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MEMORIAL DAY FLAG GARDEN RETURNS TO THE COMMON



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For the 14th consecutive year, volunteers planted more than 37,000 American flags – one in honor of each of the Commonwealth's fallen veterans – at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the Boston Common to commemorate Memorial Day. Every year since 2010, the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund has led the effort behind the annual Memorial Day Flag Garden.

Drs. Gurnon

Hill twins graduate from Tufts Veterinary School

Special to the Times

Emilie and Sarah Gurnon, the 26-year-old identical-twin daughters of Jack and Cassie Gurnon, owners of Charles Street Supply, graduated on Sunday May 22, from Tufts Veterinary School in Grafton. The Gurnon sisters are both now Doctors of Veterinary Medicine (DVM).

Both Gurnon sisters are lifelong Beacon Hill residents and attended the Spruce Street Nursery School and The Advent School.

Emilie and Sarah were living in Worcester for the past four years

while attending veterinary school in nearby Worcester, except for during the pandemic when both of them temporarily moved home. After graduating, Sarah will be taking part in a three-year internship at MIT for research, while Emilie will be spending the summer doing avian research in New Hampshire.

"It's been a long road, but they're both really happy, healthy, smart, and kind, and what they like," said Jack. "We're so thrilled that they grew up on Beacon Hill. They had a great start, and now, look at them go."



Emilie and Sarah Gurnon.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JACK GURNON

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

June First Friday Coffee Hour

Join us tomorrow at our Coffee Hour with City Council President Ed Flynn as our guest at 8:30am at 74 Joy Street. Come with your questions and thoughts about issues important to you on Beacon Hill.



Ed Flynn.

Welcome to our 2023-2024 BHCA Board!

The following Officers and Directors were elected at the 101st Annual Meeting of Members at the Somerset Club on May 15th:

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EDITORIAL

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023

A high school graduation is a singular event in the life of every community, where almost everybody knows one of the graduates or their families. All of us share the happiness and sense of achievement of our young people who will be receiving their diplomas. And for all of us, a high school graduation brings back our own fond memories from our long-gone youth.

For the graduates themselves, their high school graduation marks both an end and a beginning. They no longer are children, either in the eyes of the law or in reality. They are full-fledged adults who will be leaving the sheltered harbor of their families and communities and setting sail on a journey that none of them will be able to anticipate, but which will be full of surprises, both good and otherwise.

Yes, graduation is a bittersweet time, both for the grads and their family members.

For the parents who will be watching their sons and daughters step to the podium when their name is called, no doubt they will be thinking of how fast time has gone by since they first brought their child by the hand to preschool and kindergarten.

Such moments bring to mind the sentiments expressed in the lyrics of the song, Sunrise, Sunset, from the musical Fiddler on the Roof:

Is this the little girl I carried

Is this the little boy at play?

I don't remember growing older

When did they?

When did she get to be a beauty

When did he grow to be so tall?

Wasn't it yesterday when they were small?

We congratulate the Class of 2023 for all of the accomplishments that have earned them the right to step onto that podium to receive their diplomas.

We know we join with all of the members of our community in wishing them blue skies and sunny days, both on their Graduation Day and in the years ahead.

PROGRESSIVES: PLEASE GET REAL

If you've been following the histrionics of the debt limit negotiations these past few weeks, the political theatre on all sides of the political spectrum has been amusing. Republicans will tell us that the country's burgeoning deficit will lead us to ruin thanks to the Democrats, and a few minutes later, the Democrats will assert that the Republicans are holding the country hostage to their unreasonable demands.

As always, the reality lies somewhere in the middle.

We know that a good chunk of the so-called Republican Party has only one goal -- to sow as much chaos as possible, whether by overt means (e.g., January 6) or otherwise -- so their posturing on the debt ceiling is not surprising. But what has been disappointing is that the Progressives on the Democratic side have been bad-mouthing the deal -- for which we have a few comments:

1) The Democratic agenda came out way ahead in the final bill. To the extent that President Biden and his team made some concessions, they were minimal. We would remind Progressives that politics is the art of compromise.

2) Progressives who complain that Republicans were holding the country "hostage" are being hypocritical because that's exactly what they did when they refused to pass the Build Back Better infrastructure bill until they got what turned out to be the Inflation Reduction Act (although their strategy backfired and they ended up with a lot less than they would have gotten if they'd moved ahead with the BBB quickly).

3) But the biggest problem with Progressives' deceptive assertion that, "Joe Biden let us down," is that some of their supporters might actually believe it -- when that is not even remotely the truth -- and in so doing, these Progressives only contribute to the sort of cynicism about government that brought us the outcome in 2016 when many Progressive voters either did not turn out to support Hilary Clinton or voted for Jill Stein.

The bottom line is that Progressive officeholders need to stop their constant stream of exaggerated negativism. It's bad for the country and ultimately is counterproductive to their own agenda.

GUEST OP-ED

Enjoy your stuff, but be prepared to let it go

Dr. Glenn Mollette

One of the perils of life is putting too much value on "stuff." Stuff can be about anything. It can consist of what we have or what we don't have.

Much of life is about our stuff. Our house, cars, things in the house. Things around the house and things in the garage, storage building, barns and more barns. If we work hard, it's possible to accumulate lots of stuff. Often, we have more than we need.

We paint, stain, groom and polish our stuff. Sometimes we put in in cases, drawers, cabinets and even safes. We know how difficult it is to buy and accumulate. Stuff is expensive.

