-year-old African Meeting House in Boston, was built by African Americans in **1806**.
- **The 30th birthday of the Park was on October 10, 2010...**2011 marks the **150th anniversary of the famous Longfellow poem "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere"** written in 1860, at the Longfellow House National Park site on Brattle Street in Cambridge where he lived for 39 years. The famous poem that begins "*Listen my children and you shall hear...*" by one of Boston's most ardent abolitionists was written by Longfellow in 1861 to inspire patriotism when Lincoln became President in 1860 and secession by Southern states and a Civil War looked like a possibility. ... **2011 marks the 50th birthday of the Cape Cod National Seashore** – signed into law in President Kennedy's first year. Fast ferries make the trip to the northern end of the Park – Provincetown – possible in 90 minutes from downtown Boston...**2011 marks the 30th anniversary of the public opening of the Frederick Law Olmsted House** (designer of Central Park, Boston Park System/Emerald Necklace).Following a \$2 million house, barn and lawn upgrade the site is re-opening in late mid 2011. Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903) is recognized as the founder of American landscape architecture and the nation's foremost park maker. Olmsted moved his home to suburban Boston in 1883 and established the world's first full-scale professional office for the practice of landscape design. During the next century, his sons and successors perpetuated Olmsted's design ideals, philosophy, and influence.
- **Boston National Park Service Visitor Centers Opening in 2011 & 2012 :** The first of three new Boston Visitor Centers planned following completion of the 'Big Dig' & the Rose Kennedy Greenway, has opened: the **Georges Island Visitor Center**, which will be followed by a Visitor Center on the Rose Kennedy Greenway on **June 2,2011**, and the National Park Service **Faneuil Hall Visitor Center in May 2012**. The new \$9 million Visitor Center on Georges Island – minutes by fast ferry from downtown Boston - features both a 8,000 sq. ft. center with Island visitor information, new restrooms, gift shop, conference room and a 3,000 s.f. Jasper White Summer Shack seafood café with outdoor seating. The \$5.7 million **Rose Kennedy Greenway Boston Harbor Islands Visitor Center Pavilion** designed by Utile Architects on State Street will be a gateway to the national park with information, a 2,000 sq. ft. granite map mirroring the 34 Boston Harbor Islands and rangers to guide visitors. The new 7,400 sq. ft. **National Park Service Visitor Center at the 1742 Faneuil Hall** will feature history exhibits, a film-screening area, and a bookstore. It will also become the new starting point for the National Park Service rangers' free, 90-minute Freedom Trail tour. The Center on the ground floor of the Faneuil Hall, one of the 16 Freedom Trail sites is scheduled to open in May 2012..
- **Greenway activities & tours in 2011:** In 2010 The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy introduced weekly free outdoor activities. On a *weekly* basis: Boston Public Market Farmers Market ; Yo-Chi instruction; & Fitness Walking . Details **Kennedy Greenway Events** www.rosekennedygreenway.org/events

- Culinary Walking Tours & Events in 2011: Boston Chinatown culinary walking tours are 5 years old in 2012 (began in October 2007):** The popular Boston North End Italian culinary walking tour company, Michele Topor's Market Tours, has offered a Boston Chinatown Asian culinary walking tour for five years. The tour features tips on the differences between the many regional cuisines of China, where to buy and how to select the finest authentic ingredients, and includes a Dim Sum Luncheon... **Three years old in 2011 "From Russia with Love!" A Walking Tour of Russian Cuisine** Where you can find the best Russian borsch, pirozhki, and caviar? What is the Russian way to drink tea and vodka? Discover the answers at our 3-hour culinary adventure while tasting delicious authentic Russian specialties: light fluffy blintzes, delicate Siberian dumplings, imported caviar, mouth-watering desserts, and half-dozen more. Visit treasured best spots in Washington Square and enjoy interesting personal stories about their