

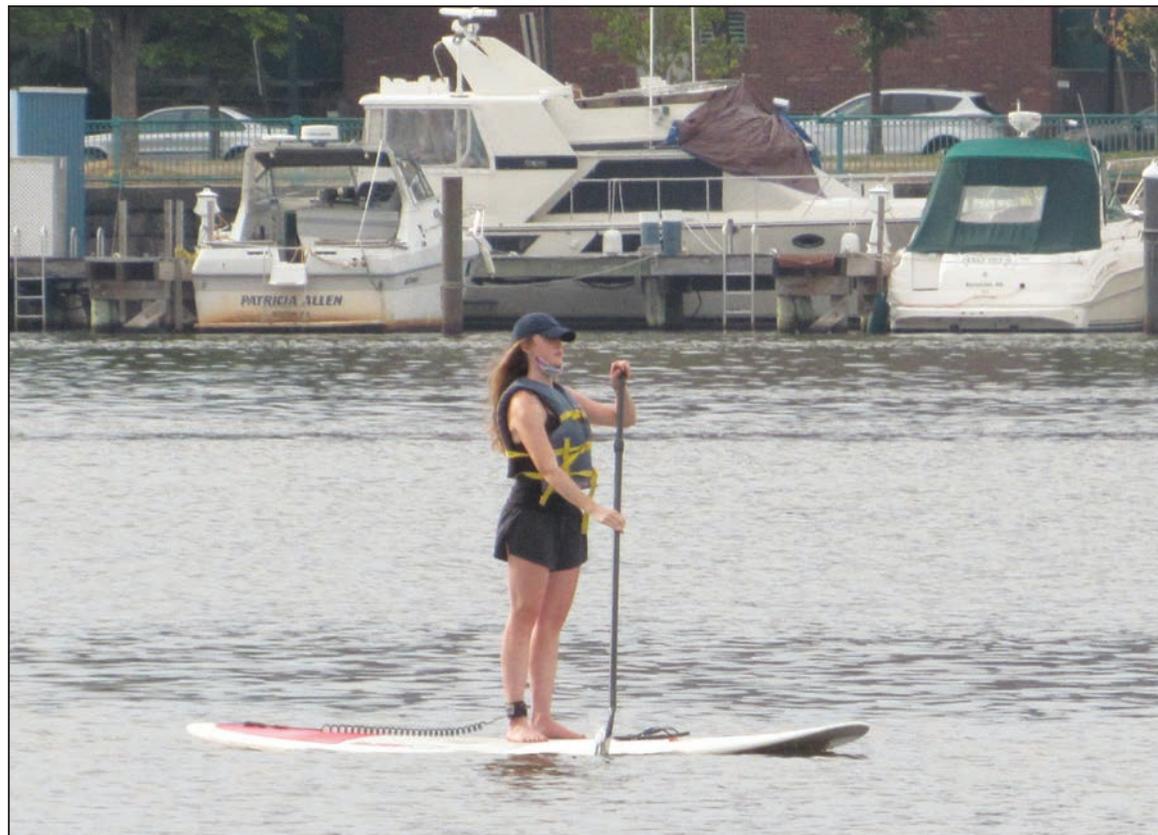


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SUMMER AROUND THE CITY



D. MURPHY PHOTOS

A woman paddle-boarding on the Charles. See Page 6 for more summer photos.



A visitor enjoying some leisure time on the Esplanade.

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Beacon Hill Civic Association Affiliates

Every spring, the Beacon Hill Civic Association publishes its Annual Report covering the organization's accomplishments during the past year, including the accomplishments of some of its affiliated organizations. We will

be sharing some of those accomplishments here over the coming weeks.

Cambridge Street Community Development Corporation

The Cambridge Street Community Development Corporation ("CSCDC") comprises representatives of groups interested in

advancing Cambridge Street as a vital commercial destination and balancing commercial and residential considerations in its re-development, use and maintenance. The Beacon Hill Civic Association is a founding member of the CSCDC; other members include

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City Councilor Michelle Wu launches plan for a Boston Green New Deal and Just Recovery

Special to the Beacon Hill Times

Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu has released a city-level Green New Deal (GND) and Just Recovery plan for Boston, a framework for using the full reach of municipal authority to mitigate the threat of climate change, attack poverty and economic inequality, close the wealth gap, and dismantle structural racism.

"Climate justice is racial and economic justice," said Councilor Wu. "Cities have tremendous power to lead the charge, and we must recognize this moment as a call to action."

Councilor Wu has emphasized

that bold, progressive action is in line with the City of Boston's legacy of civic leadership, as the home of the first public park, public school, and public library in the country. The report features 15 policies to demonstrate the potential for transformative city action today—accelerating decarbonization, just and resilient development, transportation justice, decommodifying housing, food justice, resilient stormwater infrastructure, growing the urban tree canopy, harnessing our coastal and ocean resources for decarbonization and "blue jobs," and more.

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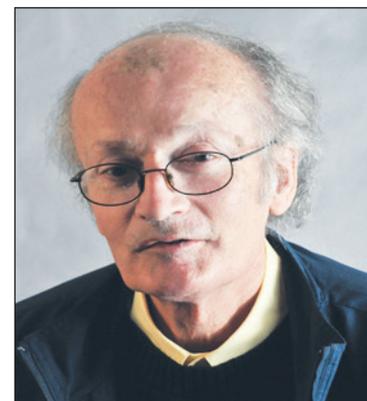
Former Church on the Hill senior pastor, Rev. Dr. 'Ted' Klein, passes away at age 79

By Dan Murphy

The Rev. Dr. J. Theodore "Ted" Klein of West Roxbury, who formerly served as the senior pastor of Church on the Hill died in Boston on Saturday, Aug. 8 at age 79.

Born to the late Harald Immanuel and Ruth Powell Klein on March 23, 1941 in n Abington Pa., Mr. Klein earned degrees from the Academy of the New Church College (BA), Temple University (MEd in Education), and Boston University (MA and PhD in Philosophy) before he was ordained the Swedenborgian Church in 1984. He went on to serve the ministry for the next 36 years, including 15 years with the Boston Society of the New Jerusalem (Church on the Hill, Boston), the last four years of which he served as its senior pastor.

Mr. Klein also served on the faculty of the Swedenborg School of Religion; presented lectures and talks at churches and conventions; and served on several committees, including in the role of secretary of the Council of Ministers. He is the author of several published



COURTESY PHOTO

Rev. Dr. J. Theodore "Ted" Klein.

books, including "The Power of Service," "Why Is This Happening To Me" and the "Learning Compassion" workbook, as well.

Mr. Klein began his distinguished academic career teaching Philosophy at Urbana University (Ohio) before lending his skills in the classroom to the Swedenborg School of Religion, as well as UMass Boston, from where he just retired after the spring semester.

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

EDITORIAL

SAVE THE U.S. POST OFFICE

The unprecedented efforts to undermine the operations of the U.S. Postal Service by President Donald Trump and the Republicans are not even a thinly-veiled attempt to make sure that mail-in voting in the November election during this unprecedented pandemic will fail.

Trump's suggestion that mail-in voting can easily be manipulated, or "rigged," is absurd on its face. Five states, including Washington, Oregon, and Utah, have been conducting their elections for years by mailed-in ballots -- and they have been doing so without a hitch or any hint of manipulation.

