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Civil War re-enactors from the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment are seen at the Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial on the Boston Common.

Restoration work on Shaw 54th Memorial now underway

By Dan Murphy

Work on the \$2.8 million facelift of the Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial on the Boston Common, which pays tribute to the first Northern black volunteer infantry unit enlisted to fight in the Civil War, kicked off the last Wednesday, May 20.

The bas-relief memorial, which sits inside the Common on the corner of Beacon and Park streets,

was created by venerable American sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens and installed in 1897. It is being restored through a partnership, including the City of Boston, National Park Service, Friends of the Public Garden, the Museum of African American History and the Friends of the Public Garden, which filed a work and safety plan that was approved by the city to begin construction under the Phase I reopening guidelines

issued in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the project, around 900 feet of interpretative signage created by Visual Dialogue and printed by Boston Building Wrap, Inc., will be installed along the fences around the construction site that tell the story of the Civil War, the 54th Regiment and the Memorial, and include images

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Still Hopeful

Church on the Hill unsure of when on-site services will resume

By Dan Murphy

While places of worship have been allowed to reopen under Phase 1 of Gov. Charlie Baker's four-part plan for Massachusetts, Church on the Hill won't be holding on-site religious services any time too soon.

"We have a little, tiny chapel, and I'd hate for us to be responsi-

ble for getting someone sick," said Rev. Kevin Baxter, pastor of the church at 140 Bowdoin St. "Some churches that are big can follow all the state requirements, but it's really hard for us to maintain social distancing."

Many members of the congregation are considered high-risk, making the choice to reopen that much more difficult, and that deci-

sion now lies with the church's Governance Board, which meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

"If for some reason we do reopen, the earliest would be by late June or early July, but I'm doubtful that they'll do that," Rev. Baxter said. "People are hopeful now that we'll be back in

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Artu to permanently shutter Charles Street location May 30

By Dan Murphy

Artu will permanently close its 89 Charles St. location on Saturday, May 30, making it the first restaurant in the neighborhood to fall casualty during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We wish to thank each and every one of you for your patronage and friendship over our 25-year tenure on Beacon Hill," reads a posting from the establishment's ownership on Instagram. "The journey has been most memorable. From birthdays [and] engagements to anniversaries and more it has been our honor to be a part of the most special occasions for you and your families."

Artu opened on Charles Street in 1995 and had gone on to become one of the most enduring restaurants in the neighborhood.

But at only 20 seats at maximum capacity, and with the exorbitant fees it is now paying third-party delivery services, the business was no longer sustainable, said Gianni Frattaroli, general manager of both Artu's Beacon Hill and North End locations, and whose family owns and operates those two restaurants, as well as il Molo, also in the North End, and Victory Point in Quincy's Marina Bay.

"It was time for Charles Street to no longer exist," Frattaroli said. "Beacon Hill is a great community, and the people are really friendly, but with only 20 seats there, we can't do that with much [with the restaurant]."

Still, Frattaroli said his family is "luck in the sense" that their other three restaurants, including the

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A MEMORIAL DAY TRADITION ON THE COMMON ENDURES



City of Boston Veteran Services

Volunteers planted 1,000 American flags overnight to commemorate Memorial Day at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the Boston Common.

The annual tradition, which dates back to 2010 and is organized by the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund, typically includes the planting of more than 37,000 flags on the Common to represent every Massachusetts service member who died defending their country since the Revolutionary War. This year, however, far fewer flags were erected six feet apart from each other in keeping with social distancing.

For the latest news in Beacon Hill that you need to know, check www.beaconhilltimes.com

Walsh gives coronavirus updates; announces Reopen Boston Fund

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Marty Walsh held a press conference on Tuesday, where he updated Bostonians on how the city is moving forward with the COVID-19 crisis.

As of May 26, Boston had 12,521 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and 622 people had died.

Governor Charlie Baker announced that the Boston Hope medical center set up at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in South Boston would no longer be accepting new patients as of Tuesday. Walsh said that Boston Hope is currently serving 36 patients, and the facility will remain open until the last patient is discharged. The 1,000 bed facility was set up in a matter of days and was up and running to serve patients beginning on April 10.

"Boston Hope has been the most significant event ever held at the convention center," Walsh said. "It truly is a great Boston story and will be told for years to come."

Walsh said the hope is to not have to open Boston Hope again. "We're not on the other side of the virus yet," he said. "I think it's incumbent upon all of us now to do the distancing and the hand washing so we don't have to open

Boston Hope again. It's within our ability to stop that second surge."

He said that although "we're moving in the right direction," he said he saw some "concerning behavior" over the Memorial Day weekend. Walsh warned residents that there is a two week lag between infection and positive test results. It's still important to keep washing your hands, wearing a face covering, as well as physically distance from others, he said.

"It's important to keep educating ourselves and how the science applies to reopening," Walsh said. He said that people have to "understand the risks and minimize them as much as possible," especially as offices are set to reopen on June 1. Factors like air flow and ventilation, as well as how many people are in a space and how much time is spent in a space are all important ones to consider.

"I certainly understand that none of this is easy," he said, but it's "certainly not a time to let up."

Walsh also talked about supporting local businesses, and said that the City is continuing to host workshops and deliver resources to small businesses across Boston. "In the City of Boston, we'll continue to provide the facts in multiple languages and on multiple platforms," Walsh said, as well as continue to make testing available

where it is needed.

The City has also launched a webpage to support local businesses and provide them resources.

So far the City of Boston has \$7.5 million in the Small Business Relief Fund, and \$4 million has already been distributed to 1100 small businesses, 95 percent of them with 15 or fewer employees.

\$6 MILLION REOPEN

BOSTON FUND

Walsh announced on Tuesday the creation of a \$6 million Reopen Boston Fund, which is a debt-free grant program to help small businesses put safety measures in place as they begin to reopen. Funds from this grant could be used to purchase things like personal protective equipment, install safety partitions, and manage outdoor spaces approved for business use.

Walsh said that the funds will be released in three rounds that correspond to the state's reopening phases. Applications for Phase One will open Thursday, May 28 at 5pm and information sheets will be available in multiple languages. For more information, visit boston.gov/reopen-fund.

"We know how much small businesses mean to our community," Walsh said. He added that the City is also aiming to create more opportunities for local minority and women contractors to install safety materials for businesses.

He also reminded businesses that just because they are allowed to reopen doesn't mean they have to. He said they will continue to receive resources and guidance from the City, even if they choose to keep their doors shut for now. He said there are also options for employees if they feel they are being pressured into unsafe situations.

OTHER UPDATES

Walsh was asked on Tuesday about a range of different subjects from public pools to summer camps to pro sports coming back to the City.

He said that if pro sports teams do come back soon, "it will be different than what we're used to," with players most likely playing in empty stadiums. He said he would keep the public updated with any news on that front.

