

GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 65321 KICKS OFF NEW SEASON



Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts from Troop 65321 start off the new season social distancing in the Boston Common.

SOFIA ALTENHOFF

Neighborhood elected officials make final push for Census participation

By Dan Murphy

With Wednesday, Sept. 30 - the deadline to respond to Census 2020 - less than a week away, neighborhood elected officials are making one last plea for the city's residents to participate and be counted.

"People are living here, and they should be counted as Boston residents," State Rep. Jay Livingstone said. "It only takes a few minutes to complete, and can be done by the internet, over the phone or by filling out the form."

And while responding to the Census takes only minutes,

completing this easy task can make a huge difference for Boston, Rep. Livingstone said, in terms of the federal funding ultimately allocated to the city.

"It's so important because every single additional person who fills it out would mean whether thou-

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

BHCA Fall HillFest this Sunday!

Mark your calendar for Fall HillFest! This year we are taking the festivities online with

a virtual block party! This event will take place on Sunday, September 27th from 1-4:30pm, followed by a socially distanced after party at the Phillips Street

Play Area. We hope you will join us for this fun and unique experience. Please register at www.bhcivic.org.

From 1-2pm, the programming is for children. There will be safety tips and a virtual tour of an emergency vehicle, followed by a virtual pet show! Then there will

be an at-home scavenger hunt for the kids to participate in.

The second hour of the event will be a real treat for families! Young-Shin Choi will perform works on violin composed by an African American composer, and Mark Kiefer will give his much

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Happenings on Charles Street

Business Association's Sidewalk Sale returns this weekend

By Dan Murphy

When the Beacon Hill Business Association's Sidewalk Sale returns to the neighborhood this weekend, the long-running and eagerly awaited event will likely take on new resonance by becoming a reunion of sorts for many in the community who won't have seen one another since before the pandemic struck.

"I think it's a great way to come together as a community again after many months of businesses being closed...and to meet and greet our neighbors once again," said Lana Barakat, a Business Association board member and owner of December Thieves, a shop at 51 Charles St., that sells in high-end apparel, and home and

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Gary Drug is a true family enterprise

By Dan Murphy

Gary Drug Co. is a family enterprise in the truest sense, serving generations from the neighborhood over the years, and with a long history of hiring the relatives of employees to come work at the longstanding Charles Street pharmacy.

"We have a loyal following in the community," said Dan Greenfield, who, together with his father, Herman, owns and operates the pharmacy at 59 Charles St. - a

self-described "neighborhood legend" that dates back to 1934. "And I like to think we're part of the community."

Herman, now 87, bought Gary Drug in 1972 and the building it sits in six years later. He lived above the store for many years and his tenants included Eileen Fitzpatrick, a longtime Gary Drug employee who lived in an apartment upstairs, where she raised her only child, Tom Savage.

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Dan Greenfield, who owns and operates Gary Drug Co. at 59 Charles St. with his father Herman.

EDITORIAL

WINTER SURVIVAL: MASKS AND FLU SHOTS

The testimony of Dr. Robert Redfield, the head of the Centers for Disease Control, before a U.S. Senate subcommittee last week regarding the need for every American to wear a face mask in public to thwart the spread of Covid-19 was stunning for its sheer simplicity.

“A face mask is the most important and powerful public health tool we have,” said Redfield. “If we did it for six, eight, or 10 weeks, we could bring the pandemic under control. We have clear scientific evidence they work, and they are our best defense. I might even go so far as to say that this face mask is more guaranteed to protect me against Covid than when I take a Covid vaccine.”

Dr. Redfield’s statement provided Americans with the most direct and easiest-to-understand medical advice that we have heard in our lifetime from any health professional regarding any illness or disease.

Face masks have been shown in the past to be effective against the spread of airborne illnesses. During the 1918 flu pandemic, American cities that required their citizenry to wear face masks in public had much lower incidences of the flu and much lower death rates from that deadly disease than cities that did not require the use of masks.

The other significant thing we can do for our individual and collective health this winter season is to get a flu shot as soon as possible. Although flu shots typically do not have 100% effectiveness, they nonetheless can provide significant protection against the flu for most Americans, thereby reducing to a large extent the number of persons who might require medical treatment and hospitalization.

We also would note that there is substantial evidence that flu shots also provide protection for the heart, although it still is not completely understood why.

Together, masks and flu shots offer our best chance to avoid the so-called “twin-demic” this coming winter. Indeed, if everyone masks up and gets vaccinated (as well as stays home when they are sick), this could be the healthiest winter our nation ever has experienced.

COVID IS THE LEADING KILLER OF FIRST RESPONDERS

Recently-revealed statistics have brought into sharp focus the deadly and tragic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic upon our nation’s police and firefighters.

At least 101 police officers have died from Covid-19, and it is estimated that this figure represents only half of the Covid-19 deaths among police officers. This compares to 70 officers who have died in the line of duty from accidents and felonious attacks.

For firefighters, deaths from Covid-19 likewise have exceeded fatalities from other service-related causes.

These statistics clearly demonstrate that our public safety personnel put their lives and health on the line just by showing up for their jobs. They do not have the luxury of working remotely from the comfort of their home, as so many of us are able to do these days.

The work of first responders always has been difficult enough, but the added layer of the risks posed by Covid-19 has increased their line-of-duty danger exponentially -- and makes us even more grateful for the job they do in our communities each and every day, 24/7/365.



AUTUMN NOW IS HERE, LEAF PEEPERS WILL APPEAR

GUEST OP-ED

Turn the page

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Fall season officially begins September 22 this year. For every season there is a change. Most of us like the seasons especially if we can have four of them.

I like the fall as the weather seems more stable in our part of the country. For our neighbors in California they are desperate for anything that will bring rain and an end to the devastating fires. This has been a cruel, harsh time that we pray passes by and ends very quickly for California.

On the east and gulf coast there is always another looming hurricane this time of year. Flooding and devastation have already occurred in Louisiana with the potential of more to come.

Every season brings the possibilities of pleasant weather but also severe weather. Very much like our lives every season brings change because we have no choice but to deal with the change. When snow comes, we adapt and enjoy the change.

Our lives are like seasons - change comes. If we are fortunate, aging occurs. Children grow up. Our vocational lives and dreams change, mature, flourish or become a distant memory. Our lives are

like an interesting book. Your life is probably very interesting if you were able to write out the whole story. Maybe you should write about your life? Write it out for someone later to read about. If you decide to do so write about the hard times as well as what you want everyone else to know.

Whenever you read or write a book it requires turning the page or writing a new page. You can't finish the book if you stay on the same page. When our parents die, we have to turn the page. When we bury a spouse or loved one, we

have to turn the page. When we change jobs or careers that require transition it's tough but we have to turn the page. When children grow up and move away or no longer have time to be with us then we must turn the page.

A good friend is selling his lovely home. I can see that's it a tough time emotionally as he has invested so many years into where he lives. He and his wife are moving into a smaller condominium. He loves his beautiful yard but he

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COVID-19 update for Beacon Hill and surrounding neighborhoods

By John Lynds

The COVID-19 infection rate in Beacon Hill and surrounding neighborhoods has increased 4.6 percent in one week according to the latest city statistics.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on Friday Beacon Hill, as well as the North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown the infection rate rose 4.6 percent since last week. The last increase week over week was 2.5 percent.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown had an infection rate of 112.7 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 107.7 cases per 10,000 residents last Friday.

The number of confirmed cases in the area increased from 600 cases to 628 cases as of last Friday.

However, compared to other neighborhoods Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown have the second lowest infection rates among residents second to only Fenway.

Beacon Hill is also still well below the city's average infection rate of 241.8 cases per 10,000 residents.

Last week the BPHC reported that 20,760 Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that only 0.9 percent of those tested were COVID positive.

Overall since the pandemic began 3 percent of Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay

and Downtown residents were found to be COVID positive.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID-19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus rose only 2.4 percent last week from 16,310 cases to 16,703 cases. So far 13,467 Boston residents have fully recovered from the virus and two additional residents died last week bringing the total of fatalities in the city to 761.

During his daily press briefing on the virus, the Mayor highlighted one notable trend.

"Forty-eight percent of new cases in the last two weeks of data

are in people under the age of 30," said Walsh.

Walsh stressed that young people must be especially cautious, in order to protect themselves and

the rest of the community as well, including older populations who tend to experience more severe symptoms if they contract the virus.

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sands of dollars will come to the City of Boston or not," he said.

Rep. Livingstone encouraged anyone seeking a Census form to contact his office at 617-722-2013 or via email at Jay.Livingstone@mahouse.gov.

City Councilor Kenzie Bok also underscored the importance of Boston residents completing the Census for the welfare of their city.

"The Census is critical to everything we fund in the city, from schools to streets to parks to healthcare, and right now, some of our neighborhoods – the West End, for example – has one of the

lowest participation rates [city-wide]," she said.

In 2010, around 70 percent of West End residents self-responded to the Census, Councilor Bok said, while as of Sept. 15, only around 32 percent of the neighborhood residents had participated.

