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District 8 City Council candidate Sharon Durkan (center) is seen with supporters, including Mayor Michelle Wu, on Tuesday, June 13, in the Kelleher Rose Garden.

Sharon Durkan earns Mayor Wu's endorsement

Sharon Durkan, a dedicated community activist, former political staffer for Mayor Wu and former Ward 5 Democratic Committee Chair, earned the endorsement of Mayor Michelle Wu in her campaign for the Boston City Council District 8 seat for the special municipal election on Tuesday, July 25th. The seat is current-

ly vacant after former Councilor Kenzie Bok resigned to become the Boston Housing Authority Administrator. Drawing from her personal experience working closely with Sharon over many years, Mayor Wu expressed her strong support for Durkan, highlighting her advocacy for the community she

serves. "Over many years, I've seen Sharon passionately champion the needs and concerns of our residents," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "She has been a valued advisor, team member, and friend, who always leads with her heart and knows how to get things done. Sharon will hit the ground run-

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Public meeting to discuss proposed Charlesbank Landing on the Esplanade set for June 22

By Dan Murphy

The public will get a look at the design plans and timeline for Charlesbank Landing on the Esplanade, which will include a year-round pavilion and visitors center, at a public meeting taking place on Thursday, June 22, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the West End Branch Library at 151 Cambridge St., as well as via Zoom.

The Esplanade Association, which is sponsoring the meeting, will oversee funding for the more than \$20 million project – one of the largest gifts ever made to the Commonwealth's park system – and manage the operations of Charlesbank Landing over the next several decades.

The two-acre project site comprises the area in and around the former Lee Pool complex on the Esplanade; it sits between the Longfellow Bridge and Museum of Science and is adjacent to the Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields, and Alford Memorial Spray Deck, as well as the future site of Gronk Playground.

Besides the year-round pavilion and an accessible visitors center that will offer general park information and exhibition space, plans for Charlesbank Landing

also include year-round public restrooms; a café with indoor and outdoor seating; a roofdeck that would provide views of the Charles River; an outdoor nature play area; and classroom/community meeting space.

The project also includes plans for a programable event lawn that could accommodate small performances and art exhibits, said Jen Mergel, who joined the Esplanade Association as its James & Audrey Foster executive director on June 1, while a green roof garden with three access point would provide a "quite space for passive reflection" and offer elevated views of the Charles River.

Moreover, the project is being developed with climate resiliency in mind, added Mergel, with the building designed to be Net Zero. It will also include a rain garden, which will collect 100 percent of stormwater, she said.

In anticipation of the upcoming meeting, Mergel said, "I'm really excited to meet community members, both in-person and online, because their voices are what matters most in the process. We're looking for as much input from as many different ages, interests, and

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

The City of Boston is planning to implement a Bike Lane on Charles Street. The Active Transportation Department has asked to hear from the residents of Beacon Hill and will be at a designated table to speak with neighbors.

Please attend or "drop by" at the locations and times listed below!

Our neighborhood deserves a thoughtful, honest, and collaborative public process – and your voice is important. In addition, please share your comments with the BHCA and let us know if you attended.

Meet the City's Active Transportation Team in-person on Charles Street on the following days:

- Every four Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m. on the steps of the Charles Street Meeting House* (7/12, 8/9, 9/6)
- Every four Tuesdays, 7:45 - 9:15 a.m. at the intersection of Charles Street and Cambridge Street (5/30, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22, 9/19)

It is important for the Beacon Hill community to attend these meetings and provide comments and feedback.

In the case of inclement weather,

including a heat emergency, office hours will be cancelled. To learn more, visit boston.gov/connect-downtown.

*note this change of location for future Wednesday meetings

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.

Parks & Public Spaces Com- (BHCA Pg. 4)



MARYANN THOMPSON ARCHITECTS AND MICHAEL VAN VALKENBURGH ASSOCIATES. COURTESY OF ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION

A rendering of the west view of the proposed Charlesbank Landing on the Esplanade.

EDITORIAL

NOISE IS KILLING US

For those of us who live in the Greater Boston area, the noise that is all around us -- the roar of jets from the flight paths over our heads, the constant thrum of traffic on our bridges and expressways, the deafening sound of those obnoxious leaf blowers and lawn mowers, the harshness of motorcycles on our roads and of power boats (and those obnoxious jet skis) on the water, and the blare of sirens by fire engine and police vehicles (just to name the most obvious ones) -- is impossible to escape.