When asked about restaurants asking for the ability to serve cocktails with their takeout meals, Walsh said that he "would allow restaurants to sell cocktails to go," but he understands that it would require changes to the legislation to do so.

He said that he's in "regular conversation with the state" about things like public pools, which, according to the state's reopening plan, would be allowed to open in Phase Two. He said he's "looking forward to learning" more spe-

cifics about what opening pools would entail, as details have yet to be released about guidelines for public pools.

For summer jobs in Boston, Walsh said that the City is "actively working for the best ways to bring the most opportunities to our young people." He said he does "intend on having summer jobs here in the City," but he is unclear on the specifics of what they would be or how they would work.

Walsh said that the hope is to reopen colleges and universities this coming fall, but it's "still a little too early" to provide any specifics on what that might look like. He said that specifics on things like housing and transportation accommodations still have to be discussed further.

"I think there's always a safe way to do things," he said. He said he is on "several calls a week" with the bigger universities as well as the commuter schools. Walsh said that it's hard to tell where the City will be with COVID-19 cases in the fall, so there are a lot of questions that have not yet been answered. Some schools, like Boston University, have announced testing protocol that they would use.

"The intention is to open in the fall; I hope we can do that," he said.

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of handwritten letters from Col. Shaw and enlistment signs recruiting black men to the cause, as well as photos of the men who served in the infantry unit.

"Our parks have the largest concentration of public art in the city, and at a time when museums are closed, this is going to be an incredible exhibit without walls," said Liz Vizza, executive director of the Friends group.

The signage also contains QR codes that allow visitors to dial up

an "augmented reality" (AR) app to enjoy an interactive experience featuring three narrators telling the stories of the 54th Regiment, as well as the creation of the monument and its history, Vizza said.

Staging and site preparation will continue for several weeks, followed by restoration work, led by Louis C. Allegrone Construction, and with support from design consultant Silman Structural Engineers. All stone and bronze elements, including the centerpiece

bronze sculpture, will be removed from the plaza level up and taken offsite to a conservation studio, where new waterproofing will be installed under the plaza's brick. A new concrete foundation will be built under the bronze, which will then be pinned to the marble structure that surrounds it.

Vizza said it would take weeks before the monument's elements are moved off site and another five or six months until completion of

the project, which is expected in November.

"We'll have a rededication ceremony for the monument in 2021, but we don't know when yet," Vizza said.

Michael Creasey, Superintendent of National Parks of Boston, said he is pleased that the construction phase of the project has commenced.

"It's especially meaningful as the launch aligns so neatly with

two significant anniversaries: the mustering out of the MA 54th Regiment under the command of Robert Gould Shaw on May 28, 1863 and the original unveiling of the Memorial on May 31, 1897," Creasey wrote. "Since its unveiling, the Shaw Memorial has been a beacon of hope and a rallying point for conversations about race, justice and human rights - issues core to who we are as a people and a nation."

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September, but there's no decision yet."

Rev. Baxter expects services at Church on the Hill would likely resume during Phase 3 when bars, casinos, gyms, museums and others in the entertainment and arts industries can reopen statewide.

"If people start eating in restaurants again, then we'd consider reopening," he said.

Unlike the Catholic Church where Communion and other religious sacraments are considered

essential and must be administered in person, Church on the Hill doesn't consider in-person meetings essential. But this also means that Sunday School and Coffee Hours, which Rev. Baxter describes as the "community aspect of church," are also now on hold.

"The community aspect is really important part of what it means to be a church," Rev. Baxter said.

In the meantime, Rev. Baxter said Church on the Hill is actively

engaging its congregation remotely via Zoom and by reaching out to members over the phone, and the church also donated around \$100,000 last month to community groups to help with their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We're actively contributing to other nonprofits that have their boots on the ground," Rev. Baxter said.

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Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER


The corner detail in the last clue is on The Wyndham Boston Beacon Hill at 5 Blossom Street. It was built as a Holiday Inn in 1967 and was designed by Architect William W. Bond, Jr. who created the plans for a number of hotels in this era.

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE


EDITORIAL

AMERICANS WILL SURVIVE WITHOUT BACON DOUBLE-CHEESEBURGERS

The decision of the federal government to invoke the Defense Production Act to order meat-processing plants to reopen raises a number of issues about the use of the act for this purpose.

First and foremost, the order ignores the reality that meat-processing plants continue to be hot-spots for the spread of the coronavirus, placing the safety and lives of workers, their families, and their communities at high risk for contracting and spreading the disease. Despite the best efforts of meat processors over the past two months to improve worker safety, the coronavirus continues to explode among workers in this industry. The invocation of the Defense Production Act does nothing to address this issue.

Second, we certainly sympathize with the livestock farmers who have been forced to euthanize their animals, placing these farmers on the edge of bankruptcy. But their economic losses are easily-calculable and should be recompensed by the federal government.

By contrast, what has been more disturbing in our view has been the destruction of fruits and vegetables by farmers who normally supply the restaurant business. Why hasn't the federal government come up with a plan to purchase those foods and distribute them to the millions of needy Americans who are lining up, literally for miles, for distributions from food banks?

Third however, there is an even more basic question: Why has meat production been deemed an essential industry?

We raise this question for a simple reason: The American diet, which relies more heavily on meat than any other nation in the world, has been a major contributor to the death toll in our country for persons under the age of 60 who have contracted the coronavirus.

According to researchers, a person's body mass index -- whether someone is overweight -- is a crucial factor in the ability of an individual to fight the disease. In addition, individuals who consume a lot of animal protein are more likely to suffer from the pre-existing conditions of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and kidney failure that place them at high risk for a fatal outcome if they should contract the coronavirus.

Americans --- who annually consume an astonishing average of 222 pounds of meat per person -- can obtain their protein in many other ways, whether from fish and shellfish or the new food products (such as the Impossible Burger and Beyond Meat) that actually are good for our health.

Finally, we would add that less meat production benefits our environment, thereby reducing air pollution, which is another plus for our nation's overall health. We're sure many of our readers will be surprised to learn that the production of meat and dairy, particularly from cows, contributes enormously to climate change, with livestock accounting for almost 15 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions each year -- roughly the same amount as all of the cars, trucks, airplanes, and ships in the world combined.

In conclusion, the federal government needs to take immediate action to ensure that farmers' fruit and vegetable products do not go to waste at a time when many Americans are in financial distress and in need of food. On the other hand, meat-processing plants should be allowed to reopen only when those facilities are safe for workers.

In the meantime, if the coronavirus changes the typical American's eating habits -- from less bacon, hot dogs, etc., to more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains -- that's a good thing, both for the present and future health of our nation.

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WHEN YOU'RE AT THE BEACH, BE SURE YOU'RE OUT OF REACH

GUEST OP-ED

Filling out the U.S. Census is an effective and safe way to support your community right now

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Every 10 years, the Federal government conducts a Census, counting every person living in all 50 states, Washington D.C., and five U.S. territories. This is more than just a headcount; the Census determines everything from representation in Congress, to Federal funds for schools, affordable housing, infrastructure, and healthcare programs.