"We really need everyone to respond," Councilor Bok said.

Boston residents can still respond to Census 2020 online at <https://my2020census.gov/>, or over the phone at <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone.htm>.

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anticipated architectural and historical tour of Beacon Hill (virtually this year!). This is a tour you won't want to miss.

Later, there will be a do-it-yourself scavenger hunt for older children and adults, followed by an informal and socially distanced get-together for neighbors at the Phillips Street Play Area. Masks required.

So don't forget to sign up at www.bhcivic.org for a fun afternoon. Call the BHCA office at 617-227-1922 with any questions.

Upcoming BHCA meetings and events:

Events Committee; Tuesday, September 29th, 6pm

Young Friends Social; Wednesday, September 30th

Call the BHCA office for more details on these activities.

The BHCA Fall Membership Season is here!

Check your mailbox for our Fall Membership drive materials. Your support of the BHCA is important and helps us to keep you informed about the latest city and state guidelines, as well as the business of the BHCA in community building, civic engagement, and historic preservation. We thank you for

your membership!

If you haven't yet become a member of the BHCA, we invite you to join online at www.bhcivic.org/become-a-member. 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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knows it's time to turn the page as their age and health have changed.

The one difference between reading a book and life is that you may not finish reading the book but we all finish life. You either turn the pages of life or in time they are turned for you. The worst decisions we make are no decisions. We procrastinate. We delay paying into retirement. We delay a health test. We put off what we dread and it doesn't make it better.

Live a good life. Make decisions. Turn the page and keep going. Don't get stuck on the same page in the same chapter. Run your race. Finish your course. Turn the page.

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Sunday, September 27th, 1-5:30 PM

Come join us for a mixed virtual and in-person event!
Register at: www.bhcivic.org

Schedule of Events:

1:00 - 2:00pm - Children's Virtual Programming

- Virtual tour of an emergency vehicle and EMT with safety tips hosted by Hill House
- Virtual pet show and tell
- At-your-home scavenger hunt

2:00 - 3:00pm - Virtual Cultural Hour

- Performance by violinist Young-Shin Choi
- Virtual architectural and historical tour of Beacon Hill

3:00 - 4:30pm - Real life architecturally-themed scavenger hunt (for older children and adults)

- Meet at Mt. Vernon & Charles Streets by Tatte between 3-3:30pm
- Grab your game card and take to the streets to find the designated spots in Beacon Hill
- Go to the Phillips Street Park with your card for a prize

4:00pm - Jeremy Bell, bagpiper

- Bagpiping through the neighborhood, ending up at the Phillips Street Park to kick off our Neighborhood Meet-up

4:30pm - Neighborhood Meet-up!

- Come join us at Phillips Street playground - kids and dogs are welcome, masks and physical distancing required

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Neighborhood elected officials encourage residents to shop locally to save Charles Street retail

By Dan Murphy

Like State Rep. Jay Livingstone, City Councilor Kenzie Bok believes it's now largely incumbent on the neighborhood's residents to shop locally to prevent any more Charles Street shops and retail establishments from closing.

"All of us should be shopping locally," Councilor Bok said. "None of us want to see our independent businesses replaced by chain stores. That's one of my greatest fears here, and shopping at local, independent businesses is one of the keys to preventing that from happening."

But even then, the fate of these businesses is so tenuous that Councilor Bok believes innovative solutions must also be explored, such as the creation of an outdoor holiday market to showcase local retailers in a safe environment, as was recently suggested to her by one Charles Street merchant.

"I plan on exploring it internally with the city to see if it's something we can do," she said. "We've lost a bunch of businesses already, including some before the pandemic, so we've got to throw everything we can at the problem."

And as the state waits to find out if any more federal funding is forthcoming to local businesses, Rep. Livingstone and Charles Street merchants are left holding their collective breath.

"The state's ability to provide further financial assistance is really dependent on the federal government providing the state with more stimulus money," he said, "so the approach that the state has taken is to try to defer payments that were due, like sales-tax payments, and to ease the rules on the approval of things like outdoor seating for restaurants."

During his ongoing discussion with business owners on how to ease the financial burdens or regulatory burdens that are imposed on them, Rep. Livingstone said the resounding message he hears is that people must return to the city if its, and Charles Street's, businesses are to survive.

"One thing facing all downtown neighborhoods is that there are significantly fewer people coming to Boston without sporting events and concerts at Fenway Park, conventions at the Hynes or the hundreds of thousands of office workers coming in from out of town is going to have a significant impact on every business here," he said. "It's going to be a struggle for any local business when a significant number of potential customers aren't around, and that's the situation they're facing."

So in their absence, Rep. Livingstone leaves it up to residents to ultimately save retail on Charles Street.

"What we can all do is continue to patronize local businesses," he said.

BHAC approves application for Charles Street storefront signage, window decals

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Civic Architectural Commission voted unanimously during its Sept. 18 meeting to approve an application to install new storefront signage and window decals at 40 Charles St.

The dark-gray, wood sign would measure 22-by-30 inches, the applicant said, while raised, brushed-aluminum lettering on it would read "TESS" in 7-inch-high lettering.

Nick Armata, senior preservation planner for the city, requested that the applicant only install one decal displaying the business's hours of operation, instead of the two that were proposed.

The commission approved the application as submitted, however, since the façade is symmetrical in appearance, and the signage was deemed appropriate to the historic district.

In another matter, the commission unanimously approved an application for 88 Mt. Vernon St. to replace four six-over-six wood windows, as well as two four-over-four wood windows, in unit 22 facing Willow St., with new wood windows with the same pane configuration, and to remove the existing storm windows on these windows.

On an application for 66 Chestnut St., the commission voted unanimously to approve the replacement of four four-over-four wood windows; three six-over-six wood windows; three one-over-one wood windows; and one 10-over-10 wood window at the rear ell, which are all visible from Branch Street; the determination was granted with the proviso that staff visit the site to confirm that the existing buildings are beyond repair.

An application to install a security gate at the front-door entrance of 11 Irving St. was removed from the agenda at the applicant's request while another application for a roof-deck replacement in kind at 89 West Cedar St. was also removed from the agenda because it was deemed exempt from BHAC review.

Meanwhile, Jon Marcus of 9 West Cedar St. missed the application date this month, but outlined his proposal to replace a front door and the overhead transom at that location as part of an informal advisory review. The proposal was well received by the commission, and Marcus is expected to submit an application to the commission next month for official approval.

Lastly, the commission asked an applicant representing 30 Chestnut St. to appear next month to explain why windows and side-lights had been removed from the townhouse's parlor level without approval from the commission.

The applicant was seeking approval to reconstruct a chimney in kind, but the application was deferred due to potential violations, which are expected to be addressed at the next month's commission meeting.

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lifestyle items, who is organizing this year's Sidewalk Sale, with Jennifer Hill, a former Business Association board member and the owner of Blackstone's of Beacon Hill at 46 Charles St.

The Sidewalk Sale is scheduled to take place between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25, and Saturday, Sept. 26, and last year's event included nearly 30 participating businesses.

"We think they're will be a great turnout," Barakat said in anticipation of this weekend's event, which will require that all businesses and visitors maintain social distancing, wear face-coverings and adhere to other public-safety protocol.

"We're doing it in a safe manner, given what's going on," she added. "We want make sure that businesses and people [adheres to] sanitation and safety precautions."

GARY DRUG (from pg. 1)

Fitzpatrick came to work at Gary Drug as a clerk in 1976 and was store manager upon her untimely her death in 2015, while Savage, now in his mid 30s, has been an employee at the pharmacy for more than 20 years.

"My years here have gone by here in a flash, and I've loved every minute of it," Savage said at work Friday. "Dan and his father, Herman, taught me customer service, the value of community and treating your customers with respect."

Working alongside Savage at Gary Drug is his aunt and Fitzgerald's sister, Gail Bray, who has also been an employee at the pharmacy for around 20 years now herself.

"We did outnumber the Greenfields for a long time," Gail joked.

Bray, Fitzgerald and Savage were working together there at one time, Bray recalled, while at another point, the staff included those three, as well as Bray's daughter, Danielle, and over the years, Bray's nephews, Emmett and Owen, have also worked at Gary Drug.

"It's a lot of fun working here," Bray said, "and it's nice taking care of the customers."

Other Gary Drug employees include Gus Friedman, who has worked there for 10 years, and is still considered the "new guy," according to Dan, while Richard Lane, the pharmacist, has now been a fixture for around 40 years.

"He started in college and never left," said Dan, who is now 50 himself, and began working at the pharmacy in 1993.

When asked to account for Gary Drug's enduring presence on Charles Street, Dan said, "We try to treat everyone like family, which is why people stay working here so long. We also treat our customers with respect, and unlike our competitors, we have the ability to really get to know our customers, and that enables us to provide the highest level of service to them."

