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Hill House to open summer camp June 29, programming remains in flux

By Dan Murphy

When Hill House opens its summer camp on Monday, June 29, it's uncertain whether programming will fall under Phase 2 or 3 of Gov. Charlie Baker's plan for reopening the Commonwealth.

"We expect the majority of camp activities would operate during Phase 3," said Lauren Hoops-Schmieg, executive director. "But right now, we don't know, so we're planning on opening during Phase 2, just in case."

On Saturday, Hoops-Schmieg said they were still combing through a 30-page document to determine whether Hill House would be able to use city parks and how much of its Mt. Vernon Street base could be occupied by campers and staff.

During a typical summer, the camp serves 86 campers over 11

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WELCOME BACK SHOPPERS



Jennifer Hill, owner of Blackstone's of Beacon Hill, holds a sign that says it all, "Welcome Back to In-store Shopping." Mark Duffield helps her welcome shoppers to the store on Charles Street on Monday morning.

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Mask Update

Last Friday, June 5, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") changed its advice on face masks, saying they should be worn in public where social distancing is not possible to help stop the spread of coronavirus. The global body said new information showed they could provide "a barrier for potentially infectious droplets." The WHO had previously argued there was not enough evidence to say that healthy people should wear masks. However, WHO director-general Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on

Friday that "in light of evolving evidence, the WHO advises that governments should encourage the general public to wear masks where there is widespread transmission and physical distancing is difficult, such as on public transport, in shops or in other confined or crowded environments." Massachusetts has already had an order in place since May 6, 2020, requiring the use of masks or face coverings in public places where persons cannot socially distance from others to prevent the spread of COVID-

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BHCA ED Patricia Tully sporting a BHCA cotton mask.

Beacon Hill Art Walk postponed until Oct. 4

By Dan Murphy

Although the annual Beacon Hill Art Walk was postponed this year from its traditional slot of the first Sunday in June because of the ongoing pandemic, it's set to return Oct. 4.

"We're postponed it instead of cancelling the event because it's so beloved and important for the neighborhood and artists," said Jen Matson, an Art Walk Committee member. "We very much feel having it in the fall is the safe thing to do."

Since 1990, residents on the Hill's North Slope have opened up their private gardens, alleyways, and courtyards once a year to allow artists to display and sell their original, handmade artwork.

Around 100 artists typically participate in the free event, which also features volunteer performers playing live classical, klezmer and folk music in residents' gardens throughout the day. Many artists have also returned while referring fellow artists to the event each year.

"It's a very unique event," Matson said. "There are a lot of craft shows, but this is one of only a few that focuses on painting and other 2-D fine art."

Leading up to it, Matson said a piece of artwork will be posted on the Art Walk's website at <http://beaconhillartwalk.com> each day, along with links to artists' websites, as well as on the Art Walk's Facebook and Instagram pages.

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Neighborhood restaurateur proceeds cautiously as Phase 2 takes effect

By Dan Murphy

Before Phase 2 of Gov. Charlie Baker's plan to reopen the Commonwealth took effect last Monday, restaurateur Babak Bina had many questions about what it would ultimately mean for his Charles Street business, Bin 26 Enoteca, and other restaurants citywide.

"Whatever the Governor says won't impact what the Mayor [Martin Walsh] will say, which is somewhat frustrating for us," said Bina, who with his sister, Azita Bina-Seibel, also own and operate jm Curley and Bogie's Place in Downtown Crossing. "Unfortunately for us, all indications are that we won't have indoor seating as part of Phase 2."

Bina feels like he's now left in limbo while receiving mixed messages from the city and state.

"I don't understand why there

are two different standards potentially," Bina said. "We've heard nothing from the Mayor, but we're keeping up to speed with the Governor's mandate for reopening. It comes down to we can't hold our breath for Charlie Baker to make an announcement when we have to wait on top of that for the Mayor to make his decision."

Bina added: "In the restaurant industry, we rely on personal experience, as well as sales history and how many dishes we serve on a given night. But we now have no idea what the capacity will be for us, inside or out - never mind the fact we don't know if people will even come out to dine."

Bina feels as though he has a leg up, however, since his restaurants already adhere to stringent safety standards.

"Our restaurants already go

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Joint Charles Street Committee proposes new Charles Street configuration

By Dan Murphy

The Joint Charles Street Committee is proposing a pilot program that would reconfigure Charles Street to allow restaurants to have more outdoor seating while reducing it from three travel lanes to two.

Ali Ringenburg, a Beacon Hill Civic Association board member, co-president of the Beacon Hill Business Association and co-chair of the Joint Charles Street Committee – a collaboration between the Civic Association and the Business Association – detailed the plan during the first virtual meeting of the Civic Association's Traffic and Parking Committee on Thursday, June 4.

The Joint Committee is proposing a street configuration with

sidewalks on both sides measuring eight feet in length; eight feet reserved for parking; and two travel lanes each extending 10 feet, she said, while the amount of additional sidewalk space that participating restaurants receive would be based in the length of their building facades.

Ringenburg said jersey barriers filled with water could be used to delineate the new sidewalk space.

"A lot of it comes down to what the city has access to," she said.

In response to a suggestion that parking could instead be eliminated on one side of the street to gain more sidewalk space, Ringenburg replied it would be a nonstarter "because parking is essential to bringing in business."

Ben Starr, Traffic and Parking Committee chair, said bikes and

cars would share the same space while traveling southbound down Charles Street.

"We don't see too much car traffic there so two lanes should be plenty," Starr added.

Mark Kiefer, former Civic Association chair and a neighborhood resident, lauded the concept, adding that it was commonplace in Europe and could serve as a citywide model.

Kiefer also said the change could help improve accessibility for the disabled on the street's brick sidewalks.

"Regardless of the details, I support the concept," Kiefer said.

Steve Young, another former Civic Association chair and a Beacon Street resident, said since Charles Street is primarily a residential street, its restaurants' hours of operation at night should

be closely monitored.

Ringenburg said the Joint Committee's plan comes on the heels of the city announcing it would loosen restrictions on outdoor seating during the pandemic, and that its Licensing Committee had sent a survey to restaurants citywide to gauge their interest in participating in the pilot program.

Once it gets the green light from the Civic Association's board of directors, Starr said the Business Association would come up with a plan and bring it to the city.

"We want the best things for Charles Street because it's been a really tough three and a half months for them," Starr said.

In another matter, the city will soon install protected bike lanes around the Public Garden as part of its "healthy streets" initiative; this is only supposed to be a tem-

porary measure, but Starr isn't convinced.

"The bike lane around the Public Garden is likely to become permanent, even though it's now called temporary," Starr said. "I'd like to believe there would be a discussion on anything permanent."

The bike lane wouldn't impact Charles or Cambridge streets, though, Starr said.

Meanwhile, the city is expected to install raised crosswalks at the intersections of Charles Street and Mt. Vernon and Walnut streets, respectively, within the next week, Starr said.

"The Walnut Street stretch is being looked at as a guinea pig," Starr said. "If it works, they'll talk about West Cedar Street and other places."

Northeastern students propose redesign of Charles Street

By Dan Murphy

Three years ago, a group of Northeastern University students conceived a resign plan to transform Charles Street into "a pedestrian friendly area with minimal through traffic" by improving pedestrian access and providing a safe connection between Cambridge and Downtown Boston for bicyclists.

The 2017 resign study advises reducing the southbound three travel lanes that extend 1,776 feet between Cambridge and Beacon streets to one lane for most of the stretch and two lanes at the intersection of Charles and Beacon streets to allow heavy volumes of

traffic to turn more easily onto Beacon Street. Sidewalks that currently measure between 8 and 9 feet would also be widened to 13 feet. The redesign, which would maintain most of the existing 43 parking spaces, also includes plans for an eight-foot, two-way bike path.

