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Orient Heights T station reopening

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The Orient Heights subway station on the MBTA's Blue Line is scheduled to reopen Tuesday after being closed for the past eight months while work was done on a \$51 million project to overhaul the East Boston station, officials said. Work on the construction project is not scheduled to wrap up until the spring. The project aims to modernize and make fully accessible Orient Heights Station, which had deteriorated over its 60-year history. The station will feature a new overhead pedestrian bridge, four elevators, two escalators, new mechanical and power systems, a renovated train operations building, new platforms, and improvements to the bus access areas. Components of the project are required to bring the station into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as with state codes and MBTA standards.

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Road closed after 6-foot icicle drops, smashes car window

A street in Chelsea was closed Sunday afternoon when a 6-foot icicle fell three stories from a house, smashing a car's back window, fire officials said. The icicle fell about 3 p.m. near 9 Second Street, forcing authorities to shut down the road for several hours from Broadway to Cherry Street while the owner was called to remove more icicles dangling from the house, Chelsea Fire Captain Mike Thompson said. Authorities also briefly closed sidewalks near Pembroke and Beacon streets Sunday afternoon because of icicles.

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The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is warning residents about displaced, agitated bears due to the fickle winter. A lack of snow exposes dens and winter rain can make bears uncomfortable and restless, both factors that can cause them to awaken and abandon their dens, said Bear Project Leader Forrest Hammond. The department said it has received reports of bears at bird feeders, in residential areas and in the back country. A bear is reported to have killed a hunter's beagle in Elmore. Disrupted bears sometimes produce nests of spruce boughs in dense evergreen thickets so hare and rabbit hunters should be extra wary of these areas, the department said.

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