owners. **Walking Tour of Jewish Cuisine:** What the Jewish cuisine is? Find it out under the expert guidance while tasting authentic Jewish food - matzo ball soup, latkes, falafel, kosher wines, and dozen more. Visit many of the town's treasured Jewish food stores and restaurants and hear unique anecdotes about their owners. Discover traditions that lie behind the food and savor the rich history of Jewish Brookline. ... **now two years old Boston's Taste of Chocolate features five (5) chocolate walking tours: Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, South End, Chocolate & Wine. For example The Back Bay 2 ½ -hour tour includes** affluent Boston at its best, boasting landmarks like Copley Square, the Prudential Center, and the Public Library. This historic area is rich in culture, architecture – and of course, fine chocolate. Visitors learn the history and life of chocolate, how luxury chocolates are created, and much more. Stops include: Hotel Chocolat – A trendy European cocoa grower who manages production from bean to bar *in their private tasting room*; Boston's Best Chocolate Chip Cookie; a cozy boutique with Boston's largest selection of imported bars (95% of tour-goers have not ever been here); a Swiss chocolatier famous for creating the Dom Perignon Champagne Truffle; a famous New England Ice Cream maker who has taken the chocolate plunge and has made their chocolates available to our tour; a break for the taste buds at a hip cosmetics company that uses chocolate in many of its skincare products; and Boston's Best Cupcake. Samples as you go, plus tips on tasting, buying and storing fine chocolate... **Sam Adams Beer 25!** Twenty-five years ago, a new beer debuted in bars across Boston. It was called Samuel Adams Boston Lager, and it came from a recipe first brewed in 1870 by the great-great-grandfather of management consultant turned brewing entrepreneur Jim Koch. The beer became a classic, is available all over the world, and Koch's Boston Beer Company is now a \$415 million dollar (2009 sales) company. Samuel Adams' success helped fuel the American craft beer renaissance. Visitors will learn about the history of Samuel Adams, the brewing process and, of course, taste some of the award winning beers. Tours start approximately every 45 minutes. Each tour has limited space, so be sure to arrive early! Saturdays are especially busy and they often fill all available tour spaces by early afternoon. Please note that the brewery is now open at 10 AM on Saturdays. **Visitors can visit the Sam Adams Brewery in Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood. Free introductory walking tours daily.**
- Boston to join other international visitor cities that offer citywide bike-sharing program in July 2011: This** summer Boston will offer visitors a new **bike-sharing program**. The inexpensive program allows travelers to rent a bike 24 hours a day from a solar-powered station and return it at another, all for about \$5 plus a usage fee. When complete Boston will have 500 bikes at located at or near MBTA bus and rail transit stations to encourage and facilitate the use of public transit. The concept is clean, affordable, and super convenient. The Boston Regional Bike Share System is a multiple-city bike sharing system that makes thousands of bicycles available throughout the Boston metropolitan area with the swipe of a card. The Bike Share system was conceived as an extension and enhancement of the existing public transit system. This investment will help make Boston a world renowned bicycling city. Systems now exist in London, Paris, Dublin, Montreal, & Melbourne.
- Family history research visits to Boston in 2011:** One of the unique international multicultural resources in the world is located in Boston - the *New England Genealogical Society*, **America's oldest genealogical organization** (founded in 1845). The nation's leading research center for genealogists and family historians. Many visitors seeking extremely rare family history documents and extraordinary seminars will find the visit to NEGS on Newbury Street in Boston's Back Bay invaluable. For visitors planning a one-day visit, participation in their specific workshops, or planning a one or two week research visit, NEGS offers a selection of research options & education for the visitor.