We take pride in our stuff. We admire, adore and feel good about what we have. We remember days when we didn't have much, wanted more and maybe felt poor. It felt good to get a check and even better to put a few dollars in the bank.

Me, me, and I often became our most significant heroes. We applaud ourselves because we

did it, whatever it is. It's all good because we know where we could be or what could have been or what even might be if luck, circumstances and health had changed or still might change.

The problem with stuff is that it does change. It fades, erodes, rots, burns, is stolen, or simply becomes worthless. What might have been valuable may have changed. Life is always changing.

If you have a lot of stuff then you have lot to worry about. You can't keep from worrying some.

In time, all of your stuff will belong to someone else. Your land. Your prized possessions. All that you have worked to collect and preserve. Stuff is passed on or gained by someone else. You can make a plan of passing your stuff on to someone else but they may not really care about it and immediately hand it over to a complete stranger. Once anything is out of your hands then who knows what will happen.

We all die sooner or later and we take nothing with us. All of our stuff is left behind and even-

tually, sometime down the road of life, everything will end up in a junk or trash pile. Fifty years from now people you have never heard of might sleep in your bed in your house, if your house is still in existence.

There once was a man who had so much stuff that he had to build multiple barns. One day he was self-talking, "I have so much stored up for many years. I'm going to take it easy, eat drink and be merry." Later that day he died. Jesus talked about this guy in one of his stories found in Luke chapter 16. Chances are anyone might identify with the man Jesus talked about if our existence becomes too wrapped up in all of our stuff.

Enjoy your stuff but be prepared to let it all go.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

COMPOSTING WILL HELP THE RAT PROBLEM

To the Editor,

Mr Whitney makes a good case for reducing the overwhelming rat population that inhabit many of Boston's neighborhoods by not allowing trash in plastic bags to be put out curbside the night before scheduled trash pick up. He rightfully identifies this as the major contributor to the proliferation of rats. But he leaves out one significant tool that will contribute to reducing Boston's rat infestation and that is composting. Last year the city launched a free composting program for the first 10,000 households to sign up. The reception to the program has been overwhelmingly positive with the next 10,000 sign ups almost complete.

Most of us know that composting has a very positive impact on the environment. But what we don't think about is how composting keeps food waste away from the rat population. The composting bins supplied by the city are made of strong plastic with a tight

lid so the bin can be put out the night before without any concern that the rats are going to get to the food waste. We have been using a 3rd party composting company until we can get on the city's program. What we have found is both the volume and weight of our trash has dropped to the point where some weeks we can even skip a trash pick up. It is so easy to do and makes a huge difference.

And there is good news about the city's next round of the composting program - they will be

offering smaller 5-gal buckets for those of us who have no room for the current 12 gal bin!

Does this mean that we can now put out our trash the night before if we compost? Probably not. Many food containers will still have remnants of food waste. The city should weigh in on this before the new contract is completed.

The combination of same day trash placement and composting will lead to a much reduced rat population.

Stephen Morgan

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OUR MEMBERS, YOUR NEIGHBORS, THEIR EXPERIENCES ...

We've been really impressed with the ease of Acorn, and how much it has made day-to-day city life stress free. We can't imagine living in the city without this fantastic service-we save so much time not walking to and from the garage, or trolling for a spot.

Bravo to the Acorn staff!

Jim P.
Beacon Hill, Boston

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The cost is reasonable compared to owning a space. My car is parked in a garage, out of the elements, which is perfect for street cleaning, weather emergencies and when I travel.

Now that I have Acorn, I am no longer interested buying or renting alley parking.

Libby M.
Back Bay, Boston

Acorn has been a complete game-changer for our family of five and after just a few months of using it we could not imagine life without it. While we previously had to dread hurried drop-offs (strollers, car seats, pets, etc) on our busy Boston street and long walks from the garage. We now enjoy timely and stress-free pick-ups and drop-offs right at our front door. The app makes it seamless to track our car or the valets progress and we have removed a major stress point in our lives.

The valets always meet us with a smile and help us load and unload the vehicle. Our family and friends also love the guest access to the service when they visit.

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Boston Police report Area A-1 sees 7-percent spike in Part One crime

By Dan Murphy

Ahead of Memorial Day Weekend, Area A-1 had seen a 7-percent increase in Part One crime from last year, according to Boston Police.

Between Jan. 1 and May 21 of this year, 761 incidents of Part One crime were reported in the district, which includes Beacon Hill, Chinatown, Downtown, and the North End, compared to 711 incidents during the same timeframe last year.

This year also marked a more

than 4-percent increase in the district's five-year average for Part One crime of 730 incidents.

Part One crime includes violent crimes (homicide; rape and attempted rape; robbery and attempted robbery; and aggravated assault), as well as property crimes (burglary and attempted burglary; larceny and attempted larceny; and vehicle theft and attempted vehicle theft).

The rate of homicides remained the same, with two incidents reported in the district both this year and last, while two incidents

was also the five-year average for this category.

Rapes and attempted rapes were down 25 percent as the number fell to nine from 12 in 2022. Nine was also the five-year average for this category.

Robberies and attempted robberies were up about 21 percent, with 40 in 2023, compared to 33 last year. But this year also marked an approximately 9-percent decrease from the five-year average of 44 incidents in this category.

Incidents of domestic aggravated

assaults dropped to 11 from 12 last year, although this was still a slight uptick from the five-year average of 10 incidents in this category.

Incidents of non-domestic aggravated assault were down nearly 11 percent as the number fell to 65 from 73 in 2022. This year also marked an approximately 25-percent decline from the five-year average of 87 incidents in this category.