We always considered the constant noise to be a part of the background of our environment, the price we pay for living in the city. But the evidence is mounting that noise is much more than a mere annoyance -- it is killing us in subtle, yet measurable ways.

Researchers have found that noise doesn't merely affect our auditory senses (i.e., hurt our ears), but literally reverberates throughout our entire body. Noise causes a stress response in the brain that in turn triggers responses that snake their way along our cardiovascular and nervous systems.

The effects of noise are especially pernicious at nighttime because noise can interrupt a normal sleep pattern, thereby triggering a stress response even if the person does not recall being awakened.

Researchers at Mass. General who have analyzed the brain scans and health records of hundreds of patients report that those who live in areas with high levels of transportation noise are more likely to suffer from arterial inflammation and major cardiac events. Noise may even trigger heart attacks, and higher levels of aircraft noise have been tied to heart-related mortality.

It is estimated that 100 million Americans are subject to a level of noise that is harmful to our health. If the ill effects of noise are as bad as researchers say, it is not surprising that Americans' life spans are shorter -- even when taking into account our ongoing opioid epidemic, COVID, and high suicide rate -- than in countries that are not as "developed" as ours.

And for those of us who try to take care of ourselves by eating well, exercising, etc., it is very depressing to realize that the noise that surrounds us cancels out our best efforts at living a longer and healthier life.

THE MIRACLE IN THE AMAZON JUNGLE

The news this week of the rescue of the four children, ages 13, 9, 4, and 11 months, who survived in the depths of the Amazon jungle for 40 days after their small airplane crashed (killing the pilot, their mother, and another adult passenger) is nothing less than miraculous.

This part of the Amazon in Colombia is so remote that it took two weeks for rescuers just to locate their plane and then five more weeks to track down the children.

The children are members of an indigenous tribe who teach their children about the wonders -- and the dangers -- of the jungle. According to a statement from the Organization of the Indigenous Peoples of the Colombian Amazon, the children's survival was "a sign of the knowledge and relationship with the natural environment of life, which is taught and learned from the mother's womb and is practiced from a very early age."

The children's maternal grandmother said that the eldest child, a 13-year-old girl, had a "warrior"-like nature and their grandfather said the 9- and 4-year-old brothers were very "skilled" at walking through the forest.

They knew what fruits and seeds they could eat and which ones to avoid, how to capture water, and were aware of the many types of venomous snakes that live in the jungle. During the night, they slept in tree trunks to avoid predators.

Needless to say, as one expert noted, "Four Western kids of the same age would have died" there. In fact, we'd add that everyone reading this column would have died in the jungle, save perhaps for someone who has undergone wilderness training in the military.

The children's story of their survival illustrates how far removed we in the so-called "civilized world" are from nature -- most of us can't even avoid poison ivy or ticks in our own backyards. It also should make us ask this question: Are we better off with the life we have created, or have we sown the seeds of our own demise by our intentional destruction of the natural environment?

LETTER to the Editor

READER FULLY SUPPORTS MITIGATION

To the Editor,

As the former Superintendent of the Sumner/Callahan Tunnels and Boston Transportation Commissioner I fully support the MassDOT mitigation program for the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project. This extensive infrastructure investment project is vitally needed to assure the continued structural integrity of the nearly 100-year-old tunnel whose structural failure would have devastating consequences for East Boston as well as the region's transportation

network. I remember my first day in 1990 in charge of the Tunnels when I discovered that the Sumner Tunnel ceiling was on the verge of collapse from corroded hanger rods, a potential calamity especially during rush hour. I immediately closed the tunnel and initiated a complete ceiling replacement project. To MassDOT's great credit the current Sumner Tunnel Restoration project is designed to avoid such an event which would be a calamity for East Boston.

The two-month Project mitigation program includes free Blue Line service for the entire route plus an additional daily train, a free Eastie ferry service, additional ferry service between Boston and

the North Shore, discounted Tobin Bridge tolls for East Boston EZ pass residents, and other Measures. MassDOT's decision to change the Restoration project schedule so that it will occur during the traditionally slowest traffic period of the year is also a significant mitigation commitment.

All in all, the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project is absolutely required for public safety and continuity of essential transportation programs serving the region, including East Boston. The comprehensive mitigation program ought to continue to evolve.

