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tasty treats

One of our favorite Beantown cupcake shops, Sweet (Sweet Cupcakes.com), just opened a new downtown location on School Street. The sweetest things about their cupcakes? They're baked daily and have no trans fats!

precious gems

Customized stones are all over the Boston bridal scene. If you're looking for a one-of-a-kind wedding band or a special accessory to complement your dress, check out **Gemvara.com**, a Boston-based online jeweler specializing in unique colored gems.

big moves

Ever since it opened, we've been fans of First Date Boutique (ShopFirstDate.com) for bridesmaid dresses, cool shower gifts and chic bridal accessories. So we're psyched the store moved to a bigger locale at The Bridal Center in Andover.

tan to-go

Achieving that natural-looking bridal glow can be tricky, but the pros at Envy Boston (EnvyBoston.com) have customized tan blends designed to match your complexion. They'll even come to your house for a lastminute spray sesh.

one-stop shop

The Pink Polka Dot (PinkPolkaDotEvents .com), a premier planning boutique in Cape Cod, has moved into a larger space that now doubles as a bridal shop selling favors, welcome gifts, accessories, invitation and more.

new venues

SEA CREST BEACH HOTEL SeaCrestBeachHotel.com

This Cape Cod fixture recently finished a \$15 million renovation that added fresh, wedding-friendly amenities. Think: a fire pit (great for late-night s'mores), a courtyard overlooking the beach (perfect for a ceremony) and modern décor.

THE STONE HOUSE

StoneHouse1854.com

Recent restorations to this charming mansion have maintained its original Italianate style—rustic stone walls, circular staircases—while adding an ocean-view banquet room and outdoor terrace (ideal for alfresco cocktails).

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON MFA.org

Art lovers take note: After massive renovations, the Museum of Fine Arts is now open again for weddings. We love the Ruth and Carl J. Shapiro Family Courtyard, a beautiful glass-enclosed space with a sky-high ceiling.

METROPOLITAN

WATERWORKS MUSEUM

WaterworksMuseum.orf

For a unique space that won't look anything at all like your friends' weddings, check out this 19th-century pumping station turned museum, which recently started hosting private events.