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For over 40 years, the Duckling Parade has been a Mother's Day tradition in Boston. Attendees enjoyed a party in Boston Common before the parade marched everyone over to the Public Garden.

Barbara 'Bobby' Moore receives 26th annual Beacon Award

By Dan Murphy

During the Beacon Hill Civic Association's 101st annual meeting on Monday, May 15, at the Somerset Club, Barbara W. Moore, affectionally known as "Bobby," received the 26th annual Beacon Award for her "sustained and significant contribution to the Beacon Hill community."

Born and raised near Valley Forge, Pa., Barbara earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, School of Architecture & Design in 1953 before moving to Manhattan to work in advertising. During a visit to see her sister, Phoebe, who was married and living in Walpole, Barbara was set up on a blind date to the Harvard-Yale game with a third-year

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AMY WILSON PHOTO

Barbara 'Bobby' Moore, winner of the Beacon Hill Civic Association's 26th annual Beacon Award. See pages 8, 9 and 10 for more photos.

DUCKLING DAY MAKES RETURN FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day brought a sea of yellow ducklings to Boston Common and the Public Garden.

Just over 2,500 children and their families enjoyed the festivities at the annual Duckling Day organized by the nonprofit Friends of the Public Garden. Attendees were excited to be outside in the sunshine and to participate in a variety of fun children's activities. A new addition this year,

the Lion Dancers from the Woo Ching White Crane School in Chinatown, were a huge hit, and entranced everybody with their performance. WCVB's Rhondella Richardson returned as emcee and introduced Jed Meyer, son of the late Nina Meyer, founder of the original Duckling Day back in the 1970s. He was amazed to see how the event had grown. President Liz Vizza from the Friends of

the Public Garden commented, "It was wonderful to see the joy on so many faces of children and their parents, delighting in the event and enjoying the parks. Another year of a heartwarming tradition!"

The Friends offered a huge thank you to all the ducklings and their families for a quacking good time, as well as thanks to

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

June First Friday Coffee Hour

City Council President Ed Flynn will be our guest at our First Friday Coffee Hour on June 2nd at 8:30am at 74 Joy Street. Come with your questions and thoughts about issues important to you on Beacon Hill.

2023 Annual Appeal

Thank you to those who have already responded to our 2023

Annual Appeal. Your support of our appeal allows us to continue our important work as advocates for our historic neighborhood. If you have not responded yet, we look forward to hearing from you. You can also make your donation at bhcvic.org.

BHCA Seeks Assistant to the Executive Director

We are seeking an Assistant

to the Executive Director to help carry out the association's mission, which is to preserve and enhance the quality of life on Beacon Hill. The candidate should be friendly and outgoing, and enjoy working with volunteers, BHCA members and Beacon Hill residents. They should be highly motivated with excellent organizational skills and attention to

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Beacon Hill Cleaners recognized by city as 'Legacy Business'

By Dan Murphy

A fixture of Charles Street for more than 30 years, the temporarily shuttered Beacon Hill Cleaners will be among the 30 recipients honored by the city as 'Legacy Businesses' at the inaugural Legacy Business Ceremony and Reception on Monday, May 22.

Beacon Hill Cleaners had continuously operated at 151 Charles St. under the ownership of Ledung Tran and her husband, Hai Tran, since opening in 1991 until early January of this year when the business was suddenly and unexpectedly displaced by their landlord, Charles and Cambridge Corner LLC. The drycleaner's landlord cited structural concerns related to

excavation and construction next door next door at 149 Charles St., the former home of the Beacon Hill Pub, as the reason for the removal.

Soon after the business was displaced, the office of then-District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok stepped up to lend Beacon Hill Cleaners its assistance.

Trang Tran, the daughter of the business's owners, expressed her deep gratitude to Bok, along with Kennedy Avery, the District 8 Council's chief of staff and liaison to the Fenway, and Jake Werner, the office's director of communications and liaison to West End and Beacon Hill.

"Without us even reaching out

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EDITORIAL

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS WORKED

During the first days of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020 when bodies of the dead in our major cities were being stacked into freezer trucks and hospital ships were sailing into the harbors of New York and Los Angeles, forecasts by some experts that the virus could claim more than one million lives in the United States seemed to be in the nature of a doomsday prediction.

Yet here we are, more than three years later, and deaths attributed to COVID-19 now exceed 1.1 million Americans, and are still increasing by about 1000 per week.

What brought the pandemic's toll to mind was a recent map that showed the death rate per population for every county throughout the United States.

We had expected that the map would have indicated that the highest death rates would be in the major cities along the coasts.

But after more than three years of the virus hitting our shores, we were surprised to see that the places with the highest death rates, by a substantial margin, were not along the coasts or in the major cities that suffered so terribly in those first few months, but rather throughout the South and the country's heartland.

The places where there were strong mask mandates, adherence to social distancing, extended business and school closures, and vaccine uptake -- New England, the mid-Atlantic, and the West Coast -- have significantly outperformed states where there was opposition, both at the grass roots level and by government officials, to all of the measures that appear to have proven effective at reducing the spread of the virus.

The top 11 states for deaths per million of population are Arizona, West Virginia, Mississippi, New Mexico, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Michigan, Florida, Oklahoma, and Louisiana.

We realize that a lot of research still needs to be done in order to figure out whether other factors were involved in the significantly higher death toll in the south and midwest, such as age of the population, obesity, and lack of access to quality health care, all of which are determinative of the outcome from a COVID-19 infection.

But the reason we are pointing out these statistics is that there are "revisionists" who are trying to rewrite the history of the COVID-19 pandemic for what are obvious political reasons. Governors of some of these southern and midwestern states who are suggesting that they handled the crisis better than their counterparts on the coasts simply are ignoring the facts -- namely, that their states had far-higher death rates than the states that had stronger public health mandates.

To be sure, everyone has a right to live their lives as they see fit, but in a public health emergency, sometimes our personal choices have to give way to what is necessary to fight a threat -- and public officials need to be honest with their constituents, rather than pandering to a vocal minority.

For our part, it was heartening to see that we live in a part of the country where COVID-19 was taken seriously and where the sacrifices made by ourselves and others at the height of the pandemic appear to have made a real difference.

Or to put it another way, and to paraphrase the slogan on New Hampshire's license plate, we're glad we do not live in a place where people want to Live Free AND Die.

WILDFIRE SMOKE IS A SIGN OF THE TIMES

The eerie glow, especially at sunrise and sunset, being caused by the haze from the smoke of the wildfires in Western Canada over the past week or so is yet another sign that there is no escaping the effects of climate change.

The record heat wave for this time of year that has hit the Pacific Northwest is helping to spread these wildfires, which have been burning out of control for more than a week. Fortunately, the resulting smoke that has drifted thousands of miles on the jet stream to our part of the continent reportedly is high enough in the atmosphere that it does not pose a threat to our health at this time.