However, even if we take Trump at his word that he is trying to "reform" the Post Office, why did he wait to do so until more than halfway through his fourth year in office and appoint as the Postmaster General a millionaire hack campaign donor who has absolutely zero experience in the mail delivery industry?

The U.S. Postal Service from its inception has been a national treasure that other nations have tried to emulate. We hope that the Congress is able to come together to save our Postal Service, an institution that literally is a lifeline for millions of Americans and provides a tremendous service for the entire country.

NEW STIMULUS BILL IS DESPERATELY NEEDED

As we all have learned by now, the so-called Executive Order (if any of it is even legal) recently issued by President Donald Trump two weeks ago amounts to all talk and no action.

It does not stop any evictions of tenants anywhere in the country.

The extra \$400 per week of unemployment benefits (on top of whatever an unemployed person may be receiving from the usual unemployment stipend) is subject to each state kicking in \$100 of the \$400. Given that every state already is facing huge budget deficits because of the pandemic, the Executive Order amounts to what in the private sector is referred-to as a poison pill.

As for the temporary elimination of the Social Security tax -- which is only paid by employed persons -- that sum will have to be repaid in the future by each taxpayer and business. So what good is that?

The moratorium on interest on student loans may be able to go into effect, but the Executive Order extends that benefit only to September 30.

The House passed an extended relief bill in May that included funds for states and municipalities, as well as maintaining the additional unemployment benefits of \$600 that were included in the first pandemic legislation.

The Senate refused to take up the House bill until the deadline approached -- and then asserted that the House was unwilling to compromise.

With an average of 1000 Americans dying daily from the coronavirus and the economy still in a shambles, the country cannot afford political gamesmanship. Action is needed -- and fast.



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GUEST OP-ED

Suffolk DA Rachael Rollins statement on bail and the bail fund

By DA Rachael Rollins

(The following statement is in regard to the release of a convicted sex offender and rapist in Dorchester through the efforts of the Massachusetts Bail Fund in July. The DA's office has brought charges against the man for allegedly raping and kidnapping another woman shortly after being bailed by the Massachusetts Bail Fund.)

To the Editor,

Each one of the over 25,000 cases we handle a year is unique and the Office examines many factors in determining how best to proceed in each case. The decision to request bail or move for dangerousness is one of many that requires a careful consideration of what best serves the victim. And to be clear, the alleged rapist isn't the victim in the case. The person raped is.

Dangerousness under s. 58A requires an evidentiary hearing. There are important victim-centered reasons for not request-

ing such a hearing and instead requesting bail. Further, the dangerousness statute only allows defendants to be held without bail for a limited period of time, after which they are eligible for release on bail, and only permits prosecutors to request a dangerousness hearing during an arraignment.

What I find interesting about the Bail Fund's recent behavior of posting higher bails for violent serious crimes - like the alleged rape recently committed by a convicted sex offender and rapist - is that any incentive for good behavior by the alleged offender is removed. When a family member or friend posts bail, there is an added pressure on the defendant. Any violation, whether a new offense or not showing up in court, could result in that family member or friend losing their money that was posted for bail. That's how the bail statute works. The Bail Fund isn't a friend or family member of the accused. There is no discussion on the ride home of 'what the hell are you doing?' or 'what in the world have

you done?' There is no pressure applied to the accused by the Bail Fund. Rather, their mantra is 'Free Them All.'

If this office made a decision to request bail and not a dangerousness hearing to spare the victim of a rape any additional trauma, I can absolutely live with that decision. But bailing out a convicted sex offender and rapist, and then going home, is the act of a coward. So is not making a statement after you make a decision like that. The Bail Fund bailed out Shawn McClinton and he is now accused of raping someone else, in Boston. I would have so much more respect for the Bail Fund if they had bailed him out and then let him stay in one of their homes. Because that's what family members and friends usually do when they bail a loved one out. Not bail them out, set them loose on a community they don't live in, and drive back to the safety of their homes.

Rachael Rollins is the Suffolk County District Attorney.

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Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Hunter, Travis	Walcott, Judith W	127 Beacon St #32	\$592,500
Tracey Goessel T	Karen Kane Moore LT	315-317 Beacon St #3	\$1,175,000
Viehbacher, Karena	Muakkassa, Wael F	6 Clarendon St #401	\$1,031,000
Janica Lane LT	Vinter, Stephen T	75 Clarendon St #51	\$132,500
Homsy, Christopher F	Hamilton, Dona B	180 Commonwealth Ave #A	\$720,000
Lens Condo T	L Rosen Marital T	257 Commonwealth Ave #6	\$3,500,000
Mazareas, Peter	Fuchs, Christine	184 Marlborough St #6	\$860,000
13-3 Gloucester St LLC	James Marlborough St	251-253 Marlborough St #2	\$2,485,000
Altieri, Andrea	Grosso, Francis L	80 Marlborough St #2	\$970,000
Wiley, Leanna	Mazareas, Peter	381 Marlborough St #1	\$750,000
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Millbury, Corinne L	Dittrich, T Tyler	10 Bowdoin St #202	\$749,000
Erlingsson, Erik C	NBE NT	33 Chestnut St #1	\$1,800,000
Mchugh, Nicola	Connolly, William	36-R Joy St #3	\$331,500
Cheng, Liyang S	Sar North Realty LLC	54 Myrtle St #5	\$580,000
Shaw, Alison C	Cushman, Russell G	63-63A Myrtle St #6	\$1,475,000
Kutz, Peter S	Bush, Kimberly	45 Province St #708	\$958,500
Weisskoff, Robert	175-1 St Botolph St	175 Saint Botolph St #1	\$844,000
Rodophele, Katherine O	Chen, Jason	6 Whittier Pl #2H	\$496,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Art, David R	StCyr, Christopher	511 Beacon St #6	\$439,700
Butler, Philip	Remis, Chad	410 Boylston St #4	\$2,270,000
Beck, Christopher M	Smith, Robert	34 Fayette St #2	\$1,875,000
Hamrick, William L	Stephen P Kelleher	52 Fayette St #1	\$1,179,500
Sutton, John E	Tofias Gloria M Est	1 Huntington Ave #1203	\$3,175,000
Brian H Whipple 2012 FT	Barbara I Edelstein T	201 Newbury St #405	\$1,795,000
Tarapaca Newbury Corp	UMNV 8 Newbury LLC	8-8A Newbury St	\$42,450,000
21 Piedmont LLC	Bhogal, Jasbir	21 Piedmont St #21	\$3,175,000
Yu, Hai	Guida, Paul M	191 W Canton St #2	\$665,000
Ben-Akiva, Ori	Brackenridge, Heidi	139 Warren Ave	\$4,500,000
Sciacca, Kate R	Rivers End LLC	171 Warren Ave #5	\$675,000
Hornsby, Kennifer	Sullivan, Andrew B	47 Warren Ave #1	\$1,440,000
Barbara I Edelstein T	Lewis, Denise A	7 Warren Ave #19	\$2,470,000
Brown, Catherine	Kramer, Zachary	40 Winchester St #401	\$1,375,000
Multirich Property LLC	Bajan Properties LLC	188 Brookline Ave #22C	\$1,250,000
Jin, Qingren	Burbank Street LLC	63 Burbank St #15	\$385,000
Wood, John	28 Concord Square Dev	28 Concord Sq #1	\$3,625,000
Moffat, Susan	SVS Hldg MA LLC	90 Gainsborough St #304E	\$775,000
Full Circle P&A LLC	Leitner, Rosemarie P	477 Harrison Ave #PHB	\$6,400,000
Choi, Chantal	Gibeau, Timothy D	460 Massachusetts Ave #3	\$703,000
Copeland, Aaron	Jeffrey S Aroy T	39 Milford St #2	\$3,100,000
Lowenthal, Jennifer	Hattangadi, Shilpa	125 Park Dr #32	\$545,000
Wu, Kunming	Smith, Aaron	31 Queensberry St #22	\$530,000
Summers, Jeffrey A	Dhokarh, Rajanigandha	11 Saint George St #13C	\$1,185,000
Zahedi, Misha	Garrett St Marys T	124 Saint Marys St #4	\$434,000
Chau, Angela	Crittenden, William F	46 Saint Stephen St #4	\$769,000
Harper, Benjamin C	Breene, Ventia R	519 Shawmut Ave #2	\$1,800,000
Lake, Craig A	Williamson, Maggie	604 Tremont St #3	\$985,000
Barsalona, Nicole	Hinds, Meghan E	11 Upton St #1	\$2,900,000
Rasmusson, Ann	Bos, Dana W	16 Upton St #3	\$1,115,000
May, Walter R	Beeston, David	164 W Brookline St #1	\$1,872,500
Murray, Tatum	Morrissey, Lisa R	12 Worcester Sq #4	\$920,000
Ou, Jonathan	Quinn, Brian T	14 Worcester Sq #4	\$879,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Anna L Richter LT	Topaz LLC	1 Avery St #PH1C	\$1,700,000
Miller, Eric	Yacobian, Antoinette	343 Commercial St #501	\$1,500,000
Myette, Charles L	David B Warias RET	357 Commercial St #209	\$840,000
Abbasov, Parviz	A Dorozynski 2015 RET	1 Franklin St #2504	\$2,300,000
Coughlan, Lisa M	Rojas, Jabes	210-216 Lincoln St #302	\$850,750

Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The end of the pencil in the last clue is on a Boston treasure – the Brattle Book Shop at 9 West Street. According to their website, it was, “... founded in the Cornhill section of Boston in 1825, has been in the hands of the Gloss Family since 1949.” Many of the books used as references for this column were purchased there.

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



Store manager hopes new, compact Target will offer convenience and ease

By Dan Murphy

When Target opens its new, compact 11,000 square-foot location at 100 Cambridge St. on Sunday, Oct. 25, Erica Chang, the store director, hopes that not only will the business become a welcome and convenient option for shoppers on the go, but also that it will cater to the specific wants and needs of the neighborhood.

“I want everyone to feel comfortable and invited...and I really want to have an open ear and get to know everyone who comes into the store because it will be like my baby, or my home,” said the 27-year-old South End native. “I want everyone to feel welcome and like they’re getting the best guest experience. I really want to build relationships with the locals, and I want to find out what I can bring to the store so they’re leaving happy”

Chang began interning at Target’s Somerville store while she was an undergraduate student at UMass Amherst and then joined the staff of its Fenway location as a sales floor executive upon her graduation in 2015. Two years later, she transitioned into the role of human resources executive of

Target’s Fenway store, and as, she wrote in an email, she “continued to fall in love with [herself] and the company.”

Now that Chang has fulfilled her longtime professional goal of becoming a store manager, she added: “I can say that I am a leader, a mentor, and a friend to my team, the community, and to Target.”

With its compact size, the Cambridge Street store will be among Target’s “Small Format” locations, which, Chang said, “are built for efficiency and to maximize selling space.”

The store will devote around 35-percent of its shelf space to food “with the emphasis on fresh at great prices,” Chang added, as well as offer other requisite goods, such as hair care and beauty products, household items and travel necessities.

Chang anticipates the store will likely attract many business professionals who work long hours and have little time to devote to shopping while still striving to maintain a healthy lifestyle and nutritious diet.

“Groceries that [are] quick and fresh...whether they’re snacks for

lunch or ingredients for a seven-layer lasagna [will be among the store’s offerings],” Chang wrote. “[We’ll also have] a pharmacist and pharmacy available [on site] to answer any health questions. It’s the perfect one-stop shop.”

Meanwhile, Chang looks forward to getting to know the Beacon Hill community and said she has already benefited from hearing the insights of a colleague who grew up in the neighborhood. But Target’s Cambridge Street store won’t cater to only the Hill, she added, and instead will also aim to serve the nearby North End, Downtown and Chinatown.

“I would also love to hire from the community because there’s no better way to provide back,” Chang said, “and because I’m invested in the growth of the community and the well-being of its locals, as well as the health of the local economy.”

Chang will offer “on-the-spot” job interviews and be making offers for positions at the new Cambridge Street location from Aug. 27 to 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fenway Target, or you can apply online at Target.com/careers.



Erica Chang, Store Director of Target’s soon-to-open “Small Format” store at 100 Cambridge St.

WU (from pg. 1)

“For a just, green, and equitable COVID recovery in Boston, business as usual is simply no longer an option,” said Yanisa Techagumthorn, Sunrise Boston Political Co-Lead. “Councilor Wu’s Green New Deal plan aims to address multiple issues, including housing, transit, and food security. It’s an ambitious, yet realistic, plan that matches the scope of the dual crises we face: the current pandemic and the imminent impacts of climate change. An opportunity for Boston to model aggressive action that will simultaneously lower our emissions and improve the lives of the most vulnerable residents.”

“The permafrost of structural and institutional racism is slowly being melted as its roots are exposed and action is taken,” said Mela Bush Miles of Alternatives for Community & Environment (ACE). “A global pandemic has shone a light on what Black communities knew all along. Disparities in health care, employment, transportation, and education wreak havoc on Black lives. We MUST deal with the public health crisis of racism. We need a citywide Green New Deal and Just recovery

to unearth the root causes of these disparities and to proactively plan a just and sustainable future for our city. We must especially prioritize those who have been ignored for far too long. Success is within reach if we lead with climate, environmental and racial justice to build a just and sustainable future for Boston and beyond.”

“Boston faces a myriad of challenges - COVID, economic recession, structural racism, and a lurking-in-the-background climate crisis,” said Craig Altemose, Executive Director at Better Future Project. “We cannot confront these challenges with some tweaks to business-as-usual; we need bold, ambitious, and visionary policies that reimagine how our society can and should work -- for everyone. We at 350 Mass are thrilled to support Councilor Wu’s Green New Deal and Just Recovery plan for Boston, and look forward to working with her to turn that vision into reality.”

“Councilor Michelle Wu’s Green New Deal is the only city plan equal to both the scale and urgency of Boston’s challenge in leading the city and the world

from climate crisis to sustainable prosperity in a just economy,” said Bradley Campbell, President of the Conservation Law Foundation. “CLF joins our community partners in leading the call for the City and Commonwealth to take up this Nation-leading call to action.”