- Hollywood in BostonUSA 2011 : Boston has become one of America's most popular cities to film movies. What has been filmed in Boston in last 5 years?** "*The Social Network*", "*Knight & Day*" starring Tom Cruise & Cameron Diaz, & "*The Town*" starring Ben Affleck, Jon Hamm, Rebecca Hall; Martin Scorsese Boston-set-and-filmed movie "Shutter Island" (with Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo, and Ben Kinsley); **Adam Sandler's** new comedy "*The GrownUps*" starring Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock, Rob Schneider & David Spade; "*The Company Men*" starring Ben Affleck, Tommy Lee Jones & Kevin Costner. "*The*

Zookeeper“ starring Kevin James, Rosario Dawson, Cher, Sylvester Stallone. **“The Surrogates”** the Disney movie (starring **Bruce Willis**); **"The Ghosts of Girlfriends Past,"** (**Jennifer Garner & Matthew McConaughey, Anne Archer, Michael Douglas, Emma Stone, and Lacey Chabert**); **"Mall Cop"** (Kevin James, Keir O'Donnell, Shirley Knight, Raini Rodriguez, Stephen Rannazzisi & Adam Ferrara.) **"This Side of the Truth,"** (**Jennifer Garner, Rob Lowe, Jeffrey Tambor, Jonah Hill, and John Hodgman**); **"Bride Wars,"** (Kate Hudson, Anne Hathaway) **"Sexual Healing,"** (James Gandolfini and Jesse L. Martin); **"The Proposal,"** (**Sandra Bullock & Ryan Reynolds**) **“ Edge of Darkness”** (**Mel Gibson**) **"The Fighter,"** (starring **Mark Wahlberg & Brad Pitt**), **"The Women"** (Meg Ryan and Annette Bening). Also the Cameron Diaz "The Box" , William H. Macy, Morgan Freeman, and Christopher Walken "The Lonely Maiden," The Steve Martin movie "Pink Panther 2," ; "The Great Debaters," the Denzel Washington-directed movie 'Bachelor No. 2' and **“21”** (Kevin Spacey, Kate Bosworth and Laurence Fishburne) **Visitors can learn behind-the-scenes trivia and insider gossip about Good Will Hunting, The Departed, Ally McBeal , Mystic River, Cheers and many more. The most filmed part of Boston, the Boston Movie Mile, includes more than 30 filming locations. The Boston Movie Tour offers visitors an opportunity to experience Boston's movie magic by visiting the sites selected by Hollywood's directors to film these movies.**

Special 2011 Events

- Boston Harborfest 30: Boston Harborfest, June 30-July 4, 2011,** is Boston's six-day Fourth of July Festival that showcases the colonial and maritime heritage of the cradle of the American Revolution. More than 200 daily events during the Festival are concentrated in Boston's historic downtown and waterfront districts, with major performance & Chowderfest event on Boston's City Hall Plaza. Over the years, Harborfest has grown from a local event to a international celebration. In 1982 there were 35 activities over the course of three days. On June **29** features Boston Harborfest Opening Ceremony at Faneuil Hall Marketplace featuring American Birthday Cake: 12:00 PM – Opening Ceremonies with special guest Mayor Thomas Menino. A GIANT 4th of July themed cake will be distributed to all attendees. 12:30 PM – Live Performances at Faneuil Hall Marketplace ; Afternoon: fifes & drum music; guided tour of exterior gardens and the statuary of the historic Bulfinch State House; lunch cruises Boston; historic house tour; costumed walking tour Freedom Trail; traditional Chinese Music in Concert at King's Chapel ; tour of Old North Church; waterfront walking tour ; storytelling at Kings Chapel & Old South Meeting House ; early 19th Century Gun Drills at USS CONSTITUTION at Charlestown Navy Yard; walking tour of Bunker Hill battle site; re-enact the Boston Tea Party aboard the Liberty Clipper ; 45-piece Navy Band Northeast in Concert at Faneuil Hall Marketplace; Dinner Harbor Cruises; evening walking tour “ The Dark Side of Boston”; tour of four historic Boston pubs; Tall Ship Sunset Sail; “Ghosts and Gravestones “ Old Town Trolley tour; “ Paul Revere Tonight!” performance at Old North Church. **On June 30, the 17th Boston Harborfest Children’s Day,** City Hall Plaza June 30 features Whale Watch Cruises; morning Kids Sail aboard the Tall Ship LIBERTY CLIPPER; walking tour of Charles River Basin Bells, Bridges and Locks; all day fun and festivities with jugglers, face painters, Wayne Potash and the Music Fun Band on City Hall Plaza; presentation of “ America’s 2nd War of Independence? The War of 1812! At USS Constitution Museum; lunch harbor cruises; tours