On the other hand, the smoke-induced haze, if prolonged, could have a profound effect on agricultural production and ultimately could pose a health hazard, especially for those of us who have lung issues such as asthma.

Climate change is happening everywhere all at once, from the impacts of tornado season in our South (which has become the new Tornado Alley) to the huge cyclone that intensified rapidly within just days in the Bay of Bengal to become the strongest-ever cyclone and that devastated Myanmar.

Climate change is not a future event. It's happening now -- and it is only getting worse.

BPPA PICTURES OF THE YEAR ON EXHIBIT IN THE COMMON



D. MURPHY PHOTOS

Photographs from the Boston Press Photographers Association's third annual Pictures of the Year (2022) contest are on display through May 28 near the Park Street T station on Boston Common. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The images are displayed on separate 6-foot by 6-foot "photo cubes." After leaving the Common, the exhibit will be on display from May 29 through June 12 at Jamaica Pond.

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Esplanade Community Day set to return Saturday, May 20

By Times staff

The Esplanade Association's third annual Esplanade Community Day is set to return on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hatch Shell.

This year's Esplanade Community Day will feature a full lineup of events and activities in the park, kicking off with the Esplanade 5K, as well as featuring a GroundBeat Music Series concert curated by BAMS (Boston Art & Music Soul) Fest, a nonprofit dedicated to breaking down racial and social barriers in the arts across Greater Boston.

The annual Esplanade 5K will again be sponsored by Wayfair, along with Polar Beverages and the Dashing Whippets running club. The first wave of 5K runners will take off from the Hatch Memorial Shell at 9 a.m. and loop around the park. Runners of all levels and abilities are encouraged to par-

ticipate in what has been dubbed 'Boston's Most Beautiful 5K.' All proceeds from the Esplanade 5K directly support the work of the Esplanade Association. Race entry fee, registration, and additional information for the Esplanade 5K is available at Esplanade.org/Esplanade5K.

"Esplanade Community Day has proven to be very popular with the Greater Boston community," Samuel Englert, programs and partnership manager of EA, said in a press release. "Since its inception three years ago, we have engaged thousands of runners, music lovers, friends, and families in a full day of fun that celebrates the park, warmer weather, and making everyone feel welcome on the Esplanade."

Esplanade Community Day will also include a wide range of family-friendly activities. Kids can enjoy interactive learning experiences focusing on the environ-

ment and conservation provided by Manomet, Bootstraps Compost, and Mass Audubon. Besides educational activities, families can play with lawn games and equipment supplied by the Esplanade Association and Knucklebones! Lastly, kids (and adults) can get their faces painted during the festivities.

Vendors who will be on hand with tables for the Community Day will include Alterra Physical Therapy, Culture Pop, Mother Juice, Polar Beverages, and 261 Fearless Club New England. Free bike tune-ups will be available from 8 to 10 a.m. provided by REI, and later from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. provided by Bikes Not Bombs. Food trucks on site for the event will include Work Hard Eat Good, a local Jamaican food truck, and an ice cream truck, sponsored by Beacon Hill Village, will be offering free ice cream from noon to 2 p.m. near the Hatch Shell Lawn.

Meanwhile, a special edition concert of GroundBeat: The Esplanade's Free Riverfront Music Series produced by BAMS Fest will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hatch Memorial Shell. The Esplanade Association is bringing GroundBeat back to the Hatch Shell for a sixth year to showcase a wide range of musical styles from local artists and groups of different backgrounds, all curated and produced by BAMS Fest. This year's GroundBeat Music Concert will be hosted by Nancia. Performers include DJ Baby Indiglo (10-11 a.m.), New Legaxy (11 a.m.-noon), Willie J Laws Band (noon-1p.m.), Safiya Leslie (1-2 p.m.), and Red Shaydez (2-3 p.m.).

GroundBeat: The Esplanade's Free Riverfront Music Series is supported through grants from The Boston Foundation, Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the Boston Cultural Council. Tickets for this FREE GroundBeat Music

Concert are available at CommunityDay23.eventbrite.com.

Esplanade Community Day attendees are strongly encouraged to sign up for each individual Esplanade Community Day event (5K, Family-Friendly Activities, GroundBeat concert, etc.) to receive the latest information regarding each event. Any questions about Esplanade Community Day can be emailed to Samuel Englert, EA programs and partnerships manager, at senglert@esplanade.org.

The day will be made possible thanks to the generous support of Dashing Whippets, MeetBoston, Polar Beverages, The Coop, and Wayfair. Additionally, the Esplanade Association thanks the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation for their coordination and support for Community Day and throughout the year.

Largest Pizza Festival returns to Boston's City Hall Plaza

The Boston Pizza Festival is pleased to announce its return to City Hall Plaza in Boston's government center. The largest consumer pizza event in New England will take place on Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Boston Pizza Festival will feature over 30 of the best pizzerias in the New England and Greater Boston areas, along with select participating pizzerias hailing from Italy. The festival will feature something for everyone, with vegan and gluten-free options. Each pizzeria will be cooking in Marra Forni artisan pizza ovens. This year, Anheuser-Busch will be sponsoring the refreshments throughout the weekend, alongside 19 Crimes for the wine. The two-day celebration will also showcase a children's pizza tossing station, an interactive pizza-making demo with the

Dough Connection, and live music and entertainment.

"After a three-year hiatus, we cannot wait to bring back an impressive roster of pizzerias representing the best Boston has to offer, along with a few special selections Raffaele and I hand-picked straight from Italy," said Giancarlo Natale, co-director of the Boston Pizza Festival. "Our hope is to make this year our biggest and best Boston Pizza Festival to date."

Admission to the festival is free, with pizza tokens available for \$3.00 available for purchases in varying packages upon arrival. Each token is good for one full-size slice of pizza.

"From classic Margheritas to creative toppings and artisanal pies, the Boston Pizza Festival will showcase the very best of the vibrant pizza scene in Boston and

beyond," said co-director, Raffaele Scalzi. "We look forward to continuing to share our passion for pizza with fellow Bostonians and visitors as the festival returns to the city."

Some of the participating pizzerias include:

- Rina's Pizzeria (Boston, MA)
- da LaPosta (Newton, MA)
- Florina Pizzeria (Boston, MA)
- Montebella's (Gluten-Free)
- DaCoopas Pizza (East Boston, MA)
- Motor City Detroit Pizza (Detroit, MI)
- Il Sarago (Calabria, Italy)
- Pizza Taxi (Amalfi Coast, Italy)
- Wicked Cheesy (Tewksbury, MA)
- Cafe Quattro (Boston, MA)
- Eat Cini's (Boston, MA)

And a dessert pizza booth selling Nutella pizzas!