As Boston continues to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and work towards an equitable recovery, Federal funding will play a key role in providing relief for our small business owners, veterans, renters, our healthcare sector, and more. Much of the recovery aid that Washington will allocate is based on our population's size determined by the Census. Filling out the 2020 Census is a great way to support healthcare workers, first responders, and other people on the front lines from the safety of your home. It will also help Boston respond to future emergencies by increasing data accuracy and Federal dollars for community health centers and hospitals.

Data from the 2010 Census

shows that for every Massachusetts resident who doesn't fill out the Census, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts misses out on more than \$2,300 in Federal funding. That's a significant loss for our communities, including our students, our older adults, our residents experiencing homelessness, and other vulnerable groups. In 2015, Massachusetts received more than \$16 billion for crucial programs and services such as Medicaid and Medicare, SNAP and free school lunch programs, Section 8 Vouchers, public education, and childcare programs for low-income families like Head Start. We need everyone in the city to participate in this year's Census so we can continue to support and improve these programs.

Many of Boston's communities are at risk of an undercount. Almost 60 percent of the city's population lives in census tracts that have historically been undercounted, and this year, we want to change that. The Census is a means to increase community power. Boston recognizes how vital each resident is to our social fabric, the 2020 Census makes sure the Federal government does too.

I want to assure everyone in

Boston that responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by Federal law. Answers can only be used to produce statistics, and the Census Bureau cannot share your personal information with anyone-- not to law enforcement, and not to your landlord. You will not be asked about your immigration status, and answers will not affect any public benefits you receive.

The Census is very easy to complete. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire online at my2020census.gov. You can also fill it out over the phone in 13 different languages. The phone number is listed on the website. Everyone counts equally in our democracy, and everyone deserves to be seen, heard, and invested in--- regardless of your age, background, housing status, how much money you make, where you were born, or any other characteristic. The 2020 Census is an example of direct democracy in action, and I urge all Bostonians to take part.

For more information on the 2020 Census and the City's outreach efforts to ensure a fair and complete count, please visit <https://www.boston.gov/2020-census>.

Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.

BHAC approves application for renovation of the Athenaeum's south balcony

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission approved an application as submitted for the renovation of the Boston Athenaeum's south balcony during a virtual hearing on Thursday, May 21.

The applicant, Matthew Bronski, a principal with the Waltham engineering firm Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, said the scope of the project includes removing existing waterproofing and slate paving from the balconies at the second- and fifth-floor levels at 10½ Beacon St. facing the Old Granary Burying Ground and replacing them with new waterproofing and non-slip bluestone paving. The proposed work also includes the replacement of non-original existing railings on the second- and fifth floors with equivalent railings that would be

up to code, as well as the installation of a new copper gutter on the fifth floor.

The commission approved an extensive renovation of the Athenaeum's north façade and terrace at its previous monthly hearing, which was held virtually on April 16.

In a matter continued from September of 2018, the commission approved the applicant's to plan to construct an interior staircase at a two-story carriage house owned by the Park Street School at 55-57 Brimmer St., as well as planned changes to the design of the faux carriage house doors on the adjoining one-story garage while denying the proposed window reconfiguration and additions on the garage building to preserve the integrity of the historic building.

The Park Street School intends to convert the garage into a sci-

ence lab and classroom while the former single-family residence upstairs would be repurposed as a meeting room and administrative offices.

On an application for a building owned by the Park Street Church at 3 Park St. to replace insulated glass in kind; to replace an existing intercom system; and to replace an existing copper chimney-cap with a vented copper chimney-cap to restore the chimney to its original use, the commission gave its approval, with the provisos that the chimney cap be made of copper and not painted black, and that the modern intercom system be housed inside a brass box in keeping with the character of the neighborhood's Historic District.

The commission also approved an application for 19 Myrtle St. to remove existing panel antennas at the roof level and replace them with new ones of similar size

while painting them to match the existing structure, with the proviso that the antennas be housed inside a fiberglass screen enclosure painted the same color as the existing structure, and that the applicant submit drawings of the enclosure to staff for approval.

In another matter, the commission approved an application for 34 West Cedar St. to repair and repaint trim in kind, and to repair and replace slate in kind at the dormer level, with the proviso that the applicant provide a sample of new slate to staff for approval, and that the entire dormer be clad in slate for consistency with the district standards.

In considering an application for the installation of a new gas line at the front façade garden level at 41 Beacon St., the commission approved it, with the proviso that the connection is made beneath the building to avoid penetrating

any granite walls, and that the applicant submit drawings showing a trellis wood screen painted grey to staff for approval. The applicant will also need to provide a letter from the city indicating that the location of the gas meter is the only possible option, and that it can't be installed inside the building.

The commission also approved an application to install new street numbers on the Archer Residences at 45 Temple St., with the proviso that the numbers not exceed 12.5 inches in size and match the material and color of the adjacent window mullions.

Meanwhile, the commission approved an application to install an alarm bell in the entryway of the front door at 54 Pinckney St., with the proviso that it be painted black or dark grey if permitted by the Boston Fire Department.

Baker provides updates on state's response to COVID-19

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Baker held a press conference on Tuesday where he provided some updates on the state's response to COVID-19.

He said that as of Monday, more than 540,000 tests have been performed in Massachusetts, and the state "remains a top 5 player" per capita in the country for testing. He said that they are looking to bring more mobile and site based vendors to the state to increase testing even further.

With Phase One of the Commonwealth's reopening plan now underway, Baker said that residents across the state "have a responsibility" to continue doing things like socially distance, wear face masks, wash hands often, and disinfect surfaces.

"The progress that we've made is only made possible by everyone's willingness to do their part," he said. Right now, Baker said that the public health numbers are trending in the right direction, but he has said at previous press

conferences that if numbers begin to rise again, the state could go back a phase and re-implement restrictions that have been lifted.

Baker said on Tuesday that after having "daily conversations with the healthcare community," many of the field hospitals that have been erected across the state have "begun to close."

One such hospital is the 1,000 bed Boston Hope medical center, which was set up in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in the Seaport. Over the past several weeks, more than 700 COVID-19 patients have been treated on the hospital side, and has served many people on the homeless side as well.

Baker announced that as of Tuesday, in conjunction with Mayor Marty Walsh and the City of Boston, Boston Hope is suspending acceptance of new patients. The facility will continue to care for the patients who are there right now until they are discharged, and the beds will remain throughout the summer "should

we need it," Baker said.

Baker also talked about food security in the Commonwealth. Last week, the Baker-Polito Administration announced a \$56 million program to "combat urgent food insecurity for some Massachusetts families and individuals as a result of COVID-19," according to the state. Many people across the state have found themselves struggling for the first time with food insecurity, while others have been dealing with it for a very long time and COVID-19 has only exacerbated the situation.