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Koro, Fuat	Bridgwater, David	242 Beacon St #2	\$550,000
Sebulsky, Alan M	Frederic C Markey	205 Commonwealth Ave #7	\$2,485,000
246N Real Estate LLC	Prelack NT	246 Newbury St	\$5,350,000
Johnston, Peter	Leon, Jeffrey	290 Commonwealth Ave #C	\$527,000
Goresh, Alexandra L	Andrew C Goresh	416 Commonwealth Ave #215	\$650,000
BEACON HILL			
Reid Rlty&Design LLC	Seaman, Jill	21 Beacon St #9F	\$475,000
Seaman, Jill	Roger Crafts Jr	110 Charles St #4	\$640,000
77 Chestnut RT	77 Chestnut Street RT	77 Chestnut St	\$8,300,000
Sabiiti, Emmanuel S	Gilbert, Shayne	6 Goodwin Pl #B	\$340,000
Redpath, Edward B	P Tangney T 2207	49 Revere St #3	\$710,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Maeker, Jenevieve	Glaser, David	25 Appleton St #2	\$1,115,000
Calnan, Christopher	Martz, Thomas	86 Chandler St #3	\$1,608,000
Liu, Jia	435 Columbus Avenue LLC	435 Columbus Ave #4	\$954,000
Fossum, Katherine L	Banfield, Ashley L	52 Piedmont St	\$2,037,500
144 Warren Avenue RT	Brinch, Adam	144 Warren Ave #2	\$4,560,000
Sato, Stephanie	Stahl, Ursula B	7 Warren Ave #10	\$1,169,000
Soilson, Jeffrey A	Saltin, Corey	234 Causeway St #1107	\$1,150,000
Wolfe, Morgan E	Noble, Abigail V	524 Columbus Ave #3	\$815,000
Curry, Grace	Furman, Danielle	30 E Springfield St #2	\$635,000
Shi, Yujiang G	Petraglia, Joseph	114 Fenway #9	\$1,375,000
Park, Sanghyeon	Penelope Caicedo T	608 Massachusetts Ave #3	\$710,000
Tang, Yang	Peterborough 12A RT	137 Peterborough St #12A	\$736,500
Yu, Wendy Y	Ye, Michael	12 Stoneholm St #610	\$683,000
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Nast, William N	Mairs, Kimberly A	40 Battery St #502	\$2,700,000
Martinelli, Helen	Calhoun, William	300 Commercial St #709	\$723,000
Aluia, Jason	Burke, Kevin E	326-328 Commercial St #25	\$707,500
Arakelian, John A	Hewitt, Carolyn G	357 Commercial St #720	\$1,195,000
Woo Fong T	Murphy, Dennis M	151 Tremont St #18M	\$675,000

Attention to Detail

By Penny Cherubino

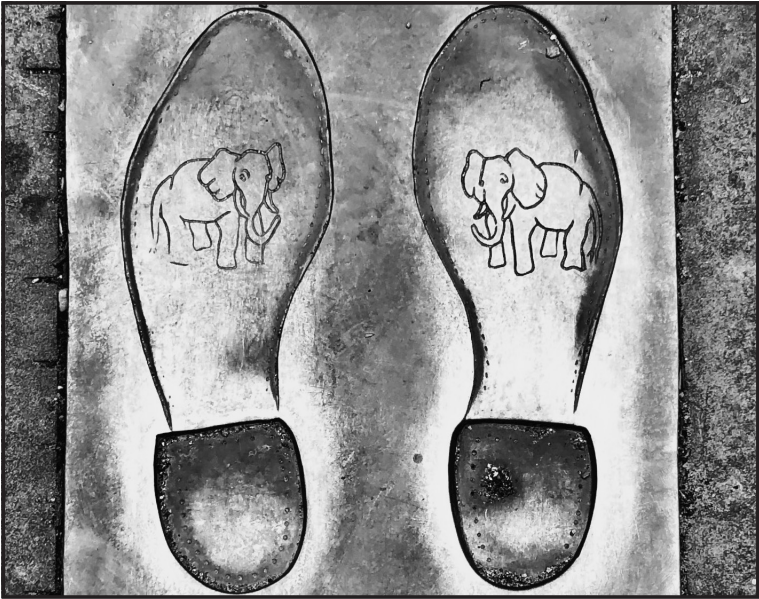
THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The window with an iron grate in the last clue is on 16 Chestnut Street. In his book “Beacon Hill” Allen Chamberlain writes, “In 1823 and 1824, Number 16 was assessed as the residence of ‘Hepzibah Swan, Lady,’ with the notation that she went out of town May 1st, which presumably indicated that she spent her summers at her Dorchester mansion.”

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



Fall HillFest ‘Cultural Hour’ to feature classical violin performance, architectural tour

By Dan Murphy

When she signed on to perform a classical violin piece as part of the “cultural hour” segment of the Beacon Hill Civic Association’s Fall HillFest this year, which take place virtually from 2 to 3 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 27, Young-Shin Choi, a native of South Korea who now lives in the Boston area, wanted to find a composition that truly speaks to the current times.

Through research for her upcoming performance, she first learned of the African Meeting House at 46 Joy St. - the nation’s oldest remaining black church building - and decided she wanted to spotlight the work of the many oft-overlooked black American classical composers.

Choi, who earned a master’s music from the Boston Conservatory in 1998, eventually settled

on “The Bandana Sketch” - a 1918 composition based on black spirituals and written by Clarence Cameron White, a black American neoromantic composer and concert violinist who was born in 1880 in Clarksville, Tenn., and served as the conductor of the Victorian Chamber Orchestra in Boston from 1916 to 1920.

During her performance of the four songs comprising “The Bandana Sketch” (i.e. “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”; “I’m Troubled in Mind; “Many Thousand Gone”; and “Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child”), Choi will be accompanied by pianist Jung Sun Yoon.

“When I found this piece...I honestly thought that this image was perfect for the current times,” Choi wrote. “Yet, as you can imagine, ‘Bandana’ symbolizes more than just a face covering.”

With this in mind, Choi intends to wear a rainbow-colored bandana (although likely not as a face covering) during her performance to, as she said, “express diversity and inclusivity.”

Choi wrote, “I would like to symbolize this square piece of cloth as a way to tie people together as one in hoping that our society will no longer stand for any type of discrimination.”

A newcomer to Fall HillFest this year, Choi said she was enlisted to participate in the event by Patricia Tully, the Civic Association’s executive director, and Emily Claire, a board member, who both saw a classical violin performance of Choi’s at an event sponsored by the Beacon Hill Women’s Forum around the holidays last year at Hampshire House.

Following Choi’s performance, Mark Kiefer, the former chair and president of the Civic Association board and a longtime neighborhood resident, will again serve as guide for an architectural tour of the neighborhood.

But unlike in years past when the tour took place as an in-person event, it’s happening virtually this time instead, which allows Kiefer the opportunity to cover new ground.

“Historically I’ve been pressed for time because we could only walk so far,” said Kiefer, who was also a Historic New England tour guide of the neighborhood for around 20 years and still serves on that organization’s advisory board. “Now that it’s going virtual, I can talk much more about Beacon Hill and specifically about the North



Young-Shin Choi, a classical violinist who will perform as part of the Beacon Hill Civic Association’s Fall HillFest Sept. 27.

Slope, and the really important cultural and historical resources there like the African Meeting House and the Museum of African American History.”

But instead of just creating a straightforward video for the occasion, Kiefer is instead opting to make a multi-media presentation that will not only allow him to take questions from the audience, but also incorporate historic images, paintings and maps into the program for the first time.

“I have some really cool images of Beacon Hill that people might not have seen before,” he said.

Kiefer’s program will focus on a very brief period from the 1790s to the early 1800s - a time that, he said, was “the most formative in development of the city, and when Boston starts to become a proper city,” and the featured images will feature include a series of photos

that illustrate the radical transformation of the Hill’s geography around 1800.

“There used to be three hills in the neighborhood, and the one in the middle was 60 feet taller than it is now,” Kiefer said. “They basically cut 60 feet off the top and dumped it into the river...and used the earth for landfill”

While Kiefer is excited that the tour will go on this year with a new format that offers unprecedented possibilities, it has in some ways made his job more challenging as he attempts to squeeze more content than ever before into his allotted 45-minute timeframe.

“I know the material, but I’m still working it out,” he said.

The “Culture Hour” of this year’s Beacon Hill Civic Association’s Fall HillFest, takes place on Sunday, Sept. 27, from 2 to 3 p.m. Visit bhcivic.org to register in advance.

GARDEN CLUB VOLUNTEERS TAKE A SHINE TO NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYGROUNDS



JOHN DAVID COREY PHOTO

The Beacon Hill Garden Club led a volunteer effort to clean, prune, water and plant new fall plantings at the Philips Street Park/Playground and the Myrtle Street Playground earlier this month. Any Hill resident who would like to volunteer to pitch in at public green-spaces and gardens around the neighborhood is encouraged to contact the Garden Club via e-mail at thebeaconhillgardenclub@gmail.com. Pictured, left to right, are Kathy Judge, a Beacon Hill community activist and gardener; Sandra Gilpatrick, a Beacon Hill Garden Club member; and Miguel Rosales, co-chair of the Beacon Hill Garden Club Civic Planting Program.