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detail, self-directed, able to juggle multiple tasks and be comfortable with database systems. This is a full-time position, and the annual starting salary is the low \$40s. For more information, please contact Patricia Tully at patricia.tully@bhcvic.org.

Upcoming BHCA Meetings
First Friday Coffee Hour, Friday, June 2nd, 74 Joy Street. Invited Guest - City Council President Ed Flynn

Streets & Sidewalks - Tuesday, June 6th, 5:30pm via Zoom

Zoning & Licensing Committee - Wednesday, June 7th, 7pm via Zoom

Board of Directors, Monday, June 12th, 7pm, 74 Joy Street

For details and zoom information on any of these meetings, please contact the BHCA office at 617-227-1922.



Barbara (Bobbi) Moore received the 2023 Beacon Award at the 101st Beacon Hill Civic Association Annual Meeting on Monday. BHCA Chair Meghan Awe looks on.

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Public gets first look at design concepts for proposed 'West End Green Corridor'

By Dan Murphy

The public got its first look at a project that envisions the creation of a "West End Green Corridor," which would connect the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway with the Charles River Esplanade, during a presentation on Friday, May 12, in the Hub House community room adjoining North Station.

The West End Civic Association's Green Space Committee partnered with the landscape architecture department at UMass Amherst on the project. They conducted three virtual listening sessions (charrettes) on Feb. 27, and March 2 and 6, respectively, to collect ideas from the community on a proposed green corridor running from Leverett Circle (the Science Park T station) down Nashua Street, Lomasney Way, Merrimac Street, and New Chardon Street. The process also looked at two major parks, including completing the Greatest Neighborhood Park on Nashua Street, as well as the proposed Merrimac Plaza, which will be part of the Hurley Building redevelopment project.

Duane Lucia, chair of WECA's Green Space Committee, said at the onset of Friday's presentation that he first imagined a "West End Green Corridor" a couple of years ago when he was researching Frederick Law Olmsted's Charlesbank — an "often-neglected" piece of the Emerald Necklace located beyond the Public Garden.

Meanwhile, the process was led by Carolina Aragon, an associate



D. MURPHY PHOTO

Zixin Chen, a student in the landscape architecture department at UMass Amherst, displays her design concept for an elevated "Leaf Walk."

professor of landscape architecture at UMass Amherst, and Kate Cholakakis, her fellow professor and a registered landscape architect, along with 17 of their students who participated in a semester-long senior project called

Aragon said the project looked at how the site can be shared as a community space and made to feel more welcoming and inviting.

"In a place like the West End, with such a complex history, that's a very important question," she said.

Aragon that students were asked to consider the displacement of thousands of the neighborhoods residents more than 60 years ago

due to Urban Renewal, which ultimately led to a dramatic change in what she described as the West End's "urban form."

The students drew inspiration in their designs from "Joyful: The Surprising Power of Ordinary Things to Create Extraordinary Happiness," a self-help book by Brooklyn-based designer and writer Ingrid Fetell Lee, said Aragon.

The students also relied heavily on the community input, which included more than 100 participants, in crafting their designs for a West End Green Corridor.

"You who live here know this place in ways we could never know, and it makes no sense to

redesign [the area] without your input," Aragon told the approximately 40 members of the public on hand for the presentation.

But before the community process began, the students toured the area and took note of the locations of various streetscape elements, including bike racks; bus lanes; and street trees, both living and dead, to assist in their site analysis, said Cholakakis.

For their individual projects, which were on display at the presentation as detailed diagrams, students either focused on the whole area of the proposed Green Corridor, or instead concentrated on a specific location along the route.

One student, Zixin Chen, envisioned a "Leaf Walk" — a greenway elevated 15 feet off the street level that aims to maximize "air space" and would link the Charles River to North End Park. The walkway would be accessible at various spots along the way via spiral staircases, traditional staircases, and circular, see-through elevators and make stops at second-floor access points at various locations, including at the TD Garden and Edward W. Brooke Courthouse. The plan would feature a pavilion to provide shade and also add native and city-friendly plant species at the ground level. It also proposes expanding existing sidewalks and transforming partial street into bike lanes.

Chen said she drew inspiration for her design from New York City's High Line, an elevated freight rail line that was trans-

formed into a public park on Manhattan's West Side.

"I wanted the design concept to bring nature closer to the people," she said, adding that the intention is also to create more walkable space in a city that offers little unoccupied open space at the street level.

Another student, Ted Duffy is proposing what he calls "The Canal Street Connection," which could close Canal Street in the Haymarket area to vehicular traffic to allow pedestrians to walk safely and easily between the North End or the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway and the West End.

Duffy suggests paving this pedestrian-friendly area with bricks to better delineate it from other nearby streets that would still accommodate motor vehicles. He likened the concept to popular pedestrian oriented roadway, like Church Street in Burlington, Vt.

Since Canal Street is already replete with "winding paths," Duffy said it would "create a meandering walkway for shoppers to [amble], relax, rest, and become immersed in the urban greenery." The plan would also create a large outdoor space for al fresco dining, entertainment and shopping, he said.

Regarding the turnout for the presentation, as well as the interest that the plan has generated so far, Aragon said, "We're very happy to see the amount of people that have shown up. We have children and members of different [segments] of society. Everybody seems to be very happy with the idea in general."

Sebastian Belfanti, president of the WECA board and executive director of West End Museum, said, "The vision started about a year and half ago to bring the West End flow and greenspace together holistically, and seeing that come together is really great."

Likewise, Lucia said, "Everyone was very impressed with the endeavor and the ideas presented by the students, especially the way they integrated the listening sessions into their final project."

As for next steps, more listening sessions are planned for the near future while the design concepts from the students' "Beloved Places: Imaging the West End Corridor" project will be made available on WECA's website (westendcivicassociation.org), as well as displayed as posters in the West End Museum windows and at the Thoreau Path community center in the coming weeks. The posters would all have QR codes to allow for the submission of public comments on the project, said Lucia.



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to them, they came by and offered assistance, and were extremely helpful with helping coordinate movers during our displacement,” Trang wrote in an email. “It was already extremely stressful, so having their assistance meant so much to us. Even though we had closed, they had made us aware of funding sources and other opportunities to try to support us during this time.”

One of these funding sources was available via the city to Legacy Business winners, so former Councilor Bok’s office strongly encouraged the Trans to apply for the award.

“When I looked more into the award, I felt that my parents were really qualified [to receive it], especially since they had been in the community and running their business for over 30 years,” wrote Trang. “In this time, it’s hard to keep a business open and operating for even a few years, but to still be in business doing what they love for over 30 years speaks a lot. It truly is part of their legacy - and as refugee immigrants [from Vietnam], it’s part of their American Dream.”