To kick off the legislative process and community engagement around this plan, Councilor Wu has filed a hearing order regarding implementing a Green New Deal & Just Recovery, which was introduced at the Boston City Council meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 19. On Thursday, Aug. 20, Councilor Wu is scheduled to join local activists for a virtual Green New Deal & Just Recovery launch event.

The report builds on Councilor Wu’s leadership on climate justice and racial justice. Over her seven years on the Boston City Council, she has authored and passed:

- Boston’s Face Surveillance Ban ordinance (June 2020), prohibiting the use of a surveillance technology that threatens civil rights and is racially discriminatory
- Boston Local Wetlands Protection ordinance (December 2019), empowering city agencies

to require more resilient development, green infrastructure, and protect valuable natural resource areas

- Good Food Purchasing ordinance (March 2019), aligning Boston Public Schools food procurement with a local, healthy, sustainable, fair, and humane food supply chain

- Right to Charge home-rule petition (January 2019 passed by the state legislature; October 2017 passed by the City Council), removing barriers to installing electric vehicle charging infrastructure

- Short-Term Rentals ordinance (June 2018), closing corporate loopholes to stem displacement, protect residential housing, and stabilize communities

- Equity in City Contracting ordinance (December 2017), aligning municipal purchasing and procurement to close the racial wealth gap and create wealth locally

- Community Choice Electricity Order (October 2017), setting the framework for Boston’s recently approved municipal aggregation plan to ramp up renewable energy sourcing for residents and small

businesses

- Boston’s Paid Parental Leave ordinance (April 2015), offering paid leave for city employees regardless of birth or adoption and inclusive of every family type

- Resolution Supporting State-wide Fossil Fuel Divestment (November 2014)

- Health Care Equity ordinance (June 2014), prohibiting discrimination in health care coverage on the basis of gender identity

She has also led the charge for transit justice, successfully petitioning the MBTA to scale back proposed fare hikes in 2019, shielding bus riders, youth, and seniors from fare increases; pushing for fare-free public transportation; releasing a Boston Youth Transportation Report in 2018, calling for the expansion of free transit passes for all Boston, which was implemented the next school year. Councilor Wu previously released a climate justice report in 2016, Climate Justice for the City of Boston: Visioning Policies and Processes.

RMV announces 2020 low plate lottery

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has announced that applications for the 2020 Low Number Plate Lottery are now being accepted online at [Mass.Gov/RMV](https://www.mass.gov/rmv) using the Online Service Center. Applicants must apply by September 6 and, if selected for a low number plate, will be notified after the drawing takes place later in September.

This year, there are 100 plates available through the low plate lottery. Some of this year's low plate characters are 751, 7660, 6P, 12K, K5, B35 and V35.

Applicants should note that there is no fee to apply. However, should the applicant be selected as a winner, there is a fee that will be required, as the fee is required of all new license plates, as well as a standard registration fee.

Customers are encouraged to visit the RMV's website or follow @MassRMV on Twitter for upcoming details on the drawing, including the date, time, and location of the event. In addition, applicants will be sent a notifica-

tion via email. The lottery results will be posted on the RMV website.

Lottery Rules and Eligibility Requirements:

- Only one entry per applicant will be accepted, regardless of the number of active registrations the applicant has.

- An applicant must be a Massachusetts resident with a currently active, registered, and insured passenger vehicle.

- Companies/corporations may not apply.

- MassDOT (Registry of Motor Vehicles, Highway, Mass Transit, and Aeronautics) employees, including contract employees, and their immediate family members are not eligible. ("Immediate family member" refers to one's parents, spouse, children, and brothers & sisters.)

- Requests for specific plate numbers will not be honored. Eligible applicants will be considered for all plates listed. Plates will be awarded in the order in which they are listed on [Mass.Gov/RMV](https://www.mass.gov/rmv).

- An applicant's registration and license cannot be in a non-renew-

al, suspended, or revoked status at the time of entry, the time of the drawing, or the time of the plate swap. As such, an applicant must not have any outstanding excise taxes, parking tickets, child support, warrants, or unpaid E-ZPass/Fast Lane violations.

- Online entries must be completed by Sept. 6.

- By law, lottery winners must be announced by Sept. 15. Lottery results will be available on the RMV website: [Mass.Gov/RMV](https://www.mass.gov/rmv)

- All winners will be notified by the RMV in writing with instructions on how to transfer their current registration to their new lottery plate. Winners will have until Dec. 31 to swap their plates. Unclaimed plates will be forfeited after Dec. 31. Plates will be registered to the winning applicant only.

- All plates remain the property of the RMV even after registration.

- All information received, including names of all applicants and the list of winners, is subject to release in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Records law.

KLEIN (from pg. 1)

"Colleagues described his talks as 'lucid, perfectly insightful, and extremely interesting,' and summarized his personality as being [one of] the 'sweetest, kindest, gentlest individuals whom I ever knew,'" Rev. Kevin Baxter, pastor of Church on the Hill, said during his eulogy for Mr. Klein. "The ethics of care was clearly at the center of his philosophical focus and he was working on a book on that topic. He wasn't able to complete it, but his impact on student and faculty was such that, 'his ideas will reverberate forever and ever.'"

Mary Kay (McKeon) Klein, Mr. Klein's beloved wife of 52 years wrote: "Ted was a kind and gentle man with a shining soul. He approached life with great insight and joyful humor. He was a blessing to us all"

Besides Mrs. Klein, Mr. Klein is

also survived by his children John Klein and his wife, Myriah Klein, of Salem and Kevin Klein and his wife, Heather Greer Klein, of Durham N.C.; his grandchildren Willow, Rowan and Linden Klein; his sister, Margaret Klein Deacon, and her husband, Jonathan, sisters-in-law, Ellen McKeon, and Ann Brass and her husband, Richard; brothers-in-law Michael McKeon, John McKeon and his wife, Karen Greklek, James McKeon and his wife, Rhonda, and Thomas McKeon and his wife, Kim; his dear friend James McNulty; and

numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Klein was predeceased by his daughter, Karen McNulty.

Besides an upcoming virtual memorial to honor Mr. Klein, a memorial service will be held at the Church of the New Jerusalem in Boston at a later date; visit the Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home of West Roxbury online at www.lawlerfuneralhome.com for more information.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Klein's memory may be made to: Friends of the Blue Hills (friendsofthebluehills.org).

BEACON HILL BEAT

From Boston Police Area A-1

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Breaking and Entering – Motor Vehicle

08/08/20 – A victim reported that her Honda Pilot was broken into on Winchester Street at around 5 a.m. She said her wallet, with her bank/credit card inside, was stolen, and that she notified her bank of the theft. Two transactions were subsequently made on the victim's account, so she cancelled her bank card.

Auto Theft

08/09/20 – A victim reported his 2020 Mercedes Benz GLE 350 was stolen from Mount Vernon Place at about 3:30 p.m. The victim also said he left the keys in the vehicle, with his wallet and personal belongings inside. A GPS tracking system placed the vehicle currently in the area of Massachusetts Avenue, and police were scheduled to check that area for the stolen vehicle.

BHCA (from pg. 1)

MGH, MEEI, Suffolk University and other large scale abutters on Cambridge Street. By bringing residential, institutional and commercial viewpoints together, the CSCDC provides an interactive forum in which to address issues affecting Cambridge Street.