of Kings Chapel & elegant mansion of Harrison Gray Otis, a Congressman, Senator and the third mayor of Boston; “Captain Kidd’s Treasure Hunt “self-guided hunt for history with a pirate’s map; early 19th Century Gun Drills at USS CONSTITUTION; re-enact the Boston Tea Party aboard the LIBERTY CLIPPER ; Dinner Harbor Cruises; Tall Ship Sunset Sail. **On July 1** features Whale Watch Cruises; noon live concert at City Hall Plaza; walking tour of Charles River Basin Bells, Bridges and Locks; presentation of “ America’s 2nd War of Independence? The War of 1812! At USS Constitution Museum; lunch harbor cruises; late afternoon live concert at City Hall Plaza; tours of Kings Chapel & elegant mansion of Harrison Gray Otis, a Congressman, Senator and the third mayor of Boston; “Captain Kidd’s Treasure Hunt “self-guided hunt for history with a pirate’s map; early 19th Century Gun Drills at USS CONSTITUTION; re-enact the Boston Tea Party aboard the LIBERTY CLIPPER ; Dinner Harbor Cruises; Tall Ship Sunset Sail; and a Harboring Boston’s Mysteries Tall Ship tour at 9 pm. **On July 2 a Special 18th Century British Procession** from the Long Wharf **(300 years old this year)** west up State Street (formerly King Street) past the 1713 Old State House (formerly Government House) up Court Street (formerly Queen Street) and southwest on Tremont Street to the 1634 Boston Common for a British Encampment. Whale Watch Cruises; noon live concert City Hall Plaza; walking tour of Charles River Basin Bells, Bridges and Locks; presentation of “ America’s 2nd War of Independence? The War of 1812! At USS Constitution Museum; lunch harbor cruises; tours of Kings Chapel & elegant mansion of Harrison Gray Otis, a Congressman, Senator and the third mayor of Boston; “Captain Kidd’s Treasure Hunt “self-guided hunt for history with a pirate’s map; early 19th Century Gun Drills at USS CONSTITUTION; Afternoon “Son of Boston: A Salute to Ben Franklin” walking tour ; re-enact the Boston Tea Party aboard the LIBERTY CLIPPER ; Dinner Harbor Cruises; Tall Ship Sunset Sail; Evening concert at City Hall Plaza; USS CONSTITUTION Sunset Parade, a traditional ceremony honoring our Nation’s flag; and a

Harboring Boston's Mysteries Tall Ship tour at 9 pm. **On July 3- the 30th Boston Chowderfest on Boston City Hall Plaza, & Boston Pops – the pre-July 4 Concert Hatch Shell** July 3, 2011. On **July 4, 2011 at** : 9:00 am(& 11 :00 am) Independence Day Service at Old North Church; 10:00 am Reading of Declaration of Independence at Old State House & Ancient & Honorable Artillery Parade; 11:00 am Independence Day Service Kings Chapel; 11:00 am Oration at Faneuil Hall 11:30 am USS CONSTITUTION departure from berth, Noon –12:05 pm – Salute to the Nation off the US Coast Guard Base, North End &USS CONSTITUTION fires her 21-gun salute; Boston Harborfest events all afternoon 2pm-7pm, **8:00pm Boston Pops –Concert & 10:30pm Fireworks Hatch Shell**

- The July 4th Boston Story: The 82nd Boston Pops Concerts- And The 38th Boston Fourth of July Fireworks**
 On July 4, 1929, **Arthur Fiedler** inaugurated a series that continues to this day, now under the Boston Symphony's auspices: the Esplanade Concerts, which are held on the east bank of the Charles River. The response was ecstatic. The Pops' special bicentennial program on the Esplanade on July 4, 1976, drew more than 400,000 people. After Arthur Fiedler's death on July 10, 1979, his longtime associate conductor, Harry Ellis Dickson (1908-2003), took over. By the time **John Williams** was appointed conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra in January 1980, he was the best-known composer for film in the world. In 1993 the appointment as twentieth conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra – and only the third conductor since Arthur Fiedler became Conductor in 1930 – fell to Keith Lockhart. Having led more than 1,200 Boston Pops concerts, **Keith Lockhart** is now in his sixteenth season as Boston Pops Conductor. He has made 67 television shows, led 33 national and four overseas tours with the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, and recorded eleven albums. His tenure has been marked by a dramatic increase in touring, the orchestra's first Grammy nominations, the first major network national broadcast (on CBS Television) of the **Fourth of July spectacular from the Esplanade**.
