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Father's
Day

New healthy, quick-service restaurant to open at 30 Charles St.

By Dan Murphy

Cobblestones – a new quick-service restaurant focusing on healthy options – plans to open this summer in the space formerly occupied by Café Bella Vita at 30 Charles St.

A few months ago, Jennifer Gallagher, one of the future establishment's owners, was managing the Chestnut Street location of Sarah Campbell, a women's clothing boutique, when she was contacted by Dave O'Donnell, whom she describes as her "running partner for the past 25 years," as he was helping his sister look for a restaurant space and saw that Café Bella Vita was for sale.

O'Donnell's sister eventually chose to open a coffee shop in Melrose instead, so he and Gallagher, along with her fiancé, John Abbott, who has previous experience running two restaurants in Ogunquit, Maine, decided to take on the venture themselves.

"The transition between running partner to business partner seemed like a natural progression and has proven to be an adventure," said O'Donnell.

"We both fell in love with Beacon Hill immediately - it feels like home to us," said Abbott, who added that he and Gallagher have both long dreamed of owning their own restaurant "to serve



Jennifer Gallagher and her fiancé, John Abbott – two of the owners of Cobblestones, a self-described "Beacon Hill eatery" opening soon at 30 Charles St.

local people great food in a welcoming environment."

A lifelong Winchester resident, Gallagher earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees from Simmons College, and during this time, she would take the train into the city and walk around Charles Street, which is how she first came to know the neighborhood.

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An oil painting by Sam Nigro that provides Cobblestones' logo.

State legislature votes to extend outdoor dining and cocktails-to-go bill

By John Lynds

Local restaurants and small businesses in Beacon Hill and across the city need the tools to achieve financial recovery from the pandemic. Supporting the local restaurant industry's successful recovery is extremely important, as it was among the hardest hit by economic challenges associated

with the state of emergency caused by the pandemic.

On Tuesday, the state legislature took the necessary steps to extend the outdoor dining and cocktails-to-go bill that was signed by Gov. Charlie Baker last summer.

These options allow restaurants to serve patrons who prefer dining outdoors while making the streetscape in neighborhoods like Beacon

Hill more vibrant.

During the height of the pandemic local restaurant and bar owners lobbied the state legislature for permission to start moving inventory of expensive liquor that had been sitting on shelves since the pandemic began.

The result was the cocktail-to-

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Ares Shoe Repair continues to faithfully serve the neighborhood

By Dan Murphy

Behind a nondescript storefront at 84 Charles St., Ares Shoe Repair has faithfully served the neighborhood for around the past three-quarters of a century.

Ares, besides offering the shoe repair services that earned the business Boston Magazine's 2017 Best of Boston Award in the Best Shoe Repair category, also repairs pocketbooks, duplicates keys on site, and sells shoe-shining supplies and orthopedic arch-support inserts, among other items.

"We try to do a little bit of everything," said Armen Ketsoian, who has owned and operated Ares for about the past seven years.

Ares' original owner, for whom the store was named, operated the store for about the first 30 years of its existence, and when he retired, Ketsoian's father in law took over.

Ketsoian worked for Ares for about one year and filled in sporadically thereafter during his father-in-law's 35-year ownership, but in the meantime, he had his own shoe repair business, which, said Ketsoian, operated for more

than a decade in Government Center until a new landlord took over the building and pushed him and several other longstanding tenants out.

(Like his father in law, Ketsoian hails from Armenia, a country with a rich history of making custom shoes, and like many of his compatriots, Ketsoian found work repairing shoes upon arriving in the U.S. due to the high cost of manufacturing custom shoes here.)

Ares' hours of operation are currently 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays (which is a significant reduction from pre-covid times when the store operated 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays).

Ketsoian said he hopes to expand the current hours as demand grows, but business has been slow since Ares reopened last August after being closed for five months due to the pandemic.

While Ketsoian remains optimistic that his and other businesses

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Armen Ketsoian at work at his business, Ares Shoe Repair at 84 Charles St.

EDITORIAL

THE GUN CRISIS

The recent increase in mass shooting incidents across the country comes as no surprise to anyone with an ounce of common-sense.

The ease of purchase, and relatively low-cost, of assault-style weapons, particularly AR-15 semi-automatics with large-capacity magazines, makes it possible for anyone to become a mass murderer.

And make no mistake about it, the purpose of high capacity magazines in assault weapons is to reduce the time it takes to reload, thereby increasing the time in engaging the target, ensuring that a mass murderer can kill and maim large numbers of victims in a matter of seconds.

It is not a coincidence that the vast majority of mass shootings occur in states with lax gun laws. Texas, Georgia, and other Southern states impose virtually no restrictions on the purchase and sale of these weapons that are designed to kill and maim as many people as quickly as possible.

Up to now, Massachusetts and many other states with stronger gun laws fortunately have been fairly insulated from such incidents.

However, that soon may change. It has long been the goal of the National Rifle Association and the gun lobby to invalidate what those groups consider to be restrictive gun laws in violation of the Second Amendment in every state. They want every citizen in the country to be able to buy whatever gun they want, whenever they want, and to be able to carry loaded firearms in public all the time and everywhere.

The NRA basically has adopted Archie Bunker-reasoning. (Archie's solution to solving the airplane hijacking problem of the 1970s was to give every passenger a gun when they boarded so that they could "get the drop" on the would-be hijacker).

The NRA's long-cherished dream of an AR-15 in every household took a big step forward two weeks ago with a decision by a federal judge striking down California's ban on the sale of assault-style weapons that has been in effect since 1989.

The judge began his opinion with these words: "Like the Swiss Army Knife, the popular AR-15 rifle is a perfect combination of home defense weapon and homeland defense equipment. Firearms deemed as 'assault weapons' are fairly ordinary, popular, modern rifles."

Obviously, even comparing an AR-15 to a Swiss Army Knife is ridiculous on its face -- we've never heard of a mass murderer using a knife as a weapon -- but what in our view was really chilling was the judge's words stating that an AR-15 is useful as a "homeland defense weapon."

That wording mimics what the gun crowd (the type of guys who like to dress up in camouflage) sees as the principal argument in favor of lax gun laws: That ordinary citizens will need these weapons in order to defend our country against the possibility of a foreign invading army.

That argument likewise is nonsense, but it's what animates the gun types who like to play soldier -- and obviously was among the reasons for the judge's decision striking down the California statute.

The state is appealing this judge's ruling. Ultimately, this question will reach the U.S. Supreme Court. However, given the present make-up of the court, we would bet even-money that the court will strike down the California statute -- and when that happens, it will be open season on innocent Americans all across the country for mass murderers.

GUEST OP-ED

Strategize your money flow

Dr. Glenn Mollette

If your outgo is more than your income then your upkeep will be your downfall.