This past year, the CSCDC continued to maintain the median and sidewalk-based landscaping that helps the corridor serve as a gateway to the City of Boston. Emphasis was on the continued replacement of dead trees on the sidewalks and the maintenance of a strong, healthy landscape on the median of the street. The median benefitted from the daffodil planting of prior years and remains an attractive part of the streetscape. Additionally, CSCDC served as a forum for an ongoing discussion regarding the reuse of the small open area known as Mousey Park adjacent to North Anderson Street and other quality of life issues on the street.

Don't Forget to Vote!

We have posted on our website, updated and comprehensive information for voting in the upcoming primary election here in Boston on September 1, 2020, as well as the deadlines for registering to vote and mailing in your ballot. The information on our website includes:

How to become a volunteer poll worker;

How to register to vote - and to check whether you are already registered;

How to vote early and where you can vote early in person near

Beacon Hill;

How you can vote by mail and how you can track your mailed-in ballot - and what to do if you haven't yet received your application to vote by mail;

How to vote in person on Election Day if you want to - and how to find out where you should go to vote in person.

Go to [bhcivic.com](https://www.bhcivic.com) for this voting information. And don't forget to vote!

Upcoming BHCA meetings and activities:

Events Committee Meeting - August 25 at 6pm. This meeting is virtual. Please contact the BHCA office for details.

Young Friends End of Summer Picnic - August 26 at 6pm. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/626411694938417> for details.

Join us!

If you haven't yet become a member of the BHCA, we invite you to join online at www.bhcivic.org/become-a-member.

Your input on 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@bhcivic.org with any questions, comments or concerns, or to learn more about how you can get involved in your community.



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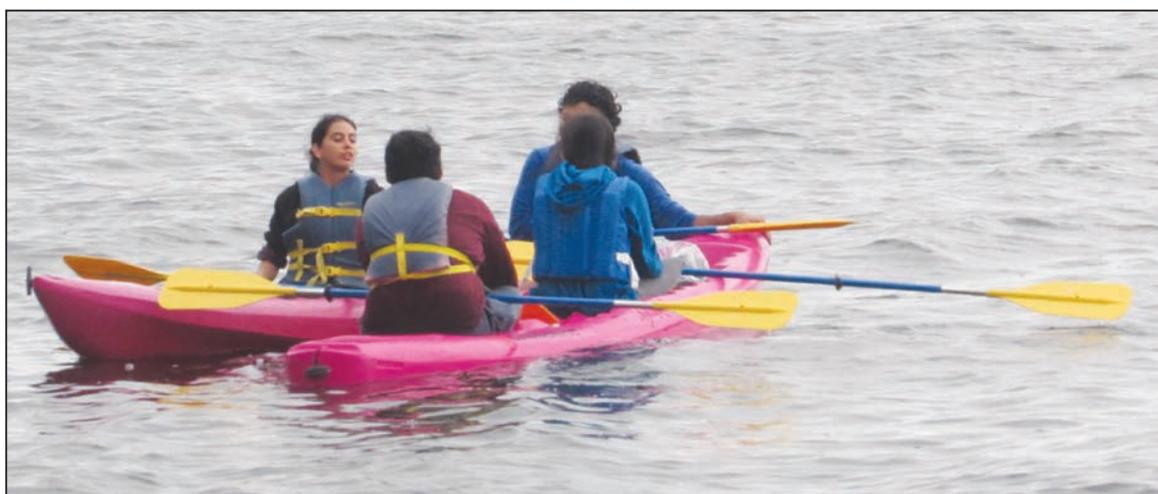
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One of the fountains at the Public Garden that will soon be restored, courtesy of the Friends of the Public Garden.



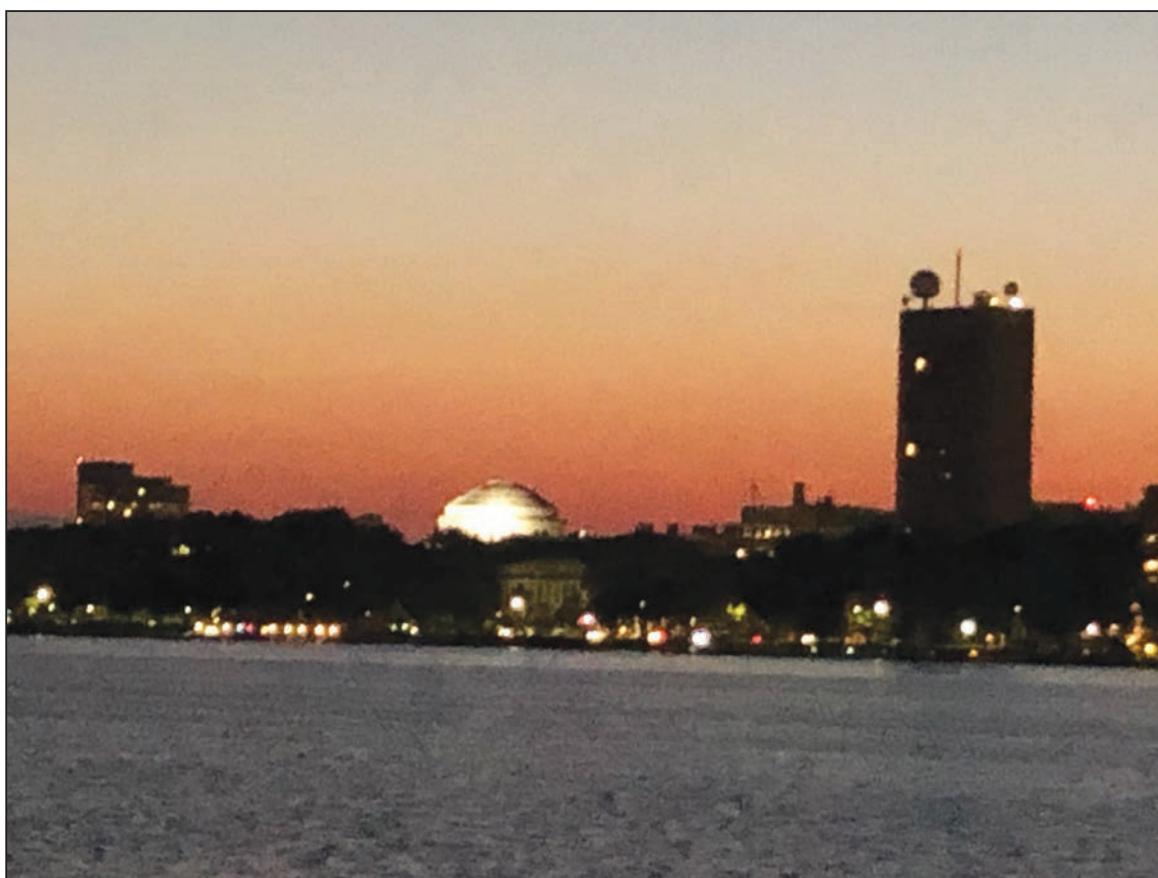
A view of the Prudential Tower from the Esplanade.



Canoeing on the Charles.