"The combination of removing travel lanes, adding a cycle track and widening sidewalks will benefit all users of this Beacon Hill street," according to the study.

All traffic signals along Charles Street except at Beacon and Cambridge streets would be removed and stop signs installed in their places at cross streets to help improve the flow of traffic.

Parallel parking lanes would be

defined using trees, streetlights and other sidewalk elements, although an alternative option would implement angled parking on Charles Street – an approach that has proven successful on Bow Street in Somerville.

Because of double-parking that frequently results from truck deliveries to businesses, Charles Street is essentially reduced to two travel lanes or sometimes only one, so the study anticipates the elimination of a travel line would have minimal impact on vehicular traffic.

"Our redesign of Charles Street takes into consideration the necessary truck deliveries close to storefronts but gives priority to making this street enjoyable for shopping

and public use," the study reads in part.

Suggested hours for truck deliveries would be 8 to 11 a.m. on weekdays to mitigate the impact on residential parking.

If implemented, the plan also anticipates the new street redesign would create more opportunities for "permitted street days" in the vein of the inaugural "Open Charles Street" – a city initiative that closed the street to vehicular traffic and transformed it into a pedestrian-only walkway for one afternoon last September.

The redesign plan is based on the streetscape of Delft, a city and municipality in the province of South Holland, Netherlands.

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And visitors can not only view the artwork, but also purchase the pieces online.

And in the event that it doesn't come to pass as planned this fall, it will take place virtually instead.

Meantime, the Art Walk has taken on added significance this year as many artists find themselves struggling.

"Being a working artist is hard enough even under the best of circumstances," Matson said. "All the art shows for the spring and summer have been cancelled so it's important to support local artists in this crisis."

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above and beyond the requirements to keep our guests and staff safe," he said.

But Bina knows no restaurant is impervious to a fickle economy. "Even somewhat-successful restaurateurs like me might not be able to survive this," he said.

Most importantly, Bina must consider the livelihoods of his employees.

"Our staff is being drastically impacted because they could come to work and essentially make nothing or not enough to pay their bills," he said. "Thousands and thousands could potentially be affected by this."

In the meantime, Bina said he is frustrated by the seeming missed messages he has received

regarding the city's "healthy streets" pilot program, which in part would potentially shut down one of Charles Street's three traffic lanes to temporarily provide more outdoor seating space for restaurants.

"We understand that the city has stated to the Beacon Hill Business Association they now want to have individual applications for outdoor seating, but we haven't seen anything but questionnaires," he said. "The neighborhood by and large is in support of this, but we're hearing from some city officials they would rather decide on a case-by-case basis."

If Rhode Island is any indication, though,

Bina is optimistic about the future of the Commonwealth's restaurants.

"Rhode Island has opened outdoor and indoor seating, and they are doing fine," he said. "I've talked to fellow restaurateurs down there, and the ones with outdoor seating are doing quite well because the weather has been cooperating."

Bina concluded: "It's possibly a lifeline, but we live in New England, where we could have 30 days of rain, which would make outdoor seating useless. To me, it's very similar [to easing up on takeout restrictions]. It's a band aid at best; it's not even a lifeline, it's a string-line."

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Attention to Detail

By PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The lamp in the last clue is in the doorway of 87 Myrtle Street built circa 1835. In 1929, E. B. White's shoes were stolen while skating with his stepson on the Public Garden lagoon. He later told the story of walking from there to this address in ice skates! White was staying with his brother-in-law, John S. Newbury who owned the property at that time.

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EDITORIAL

“DEFUND” THE POLICE? NOT SO FAST

Racism, from subtle to overt, has existed at every level of American society since our nation’s inception. It was embedded in our Constitution by our Founding Fathers, many of whom were slave owners, who declared that slaves should be counted as only three-fifths of a person.

Even though slavery was abolished by Abraham Lincoln with the Emancipation Proclamation, segregation and discrimination became the norm in the American way of life after the Civil War and judicially affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in its 1896 decision, *Plessy v. Ferguson*.

Although the Supreme Court overturned the “separate but equal” doctrine in the 1954 decision of *Brown v. Board of Education*, it has become clear that despite the apparent strides toward racial equality that have been made in the past 66 years, so little actually has changed.

Tragically, it has taken the brutal death-by-suffocation of a 46 year-old African-American man, George Floyd, at the knee of a white police officer in Minneapolis to bring to the eyes of every American the gross discrepancy between the uniquely American ideal that, “All men are created equal” and the stark reality of life today for persons of color who comprise most of our country’s permanent underclass.

To be sure, the shockingly inhumane treatment by police officers of minority suspects (and even non-suspects) in the past few years has highlighted the racism that continues to exist in many police departments across the country.

There also have been instances of police brutality and over-reaction during these past two weeks against mostly-peaceful demonstrators.

But the reality is that the vast majority of police officers have acted in a completely professional manner during this trying period, as most of them always do.

Yes, there are a few who became police officers for the wrong reasons, but the vast majority of our police force is comprised of men and women who want to make a positive impact in their communities and take a great deal of pride in doing so.

The movement underway in some parts of our country to “defund” police departments is, in our view, a shortsighted effort to scapegoat the police for the shortcomings of our society as a whole, especially among the white liberal class, for whom “blaming the cops” is a convenient means for absolving themselves of personal responsibility for the glaring inequality that exists in America in 2020.

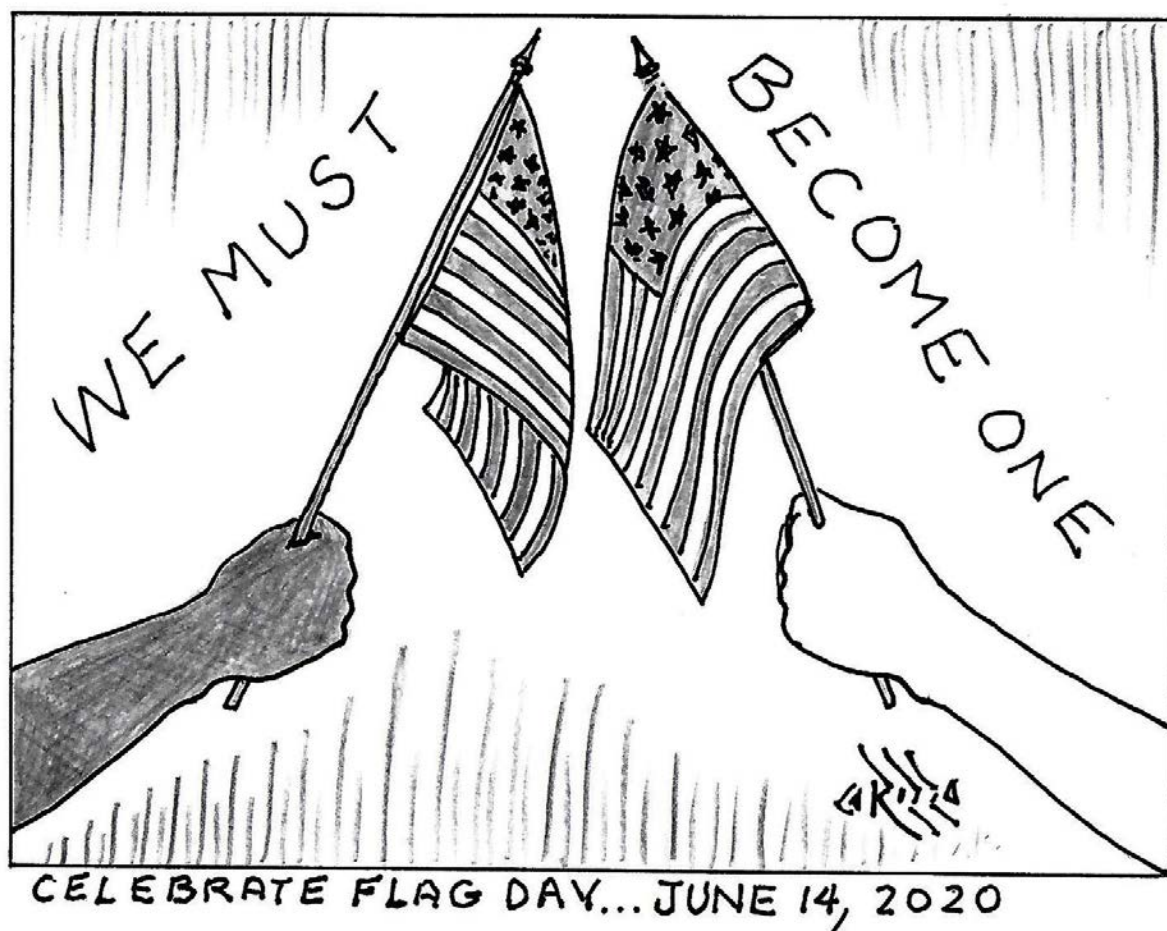
Our rank-and-file police officers are underpaid (their starting salaries are barely able to afford the rent for an apartment) and they are asked to perform a myriad of duties far beyond mere law enforcement, especially when dealing with persons who are mentally ill or who have substance abuse issues -- and let’s not even get started on domestic calls.