Of the recognition that the business is receiving, Bok said: “I think that Beacon Hill Cleaners defines what the city was looking for in a ‘Legacy Business.’ They really anchored the community on the community’s main street, Charles Street, for many decades. They have a hugely loyal following and really are a business that connects the neighborhood and are also a pioneering example of a family-of-color-owned business in the downtown core. I think it’s super important to us that the city strongly supports Beacon Hill Cleaners through this very difficult set of recent circumstances for their business and also to affirm that we have to keep them in the neighborhood.”

According to a statement from the District 8 Council Office, which continues to serve constituents after Bok’s departure: “Upon learning that the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion was looking to recognize and support longstanding small businesses across the City through their Legacy Business Program, the District 8 Council Office immediately thought of the Beacon Hill Cleaners. Owned and operated by the Tran family for 33 years, the cleaners is truly a fixture of the neighborhood. Beacon Hill residents’ loyalty to the business and the Tran family was highlighted earlier this year when the building’s landlord forced the business to close on a couple days’ notice. Our office received an outpouring of phone calls and offers to



COURTESY OF TRANG TRAN
Hai Tran and Ledung Tran are seen inside Beacon Hill Cleaners just before the store’s temporary closure in early January.

support the Tran’s business from Beacon Hill residents. We are delighted to see the Beacon Hill Cleaners recognized as one of 30 inaugural legacy businesses across the City and hope that this support will help restore the business to its beloved spot on Charles Street.”

Although Trang submitted her application in mid-January, about two weeks after the business had been displaced, her parents didn’t learn that they had been selected as a Legacy Business until about two weeks ago when they received a call from the city to inform them of the news.

“They were thrilled when they found out, especially given that we haven’t been open since January,” wrote Trang. “You don’t realize what you have until you don’t have it anymore, and so having this recognition from the city, especially for being part of the Beacon Hill community means so

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much. It’s also recognition for all the hard work they’ve put into the shop and building roots into the community. During the closure, there had been talk about relocating to another location, but they didn’t want to do that. They feel very strong roots in Beacon Hill and didn’t want open elsewhere. This award came at a great time to help during this time until we can reopen.”

Besides Bok and her erstwhile staff, Trang also expressed the Tran family’s sincere thanks to the Beacon Hill Civic Association, the

City of Boston, “and the countless loyal customers who have generously offered their time, advice, encouragement, support, and well wishes through this uncertain time for our business.”

Added Trang, “We are truly blessed to be part of the Beacon Hill community.”

Last week, the Trans received word from their landlord that the Charles Street building that had been home to the drycleaners had received approvals from both structural engineers and the city’s Inspectional Services Department

to safely reopen. The Trans are now working with their landlord to prepare for the reopening of Beacon Hill Cleaners.

The Legacy Business Ceremony and Reception on May 22 is free and open to the public. The ceremony at Faneuil Hall will take place at 5:30 p.m. at Faneuil Hall, followed by a reception at Boston Public Market at 7 p.m. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/legacy-business-program-awards-ceremony-tickets-632717724747?aff=erelexpmlt> for reservations.



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North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through May 27

Construction Look-Ahead for the North Washington St Bridge Project through May 27 is as follows:

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.

Scheduled Work

- Installation of concrete deck placements
- Installation of bridge deck formwork
- Installation of electrical utility conduits on bridge structure
- Installation of gas and water utilities on bridge structure

Work Hours

- Most work will be done during weekday daytime hours (6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Contraflow Pilot

• The MassDOT-implemented contraflow pilot will continue to be in effect during evening peak traffic (3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

• Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic during set up and operation of the contraflow.

Travel Tips

For everyone using the temporary bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

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. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events. For your awareness, the following TD Garden events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following the @MassDOT twitter account and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.



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Ways & Means Chairman and State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and Sharon Durkan.

REP. MICHLEWITZ ENDORSES DURKAN FOR CITY COUNCIL

Ways & Means Chairman and State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz has endorsed Sharon Durkan for Boston City Council District 8.

“I am proud to endorse our next City Councilor Sharon Durkan,” said Rep. Michlewitz. “Sharon’s strong advocacy for safer streets, improved infrastructure, and reliable public transit will make her an invaluable asset in the Council and a strong partner of the State House. With Sharon’s passion and unwavering dedication to enhancing the quality of life in District 8, I have full confidence that she will be an outstanding councilor and collaborator.”

Of earning Rep. Michlewitz’s endorsement, Durkan said, “I’m honored to have the support of Chairman Aaron Michlewitz. Rep. Michlewitz has been a fierce leader for our communities and

champion for affordable housing, accessibility, quality of life, and issues that matter to all our neighborhoods. I would be honored to get the chance to partner with him and the State House to ensure District 8 and our shared communities are aligned on a vision for a more affordable, resilient, and green District 8!”

Added Durkan: “I’m running for Boston City Council, District 8, because I want to make a real impact on the issues that matter most to Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Mission Hill, the West End and Fenway. Since I moved to Boston, I have found my passion in building relationships across my community, listening to my neighbors, and advocating for all residents. I am running for City Council because it will allow me to apply these skills and make a real difference.”

Wu announces debut of digital pop-up library

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that riders at 20 bus stops across Boston are now able to access free digital content this spring and summer provided by a Boston Public Library (BPL) pilot program called “Browse, Borrow, Board.” While waiting for the bus, riders can use a QR code to browse and borrow audiobooks, eBooks, e-newspapers, and e-magazines for all ages before enjoying their reading materials on the go. Library cards are not required to use this service and readers don’t need to download an app, as the City’s primary goal with this pilot is to introduce riders to the Library’s offerings, making resources through the BPL more accessible and convenient for families.

“Our investment in our city’s public transit riders has taken a variety of forms, from eliminating fares for three crucial bus routes to expanding the bus lane network,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “This pilot program builds on our efforts to make public transportation more enjoyable, while also connecting our residents to the resources the Boston Public Library already offers. Thank you to the BPL and the MBTA for their continued partnership.”

“We share in the value that knowledge and transportation could both be ‘Free to All.’ This opportunity connects public



The signs like the one on the ground at Ashmont Station, will be at 20 bus stops around Boston to access free digital content.

library and public transit offerings around learning and movement in our city, allowing us to better serve our residents,” said President of the Boston Public Library David Leonard.

“The MBTA continues to seek out innovative ways to improve

our riders’ experience on the T, and we’re proud to partner with the BPL and the City on this exciting initiative that expands the digital reach of the Library’s offerings to our riders,” said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng.