Beacon Hill Art Walk returns as online art sale

The Beacon Hill Art Walk is moving to the fall with a special online format. For health and safety reasons the event cannot be held in person, so artists have gathered some of their favorite works from the past year for a two-day art sale. The event will take place Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4 at <http://beaconhillartwalk.com/>. The website will go live Saturday, October 3 at 9 a.m.

Each of the artists selected to participate in this year’s event will submit 20 pieces of work to the sale. There will be a wide selection of one-of-a-kind works from painters, sculptors, photographers, jewelry makers, illustrators and more.

“These artists really need our support right now,” said Jen Matson, a Beacon Hill Art Walk Orga-

nizer. “COVID has had a profound effect on Boston area artists. Not just in terms of lost revenue, but many have struggled to remain inspired and creative in a time of isolation.”

The Beacon Hill Art Walk normally takes place on the first Sunday of June throughout the nooks and crannies of Beacon Hill’s North Slope.

Residents open up their private gardens, alleyways, and courtyards and allow artists to display and sell their artwork. It is a chance for visitors to tour the private spaces of Beacon Hill while viewing original, handmade artwork. Thousands of people attend each year. It is a free popular event in the neighborhood, with a festive atmosphere and volunteer musicians playing in various gardens throughout the

day. Around 100 artists usually participate, with a variety of styles, media, and subject matter. Visitors enjoy a unique atmosphere boasting bursts of colors at the background sound of live classical, klezmer, and folk music playing in various gardens throughout the day. Organizers hope to welcome everyone back to Beacon Hill in the summer of 2021.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Boston Cultural Council, a local agency which is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, administered by the Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture.

The Beacon Hill Art Walk will take place Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4 at <http://beaconhillartwalk.com/>.

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Decision to make traffic lanes around Common and Public Garden permanent is applauded

By Dan Murphy

The city's decision on Tuesday, Sept. 15, to transform the temporary bike lanes around the Boston Common and the Public Garden into permanent infrastructure was met with a largely positive response from elected officials and community leaders, but the process surrounding it has been proven somewhat divisive so far, with some maintaining the matter was thoroughly vetted beforehand while other stakeholders say they wish the city had consulted them first.

"I think it's a good change, and that there has been a need for better bike infrastructure around the Common and Public Garden for some time," State Rep. Jay Livingstone said. "Hopefully these improvements will cause fewer bikes to drive through the Common and the Public Garden."

As part of the second phase of its Healthy Street initiative, the city will replace the "pop-up" lanes it installed in late-July around both parks on Arlington, Beacon, Boylston and Charles streets with permanent infrastructure this fall, Mayor Martin Walsh announced Sept. 15, by exchanging the existing orange barrels now used to delineate the temporary lanes with permanent flex-posts. These permanent bike lanes were already in the works as part of the Connect Downtown project, according to the city, which aims to redesign the streets in the downtown neighborhoods.

"Traffic signals will be adjusted to improve safety and predictability," a press release from the city read in part. "Additional planning and design work will continue through the winter to improve intersections for people walking and to grow this network of bike lanes."

City Councilor Kenzie Bok applauded the news and agreed with Rep. Livingstone that, with

any luck, the permanent infrastructure would serve to deter bicyclists from cutting through the parks.

"I'm really excited about permanent infrastructure being installed before the winter," she said. "I've heard a lot of good feedback, especially from families who are using them."

Councilor Bok added: "With the pandemic, more people are biking, and more people are expected to continue biking into the winter months...and we know the temporary infrastructure isn't going to work well once we're into the snow-plow season."

Besides improving pedestrian safety by shortening crossings, Councilor Bok also believes the permanent bike lanes will slow down traffic on the side streets around the parks, as well as provide a "key connection" to downtown.

"They're also great for those who live around here," she added.

The decision to make the infrastructure permanent, Councilor Bok said, followed an extensive and lengthy process.

"Bikes lanes were first proposed around the Public Garden around five years ago, and it's something I've heard a lot of support for from the community and the Friends of the Public Garden," she said, "and these particular lanes have been well vetted with a lot of community conversation over time."

Liz Vizza, executive director of the Friends of the Public Garden – a nonprofit that works with the city to care for and enhance the Public Garden and the Common, as well as the Commonwealth Avenue Mall - wrote in email: "We see the new lanes as increasing bicyclist and park safety."

Ben Starr, chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association Traffic and Parking Committee, on the other hand, said while it's supportive of the permanent infrastructure, his organization feels as though it

was overlooked during the public process.

"The Beacon Hill Civic Association supports multi-modal transportation solutions and recognizes that the safest and healthiest modes should receive some priority," Starr wrote in an email. "We are, however, disappointed that the city was so quick to abandon the Connect Boston community process that commenced under a year ago. A public process can amplify overlooked voices and bring about fresh ideas which contribute to a better result."

Elliott Laffer, incoming chair of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, echoed this sentiment and further postulated that the permanent infrastructure could create a whole new slew of unforeseen problems for neighbors.

"The concern that I have is that the City has been making decisions on this and other transportation-related issues without looking for the reaction of those of us who live in the neighborhood," Laffer wrote. "I think that the plans are aimed at addressing one set of issues but may have caused problems that become clear to those who are around them all of the time. Gathering that kind of input can, I understand, slow down decision making; but it often makes for better decisions as well as more acceptance of the choices made."



The new bike lane under construction going past the Public Garden along Charles Street.

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Boston area offers wide range of school offerings for kids of all ages

By Dan Murphy

A new academic year is just getting underway, but it's already time for parents and guardians to begin thinking about options for next year, and with the Boston area's wide range of top-notch independent, private and parochial schools, kids of all ages can find the one that well suits them while still staying local.

For small children just starting off on their educational journeys, the Beacon Hill Nursery School at 74 Joy St. has been a vital part of the downtown community since 1955.

With a commitment to high quality education since its inception, the mission of BHNS is to create a nurturing community that instills a lifelong love of learning, and its exceptional educators value play as purposeful and cherish children's innate curiosity.

The warm and welcoming environment of BHNS includes two onsite playscapes, a dedicated library, seven classrooms and an indoor gym. Its curriculum has a strong emphasis on play, hands-on engagement, open-ended exploration, and social-emotional devel-



Courtesy of the Newman School

A Newman School students learning about science hands-on in the lab.

opment. Enriched by weekly yoga and music classes, the program also nurtures and engages children in an environment that cultivates creativity and joy in learning.

The Junior Kindergarten program is designed to maintain the hallmarks of the play-based program for young children while offering increased structure, expo-

sure to academic readiness skills, leadership opportunities and preparation for the transition to next schools.

In welcoming children back to physical programming this year, Director, Debra Sullivan, said she is proud of the resilience of faculty in re-imagining their programs "to maintain the magic of a BHNS experience while incorporating program elements that support social distancing and use space and materials in new and creative ways."

Responding to the varied and changing needs of families, the school also offers robust Remote Programs this year for all students (age 2-6), an alternative means of delivering high-quality curriculum and maintaining community connections.

BHNS will hold Open Houses on Oct. 8 and Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m.; guest must pre-register on the school's website.

All applications are due next Jan. 15, except sibling and legacy applications, which are due Nov. 15, while applications for the Remote Program for the 2020-2021 school year are still being accepted (call the school to inquire).

To learn more about BHNS, visit www.bhns.net or call 617-227-0822.

An integral and enduring fixture of Boston's West End community since 1965, the Boston Children's School at 8 Whittier

Place in Charles River Park, was looking forward to celebrating its 55th birthday in the neighborhood this year, but instead decided to postpone the opening of school this fall in deference to public-health concerns.

"We are hopeful that we will be bringing our children back soon," wrote Bob Langer, executive director, who serves alongside his wife Judy, the school's programming director. "These are unusual times. There is no guide, there is no 'User Manual' or previous experience that anyone has had. We have to rely on science and, sometimes common sense, to navigate these difficult waters.

The Boston Children's School is differentiated from other pre-schools by its multicultural, cognitive-educational programs, and it provides a quality-early childhood academic curriculum for children ages 2.9 to 7 in pre-school through kindergarten. The school has a teacher-to-student ratio of 8:1, as well as supplemental teaching staff who specialize in specific areas like gymnastics and music. It is also one of the only schools in the city to boast its own private playground – a state-of-the art facility replete with a fun house, a crawl-through structure and various "ride-on" vehicles.

BCS is now enrolling children for the 2021-2022 academic year, and Bob Langer wrote, "We will now look forward to celebrating the 60th. anniversary in 2025!"

To learn more about Boston Children's School, visit bostonchildrensschool.org or call 617-367-6239.

The Charlestown Nursery School, a private nursery school located at 124 Main St. in Charlestown, offers innovative programming for ages 2 to 5 inspired by the principles of Reggio Emilia, which focus on a student-centered and self-guided curriculum.