It also is ludicrous to cut funding for our police departments when there are 300 million guns, many of which are military-grade, in the hands of private citizens, many of whom either are members of radical groups or who individually subscribe to radical beliefs.

To be sure, there are fundamental reforms that need to be undertaken in police departments all across the country to eliminate policies that are racist in their effect. There also must be a commitment to ensure swift accountability for officers who break the rules.

But the same is true for every aspect of American life in both the private and public sectors. The racism that is systemic in many of our nation’s police departments is a reflection of the racism that pervades every nook and cranny of our society from top to bottom.

Unless our nation’s leaders and our people are committed to bringing about real change at every level of our society -- and contributing vast resources in order to alleviate police from the burdens of dealing with drug users and those with mental health issues -- we are deluding ourselves if we think that “defunding” our police will accomplish much of anything toward the goal of achieving a more just and more equal society.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

STATEMENT FROM UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ANDREW E. LELLING

Dear Editor,

Loud, even disruptive, protests honor the memory of George Floyd and increase the pressure for swift, transparent accountability for those who killed him. I commend those who protested loudly, yet peacefully. But stealing suits, robbing a jewelry store, and rounding out the night by vandalizing businesses in Back Bay, attacking police and torching cruisers? That’s crime, and nothing more.

Let me be clear: the violence and destruction last night in Boston was an embarrassment to the movement for police reform and accountability. The Boston Police, supported by State Police, Transit Police, federal law enforcement and the National Guard, was doing its job – the dangerous, necessary job of protecting the public safety. I support them completely and, if needed, I will use federal charges to make that point.

I commend the Boston Police and the hundreds of other local, state and federal officers on the streets last night, for their

bravery, professionalism and restraint. You reminded us that 99% of law enforcement officers are true public servants, putting themselves in harm’s way for the rest of us.

U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF BOSTON CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KIM JANEY

Dear Editor,

This is a critical time in our nation’s history, and just like Black lives, how we respond in Boston, matters. As President of the Boston City Council and as the District 7 Councilor, I am extremely proud of the peaceful protest that took place in Roxbury’s Nubian Square yesterday.

Breonna Taylor was struck by 8 bullets, killed in her own home in Louisville after police used a battering ram to enter. George Floyd’s haunting, and all too familiar, cries for breath, as a police officer in Minneapolis held his knee on Mr. Floyd’s neck for almost 9 minutes. These are not isolated incidents, but rather reincarnations of the violence wrought by centuries of chattel slavery and later Jim Crow Laws. What generations of Black people have witnessed and experienced is a system that finds new ways to devalue Black lives. And it has to end.

Roxbury has a deep history of community organizers and activists who have worked for many years to build up our community, and we are not about to let anyone come and tear it down. Deep grat-

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Emerson College president wants America to 'wake up'

By Lauren Bennett

Emerson College President Lee Pelton recently penned a letter to the Emerson community detailing his own experiences with racism, as well as his response to racism in America in the wake of George Floyd's death. The Times spoke with Pelton to discuss his thoughts on the letter and the unrest happening in Boston and across the world.

The June 1 letter, in which Pelton describes America as being "on fire," has reached between seven and eight million people, he said. Pelton told the Times that the letter "has opened the door for other black leaders to walk through and publicly describe their interactions with the police."

In the letter, Pelton describes his encounters with police as a black man, writing that he has "been called the n-word by white people in every state and every city that I have ever lived in. I have been pulled over driving while black more times than I can remember. I have been spit on by a white parking lot attendant." He goes on to say that when he was President of Willamette University in Oregon, teenage boys blocked his path home with their car because he



Emerson College President Lee Pelton

looked similar to someone who was accused of stealing from homes in the area.

"When I asked what that person looked like they described someone more than twenty years younger than me," Pelton wrote. And at twenty years old, Pelton said he "suffered the deep humiliation of having to go to the back alley of a local restaurant to order food" in Arkansas.

Pelton said he chose to be this deeply personal in a public letter because he was "speaking both as

a black man and as a president," and that he felt the recent events "required" him to represent both.

"In some ways, my letter is a representative example of what Du Bois called the 'double consciousness' of black people and that in our daily lives we are required to negotiate being black in a predominantly white world," Pelton said. "Black Americans have a profound sense that Mr. Floyd's murder is not new, and is in fact part of a long history of racial injustice in the US that began even before its founding in 1619 when slaves were brought to these shores."

Pelton said that the nationwide protests have brought up feelings of "frustration and anger" in people and said that it "seems clear" to him that there are many across America "with hearts to feel, voices to be heard, and minds to think have a deeper appreciation of what it means to be a Black person in America."

He said that many black people, including himself, "get very nervous" when they see a police officer in their rearview mirror. "I have felt that way since I first started driving 50 plus years ago," he said.

In response to repeated racism and police brutality, residents of

cities across the country, including Boston, are calling for their local governments to defund police departments and direct a portion of the money to programs and organizations that directly benefit the community. Pelton said he thinks this is something that could be a reality in many cities.

"I do believe that cities will begin to reallocate funding for law enforcement to programs that promote health, safety, and education," he said.

City Councilor Julia Mejia also filed a hearing order on Monday for a hearing "concerning college and university campus police in the City of Boston," which would examine police departments at colleges and universities in Boston and call for testimony on what needs to change.

Pelton said that Emerson College's Police Department used to be called the Emerson College Security Department, and does not function like a traditional police department. "Our officers carry no guns, we don't have any militarized weapons, and I would suspect that over 90 percent of our budget for the police is people, not programs," he said. "Our police force is very small."

He added that Emerson College's police department dif-

fers from other larger universities "where officers carry weapons and have arrest authority."

This letter is not the end of Pelton's conversation with the Emerson College community. Pelton said he will be further addressing the Emerson community in the same way that he always does: "with an open mind."

He said he wants America to "wake up" and recognize that "these are structural barriers in our nation's cities that deprive black and brown folks from access to wealth, to quality education, to equal access, to employment, and those barriers are what we refer to as structural racism. They are long-standing and deeply embedded in this nation's history beginning in 1619 and at its very founding."