Commercial burglaries dropped almost 13 percent as the number fell to 21 from 24 last year. This year also marked a nearly 28-percent decrease from the five-year average of 29 incidents in this category.

Residential burglaries saw a three-fold increase as the number jumped to 21 from seven last year. This year marked a 40-percent increase was the five-year average

of 15 incidents in this category.

Incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle were down nearly 14 percent as the number dropped to 70 from 91 in 2022. This year also marked a nearly 25-percent decrease from the five-year average of 93 in this category.

Other larcenies were up more than 15 percent as the number climbed to 487 this year from 422 last year. This year also marked an approximately 13-percent increase from the five-year average of 431 in this category.

Auto thefts were down about 22 percent as the number fell to 35 from 45 in 2022. This year marked about a 6-percent from the five-year average of 33 incidents in this category.

Citywide, Part One crime was down 5 percent as the number of incidents dropped to 5,307 from 5,606 last year.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

DISTRICT 8 COUNCIL HOPEFUL MONTEZ HAYWOOD TO HOLD MEET-AND-GREET JUNE 6 AT BLACKSTONE'S

Montez Haywood, a candidate for the District 8 City Council seat, will hold at meet-and-greet on Tuesday, June 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Blackstone's of Beacon Hill at 40 Charles St.



District 8 City Council candidate Monez Haywood.

WECA MEETING SET FOR JUNE 8 AT AMY LOWELL APARTMENTS

The West End Civic Association (WECA) will hold its next meeting in person on Thursday, June 8, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at Amy Lowell Apartments at 65 Martha Road.

Speakers will include a representative from the Office Of Emergency Management for the City of Boston who will discuss what role the office plays in the City. We will also hear from a representative from Voter Choice MA-Boston who will talk about ranked

choice voting.

Masks are encouraged.

REP. LIVINGSTONE'S VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Rep. Jay Livingstone will 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.Trabilcy@mahouse.org.

WARD 5 DEMOCRATS CAUCUS SET FOR JUNE 17 AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH

The Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee will hold a Caucus to elect delegates to the Massachusetts State Democratic Convention on Saturday, June 17, at 9:30 a.m. at Old South Church, located at 645 Boylston St. in the Back Bay. All are eligible Ward 5 Democratic voters can participate in the caucus but must be checked in by 10 a.m.

The Convention is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell.

For more information, visit <https://bostonward5dems.org/>.

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 at 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.

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., on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month 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).

GEORGE GETS A GROOMING



D. MURPHY PHOTO

The George Washington statue in the Public Garden is fenced off as it is being cleaned.

The Friends of the Public Garden has established a strong ongoing conservation program for the 42 sculptures, tablets, plaques, and fountains they care for in the Common, Garden and Mall. Working with Sarah Hutt, the group's Collections Care Manager, each year, the Friends decides on a selection of monuments to maintain in the three parks, moving through a regular cycle of conservation cleaning in order to keep each piece in good condition. This year, it's George's turn!

Over time, the protective coating which protects the George Washington statue in the Public Garden wears off. The conservation process involves the Friends' conservators from Daedalus of

Watertown carefully cleaning the statue, washing off the biological residue and clearing out the nooks and crannies. The statue design often creates near perfect hiding spaces for moths, bugs, and even small birds. Once washed and cleaned, the statue is checked for breaks in the coating and repairs are made, and then the entire surface coating is stripped off and a new one is applied. This work keeps the statue's condition stable, protecting it from the weather and ensuring environmental factors like acid rain cannot harm the bronze.

The conservation work is expected to be complete in mid-June, according to the Friends.

CITY RECOGNIZES BEACON HILL CLEANERS AS 'LEGACY BUSINESS'



COURTESY OF JOAN DOUCETTE

Beacon Hill Cleaners was among the 30 recipients honored by the city as 'Legacy Businesses' at the inaugural Legacy Business Ceremony and Reception on Monday, May 22, at Faneuil Hall. Pictured, left to right, are Hai and Ledung Tran, owners of Beacon Hill Cleaners, with Joan Doucette of Mt. Vernon Street.

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the inaugural list of Legacy Business awardees, a group of 30 businesses including Bunker Hill Barber Shop that represent the rich diversity and cultural fabric of all Boston neighborhoods. This program – the most expansive in the country – was developed by

the Office of Small Business within the Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet and will support awardees through increased visibility and connecting them with City services. This new program will provide targeted technical assistance with a focus on succession planning, growth, business updates, and employee ownership. Businesses will also receive a com-

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mercial lease toolkit, legal consultation and other resources from City of Boston partners. "Our legacy businesses are pillars in our communities and expand opportunity for our residents and families across Boston," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm thrilled that we get to honor these staple businesses who invest and uplift our communities. Congratulations to our thirty newly selected legacy businesses and we look forward to being able to support these foundational businesses across Boston's neighborhoods for

years to come." "These small businesses are an integral part of their neighborhoods, and they not only provide indispensable services to our communities, but they also help to make our city vibrant," said Council President Ed Flynn. "I'm happy to see that longstanding businesses in District 2 are being recognized, including ones in Downtown, Chinatown, South Boston, and the South End. Congratulations to all the awardees, let's continue to support our wonderful neighborhood businesses."