Thank you,

John Vitagliano

DURKAN (from pg. 1)

ning, working towards building safer streets, affordable housing, and climate-resilient infrastructure, all while addressing the nuts-and-bolts, fundamental constituent service needs of our communities."

Mayor Wu's endorsement is a testament to Durkan's ability to address the pressing issues facing District 8 and advocate on behalf of its residents.

"I am humbled and honored to earn the endorsement of Mayor Michelle Wu," Durkan expressed.

"Mayor Wu is a champion for every neighborhood of Boston. When I first met with then-Councilor Wu many years ago, I was struck by our shared values and experiences. Her vision for Boston's future inspires many Boston residents, including myself, to pursue a life of public service. Her knowledge of the city and our district provided me with invaluable insights into the needs and aspira-

tions of our community. Having Mayor Wu's support is special and meaningful to me, because we share a relentless commitment to every resident of our city."

Durkan, an accomplished community organizer, has been actively involved in advancing bold leadership across the state. Durkan has worked tirelessly to transform our City's leadership and win important progressive victories. Her experience as the former Ward 5 Democratic Committee Chair has equipped her with a deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by residents in District 8. From May 2015 to May 2020, Durkan worked as then-Councilor Wu's Finance and Committee Director, doing the political work necessary during campaign season and off-years to enable the grassroots momentum that made it possible to engage city residents in community work, and then moved on to work as Senator Ed Markey's

Massachusetts Finance Director. Durkan also was instrumental in the Mayor's Inaugural Committee and in helping to facilitate political efforts since the Mayor's election.

Mayor Wu's endorsement further solidifies Sharon's position as the best equipped candidate for the Boston City Council District 8 seat. This endorsement adds to endorsements by State Rep. Jay Livingstone, Former Councilor Kenzie Bok, State Rep Aaron Michlewitz, State Sen. Lydia Edwards, Former Councilor Josh Zakim, Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, State Sen. Liz Miranda, State Sen. Will Brownberger, UNITEHere Local 26, Ward 5 Democratic Committee, and Ward 10 Democratic Committee.

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

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Libby M.
Back Bay, Boston

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

CITY STILL COMMITTED TO REPAIRING BRICK SIDEWALKS, DESPITE LONGER WAITS IN SOME CASES

The repair of brick sidewalks on Beacon Hill and elsewhere remains a priority for the city, according to officials, although staffing shortages might mean a longer wait in some cases.

According to a city spokesperson, "The City of Boston has a dedicated team of Public Works Department employees who make spot repairs to brick sidewalks across the City based on 311 calls. While staffing shortages may mean repairs take a little longer, these crews will continue to work across our City, including in Beacon Hill.

Larger reconstruction of an entire sidewalk block is typically contracted out."

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.

BRAHMINS AND BOHEMIANS BEACON HILL WALKING TOUR SET FOR JUNE 21

The Nichols House Museum presents its Brahmins and Bohemians Beacon Hill Walking Tour on Wednesday, June 21, kicking off at 5:30 p.m. at the museum at 55 Mount Vernon St.

Beacon Hill at the turn of the 20th century was inhabited by artists and activists, plumbers and politicians, recent immigrants and longtime residents. This diverse mix made the neighborhood a

fascinating place to call home. On this walking tour we'll share stories of unconventional women, LGBTQ+ communities, and the moment when the Hill was the most avant-garde spot in the city.

This tour, which will last approximately 90 minutes, will be on the sidewalks of Beacon Hill. Expect to encounter hilly terrain and uneven pavement.

Admission for the tour is \$20 per Nichols House Museum member, or \$25 for non-members. Space is limited.

Visit <https://www.nichols-housemuseum.org/events/brahmins-and-bohemians/> to reserve your spot and for more information on the event.

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 Wednesdays 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).

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The bid documents will be accessible online from Monday, June 12, 2023, through Friday, June 23, 2023 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website at boston.gov/procurement/ and clicking on the supplier portal button to access event ID # **EV000012555**

The term of the contract shall be for three (3) years starting July 1, 2023 ending June 30, 2026

The attention of all bidders is directed to the provisions of the Invitation for Bids and contract documents, specifically to the requirements for bid deposits, insurance, and performance bonds as may be applicable. All bids for this project are subject to **M.G.L. c.30, s. 5** and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract documents.

Sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, June 26, 2023 by login onto the City of Boston Procurement website as listed and accessing the above listed event number. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation for bid will **commence on or about Monday, July 10, 2023.**

Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner
(June 12, June 19, 2023)

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mittee

The Parks & Public Spaces Committee is charged with monitoring and improving the condition of our neighborhood's green-spaces, primarily the Common, the Public Garden and the Esplanade. We also provide support to the friends groups at the Myrtle Street Playground and the Phillips Street Park. These efforts include attention to maintenance and environmental concerns, including trash and waste removal, as well as public safety and homelessness. After years of trying, we have succeeded in reducing the impact of the so-called "Freedom Rally" (a/k/a "Hempfest") on the Common, and in keeping the Park Department's permit for the event to just one day. We continue to work with the Friends of the Public Garden and the City on the implementation of the master plan



Colin Zick, Chairman.

for Boston Common, and the successful opening of the King Boston memorial. Work continues to address the impact of dogs running

off-leash on the Common, related wear to the turf. The committee spent extensive time attempting to get the attention to DCR and the City of Boston to address the consistent attempts of individuals to establish encampments in the parks (particularly in and around the Esplanade) and is appreciative of the efforts of City Councilor Bok's office in this regard.

Upcoming BHCA Meetings

Events Committee, Wednesday, June 21st, 6pm (format and time TBC)

Summer Evening at Otis House, Tuesday, June 27th, 6-8pm, 151 Cambridge Street

Young Friends Social, Wednesday, June 28th, 7-9pm, 21st Amendment

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

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perspectives as possible.”

The Esplanade Association hopes to solicit input from meeting-goers in a number of areas, including what the community would like to see outdoors on the site, as well as how the indoor community and educational space should be programmed, added Mergel.

Additionally, the project would include a multi-functional court, she said, so the Esplanade Association will be soliciting feedback on what types of sports and activities the community would like to see there.

Mergel grew up in Dorchester and regularly rode the Red Line to Charles station to swim in Lee Pool as a child. Now, she said she hopes Charlesbank Landing will become a destination that attracts not only visitors from the immediate area but also from around the region.

Meanwhile, the project comes on the heels of a comprehensive public process led by the state’s Department of Conservation and

Recreation – the Esplanade Association’s partner in managing the Esplanade. DCR retained Maryann Thompson Architects and Michael Van Valkenburg Associates for the process, which engaged more than 25 stakeholder groups in a nine-month analysis that included feedback from nearly a dozen community meetings and hundreds of public comments.

Last year, the House and Senate both unanimously passed legislation filed by Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Jay Livingstone to allow the DCR-owned project site to be leased to a private partner for 30 years, with a possible 10-year extension. Sen. Will Brownsberger and former City Councilor Kenzie Bok also played instrumental roles in supporting this effort.

Refreshments, on-site childcare, and translation services will be provided at the meeting. R.S.V.P. at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charlesbank-landing-public-meeting-tickets-648370161607?aff=odtdtcreator>.

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A rendering of the rain garden at the proposed Charlesbank Landing on the Esplanade.



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A rendering of the north view of the proposed Charlesbank Landing on the Esplanade.

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MassDOT announces alternative travel options for Sumner Tunnel closure

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The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced a comprehensive mitigation plan to address travel impacts and provide cost effective alternative transportation options for residents and visitors ahead of the scheduled closure of the Sumner Tunnel from Wednesday, July 5, through Thursday, August 31. The tunnel will be fully closed for approximately two months to facilitate work on the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project.