He said that "unraveling" this structured racism "will require time, leadership, resources, and an unflinching commitment."

Unconscious bias is an example of racism and bigotry, he said, and requires "a different kind of effort because it involves people's attitudes and prejudices and blindness to how they behave and act with respect to people of color in this country."

He added, "there's no free passes for anyone, including me."

Phase Two of state's reopening plan begins this week

By Lauren Bennett

Phase Two of the state's reopening plan began on Monday, June 8, after an announcement by Governor Charlie Baker over the weekend.

"This terrible virus and the terrible toll that it takes will be with us until there are medical breakthroughs with respect to treatments or vaccines. But thanks to your hard work and your sacrifices, we're bringing the fight to the virus and we're moving forward and Massachusetts is continuing to reopen," Baker said on June 6.

He said that since the beginning of May, the seven-day average for positive COVID-19 tests is down 82 percent, the three-day average of hospitalizations is down 55 percent, and the number of hospitals operating in surge is down 76 percent. "It's good to see these stats continue to drop," Baker said.

The Commonwealth has conducted a total of 630,000 viral tests so far, and the number of tests continues to increase each day, he added.

He said that since the "trends are moving in the right direction," the state is in good shape to move onto Phase Two of the reopening plan.

"COVID-19 is still very much with us," Baker said. "While we should all feel a certain sense of relief and progress with respect to the start of phase 2, we should also keep in mind that we have a way to go to get to what we would call the permanent new normal. Please do your part to continue to socially distance, wear face coverings, practice good hygiene, and stay home if you feel sick."

Phase Two includes the expansion of outdoor recreation activities, as well as marks the beginning of preventative health care services such as mammograms, colonoscopies, and heart screenings, all of which were put on hold during the worst of the outbreak.

Secretary Mike Kennealy provided more information about Phase Two, including that it will be in two steps. The first step, which began on Monday, allows for the reopening of retail stores, childcare, day camps, lodging,

youth sports, and outdoor seated dining at restaurants, with specific safety guidelines.

Step Two, "the start of which will be determined based on continued improvements in public health metrics," Kennealy said, "will allow restaurants to serve guests indoors," as well as allow for the opening of "close contact personal services" like nail salons, massage therapy, and tanning salons.

Kennealy explained that there are three levels of safety guidelines for residents, businesses, and workers for Phase Two, as there was in Phase One: "general social guidance, mandatory workplace safety standards, and sector specific safety protocols," he said.

Last week, the state released guidelines and protocols for retailers, restaurants, and lodging, as well as pools, beaches, and outdoor sports ahead of the start of Phase Two so those businesses and activities could prepare to open safely.

"Today, we released protocols on close contact personal services as well as protocols for what

we're calling 'sectors not otherwise addressed,'" Kennealy said, which are "businesses with unique operations that don't really fit into other categories."

Kennealy said that in order to reopen, businesses "must meet all safety standards, create a COVID-19 control plan, and complete a self-certification."

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito asked residents to support local businesses in their communities.

"When you buy from the local and small businesses that make up the fabric of your community

you support our Massachusetts economy," Polito said. "Go to the corner stores and shops in your town centers; they need you."

She also said that the full list of businesses that can open, along with guidance for specific sectors, can be found at mass.gov/reopening.

"As we reopen, we know that we can count on you, that we'll continue to partner with you and together we will continue to fight the spread and help out economy recover, rebound, and grow in our Commonwealth," Polito said.

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19 are not possible.

The Beacon Hill Civic Association ("BHCA") believes that it is important that our Beacon Hill neighbors - and everyone - should wear a face mask in public when physical distancing is not possible. A few months ago, the BHCA started our "Beacon Hill Mask Initiative" for our Beacon Hill neighbors who might have limited ability to obtain face masks on their own. To date, we have given out over 250 free masks to Beacon Hill residents. We have also donated masks to the Advent Church to use in their weekly program to feed the homeless, in order to provide them with face masks as well. Going forward, we will be continuing our efforts to make masks available to our neighbors so that we all can stay safe.

Our BHCA masks shown here are available to members and neighbors for a donation of \$10 each. E-mail info@bhccivic.org for details.

Beacon Hill Civic Association Committees

Every spring, the Beacon Hill Civic Association publishes its Annual Report covering committee accomplishments during the past year. We'll be sharing the committees' reports here over the next weeks.

Tree Committee

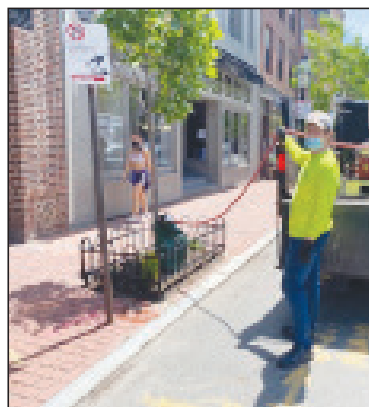
The BHCA Tree Committee



BHCA Directors and Tree Committee Co-chairs Leslie Adam (left) and Keeta Gilmore

works to preserve the beauty of our urban canopy and parks. This year we have responded to multiple questions and e-mails from Beacon Hill neighbors in relation to city trees and tree guards. We have coordinated with Parks Department for spring pruning of trees on several streets in the neighborhood - alerting neighbors and publishing this information in the local newspaper and our weekly e-Blast. Our spring tree planting that is coordinated with the City Parks Department has been temporarily postponed due to the current pandemic, but we look forward to working with the City as soon as it can be safely done.

The committee is planning the planting of the 60 tree pits and



A Leahy Landscaping employee filling the gator bags on Tuesday. Leahy Landscaping Inc. has been hired by the City to water newly planted trees.

repair of tree guards along Charles Street. The 60 Charles Street tree



Keeta Gilmore, left, BHCA Director and Co-chair of the Tree Committee, and Diana Coldren out adding some color to Charles Street.

guards were installed in the summer of 2013 as part of the BHCA's 90th Anniversary Gift to the City.

We have had the historic Beacon Hill Elms on Mt. Vernon Street assessed by an expert in the field. The report included specification of each of the Elms and a detailed plan for their care which we plan to implement.

Join us!

If you haven't yet become a member of the BHCA, we invite

you to join online at www.bhccivic.org/become-a-member.

Your input in quality of life issues on the Hill is important to us, and we rely on you our neighbors to bring your comments and concerns to our attention. By joining our membership, you strengthen our numbers and add credibility to our purpose as advocates for Beacon Hill. Please call our office at 617-227-1922 or email the BHCA Executive Director at patricia.tully@bhccivic.org with any questions, comments or concerns, or to learn more about how you can get involved in your community.



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FRESH AND LOCAL

Starring carrots

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

During our months of isolation and grocery deliveries instead of trips to stores, one thing we never ran out of was carrots. That's a good thing because one of the many benefits of eating carrots is support for your immune system. These taproots are among the top-ten vegetables favored by consumers and the top-ten in nutritional values.

Favorite Carrot Dishes

The first vegetable to disappear from a tray of roasted root vegetables is the carrots. We both love them simply tossed with olive oil, salt, and pepper and roasted in a hot oven. If the carrots are small ones fresh from the farmers market, we scrub them and roast them whole, peel and all. If they are storage carrots we scrub, peel, cut into wedges, and roast.

Chef Michael Serpa at Grand Tour featured a dish on his pickup menu that quickly became a craving. He called it, "Duck Confit tossed with classic bistro salad of julienned carrots with lime, coriander, chili, & Tunisian spices."