Each classroom is a "learning lab," with two master teachers and a parent helper, and offers myriad experiences, including sensory, gross and fine motor, early literacy and math skills, and dramatic play, music and visual art.

This year, in response to the public-health crisis, all classes, which have reduced capacities and adhere to social distancing, face coverings and other safety

protocol, are taking place outdoors as long as the weather will permit – an approach that Kelly Pellagrini, the school's co-director and co-founder, said was inspired by outdoor learning in Finland and "also New York City's public schools, which took their classes outside in response to the Flu of 1918."

Moreover, Pellagrini added, "To be able to learn alongside city skyscrapers, to be able to study foliage and trees in parks, to be able to pursue study with limitless sky and limitless possibilities is sort of what every educator dreams of. We talk about the world being a classroom and supporting children as being flexible problem-solvers in facing new challenges, and this is sort of the optimal moment to be providing education that will not only shape the next generation, but also make history."

Early-admissions applications are accepted and reviewed continually from Nov. 15 to the following Jan. 30, while rolling-admissions applications are accepted anytime after Feb. 1 on a first-come, first-served basis, and acceptance letters are typically sent to parents or guardians within 15 days.

To learn more about Charlestown Nursery School, visit charlestownnurseryschool.org or call 617-242-5159.

Park Street School, with its elementary school and administrative offices located at 67 Brimmer St., and preschool at One Park Street, offers academic programming for toddlers through Grade 6 grounded in Core Knowledge – a content-rich, skill-building curriculum.

The school, which was founded and established by Christian women and men, affirms each student's intrinsic worth, teaches them how to respect others, and underscores the importance of compassion, integrity and generosity.

As part of this school year, which began Sept. 8 for in-person learning, and includes new, additional options for remote education, Park Street School has launched its new Artists in Residency program, which embeds a specialized educator in



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areas, including science, music, physical education, Spanish, art and drama, in one classroom to offer its students a more immersive and interactive experience. (These same instructors will simultaneously also be teaching other grade-levels virtually, said Kim Twitchell, director of communications).

Flexible Fridays is another new school initiative this year that allows elementary students to attend classes either in person or remotely. "It allows families some flexibility by allowing a parent to have their child stay home that day, which is nice," Twitchell added.

Beginning Oct. 6 and continuing through December, "Take A Tour Tuesdays" will allow guests to virtually tour the school on Tuesdays while interacting with and asking questions of faculty members before the application due date next January.

Visit parkstreetschool.org or call the Brimmer Street elementary school and administrative offices at 617-523-7577 or the Park Street preschool at 617-523-4477 for more information.

The Belmont Day School is a pre-K through Grade 8 school located in Belmont, Mass., that thrives to create "a community of inspiring, bold, and remarkable learners and leaders" while instilling six core values in its students - respect, honesty, responsibility, caring, joy, and excellence—are integral to academic quality, creativity, fitness, and health.

Founded in 1927, the school has a 6:1 student-to-teacher ratio, with a curriculum emphasizing hands-on, interdisciplinary work that prepares graduates to go on to the high schools and careers of their choosing.

Belmont Day School is also committed to creating an equitable and inclusionary learning environment, with around 40 percent of students identifying as people of color.

A Lower School Open House takes place virtually on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., while the Middle School Open House is scheduled virtually for Saturday, Nov. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Applications are due Jan. 11

of next year; to request an online information packet and begin the online application process, or for more information on Belmont Day School, visit Belmontday.org or call 617-484-3078.

St. John School, located at 9 Moon St. in North Square, in Boston's North End, is a Catholic elementary and preschool that has served generations of children in the city since its inception in 1873.

"We're a pre-K-Grade 8 Catholic school in the North End where academic excellence and faith meet," said Claire Cassidy, the school's principal.

St. John's offerings for fifth- to eighth-graders include Italian language instruction, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs, wood-working classes, gardening and professional music classes, as well as a wide variety of extracurricular, after-school activities, while younger kids are taught the fundamentals of reading, writing and math, and also receive an introduction to technology.

St. John School, which is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, also offers rolling enrollment.

For more information, visit www.sjsne.com or call 617-227-3143 ext. 102 for more information.

The Fessenden School, is an all-male independent school for pre-K- Grade 4 (day school) and Grades 5-9 (day and boarding school) located at 250 Waltham St. in West Newton, has met the educational needs of boys since 1903.

"It's a school that does a great job of combining the tried-and-true teaching approaches with leading-edge innovative techniques to fully prepare students for the unknown world they will inherit," said Suzanne Murphy, the school's director of marketing. "It's really a school that allows boys to pursue their passions, whether it's as a writer, an artist or an athlete, and it really does prepare students for the known future."

Besides its state-of-the-art Center for Innovation, Fessenden also boasts a new performing arts and center, which opened last year, and with a 41-acre campus, the



Courtesy of Charlestown Nursery School

A Charlestown Nursery School student in the outdoor classroom.

school year is now underway in person and at full capacity by making use of new areas as classroom space.

Fessenden is also one of only 12 schools invited to participate in NuVuX – a program "for students pursuing project-based learning," Murphy said, that allows them to partner with NuVu – a Cambridge-based innovative school that was founded by MIT graduates

To learn more about The Fessenden School, visit fessenden.org, or call 617-954-5350.

Boston College High School in Dorchester is an all-male, Jesuit, Roman Catholic, college preparatory secondary school serving Grades 7-12 that was founded in 1863 and has historical ties to Boston College.

"I think one of the things that differentiates us from other schools is we're a Jesuit school, and there is no other Jesuit school that families in the area that parents would be considering for their children," said Charlie Drane, vice president of enrollment. "It's important to know a Jesuit education is rigor-

ous in terms of academics, but at the same time, we are equally concerned with developing the whole person."

Drane added: "Our academic offerings are as strong as you'll find at any high school, and it's by pairing this with service, athletic and co-curricular offerings and advisory programs that we make sure a well-rounded individual leaves BC High, headed into the world."

BC High is holding a virtual Open House on Nov. 8.

Applicants in all grades are required to take entrance exams (i.e. ISSE for seventh- and

eighth-graders, and HSPT, SSAT, etc. for high school sophomores and juniors), and applications are due Jan. 3 for Grade 9; and Jan 31 for Grade 7, as well as Grade 8, 10 and 11 transfers.

Visit bchigh.edu or call 617-436-3900 for more information.

Founded in 1945, the Newman School, located at 247 Marlborough St. in Boston's Back Bay, is an independent day school in the Catholic tradition for Grades 7-12.

The school offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program - an academically balanced curriculum that prepares students for college and beyond and that, according to Gayle Schafer, director of communications, is "highly regarded by colleges because it requires students to dig deeper through writing, presenting, analysis of material and reflection of their work so they are very well prepared for next level."

Moreover, Newman School students must complete a service component, such as volunteering with a local nonprofit, to earn their diplomas, and which, Schafer said, "creates citizens who are globally and service-minded when they go out into the greater world."

The Newman School, which is offering virtual open houses on Tuesday, Oct. 6; Wednesday, Oct. 14; and Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m., has rolling admissions and even has a few spaces available in some grades for the current school year as more of its International Students have opted to study online instead.

Visit newmanboston.org or call 617-267-4530 to learn more about the Newman School.

For tuitions costs and financial-aid information for any of the aforementioned schools, visit their respective websites.



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Beacon Hill Nursery School was founded in 1955 and has been a vital part of the downtown community since its inception with a consistent commitment to high quality early childhood education. Our primary mission is to create a nurturing community that instills a lifelong love of learning in its students. We cherish children's innate curiosity through purposeful play guided by exceptional early childhood educators.

Our school is warm and welcoming, with two onsite playscapes, a dedicated library, seven classrooms and an indoor gym. All of our programs have a strong emphasis

on play, hands-on engagement, open-ended exploration and social/emotional development. Enriched by weekly yoga and music classes, our program nurtures and engages children in an environment that cultivates creativity and joy in learning. Our Junior Kindergarten program is designed to maintain the hallmarks of our play-based programs for young children while offering increased structure, exposure to academic readiness skills, leadership opportunities and preparation for the transition to next schools.

Programs: Toddler (2-2.9 years) – 2 or 3 mornings (8:45am-12pm)

Preschool (2.9-4 years) – 5 mornings (8:45am-12pm)

Junior Kindergarten (4-5 years) – M-Th (8:45am-2pm), F (8:45am-12pm)

Extended Day: Early Drop-off 8:00-8:45am

Extended Day until 3:30 or 5:45pm

Deadlines: Sibling & Legacy Applications – November 15

All other Applications –

January 15

Open Houses – October 8 & November 2, 6:30-8pm

Registration required for our Open Houses online at www.bhns.net/open-house

Financial Aid: Need-based

Belmont Day School
55 Day School Lane
Belmont, MA 02478
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Belmont Day School is a community of inspiring, bold, and remarkable learners and leaders. Curricula emphasize hands-on, interdisciplinary work that grounds the academic experience in the real world, and faculty expertly offer each individual the right level of challenge and support. Students build a strong sense of themselves and embody the school's core values of excellence, honesty, caring, joy, responsibility, and respect. Graduates go on the High Schools of

their choosing, where they are embraced as confident self-advocates and leaders.