The Food Security Task Force was created "in response to increased demands for food assistance," the state said, and this funding was "consistent with the findings" of the task force. The task force is made up of "a broad group of public and private members charged with ensuring food insecurity and food supply needs are addressed during the COVID-19 public health emergency," according to the state.

This "funding will jumpstart some of the Task Force's new recommendations to address urgent needs and food supply chain issues," Baker said on Tuesday. "Increasing food security is essential to protecting the health of the people of Massachusetts."

The program includes \$36 million for a food security infrastructure grant program, as well as \$5 million to increase the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP), which includes access to local produce and will increase places that accept SNAP and HIP benefits.

Massachusetts implements PEUC

The state announced May 21 that Massachusetts residents who are eligible for the federal CARES Act and qualify for having exhausted their regular unemployment compensation may now receive the new Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC).

The launch of this program marks the third and final benefit available for the Commonwealth through the CARES Act.

PEUC provides up to 13 additional weeks of benefits to an individual who has exhausted all rights to any regular unemployment compensation and who meets other eligibility requirements of the CARES Act. PEUC will automatically begin for individuals who have been receiving regular standard unemployment benefits on an active claim and those benefits are exhausted, and those individuals do not have to take any further action.

If an individual's standard unemployment claim has expired, they must file a new standard claim. If the individual is monetarily eligible on the new standard claim, regardless of the benefit rate amount, they will receive benefits from that new claim. Otherwise, the individual will be eligible for

PEUC on the prior claim and it will be automatically implemented.

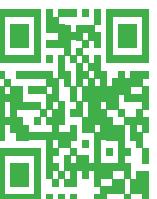
Individuals who exhausted their standard benefits but were receiving benefits through Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) must apply to claim weekly benefits. Residents should apply through the standard unemployment benefits portal available here.

Those receiving PEUC will also receive \$600 weekly through the week ending July 25, 2020, provided by the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program established by the CARES Act.

The CARES Act signed into law on March 27, 2020, established the PEUC, PUA and FPUC public benefit programs that expanded unemployment eligibility, temporarily increases weekly benefits for all claimants and allows additional categories of people to claim unemployment benefits. This is the largest expansion of assistance for the Commonwealth's workforce since the Great Depression.

More information about Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation can be found at mass.gov/peuc.

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Travel at home with GreatAmericanTreasures.org

By Katherine Bergholtz

The William Hickling Prescott House Museum at 55 Beacon St. is part of a remarkable collection of more than 60 historical properties known as "Great American Treasures" which are featured this month in a new website of the same name. The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America created the Great American Treasures website presenting Society properties. These treasures are spread from one corner of America to the other, and both together and individually they tell the story of How AMERICA became AMERICA. These properties offer an intimate, authentic glimpse into how Americans lived, loved, worked, cooked, decorated, and socialized as they created a brand-new country.

The Prescott House at 55 Beacon Street and the adjoining home at 54 Beacon were built in 1808 for the merchant James Smith Colburn and later became the home of the 19th-century historian William Hickling Prescott. These Federal period twin townhouses designed by Asher Benjamin overlook the Boston Common. Walking by, it is hard to miss Prescott House with its bow-front windows, Doric columns, elaborate iron balconies and ornamental balustrade above its facade. The preserved interior, period furniture and decorative arts present a glimpse into life in the 1800s. The iconic stairway, parlor and landing are featured in "Little Women," the recently released film adaption by Greta Gerwig of Louisa May Alcott's classic novel.

By going to GreatAmericanTreasures.org, you can learn about every single one of these historical sites. You can also find the properties that suit your interests, your location, your travel plans and the needs of your traveling companions. Great American Treasures have also been curated into five collections, making it easier for you to discover the ones you most want to see. The collections are: The Colonial Continent, Homes for a New Nation, Greek Revival Everywhere, West Across the Continent and History on the Spot.

While historical sites generally focus on the famous, Great American Treasures features a full range of American heroes, scoundrels, pioneers, patriots and the everyday folk who made indelible contributions to the world we know. And, you can see them in their natural surroundings, not framed on a wall or standing



John Ames photo

The Prescott House parlor that was featured during the Moffat Ball in Greta Gerwig's "Little Women," which was released Christmas Day.

atop a pedestal. All 60+ properties—which are each linked to The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America—are operated independently of each other. But by joining together as Great American Treasures, they hope to make historical tourism more appealing, accessible and dynamic for the history buffs and those with a burgeoning interest in the authentic story of America.

Visit the William Hickling

Prescott House and the NSCDA-MA properties Quincy Homestead and Martin House Farm, as well as its other National Treasures on this new exciting website. Take a field trip to GreatAmericanTreasures.org and step back in time with us to appreciate the formation of our country and the families that contributed to the founding of our country.

Prescott House is on the

National Register of Historic Places and a National Historic Landmark. Normally open for tours in the summer visit our nscdama.org or the NSCDA-MA's Facebook page for schedule updates due to COVID-19.

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Rep. Livingstone remains committed to combatting food insecurity

By Dan Murphy

While State Rep. Jay Livingstone has long been committed to increasing food access in his district and throughout the Commonwealth, he is now more devoted to the cause than ever before as more Massachusetts residents find themselves struggling with food insecurity amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Food insecurity is an issue I've worked on for several years, and it's become a much more pressing issue now," he said. "In January, 9 percent of people [statewide] were food insecure, but now that number is estimated at 38 percent."

In response to this alarming trend, Rep. Livingstone has taken several initiatives to increase

access to food benefits, especially the federal SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), which is administered by the Department of Transitional Assistance to provide needy families with a supplemental food budget.

"The best food benefits are SNAP benefits," he said. "There are other programs like WIC [the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children], but SNAP provides overwhelmingly more support for families in need in the United States."

To this end, Rep. Livingstone filed an amendment to the Information Technology Bond bill, which passed in the state legislature last Wednesday, May 20, to provide \$5 million to create

a single application that would allow Massachusetts residents to simultaneously apply for SNAP and MassHealth.

"If you're eligible for MassHealth, chances are eligible for SNAP and vice versa, but around 1.5 million people receive MassHealth while only about 750,000 are receiving SNAP benefits," Rep. Livingstone explained. "That's the 'SNAP gap,' but if people were applying for MassHealth could apply for SNAP at the same time because they require the same information, more people would get that benefit."

Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, who serves as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, and Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo have been incredibly supportive of his efforts, Rep.

Livingstone said, and Sen. Sal DiDomenico has filed the same bill in the Senate, which if it passes there, will then go to Gov. Charlie Baker to sign into law.

But despite SNAP's many advantages, one major drawback of the program is that recipients must use their SNAP/EBT cards at the point of sale, which prevents them for ordering food online and picking it up at the store.

"Some of my constituents claimed they had immune issues, and that their doctors told them not to go to the grocery store so they couldn't access benefits," Rep. Livingstone said. "One of the first things I realized was other states are in a pilot program that allows [their SNAP recipients] to order food online and have it delivered."