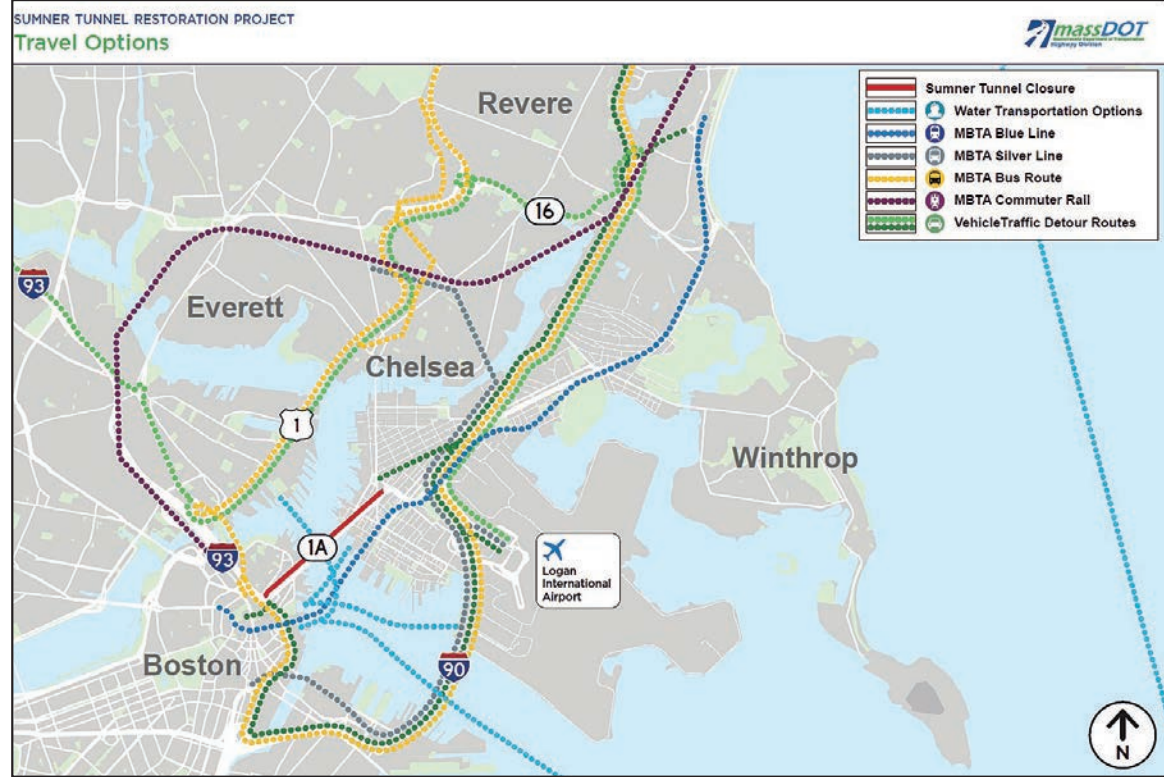
The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project will offer a variety of mitigation options for individuals coming from all travel points, including free trips on the MBTA Blue Line for the duration of the tunnel's closure; free and reduced cost water ferry options; reduced

Commuter Rail fares for riders; reduced parking costs at MBTA and Commuter Rail parking lots and garages; discounted tolls for residents; and additional options for travelers to and from Logan Airport.

In addition to providing the East Boston Ferry as a free transit option, the MBTA has added a new ferry service between Lynn and Central Wharf in Boston to provide an additional transit option during the Sumner Tunnel closure.

These are preliminary measures and MassDOT and the MBTA will continue to consider additional mitigation options as well as new and innovative approaches to modes of transportation.

"We know the closure of the Sumner Tunnel will be a daily impact to those living, working,



Mitigation options include free MBTA Blue Line trips, free and discounted ferry service, new ferry service to and from Lynn, reduced Commuter Rail fares, toll discounts, and additional options for Logan Airport.

and traveling in this region," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Gina Fiandaca. "The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project is a crucial investment in transportation infrastructure in the Commonwealth, and we are working hard to provide as many mitigation measures as possible to those impacted. I want to thank our partners for their efforts in creating mitigation options while this work is ongoing, and our residents and travelers for their willingness to explore

alternative travel options over the next two months."

"Since launching the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project last year, we have been working closely with our partners to identify any and all mitigation measures we can put in place," said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "Our message to residents and those traveling is when moving through this area, if possible, leave your car at home and explore the MBTA's transit options, including

the Blue Line, Commuter Rail, and ferry service options available to you."

"I'm pleased that together with MassDOT, the MBTA is able to offer free Blue Line service to those impacted by the Sumner Tunnel closure this summer," said MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng. "The MBTA has been working hard to reduce travel times on the Blue Line in anticipation of

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this project. We have the capacity needed on the Blue Line to serve our existing and new customers on this line, and I encourage those who can to take advantage of this free service in July and August.”

Additional details on mitigation options are below:

Travel To/From East Boston And North End

MBTA Blue Line and Parking
The entire Blue Line in both directions will be free to riders. Gates will be open at all Blue Line stations from Wonderland to Bow-doin.

An additional train will be added to the Blue Line in the mid-day period to help support more riders riding the line.