"I am grateful for Mayor Wu's unwavering commitment to supporting and preserving legacy businesses throughout the City of Boston," said Councilor Brian Worrell, Chair of the Committee on Small Business and Professional Licensure. "The Legacy Business Program provides vital support to these businesses, helping to ensure their continued success for generations to come. By recognizing the importance of these businesses and providing them with the resources

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BHWF HOLDS 2023 CHARLES STREET COUTURE

Story and Photos by Marianne Salza

The Beacon Hill Women’s Forum (BHWF) held its 2023 Charles Street Couture for the first time since 2019 on May 9 at the Hampshire House. Curated collections from eight, local boutiques were exhibited: Crush, East Coast Ivy, Helen’s Leather Shop, J. McLaughlin, Sara Campbell Limited, Soodee, Phoebe Jon, and Remy Creations.

“The Charles Street Couture fashion show was created with two simple goals – to foster a personal relationship with proud women owners, and to encourage our membership to shop local,” said Lisa Macalaster, BHWF Founder, who modeled the CB Mogo mid-calf dress from Remy Creations. “I never realized how a fashion show could spark so much joy in a room full of women. There was a warm, happy sense of community.”

Macalaster believes that unique

clothing stores are one of the facets that make Beacon Hill a charming place to live.

Charles Street Couture Chair Gracey Wilson settled in Beacon Hill two years ago and was thrilled for the fashion show’s return.

“I took a chance and joined the Forum, and it’s been such a wonderful part of my life since,” said Wilson, who wore a sleek, black shirt dress from Soodee. “I’m grateful for new friends, opportunities to explore my neighborhood, and the sense of place that comes from connecting locally.”

Boutique owners and staff, like Caitlyn DiCillo, of Helen’s Leather, were happy to support one another in a fun environment.

“Seeing all of the outfits that

have been put together from the other stores is a great way to empower local boutiques,” said DiCillo, Helen’s granddaughter and employee of the leather store that has been in business for 53 years.

East Coast Ivy, which sells trendy and classic clothing, shoes, and accessories, has been open for two years; and owner, Greta Belsole, was eager to partake in the fashion show.

“Being able to collaborate with the other designers at the fashion show was fun,” said Belsole. “It brought everyone together.”

Crush, which sells sophisticated and whimsical fashions, displayed a selection of floral, summer outfits

in soft whites and blues that represented nautical, New England.

“We wanted to feature casual dresses for everyday life that could be transformed with different accessories for more formal events,” said Rebecca Hall, Co-Owner of Crush. “I think the show went fabulously well. It was a delight to have local store owners and community members gather for the event after the three-year hiatus. It was a positive experience with a lot of great energy.”

The team at Sara Campbell Limited, which provides garments designed and manufactured in

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PHOTO BY MAINFRAME PHOTOGRAPHICS
Caitlyn DiCillo modeling Helen’s Leather.



Tricia Rose Stone, wearing Remy, and Joy Fallon, wearing Sara Campbell



PHOTO BY MAINFRAME PHOTOGRAPHICS
BHWF Webmaster Nick Santaniello, modeling J. McLaughlin.



PHOTO BY LISA MACALASTER
MC Karen Fabbri, Amy Bailey of Townhouse Beauty Bar, Susan Symonds, of Mainframe Photographics, and Gracey Wilson, Charles Street Couture Chair.

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Boston and New York, was excited to be included in Charles Street Couture.

“What a wonderful evening. The show was beautiful and the pieces featured were stunning,” said Alex Adams, Marketing Coordinator, Sara Campbell Limited. “It was nice to be surrounded by incredible women and businesses coming together to support one another. The Beacon Hill Women’s Forum did a fantastic job.”

The colorful prints of Remy Creations offer a sense of being on a tropical vacation.

“Seeing the bright, bold dresses come to life was fun,” said Remy Stressenger, Owner of Remy. “I wanted to show what we are known for.”

Soodee features cutting edge fashions with an international flair. Owner Diane Agoun modeled a black and white, satin, sleeveless kimono fit and flare dress. Agoun believes that Soodee attire represents the fashion of Beacon Hill: classic and elegant.

“It was a timeless piece. I call it a floral coat dress because it’s two



Cheryl Lynch, Marketing/Public Relations, and Wendy Oleksiak, Co-President.

pieces that can be worn individually as a coat or dress,” described Agoun. “Beacon Hill is a great neighborhood supporting each other. It feels nice to be a part of it. I appreciate the opportunity.”

Karen Fabbri served as the master of ceremonies for the 2023 Charles Street Couture. Amy Bailey, of Townhouse Beauty Bar, perfected models’ makeup and hair; and Susan Symonds, of Mainframe Photographics, captured images of the chic festivities.



Sarah Hidey, Membership Co-Director, Jayne Damesek and Cheryl Lynch, Marketing/Public Relations Co-Directors, and Lisa Macalaster, Founder.



PHOTO BY MAINFRAME PHOTOGRAPHICS
BHWF Advisor/ Former President Senaida Bautista and her daughter, Adeline.



East Coast Ivy Owner Greta Belsole, with her models Haley Lynch and Jules Mucher.



Janine Jay, Treasurer, and Richelle Gewertz, Connections Co-Director.

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Sharon Durkan, candidate for Boston City Council District 8, racks up local endorsements

Sharon Durkan is racking up endorsements in her second month of campaigning for the seat formerly held by Kenzie Bok. This month, Sharon earned the endorsements of State Senator Lydia Edwards, Former Councilor Josh Zakim, and the Ward 5 Democratic Committee.

"Sharon is a community activist, advocate, leader, and trusted friend," said State Senator Lydia Edwards. "Sharon's years of organizing as Ward 5 Chair and proven dedication to housing, climate, and environmental justice makes her the perfect choice to represent District 8. With Sharon's expertise and dedication, our community will be well represented and fought for in all her work. I wholeheartedly endorse her for City Council and look forward to partnering with her in the State Senate for our shared communities."