From now through the end of August, blue slip-proof decals are on sidewalks at 20 bus stops and MBTA-owned busways throughout the city, including at eight stops serving the fare-free bus routes. The decals, installed this week, have a QR code for riders to scan, bringing them to the digital pop-up library website. For a full list of digital pop-up library locations, visit this map.

“The ‘Browse, Borrow, Board’ initiative is a wonderful customer amenity which will bring books to where people are, giving many MBTA riders a free and convenient way to take books out,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Gina Fiandaca. “We are grateful to officials with the City of Boston and the Boston Public Library for working with the MBTA to identify locations where people will benefit by the pilot, especially those residents who travel in environmental justice communities.”

“Browse, Borrow, Board came about as a result of a survey one of our summer fellows conduct-

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PARADE (from pg. 1)

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The Duckling Parade marches through the Public Garden.



Clara Dovrinski with mom Andrea and grandmother Jennifer pose on Mrs Mallard.



Ellena and Lucija Grskovic.



Anna and Imara Hernandez.



Some of the kids in the Duckling Parade brave on while others take a nap.



Northerly Echo has an impressive duckling ride.



The Harvard University Band provided the perfect music to have a Duckling Parade to.



The Duckling Parade crosses Charles Street as it mashes its way into the Public Garden.



Liam Barron marches in the Duckling Parade.



Brenna Evans with her kids Emme and Benji enjoy a picnic together.



Winter Walsh (right) with cousins Morgan and Liam Barron

BOBBY (from pg. 1)

law student at Harvard. Roger Allan Moore lost no time, and the following summer, they married.

Only a year later in 1956, Barbara and Roger moved into their home on West Cedar Street, where she still lives today.

"I've been here a heck of a long time," said Bobby, now 93, when I met her at her longtime home. "I didn't expect to be here. I'm not from New England, I'm from Pennsylvania."

Barbara and Roger raised all four children in the city: Marshall, their eldest, and Elizabeth, their only daughter, both live in New Hampshire; Taft resides outside Los Angeles; and Allan is an attorney in Washington, D.C.

When Bobby and Roger bought their home, they also purchased a share in the Boston Athenaeum at 10½ Beacon St.

"We hardly had enough money to buy the house, so I was surprised when he wanted to invest in the library," said Barbara, recalling her incredulous response at the time. Ironically, once the Moores joined on as proprietors of the Athenaeum, Roger was too busy with his law practice to spend time there while Barbara became a frequent visitor.

In fact, after Roger died in 1990 Barbara spent many long hours in the library researching for the series of books she co-authored with the late Gail Weesner.

Barbara served as chairmen of many committees of the Beacon Hill Garden Club and, in 1980, was elected president. Together with Weesner, she wrote and edited the third and fourth editions of the Garden Club's "Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill" (1987, 1999).

Barbara joined the Friends of the Public Garden in 1975 and served as a board member for many years. Currently she chairs its Committee for the Public Garden and has published two editions of the "Boston Public Garden." (Beatrice Nessen and Margaret Pokorny chair the Friends group's Committee for the Boston Common and Committee for the Commonwealth Mall, respectively.)

"To me, the Public Garden was my front yard for raising my children in the city," said Barbara. "I loved the Public Garden because it was a peaceful oasis in the busy city where my children could play, and now, I find myself taking my great grandchildren there to have the same experience!"

In 1991, Barbara and Gail



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BHCA members gathering at the Somerset Club for the 101st BHCA Annual Meeting. See Pages 9 and 10 for more photos.

established Centry Hill Press, which published their "Beacon Hill: A Living Portrait" (1992, 2008) and "Back Bay: A Living Portrait" (1995, 2003).

In 1998, Barbara married Jim McNeely, a neighbor from Beacon Hill, who, like her, was an enthusiast for history and architecture.

Over the years, Barbara has also devoted her time to the Museum of Fine Arts, where she served on the museum's Ladies Committee from 1960 to 1964 and was also a Gallery Instructor from 1964 to 1994. She credits her 30-year stint as Gallery Instructor at the MFA for planting the seeds for the business she launched in 1981 called Boston Unlimited.

"I was already engaged in guiding visitors through the galleries, and someone suggested, 'you should start your own company,' so I did," said Barbara.

In its nearly decade-long lifespan, Boston Unlimited offered custom walking tours of historic sites in Boston and Cambridge, mostly to corporations that were rewarding high-performing employees.

While the Nominating Committee had 18 well-qualified can-

didates to choose from this year, all of whom met the criteria for receiving the award, Gaudreau, a former law associate of her husband's said, "Barbara's contributions to the community were far and away the 'most sustained and significant.'"

At the risk of sounding "trite," Gaudreau likened Barbara to the title of one of her books, 'Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill,' calling her "a hidden gem of Beacon Hill."

In the more than 65 years she has lived in the neighborhood, Barbara has seen Beacon Hill change and evolve drastically in ways she could never have imagined.

The period when the Moores moved to the neighborhood coincided with the end of the post-war trend to flee the city in favor of the burgeoning suburbs, which had been rendered more accessible with the rise of the automobile. This exodus led to a decrease in the urban population, so there were fewer single-family homes and more rooming houses, largely inhabited by elderly individuals, students, and a transient population.

"Boston was very run down,"

she said. "Beacon Hill was very dirty, and the trash was burned under the cover of night."

Barbara even recalls how at that time, if she ran her finger along the inside window ledge, it would be black with soot from the smoke that was incessantly being pumped out of nearby steam stacks.

Few children lived on Beacon Hill then, she said, while residents let their dogs roam freely throughout the neighborhood and didn't think to pick up the waste that their dogs left behind.

Roger had always been forward-thinking, though, said Barbara, and saw the "big picture" regarding the long-term potential for the neighborhood.

"He loved being on Beacon Hill and being involved in the neighborhood," said Barbara, who added that Roger devoted countless hours to Hill House; Beacon Hill Nursery School; the Advent School; and the Beacon Hill Civic Association, which he helmed for many years.

As she looks around the neighborhood today, Barbara said she's encouraged to see the preservation efforts around historic buildings,

as well as the care that residents put into maintaining their historic homes. She credits the Beacon Hill Civic Association for doing its part to help elevate the neighborhood, singling out Patricia Tully, the group's executive director, for particular praise.

But along with this encouraging work to help maintain the charm of the neighborhood, Barbara said she has observed a noticeable shift in who can now afford to live on Beacon Hill.

When she first moved to the neighborhood in the mid '50s, she said, "It was a really a neighborhood. Everyone knew everyone."

Although the neighborhood might have lost some of its tight-knit charm over the years, Barbara said Beacon Hill today is "a healthier place" than when they first moved here.

Meanwhile, the ever-modest Barbara was admittedly caught off guard when Gaudreau called two weeks ago to tell her she had been selected as the recipient of this year's award.