Virtual Open House Events: Saturday, October 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Saturday, November 14, 1 to 3 p.m. www.belmontday.org

Boston Children's School
8 Whittier Place
Boston, MA 0211
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bostonchildrensschool.org

Established in 1965, the Boston Children's School has been bringing the joy of learning to children between the ages of 2.9 and 7 years of age for over 55 years. Located in the historic West End section of Boston at Charles River Park, the Boston Children's School attracts students from the greater Boston area and children from around the world.

Our curriculum is both cognitively and developmentally age appropriate. Children learn and play in small groups,

in individual, intimate classroom settings, allowing the classroom teachers to know each child and their individual learning style. In addition to daily classroom activities, the Boston Children's School offers Spanish, sign language and music as part of its curriculum. All children have daily access to the on-site playground. The Boston Children's School also offers a "Summer-Fun-Program" to children between the ages of 3 and 8 years old.

Detailed information about the Boston Children's School, its academic year and summer programs, are available on the Boston Children's School website at www.BostonChildrensSchool.Org. Please feel free to call Judy Langer, the Director of the Boston Children's School at 617-367-6239 with any questions that you may have about the school.

Academic Year - September through May
Ages - 2.9 through 7 years old. Hours - 8:45 a.m. through 5 p.m., half day programs are available. Early arrival at 8:15 a.m. and late stay until 5:30 p.m. also available. Application Deadline: January 15. Limited financial aid available

Charlestown Nursery School

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Ages: 2 - 5 years.

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Fessenden
Pre-K - Grade 9
250 Waltham St.
West Newton, MA
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The Fessenden School is more than an independent day and boarding school for boys in Pre-K-Grade 9. It's the perfect intersection of tradition and innovation. A place where tried and true educational techniques are woven seamlessly into a STEAM-inspired, passion-based curriculum. A diverse, inclusive, and nurturing community that emphasizes academic excellence and character development.

Parents appreciate Fessenden's commitment to delivering a curriculum based on how boys learn best and are delighted with the individual support and encouragement their sons receive.

Educational leaders turn to Fessenden for guidance on developing curricula that encourage students to be creative problem-solvers, critical

thinkers, and global citizens. Fessenden also has the distinction of being one of only 12 schools in the world invited to partner with NuVu (an innovation school founded by MIT graduates) to deliver an academic program that prepares students for the world they will inherit.

Please join us for grade-specific virtual tours, weekday mornings, October - January. Register at fessenden.org/virtual.

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Milton Academy is an independent college preparatory K-12 school, boarding and day in grades 9-12, located eight miles south of Boston. Milton Academy's Lower School is a unique and joyful place. Through daily interactions with supportive peers and impassioned teachers, our students develop uncommon expertise and confidence in their academic disciplines. They explore and initiate, collaborate, and take risks together. They eagerly master and apply skills toward exciting interdisciplinary projects in every grade. Our teachers continuously and collaboratively renew our curriculum to ensure that it is rich and relevant.

Students learn in Milton's Lower School at the natural pace of childhood. We make play a priority. We do not rush content for achievement's sake; rather, we discover together the depth and value in science, literature, social studies, mathematics, the performing and visual arts, technology, and physical education. Children come to a nuanced understanding of these subjects—and the

connections between them. The development of interpersonal skills and self-awareness guides all of our pursuits. We practice mutual respect, learning about others, and ourselves. Every day, we celebrate the many cultures and backgrounds of the children, faculty, and families of Milton Academy.

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www.parkstreetschool.org

Situated in sunny facilities on Beacon Hill, Park Street School provides a continuous, integrated and experiential education for children Toddler through Grade 6.

Grounded in Core Knowledge philosophy, children build strong foundations of knowledge in the early years - an approach we believe is foundational to developing critical thinking skills necessary for lifelong learning. Learning here is active! Creativity, imagination, and social development are fostered through lessons, learning centers and play. Whether collecting leaves, discovering animals' habitats in Ponds and Meadows, or bicycling in gym, children are "out of the chair" – making connections in and out of the classroom and between subjects. The learning is real and tangible, and it sets us apart. As a Christian school, we're committed to guiding students in the formation of character and an understanding of God's love for them. Connecting the mind and the heart - classroom learning and character education - is what makes Park Street School special. Sign-up at www.parkstreetschool.org for a Virtual Tuesday Tour at 10:00 AM or one of our evening Open Houses: for Elementary Nov.12 at 6:00 PM, or Preschool Dec. 3 at 6:00 PM.

Ages: 2-5 years Tuition: \$10,300-\$21,200; \$2,000-\$8,500 additional for afternoon programs
 Financial Assistance: Available for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6, with limited availability for Preschool. Hours: 8:00 a.m.- noon for morning programs, Creative Afternoons noon-3:00 p.m. for ages 3 and up. Two, three, four and five-day programs available. Application deadline: Jan. 4 for priority for fall programs.

Shady Hill School
178 Coolidge Hill
Cambridge, MA 02138
617-520-5200
www.shs.org

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ter of each child, encourages learning through collaboration and values intellectual discipline. Central Subject, our fundamentally different approach to teaching and learning, fosters integrated study and the development of critical and creative thinkers and problem solvers. Grades Pre-K – 8 tuition in 2020-2021: \$28,550 – \$42,850.

Hours: 8:00 A.M. – 3:15 P.M.; half-day program for Pre-K; after-school program until 6:00 P.M. Application deadline: January 10, 2021. Virtual Open House, Pre-K - 8: Sunday, October 25, 1-5PM.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Belmont Day School
55 Day School Lane
Belmont, MA 02478
T 617-932-3889
F 617-489-1924
belmontday.org

Belmont Day School is a community of inspiring, bold, and remarkable learners and leaders. Curricula emphasize hands-on, interdisciplinary work that grounds the academic experience in the real world, and faculty expertly offer each individual the right level of challenge and support. Students build a strong sense of themselves and embody the school's core values of excellence, honesty, caring, joy, responsibility, and respect. Graduates go on the High Schools of their choosing, where they are embraced as confident self-advocates and leaders.

Virtual Open House Events: Saturday, October 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Saturday, November 14, 1 to 3 p.m. www.belmontday.org

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Boston
Children's School
8 Whittier Place
Boston, MA 0211
617-367-6239

bostonchildrensschool.org

Established in 1965, the Boston Children's School has been bringing the joy of learning to children between the ages of 2.9 and 7 years of age for over 55 years. Located in the historic West End section of Boston at Charles River Park, the Boston Children's School attracts students from the greater Boston area and children from around the world.

Our curriculum is both cognitively and developmentally age appropriate. Children learn and play in small groups, in individual, intimate classroom settings, allowing the classroom teachers to know each child and their individual learning style. In addition to daily classroom activities, the Boston Children's School offers Spanish, sign language and music as part of its curriculum. All children have daily access to the on-site playground. The Boston Children's School also offers a "Summer-Fun-Program" to children between the ages of 3 and 8 years old.

Detailed information about the Boston Children's School, its academic year and summer programs, are available on the Boston Children's School website at www.BostonChildrensSchool.Org. Please feel free to call Judy Langer, the Director of the Boston Children's School at 617-367-6239 with any questions that you may have about the school. Academic Year - September through May Ages - 2.9 through 7 years old. Hours - 8:45 a.m. through 5 p.m., half day programs are available. Early arrival at 8:15 a.m. and late stay until 5:30 p.m. also available. Application Deadline: January 15. Limited financial aid available

Fessenden
Pre-K - Grade 9
250 Waltham St.
West Newton, MA
617-630-2300
fessenden.org

The Fessenden School is more than an independent day and boarding school for boys in Pre-K-Grade 9. It's the perfect intersection of tradition and innovation. A place where tried and true educational techniques are woven seamlessly into a STEAM-inspired, passion-based curriculum. A diverse, inclusive, and nurturing community that emphasizes academic excellence and character development.

Parents appreciate Fessenden's commitment to delivering a curriculum based on how boys learn best and are delighted with the individual support and encouragement their sons receive.

Educational leaders turn to Fessenden for guidance on developing curricula that encourage students to be creative problem-solvers, critical thinkers, and global citizens. Fessenden also has the distinction of being one of only 12 schools in the world invited to partner with NuVu (an innovation school founded by MIT graduates) to deliver an academic program that prepares students for the world they will inherit.

Please join us for grade-specific virtual tours, weekday mornings, October - January. Register at fessenden.org/virtual.

Milton Academy's
Lower School
Grades K-5
170 Centre Street
Milton MA 02186
617-898-2509
www.milton.edu/k8/

Milton Academy is an independent college preparatory K-12 school, boarding and day in grades 9-12, located eight miles south of Boston. Milton Academy's Lower School is a unique and joyful place. Through daily interactions with supportive peers and impassioned teachers, our students develop uncommon expertise and confidence in their academic disciplines. They explore and initiate, collaborate, and take risks together. They eagerly master and apply skills toward exciting interdisciplinary projects in every grade. Our teachers continuously and collaboratively renew our curriculum to ensure that it is rich and relevant.