Sharon Durkan.

"I'm honored to have the support of my friend Lydia Edwards," said Sharon Durkan. "Senator Edwards is a public servant I have admired for a long time and gotten a chance to work closely with as Chair of the Boston Ward 5 Dems."

"I've had the privilege of knowing Sharon for years, and I have been consistently impressed by her dedication to the district and her unwavering commitment to serving the community as ward 5 chair," said Former Councilor Josh Zakim. "There is no better person to represent the diverse population of district 8. Sharon's experience as a renter gives her a distinct perspective on affordable housing. I'm confident Sharon will be a champion for reliable transit and safe streets, climate justice and improved mental healthcare

access."

"I am honored to receive the endorsement of Former Councilor Zakim, whom I have had the privilege of knowing for years," said Durkan. "With his invaluable support, I am confident in our ability to continue to best serve the needs and aspirations of District 8 residents."

"I am so proud to have earned the unanimous endorsement of the Ward 5 Dems, the committee that I call home and has rooted me in grassroots politics in Boston," said Sharon.

This announcement builds upon endorsements made by Rep. Jay Livingstone, Former District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok, and UNITE HERE Local 26. Sharon is running to represent District 8 on the Boston City Council, which includes Back Bay, Beacon Hill, West End, Mission Hill, Audubon Circle and Fenway-Kenmore.

To learn more about Sharon Durkan and her campaign, visit sharondurkan.com or connect with her on Twitter, or Instagram.

AWARDS (from pg. 4)

they need to thrive, we can maintain the cultural fabric and unique character of our neighborhoods."

Legacy businesses are long-standing, independent enterprises that make a strong contribution to residents, communities and neighborhoods across Boston. They are cultural anchors and repositories of community traditions and stories. These iconic businesses have helped define Boston as an innovative, family friendly and world-renowned city. By recognizing these businesses on an annual basis, this program will help to further Mayor Wu's vision of a family-friendly city that ensures each neighborhood is a vibrant destination for all to visit and support.

"We were proud to fulfill Mayor Wu's pledge to recognize and honor those businesses that continue to make our neighborhoods the cultural jewels they are today," said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. "Due to the work of our Small Business team, residents will be able to come together every year to celebrate the achievements of these local community institutions, and the City will be able to provide needed resources to ensure they remain for generations to come."

"The response was tremendous, and this has truly been a community driven process, which is part of the beauty of it," said Aliesha Porcena, Director of Small Business. "Boston residents submitted over 1,400 nominations, and we are so happy to acknowledge the group of inaugural businesses this month. Our office is supports small businesses to start, grow, and stay in Boston. This inaugural cohort represents 30 businesses that are staples in our communities, and

part of our rich history- it's an honor to celebrate these businesses who have given our city and communities so much. We are committed to provide continued support and services to these businesses".

"El Oriental de Cuba has been a favorite family owned restaurant for the past 30 years, and it is an honor to be recognized by the City of Boston," said Yvonne Torres, owner of El Oriental de Cuba. "Receiving the Business Legacy award not only acknowledges the restaurant itself, but the incredible community of Jamaica Plain that has kept this restaurant alive during and after the pandemic. My father Nobel Garcia and late owner, well known and loved by everyone, would have been extremely proud to see his restaurant be recognized as a legacy institution."

To qualify for the Legacy Business program, businesses must have:

- Operated for at least 10 years in the same location within the City of Boston.
- Contributed to the cultural, historical, and societal assets of Boston's community or neighborhood.
- A plan to maintain its business in the City.

The process of identifying the 30 Legacy Businesses included nominations from the public, review by the City Council, and selection by a committee that included representatives from City departments, and Main Streets organizations. Selections were based on application scoring and community support. The committee ensured that the list was representative of Boston by industry, neighborhood, gender, and race.


"Ron's has been a part of life in

Hyde Park going back decades. As a kid I bowled and attended birthday parties there. They hosted visits for us as school kids demonstrating the ice cream making process. The Covitz family are generous and contribute to local programs. Their ice cream is amazing. I am always proud to bring friends and visitors to try some," said Lauren Firnstein, Boston resident.

"Liz's Hair Care embodies black excellence & legacy. Owned and operated by Liz, a black woman from Boston, LHC has been in business for over 20 years and Liz has over 30 years of hair experience. She empowers POC to look and feel their best by making them look beautiful, offering hair care tips, and giving them the advice needed to excel. Her salon is perfect for the new professional or the college student looking to nail that interview. She is committed to teaching new stylists and leaving a positive mark on their future of hair care. She is kind, funny and always willing to go out of her way for her customers! Her historical shop will leave a lasting mark on Boston history!" said Ashley Jackson, Boston resident.

"Neighborhood businesses have contributed to the fabric of our city's culture and represent the diverse people who live in our city," said Brianna Millor, Chief of Community Engagement. "Congratulations to all of the Legacy Business Program Winners!"

In addition to the Legacy Business Awards and related programmatic support, the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion has committed \$1 Million in grant funding to be awarded to a non-profit organization to help support long-standing small businesses in the City of Boston.




Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC)
980 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02119

WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE

Boston Water and Sewer Commission will commence Water Main Flushing in the Beacon Hill & Kenmore areas starting:

June 6, 2023 through July 12, 2023

The boundaries for the areas being flushed are: Storrow Drive to the north, Huntington Avenue to the south, Tremont Street/Boston Common to the east and Riverway to the west.