Food Writer David Lebovitz wrote about this type of salad recently saying, "If I had to compile a list of the top five National Dishes of France, right up there would be salade de carottes râpées, or grated carrot salad. It's everywhere. You'll find it on many café and bistro menus, Charcuteries sell it by the kilo, and even supermarkets sell it packed up in rectangular containers, ready to go, which office workers and others enjoy for a quick lunch." We hope that popularity reaches our area.

Lebovitz featured a recipe which is simply grated carrots, olive oil, lemon juice, salt, Dijon mustard, honey, and a few chopped herbs. You can play with these basics to create your own signature version as Chef Serpa did.

We add grated carrots to our slaws, chicken salad, and tuna salad. Our soups and stews often feature large helping of carrots. Carrots are one of the first vegetables prepped as Penny starts to cook. She chops extra carrots to snack on as she works or while we wait for a meal to cook. Carrots have also been a snack we have recommended for overweight dogs. All of our pups have loved crunching on them.

Fresher Is Better for Nutrition and Flavor

A University of Maine paper, "Exploring the Nutritional Value of Carrots and Determining Attributes that are Favored by Consumers," gave us great insight into this vegetable. In it, "Data was collected from 24 carrot varieties at harvest and after a 3-month cold storage to determine effects storage has on the quality and taste of the carrot."

It showed full-size, fresh carrots or specific breeds that can retain more of their nutrition when properly stored, to be high in important dietary requirements. However,



This bistro salad of julienned carrots and duck confit became a favorite item for us to pick up at Grand Tour on Newbury Street during our stay-at-home months.

the closer a carrot is to harvest the better. The paper noted, "During storage, the overall quality of carrots decreases significantly."

Baby carrots may be popular and easy to use, but they do have less nutrition. "Baby carrots have the same sugar content as full-sized carrots, but they have less iron, phosphorus, magnesium, vitamins A and C, and significantly less folate when compared to full-sized carrots."

Try some farm-fresh carrots this summer and learn which local farms do the best job of storing carrots to sell over the winter months. Look for new ways to use carrots and benefit from the good

they do for your health.

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

CAMP (from pg. 1)

weeks, she said, and while this year's capacity has still yet to be determined, it will undoubtedly be less than that in keeping with social-distancing and other guidelines.

Safety measures this year also include using tape to cordon off separate areas to enforce social distancing and mandating that face coverings be worn. Two separate staircases would accommodate only up or down foot-traffic while "disinfectant foggers" will be used to sterilize all areas. The camp will also conduct wellness checks of campers and staff, including taking their tempera-

tures and tracking any possible symptoms of illness.

"There will also be no sharing of materials during Phase 2 either," Hoops-Schmieg said.

Although some concerned parents have dis-enrolled their children from camp because of the pandemic, Hoops-Schmieg said others are eager for their children return to extracurricular activities and socializing with other kids.

"Parents need to go back to work, and they need reliable childcare, and summer camp has always provided that," she said. "And kids miss their friends. They are able to talk over phone and

[communicate via] FaceTime, but it's another thing to be together."

Hoops-Schmieg said they would notify campers' parents via email and post it online at hill-houseboston.org as more information becomes available.

But like many other camps, Hoops-Schmieg recognizes Hill House is now navigating uncharted terrain.

"We've talked to the Board of Health, and a lot of camps won't operate because there are too many procedures they can't implement," she said. "But we're a community center, and we want to bring people together safely."

Enrollment Open for Beacon Hill/Back Bay Girl Scout Troop 65321

Girl Scout Troop 65321, covering the Beacon Hill and Back Bay neighborhoods, is accepting enrollment for new scouts entering Kindergarten and 1st grade (Fall 2020). Meetings are held on Monday nights, approx. 1-2 times per month, at the Advent Church on Beacon Hill. To enroll your daughter or for information on enrollment for other grades, please e-mail Jill Hauff at jill.hauff@gmail.com.



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Joint statement by SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza and U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin regarding enactment of the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act

SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza and U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin issued the following statement Monday following the enactment of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Flexibility Act:

"We want to thank President Trump for his leadership and commend Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy for working on a bipartisan basis to pass this legislation for small businesses participating in the Paycheck Protection Program.

"We also want to express our gratitude to Chairman Rubio, Ranking Member Cardin, Senator Collins, Congressman Roy, Congressman Phillips, and other members of Congress who have helped to create and guide our implementation of this critical program that has provided over 4.5 million small business

loans totaling more than \$500 billion to ensure that approximately 50 million hardworking Americans stay connected to their jobs.

"This bill will provide businesses with more time and flexibility to keep their employees on the payroll and ensure their continued operations as we safely reopen our country.

"We look forward to getting the American people back to work as quickly as possible."

UPCOMING PROCEDURES

SBA, in consultation with Treasury, will promptly issue rules and guidance, a modified borrower application form, and a modified loan forgiveness application implementing these legislative amendments to the PPP. These modifications will implement the following important changes:

- Extend the covered period for loan forgiveness from eight weeks

after the date of loan disbursement to 24 weeks after the date of loan disbursement, providing substantially greater flexibility for borrowers to qualify for loan forgiveness. Borrowers who have already received PPP loans retain the option to use an eight-week covered period.

- Lower the requirements that 75 percent of a borrower's loan proceeds must be used for payroll costs and that 75 percent of the loan forgiveness amount must have been spent on payroll costs during the 24-week loan forgiveness covered period to 60 percent for each of these requirements. If a borrower uses less than 60 percent of the loan amount for payroll costs during the forgiveness covered

period, the borrower will continue to be eligible for partial loan forgiveness, subject to at least 60 percent of the loan forgiveness amount having been used for pay-

roll costs.

- Provide a safe harbor from reductions in loan forgiveness based on reductions in full-time equivalent employees for borrowers that are unable to return to the same level of business activity the business was operating at before February 15, 2020, due to compliance with requirements or guidance issued between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, related to worker or customer safety requirements related to COVID-19.

- Provide a safe harbor from reductions in loan forgiveness based on reductions in full-time equivalent employees, to provide protections for borrowers that are both unable to rehire individuals who were employees

of the borrower on February 15, 2020, and unable to hire similarly qualified employees for unfilled positions by December 31, 2020.

- Increase to five years the maturity of PPP loans that are approved by SBA (based on the date SBA assigns a loan number) on or after June 5, 2020.

- Extend the deferral period for borrower payments of principal, interest, and fees on PPP loans to the date that SBA remits the borrower's loan forgiveness amount to the lender (or, if the borrower does not apply for loan forgiveness, 10 months after the end of the borrower's loan forgiveness covered period).

- In addition, the new rules will confirm that June 30, 2020, remains the last date on which a PPP loan application can be approved.

Senator Markey receives major endorsement from the American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Massachusetts last week announced its endorsement of Ed Markey for re-election to the United States Senate.

"Senator Ed Markey has been a supporter of public education for decades and has consistently fought for adequate funding - not because we asked him to, but because he knows that public education is the pathway to better communities," said AFT Massachusetts President Beth Kontos. "He grew up in a household that valued education and the rights of workers. His record in support of labor and the rights of workers to organize is second

to none."

The AFT Massachusetts represents 23,000 educators throughout Massachusetts.

"I am incredibly grateful for the support of the American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts," said Senator Markey. "Our school employees and our educators are heroes. Their work is instrumental to ensuring that our children are prepared for the future. They deserve to have wages, health care, and other benefits that reflect just how vital their role is. While their usual tools of tablets and pencils have been replaced by tablets with pixels in the coronavirus pandemic, these educators' skills and

commitment remain integral to the health, well-being, and success of Massachusetts's students. My father was a union leader, and I learned just how critical unions are to families, to our economy, and to our democracy. I will always fight for AFT Massachusetts, and I am proud that they will fight for me."