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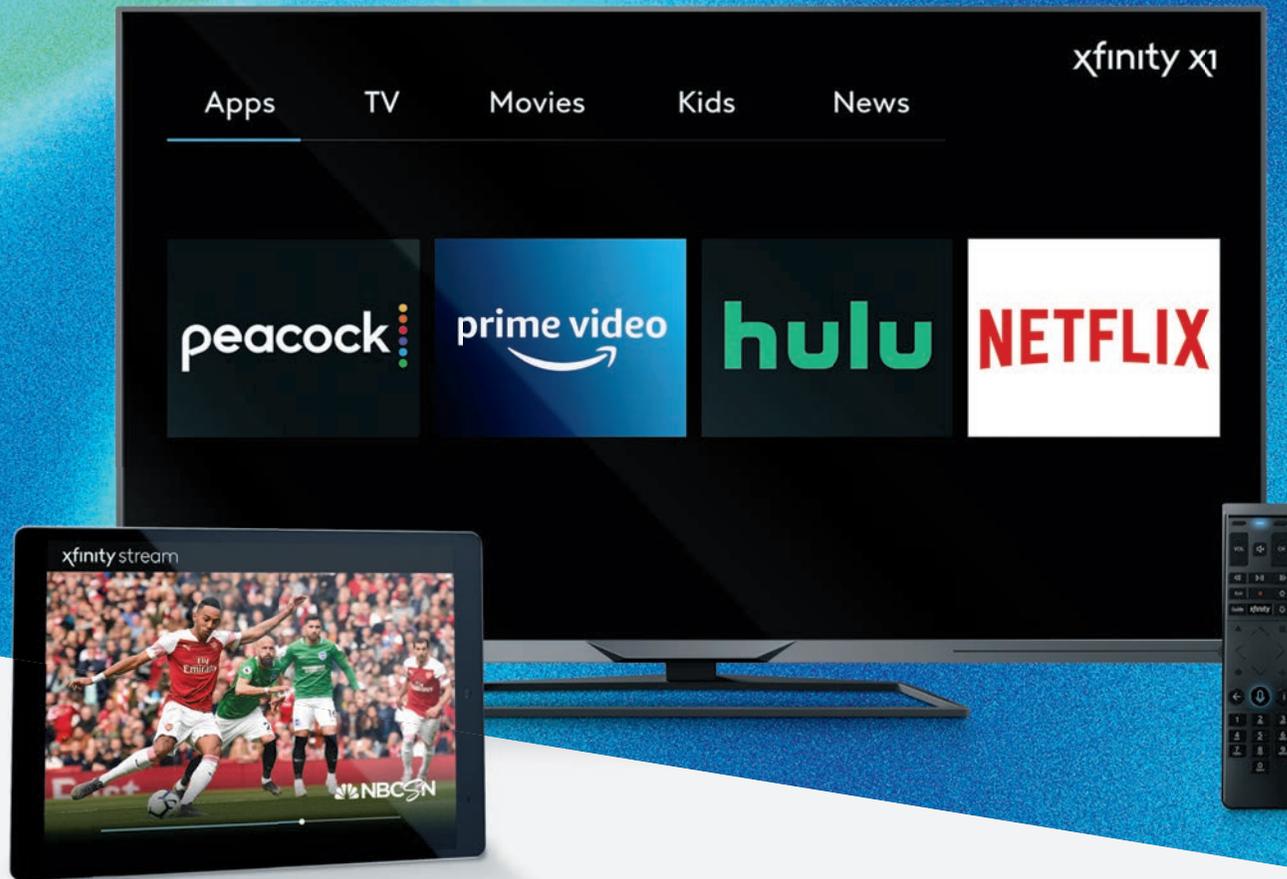


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Owl's Nest beer garden returns to the Esplanade
By Dan Murphy
Patrons seem savoring the return of the Owl's Nest beer garden on the Charles River Esplanade on Saturday evening.
Everett's Night Shift Brewing is again partnering with the non-profit Esplanade Association to offer a selection of craft beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages in a self-contained area at Storrow Memorial Embankment Park (Fiedler Field), and although this year's hours of operation are "still being tweaked," Matt Eshelman, the brewery's quality manager, said the Owl's Nest is currently open on Wednesday and Thursday from 4 to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 4 to 10 p.m. (Owl's Nest, Pg. 4)

Liz Vizza promoted to president of Friends of the Public Garden
By Dan Murphy
Liz Vizza was promoted to president of the Friends of the Public Garden during the nonprofit's 50th annual meeting, which took place virtually on Thursday, Aug. 6. "Liz has been such a driving force for not only our parks, but for all park in the city," said Leslie Singleton Adam, chair of the Friends board, of Vizza, who has served as the group's executive director for the past 11 years. The annual meeting had originally been scheduled as a traditional in-person event for April, Adam said, but it was postponed and took place virtually last week instead due to the pandemic. "When we started talking about it as the 50th anniversary, we never anticipated having a virtual Zoom meeting in August," she added. (Vizza, Pg. 4)

Amid uptick in cases, Baker puts the brakes on state's reopening process
By Lauren Bennett
Governor Charlie Baker last Friday announced that Step Two of Phase Three of the state's reopening plan is postponed "indefinitely," after public health data showed an uptick in positive COVID-19 cases. "We cannot say this enough—COVID-19 is highly contagious," Baker said at his press conference on Friday, adding that some people in the state have been "a bit too relaxed." He cited several reports of big parties at various locations across the state, as well as illegal sports camps, private boat charters, and a 300 person wedding that is currently being investigated as a cluster and will "likely result in fines." Baker announced that new initiatives would be put in place to slow the spread of the virus, some statewide and others targeted towards specific communities that are currently experiencing an increase in cases. "In some respects, we're entering a new phase in our battle against COVID-19," Baker said. He said that additional town data will be reported starting this Wednesday, and will be posted on a weekly basis. "An uptick in cases and reports of people not adhering to the guidance means we cannot move forward at this time," Baker said. He said that the state's contact tracing teams have identified large pool parties, birthday parties, and other gatherings as having "contributed significantly to community spread and new COVID clusters." He said these gatherings are "too big, too crowded," and "people are not being responsible." New guidelines statewide include reducing outdoor gatherings, on both public and private property, from a limit of 100 people. (BAKER, Pg. 5)

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER
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.
Membership Committee
The Membership Committee is comprised of a few dedicated, off-board volunteers along with co-chairs from the Civic Association Board.
2019-2020 BHCA Membership Committee Co-Chairs, Janet Tiampo (left) and Maggie Moran.
(BHCA Pg. 5)

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FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

D. MURPHY PHOTOS

Bricks thrown through windows of two Hill homes displaying BLM signs

By Dan Murphy

Two neighborhood homes displaying Black Lives Matters signs fell prey to vandalism after bricks were thrown through windows at both residences some time late Friday night or during the early hours of Saturday morning.

According to Boston Police, an officer responded to a radio call for a report of vandalism at 53 Garden St. at approximate-

ly 9:36 a.m. and spoke to the victim, who said that a window at her home, which displayed a Black Lives Matter sign, had been smashed with a brick. The victim also said she heard a commotion in her home the previous night, although she didn't notice the damage sustained, and that the officer observed, until 9 a.m. Saturday.

Less than two blocks away, Boston Police also responded to a

report of vandalism at 88 Myrtle St. at around 11 a.m., and, upon arrival, met with the victim who stated that some time overnight, unknown suspect(s) threw a window through the front window of his apartment.