The purpose of the Water Main Flushing Program is to improve drinking water quality and water pressure for residents and businesses of Boston.

Water Main flushing will take place between the hours of
10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.

The flushing process may cause discolored water and a reduction in pressure. The discoloration of the water will be temporary and is not harmful. If the condition persists, please contact BWSC's 24 Hour Service at (617) 989-7000.

BWSC appreciates your patience as we work to improve the quality of drinking water we will provide to the residents and businesses of Boston.

If you have any questions, contact BWSC's Night Operations Manager at (617) 989-7000 or visit our website @ www.bwsc.org for weekly updates on the project.

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Major budget wins this week in the Massachusetts State Senate

Special to the Times

The Massachusetts State Senate convened this week to debate and finalize the Senate budget package. There is a lot to celebrate this year for the residents of the Commonwealth, especially for the constituents of Senator Lydia Edwards' Third Suffolk district, which covers East Boston, Winthrop, Revere, and portions of Back Bay in Downtown Boston. The community-minded budget success this session is poised to invest in the things residents of the Commonwealth need most.

Tenancy Protections Secured through Eviction Sealing and Preservation of RAFT

Among the most impactful achievements in the Senate's budget package is the passage of Senator Edwards' Tenancy Protection Amendment. This amendment to the budget assures that those who qualify for Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) and pay their landlord the amount of money owed can avoid eviction, dismiss their case, and seal their record. This achievement also means that tenants who are waiting on approval of RAFT will not face a judgement on an eviction case. Importantly, this accomplishment allows a tenant to petition to seal their eviction record in certain situations, such as no-fault evictions, RAFT approval, or where the eviction case is dismissed. The Tenancy Protection Amendment delivers the infrastructure necessary to prevent unfair treatment based on eviction records and improve access to safe, affordable, and dignified housing.

Investment in the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts

Senator Edwards secured \$400,000 for the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts (ULEM), which supports adults of Eastern Massachusetts in accessing employment and economic development opportunities by providing support to overcome racial, social, economic, and sexual and domestic violence barriers. Their programs and services offer an array of crucial skills-training classes and workshops at no cost.

Winthrop Ferry Funds Add a Stop at Logan Airport and Aim for Affordable Fares

An incredible win for the Town of Winthrop includes \$1 million allocated to subsidize ferry services while the Sumner Tunnel is closed July 5 – August 31, 2023. Notably, the Winthrop Ferry will now make a stop at the Logan Airport Ferry Terminal, making travel from East of Boston to Downtown Boston more accessible and dependable. Investing funds in these ferry services will provide a much-needed alternative method of transportation for residents and is set to decrease traffic congestion on neighborhood roads.

Funds to Aid the Local Food Shelters in East Boston and Back Bay

East Boston and Back Bay will receive \$30,000 to support local food services, including the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, the Grace Church Federated in East Boston, and the Arlington Street Church's Friday Night Supper Program in the Back Bay section of Boston. The East Boston Community Soup Kitchen in

Maverick Square is open every Tuesday at 9 am and is the go-to destination for those facing food and resource insecurity. The Grace Church Food Pantry is open every Saturday from 10 am – 12 pm, which East Boston residents can access once per month to receive several bags of food to take home. The Arlington Street Church's Friday Night Supper is one of the oldest food shelters in Boston and has served thousands of meals every Friday night, including on holidays and through snow, storms, power outages, and pandemics. Friday Night Supper is located at Arlington Street Church on Boylston Street. Funds for these incredible services promises the community that we can meet one of their most basic human needs: adequate nourishment.

Budget Win Invests in East Boston Latin American Arts and Culture

East Boston will see \$50,000 funding the Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VROCC), a central community resource which promotes Latin American arts and culture as an engine for stronger communities and economic growth. The VROCC offers a safe space for immigrants and their families, as a source of connection to their cultural heritage, and for people of all backgrounds to celebrate Latino cultures.

An additional \$50,000 will be provided to support the East Boston Latino Festival in Summer 2023, presented by ZUMIX and Senator Lydia Edwards. Last year, Senator Edwards partnered with ZUMIX to celebrate the diverse Latin American cultures of East Boston and their vibrant music.

This year, the Latino Festival will be hosted on September 9, 2023. Stay tuned for updates! Along with showcases of talented performers and community events, ZUMIX offers programs and lessons to help young people reach their full potential and create a safe space for youth to explore who they are and who they want to be.

Progress for the Green Workforce and Environmental Resiliency

To help protect the largest surviving salt marsh in Boston Harbor, this budget win will allocate at least \$50,000 in funds for Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, Inc., a grassroots organization that preserves the Belle Isle Marsh in East Boston, Revere, and Winthrop.

Additionally, \$75,000 will go to other green workforce and environmental resilience programs, including Eastie Farm, Inc., Mass Save, and Community Choice Electricity (BCCE) Eastie Farm, Inc. aims to create green job pathways for teens and young adults in environmental justice communities, including the development of skills in energy efficiency, conservation, and clean energy. Funds are also provided to increase the utilization of ecosocial state and city programs like Mass Save and Community Choice Electricity (BCCE). Mass Save helps homes and businesses become more energy efficient, and BCCE gives Boston residents greater control over the electricity that powers their homes, places of worship, and small businesses. These programs will create more access to Massachusetts-grown fresh produce for low-income families in environmental justice communities.