- The Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular started – like many things do – as just a simple idea. In September **1973**, David Mugar suggested to Boston Pops Conductor Arthur Fiedler that in order to revive the diminishing Esplanade concert series it might be a good idea to play Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" with a few added extras.
- For the next Fourth of July, howitzer cannons, fireworks and church bells were all added to the concert so that, as Fiedler said, "All hell could break loose." And for the first time, a July 4th fireworks display took place over the Charles River. Boston 4 Productions is responsible for all phases of the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular, known as America's premier Independence Day Celebration. The event was founded in 1974 when David Mugar suggested to famed Boston Pops Conductor, Arthur Fiedler, that in order to revive the diminishing Esplanade concert series it might be a good idea to play Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" with a few extras. For the next Fourth of July, howitzer cannons, fireworks and church bells were added to the concert so that, in Arthur Fiedler's own words, "All Hell could break loose." For the first time, a July Fourth fireworks display took place over the Charles River. Today in its 37th year, the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular receives over 500,000 visitors from New England and around the globe. Another six million tune in nationally on the CBS Television Network to view the event live during a one-hour primetime special. Details www.july4th.org
- New This Year at 30th Boston Harborfest June 30-July 4 , 2011: the International Extreme Sailing** event featuring eleven (11) high-speed twin-hulled sailing ships, is coming to Boston this summer, June 30-July 4, 2011, **Boston is the 4th port city of the tournament which begins next Sunday (Feb. 20, 2011) in Oman. In Boston there will be five days of events** offering a unique mix of 'open-water' racing and with high octane 'stadium' racing. There will be fleet racing, figure of 8 duels, time trials, match racing and other formats of racing. On the Boston Harbor and at Fan Pier there will be a daily 8-hour program of entertainment. From Boston the fleet sails to Cowes on the Isle of Wight in southeast England, August 6-12 (for Cowes Week, an international event; Cowes is a key international yacht racing port and the home of the world's oldest regular regatta). The tour continues the 6th city –**Tripiani** Italy Sept. 16-18, and to the 7th city – **Nice**, France September 30-Oct. 2, 2011, followed by **Almeria** Spain October 12-16 and finishes in **Singapore** Dec. 9-11, 2011
- Restaurant Week Boston August 2011:** Restaurant Week Boston® is brought to you by the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau and American Express. More than 200 area restaurants design special 3-course **\$20.11/ \$33.11 prix fixe** menus for lunch and dinner. A 2-course lighter lunch (**\$15.11**) is offered at many of the 200+ participating restaurants The August 2011 dates are **August 14-19 & 21-26, 2011**, Prices are per person and exclude beverages, tax and gratuities. The August Restaurant Week features many outdoor cafes throughout Boston & Cambridge and feature 'harvest' menus- New England seafood, fruits & vegetables .