A sure way to disable yourself financially is to spend more than your income.

If your income is \$2500 a month then you can't spend \$3500 a month and come out ahead.

An old friend used to say, "You can't borrow yourself rich."

We have "wants" and "needs." Needs must always outweigh wants. We need food and shelter, transportation and basic utilities to survive.

A person with a small income has severe financial pressure and must live on a strict budget. The person who has a lot of income still must determine a budget. The principal is the same for the person who has more income. Your outgo must not exceed your income. If you are earning \$9,000 a month but spending \$10,000 you are going to end up in financial trouble.

With a very low income even

the very basic needs become a luxury. Keeping the house warm or cool is a luxury. Buying good or healthy groceries are difficult. Buying gasoline to go to work is expensive. If you have access to a credit card, the pressure is great to put basic living needs on the card but the exorbitant fees and interest of credit card companies begin to quickly intensify your financial burden.

Your choices are few when it comes to good household budgeting. Let's look at a lean budget. Let's say your income is \$2,000 a month. You can afford the following: \$500 a month in rent, \$250 a month in utilities, \$250 a month for a used car payment and \$150 a month for gasoline. This gives you \$850 a month to buy food on and buy basic auto insurance. You will have to go through your state medical insurance program and apply for free state health insurance because you can't afford to buy health insurance. You also have to figure out how to make more money. You have to work hard where you are and do good

so you can get a better paying job. Or, you must gain additional income through a second job. With surging inflation facing our country this makes these numbers an intense strain. Consider living as close to your job as possible to save on transportation costs.

If your income is \$5,000, \$10,000 a month or more. Your strategy is easier. Your main goal must be to not buy a house or a car that stretches your income to the max. You don't need the stress. Budget so you can afford to take a vacation or have a play day. Life is short! Enjoy it along the way. How you budget and spend your money can make you financially unstable or you can live with a feeling of financial security.

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GUEST OP-ED

Economic equity is key in Boston's efforts to recover from the pandemic

By Mayor Kim Janey

Throughout the pandemic, our city has remained resilient through uncertainty and hardship. Together, we are making real progress in our public health recovery. Cases of COVID-19 continue to decline, as vaccination rates climb steadily across the city. Now, we must focus on an economic recovery, reopening and renewal that includes all of our communities. That starts with bold measures that encourage equity in our city and open opportunities for those who have been shut out.

Boston's recovery and reopening is a chance to renew our city, making it stronger and more equitable. The racial wealth gap among Boston residents made headlines even before the pandemic. I know we can do better. My administration is implementing concrete changes to help working families earn living wages and build wealth of their own. I have announced

two new measures to promote economic equity and opportunity for working families in Boston.

The first initiative put homeownership within reach for first-time homebuyers. I used a first-time buyer program to purchase my own home, so I know how important homeownership is to economic stability and breaking the cycle of poverty. That is why I am excited to triple down payment assistance for the Boston Home Center's first-time Homebuyer Program.

With a \$2.4 million commitment to this program in my FY22 budget proposal, we will be able to provide up to \$40,000 in assistance to income-eligible residents seeking to purchase a home for the first time. Residents can also receive assistance with down payments and closing costs. This change more than triples the average amount of assistance previously offered by the City.

Owning a home is part of the

American Dream, and I am proud of the work our City is doing to make this a reality. As we work to close the racial wealth gap, it is programs like these that can help us achieve equity in Boston.

Closing the wealth gap means we also have to address the wage gap. That is why I have also signed an executive order establishing a prevailing wage standard for key city service contractors.

Starting July 1, Boston will guarantee rates for city contractors of \$14.85 to \$20 per hour for services such as cleaning and security, with an additional \$6.26 to \$6.70 per hour in health and pension benefits.

This executive order recognizes the importance of sustainable wages and benefits. It is time that the City of Boston sets a standard for other employers to follow that supports the wellbeing of Boston's working families, while also

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encouraging other employers to join us in the effort.

These new steps help ensure an equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. These efforts will work together with other programs I have introduced since being sworn-in as Mayor, including the ONE+Boston Homebuyer Program, \$50 million in new rental relief to help residents stay in their homes and a \$50 million emergency package to support an

equitable recovery and reopening for our City's residents, workers and small businesses.

I will continue fighting for a stronger, more equitable Boston. It takes persistence to make a difference, and I promise that economic equity for residents will be at the forefront of Boston's agenda to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kim Janey is the Mayor of Boston.



June 10, 2021 - Mayor Janey is joined by Director of the Office of Workforce Development Trinh Nguyen of South Boston, worker advocate Griselda Saladin, and Dan Nicolai of SEIU 32BJ, at her signing of an executive order that adopts the prevailing wage rate set by the Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards for all city contracts for cleaning and security services going out to bid after July 1, 2021. She also announced an expansion to the City of Boston First Time Homebuyer Program. (Mayor's Office Photo by Jeremiah Robinson)

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on Charles Street will see increased revenues as more people return to work downtown, he added cautiously, "Nothing is guaranteed."

Meantime, Ares has been able to stay afloat during the pandemic, thanks largely to Ketsoian's landlord, "Mr. Clark," who gave him a break on rent, as well as to some federal stimulus aid that the busi-

ness received. But now, Ketsoian is depending on the Beacon Hill community to help keep Ares in business.

"We're just surviving," said Ketsoian. "If it keeps up like this, I'm going to have shut down the store."

For more information, call Ares Shoe Repair at 617-720-1583.

CORRECTION: Due to a reporting error in Dan Murphy's story, "MGH outlines public-realm improvements for proposed building," a project consultant who spoke on the infeasibility of using geothermal energy to power the new building was misidentified as Nathaniel Walton.

Wilson is instead a private citizen who commented on light pollution at night during construction during the June 7 virtual meeting that was the basis for the story.

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LETTER to the Editor

REINSTATEMENT OF SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

To the Editor,

"Without the Lord's day, we cannot live!" His Holiness, Pope Benedict, in his homily at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen in Vienna on September 9, 2007, quoted the Abitinian Martyrs, who during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian were arrested for celebrating Sunday Mass. The martyrs responded to the magistrate: "Sine dominico non possumus!" – without the Lord's day, we cannot live! The Pope went on to say: "For these Christians, the Sunday Eucharist was not a commandment, but an inner necessity. Without him who sustains our lives, life itself is empty. To do without or to betray this focus would deprive life of its very foundation, would take away its inner dignity and beauty."

Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we are joining dioceses in the Boston Province (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) in lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective the weekend of June 19 and 20, 2021.

We are mindful of the Lord's statement: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt 18:20). While we certainly can pray alone, there is both

strength and blessedness in communal prayer.