In April, Rep. Livingstone drafted a letter he sent to 42 colleagues asking the Gov. Baker to request a waiver on restrictions on the SNAP program. The Governor responded two days later and told Rep. Livingstone he would request the waiver within a week. The federal government has since approved the request, and the Department of Transitional Assistance is now working with the vendor to begin offering the expanded SNAP service in Massachusetts.

Moreover, Rep. Livingstone filed an additional amendment to the IT bill requesting a \$500,000 grant for grocery stores in the Commonwealth to purchase equipment to make curbside options possible.

ARTU (from pg. 1)

North End location of Artu, which has a similar menu and operates from noon to 11 p.m. Monday to Wednesday and Thursday to Sunday noon to midnight, will remain open.

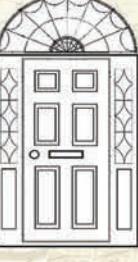
And since Frattaroli said his family is holding onto the liquor license for Artu's Charles Street location, which is only valid on Beacon Hill, he said they would return to the neighborhood with a

new restaurant.

"We're looking to be back on Beacon Hill in the future," he said. "We're just looking for the right opportunity."



Artu at 89 Charles St., which closes permanently May 30.



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Beacon Hill Civic Association hold 98th annual meeting

*Remarks by Robert A. Whitney,
President*

Good evening and welcome to our first ever virtual Annual Meeting! I'm Rob Whitney, the President of the Beacon Hill Civic Association, and it is my great honor to be with all of you this evening in celebration of our historic organization but also in sober reflection on the extreme suffering and difficulties that our neighbors and friends on Beacon Hill - as well as people everywhere - are facing right now.

As we as an organization continue to respond to this challenging "COVID-19" pandemic, concern for the health of our members, the residents of Beacon Hill, the general public, and our staff is our top priority. Our sympathy and thoughts go out to the people who have been affected by this challenge and we appreciate all of the healthcare workers, local communities, and governments in Boston, in Massachusetts, in our nation and around the world who are on the front line working to contain COVID-19. We will look out for one another and help our neighbors in every way that we can.

The Beacon Hill Civic Association believes strongly in its mission to both protect and preserve the historic fabric of our neighborhood, as well to advocate on behalf of the quality of life for our residents of the community – and this mission absolutely includes serving the needs of all of our residents during these troubled times. This protection and advocacy is done through our strong committee structure. In addition to our focus on helping out our community during these difficult times, we have also moved forward with projects and programs that we have promised to pursue, and our work continues. Let me take you through the work of our team members in furtherance of our mission. We have a number of active committees that support all of you, from those committees that focus on historic preservation issues, and from those that focus on the quality of life issues of our neighborhood, to those that focus on bringing our community members together and to those that look forward to planning for the future of our neighborhood.

Our Architecture Committee's mission is to help maintain the architectural integrity of the historic district, by reviewing applications that are submitted to the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission to make changes to the exterior of buildings within Beacon Hill. The Committee has

worked hard this past year reviewing hundreds of applications, including those seeking to make changes both appropriate and not appropriate for the preservation of our historic district.

For example, the Architecture Committee reviewed the designs put forward by the architects and owners of the Beacon Hill Hotel & Bistro, offering constructive ways to improve proposed renovation work to better fit within our historic neighborhood. Also, with the advent of 5G new technologies and increased data usage, the Committee has continued to assist those that are seeking to build new cell towers and nodes within the historic district that would be minimally intrusive both in visual impact as well in proximity to neighbors. The Architecture Committee also offered constructive comments and suggestions concerning the preliminary renovation plans for 71 Charles Street – the former "Hungry I" – that the new building owners plan to turn into Charles Street's newest bookstore and café.

Our Zoning and Licensing Committee also had a very busy year, reviewing various applications for variances from the zoning code or seeking approval for new or transferred alcoholic beverage licenses that were brought before the Committee. The Committee provides a forum for community input into such applications, where neighborhood residents and project abutters can come and hear about a proposed project and ask questions of the project developers and participate in discussions about the relief sought.

The Zoning and Licensing Committee carefully reviewed these proposed projects, and in each case, required the project proponent to justify – if possible – each variance sought. Most recently, the Zoning and Licensing Committee held its first Zoom meeting to review proposed zoning variance requests concerning the proposed new bookstore on Charles Street.

While the Architecture Committee and the Zoning and Licensing Committee both primarily focus on the preservation and protection of the historic buildings and structures within our neighborhood, other committees focus on maintaining and protecting the quality of life of our community. The Streets and Sidewalks Committee works with our City government in helping to keep our streets and sidewalks clean and well maintained.

In partnership with the City, the Committee recently supported the

Collapsible Bin pilot project on the Hill, where the City provided collapsible plastic bins to residents on certain test streets on Beacon Hill to reduce access to the trash by rodents. The Committee hopes to continue with this pilot once the current situation improves sufficiently to be able to safely handle collapsible bins. The Committee has also continued discussions with the City on having manual sweepers help to clean up loose trash on Beacon Hill on a regular basis.

Our Planning Committee has continued its mission to initiate, monitor and oversee the Beacon Hill Civic Association's efforts on long range issues that will affect our neighborhood for years to come. The Planning Committee, in conjunction with the Street & Sidewalks Committee, this past year sponsored a "Town Hall" event for Beacon Hill residents to come together to question City officials about the City's new trash and recycling pickup contracts.

The Planning Committee also worked on the MGH development proposal for a large new building abutting Cambridge and Blossom Streets, including offering constructive feedback to the MGH leadership about possible changes to the proposal, incorporating our concerns with the long-standing traffic problems on Cambridge Street, and our desire to have the MGH facilities garage located on Garden Street converted into affordable housing.

In September 2019, in order to keep us all informed about local candidates for office, the Planning Committee, along with the Neighborhood Association of Back Bay and the West End Civic Association, sponsored a "Downtown Neighborhoods Candidates Forum" featuring the candidates for our local Eighth District City Councilor race that attracted over 120 attendees.

The Parks and Public Spaces Committee is charged with monitoring the condition of our neighborhood's greenspaces, primarily the Common, the Public Garden and the Esplanade. The Parks and Public Spaces Committee continues to work with the Friends of the Public Garden and the City on the development of the new master plan for Boston Common, and to locate sustainable spaces for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boston memorial, ensuring that the interests of all stakeholders are taken into account to improve the quality of life for all on Beacon Hill.

The Tree Committee, under new leadership, has revitalized the Beacon Hill Civic Association's

efforts to oversee the maintenance, watering and planting of trees throughout our Beacon Hill neighborhood. With an increased regard for the necessity of maintaining our neighborhood's tree cover, and the benefit that trees bring by helping us reduce the carbon footprint of our historic district, the Committee has recently begun a survey of the entire historic neighborhood's trees and tree pits. We will complete the survey later this summer, and create a database of our tree cover that will assist the Parks Department with a detailed map of the types and health of our trees, now and into the future.