- BostonUSA 2011-2012 8-Week Arts Season Openings: September-October 2011.** Boston begins the arts season with an outdoor waterfront festival that showcases the 12-week Open Artist Studio Weekends (largest in USA), the Boston Book Festival (Oct. 15), the performance seasons of Huntington Theatre (it's 30th in 2011-2012

!), Boston Ballet, The Celebrity Series of Boston, the Handel & Haydn Society, the Boston Center for The Arts, the Citi Performing Arts Wang & Shubert Theatres, the New England Conservatory, Broadway in Boston, the American Repertory Theatre, ArtsEmerson, the Speakeasy Stage Company, Blue Man Group, Shear Madness, the Wilbur Theatre & others called the **9th Boston Ahts Festival on Sept. 9-11, 2011.**

- **Boston's Holiday Season 2011 Boston, November 4, 2011-Jan. 3, 2012.** Considered one of America's great holiday season cities (selected by cnn.com as No. 1 in 2010) Boston offers visitors a packed schedule of holiday lightings, performances, shopping sales, food & drink throughout Boston & Cambridge during the 8-week season. The events, the performances & the shopping are within walking distance of each other. **Special hotel packages are available on www.BostonUSA.com**

Preview 2012-2013

- **Opening African Meeting House America's oldest black church following \$5 million restoration** December 2011 **Following a \$5 million restoration the 1806 structure will re open to the public in December 6, 2011**
- **The new Renzo Piano-designed Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Wing January 19, 2012 . The 1903 Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** will complete restoration of the Tapestry Room in late 2011 and open its **\$135 million Renzo Piano-designed, four-story 70,000 sf Wing** in January 2012. **This is a significant development for meeting & event planners who have not been able to include the Gardner in their events in the past.** Details: http://www.gardnermuseum.org/about/press/new_building_project The new wing will include a three-story glass complex featuring a 300-seat performance hall, special exhibition gallery, a restaurant www.isgm.org Total area of the new wing: 70,000 square feet ; Total height of the new wing: 65 feet ; Levels above ground: 4, plus 2 basement levels; Length of the glass connector between the new wing and the historic building: 75 feet; Location: The new wing is set at a distance of 50 feet from the historic Museum building; Total area of the historic Museum building: 60,000 square feet; Total height of the historic Museum building: 70 feet; Total height to the eave line of the historic Museum building: 59 feet. Total capacity of the new performance hall: 296 total (60 seats per balcony; 116 seats on the main floor) Total area of the new performance hall: 6,000 square feet. Total height of the new performance hall: 42 feet at its highest point. *The Tapestry Room, where Museum concerts currently take place, seats between 260 and 300.* Total area of the special exhibition gallery: 2,000 square feet (main gallery: 1,500 square feet; ante gallery: 500 square feet) .Total height of the new special exhibition gallery: 36 feet (adjustable to 18 feet, 24 feet, 30 feet, and 36 feet heights). *The gallery provides increased flexibility and three times the amount of exhibition space as the existing Special Exhibition Gallery in the historic Museum.* The design features expanded exterior gardens that connect the Museum site to the exterior gardens and the landscapes of Evans Way Park and Frederick Law Olmsted's Emerald Necklace parks system..Total area of the greenhouses on-site: 1,650 square feet .The greenhouses are one-fourth the size of the former greenhouses.
The greenhouse services the Museum courtyard and exterior landscape.. Additional off-site greenhouse space: 10,000 square feet. *The Museum previously had approximately 6,000 square feet of total greenhouse space on-site.* A landscape classroom overlooks the greenhouse and is accessible to the public.Total area of the studio classroom: 1,250 square feet. State-of-the-art conservation labs and archival/collection storage are located in the upper volumes on the south side of the building to assist in collections preservation. Total area of conservation labs: 3,300 square feet. Total area of archival and collection storage area: 900 square feet
- **Preview 2012: Boston Tea Party Ship Museum-Re-opening June 2012: Boston Tea Party Ship Museum <http://www.bostonteatartyship.com/>** -Re opening in June 2012 following a multimillion dollar renovation. Museum spaces will be expanded to approximately twice their current size and will offer a multitude of easy to understand exhibits, video presentations, living history programs, and memorabilia that tell the story of the Boston Tea Party. The crown jewel in the new museum will be the Robinson Tea Create, one of two surviving tea creates from the original Boston Tea Party on December 16 1773. Two traditional tall ships will be added to the current tall ship the *Brig Beaver* - replicas of the *Dartmouth* and the *Eleanor* . Onboard the historic ships, visitors will explore authentically restored ship's decks, crew's quarters, and cargo holds. The wharf areas will also provide significant additional space for exhibitions, receptions and displays. There will be a new Tavern and Tea Room serving colonial Ales and wines as well as soups, salads and sandwiches. Boston Tea Room food service areas which will be open for free public access during the day and will serve group functions at night. The new Boston

Tea Party site will be able to accommodate groups of up to 500 persons for cocktails, dinner and events. There will be two new enclosed show spaces that will allow the site to more efficiently handle larger visitor and school groups. The expanded gift shop will offer tea and Boston related gifts in a themed setting, and the addition of heat, air conditioning and working public restrooms will improve the site for locals and visitors alike.