Students learn in Milton's Lower School at the natural pace of childhood. We make play a priority. We do not rush content for achievement's sake; rather, we discover together the depth and value in science, literature, social studies, mathematics, the performing and visual arts, technology, and physical education. Children come to a nuanced understanding of these subjects—and the connections between them. The development of interpersonal skills and self-awareness guides all of our pursuits. We practice mutual respect, learning about others, and ourselves. Every day, we celebrate the many cultures and backgrounds of the children, faculty, and families of Milton Academy.

Our teachers know each child well, and we work together to nurture unique talents, passions, and aspirations. The Lower School—nested within the K-8 of our K-12 school—enables children to begin developing their own sense of competence, confidence, and character.

We are excited to get to know your family through our admission process. We are now scheduling Zoom interviews for families applying to one of our planned entry points:

kindergarten, grade 4, grade 6, and grade 7. Please call 617-898-2509 to schedule an appointment.

The Lower and Middle School Admission Office will also conduct a variety of virtual events for prospective families (<https://www.milton.edu/k8/admission/virtual-events/>). In order to receive an invitation to these events, please be sure to inquire using the Request Information Form on our website, or by calling our office to be added into our database.

The Park School
171 Goddard Ave.
Brookline, MA 02445
617-277-2456
Parkschool.org

Park is more than a school. It's a close-knit, welcoming community devoted to creating transformative experiences

for children ages 4-14. Since 1888, Park has been dedicated to the special time of childhood and early adolescence. The Park community deeply values diversity, equity, and inclusion. Located on 34 acres near Jamaica Pond, Park feels like a neighborhood school but reflects the diversity of metropolitan Boston. Park offers after-school programs, transportation, and generous financial aid. For more information about virtual admission events, visit parkschool.org.

Tuition: \$37,900 for Pre-Kindergarten - \$48,000 for Grade 8

Application deadline: Jan. 8, 2020

Diversity: 44% students of color

Financial Aid: 23% students receive financial assistance

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STUDY TIPS

TRY NOT TO CRAM
 Studying subjects in small chunks over multiple days will help you remember more information than cramming the night before an exam.

MAKE A REASONABLE STUDY SCHEDULE
 Making a study schedule will help you to avoid cramming and procrastination. Keeping your schedule realistic (time for breaks etc) will help reduce stress.

EAT WELL & EXERCISE
 Eating well during finals will keep your mind ready to absorb new information. Exercising will help improve your memory by reducing your stress.

JOIN A STUDY GROUP
 Forming a study group can really motivate you to study. Explaining difficult concepts out loud will help you figure out what you understand and what you still need to go over. (It's even better if everyone brings snacks!)

MEET WITH YOUR PROFS
 Scheduling an appointment (or even just sending off a quick email) with your professor will help you to figure out what to focus on for the exam.

SET A TIME LIMIT FOR EACH SUBJECT
 Setting a time limit and then fully committing to studying during that time will help you to avoid procrastination!

REWARD YOURSELF
 After you've finished your study session reward yourself with a nice break - grabbing a latte, going for a walk, taking a cat nap etc. This will help prevent burn out and keep your mind ready for your next study session.

STUDY IN APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENT
 Studying in an appropriate environment (a library!) will help you to concentrate on your studies. Find what works for you - a cafe, your bedroom, the library, the cafeteria...

KNOW YOUR DISTRACTIONS
 Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Pinterest, watching YouTube videos, television shows, texting... Distractions can be endless! But it's important to know what will distract you the most and to AVOID THEM AT ALL COSTS! (Turn off your phone, install a social media blocker on your computer, stay away from your t.v. etc).

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Elementary**
67 Brimmer Street
Boston, MA 02108
617-523-7577

www.parkstreetschool.org

Situated in sunny facilities on Beacon Hill, Park Street School provides a continuous, integrated and experiential education for children Toddler through Grade 6.

Our students discover connections as they explore in vibrant learning spaces with innovative tools. Our robust academics feed students' curiosity, and build strong foundations of knowledge in the early years, encouraging inquiry and life-long learning. Students are known and loved by PSS faculty and staff who want each child to grow academically, socially/emotionally, spiritually and physically. Our students grow in confidence, compassion and empathy. They learn of God's love for them, show respect for others, take risks in affirming settings and learn how to live lives of generosity – together. They are encouraged to develop a growth mindset and to creatively solve problems as they interact with curriculum, with each other and demonstrate resilience in the face of challenges. Our students are equipped to become global citizens, armed with a strong academic foundation, confidence, and critical thinking skills. We offer small class sizes, a diverse community and need-based financial aid. We are proud of our talented faculty, competitive middle school placement, and aspirational college matriculation. Sign-up at www.parkstreetschool.org for a Virtual Tuesday Tour at 10:00 AM or one of our evening Open Houses: for Elementary Nov.12 at 6:00 PM, or Preschool Dec. 3 at 6:00 PM.

Grades: Kindergarten-Grade 6 Tuition: \$28,700 - \$30,700; \$1,500 - \$6,000 additional for afternoon programs. Financial Assistance: Available for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6, with limited availability for Preschool.

Hours: 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m. M-TH, and Fridays 8:00a.m.-noon for Grades 1-6, and Kindergarten. After school program and clubs,

and private music lessons are part of our normal offerings. Application deadline: Jan. 4 for priority for fall programs.

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Cambridge, MA 02138
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MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Grades 6-8
170 Centre Street
Milton MA 02186
617-898-2509

www.milton.edu/k8/

Milton Academy is an independent college preparatory K-12 school, boarding and day in grades 9-12, located eight miles south of Boston. Milton Academy's Middle School helps students take safe risks, pursue talents, and discover new passions. Our rigorous academics focus on skill development, hands-on learning,

and interdisciplinary projects in math, English, science, foreign language, social studies, visual and performing arts, technology, and physical education. Connections between students and adults, so important in adolescent years, are lively—in the classroom, and on the fields and stages. Students feel comfortable turning to their teachers, advisors, or coaches for support and guidance. Our weekly community meetings provide leadership opportunities, celebrate individual and group success, and cultivate respect and responsibility. Milton's Middle School faculty are devoted to their craft, and eagerly evaluate and apply best practices in adolescent education. As a School, we are committed to continuous curriculum renewal, so that our work meets the needs of, and excites our students. Middle school years should be wonderful for both students and parents. We are eager to help you learn about how our Milton environment helps each student thrive.

Each day, our students take

on more responsibility and independence; we understand them, support them, and help them grow as they transition from childhood to adolescence. Our discussion-based classes, often around a Harkness Table, are lively and engaging. All students take a 360 health and wellness class, co-taught by our Middle School Counselor and Learning Skills Specialist, and have many opportunities to join affinity groups and culture clubs.

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A-Z IDEAS FOR FUN FAMILY NIGHTS

Arts & crafts	New to you
Bake cookies	Outdoor fun
Campout	Pizza party
Dance party	Question night
Exercise	Readathon
Five senses	Staycation
Game night	Team building
Help others	USA night
Ice cream	Vacation
Jammies only	Western night
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admission/virtual-events/). In order to receive an invitation to these events, please be sure to inquire using the Request Information Form on our website, or by calling our office to be added into our database.

The Newman School
247 Marlborough
Street
Boston MA 02116
617-267-4530
newmanboston.org

The Newman School of Boston, celebrating its 75 anniversary in the heart of the Back Bay of Boston, is a welcoming vibrant learning community. From grades 7-12,

Newman's middle and high school years International Baccalaureate curriculum is the point of entry for curious, independent, outward looking students. The curriculum is recognized by universities for its depth and rigor.

The Newman School's

motto, "Heart Speaks to Heart" is woven through all areas of

school life. Relationships are at the core of who we are. Students develop through inquisitive academic exploration and meaningful connections with teachers to become global contributors. A vibrant program of activities and sports allows students to pursue

their interests and passions beyond the classroom, with the city as their playground.

Newman is in-person, with hybrid options also available.

HIGH SCHOOL

Boston College High
School
150 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, Massachusetts
02125
617-436-3900
bchigh.edu

Founded in 1863, Boston College High School is a world-class, independent Jesuit, Catholic preparatory school for young men in grades 7-12. BC High offers students dynamic, urban learning

experiences unique to Boston and unparalleled opportunities to explore the world through a vast network of schools and international destinations.

BC High's approach is rigorous, going beyond the academic to address the whole person: head, heart, and hands – cultivating qualities that establish character and provide students with a holistic framework to wrestle the many complexities of life.

Here, future leaders begin to develop their potential, find their own unique voice and work together toward a more ethical and inclusive world. Students learn to stand up boldly for what they believe in, including themselves, and become men who lead with integrity.

Our five-hundred-year-old tradition of Jesuit education has seen plagues, recession and wars. We have weathered it all. Rooted in such a strong tradition, BC High was quick to pivot in these uncertain times and stay connected through synchronous learning with enhanced Zoom capabilities, technology and safety protocols for our community.