Expanding the Boston Common Public Bathrooms

Boston Common and Public Garden will receive \$50,000 in funds for the purpose of providing public restrooms. The lack of public bathrooms in this area amounts to an ongoing public health crisis, shining the light on community inequities in the ability of unhoused residents to access dignified bathrooms. This budget win will create more public access to restrooms for all Bostonians traveling through the Boston Commons.

Financial Assistance for First-time Homebuyers

To help first-time homebuyers with financial stress and hardship, this achievement will provide \$25,000 to the city of Revere to create a pilot program for grants of \$5,000 for eligible first-time homebuyers in Revere. With this funding, the new pilot program will be able to distribute grants over the next year and a half.

Support for survivors of the April 21 fire in the town of Winthrop

A four-alarm fire broke out in Winthrop on April 21, 2023, leaving over 100 individuals and families without a home. After 64 apartments were no longer available, Winthrop residents were placed at the Senior Center, and then provided services through the support of the Red Cross, Winthrop Foundation, and other local organizations. The Town Manager Tony Marino said that about 15 families are still in need of another apartment. Senator Edwards secured \$100,000 in the budget to support those who lost their homes in the fire.

BHCA (from pg. 1)

Work of the BHCA

Every year at this time, we share the work of our committees as presented in our Annual Report. These reports reflect the mission of the BHCA in historic preservation, community development, and civic engagement.

Architecture Committee Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023

The Committee's mission is to help maintain the architectural integrity of the Beacon Hill National Historical Landmark district.

The Committee reviews properties that have submitted applications to the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission, which is part of the City of Boston's Landmarks Commission. The Commission holds monthly hearings on applications for Certificates of Appro-

priateness, and reviews architectural violations in accordance with Ch. 616 of the Acts of 1955, as amended. Massachusetts State Legislation created the Historic Beacon Hill District in 1955.

Prior to the Commission hearings on the third Thursday of each month, our Committee reviews the applications and visits each of the sites. The Committee invites applicants to an open meeting, typically on the Monday prior to the Commission hearing, to discuss their applications and answer questions, to assist applicant neighbors in any way we are able with the formal approval process. Following this Committee meeting, the Committee prepares written commentary, which is reviewed by the BHCA Board prior to being read into public record by Committee

members attending the Commission hearing.

Highlights, Fiscal year 2023:

- During the year, from May 2022 to April 2023, 100 applications were reviewed by

the Committee (13 violations and 87 design review), with the vast majority of those in April-October.

- Changes related to windows, roof decks, and technology were substantial areas of focus, and are expected to remain so going forward.

- Video doorbells and other advanced building entry systems, along with electric vehicle charging systems and other technologies represent an increasing challenge to the Committee and the Beacon Hill Historic District: balancing resident neighbor needs

and desires for technology and its advantages with the requirement to incorporate that technology thoughtfully (and preferably invisibly) into the historic fabric of our neighborhood.

- FY 2023 saw an increase in neighbor applicant attendance at Committee meetings, and feedback from attendees has been very positive and complimentary. We will continue expanding and encouraging neighbor involvement and look forward to helping even more neighbors in Fiscal 2024.

Holland Ward, Chairman 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.

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.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Casaday, Laurie	Schiffman, Steven F	154 Beacon St #3	\$1,485,000
Pups World LLC	REtals LLC	220 Boylston St #1117	\$400,000
Crooks, Morgan	Kinmos TLLC	160 Commonwealth Ave #406	\$975,000
Unit 31180 Comm Ave Boston	Kasparian Rt	180 Commonwealth Ave #31	\$1,300,000
Lenihan, Brian P	Cameron, Molly	11 Exeter St #5	\$1,920,000
Sturchio, Janice C	Salo, John E	291 Marlborough St #2	\$1,700,000
Cupps, Michael	119 St Botolph LLC	119 Saint Botolph St #2	\$3,060,000
BEACON HILL			
Laham, Amal	Paula A Harbecke 2009 T	21 Beacon St #4H	\$1,150,000
Noonan, Jonathan R	Paraubek, Edward J	511 Beacon St #3	\$361,000
Brown, Sharon	Mccarthy, Maureen V	21 Bowdoin St #2B	\$412,500
Wang, Jenny J	Scrimshaw Stern Nt	32 Hancock St #1B	\$765,000
Izzo, Samuel F	Wertenberger, Rebecca H	76 Phillips St #3	\$508,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Ja3 Stuart LLC	400 Stuart Street T	400 Stuart St #22D	\$2,450,000
Nair, Resmi	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	55 Lagrange St #16H	\$1,015,000
F H Zhang & Jane Tsai Lt	Zhao, Anqi	188 Brookline Ave #26I	\$1,770,000
Pellow, James	Belanger, Paul H	234 Causeway St #1003	\$1,320,000
Paul H Belanger 2015 T	Kelly, Christopher	234 Causeway St #714	\$2,250,000
Kusiak, Kurt S	Ckg Columbus LLC	566 Columbus Ave #405	\$1,675,000
Gaiter, Donald	Aberizk, Kara	345 Commonwealth Ave #P3	\$550,000
Li, Kaidi	Macmullin, Brad	366 Commonwealth Ave #4C	\$585,000
Nielsen, Kathryn C	South Boston Kulka T	96 E Brookline St #2	\$695,000
Peguero, Denise	761 Harrison Church LLC	771 Harrison Ave #209	\$213,700
Marlborough 403 Rt	C Hal & Bryan Croft lrt	403 Marlborough St #15	\$3,100,000
Marlborough 403 Rt	C Hal & Bryan Croft lrt	403 Marlborough St #16	\$3,100,000
Izzo, Samuel F	Wertenberger, Rebecca H	76 Phillips St #3	\$508,000
Eichner, Jonathan	Zschau, Jonathan	116 Riverway #18	\$575,000
Burns, Kyle	Rice, Chad W	589 Tremont St #1	\$925,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Ribeiro, Dominica	Elder, David K	357 Commercial St #10	\$570,000
Oconnell, Todd	Booras, Denise K	376 Commercial St #4G	\$1,338,500
Wood, Matthew	Fraioli, Dean	99 Fulton St #3-3	\$635,000
114-116 Bowdoin 2022 lrt	Edmonds, Neil A	88 Kingston St #2E	\$680,000
Fogelman, Marlo	Ginnis, Sandra	210 South St #7-4	\$1,200,000