We do also note that attendance at Mass is our way of following the Third Commandment of the Decalogue: "Remember the sabbath day – keep it holy. For six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy." (Ex. 20:8,11)

We call to mind the many times we see Jesus observing the sabbath by going to the synagogue and teaching there (Mt 13:54, Mk 1:21-28, Lk 4:16-30, Jn 6:22-59). It is a desire of every Christian to conform his or her life to the life of Jesus, and Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath.

Most significantly, receiving the Eucharist is the center of every Catholic life. The Lord commands us to take and eat, and to do it in memory of Him. (Mt 26:26-30, Mk 14:22-26, Lk 22:14-20, 1 Cor 11:23-26, CCC 1324). The Eucharist is food for our difficult journey through life, filling us with joy and strengthening us to embrace our suffering. It transforms us from the inside out and creates a unity among us that is a strong witness to the whole world.

Therefore, it is with great confidence and trust in the Lord that we reinstate this Sunday Mass obligation. It has been a long, difficult year. People have experienced great pain and suffering throughout this pandemic. Loss of life has

been immense. People continue to recover from the long-term effects of the coronavirus.

The heroes among us — our nurses, doctors, first responders and all medical professionals — were a source of enormous comfort. Priests brought the Sacrament of the Sick to COVID patients. Now we are able to join together, remembering the lives changed and the sacrifices made. Let us gather together again in joy, as one people united around the Eucharist.

In this year of Saint Joseph, who was always a faithful observer of the sabbath, we chose Father's Day as an appropriate day to encourage all of our people, and especially our families, to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have been recently exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness; those who are confined to their homes or to hospitals or other facilities due to illness, infirmity, frailty, or age; and those who are not yet able to be vaccinated, due to age or any health consideration. Parishioners should consult their local pastor if they have questions about the obligation.

To all of those who have not been able to be with us during this last year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass.

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley,
OFM Cap
Archbishop of Boston

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go bill that was tied to outdoor dining programs across the city and state.

The bill let bars and restaurants sell to-go cocktails with take-out only or delivery food orders. However, the bill was set to expire after Gov. Baker lifted the state emergency order that was given back in March 2020.

If the legislature once again gets Baker's blessing, customers of bars and restaurants in Beacon Hill will

be able to continue to order two cocktails per entree. However, the total volume of liquor being sold can not exceed 64 ounces.

All cocktails must be sold in a sealed container, and the volume of alcohol-to-mixer must be the same as for on-premises consumption.

Numerous Beacon Hill restaurants took advantage of the cocktail-to-go and the City of Boston's outdoor dining program.

Restaurants that dotted Charles Street received a special permit from the city that allowed them to set up outdoor patios on roadways and sidewalks throughout the neighborhood. That coupled with the cocktail-to-go legislation helped restaurants increase capacity, move inventory and increase profits during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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State Administration announces \$2.655 billion FY22 Capital Plan

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration has announced its Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Capital Plan, a \$2.655 billion plan that makes substantial investments in critical priorities including housing, transportation, climate resiliency, health and human services, and education to promote economic growth and opportunity. The plan maintains flexibility by supporting existing short, medium, and long-term investments, and funding new initiatives that encourage growth and strengthen the Commonwealth's communities amid the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito joined Administration and Finance Secretary Michael J. Heffernan and Secretary of Education James Peyser Monday at Bridgewater State University to release the FY22 Capital Plan and highlight a major renovation project at the university, which is funded under the capital plan.

The Administration is investing \$87 million in five major renovation projects across the Commonwealth's higher education system. The capital investments at these colleges and universities are focused on strengthening programming that connects students with high-demand fields like STEM and health care, which will remain crucial to the Commonwealth's economic recovery.

The plan also begins implementing the Economic Development Bond Bill and Transportation Bond Bill that Governor Baker signed last year. Through these investments, the plan aims to promote economic growth and strengthen the Commonwealth's transportation system as more residents return to work. It also funds the Commonwealth's share of costs for the redevelopment of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, which the Administration is seeking to augment by applying for federal funds. It provides significant capital investments in all regions of Massachusetts while maintaining the Administration's commitment to addressing and preparing for climate change and considering the environmental impact and resiliency of its investments.

"As Massachusetts emerges from the pandemic, our FY22 Capital Plan aims to strength-

en and modernize infrastructure throughout the Commonwealth in ways that promote opportunity," said Gov. Baker. "These meaningful investments will encourage economic growth and strengthen existing initiatives around housing, climate resiliency, health and human services, and food security – critical priorities that have proven even more important as a result of the COVID-19 crisis."

"We are continuing to invest in local cities and towns in order to support the ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic," said Lt. Gov. Polito. "By providing capital funding for education, public safety, information technology, and other infrastructure projects, we can help reinvigorate the economy and ensure Massachusetts has a bright and prosperous future."

The funding detailed in this FY22 plan will complement the more than \$100 billion awarded to Massachusetts residents, businesses, and governments throughout the public health emergency to address both the response and the recovery from the pandemic. The vast majority of this funding has flowed directly to businesses, individuals, non-profits, and unemployment insurance in Massachusetts.

In total, the Commonwealth exercises some level of discretion over approximately \$15.6 billion of this federal funding, notably the \$2.5 billion in Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars received through the CARES Act. These Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars have supported numerous key priorities consistent with federal guidelines, as for example, \$750 million of this funding has been transferred to other governments and \$780 million has been allocated for economic assistance.

Also included in the \$15.6 billion total is the \$5.3 billion in direct federal aid the Commonwealth has received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to support a range of initiatives, including infrastructure investments that will leverage municipal funding to maximize impact. ARPA is also providing a total of \$3.4 billion in direct aid for municipalities throughout Massachusetts, as well as substantial funding for key priorities including a total of \$2.6 billion for housing and economic development initiatives, \$1.1 billion for transit, \$315 million in child care stabili-

zation funding, and \$200 million in Child Care and Development Block Grant funding.

"The Baker-Polito Administration's fiscally responsible FY22 Capital Plan devotes significant resources toward key areas while also protecting state finances and leveraging other funding sources to achieve the greatest impact with spending," said Secretary of Administration and Finance Michael J. Heffernan. "We look forward to collaborating with key stakeholders as we carry out these capital projects and strengthen infrastructure throughout Massachusetts."

The \$2.655 billion capital plan is fiscally responsible, demonstrates careful long-term planning, and is informed by numerous factors including the Debt Affordability Committee.