"If you live long enough, you'll win something," Barbara humbly intoned.

BHCA HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

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Josh Leffler, BHCA President, and Meghan Awe, BHCA Chair.



Darci O'Brien, Tom Kershaw, and Michelle Labers.



Mark Kiefer and Vin Cipolla.



New BHCA member, Nancy Place, and her friend, Jerry Maben.



Barbara Moore, The Beacon Award recipient, and Tom Kershaw.



Mark Kiefer, Michael Maler, Ed Fleck, and Ali Ringenburg.

BHCA HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

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Rob Whitney and Representative Jay Livingstone.



Kathleen Delsener, Amanda Rabori, and Caroline Federer.



Vin Cipolla, President and CEO of Historic New England.



Genean Stec, Patrick Lee, and Renate Heuser.



Susan O'Brien and Nancy Place.

Wu announces new program to support tree canopy growth

Mayor Michelle Wu joined Mass Audubon at the Boston Nature Center to announce a new City program to expand tree planting and maintenance on private land. The City has selected Mass Audubon to design and operate a program to support tree canopy growth on private property in Boston. Mass Audubon will serve as the convener of the Tree Alliance, which will include a larger group of non-profits who will collaborate on an annual plan for tree planting, maintenance, and public education activities for participating groups such as community centers, houses of worship, and non-profit organizations. The Tree Alliance will bolster Boston's tree canopy to enhance livability and public health throughout Boston's neighborhoods, with a particular focus on Environmental Justice communities. This program follows the recommendations of Boston's first Urban Forest Plan (UFP), an assessment of Boston's urban forest with suggestions to improve the way trees are cared for and ensure the urban forest is available to the entire community.

Mayor Wu made the announcement during a microforest planting event at the Boston Nature Center, a 67-acre wildlife refuge owned by the Massachusetts Audubon Society in Mattapan. The microforest will transform an unused parking area with a high-density planting to mitigate the urban heat island effect, support biodiversity, and buffer against flooding and erosion. Mass Audubon staff and volunteers, as well as a team of PowerCorpsBOS members, the City's youth green jobs program, will plant 200 native trees and shrubs and an additional 180 perennial plants at the Boston Nature Center.

"Increasing the number of trees in Boston will enhance our

neighborhoods' livability, health and resilience benefiting both our climate and our residents," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm grateful to our partners at Mass Audubon and Speak for the Trees for their support in bringing and maintaining trees on private land to complement the city's efforts to have a robust density of trees on our streets, in our parks and across our city-owned properties."

Boston's urban forest includes all of the trees within City boundaries, a portion of which is located on public land, particularly on sidewalks and in public parks. Over 60% of the tree canopy in Boston is privately owned and controlled. The efforts through the City's new Urban Forestry Division are designed to support trees on public land. In order to make an impact on the whole urban forest, the City's efforts on public land must be matched by work on private land, requiring collaboration with landowners and other stakeholders. The Tree Alliance partnership will oversee the development and administration of a tree planting and maintenance program for trees on privately-owned land. Mass Audubon is charged with distributing resources to the program participants while developing a long-term tree planting and maintenance program. This collaboration will help to support growth of the urban forest in partnership with landowners and provide public education opportunities to build awareness around tree care and other topics.

"Having a healthy urban tree canopy is critically important to our environment and quality of life, as trees not only beautify our surroundings, but they also provide many environmental benefits," said City Council President Ed Flynn. "I applaud the work that the City of Boston and the

Tree Alliance will be doing to expand and protect our urban canopies, and I look forward to working with them."

"I applaud the Administration for their deep commitment to growing and maintaining our City's tree canopy," said Councilor Kendra Lara, Chair of the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks. "The unified private, nonprofit, and government efforts show that all sectors are critical partners in our efforts toward a more resilient Boston."

"Trees play a vital role in our communities and are necessary in combating the impacts of climate change," said Councilor Ricardo Arroyo. "I applaud Mayor Michelle Wu for her leadership and all the stakeholders whose participation in the Tree Alliance will ensure Boston is a leader in access to, and protection of, trees."

In 2022, the City released the Urban Forest Plan (UFP), to equitably chart the growth of Boston's urban forest and the Heat Plan to address the impacts of extreme heat driven by climate change. Together, these plans provide an approach to build a safe, healthy, and resilient city for all residents. Maintaining and planting trees in alignment with the UFP is one strategy to support the long-term health and safety of residents, particularly in Boston's Environmental Justice neighborhoods. The data produced by the Heat Plan and the UFP provide a foundation for where tree planting and maintenance efforts are needed to equitably expand tree canopy and address the long-term impacts of extreme heat. To grow a strong urban forest, partnership and coordination across the public agencies, community groups, and private organizations who steward urban trees is critical.

"Boston's history of disinvestment and redlining has led to inequitable access to trees," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "Trees are a crucial component of Boston's work to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change. I am thrilled that the Tree Alliance will support our goals of creating healthy, resilient and beautiful communities."

Last September, Mayor Wu launched a new Urban Forestry Division within the Boston Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD) to expand Boston's ability to maintain existing and plant new trees. The Forestry Division has since hired a Director of Urban Forestry, three new Arborists, an Administrative Assistant, and is still in the process of hiring new field labor crews. The City of Boston's tree related workforce has expanded from five to 16 positions.

The concept for a tree planting and maintenance program was inspired by similar programs in other cities, namely L'Alliance Forêt Urbaine in Montreal. In this model, the municipality developed an official contractual relationship with one organization, which serves as the central convener for the L'Alliance and Fiscal Agent to distribute public funding for planting and maintenance projects. Together, the Alliance created a governance structure to allow organizations of all capacities to participate in decision-making and access public funding resources for projects. The L'Alliance works together to create and coordinate tree planting and maintenance efforts. Public funds, issued as grants, are provided to collaborating partners within the L'Alliance for projects, working in coordination with private property owners. The Tree Alliance in Boston will

have a strong focus on the needs of Boston's communities that are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

"We applaud Mayor Wu's Tree Alliance initiative to enhance Boston's tree canopy so that City residents—particularly those living in environmental justice communities—can experience more of the health and climate benefits trees provide," said David O'Neill, President of Mass Audubon. "Mass Audubon is honored to support the alliance of nonprofits that will work collaboratively with private landowners willing to plant trees on their properties to provide more equitable access to nature, improve human health and wildlife diversity, and battle climate change."

Organizations that are interested in participating in Boston's Tree Alliance should contact BostonTreeAlliance@massaudubon.org for more information. Additionally, Mass Audubon will be hosting an informational kick-off meeting in late summer/early fall. Mass Audubon will be hiring an Alliance Coordinator to support programming and implementation. To learn more about this position, visit massaudubon.org/jobs/community-engagement-coordinator-boston.