All MBTA parking lots and garages on the Blue Line will be reduced to \$2/day. Additional free parking is available near Wood Island Station.

Visit mbta.com/Sumner for additional information.

Discounted Tolls

Discounted tolls will be provided for the Tobin Bridge and Ted Williams Tunnel for those registered in the Resident Discount Program.

Real Time Traffic monitoring will be available at 13 local inter-sections.

East Boston Ferry

The East Boston ferry will be free during the tunnel’s closure.

The East Boston ferry service

project operates between East Boston at Lewis Mall and the downtown Boston area at Long Wharf. East Boston ferry service schedules are available online with all ferry service schedules available at mbta.com/ferry.

Travel To/From The North Shore Commuter Rail and Parking

Zone 1A (\$2.40) fares from Salem and Swampscott Commuter Rail. Parking at Salem and Swampscott is just \$2 per day.

Free parking at lots north of Salem, including Beverly, Gloucester, Hamilton/Wenham, Newburyport, North Beverly, Monserrat, Rowley, and West Gloucester.

Blue Line benefits also apply. Travelers are encouraged to utilize the Wonderland Station parking lot if coming from the North Shore.

Lynn Ferry

The Lynn Ferry will operate between the Blossom St. dock in Lynn to Central Wharf in Boston (near Aquarium).

Free parking at the City of Lynn-owned lot will be available near the Blossom St. dock. Bicycles are allowed on the ferry.

Riders may use a Zone 1A fare (\$2.40).

The Lynn Ferry will operate five days/week on weekdays only, with 10 trips per day. Schedules are being finalized and will be released as soon as they’re available.

Travel To/From Logan Airport Logan Express

There will be a 25% discount when you buy tickets online, and children under 17 ride free.

Adding additional parking capacity at Braintree Logan Express.

MBTA Silver Line (SL1 & SL3) buses can use the I-90 EB Emergency Ramp.

“Skip the Security Line” at Logan will be available for all water transportation users (must show ticket).

Added stop at Logan Airport by the Winthrop Ferry.

MassDOT also has a working partnership with public safety agencies and Boston EMS to support public safety during the Sumner Tunnel closure. There will be two dedicated ambulances for East Boston, two rotating ambulances to support the day shift, two rotating ambulances to support the evening shift, and one rotating ambulance to support the overnight shift.

As part of the public outreach process, over the last five years MassDOT has engaged with a wide range of community stakeholders, large employers, advocates, trade organizations, and community groups. A hands-on approach has been undertaken to inform as many people as possible about the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project – including pop-up information sessions at various little league fields, community

events, food pantries, and neighborhood associations. For a list of upcoming public information events this month, click here.

Built in the 1930s, the Sumner Tunnel is the first traffic tunnel in Massachusetts and one of the oldest in the nation. The Sumner Tunnel is one of four ways into the City of Boston and processes over 39,000 vehicles per day and is the main connection for East Boston, Logan Airport, and a main entry point for the North Shore.

The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project is a \$160 million investment in the Commonwealth’s infrastructure. The project’s scope includes removing and replacing the tunnel ceiling and repairing the overhead arch; demolishing and replacing the tunnel deck and roadway surface; repairing tunnel walls and installing fireproof pan-

els; installing new LED lights inside the tunnel; upgrading CCTV and fire alarm systems; installing new utility conduits and cables under the bridge deck; and focusing on environmental resiliency with new equipment that will reduce air pollution and improve storm readiness.

This period between July 5 and Labor Day historically has the lowest traffic volumes of the year and is outside of the school year making it much more manageable for traffic management. A second full closure of the Sumner Tunnel will then occur in the summer of 2024, for approximately two months during a similar period between July and August.

For additional details on the Sumner Tunnel, please visit mass.gov/sumner-tunnel and sign up for email updates at MassDOT.

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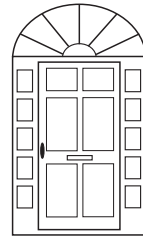
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Boston 10th in 2023 ParkScore rankings

Special to the Times

Boston has landed near the top of the 2023 ParkScore list, compiled by The Trust for Public Land, that ranks public access residents and visitors have to parks and park amenities. The annual report uses mapping technology and demographic data to determine how well the largest cities in the United States are meeting the need for parks. Boston tied for tenth place on the 2023 ParkScore index, climbing two spots from its 2022 finish and rejoining the ParkScore top ten for the first time since 2020. Boston shares tenth position with New York City.