FY22 Capital Plan Highlights:
Transportation

- The combined MassDOT and MBTA capital plan is funded from a variety of state and non-state sources, and totals approximately \$4.0 billion in spending for FY22

- \$200 million for the Chapter 90 Program for local road and bridge repairs

- \$10 million for the Administration's Municipal Small Bridge Program

- \$10 million for the Complete Streets Program

- \$4 million for the Shared Streets and Spaces Program which was started in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic to help municipalities and businesses adapt their operations

- Funding for programs authorized through the Transportation Bond Bill including the Local Bottleneck Reduction Program, the Municipal Pavement Program, and the Transit Infrastructure Partnership Program

DCAMM

- Funding for five new major higher education capital projects totaling \$1.3 million in spending in FY22 and \$87 million in total bond funds awarded including:

- \$300,000 for a renovation project to create a centralized home for the College of Education and Health Sciences Burnell Hall at Bridgewater State University (total state bond investment of \$25 million)

- \$300,000 for new and renovated Science Labs at Mass Maritime Academy (total state bond investment of \$16.7 million)

- \$100,000 for a partial renovation of labs at the Danvers campus of North Shore Community College to create a Life Science Pathways Center (total state bond investment of \$14.1 million)

- \$485,000 for a partial renovation of the Medical School Building at UMass Medical to create collaborative spaces for integrated teaching and learning (total state bond investment of \$6.1 million)

- \$150,000 for a renovation at Quinsigamond Community College to create an innovation center for advanced manufacturing and robotics (total state bond investment of \$25 million)

- Planning efforts for a project to construct a new Regional Justice Center in Quincy

- Funding for the Commonwealth's share of costs for the redevelopment of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, a major project to construct a state-of-the-art facility for veterans

Economic Development

- New and expanded authorizations in the Economic Development Bond Bill which will provide access to capital for underrepresented entrepreneurs, revitalize underutilized properties, improve tourism facilities and destinations, support advanced manufacturing, and encourage regional and industry-specific innovation clusters

- \$94 million for MassWorks to provide municipalities and other public entities with funding for infrastructure projects that promote economic development

- \$35 million for the Life Sciences Capital Program to foster job growth and innovation in the life sciences industry

- \$10 million in Seaport Economic Council Grants

Housing

- Support for new programs authorized through the Economic Development Bond Bill intended to promote neighborhood stabilization, transit-oriented housing, and climate resilient affordable housing

- \$146 million for the production and preservation of affordable housing including \$5 million for housing choice grants.

- \$110 million to support our state-aided public housing portfolio.

Energy and Environmental Affairs

- \$45 million for the Food Security Infrastructure Program, which includes \$30 million for grants

awarded in the last year, and \$15 million for a future grant round

- \$21 million for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness ("MVP") Program to aid municipalities with climate change vulnerability assessments and planning, and adaptation projects

- \$12.5 million for inland dams and seawalls

- \$3.5 million for Greening the Gateway Cities which has already planted nearly 30,000 trees and has a goal of planting at least 20,000 more trees over the next four years.

Public Safety

- \$5 million for the new Protective Fire Equipment Grant Program which provides direct assistance to municipalities to ensure access to safe and reliable firefighter equipment

- \$4 million for the new Municipal Body-Worn Camera Grant Program

- Support for the Body Armor Replacement Program which provides a state match for the reimbursement of bulletproof vests by municipalities

Technology

- \$64.9 million for business applications development

- \$42.1 million for IT technical infrastructure modernization

- \$15.5 million for cybersecurity

Local Cities and Towns

- \$3 million in Community Compact IT Grants which support cities and towns in their efforts to modernize their technological infrastructure

- \$3 million for the new Municipal Fiber Grant Program that is focused on strengthening supports for municipal IT security

- \$2 million for Municipal ADA Grants which fund planning, design, and capital improvements specifically dedicated to improving access and removing architectural barriers for people with disabilities

Education

- \$15 million for Workforce Skills Capital Grants to improve students' skills and knowledge and better meet the needs of employers in the Commonwealth

- \$4 million for Early Education and Out-of-School Time Grants to improve the indoor and outdoor space at early education and out-of-school time programs in which more than 50 percent of the children served are eligible for financial assistance

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\$4.6 million Rapid Reemployment grant program launches in Massachusetts

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the launch of the \$4.6 million Rapid Reemployment grant program, with the first round of grant funding totaling \$360,000 being awarded last week to six employer partner programs that will train 105 participants.

The grants will support training residents who have experienced an employment interruption due to COVID-19 and help place them in high-demand job categories such as Information Technology and Health Care by scaling up training opportunities provided by organizations to employers.

"As Massachusetts focuses on economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important that we think strategically about getting people back to work and increasing our investments in programs that are successfully serving local businesses and people most affected," said Gov. Charlie

Baker. "The Rapid Reemployment Program can help thousands of people get access to high demand jobs in the Commonwealth through workforce training and building skills to get people hired quickly."

The Rapid Reemployment Program is designed to help businesses develop a pipeline of workers to meet their skills needs as well as providing better lifetime earnings potential for those whose job prospects have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. These grants are funded through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES" Act). The application process is rolling through Sept. 30, 2021, or until funds are expended.

"No economy can succeed without a high-quality workforce. This funding will help individuals and businesses accelerate a return to full employment that is more equitable and leads to more employment resiliency in Massa-

chusetts," said Labor and Workforce Secretary Rosalin Acosta.

A total of \$360,000 has been awarded this round to train 105 program participants:

•JVS: \$60,000 to train 15 Participants

*In partnership with MassHire Downtown Boston Career Center, JVS will provide training and placement to prepare individuals impacted by COVID-19 for jobs as Patient Care Technicians. Individuals trained will be placed at employer partners, including MassGeneral Brigham and Boston Children's Hospital.

•Roxbury Community College: \$45,000 to train 15 Participants.

*In partnership with MassHire Boston Career Center, Roxbury Community College will provide training and placement to prepare individuals impacted by COVID-19 for jobs as Pharmacy Technicians. Individuals trained will be placed at CVS Pharmacy.

HUD awards \$36 million in American Rescue Plan funds for emergency housing vouchers

Staff Report

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Marcia L. Fudge has announced the awarding of the first tranche of American Rescue Plan funds for Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Specifically, HUD is awarding Massachusetts \$36,386,196 to cover the cost of 1,780 vouchers and related administrative costs, including up-front costs needed to stand up the program, for an initial 18-month period.

Nationally, HUD is awarding \$1.1 billion – 70,000 vouchers – for 626 public housing authorities (PHAs) administering the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Today's awarding of \$1.1 billion in EHVs is part of \$5 billion that the American Rescue Plan Act enabled HUD to allocate in additional vouchers to PHAs. HUD allocated these vouchers to communities with the greatest need for EHVs and where local housing authorities demonstrated capacity to administer this vital assistance. The EHV program serves geographically diverse housing needs, from high-cost urban areas to a large number of rural communities.