The Events Committee hosted various events on the Hill that encouraged dialogue, civic engagement and connection. This past fall started with the Fall HillFest in September, and then we had "Halloween on the Hill." The Fall HillFest this year was planned to coincide with the first "Open Charles Street Day," a city-sponsored pedestrian only day for Charles Street that was organized by the Joint Charles Street Committee, a collaboration between the Beacon Hill Civic Association and the Beacon Hill Business Association.

The Gala Committee also worked very hard this past fall and early winter to plan and prepare for the 48th Annual Beacon Hill Civic Association Gala. The Gala, returning again to the Four Seasons Hotel, was a great success, and celebrated our Beacon Hill community of neighbors.

The Traffic and Parking Committee continued its important work this past year, with a continued focus on safety for residents and visitors to Beacon Hill. One continuing project involves working with the City on getting raised crosswalks at a number of dangerous intersections to reduce the speed of cars traversing the Hill. The Traffic and Parking Committee also has explored the possible expansion of bicycle lanes on the streets surrounding Beacon Hill and methods for lessening the impact of cars using navigation systems such as "Waze" to cross Beacon Hill streets to avoid traffic lights on Cambridge, Beacon and Charles Streets.

These and the many other committees that make up the Beacon Hill Civic Association have worked hard this past year to improve the quality of life of our neighborhood residents. In closing, I'd like to highlight several of the other long-range programs that the Beacon Hill Civic Association has worked on this past year to benefit our

community.

For several years now, the Beacon Hill Civic Association has collaborated with the City of Boston to increase access throughout the historic neighborhood for persons with disabilities. This past year, the City has rebuilt the sidewalks at various intersections on the Hill to increase accessibility for those persons with mobility disabilities and well as those persons with visual disabilities, including along Beacon Street, Charles Street, Walnut Street, Joy Street and Mt. Vernon Street.

This coming summer, the City is hoping to continue these efforts on several other streets on Beacon Hill, including West Cedar Street. This continuing project will make Beacon Hill even more accessible well into the future, which the Beacon Hill Civic Association welcomes and fully supports.

This past year, the Beacon Hill Civic Association launched a new "Beacon Hill Community Fund" grant program that will award over the coming years, thousands of dollars each year to deserving applicants to help finance projects and programs that promote and enhance the quality of life in our Beacon Hill and neighboring communities. At the Civic Association's annual Holiday Board of Directors Meeting held this past December at the Athenaeum, the Civic Association awarded \$22,500 to first six grant recipients: We look forward to continuing this new program in the coming years, particularly in these difficult times, so that we can help out as much as possible, our non-profit neighbors.

Finally, I'd like to note the efforts of the Civic Association – and in particular its Executive Director and staff – in working so hard to keep our neighborhood informed of the COVID-19 pandemic issues around the clock. We have strived to keep our members informed of the City and state directives and recommendations to ensure that the members of our community and the general public remain healthy and safe, while the Beacon Hill Civic Association continues to serve the needs of the residents of Beacon Hill, as we have done for almost 100 years.

In this regard, we reached out to our Beacon Hill neighbors and asked children to make cards for the seniors living at Beacon House on Myrtle Street, which the Civic Association would deliver. We had an outpouring of responses and many cards were received from kids all over the Hill – including

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from my 10 year daughter Jordan – and delivered to Beacon House where they were received with much appreciation.

We also started last month, our Beacon Hill Mask Initiative for our Beacon Hill neighbors whom might have limited ability to obtain masks on their own. To date, we have given out over 250 free masks to residents of Beacon House, the 250 Cambridge Street apartments, the Bowdoin School Apartments and the Peter Faneuil School apartments. We have also donated masks to the Advent Church to use in their weekly program to feed the homeless and provide them with needed toiletries – and now masks as well! Because of the overwhelming demand, we have ordered an additional 200 masks that we will be delivering soon to those in need throughout our neighborhood.

I read in the news the other day, that the stay-at-home directives that have been in effect in many states – including our own – has rekindled an interest in the reading of classic literature. This brought to mind my favorite Charles Dickens novel – “A Tale of Two Cities.” Its famous opening lines are well-known: “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the

epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness . . .”

In many ways, it is the “worst of times” right now for many of us, as our residents stay indoors for safety, and come out only infrequently as required to get supplies or go to work. And some of us have gotten sick. We are all concerned about the safety of our loved ones, both young children and older folks – who all deserve and require our protection. But I think that the “best of times” is also here as well, in the care that neighbors have shown to neighbors – or even strangers – in helping to get food or other supplies to those who can’t go out themselves, in the way in which we are trying to help local businesses stay afloat until better days finally come, and in the way that neighbors have reconnected with long-lost friends through new online technologies, to express concern and offer help and love.

The economy will recover, and we will all get through this even if it takes a while. If we stick together, and respect each other and care for those in need, a new “season of light” will banish this “season of darkness.” Thank you – and have a good evening.

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Parks parcel priority plan survey now underway

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is encouraging park users and open space advocates to take part in the City of Boston’s new Parcel Priority Plan (PPP) using an online survey. The survey results will be used in developing the open space acquisition Parcel Priority Plan, and the City of Boston encourages residents from every neighborhood to share their feedback.

Enhancing and enlarging Boston’s network of resilient public open space is critical, and the Parcel Priority Plan will identify and evaluate lands in the city that should be acquired or protected as open spaces. This will be used for

the development of the update to the City of Boston’s Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Questions that are a part of the survey include:

- Where would you like to see open space?
- What should the City of Boston focus on when acquiring or protecting open space?

Residents’ responses will shape the future of Boston’s park system.

Survey responses will be combined with data modeling and the City’s priorities to create the Parcel Priority Plan. This is an essential first step in understanding where the Parks and Recreation Department has opportunities to

expand the open space network. Creating new open space and protecting existing open space will move forward as opportunities and funding are available.

The online survey is available in six languages in addition to English. To participate, please visit boston.gov/parcel-priority-plan.

Interpretation and translation services are available at no cost. To access these services or learn more about the project, please contact Maggie Owens at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department (617) 961-3025 or email maggie.owens@boston.gov.

ArtsEmerson cancels its summer engagement of Drumfolk

ArtsEmerson is cancelling its Summer Special engagement, Step Afrika!’s Drumfolk, which was scheduled to play the Emerson Cutler Majestic Theatre July 22 – August 01, 2020.

“The City of Boston has now cancelled summer events and have asked everyone else to do the same,” says ArtsEmerson Artistic Director David Dower. “Since the beginning of this health ordeal, every decision we have made has been to protect the health of the patrons, staff, and artists that make up the ArtsEmerson community. And this decision is no different. ArtsEmerson hopes to bring this exciting production to Boston in the near future, but given the shifting nature of government projections and expert guidelines, we are not able to pinpoint new dates at this time.”