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The roofline in the last clue is on One Congress Street, a recent addition to the city skyline. It was designed by Pelli, Clarke & Partners/CBT. A review of the building on Bloomberg News noted, "One Congress is called a 'trophy' in the marketing materials, and come to think of it, the building does sort of look like one."

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



GARDEN CLUB'S SPRING SOIREE RETURNS



COURTESY OF LAURA COUSINEAU

Pictured, left to right, are George Gilpatrick, Sandra GilPatrick, John Corey, Bob Cousineau, and Miguel Rosales.

One the eve of its annual Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Tour, the Beacon Hill Garden Club hosted its sixth annual Spring Soiree on Wednesday, May 17, in the King's Chapel Parish House Garden.



John Corey, Laura Cousineau, and Miguel Rosales are seen previewing a garden on Chestnut Street ahead of the Hidden Gardens Tour.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through June 10

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.

Weekday Lane Closures at Keany Square – June 5 through June 16

- From Monday, June 5 through Friday June 16, there will be weekday lane reductions along Keany Square and the temporary bridge to assist with utility work. Closures will occur from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- There will be no lane closures during weekends.

- Pedestrian access will not be limited by these lane closures.

DCR Pedestrian Advisory: New Charles River Dam Pedestrian Walkway

- On Tuesday May 30, 2023, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00PM the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will implement a closure of the New Charles River Dam Pedestrian Walkway in the

City of Boston to accommodate facility maintenance work.

- Pedestrian patterns will be clearly marked, and the public is advised to use the North Washington Street Bridge as an alternative.

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 contra-flow.

Travel Tips

For everyone using the tem-

porary 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.

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UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS SALUTES NEIGHBORHOOD ARTIST

Special to Times

Upstairs Downstairs, located at 69 Charles St., kicked off its inaugural series of Artist Receptions on Wednesday, May 24.

The store was pleased to host well known and popular local artist Eleanor Score. Her collection of paintings full of life, energy and a beautiful sense of color were beautifully displayed on a wall among mirrors and antiques as one entered the front entrance of

the store. The rain and inclement weather did not prevent a growing assembly of enthusiastic art connoisseurs from enjoying meeting Eleanor and partaking in wonderful and tasty hors d'oeuvres provided by Cobblestones Beacon Hill Eatery at 30 Charles St.

"We are proud of the many artists we represent in our store and always look forward to providing events that honor their work," said Upstairs Downstairs owner Laura Cousineau.



Pictured, left to right, are Dave Backman; Mary Anne Foley of Charlestown; and Laura and Bob Cousineau, owners of Upstairs Downstairs.



D. MURPHY PHOTOS

Eleanor Score and her husband, Stephen Score.



Artist Eleanor Score (center) is seen with Upstairs Downstairs staff (left to right) Mark Duffield, Jennifer Pimental, Joan O'Brien, Robin Jones, and Laura and Bob Cousineau.



Artist Eleanor Score displays some of her latest work.



Pictured, left to right, are Grace Van Alen and her father, Jimmy Van Alen; artist Eleanor Score; and Laura Cousineau, owner of Upstairs Downstairs Home.



COURTESY OF MARK DUFFIELD

Pictured, left to right, are Helene Bentley, Mark Duffield of Upstairs Downstairs, Rachael Bentley, and Leslie Overstreet.

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HATCH SHELL DOME RESTORATION RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTION FROM BPA

The Boston Preservation Alliance has recognized the Dome restoration of the Hatch Memorial Shell on the Esplanade with an honorable mention among its 2023 Preservation Award recipients.

"The Alliance doesn't normally recognize projects with an Honorable Mention in our Awards program, but we wanted to highlight the impressive solutions the project team employed for this iconic Boston structure," according to the BPA.

Coming on the heels of minor changes, upgrades, and repairs made to the structure over the years, Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype (BH+A) began work in 2015 on the Hatch Shell by completing a conditions assessment report that noting separation and spalling of the terrazzo finish that exposed the concrete substrate. This condition could have led to water damage in the interior of the structure so after analysis, the team determined that the rustic terrazzo finish could be



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The Hatch Memorial Shell on the Esplanade

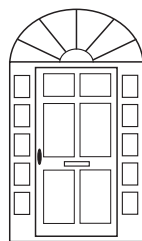
obtained with a system that had an open drainage cavity, with the panels set on pedestals. An open cavity underneath would eliminate the freeze/thaw spalling problem. The process required utmost precision, but after a successful installation the panel surfaces give a smooth, uniform appearance.

Alison Frazee, executive director of the BPA, said, "Sometimes when preservation work is done

successfully nobody knows you've done it, which means you've done it right. The types of creative solutions in this project are necessary to protect and preserve the places that mean the most to us. Next time you're enjoying a summer concert at the Hatch Shell, or visiting any historic site, remember that there's a team of dedicated stewards ensuring this place survives."

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