EHV funding gives communities significant resources to assist individuals and families who are

homeless; at risk of homelessness; fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; or recently homeless. EHVs help individuals and families find housing and remain stably housed long-term.

The \$1.1 billion in EHVs will cover the cost of vouchers and related administrative costs, including up-front costs needed to stand up the program, for an initial 18-month period. Thereafter,

HUD will provide annual funding to cover the cost of renewals in 12-month increments through Sept. 30, 2030, or until the \$5 billion ARP allocation runs out, whichever comes first.

HUD has allocated \$10 billion in American Rescue Plan homelessness assistance: In addition to the \$5 billion for EHVs, HUD allocated \$5 billion through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program to increase affordable housing to address homelessness.

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Larceny

6/5/21 – A victim walked into the District A-1 station to file a larceny report. The victim stated that unknown individual(s) had entered her courtyard and stole many different items, including her bicycle. The victim has video of the incident, and Area A-1 detectives are currently investigating the matter.

Vandalism

6/5/21 - Officers responded to a business on Charles Street to take a vandalism report. When police arrived on the scene, they observed a broken window to the front of the business. After investigating, it wasn't determined if anyone had made entry. Area A-1 detectives are currently investigating the matter.

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COBBLESTONES (from pg. 1)

Gallagher had dreamed of opening a restaurant back then, she said, but she put that aspiration on the backburner indefinitely until she learned Café Bella Vita was on the market.

"I'd walked past the property hundreds of times and thought it could be so much more," said Gallagher. "It has such potential, and the windows lend themselves to a friendly, welcoming environment."

But perhaps more importantly, Gallagher said, "As I've become immersed in Beacon Hill community and made some connections since I started working at Sarah Campbell, I almost felt a commitment to the neighborhood to provide a welcoming, friendly eatery that would offer healthy, fresh options that are consistent with Beacon Hill standards."

The menu, which Gallagher describes as "fresh, fast and local," is now being finalized, and will focus on salads, soups, grain bowls, and sandwiches (as well as

ice cream), with takeout options available for dinner.

"We cook with the freshest ingredients with a healthy dose of love into each meal," she said. "Imagine if Sweetgreen and Cava had a love child with a gourmet flair, and it would be called Cobblestones."

Cobblestones won't have a kitchen and instead all prep work for the food will take place in the 500 square-foot basement space. At the street level, the 900-square-foot space will provide room for points of sale, as well as for seating for 20 patrons. The restaurant also hopes to offer an additional 20 outdoor seats for customers on Chestnut Street, said Gallagher.

The proposed hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week, and the restaurants hopes to open A.S.A.P., she said, with July 4 as the target date.

As for how she expects Cobblestones will be received in the neighborhood, Gallagher points to a personal experience she recently

had that seems to portend well for the restaurant's future.

On the day when Gallagher and her partners signed the Purchase and Sale agreement for the restaurant, she walked downstairs in her Winchester home and gazed upon one of three framed pictures hanging in her foyer.

While the print by Bill Pardy had been a fixture there for at least 10 years, Gallagher usually managed to look past it, but on that day, she looked closely at the image and realized for the first time that it depicts the building at 30 Charles St., that will become home to Cobblestones.

The restaurant's logo, which depicts a gaslight, meanwhile, comes from an oil painting that Sam Nigro, a family friend, gave to Gallagher about 25 years ago when she was in grad school at Simmons, and that now hangs in her bedroom.

For more information on Cobblestones, contact cobblestones-bos@gmail.com

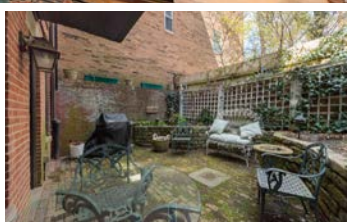
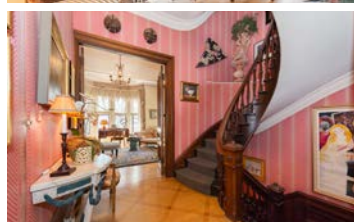
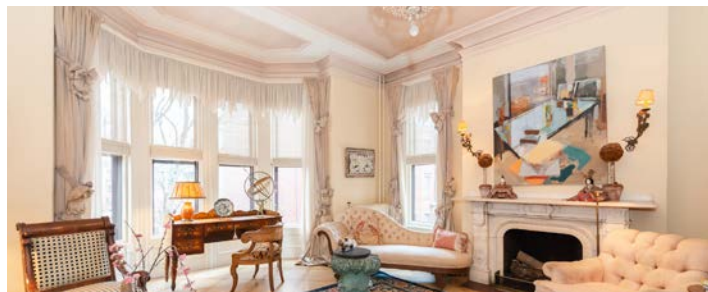


Jennifer Gallagher and Dave O'Donnell, running partners for the past 25 years and now business partners with the imminent opening of Cobblestones at 30 Chestnut St.

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Beacon Hill COVID update listed

By John Lynds

Last week Beacon Hill's weekly COVID-19 positive test rate increased but was still under one percent for a fifth week in a row according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

According to the weekly report released last Friday 1,133 residents were tested and 0.8 percent were positive. This was an increase from the 0.04 percent of residents that tested positive two weeks ago but still below one percent according to the BPHC.

Overall since the pandemic started 53,323 Beacon Hill, North End, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 6.7 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was the same percentage reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate increased slightly. According to the BPHC 13,234 residents were tested and 1.1 percent were COVID positive--this was a 10 percent increase from the 1 per-

cent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Beacon Hill, North End, Back Bay, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 632.9 cases per 10,000 residents, up 0.3 percent from the 631.1 cases per 10,000 residents reported two weeks ago.

An additional 10 residents became infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area increased from 3,517 cases to 3,527 cases as of last Friday.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 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 increased 0.14 percent last week and went from 70,810 cases to 70,912 confirmed cases in a week. Three additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,389 total deaths in the city from COVID.

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Myrtle Street resident exploring run for lieutenant governor

By Dan Murphy

A business leader, educator, husband and father, as well as a newcomer to politics, Myrtle Street resident Bret Bero is now exploring a run for lieutenant governor.

"As lieutenant governor, I want to be the small business champion, and to me, nothing is more valuable for a community to have or difficult to achieve than a thriving small business base," said Bero, a Democrat. "I want to be a voice for small businesses, especially as we come out of this unprecedented pandemic that led to the economic meltdown, which has had a particularly devastating effect for small businesses."

Bero, who earned degrees from Middlebury (Vt.) College and the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, embarked on his business career working at Digital Equipment Corporation, which gave him an insider's perspective on the "Massachusetts Miracle" of the 1980s. He then spent 31 years as a management consultant and business turnaround leader, advising businesses on how to streamline their operations. Bero has had experience across a wide range of industries, including health care,

hospitality, technology, retail, building supplies, environmental services, finance, manufacturing and media.