The officer who responded to this location observed both the broken front window and a Black Loves Matter sign attached to it at this time.



A Black Lives Matter sign was clearly on display in a window at 88 Myrtle St. on Wednesday, only days after the home was vandalized.



The home at 53 Garden St. that was the vandalism last week.

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.

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Baker, Walsh discuss schools, COVID updates

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker and Mayor Walsh each held a press conference on August 18, where they talked about schools and COVID-19 updates. Baker addressed food insecurity in the state, and Walsh also talked about the importance of the postal service.

Baker said that the state has asked school districts across the state to come up with plans for hybrid, in-person, and remote learning. "Over the past few weeks, school districts have submitted plans," and of the 371 school districts, more than 70 percent of them indicated that they will offer hybrid or fully in person classes this fall. The other 30 percent will be fully remote, he said.

"Students have been away from classrooms and their students and peers since March," Baker said.

On Monday, there were 213 new cases of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth, and the seven day average positive test rate is about 1.4 percent. Baker said that this rate has been "hovering" between 1.4 and two percent for the past several weeks. To date, nearly 2 million tests have been

administered across the state, and Baker said that there has been an increase in repeat tests in individuals.

Baker also said that continued success has been seen in the state's Stop the Spread Initiative, which began on July 10 and will run through September 12. Baker announced on Tuesday afternoon that the program will be expanded to three more communities: Salem, Holyoke, and Saugus, bringing the total number of communities to 20.

The state is launching a new interactive map with case data, which is available at mass.gov/covidmap.

"The Commonwealth is stepping up its partnerships with communities considered to be moderate or high risk," Baker said, adding that the state will continue to "ensure public awareness about the steps we need to stay safe."

Baker also talked about the Food Security Task Force, which was established this spring. There is \$56 million in investments available to "combat food insecurity," Baker said, by providing funds to food banks and similar programs, and he said that a "great response"

has been seen from food producers and distributors.

"Increasing access to fresh, local food is critical to ensure the health and wellbeing of all Commonwealth families," Baker said in a statement. "Through this grant program, we are helping residents and businesses who've been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic while making investments in building a strong and equitable local food system for Massachusetts that is prepared for the future."

As part of a second round of funding from the \$36 million Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program, \$3.3 million in grants will be distributed to Massachusetts farmers, urban farms, schools, seafood farmers, food banks, and more, he said. The funds will be used to invest in new technology such as refrigerated trucks, greenhouses, ovens, and more, so programs across the state can continue providing food to local residents.

"The great thing about this program," Baker said, is that it is "not a stop-gap system," but it will help to "invest in building a strong and local resilient food system."

Baker said that the administra-

tion is "grateful for our continued collaboration with the legislature" on this issue.

WALSH UPDATES

Mayor Walsh also held a press conference on August 18, where he talked about testing in the City as well as preparations being made for back to school.

Walsh said that there were 24 new cases in Boston as of Tuesday, and testing is up in all neighborhoods except Allston-Brighton, but he added that there was a pop-up testing center there last week.

"We're going to bring testing wherever it's needed," Walsh said. "We need to stay focused and vigilant on the battle of COVID-19. Boston has done well over the last three months because our residents are resilient and responsible."

Walsh said that September 21 will be the opening date for most Boston Public Schools (BPS) students.

He said the decision will be made "very soon" on whether or not to open BPS fully remotely or with a hybrid model, but reminded residents that families have a choice to have their children attend remotely regardless of the decision made.

He said that HVAC systems have been inspected in schools, and 3000 fans have been purchased. He added that the City's protocol for preparation meets state requirements.

He also said that equity remains at the forefront of decision making. "Community input has shaped every step of the input," he added.

Walsh also talked about the issues with the postal service, saying that the postmaster general announced that operational changes "that were causing this great concern" are being suspended.

"We need a strong postal service," he said, adding that "many of our seniors and others" vote by mail each year. With the pandemic, many others will also request mail-in ballots so Walsh talked about the importance of making sure the postal service is fully up and running.

He said that the City will "continue to monitor the situation closely on a daily basis."

Walsh said that he would like to "thank all the postal workers who are working for us. We take voting rights and voting access seriously in Boston."

State announces funding round for Brownfields Redevelopment

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration and MassDevelopment have announced a new round of available funding from the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund to support the environmental assessment and cleanup of contaminated and challenging sites across the Commonwealth. Municipalities, municipal agencies or authorities, economic development and industrial corporations, and economic development authorities may apply for up to \$100,000 in site assessment funding or up to \$250,000 in remediation funding.

"Converting contaminated and challenging sites into new, constructive uses like affordable housing and commercial opportunities is critical to our goal of building vibrant communities across the Commonwealth," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. "Through the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, we can remove a major barrier that would otherwise inhibit our progress toward economic recovery."

"MassDevelopment is pleased to administer the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, a critical

resource for revitalizing challenging properties into new housing units, commercial space, and other productive uses," said MassDevelopment President and CEO Lauren Liss. "We thank the Baker-Polito Administration and the Legislature for their continued support for this program and encourage cities, towns, and their economic development partners to apply for funding."

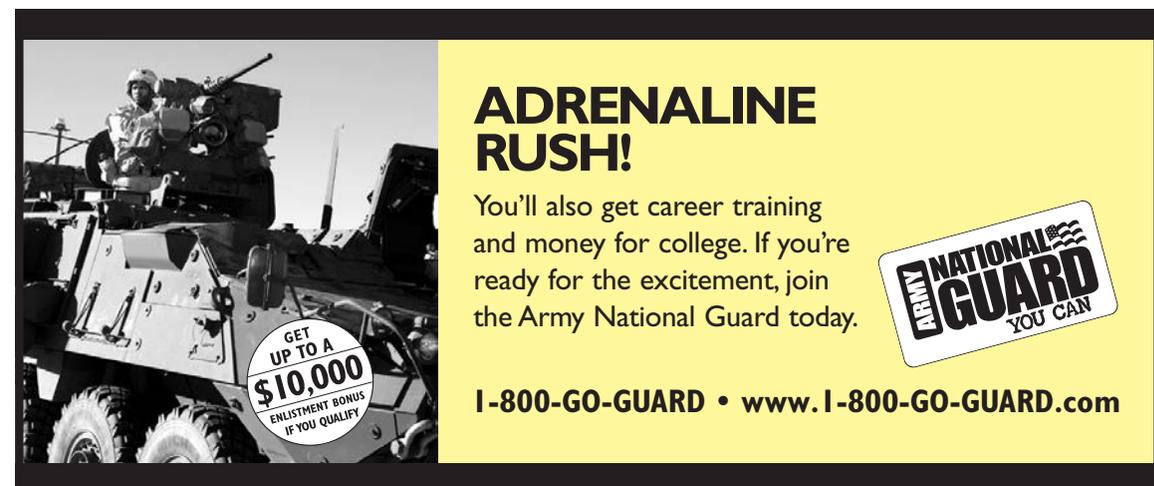
MassDevelopment oversees the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, which helps to transform vacant, abandoned, or underused industrial or commercial proper-

ties by financing the environmental assessment and remediation of brownfield sites in "Economically Distressed Areas" of the Commonwealth. Since the Fund's inception in 1998, it has supported 747 projects for a total investment of more than \$108 million.