"We're thrilled that Boston has moved up from twelfth place in 2022 to tenth place in this year's ParkScore list," said Ryan Woods, Commissioner of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. "This recognition reflects our ongoing commitment to providing our residents with accessible, high-quality parks and park amenities. We will continue prioritizing services and investment in our parks, ensuring that Boston remains a vibrant, family-friendly, and green city for all residents and visitors."

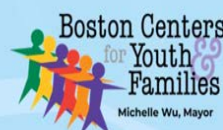
Boston and San Francisco are the only ParkScore cities to provide 100 percent of residents with access to a local park within a 10-minute walk of their homes. Boston

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The Sound of Silents

Special to Times

From the banning of plays by the Massachusetts General Court in 1750 to the opening of the city's first theater in 1792 to the rise and fall of Scollay Square as a hub of refined and then not-so-refined center of entertainment, Boston has had a long and tumultuous relationship with theater.

As the Victorian age gave way to the early 20th century silent films began entertaining Bostonians in movie houses, many just a short walk from Beacon Hill. Movie palaces such as the New Palace Theatre, the Star Theatre, the Theatre Comique, and the Scollay Square Olympia showed silent films accompanied by a pianist, news reels, and Vaudeville comedy acts.

The movies of the silent era were pioneers for subsequent motion pictures, serving as precedents for some of our most beloved film genres including horror, film noir, and of course, classic Hollywood. But whether melodramatic or funny, silent films had a herculean task to overcome; they had to tell stories without dialogue. As Norma Desmond famously

lamented in the 1950 classic 'Sunset Boulevard': "We didn't need dialogue. We had faces!"

These days it can be difficult to convince anyone to watch a movie without sound. For most of us silent films conjure up impressions of flickering grainy images that telegraph slapstick or corny narratives with little to offer our modern-day entertainment sensibilities. But if you turn down the lights, pull back the curtain, and look again, you'll see just how these historic treasures can offer more than you think to keep us entertained and captivated.

As an homage to silent film and Boston's long-gone theaters, the West End Museum is presenting an unforgettable theatrical experience when members of the New England Film Orchestra combine the magic of film with the power of music as they perform live scores in-sync to two films highlighting the lives of Abraham Lincoln and John Wilkes Booth, the latter with a generally unknown and ominous tie to Boston.

The first film is an early silent short by Thomas Edison from 1915 entitled 'The Life of Abraham Lincoln,' which spans the



COURTESY PHOTO

A scene from an early silent short by Thomas Edison from 1915 entitled 'The Life of Abraham Lincoln.'

famous president's life from his marriage to his assassination. The second, 'The Man in the Barn,' is a speculative docudrama from 1937 that presupposes that John Wilkes Booth didn't die by gunshot while trapped in a burning barn just days after Lincoln's assassination, but

rather escaped to live another 38 years.

The program takes place on Friday, Aug. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the community room at the "Hub on Causeway" at North Station and provides a rare opportunity to turn back the clock and experi-

ence some of Hollywood's greatest treasures with live music – the way they would have been experienced when they originally premiered.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the West End Museum website (thewestendmuseum.org) or on Eventbrite.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through June 24

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project through June 24. 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 Continues through 6/16

- Weekday lane reductions along Keany Square and the temporary bridge will continue through Friday, June 16 to assist with utility work. Closures will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Pedestrian access will not be limited by these lane closures.
- The contraflow will not be in operation during this lane closure period.

Scheduled Work

- Installation of concrete deck placements
- Installation of bridge deck formwork
- Installation of bridge barrier

and sidewalk formwork

- Cutover of utilities to permanent bridge

Work Hours

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

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:

- OTHER EVENTS: 6/25 at 8:00 p.m.

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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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The light in the last clue is on 120 Tremont Street, opened in 1999 and designed by TsoilKobus Associates. It houses the Suffolk University Law School and the Adams Gallery, classrooms, three moot courtrooms, administrative and faculty offices, an alumni club, a bookstore, and a law library that occupies the building's top three floors.

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RANKING (from pg. 8)

repeated its perfect park access rating this year despite strong population growth—an impressive accomplishment.