- **2012 Preview: Fenway Park 100: In 2012** Fenway will be 100-years-old. Though generations have come and gone, Fenway Park remains, much like it did the day it opened on April 20, 1912. Fenway Park is actually the second home for the Sox. In 1901, the Boston Pilgrims became one of the charter members of the fledgling American League. The Pilgrims played ball at the Huntington Avenue Grounds, now a part of Northeastern University's campus. Boston Globe owner General Charles Henry Taylor, a Civil War veteran, bought the team for his son John I. Taylor in 1904. In 1907, owner Taylor changed the club's name from the Pilgrims to the Red Sox. In 1910, tired of the leasing arrangement for the Huntington Avenue Grounds, Taylor made a big announcement: he would build a new ballpark for his Red Sox. Taylor dubbed the new ballpark Fenway Park because of its location in the Fenway section of Boston. After two rain delays, Fenway Park finally hosted its first professional baseball game on April 20, 1912. The event would have made front page news had it not been for the sinking of the Titanic only a few days before. When the wall's advertisements were covered by green paint in 1947, Fenway Park's signature feature — the Green Monster — was born. The ball club installed skyview seats at Fenway Park in 1946. Lights followed in 1947, and Fenway's first message board in was added over the centerfield bleachers in 1976. In 1988-89, stadium club seats were constructed above grandstand behind home plate — where the former press box was located. *2012 Centennial event planning underway. **Visitors can visit Fenway Park and enjoy a 50-minute walking tour daily 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., every hour on the hour, seven days a week, or until three hours prior to game time guided by an official Fenway Park Tour Guide (Adults ... \$12, Seniors ... \$11; Children (3-15) ... \$10). Tours are fully handicap accessible. Please contact the tour office at 617-226-6666 for additional assistance.***
- **2012 Preview: BIO BostonUSA 2012:** The world's largest annual gathering of the biotechnology industry is once again coming to Boston in June 18-21, 2012., The 2012 convention, will attract more than 26,000 attendees from all over the world, will be hosted at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.
- **2012 Preview: Operation Sail 2012: Bicentennial Celebrations to commemorate the events of the War of 1812 and the creation of the Star-Spangled Banner come to Boston's historic port, July 4, 2012:** Events will be held in Boston and four other city's with historic ports: New York, Baltimore, Norfolk and New Orleans. OpSail and the U.S. Navy will bring tall ships, naval vessels and the Blue Angels flight demonstration team to each city, ending the **celebrations in Boston on July 4, 2012.** Operation Sail was established 50 years ago, in 1961 with the endorsement of President John F. Kennedy. The JFK Presidential Library and Museum is located on Boston's Columbia Point waterfront. <http://www.opsail.org/>
- **2012 marks the 50th birthday of the first computer game "SpaceWar!" at MIT:** It was in 1962 when a young computer programmer from MIT, Steve Russell fueled with inspiration from the writings of E. E. "Doc" Smith, led the team that created the first computer game in **MIT's Building 20** (demolished in 1997-now the Stata Center). . It took the team about 200 man-hours to write the first version of *Spacewar*. There is currently no event planned to celebrate the invention of e-mail. However, visitors can tour the MIT Museum to learn about the evolution of internet, e mail & 20th-21st innovation in Boston.
- **2013 Preview: Opening of 'new' Harvard Art Museum by Renzo Piano & 50th birthday of next door LeCorbusier Carpenter Center:** Currently under construction the world-renowned architect Renzo Piano is combining the three distinctive Harvard art museums — the Fogg, Busch-Reisinger, and Arthur M. Sackler museums — in one facility- The Harvard Art Museum .The renovation will restore the original Fogg Museum building and its iconic central courtyard while constructing a new wing of galleries for the Busch-Reisinger Museum and the Sackler Museum. ***During construction visitors can view many of the greatest works from the museums' collections at the Sackler Museum located at Quincy Street & Broadway, across the street from the Fogg Museum.*** The Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, at Harvard University, completed in 1963, is the only building on the North American continent designed by the famous Swiss-born architect Le Corbusier. Le Corbusier felt that a building devoted to the visual arts must be an experience of freedom and unbound creativity. ***The Carpenter is open daily-visitors can tour the building by walking along ramp that cuts through the Center.***

