

Cummings North Shore News

CUMMINGS CENTER / DUNHAM RIDGE

Grant Opportunities, Cummings News, Friendly Reminders, and more!

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Grant Opportunity

The Baker-Polito Administration has announced a **new \$50.8 million grant program** to help small businesses adversely impacted by the pandemic. Depending on their size, businesses can receive up to \$75,000 for expenses such as rent, staffing, and utilities.

Applications will be accepted through **noon on November 12**. Eligible firms are encouraged to apply sooner rather than later. More information and the application portal are available [online](#). Clients may also wish to [read the official press announcement](#).

In The News

French-owned flavor company **PROVA** was recently featured in a [Boston Business Journal spotlight](#) for its upgraded, state-of-the-art US headquarters at Dunham Ridge. The firm, which specializes in crafting sweet brown flavor extracts, moved to Dunham Ridge for both the expansive laboratory space and the positive effect such open spaces will have on research. "With this facility, it's like the lab is front and center," said Julia DeCruz, PROVA's head of R&D in the US. "It's beautiful space, very light, very open. That really does play into one's creativity."



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Bill Cummings was recently a featured (virtual) speaker at **Duke University**. Check out [the recording](#) to hear about Cummings Foundation's unconventional approach to philanthropy, which involves empowering more than 100 volunteers to determine the majority of recipients of a total of \$25 million each year. Over nearly a decade, Bill and his wife, **Joyce**, have developed a process that draws on the rich diversity and vast expertise of the greater Boston business and nonprofit communities. Viewers will

learn about the evolution of this unique volunteer model and the thought process behind relinquishing such a substantial amount of control over their charitable giving.

Super Smart Students

Cummings Center and Dunham Ridge are home to a variety of businesses, including daycare and day program providers. Please keep your neighbors in mind when looking for childcare options.

Aspire Learning Center

100 Cummings Center, Suite 135-C; 978-473-7300

Bright Horizons

100 Cummings Center, Suite 145-G; 978-922-4252

Montessori Kids Universe Beverly

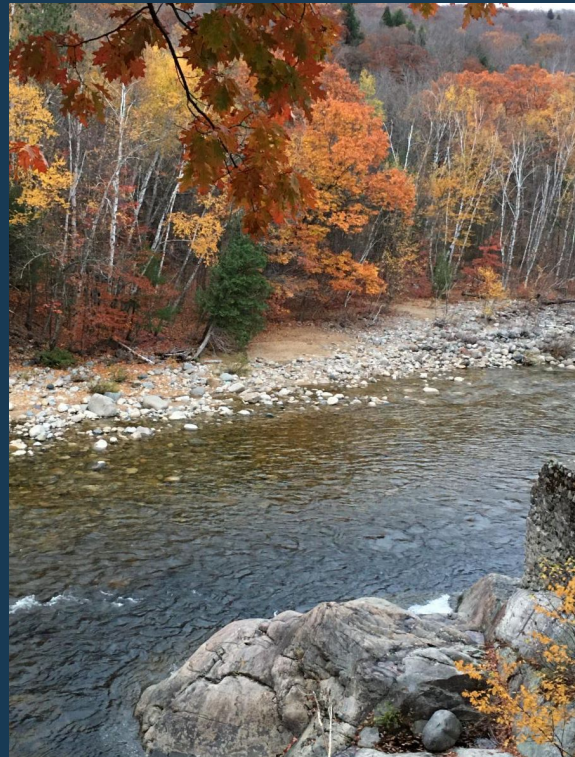
600 Cummings Center, Suite 171-X; 978-998-7808

Friendly Reminder

Plumbing Hint: Why is there sometimes an odor emanating from the bathroom floor drain? The most common reason is that the “trap” in the floor drain has no water in it. Most restrooms on upper floors of the buildings have floor drains designed to collect water in the event of a toilet overflow or leak. These drains are plumbed with a trap, which must always have water inside it to prevent sewer smells from escaping up through the drain. Mopping pushes water into the drain and, when done on a regular basis, will typically prevent unpleasant smells. A more proactive measure to prevent the trap from drying up would be to occasionally pour a cup of water into the floor drain, sometimes adding an ounce or two of vegetable oil or mineral oil to keep the water from evaporating.

Simple Smiles

Simple Smiles is a community bulletin board of sorts to help everyone start the week off learning, imagining, and smiling. We are inviting all North Shore News readers to submit photos of something or some place that they find interesting, informative, or exciting. Please refrain from sharing photos that feature people.



Call for Submissions



We want to hear from you! Do you have news or a great photo to share? Is there a special you'd like to offer to Cummings clients? Email your news, offers, and photos to Helen at newsbrief@cummings.com.

Shoe Snippets

Fun facts about the historic Cummings Center site, formerly known as "The Shoe"

In 1933, *Fortune* magazine featured an article highlighting United Shoe Machinery Company's (USMC) then-innovative policy on equipment: The manufacturer would simply lease the relevant tools rather than outright selling them. This approach was "based on the principle that if you can save a man \$10 and charge him \$2 for the service, it does him no harm if you made a good profit on the \$2." The company's monopolistic leasing system assured USMC of a steady income, it said, for as long as shoes continued to be made.

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