The Tree Alliance is a key strategy to expand and preserve Boston's tree canopy. Boston's Healthy Places Initiative focused on increasing open space, cooling our neighborhoods, and protecting Bostonians from the impacts of climate change. Healthy Places is a collaboration of three City plans including the Urban Forest Plan, Heat Resilience Solutions for Boston, and the seven year update to the City's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR MAY 17- MAY 21

Events happening in the City of Boston this week will bring some parking restrictions and street closures. People attending these events are encouraged to walk, bike, or take public transit. Information on Bluebikes, the regional bike share service, may be found on the Bluebikes website and information on the MBTA may be found online. The MBTA advises riders to purchase a round-trip rather than a one-way ticket for a faster return trip. Walking is also a great way to move around.

Downtown

Youth Pride Parade – Saturday,

May 20, 2023

The Youth Pride will take place over the following – named streets: on Cambridge Street, straight onto Tremont Street, right onto Park Street, left onto Beacon Street, right onto Bowdoin Street, left onto Cambridge Street, through City Hall Plaza, right onto Congress Street, left into Adams Park, through Quincy Market Area, crossing over Surface Road to the Greenway. Parade will take place on sidewalks but the volume of participants may impact traffic in the area.

West End

Canal Street Pedestrian Way for Playoffs – Friday, May 19, 2023

The Mayor's Office will be hosting a pedestrian only event on Canal Street so fans can gather and celebrate in a car free environment. This event will be repeated for both the Celtics as they progress through the playoffs. Parking restrictions and street closures will occur on the following street:

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BEACON HILL NURSERY SCHOOL HOLDS ANNUAL AUCTION GALA

COURTESY OF BEACON HILL NURSERY SCHOOL

The Beacon Hill Nursery School held its Annual Auction Gala on April 28 at The Newbury.

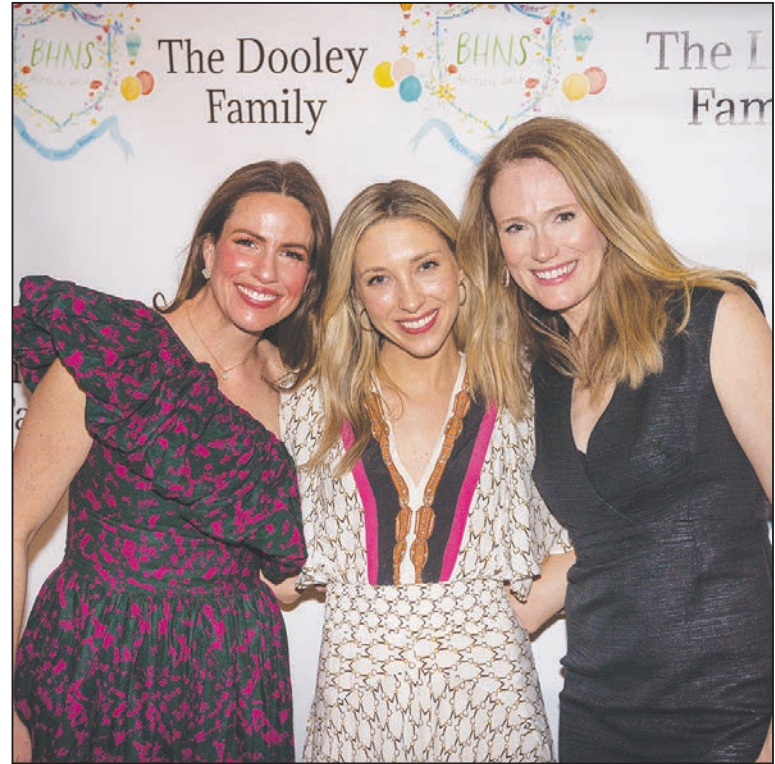
Back in-person for the first time since 2019, the event brought over 200 community members together to celebrate the school and raise funds for financial aid, teacher development, and classroom materials.



Parents Joyce Chuang and Chris Lin.



Parent John Dooley and Parent and Auction Co-Chair Heidi Dooley.



Parents Meghan Awe, Kristin Kremer, and Caroline Howe.



Board Chair and parent, Kate Lakin, and parent Tom Lakin.



Parents Sophia Mian and Abid Shabbir.



Parent Katie Norris and Parent and Auction Co-Chair Chelsea O'Brien.



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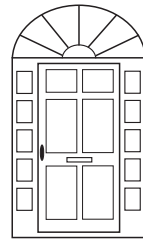
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Executive Director Deb Sullivan (second from left), with special guests Michelle Coppola, Matt Lucerto, and Michael Coppola.




Parent and Board Member Kate Lucey and Auctioneer Jenny Johnson.

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The Squirrel in the last clue is part of the sign for Beacon Hill Books & Cafe, which opened last September at 71 Charles Street. In 2013, this paper reported that, "A bookstore or bookstore café would come as the most welcome addition to the neighborhood's existing retail mix..." in a Beacon Hill Civic Association survey.

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



NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

SOLD-OUT HIDDEN GARDENS TOUR RETURNS THURSDAY, MAY 18

The Beacon Hill Garden Club's Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill annual tour returns on Thursday, May 18, but the event is sold out.

MAY 18 OPEN HOUSE AT THE NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM

In conjunction with the Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill the Nichols House Museum, 55 Mount Vernon St., will be open free of charge on Thursday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take a peek at the museum's first floor, learn more about pioneering female landscape architect Rose Standish Nichols, and shop garden-themed items.

Visit www.nicholshousemuseum.org for more information.

MAYOR WU TO HOST NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOURS

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2023 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in partnership with Dunkin' in parks citywide.

Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours are a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and their neighborhoods. Through these conversations, and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Wu looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon parks, public areas, and City services.

Participants will enjoy Dunkin' Iced Coffee and assorted Dunkin' Munchkins Donut Hole Treats

along with fresh fruit from Star Market. Additional support is provided by City Express courier service. Each family in attendance will receive a free flowering plant from the Parks Department, while supplies last. Residents at each event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin'.

All coffee hours will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., weather permitting, including City Hall Plaza, 1 City Hall Square, on Friday, May 19; and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall (Arlington Street entrance), 15 Commonwealth Ave. for Back Bay/Beacon Hill, on Wednesday, June 21.

For more information and updates on possible rain locations, contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505 or @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, or by visiting boston.gov/parks.

REP. LIVINGSTONE'S COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Rep. Jay Livingstone will hold community office hours on Tuesday, May 23, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Beacon Hill Books & Café at 71 Charles St.

Rep. Livingstone will also hold virtual office hours on Thursday, June 15, from 10 to 11 a.m. via Zoom.