Senator Markey is committed to fighting for the rights of union workers across the Commonwealth and nation. In October, he walked the picket line with SEIU 509 Fidelity House workers in Lawrence demanding better pay and working conditions. In February, he stood with UNITE HERE Local 26 airline

catering workers for a rally at Logan Airport to call on LSG Sky Chefs to provide fair wages and affordable healthcare for its employees. Just two weeks ago, he stood alongside the Massachusetts Nursing Association and United Auto Workers Local 2322 as they called on the owners of Providence Behavioral Health Hospital to stop the closure of the Providence Behavioral Health Hospital Psychiatric Unit. Senator Markey has a 100 percent voter record in the Senate from the AFL-CIO.

The AFT Massachusetts union endorsement adds to Ed Markey's other, major endorsements, including: the Planned Parenthood

Action Fund, NARAL Pro-Choice, the NRDC Action Fund, and Peace Action. Ed has earned a 100 percent labor voting record in the Senate from the AFL-CIO, and his campaign is endorsed by unions throughout the state including American Postal Workers Local #4553, UNITE HERE Local 26, AFSCME, SEIU 888, SEIU 32BJ, CWA 1400, AFA, and AFGE.

The AFT Massachusetts, a strong voice for collaborative education reform that is good for students and fair to educators, represents more than 23,000 public school employees, higher education faculty and staff, and public librarians.


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OFF MY WAVE.



Ocean Beach native and local surf legend Steve Bettis was diagnosed with MS in 2006. Although surfing is still central to his life, he hasn't been able to get out on the water in 10 years. For a man whose daily routine always included a few waves, more than a decade out of the surf is just too long. This is why the National MS Society teamed up with his buddy Robert "Wingnut" Weaver and used virtual reality to get Steve back on his wave. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at WeAreStrongerThanMS.org.

Together We Are Stronger.

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New unemployment claims fall by more than 10,000 over the previous week

Massachusetts had 27,034 individuals file an initial claim for standard Unemployment Insurance (UI) from May 24 to May 30, a decrease of 10,584 over the previous week. Since March 15, a total of 924,239 initial claims have been filed for UI. For the same week, there were 575,862 continued UI claims filed, a decrease of 12,187 or 2.1% over the previous week. This marks the first decrease in continued UI weeks claimed since the beginning of the pandemic related unemployment surge.

At 54,281, Pandemic

Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims filed for the week ending May 30 were 93,313 less than the previous week. Since April 20, 2020, 573,077 claimants have filed for PUA.

The Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), which provided up to 13 weeks of extended benefits to individuals who have exhausted or expired their regular unemployment compensation since July 2019 was implemented on May 21. For the week ending May 23, 39,011 PEUC claims were filed followed by 4,242 PEUC filings

for the week of May 24 to May 30.

Since March, the customer service staff at the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) has grown from around 50 employees to nearly 2000. The remote customer service operation is now making over 35,000 individual contacts per day and DUA continues to host daily unemployment town halls – which have been held in English, Spanish, and Portuguese – and have been attended by nearly 300,000 constituents.

MBTA's RIDE distributing food to vulnerable residents

The RIDE has partnered with the City of Boston, YMCA of Greater Boston, and The Greater Boston Food Bank.

The MBTA announced late last week a partnership with the City of Boston, YMCA of Greater Boston, and The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) to help provide Boston's most vulnerable residents with access to food by utilizing the RIDE paratransit service.

"One of the many tragic consequences of the pandemic has been the explosive growth of food insecurity," explained MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. "Employees at the RIDE interact with Boston's most vulnerable citizens every day. During the pandemic, these employees saw firsthand and early on that individuals who have issues with mobility, illness, quarantine, or are otherwise at high risk were unable to leave their homes to access food. It was their willingness to help that led us to the Food Bank with an offer to share resources."

"This partnership is a testament to the impact we can make in the lives of our families and those in need when we work together," said City of Boston Mayor Marty Walsh. "I thank the MBTA, and our partners at the YMCA, and the Greater Boston Food Bank for helping us strengthen the City of Boston's food access work that has already provided over one million meals to our residents most in need and negatively impacted by COVID-19."

"We relish this opportunity to partner with the MBTA and City of Boston to deliver food to our most vulnerable children, families, and seniors," said YMCA Senior Vice President Wendy Zinn. "It is a blessing to coalesce our organizational skills, infrastructures, and

'people power' in the spirit of serving others. We thank the MBTA and City of Boston for allowing the YMCA of Greater Boston to participate in this important partnership, as we are universally committed to mitigating hunger for all Bostonians during this crisis and beyond."

"This pandemic is unprecedented in our history, so it takes great community partners like the YMCA of Greater Boston and the MBTA to find creative ways to safely serve all of our neighbors in need," said President and CEO of The Greater Boston Food Bank Catherine D'Amato. "With food insecurity on the rise in our region, we also thank Mayor Walsh and the City of Boston for leading the way with innovative solutions that help to enhance the work of the emergency food network during this challenging time."

As ridership on the MBTA's RIDE service has significantly declined during the COVID-19 situation, available RIDE vehicles are currently being utilized to pick up and deliver food items and school meals. Collaborating with GBFB and the YMCA, RIDE drivers arrive at the YMCA location on Huntington Avenue daily to pick up an assortment of grocery bags and shelf stable school meals. Groceries are delivered by RIDE vehicles to designated homes, the amount based on the size of the household and whether or not the family is enrolled in the Boston Public School partnership.

Under the leadership of Mayor Walsh, the City of Boston has provided more than 1.2 million free meals to youth across sixty-eight sites since the beginning of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Since expanding the number of meal sites to also serve adults

in April, the City has distributed nearly 100,000 meals to adults. As of the end of May 2020, the RIDE has completed over 3,185 deliveries, totaling 5,129 grocery bags and 24,000 school meals to over 1,200 Boston Public School children. Residents can visit boston.gov/COVID19food or call 311 to find food resources, including meal sites for youth and adults, food pantries, and more.

For more information, visit mbta.com, boston.gov/COVID19food, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook TheMBTA, or Instagram @theMBTA.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE. AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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Breaking and Entering - Commercial

06/02/20 – Police responded to

a breaking and entering in progress at a Cambridge Street liquor store at approximately 10:45 p.m. The male suspect had smashed a front window and removed a bottle of alcohol. On arrival, the suspect was exiting the front of the store and fled on foot before being apprehended on Temple Street after a foot chase.

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City Realty Group and Beacon Hill Pub donate meals to MGH COVID-19 Unit

Special to the Times

City Realty Group, a community-focused real estate development company headquartered in Brookline, donated 100 meals to feed nurses and other frontline staff at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). The dinners were specially prepared at Lower Mills Tavern by Executive Chef Cara Marie Nance and presented to MGH staff who have been working in the 10 dedicated COVID-19 units at the hospital. City Realty Group provided these meals as a way to honor the MGH staff who put themselves in danger without hesitation to treat coronavirus patients during this pandemic. City Realty made this donation as a way to support local restaurants while simultaneously honoring and feeding these amazing healthcare heroes. The meals were delivered to MGH by Beacon Hill Pub General Manager Jeremy Scanlon. Beacon Hill Pub, located at 149 Charles St. in Boston, is undergoing a transformation into a fine-dining restaurant. Lower Mills Tavern restaurant, well-known as "Boston's Best Neighborhood Bar" and has been serving take-out food during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beacon Hill Pub General Manager Jeremy Scanlon (Left) delivers meals at Massachusetts General Hospital. City Realty Group donated the meals to support MGH staff working in the COVID-19 units these past several months and as a way to honor all healthcare workers and to support local restaurants. The meals were purchased by City Realty to support local restaurants. The meals were prepared by Executive Chef Cara Marie Nance.