In 1997, Bero also bought a small, deep-draw metal forming company in Orange, Mass., which he rechristened ECHO Industries, and built into a thriving small business before selling it in 2019.

After his business career, Bero joined the faculty of Babson College in Wellesley, where he currently teaches Strategic Problem Solving, Management Consulting, and Leading Business Turnarounds.

Babson College's MBA program has been named Number One for entrepreneurship by U.S. News & World Report for the past 18 consecutive years, and teaching there, said Bero, has allowed him to share his business experience with the next generation of aspiring entrepreneurs. "I believe that entrepreneurship is the greatest force for social good in the world," he said.

Bero also previously served on the finance committee and the revenue enhancement committee for the town of Carlisle - valuable experience that, he said, gave him a deep understanding of how small-town budgets work.

"When state government deals with town government, it's helpful to have someone who understands how small-town budgets work," he said, "and how the state supports those towns."

Bero and his wife (as well as his high school sweetheart), Joan, who works as an occupational therapist in Weston public schools, have two adult children and two grandchildren, and after living in the Concord Carlisle area for more than 20 years, they relocated to Myrtle Street in 2016 as empty-nesters.

"As someone who moved into the Beacon Hill neighborhood, I think it's incredibly special," said Bero, "and as lieutenant governor, I want to be able to preserve the distinction and uniqueness that it has in Boston."

As for why he has decided to pursue a career in politics at this time, Bero believes that state government now needs a strong voice for small business as the Commonwealth returns to normalcy.

"Small businesses should have a seat at the table when defining the future of Massachusetts," he said. "And now coming out of quarantine, Massachusetts is at an inflection point. The decisions we make

about the economic recovery, and particularly how we define a new foundation for small business, will help define the character of the Commonwealth for the next decade and beyond."

Moreover, Bero is also confident he can bring a new and much-needed perspective to the State House.

"There's never been a need like this before, and I can bring a new and needed perspective to what already exists on Beacon Hill," said Bero. "We have a lot of people who have deep government experience, but we're short people who have business experience, particularly small business experience. People who have run a small business know what those issues are."

To learn more about Bret Bero's campaign for lieutenant governor, visit Bretbero.com.



Bret Bero, a Myrtle Street Democrat exploring a run for lieutenant governor.

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OBITUARIES

Norman Richard Herr

October 18, 1934 - June 6, 2021

If you met Norman Herr, it was likely for one of two reasons. Either you were part of the West End or North End communities and were struggling with housing or other issues, or you were in a position of power in government or the local institutions and could do something about the community issues Norman saw as his duty to correct. Either way, Norm would find you.

Over the many decades he lived as one of the last residents of the old West End of Boston, on Anderson Street and later on Michelangelo Street in the North End, Norman Herr fought for tenants rights, challenged institutional expansion to do better, brought attention to quality of life issues like noise and air pollution, trash, handicapped accessibility and all those small things that people come to accept as part of life in the city, except Norman didn't accept it. Well known for going from office to office in City Hall and at the State House, Norm would find out what people did and where they had authority and then proceed to enlist them in solving some community issue. It was nearly impossible to say no when Norman brought a problem to your attention and then follow-up, week after week until it was resolved. "I always deliver on my promise," he would say. "I'm a man of my word."

Norman Herr had a special place in his heart for seniors of the North End, pushing for accessible crosswalks and leveraging the "donation" of grocery carts to seniors on the North End. While not much is known of his methods, his motive was always to make the world a better place for the poor and elderly. As he would tell you, "I speak for the people who don't have a voice." Norman's most lasting legacy may be the annual Christmas Tree lighting at Cardinal Cushing Park that he has organized since 1995 at the corner of Cambridge and Bowdoin Streets. The week after he would start fundraising for the next year.



Norman grew up on Sydney Street near the Polish Triangle neighborhood in Boston, the son of the late Leo Ira Herr and Veronica Ursula (Aleksun) Herr. Norm held a number of different jobs throughout his life including as a longshoreman and as a bartender at a bar called Backstreet in what was known as the Combat Zone, where he made news by bringing in live music and notable jazz artists. But his favorite job was always as "Grand Marshall" of the Tree Lighting at Cardinal Cushing Park. To continue that legacy, the friends of Norman Herr have set up a gofundme.com at: bit.ly/NormansTree

One of his favorite songs was "Love is a Many-Splendored Thing," with lyrics like "Love is nature's way of giving a reason to be living. The golden crown that makes a man a king." Norman was a loyal friend and was loved by many. His personal credo was, "One man can do a lot of good."

On Norman's behalf, we his friends would like to thank the many caregivers, visiting nurses, physical therapists, and the good people at Massachusetts General Hospital who took care of him when his health began to fail. He may not have said it in so many words, but he was truly grateful to you.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 21 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 68 Cardinal O'Connell Way in the West End of Boston. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale.

Abigail Mason Browne

Seventh-generation direct descendant of Abigail and John Adams, former member of Boston School Committee, advocate for children, long active in community affairs

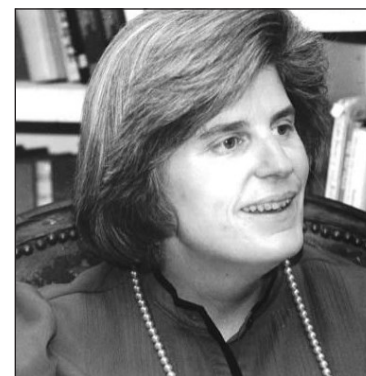
Abby Browne, 77, passed away peacefully on May 21 at Mass General Hospital with her loving family by her side.

Born in Boston on December 17, 1943, a few blocks from the Public Garden, she spent the next fifty years raising her family in the city she loved, devoting her professional and personal time to community affairs and advocating for children. Abby was a seventh-generation direct descendant of Abigail and John Adams, the only daughter of Henry L. and Fanny C. (Homans) Mason, also of Boston, and the granddaughter of Abigail Adams Homans, a life-long resident of Boston. Like her grandmother, Abby was a major force during her lifetime as all who knew her keenly appreciated. Her professional career was dedicated to advocating for children in all aspects of their lives.

She was an elected member of the Boston School Committee from the mid-1980s to early 1990's, a frequently tumultuous period, and was an outspoken critic of business as usual politics. Tireless in her efforts, she relentlessly fought racial segregation in the Boston Public School system. She was a staunch and early supporter of the present system whereby school committee members are appointed, not elected, stating, there were too few elected politicians willing to put their own ambitions aside and Boston's public school children suffered as a consequence.