This competitive round seeks to advance the redevelopment of sites without a committed end-user where market potential has been identified. It will not replace the traditional process of accepting applications on a rolling basis for eligible proposals with an identified developer. The full Request

for Proposals is available at massdevelopment.com/brownfields. Responses are due by 5 p.m. on Sept. 18.

MassDevelopment, the state's finance and development agency, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth. During FY2019, MassDevelopment financed or managed 316 projects generating investment of more than \$2 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are estimated to create or support 9,743 jobs and build or preserve 1,992 housing units.



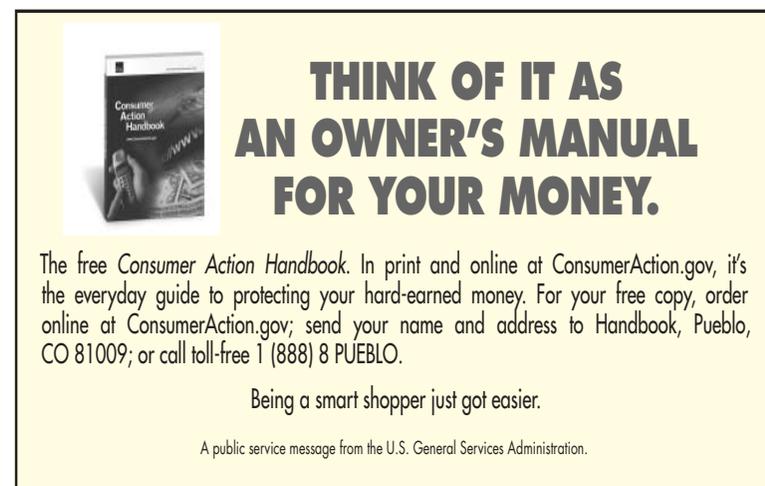
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Reading recipes

Recipes with a list of ingredients, measurements, instructions, times, and temperatures are a relatively new way of passing along cooking instruction. That format began in 1896 with the release of Fanny Merrit Farmer's "Boston Cooking School Cookbook."

While there have been recipes since writing was carved into stone tablets, for the most part learning to cook and exchanging recipes was an oral and apprenticeship tradition. Children helped family members in home kitchens and learned their family's recipes. A cook in a Victorian kitchen might be assisted by a kitchen maid and a scullery maid who might learn enough by watching and assisting to qualify for a position as a cook one day.

Today we have millions of recipes available in cookbooks, online, in videos, on food packages, and handwritten in notebooks and on index cards. While many are treasures and easy to replicate, others are confusing or just don't work, even if you follow every measurement and instruction. In time you will learn which sources to trust because they have done the right amount of recipe testing.

Is This the Recipe for You?

Your first step is to read the recipe from start to finish. Read every word from the title on down to the endnotes and decide if this is a recipe you'll be comfortable making. Do you have the time it will take, do you know the techniques and have the equipment required, and will you enjoy making and eating it?

Most published recipes today start with a list of ingredients. The major exceptions to that rule are the "Joy of Cooking" cookbooks. Here the ingredients are introduced as they are needed in the process. In a way, this can be good training. It forces you to make your own checklist, shopping list,

and equipment list as you work your way through the recipe.

As you read, note anything that must be done ahead of the main preparation like soaking beans, marinating the meat, or preheating the oven.

If it sounds like you have all the ingredients on hand and all the tools you will need to complete the dish, it's time to gather and lay out everything ready to measure, prepare, and combine. This includes the serving dish and, if needed, space in the refrigerator or freezer.

Read with Care

There is a difference between a cup of parsley chopped and a cup of chopped parsley. A good recipe writer will stress the difference to make it clear. Perhaps they will tell you in a headnote under the title, but before the actual recipe (or in a sidebar) that they really do mean you should use 40 cloves of garlic or that the anchovies are optional.

Make the Dish

Then follow directions step-by-step from the chopping and dicing to the cooking and plating. Taste along the way and correct for seasoning or to correct the balance that your particular ingredients have given the dish. Your lime might be sweeter or your salt less salty. Finally, serve it, and decide if this is a recipe source you will explore more or if the writer has led you astray.

Once you've made a recipe by the book, you can feel free to improvise. This is harder to do in baking than in cooking. However good cooks are always thinking of ways to put their own twist on a classic or to use up something they happen to have on hand.

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Writing recipes is a difficult task that takes training and skill. Books like *The Joy of Cooking* are well-tested, however, they use an unusual recipe format.

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City Councilor Bok brings back in-person office hours

By Dan Murphy

For City Councilor Kenzie Bok, the most gratifying part of resuming in-person, neighborhood office-hours has been seeing her constituents in the flesh again.

“It was such a joy to see people in person, and everyone has been

great about following all the safety guidelines,” she said. “We had some good conversations about helping out our neighbors in this tough time, and everyday issues like rodents and trash, as well as big-issue policies, like police reform, economic recovery and public housing.”

Councilor Bok held her first neighborhood office hours since the pandemic struck on Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Phillips Street Playground on Beacon Hill, the Commonwealth Avenue Mall in Back Bay and Mission Hill Playground in Mission Hill; and on Monday, Aug. 17, at Symphony Park in East Fenway and at Ramler Park in West Fenway. She is also scheduled to hold office hours today, Thursday, Aug. 20, at 6 p.m. in the West End on Thoreau Path (on the benches behind the Amy Lowell Apartments).

While she is holding her office hours outdoors to better maintain social distancing and adhere to other public safety guidelines, Councilor Bok also views this as a prime opportunity to enjoy the city’s greenspace while the weather still permits.

“Just getting to sit in each of these parks and playgrounds in

good weather, you can really appreciate how lovely these settings are,” she said. “As city dwellers, it’s such a reminder of what treasures our parks are.”

Most constituents who attended her office hours booked their appointments with Councilor Bok in advance, but she was also able to accommodate a few passersby at each session as well so far

“I wasn’t sitting alone for any of them,” she said of her office hours, “and we were all booked up for the most part, but a few neighbors still dropped by during every rotation.”

Besides welcoming the constituents themselves, Councilor Bok also greeted some pets during her office hours.

“It was mainly dogs,” she said, “and they were well behaved and all adorable.”

Councilor Bok said she would continue to welcome pets at her office hours going forward, although she limited her invitation to dogs and cats only.

One issue has continued to come up in conversations with constituents, Councilor Bok said, surrounding how the city’s colleges and universities can safely reopen again.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY COUNCILOR KENZIE BOK'S OFFICE
City Councilor Kenzie Bok speaks to constituents during her Beacon Hill office hours at the Phillips Street Playground.

“I’m concerned about schools returning and how we can handle it in a way that puts health first and foremost,” she said. “This is something I’m really concerned about, and I’ve encouraged schools to go virtual and bring fewer students back.”

While Councilor Bok plans to hold her next “rotation” of office

hours virtually in an effort to engage those who aren’t comfortable attending them in person, she also said she intends to continue holding them outdoors through the fall, weather permitting.

“We definitely look forward to having as many opportunities as we can to do this in person while the weather is still nice,” she said.

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