City Realty Group is proud to support all those men and women who have been working front-line jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic. City Realty is proud of its community-focused business philosophy and created a nonprofit organization of its own called City Kids, which works to spark intellectual curiosity in Boston children by providing them with unique experiences and powerful educational resources.

City parks left in ruins following Sunday's protests

By Dan Murphy

The Boston Common, the Public Garden and the Commonwealth Avenue were left in tatters after Sunday afternoon's peaceful protests over George Floyd, a Minneapolis man who allegedly died there at the hands of police, took a destructive turn after nightfall.

"There was a lot of damage in all three parks," Liz Vizza, executive director of the Friends of the Public Garden, a nonprofit that helps maintain the three parks in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation, "but the biggest impact from graffiti was experienced on the Common."

Thousands of protestors had marched without incident from Government Center to the Common, but tensions escalated at around 9 p.m. when the city's curfew in response to the COVID-19 took effect, and police attempted to disperse the large crowd gathered in the park.

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, was among the park landmarks defaced. Vandals tore down protective fencing and spray-painted graffiti on the rear

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

We hope our neighbors and members are faring well during this time. We are hopeful that we will be back to life as normal soon.

Fortunately, the BHCA has been able to conduct virtual meetings, presentations and get-togethers to keep connected and working, while keeping our community informed of the latest local and state guidelines, and ways to help.

Our Annual Meeting, to be held on Monday, May 18th, at six o'clock in the evening, will also be a virtual meeting. This will be a voting meeting for current BHCA members. We hope to reschedule our planned speaker, Joseph M. Bagley, Boston City Archeologist, to another date in the near future. Please re-confirm your interest in attending the BHCA Annual Meeting to info@bhca.org or call the office at 617-227-1922.

Upcoming BHCA Meetings (BHCA Pg. 7)

Photo by Liz Vizza

The rear of the 54th Regiment Memorial on the Boston Common is seen after it fell prey to vandals Sunday night.

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BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will hold a public hearing on Zoom on June 18, 2020 at 5 p.m.

Subject of the hearing will be applications for Certificates of Design Approval on the agenda below, reviews of architectural violations, and such businesses as may come before the commission, in accordance with Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1955 of the Massachusetts General Law as amended. Applications are available for review during business hours at the office of the Environment Department. Applicants or their representatives are required to attend, unless indicated otherwise below. Sign language interpreters are available upon request.

ATTENTION: This hearing will only be held virtually and NOT in person. You can participate in this hearing by going to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88541599065> or calling 1 (929) 205-6099 and entering id # 885 4159 9065 Password: 364843. You can also submit written comments or questions to BeaconHillAC@boston.gov or via Twitter @bostonlandmarks.

I. DESIGN REVIEW HEARING

APP # 20.1066 BH 9 Temple Street

Applicant: Caroline Destefano
Proposed Work: At rear el, install HVAC condenser on existing deck.

APP # 20.1067 BH 2 Park Street

Applicant: Don Mills; Mills Whittaker Architects

Proposed Work: At rear façade replace angled brackets with vertical supports (See Additional Items under Administrative review).

APP # 20.1068 BH* 10 Charles River Square

Applicant: Anthony Griseto; Pella Windows and Doors

Proposed Work: At front façade, all levels, replace five, 6 over 6 wood windows in kind.

APP # 18.1238 BH 14 Beacon Street (Previously Approved in May-2018)

Applicant: Megan O'Brien; Faros Properties

Proposed Work: Approval of an extension of original approval to replace all 1 over 1 wood sashes visible from public way in kind; replace existing 2 over 2 sheet metal windows on addition with 2 over 2 double hung aluminum sashes; remove and repair existing leaded glass windows on Beacon Street façade and install exterior storms; reproduce missing leaded glass windows to match existing; restore damage and missing wood-ening brick mold to match existing; repair windows on first story south elevation; restore metal-clad fire shutters; clean masonry with D/2 biological solution; repoint sections to match existing in materials, tooling and color.

APP # 20.1069 BH* 112 Mt. Vernon Street

Applicant: Michael Black

Proposed Work: At front façade, level three (all), level two (far right window) replace four 6 over 6 wood windows in kind. At rear façade (visible from Cedar Lane Way) replace four, six over six, wood windows in kind.

APP # 20.1070 BH 2 Beaver Street

Applicant: Patricia Harris

Proposed Work: At Beaver Street façade, cut into brick privacy wall to install new entry door and light fixture. At Beaver Street elevation unbrick archway, remove existing metal gate from adjacent archway and install two (simulated) carriage house doors with transom. At Beaver Place elevation, remove two existing windows, unbrick adjacent existing window fenestration and install three identical windows in existing

fenestrations with metal security grates. Install one hood exhaust on roof elevation.

APP # 20.1071 BH 131 Cambridge Street

Applicant: Doug Manley; Spencer, Sullivan and Vogt

Proposed Work: repaint and restore the wood and metal elements of the façade in kind, including existing windows.

APP # 20.1072 BH* 112 Charles Street

Applicant: Dartagnan Brown; Embarc Studios

Proposed Work: At front façade, repair and repaint level one front shutters in kind, replace door hardware and intercom system, repaint front steps, door, and surrounds, install metal grills at front garden level windows, reclad headhouse, on levels 1, 3 and 4 replace non-historic 1 over 1, wood windows in kind, rebuild roof deck, (See Additional Items under Administrative Review).

*Pending Outstanding Information

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL: In order to expedite the review process, the commission has delegated the approval of certain work items, such as those involving ordinary maintenance and repair, restoration or replacement, or which otherwise have a minimal impact on a building's appearance, to commission staff pending ratification at its monthly public hearing. Having been identified as meeting these eligibility criteria and all applicable guidelines, the following applications will be approved at this hearing:

Applicants whose projects are listed under this heading NEED NOT APPEAR at the hearing. Following the hearing, you will be issued a Determination Sheet to present at the Inspectional Services Department (1010 Massachusetts Avenue) as proof

of project approval when applying for permits. ISD personnel will send an electronic copy of your building-permit application to the commission staff for review. (To avoid potential confusion, the text of your building-permit application should be consistent with the project description given below.) Commission staff will accordingly authorize the execution of the work, attaching any applicable provisos, reflecting the relevant guidelines and precedents.

Please Note That Following Issuance Of The Determination Sheet No Further Correspondence Will Be Issued For The Applications Listed Below. The electronic building-permit application as annotated by commission staff will constitute your Certificate of Appropriateness; this will be valid for one year from the date of the hearing. The applicant is required to notify the commission of any project changes; failure to do so may affect the status of the approval.

If you have any questions not addressed by the above information, please contact staff at 617.635.3850 or BeaconHillAC@boston.gov Thank you.

APP # 10.1073 BH 101 Charles

Street: At front façade level 3, replace three, 1 over 1, wood windows in kind.

APP # 101072 BH* 112 Charles Street: Repair and repoint front façade in kind, restore existing second floor windows including purple window panes, Repair and restore copper gutters as needed (See Additional Items under Design Review).

APP # 10.2067 BH 2 Park Street: At rear façade, replace rusted bolts and 5 damaged steps on fire escape as indicated on application (See Additional Items under Design Review).

III. RATIFICATION OF 5/21/2020 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

IV. VOTE TO REAPPOINT CHAIR and VICE CHAIR

V. STAFF UPDATES

VI. PROJECTED ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 P.M.

DATE POSTED: 6/8/2020

BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

Members: Arian Allen, Miguel Rosales, Joel Pierce, Danielle Santos, P.T. Vineburgh,

Alternates: Matthew Blumenthal, Alice Richmond, Wen Wen.