Her interest in education and helping students began at an early age. She graduated from the Westover School in Middlebury, CT, and was a proud and active alumna, having served on the school's board of advisors. She considered it her second home. Throughout her life she indicated that her high school experience was a pivotal moment in her own growth and development.

Abby, who was actively involved in a variety of children's charities, including the Mass Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC), began her professional career at the Assabet School in Marlborough in the early 1980s. She then went on to serve as a legislative aide to former Boston City Councilor Rosemarie Sansone, before running for a seat



on the Boston School Committee where, upon her election, she represented Beacon Hill, the Back Bay, Fenway and Mission Hill.

After the School Committee transitioned to its current system of appointed members, she became a paralegal at the law firm of Parker, Coulter, Daley and White. Upon retiring, she continued to focus her time on issues involving children, including advocating for the prevention of physical and mental abuse of young children. She was guardian ad litem as well as a hospice volunteer. During her later years she spent much of her time with her family and especially her two granddaughters. A life-long avid reader, Abby spent hours reading to them, teaching them the importance of literacy and bestowing upon them an immense enjoyment of books.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Alfred L. Browne, Jr., her loving daughter, Priscilla Browne of Manchester-by-the Sea, her loving son, Alfred Browne III, her daughter-in-law, Catherine

Browne of Newton, two adored grandchildren, Ashley and Hillary Browne, her sister-in-law, Barbara, her niece, Abby Buccella, and many cousins. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers, Henry and the Honorable John Mason, and her grandson, Charles Sweetnam Browne.

Abby, who had numerous interests, took special joy from her many trips to her beloved Scotland, adventures with her family on the North Shore, and rescuing and raising many dogs and cats. Her greatest passion was learning as much as she could about the British Monarchy, especially the Queen!

For everyone she touched, or was ever in her presence, Abby was unforgettable. Her voice and laughter will always be remembered. If she had your back, then you were blessed with one fiercely loyal and devoted friend, one who knew no boundaries when it came to fighting for what she believed was right, or protecting someone who was in need.

Funeral services and burial are private, with arrangements by J.S. Waterman-Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial Street, Boston, MA. 02109. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.watermanboston.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Westover School by visiting <https://www.westover-school.org/support/westover-funded>

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Andrew Finch Morey

Devoted father, loving husband and friend to many



things and always taking the time to stop and say hello. Andrew’s newest friend was the family Corgi, Oliver. He would often be seen walking Oliver in Beacon Hill and together they made many new friends in the neighborhood they both loved. Andrew treasured the most important parts of life, friends, family, and good conversation. He enjoyed sharing stories about great music, the New York Yankees, the New England Patriots and the Boston Bruins. He never missed an opportunity to attend a live concert or sporting event.

Andrew leaves behind many close friends, all of whom he treasured.

Andrew is survived by his wife of 21 years Carolyn, his three daughters, Charlotte, Catherine and Elizabeth, his parents Martin and Marilyn Morey of Vero Beach, FL, his sister Elizabeth (Brian) Neligan, his brother Alex Morey, over 100 in-laws, nieces, nephews and second cousins, countless friends and his beloved Cardigan Corgi, Oliver.

Funeral Services were held Monday, June 14, in St. Cecelia Church, Boston. Burial was private. In lieu of flowers, Andrew requested memorial donations be made to The Andrew Morey Memorial Trust, www.andrewmoreymemorialtrust.com.

Andrew Finch Morey, a devoted father, loving husband and friend to many, passed surrounded by his loving family on June 7. Andrew’s family takes comfort in knowing he lived each day fully, created community with laughter and cheer, and helped many along the way.

Andrew was born in Greenwich, Conn., on June 25, 1969. He was the youngest of three children, enjoying many sports as wide-ranging as ice hockey in Florida and sailing in Edgartown and playing with his beloved corgis.

Andrew graduated from Choate Rosemary Hall, Vanderbilt University and Columbia Business School and went on to have a 30-year career in finance. Most importantly, he approached each day with an easy-going, fun-loving spirit.

Andrew moved to Boston in 1995, where he later met his wife, Carolyn, the love of his life. He adored Carolyn with all his heart - he looked at her, and he saw his world. They married in 1999 and settled in Beacon Hill, where they raised three special daughters. Andrew loved playing squash, skiing in New Hampshire, reading a good book at the beach, sharing red wine, trading travel ideas and most of all, spending time with his family. He delighted in supporting his family and taught them and others to do the same. Andrew could often be found cheering on his girls and others at squash matches, lacrosse games and ski races. Andrew was truly a doting father who always went out of his way to make his wife and girls smile. They were the light of his life.

Andrew will be remembered by all for his quick wit, warm personality and the community he built by caring about the little

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through June 26

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

- Building the piers:
 - *Pier 1 (closest to the North End): Pre-assembling Hammer Head V-Pier, column formwork striping, and V-arm formwork Installation at Columns 3 and 4.
 - *Pier 2: Begin V-arms formwork.
 - *Pier 3: V-arms formwork, rebar installation, and concrete

placements.

- *Pier 4: Installing precast beams.

Pier 5 (closest to Charlestown): V-arms and strip formwork, installing precast beams.

- Installing, moving, and maintaining silt curtains and barges in the water.

- Installing permanent fender piles.

WORK HOURS

- Most work will be done during the daytime (6 a.m. – 6 p.m.).

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

- Prior to 6/13:
 - *Pier 1 (closest to the North End): Column rebar installation and concrete placement.

- *Pier 5 (closest to Charlestown): Concrete placements.

- *Pavement line striping to expand median at City Square intersection.

TRAVEL TIPS

The Westerly sidewalk, Lovejoy Wharf stairs, near Converse are open to the public with the opening of the temporary bridge, the adjacent section of the Harborwalk passing under the bridge remains closed.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass.

Maple syrup production down 21 percent in Vermont

Staff Report

The 2021 Vermont maple syrup production totaled 1.54 million gallons, down 21 percent from the previous year, according to Pam Hird, New England State Statistician of the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Vermont remains the top producing state in the Nation.

Vermont maple syrup producers put out 5.90 million maple taps in 2021, an increase 4 percent from the 2020 total. Yield per tap is estimated to be 0.261 gallon, down from 0.342 gallon from the previous season. Location played a significant part in individual

production. The earliest sap flow reported was Jan. 25 in Vermont. On average, the season lasted 28 days, compared with 38 days in 2020.

Vermont’s 2020 value of production totaled \$52.7 million, down 9 percent from the previous season. The average retail price per gallon was up 2 percent at \$45.50 per gallon.

Vermont’s Ag Secretary Anson Tebbetts adds, “Mother Nature was the story in 2021. Vermont maple producers were faced with wild weather changes, ups and downs, starts and stops. But as always Vermont producers rode the waves and produced another national leading high quality crop.