To receive the link for Rep. Livingstone's virtual office hours, or to set an alternate time to meet with him, email Cassidy.Trabily@mahouse.org.

MOZART AND HAYDN AT KING'S CHAPEL ON SUNDAY, MAY 21

Crescendo Productions presents the music of Haydn and Mozart

brought to life by renowned Viennese fortepianist Daniel Adam Maltz on Sunday, May 21, at 5 p.m. at King's Chapel at 58 Tremont St.

Maltz is in demand worldwide with 50 tour dates per year and hosts Classical Cake, the podcast about Viennese classical music and culture. He specializes in Wiener Klassik (Viennese Classicism), especially the works of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven, and performs on Viennese fortepianos typical of their time. He studied historical performance at the Royal Academy of Music in London and the Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst in Vienna.

The program will include Sonata in B Major, Hob. XVI:25 by Joseph Haydn; Sonata in F Major, K. 332 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Sonata in F Major, Hob. XVI:23 by Haydn; and Sonata in C Major, K. 330 by Mozart.

The price of admission for the event is discretionary, but there are suggested donations for guests of \$10, \$15, and \$25, respectively. Visit www.crescendoproductions-arts.com to reserve your spot at the event, or for more information on other upcoming events presented by Crescendo Productions.

OPEN NEWBURY SET TO RETURN SUNDAY, JULY 2

Newbury Street will again be closed to vehicle traffic every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. from July 2 to Oct. 15 for the return of Open Newbury, according to the city.

The route will be the same as previous years, with Newbury Street closed to cars from Berkeley Street to Massachusetts Avenue. Parking will be restricted on New-

bury Street and adjacent streets, with enforcement beginning at 5 a.m. Signs will be posted informing drivers of the change.

Since the city first piloted Open Newbury Street in 2016, it has returned and grown every year (with the exception of 2020 due to the pandemic). Thousands of people have enjoyed food, shopping, and dining in the street since the program's inception.

Visit <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/> for more information on Open Newbury.

NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES SPRING HOURS

The Nichols House Museum, 55 Mount Vernon St., is holding tours Wednesday through Sunday starting at 10 and 11 a.m., and at noon.

The museum was home to an early 20th century family of artists, thinkers, and social activists. Preserved as a museum by Rose Standish Nichols, a pioneering

female landscape architect, the house is furnished with an original collection, including sculpture by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, European painting, Japanese woodblock prints, and American furniture.

For more information, call 617-227-6993, email info@nicholshousemuseum.org, or visit www.nicholshousemuseum.org.

FREE LESSONS IN AMERICAN MAHJONG OFFERED AT WEST END BRANCH LIBRARY

The Friends of the West End Library will be offering lessons in American Mahjong to new and experienced players at no cost.

The group meets on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., once every two weeks in the Community Room of the West End Branch Library, 151 Cambridge St.

To sign up or for more information, email Audrey Tedeman (artedeman@gmail.com) or Julia Forbes (jmaforbes@gmail.com).

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To all interested Persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Amy L. Donovan of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Amy L. Donovan of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/13/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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COURTESY OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN

On Wednesday, May 24, the Friends of the Public Garden will flip the switch and celebrate the installation of permanent lighting at the William Lloyd Garrison and Domingo Sarmiento statues on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall. While the ceremony will take place near the Garrison, attendees will be welcome to travel down to the Gloucester-Hereford block to view the newly lit Sarmiento as well. This lighting and landscape improvement work was made possible by the generosity of our neighbors during the Friends' 50th Anniversary Campaign.

CITY OF BOSTON HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Saturday, May 20, 2023

8:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.

400 Frontage Road, Boston MA

- Proof of Boston residency required.
- We will not accept any waste from businesses.
- Household Alkaline batteries are not hazardous waste per MassDEP guidelines and are not accepted.
- We accept electronics, clothing, tires, and more! Find the list of accepted items and battery guide at [boston.gov/hazardous-waste](https://www.boston.gov/hazardous-waste)

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Many recent presidents of the Beacon Hill Circle for Charity turned up for the organization's Annual Meeting to celebrate the 60th anniversary of its founding. From left to right are (back row) Mary Thomsen, Marty Keating, Sandra Perkins, Maureen Mellows, Fancy Zilberfarb and Molly Sherden. In the front row are Sally Hinkle, immediate past president Jeanne Burlingame, Deb Hanley, Georgia Pearson and Kate Enroth. At the meeting, Charlotte Thibodeau (not pictured) was elected its 31st president.

CIRCLE FOR CHARITY CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

By Suzanne Besser

To commemorate its 60th anniversary, the Beacon Hill Circle for Charity awarded \$60,000 in grants to charitable agencies serving needy women and children in Greater Boston. It is the most that the organization has given away in a single year since its founding in 1963.

The Circle raises funds by giving tours of the neighborhood that include visits inside several of its members' homes. It is a business plan that has proven to be tried and true over its many years.

Guests arrive at the Boston Common by bus and are welcomed by Circle members who give a

brief history of the Common, Public Garden and Beacon Hill. Then, divided into small groups of no more than 15, guides lead them through the neighborhood, stopping inside three members' homes to learn about its architecture, furniture, artwork, past occupants and any changes made during the home's lifespan.

"This experience within the national historic district of Beacon Hill offers a unique glimpse into the architecture, design, and history external and internal how we live in these historic homes today. There is simply no other place like Beacon Hill," said Charlotte Thibodeau, who was elected the 31st Circle president at its 60th annual

meeting earlier this month. "We live 21st century lives between our 150-year-old walls."

The funds are being distributed in grants to 15 organizations that provide immediate, basic assistance to women and families, said grants chair Sharon Nolan at last month's annual meeting. The nonprofits range from those that help with hunger needs to housing help for domestic violence victims and homeless women.

Thibodeau said she hopes to see the tours continue with robust numbers this year. "The more tours we have, the more generous we can be to the Boston area's women and children charities," she said.

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ed with public transit riders last year," said Maddie Webster, Program Manager in the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics. "Bus riders in particular indicated that access to the BPL's digital offerings would be 'very likely' to bring delight to their commutes, and we are so pleased to see the pilot come together to serve them this summer."

This announcement, made in

partnership with the MBTA, builds on Mayor Wu's commitment to making Boston the best city in the country to raise a family. During this pilot initiative, patrons will find offerings in English and Spanish primarily. In the pilot program, the Library has focused on items that are easy to browse for riders on the go, including poetry, short stories, and short audiobooks, as well as a selection of best sellers,

and titles for children and teens. The newspaper and magazine content includes 7,000 titles from over 125 countries.

Patrons may check out up to five titles at a time for two-week durations. After two weeks, patrons can scan the QR code again to re-register and checkout new materials. The BPL will be adding new offerings to the site throughout the summer.

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