Drumfolk ticket-holders were notified by email with information and instructions. Any ticket-holders who did not receive an email may contact the box office by email at tickets@artsemerson.org or by calling 617-824-8400. At present, the physical box office locations are not open, but staff members are working remotely

to process all customer needs as quickly as possible.

Since cancelling all performances last March, ArtsEmerson has curated a robust roster of digital offerings that have included full performances from past engagements, conversations with artists, and Zoom chats with “The Davids,” all in an effort to maintain connection between all the facets of the organization’s passionate coalition of audiences, artists, and activists. More digital offerings will be announced soon. For more information, please visit www.ArtsEmerson.org.

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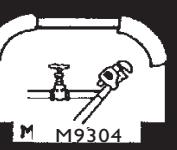
Boston that is more creative, equitable, and connected. ArtsEmerson is led by Artistic Director, David Dower and Executive Director, David Howse. For more information, visit ArtsEmerson.org.

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Rep. Livingstone and Councilor Bok step up to help feed those in need

By Dan Murphy

State Rep. Jay Livingstone and City Councilor Kenzie Bok helped distribute more than 200 boxes of food to residents in need at the Anderson Park apartments at 250 Cambridge St. and the Blackstone Apartments on Blossom Street Tuesday morning.

Rep. Livingstone and Councilor Bok joined volunteers and staff from their offices, as well as staff from Sen. Sal DiDomenico's office, to distribute boxes of produce and dry goods at that time in partnership with the Boston Resiliency Fund through the Greater Boston Food Bank.

"The city has really had to step up in fighting food insecurity," Councilor Bok said, "and that is an aspect of this crisis that will be with us a while."

The food distribution also comes at a time when, among other resources, the food pantry that ABCD (Action Boston for Community Development) operates at the West End library is currently closed. "There's been a

big effort to try to replace some of that food access," Councilor Bok said.

"I've been doing lot work to make sure we know about pockets of acute food need in the district because in this crisis, when

people have so many concerns, no one should be worried about going hungry," Councilor Bok added. "And also, especially vulnerable elders shouldn't be risking their health to get food."

Rep. Livingstone said it was "great to coordinate" with Councilor Bok and Sen. DiDomenico on the effort, and that he is "really appreciative to the Boston Resiliency Fund for providing this great resource."

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BHCA goes virtual for 98th Annual Meeting

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Civic Association's 98th Annual Meeting took place virtually Monday night in lieu of the traditional gathering at the Union Club.

Rob Whitney, who was named chair of the organization at that time, took the opportunity to reflect on what the Civic Association had accomplished over the past year, including awarding its first round of Community Grant funds totaling \$22,500 to support community projects and programs in December.

Last month, Whitney said he and Patricia Tully, executive

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GoFundMe campaign raises \$36,000 to help neighborhood's small businesses

By Dan Murphy

A GoFundMe campaign has raised more than \$36,000 to date to help an estimated 100 small, independent Beacon Hill businesses struggling in the face of COVID-19 pay their electricity bills for the month of March.

"We haven't distributed the checks yet, and we're in the process of contacting businesses to see if they want to opt in or out," said longtime neighborhood resident Diana Coldren, who spearheaded the effort with Ali Ringenburg, co-president of the Beacon Hill Business Association. "It's maybe only going to be \$300 per busi-

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

BHCA Annual Meeting Held
The Beacon Hill Civic Association's 98th Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors was held on May 18th via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Eve Waterfall, BHCA Chair. Over 70 members attended the virtual meeting where the year's accomplishments were highlighted by Rob Whitney, BHCA President.

Rob spoke of the importance

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New BHCA Officers L-R: Robert A. Whitney, Chair; Meghan Awe, President; Andrew Kirk, Treasurer; and Joshua Leffler, Clerk.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

How has your food supply changed?

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

As food writers, we've always had a reasonably extensive pantry. However, living in the city, our normal shopping system was to pick up fresh food daily. All that changed when the only time we spent out of our home was to walk the dog and take our daily exercise. Shopping was limited to deliveries or a quick stop at a restaurant for a pickup order.

Supporting Local Helped Us

We were fortunate in having key local food connections already established. Boston Organics became our supplier for far more than a weekly order of fruit and vegetables. We added milk, yogurt, bread, grains, legumes, chocolate, and snacks to our orders.

Some of our favorite farms and farmers market vendors like the Stillman family, Iggy's Bread, Red's Best Seafood, and Allandale Farm emailed offers for curbside pickup or delivery to fill in with meat, bread, and fish, if we needed it.

We ordered meals and wine from neighborhood restaurants who were being very careful about their sanitation and social distancing. Supporting restaurants that have been such a happy part of our lives was very important to us. It also gave Penny a break from cooking every day. We'd order more than we needed and create second-act meals with the leftovers. (We hope some of the newly created comfort food menu options that became available during this time will continue.)

We were dismayed when the Boston Inspectional Services department stopped restaurants like Mei Mei in Audubon Circle from selling grocery items along with prepared food. We were thrilled when this issue was resolved.

These are safer places for us to pick up what we need. We trusted them more than large national chains to care about our health.



As part of our new "just-in-case" pantry, we have cans of ghee, steel-cut oats, and shelf-stable milk stored on a high bookshelf in our dining area.

We'd like to buy more of our food through the small businesses we already know in the future. What's more, keeping this option might make the difference between recovery and closing for some.

Efficient Local Shopping

On our recommendation, Mayflower Poultry had become a favorite destination for some friends with cars. They picked up our orders of chicken for making stock, soup, and meat to add to our freezer supply. Mayflower also prepared a large batch of our dog's food and had it ready for a quick pick-up early in our quarantine.

When other friends were looking for flour, we sent them to Elmendorf Baking Supplies & Cafe on that great shopping block in Cambridge. In one-stop, they could pick up seafood from New Deal Fish, poultry from Mayflower, libations from City Liquors, and other essentials from Albert's Market.

New Pantry Items

As our initial pantry supplies diminished, we too had to spend

time looking for basics like almond milk, oatmeal, flour, and beans.

We found solutions, some of which will become our new way of doing things. As part of our new pantry, we have cans of steel-cut oats and ghee (a form of highly-clarified butter we would typically use in Indian cooking) and shelf-stable milk stored on a bookshelf in our dining area. Extra bags of dry beans and legumes reside in our pantry. We also discovered the loaves of naan we've loved all along stand up well in the freezer.

Thanks to Many

We have many friends and strangers to thank for keeping us well provisioned in the past few months. Here's to all the chefs, shoppers, delivery drivers, butchers, farmers, fishmongers, and countless others who served us. We won't forget you in the years ahead.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

HELP KEEP STREET TREES HEALTHY

Our street trees suffer in the soon to be upon us, hot, dry summer months. Help the one nearest your house by watering it when there has been no rain for several days. But don't fertilize it! Too much fertilizer will burn its roots.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

GoFundMe campaign brings food to frontline medical workers

Gianni Frattaroli, general manager of Artu restaurant's Beacon Hill and North End locations, urges readers to give to "Feed the Frontlines" - a GoFundMe campaign to send food to healthcare workers now dealing with COVID-19 patients at the frontlines - at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/3ywr8-feed-the-frontline>.