We are proud of our sugar makers who are producing a natural sweetener that’s being served at breakfast, lunch and dinner.”

Vermont has led the U.S. in the number of maple taps every year since 1916 and was only out produced in 1926 and 1918. In 2003 Vermont had 2.12 million taps and has been steadily increasing to 5.90 million in 2021.

Annual production prior to 1935 was typically between 1 million and 1.4 million gallons. This dropped to around 200,000 to 300,000 gallons in the 1970’s. Since 2003 Vermont’s maple syrup production has increased from around 500,000 gallons to 1.54 million gallons in 2021.

Eileen Duff announces withdrawal from Auditor’s race

Staff Report

Governor’s Councilor Eileen Duff, who recently announced her campaign for Auditor, released the following statement Friday afternoon saying she was withdrawing from the race.

“First, I want to thank everyone who so quickly reached out to voice their support for our run for Auditor. I was overwhelmed with gratitude and absolutely humbled by how many of you sought the same vision for the Commonwealth as myself.

“It is with great regret that, due to a family health situation, I cannot justify the time commitment of a statewide run for office at this time and will be withdrawing from the race. Family always comes first for the Duffs.

“I wish all of the luck to the other candidates running. It is already shaping up to be a talented field and the Democratic Party is lucky to have so many thoughtful contenders. Auditor Bump is leaving a tremendous legacy behind and it is so vital to build on the great work she has done to ensure

taxpayer money is protected and that our agencies are adopting best practices and functioning at their highest capacity.

“I look forward to continuing the important work at the Governor’s Council for the years to come.”

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The Beacon Hill Garden Club's Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Tour will be held virtually this year and launches June 30.

Advance tickets are now available at the Beacon Hill Garden Club's website at beaconhillgardencub.org for \$25 each, or you can buy a ticket and one of the Garden Club's books for \$45.

HILL HOUSE 2021 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Hill House, Inc. located at 127 Mount Vernon S., has officially opened up Summer Camp registration for 2021 campers.

Now in its 22nd year, Hill House Camps (Kiddie Kamp for

3-5 year olds and Day Camp for 5- to 12-year-olds) feature: weekly Day Camp field trips; Kiddie Kamp onsite adventures; expanded enrichment opportunities; sailing, theatre, sports and film camp options; weekly themes; extended day options for Day Campers; and expanded LIT program for 13- to 15-year-olds.

Visit Hill House's Summer Camp website (www.hillhouse-boston.org/Camps.htm) to learn more about all the fun. For more information on registering, contact Chelsea Evered at 617-227-5838 or covered@hillhouseboston.org.

IMAGINE VAN GOGH COMING DEC. 21 TO SOWA POWER STATION

"Imagine Van Gogh," more than 200 of the Dutch artist's paintings, is making its debut in Boston on Dec. 21 at the SoWa Power Station.

The exhibition is a contactless experience spanning over 24,000 square feet, with a limited number of guests allowed in on a timed-entry basis, and it will adhere to all safety guidelines established by the Commonwealth.

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ATHENÆUM TO HOST TWO VIRTUAL EVENTS

The Boston Athenæum welcomes you to two virtual programs next week.

On Tuesday, June 22, at noon, join Curator of Rare Books and Head of Special Collections, John Buchtel, as he explores "Nuremberg Chronicle," one of the world's most-famous rare books.

And, on Thursday, June 24, at 6 p.m., the Athenæum welcomes Pulitzer prize-winning scholar and critic Louis Menand for a discussion on American culture in the pivotal years from the end of World War II to Vietnam with award-winning historian, Maya Jasanoff.

Tickets range from \$0-\$5. Visit bostonathenaeum.org to register.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

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TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No.

SU11P1694GD

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Donna Hunt

RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

Of: Revere, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by The ARC of Bristol County of Attleboro, MA and Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned

matter alleging that Donna Hunt is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/15/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further

notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The frieze in the last clue is on the Orpheum Theatre at 1 Hamilton Place. This structure dates from 1852 when it was built as the Boston Music Hall. This was the original home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra until it moved to Symphony Hall in 1900.

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



CITY PAWS

First know your dog

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We see a lot of training going on with the pandemic pups. That's a good thing! It's the beginning of a lifetime of learning how to be great human/dog teams. It creates more ambassadors for the dog community. Well-behaved dogs with responsible guardians help offset the harm done by scofflaws and uncaring individuals.

Dogs Are Individuals

To train a dog, you have to figure out what will work for the specific creature at the end of your leash. Take into consideration your style of teaching and discipline. To relate to this, think about how you approach learning. Some of us succeed by reading, while others prefer oral presentations or videos. You may prefer to take a series of classes with assignments to complete, while your sibling may choose to research and learn by trial and error.

Our Experience

We've lived with three West Highland White Terriers and have fostered and known many more. There were some breed traits we could observe. However, these dogs differed in personality, intelligence, responsiveness, and motivation.

Our Sassy was raised in the suburbs and didn't interact well with other dogs. She was stubborn, food-obsessed, intelligent, funny, and pushy. She loved most people.

Maggie Mae was raised in the city and was a social bee. She loved everyone and every dog except one pack of Dalmatians who frightened her and one poor Gordon Setter that she would bark away. Maggie was a picky eater and was more motivated by praise than food. Overall she was easy-going and easy to train once you found the right motivation.

Poppy is a scared little Westie. She does not like to be outside and is afraid of many sights and loud sounds. She loves her food and treats, but will decline even the tastiest tidbits when she's anxious. She is a cuddler with those she loves, but only responds positively to a few special people in her life. She also responds better to hand signals and body language than she does to words.

A Few Basics

Begin your training efforts by working on basic tasks that will serve you well in many situations. As you train for "sit" or "down," observe how your dog reacts to your efforts. Think about what you did that brought the proper



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response. We always recommend combining a hand signal with a short word cue. (You never know when you'll want to deliver a silent

message to your dog.)

Try to keep your voice inviting in order to change an unwanted behavior like barking. Ask your dog to do something he already knows how to do—like, "come-to-me," "sit," or "leave it." Then you can deliver praise for a correct response that ends the bad behavior. Develop your own consistent way to gain your dog's attention. That could be a clicker, but it's even easier to make a sound with your mouth since you always have it with you.

To ensure your training efforts do more good than harm, use your favorite way to research and learn to bring yourself up-to-date on current training recommen-

dations. Today, researchers and behaviorists recommend positive reinforcement. The days of dominating actions, shock collars, and other punishing gadgets are over.

Your canine is one of your best friends so treat her with kindness as you help her adapt to your human world. If you find you are not making progress, it could mean that you need a bit of guidance from a professional trainer or behaviorist. Ask other members of your dog community for recommendations.

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