Boston also lifted its ParkScore with solid access for park acreage. Boston reserves 17.7 percent of the city's area for parks, among the country's best and far above the national ParkScore average of 9.8 percent. Boston earned top marks for splash pads and other water features, St. Paul received top marks for basketball hoops,

and Las Vegas scored best for playgrounds.

ParkScore ratings are based equally on three factors: park access, which measures the percentage of reside

nts living within a 10-minute walk of a park (approximately ½-mile); park size, based on a city's median park size and the percentage of total city area dedicated to parks; and services and investment, which combines the number of playgrounds per 10,000

city residents and per capita park spending.

Boston is among the national leaders working to promote community health at local parks. For example, the West of Washington Coalition, a neighborhood group in Dorchester, seeks to provide access to parks by sponsoring community events that welcome neighbors to its newly established WOW Family Park. The park offers access to the outdoors by

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ate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/06/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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FASHIONABLE HATS



On the evening of June 7, 60 members of the Colonial Dames of Massachusetts and their guests gathered at their Beacon Street headquarters to celebrate the opening of a new exhibit drawing from their extensive costume collection. By Her Own Design: Women Milliners of Boston celebrates the work of entrepreneurial women who created fashionable hats for the women of Boston from 1870-1930. The exhibit is open to the public on Friday afternoons from 2pm-5pm, with a requested donation of \$5. The William Hickling Prescott House at 55 Beacon Street is the home of the noted 18th century historian for whom it is named and is a showcase of 19th century Boston social history and architecture.

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Tapas restaurant now poised to open in former Artu space on Charles Street

By Dan Murphy

A proposed tapas restaurant known as Nite Lite Café is now poised to open in the space previously occupied by Artu at 89 Charles St., according to Tom Clemens, co-chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association Zoning and Licensing Committee.

The applicant, who is seeking the transfer of an on-premises wine, malt, and cordials license to the proposed location, came before the committee at its virtual June 7 meeting. The committee opted not to oppose the applicant's request by a vote of 9-2-2, said Clemens during the BHCA board's meeting

on Monday, June 12, at 74 Joy St.; the board subsequently voted to ratify the committee's determination on this application by a vote of 15-0-1.

Nite Light Café's menu would offer smaller, high-quality tapas plates, several of which would comprise a meal, said Clemens, and would be a "reservation-oriented" establishment, with no plans for takeout or delivery options. Alcoholic beverages would only be served to patrons who order food, he added.

The proposed restaurant would seat 34 patrons inside, with no standing room, said Clemens, and



D. MURPHY PHOTOS

The proposed future home of Nite Lite Café at 89 Charles St.

has no plans for outdoor seating on the rear patio or on the sidewalk.

In addition to agreeing to enter into a good neighbor agreement with the BHCA, the applicant also agreed to close at 11 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on Friday and Saturday, said Clemens. (The proposed restaurant is permitted a 1 a.m. closing time per the terms of its license.)

The registered agent on file for Nite Lite Café LLC is North End restaurateur Gennaro Riccio.

Another restaurant that would have focused on tapas dishes and offered fare from around the world called Ono Bistro had previously intended to open at 89 Charles St.

But that applicant subsequently withdrew their plans earlier this year after facing intense scrutiny from the community regarding the business's proposed operations, which including the use of the alley and impacts associated with ventilation work at the rear of the restaurant, as well as their financial stability, among other concerns.

In another matter, Beacon Hill Market at 55 Anderson St. is seeking a new off-premises beer and wine license, said Clemens.

While the store is open until 10 p.m. nightly, the applicant, who has agreed to enter into a good neighbor agreement with the BHCA, said they would cease

sales on alcoholic beverages at 9 p.m.; this came amid concerns that Beacon Hill Market is open past the closing times of other nearby liquor stores on Charles and Cambridge streets, said Clemens.

The applicant has also agreed not to sell single cans or kegs of beer, or malt liquor. (Joshua Lefler, president of the BHCA board, asked if the store could be permitted to still sell low-alcohol malt liquor beverages, in light of their growing popularity.)


Meanwhile, the owner of Beacon Hill Market has indicated their plans to physically upgrade the premises, as well as to expand the store's offerings, said Clemens.



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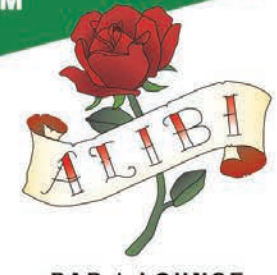
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