As of Saturday, 750 meals had been donated to healthcare workers through this effort, Frattaroli said.

Hill House running free virtual family events

Hill House, Inc. located at 127 Mount Vernon St., has launched a series of free family events at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

On Wednesday, Family Fun events will include how to make your own Playdough, a Kitchen Fridge Art show and more. On Fridays, get your athletic juices flowing with live dance parties, camp sing-alongs and more.

These events are free, and registration links available at www.hillhouseboston.org. To register or to learn more about Hill House virtual events, contact Meredith at madamczyk@hillhouseboston.org.

Face-Mask Drive for Rosie's Place

Hill House, located at 127 Mount Vernon St., is running a

Face-Mask Drive for Rosie's Place on Harrison Avenue.

Participants can either make their own masks or purchase through a local shop, 4Good Vibes, based in Somerville. They have offered to sell their handmade masks to Hill House and then donate 50 more masks if the nonprofit can reach 100 masks donated. You can purchase masks on their special Rosie's Place site <https://4goodvibes.bigcartel.com/product/rosies-place-face-mask>.

After payment is received, 4 Good Vibes will send the masks directly to Rosie's, but if you plan to make your own, you can send them to: Rosie's Place, Attn: Sandy Mariano, 889 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118.

Contact Meredith Adamczyk at madamczyk@hillhouseboston.org with any other questions.

Virtual Vilna Annual Benefit

In lieu of its traditional in-person fundraiser, the Vilna Shul is holding a virtual fundraiser on Thursday, June 4, from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

The hosts will be Marilyn Oknow, board chairman, and Barnet Kessel, executive director, and the program will feature a virtual tour on the renovated Vilna, a segment on the move to online events in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and an original song written and performed by Oknow.

Visit <https://joinnow.live/s/TJnNjb> to register.

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Larceny - Shoplifting

05/16/20 - A Charles Street market reported an unknown male suspect entered the store at around 1:15 p.m. and stole three bottles of whiskey before fleeing on foot towards the Boston Common.

Breaking and Entering – Motor Vehicle

05/20/20 - A victim reports she parked her 2018 Audi RS3 on West Cedar St at around 4 p.m. on May 18, but when she returned at

approximately 12:45 p.m. on May 20, she observed that unknown suspect(s) had entered the vehicle and rummaged through the center console. At this time, no property was reported missing.

Vandalism

05/21/20 - A Cambridge Street church reports unknown suspect(s) threw a street signpost through a second-floor window some time between noon on May 19 and 9 a.m. two days later.

Baker-Polito Administration holds virtual Memorial Day ceremony

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker, along with Lt. Governor Karyn Polito and several other elected officials, held a virtual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday to honor those who have served the country and those who have lost their lives.

Baker said in the pre-taped ceremony that he has participated in many Memorial Day ceremonies across the Commonwealth over the years, but "the one thing I've always really appreciated about all of those ceremonies is the chance that it gives me to look in the eye the men and women who serve, the families of those who serve, and thank them for their commitment and their sacrifice to this great country of ours."

He added that, "but this year because of COVID-19, we're all doing this virtually. But that doesn't mean the sentiments change along the way."

He thanked those who have

served on behalf of the United States, and said that next year, he "hopes and expects" that people can reunite and hug each other "both figuratively and literally."

Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives Bob DeLeo said that "...at this time when we're going through a very difficult time in our history because of the COVID-19 virus, that we also take time to make sure that we remember those who have fought diligently, fought very hard, the service men and women of our great country."

The video also showed clips from socially distanced ceremonies at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon, Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, as well as musical interludes and a "Tribute to the Fallen" by the Massachusetts National Guard.

"In addition the virtual Memorial Day Ceremony, through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the Department of

Veterans' Services, building managers and Veterans Service Officers across the Commonwealth, buildings, bridges, flags, and parks throughout the Commonwealth were illuminated in gold to honor Gold Star Families last night on Sunday, May 24," according to the state.

On the Boston Common, where around 37,000 flags are usually placed to honor Massachusetts service members who died while serving the country, 1,000 flags were planted six feet apart this

year instead.

The effort, led by the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund (MMHF) and Project 351, took place after midnight on May 25.

"After midnight today, a small group led by our staff & board members along with ambassadors from @TeamProject351 gathered on Boston Common to create a limited garden of about 1,000 flags to join those hanging in windows, on porches, front lawns & online at #HeroesFlagGarden," MMHF

tweeted on Monday. "We're so thankful to all who helped make this happen, including the City of Boston and our sponsors. Please visit carefully today, observe the social distance like the flags are doing. Honor and remember."

Mayor Marty Walsh tweeted on Monday, "Thank you @MaMilHeroes for helping us honor those who gave their lives in service of our country. Although thus year's Flag Garden may look different, the spirit of this moving commemoration will remain."

Amtrak continues to advance testing of new Acela fleet

Amtrak's new Acela fleet, scheduled to enter service on the Northeast Corridor (NEC) in 2021, continues to progress with its high-speed testing at Transportation Technology Center near Pueblo, Colo., as the first Acela prototype completed another milestone by traveling at speeds up to 165 mph, although the train's initial top operating speed will be 160 mph. Video of the train undergoing this high-

speed testing can be found on the Amtrak Media Center.

The first Acela prototype traveled from Alstom's facility in Hornell, N.Y. on Monday, Feb. 17 and is expected to undergo six more months of dynamic testing, which will include the trainset's pantograph, railway dynamics, tilting, traction, slip-slide and wayside protection, brakes, and train control management systems. Once complete, the trainset will return to Alstom for installation of its interiors.

These Acela trains will include new touchless features and utilize state-of-the-art technology to provide contactless amenities, including spacious restrooms with contactless features and automatic door access, a contactless storage option for luggage and comfortable seating with personal outlets and USB ports for individual access and winged headrests to serve as a barrier between you and your neighbor. Additionally, the Café Car will offer conve-

nient self-service options and an advanced seat reservation system will allow customers the ability to reserve seats prior to departure.

Alstom is building the next generation high-speed Acela trainsets using parts manufactured by nearly 250 suppliers in 27 states, with 95 percent of the components produced domestically. More than 1,300 new jobs are being generated in nearly 90 communities across the United States to support production, including the creation of new, sustainable, high-tech, engineering and manufacturing jobs. Alstom employs more than 800 people in Hornell, including members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Additional information about Amtrak's support of the new Acela, including its record level of investments in track and infrastructure improvements and amenities, can be found at Amtrak.com/FutureofRail.

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