Learn more about the BC High experience and register for our virtual open house on November 8, go to bchigh.edu.

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VIRTUAL LEARNING POD PROGRAM

Charlestown Boys and
Girls Club
15 Green St.
Charlestown, Mass.
02129
617-242-1775

Charlestown Boys and Girls Club's Learning Enrichment Program.

The Club will have an in-person, Learning Enrichment Program Pods with Staff for members in our facility this School Year starting Sept. 28th. The Club will host students for the upcoming school year and our staff will make sure they have a safe, secure and connected facility to learn in while in 'virtual class'.

'All Virtual' Students preferred. Any questions, Please call the Club at 617-242-1775 or email at mcannon@bgcb.org

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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 offering semi-private classes for family pods

Hill House, Inc., located at 127 Mount Vernon St., recognizes that many families have formed pods to keep groups smaller/reduce exposure.

To acknowledge that, Hill House is now offering semi-private classes and athletics for small

cohorts of children. From art to science and Pre-K sports, there are open opportunities for you to come into the Firehouse at flexible times and enjoy the wide array of enrichment programs and athletics with the comfort of knowing who you're in the class with in an individualized space. These semi-private classes are open to all ages and led by our trained staff. For further information and to sign up, call the Front Desk at 617-227-5838, or visit www.hillhouse-boston.org.

Plastic bag ordinance to start Oct. 1

The moratorium related to A Temporary Executive Order Concerning Exemption of Certain Businesses from the City of Boston Plastic Bag Ordinance will end on September 30, 2020. Effective October 1, the Inspectional Services Department's Weights & Measures Division will resume enforcing the Reduction of Check-out Bags by Retail Establishment ordinance.

Retail establishments must comply with all ordinance requirements:

- Supply compliant reusable, recyclable or compostable check-out bags
- Charge a fee (5 cents minimum per bag)
- Display a sign within five feet of the checkout location, telling customers that they will have to pay for a bag if they want one
- Allow consumers to use reusable bags.

Reusable bags:

As Boston's economy began a safe, phased-in reopening this summer, Boston Public Health Commission officials incorporated reusable bag use into reopening guidelines for retail businesses. Businesses needing to use their existing inventory of plastic bags may apply to the Inspectional Ser-

vices Department for a temporary exemption. Reusable bags are an important part of reducing waste and mitigating harmful effects on the environment. Detailed information about the Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance can be found on the City's website, along with informational guides about compliant bags for retailers.

In March 2020, Mayor Martin J. Walsh issued a temporary Executive Order allowing plastic bag use in Boston for certain businesses during the public health emergency of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Under the Executive Order, the City of Boston granted temporary exemptions to Boston's plastic bag ordinance, which had restricted plastic bag use in the City of Boston.

Consumers can check the City's

trash app to review which materials they can recycle in their home recycling bin and review their respective collection schedule. You can learn more about upcoming hazardous waste drop-off days and composting in the city at boston.gov/trash-and-recycling-guide. Consumers are reminded to clean and sanitize reusable bags after every use.

If an establishment is found to be in violation of this ordinance ISD will issue a warning for the initial violation. If the same establishment is found to be in violation within the same calendar year a \$50.00 fine will be issued. All additional violations within a calendar year will result in a \$100.00 fine.

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Carolyn Livingston

True Gracious Southern Woman of taste and elegance and longtime Beacon Hill Times Columnist

Carolyn Livingston of Boston died on September 10.

"Born and raised in North Carolina, Carolyn was a true gracious Southern woman of taste and elegance hiding behind an impish smile. She studied English, drama and French at the University of Mary Washington, Class of '62, taking her junior year abroad in Switzerland.

After many adventures abroad and at home, Carolyn became a Beacon Hill transplant and easily settled into the community. Whether teaching a Memoir writing class for the Beacon Hill Seminars or acting as a French interpreter at Mass General, she inspired others.

Her long running column for the Beacon Hill Times was often filled with wit and wisdom. Carolyn studied people and embraced friends.

With her old-fashioned compact, she could powder her nose

and see what was happening behind her. Beloved for her humor, courage, and intelligence, Carolyn was all about friendship, loyalty, and honesty.

For longtime friends as well as her new friends at Youville House in Cambridge, she will remain a treasure.

Carolyn became ill from Covid-19 in April. Though she recovered from the virus in time to celebrate her 80th birthday, it took something out of her. During a time of pandemic restrictions, we often said we would visit, "Lord willing and the creek don't rise." Seems that creek just kept on rising.

Impatient and undeterred, Carolyn summoned a cloud, smiled, and waved good-bye.

She was predeceased by her parents, William O. Livingstone and Roberta (Weeks) Livingstone, and her former husband, Joseph Massik."

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Date: September 08, 2020
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Register of Probate

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Common Master Plan recommends Frog Pond and VIC improvements, creation of new dog park

By Dan Murphy

Recent recommendations to come out of the Boston Common Master Plan include improving the Frog Pond and Visitor Information Center areas, as well as creating a new fenced-in dog park near the athletic area.

"The Frog Pond area is ripe for improvement," said Cheri Ruane, vice president of the Reading design studio, Weston & Sampson. "The Pavilion doesn't adequately support staff and visitor needs... so that's something we need to take a look at."

Ruane was on hand virtually Wednesday, Sept. 17, for the third open house co-sponsored by the city and the Friends of the Public Garden – the nonprofit that assists it in enhancing and improving the Common, as well as the Public Garden and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall – to outline the Master Plan, which will help guide how the \$28 million investment that Mayor Martin J. Walsh has committed to making in the Common using proceeds from the sale of the Winthrop Square garage. (The previous two Open Houses took place as in-person events last October at Emerson College and in January at the Josiah Quincy School Auditorium, respectively.)

The Frog Pond could be expanded for multi-age use, Ruane said, and outfitted with a splash pond at one end, while the playground, which she described as "absolutely critical to Chinatown [residents]," could also be enlarged for



Renderings show proposed Frog Pond improvements.

multi-age use, as well as provide additional seating and, with an expanded tree canopy, additional shade.

The Frog Pond Pavilion, Ruane said, could be expanded to include new amenities, such as restrooms and food vendors, and to house the apparatus used for chilling the ice rink.

The area adjacent to the Pavilion could also provide additional plaza space, she said, and with new seating and chairs, accommodate events.

Elsewhere in the park, the Visitors Information Center is also being eyed for a makeover as part of the Master Plan.

"There's a need for more restrooms, and building itself is incredibly small [so it's] not serv-

ing its intended purpose for tourism or as a welcoming center," Ruane said.

The Master Plan recommends the creation of a fully accessible route through the plaza to the Park Street MBTA headhouse with an improved pedestrian gateway, she added, while "the rear of the parcel that [the building] sits on has huge potential as a gathering space."

(The Park Street and Boylston T stations themselves have been omitted for the Master Plan for now, Ruane said, since they could both be under consideration for renovations as part of the T's Green Line Transformation plan; "That area has been delayed a bit because of other considerations that are happening," she said.)

At the Common's athletic area,



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the tennis courts, which Ruane described as "incongruous," could be rearranged to make room for a new fenced-in dog park, while smaller athletic fields could be combined into a large one to simultaneously accommodate more, and a wider variety of, activities.

Also, the Earl of Sandwich has the potential to be the "hub" of this part of the park, Ruane added, with new, fully accessible restrooms.

The Master Plan ultimately aims to the expand the "geographic footprint" of the usable event space on the park grounds, Gene Bolinger of Weston & Sampson said, by improving and enhancing circulation corridors, and by shifting events and activities to other, less-traveled areas of the "50-acre canvas" in an effort to lessen the

toll on the Common's more-popular gathering spots.

"We're also looking at more restroom and food [options] in areas where the footprint is being expanded," Bolinger added.

Members of the Common Master Plan, including representatives from Weston & Sampson, the city and the Friends group, will be on hand virtually for a series of smaller, interactive Open House discussions today and next week, with each one focusing on different park-related matters.

"Visitor Activities and Play" will be the topic of discussion today, Thursday, Sept. 24, from noon to 1 p.m., while the events planned for Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 6 to 7 p.m., and Thursday, Oct. 1, from noon to 1 p.m., will focus on Performances and Active Recreation" and "Gateways and Edges," respectively. ("Park-wide Strategies for Improvements" was the topic of the Sept. 22 discussion.)

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Mayor Martin Walsh, who was also on hand virtually, lamented that the city doesn't own the Boston Common Garage and said that if it did, he would reinvest all the revenue from the garage back into the park.

Mayor Walsh described the new park being built in front of City Hall Plaza as part of its \$70 million renovation as the Common's "sister park" and added that he couldn't wait to get underway with making improvements to the Common itself.

"I want to get shovels in the ground," Mayor Walsh said.

Meanwhile, the Common Master Plan, which "began in earnest last summer" according to Liza Meyer, Boston Parks Department chief landscape artist, is expected to wrap up this spring.

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