LETTERS (from pg. 4)

itude goes out to the local organizers involved and to the Black men from our community who were there to support the efforts and ensure safety. I also want to thank the local police, who showed up very differently than they did at Friday's protest at the B2 station, after I and others raised concerns. Instead of coming with helmets and sticks, they were in regular uniform, and they were instrumental in redirecting car traffic away from the growing crowd of protestors.

Even downtown the protest remained peaceful. Afterwards, there were a few who used this as an opportunity to wreak havoc in our city. Let's be clear, we cannot allow interlopers to co-opt our movement for their own agenda. I condemn violence in all its forms, and that means violence against protestors and violence against police officers.

As a community organizer for the last 30 years, I know how important protest is to our struggle. This is about Black Lives. How the police treat us is a big part of that, but it's not about them, it's about US! Even in a world without police brutality and state sanc-

tioned killings of unarmed Black people, our communities still face a myriad of inequities. We are still living in substandard housing, with low-paying jobs, and sending our children to under-resourced schools. It is because of these massive inequities that we are still being impacted by COVID disproportionately.

Boston's recent and upcoming protests call for real change, that for too long has fallen upon deaf ears -- change that closes Boston's enormous wealth gap and addresses our housing crisis. Our agenda must be one that promotes and protects the true liberation of Black people in our country, after 400 years of oppression.

It is so exhausting to have to fight for your very existence, in your own country, every single day. Now is not the time to stand on the sidelines. We need everyone, including those who benefit from the system of white supremacy, to do what they can to dismantle it. We need true justice. We cannot have healing without it. Take care of yourselves and each other.

As always, in solidarity.

Kim Janey,
Boston City Council President

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

Enrollment open for Beacon Hill/Back Bay Girl Scout Troop 65321

Girl Scout Troop 65321, covering the Beacon Hill and Back Bay neighborhoods, is accepting enrollment for new scouts entering Kindergarten and first grade (fall 2020). Meetings are held on Monday nights, approximately once or twice a month, at the Advent Church on Beacon Hill. To enroll your daughter or for information on enrollment for other grades, e-mail Jill Hauff at jill.hauff@gmail.com.

Hill House Kiddie Kamp open for enrollment

Hill House, Inc. located at 127 Mount Vernon St., is currently enrolling for its Kiddie Kamp, which is specifically for kids aged 3-5 and the perfect combination of new and exciting experiences in a safe, familiar environment. Join a staff of counselors for a summer full of games, crafts, stories, songs, age-appropriate athletics and outdoor fun. Your child will build confidence, independence and friendships.

For more information on Kiddie Kamp, or how to register - some weeks are at 80-percent capacity, so don't wait - contact Chelsea Evered at 617-227-5838 or cevered@hillhouseboston.org, or visit hillhouseboston.org.

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.

Councilor Bok weighs in on city's proposed Fiscal '21 budget

By Dan Murphy

Following Tuesday's four-and-a-half-hour hearing of the city's Ways and Means Committee, which included testimony on its fiscal '21 budget, City Councilor Kenzie Bok reflected on how the municipality is responding to these uncertain times in terms of dollars and cents.

"In the past week, we've heard from advocates and community leaders about the budget, and one of the areas they spoke on was the portion spent on the Police Department," Councilor Bok said. "Last year, the Police Department was allocated \$414 million, which includes a \$16 million overtime budget. The city's budget needs to be reduced overall because of the economic crises. We need to take some money out of the budget so it might make sense to take it out of there or from other relief-related items."

During the pandemic, Councilor Bok believes these funds could be better directed towards expanding Mayor Martin Walsh's Summer Jobs Program, as well as increasing language and food accessibility, especially since the city's Food Access office now only has a staff of four.

"The Public Health Commission also needs the work now more than ever," she added, "and in that context, it has become more important to ask where our marginal dollars are going and how they can be spent on healthy, equitable recovery from COVID-19."

Councilor Bok said some burden must be lifted off the Police Department, though, which is now tasked with many duties outside of routine law enforcement.

"One thing we've done over time in this country is increasingly militarize and shift more responsibilities on [the police], such as dealing with mental health or other issues that might be better handled by professionals," she said.

As it stands, 15 percent of the city's budget is allocated for the Police Department, but Councilor Bok questions whether these monies should be shifted towards other priorities like affordable housing or the city's public library system instead.

Councilor Bok also emphasized how the pandemic has had a disproportionate effect on different demographics.

"The crisis over the past couple of weeks has really underscored the pain of communities of color," she said.

On June 3, the City Council rejected the proposed budget without prejudice.

In essence, Councilor Bok said the City Council considered two separate budgets - one for Boston Public Schools, which accounts for about one-third of all annual funding, as well as a second budget that incorporates all other expenditures.

"Both of those went back to administration to be updated and resubmitted," she said. "Unfortunately this is the first time in 10 years we've had to reduce the budget because of the pandemic."

The June 3 vote also came in response to the current social and political unrest.

"After a week of reactions and conversations about systematic racism, we revised the budget because we need to speak to the

moment we're living in and recognize we can't maintain the status quo," Councilor Bok said.

Meanwhile, the city has committed to investing an unprecedented \$3 billion in its infrastructure, which includes building new, accessible pathways on the Back Bay Fens, as well as making improvements to the Boston Common and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

"It's more important now during this economic downturn to invest in Boston, and really create valuable public access and infrastructure in the long term," she said. "We're also doubling-down on street tree planning and the addition of an arborist position, as well as a comprehensive forestry plan for the city."

Councilor Bok added: "It's important because 10 percent [of the city budget] is spent on addressing climate change, and that's a big investment, along with affordable housing, which is a crisis within a crisis in the city."

To help address this "crisis within a crisis," Councilor Bok said the proposed budget has allocated funds for a city-level rental voucher program, as well as for initiatives focusing on housing renovations and building new construction to combat homelessness.

"We're waiting for the Mayor's administration to get input from the public and the council, and they will resubmit [the budget proposal] at a hearing next week," she said. "There will be more hearings after that, and then we will vote on it June 24 during the last City Council meeting before June 30 [the last day of Fiscal '20]. It's an evolving situation, but this is the gist of where we are."

Boston Pride and the City of Boston raise the Pride Flag

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Boston Pride Flag Raising, hosted by Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the City of Boston, is being held as a virtual event, as all of Boston Pride's public events were postponed until 2021. The virtual event will take place at 12 p.m. today, Friday, June 5th and can be viewed on the City of Boston's website www.boston.gov and on Boston Pride's Facebook and YouTube pages.

The virtual Pride Flag raising will feature remarks from Mayor Walsh, Governor Charlie Baker, Representative Elizabeth Malia, Boston Pride board mem-

ber Malcolm Carey and transgender activist Athena Vaughn. The National Anthem will be performed by Davron Monroe.

Boston Pride worked extensively with the City of Boston to produce a virtual flag raising to signal to the community that June marks Pride Month. The virtual flag raising was produced and pre-recorded and in commemoration of Boston Pride's 50th anniversary, Boston Pride had chosen to raise the original Gilbert Baker Pride flag which was first flown in San Francisco in 1978 and consists of eight symbolic colors that reflect the strength and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community.

2020 marks the 50th anniversary of Boston Pride and the first Pride event in Boston was held one year after the New York City Stonewall Riots, which erupted in June 1969 in response to persistent harassment and violence perpetrated by members of the police. Fifty years later, the violence against Black and Brown communities, especially Black Trans women, undeniably highlights ongoing structural systems of oppression and racism, reminding us that our work is far from done. We will continue to fight for social justice and equal rights for all LGBTQ+ people.





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