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Shown at the practice hike in early June are (left to right) Isa Dunkel, Candace Puopolo, Laura DiTomasso, Elizabeth D'Angeli, Christina Simpson, Madeline Tolsdorf, Ana Geltman, and Karen Johnson.

Local hiker off for a three-day fundraising trek

Special to the Times

On July 14, Elizabeth D'Angeli of Beacon Hill will board a bus with more than 30 other women and head to the White Mountains in New Hampshire for a

three-day hike to benefit Stone House. Wilderness Heals is an all women pledge hike through New Hampshire's White Mountains that builds and engages a community of supporters to raise

money for Stone House families and individuals. 2023 is the 28th annual event, but the first time D'Angeli is hiking in it. D'Angeli works as a writer in the marketing

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Healey recommends appointment of Everett, as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court

Special to the Times

Governor Maura T. Healey announced that she is recommending Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. for appointment as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court. Everett is currently the Executive Director of the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency for the City of Boston and, through her legal career, has represented families with cases before the Probate and Family Court. She would be the first Black person to serve as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court.

The Probate and Family Court

Department handles court matters that involve families and children, such as adoption, divorce, child support, and wills. In the case of a vacancy, the Governor has the authority to appoint the Register of Probate and Family Court with the advice and counsel of the Governor's Council to serve out the remainder of the term, which currently goes through the end of the 2024.

"The Register of Probate and Family Court has a critical role to play in supporting families and children, particularly during

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Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

Friends of the Public Garden plant 19 new trees in its three parks

By Dan Murphy

The Friends of the Public Garden recently planted a total of 19 new trees in the three parks the group stewards in partnership with the state – the Boston Common, the Commonwealth Avenue Mall, and the Public Garden.

Among them are nine trees on the Common, including four varieties of oak (a pine oak, a red oak, two scarlet oaks, and a white oak); two American Basswoods; and two American Hophornbeams.

On the Commonwealth Avenue Mall, the five new trees include a Weeping White Pine, a Blue Atlas Cedar, a Butternut, an American Chestnut, and a Thundercloud Plum.

The five new trees in the Public Garden include three varieties of oak (an overcup oak, a shingle oak, and a white oak, respectively); two hackberries; and a shag-

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D. MURPHY PHOTO

The new Blue Atlas Cedar in the Public Garden – one of 19 new planted courtesy of the Friends of the Public Garden in its three parks.

Folio restaurant set to open next month in Athenaeum

By Dan Murphy

The Boston Athenaeum's eagerly awaited restaurant, Folio is expected to open sometime in August, said Julie Corwin, the Athenaeum's marketing and brand leader.

"Guests visit Folio at Boston Athenaeum to enjoy made-to-order shareable plates, discover new and old-world wines, and sip craft cocktails in a European-inspired setting," Corwin wrote in an email.

The 1,180 square foot estab-

lishment, which is modeled after a European bistro, will seat 40 and be located on the ground floor of the Athenaeum, with a street entrance at 14A Beacon St. (Another entrance will also open inside the Athenaeum at a future, yet-to-be-determined date, said Corwin.) The restaurant will be operated in partnership with the Athenaeum's exclusive caterer, The Catered Affair – a Rockland-based catering company that operates other

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EDITORIAL

PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS NEED TO GET REAL

The opposition by some progressive Democrats to President Joe Biden's decision to send cluster bombs to Ukraine is yet another indication of how out-of-touch with reality they can be on certain issues.

To be sure, the use of cluster bombs can have many drawbacks, the most significant being that a certain percentage of the bomblets remain unexploded on the battlefield, thereby creating a hazard that remains long after the fighting is over. However, when compared to the horrors being wrought upon the Ukrainian people by the Russian invaders, the potential negative impacts of cluster munitions by the Ukrainian military are miniscule. Moreover, let's not forget that the Ukrainians are using these weapons in their own country and will be targeting Russian troops at the front lines, thereby limiting the effect of these weapons upon their own civilian population, unlike the Russians, who indiscriminately have been dropping cluster bombs on Ukrainian civilians from the day they invaded.

In an ideal world, no nation would use cluster bombs -- though in an ideal world, there wouldn't be any war. The simple fact is that the Ukrainians will be using these weapons in their own defense on their own land and they should be the ones to decide what are the acceptable risks. The knee-jerk reaction of some Democratic politicians ignores the reality of what is happening in Ukraine each and every day.

Moreover, these Democrats who oppose the White House on this issue offer no solution to the imminent problem of the Ukrainians running out of artillery shells in their effort to dislodge the Russian invaders. In addition, these Democrats are playing into the hands of Putin, giving him some hope that American politicians will hamstring the Ukrainians in the defense of their country.

While it may be generally true that two wrongs do not make a right, that is not the case in Ukraine. If these cluster bombs help drive out the Russians, they will have been well worth it.

And to use another metaphor, we can't allow the Ukrainians to bring a knife to a gunfight.

WHERE IS THAT RUSSIAN "REBEL" ARMY?

Two weeks ago, the news headlines were all about the supposed attempted coup by Yevgheny Prigozhin, the head of the Wagner group, who reportedly was marching his 8000 man army to Moscow. But since then, both he and his army have all but disappeared.

Well, maybe we've been watching too many of those mini-series shows on Netflix and the other streaming channels, but we hope that U.S. intelligence agencies are tracking this guy and his army -- because it wouldn't surprise us if Putin and he have planned some sort of subterfuge, a ruse, by which they will launch a surprise attack on Ukraine from Belarus or somewhere else in the north of Ukraine.

And if they do, the U.S. and NATO will need to be ready to send in our air support to bomb the Wagner advance (technically, they'll be bombing the private Wagner group, not the Russian army), because if the Ukrainians are caught flat-footed, Prigozhin could be in Kyiv within hours.

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department at Natixis, a global investment management company in Boston. When she started at Natixis nearly two years ago, she almost immediately started hearing about Wilderness Heals. One of the things she really likes about Natixis is that they have a few core charitable partners where they are deeply involved. One of those partners is Stone House, an inclusive, essential home and community space for adults, children and families affected by domestic violence, located in Roxbury. Stone House makes a difference in the community by caring for and protecting adult and child survivors of domestic abuse, and helping them rebuild safe, secure, independent lives of purpose and self-fulfillment. In 1974 Stone House initially opened as an alternative to institutionalization for women with mental health issues. Since then, it has evolved into a robust,

inclusive, and essential home/community space for adult, child, and family survivors of domestic violence.

As Stone House's largest fundraiser, Wilderness Heals raises unrestricted, crucial, flexible funding that helps meet the needs of the domestic violence survivors who rely on Stone House. With various route options, hikers of all skill levels are encouraged to join Wilderness Heals.

D'Angeli enjoys hiking, having done so with her husband in Switzerland and California in addition to the New England region. Her interest in hiking combined with the more she learned about Stone House was the reason she wanted to get involved. Registered hikers have the opportunity to connect with other participants in the months before the three-day event, including required meetings and a training hike. Participants

are assigned to a group of ten for the three-day event. Each group includes two team leaders who are responsible to lead the team and make decisions regarding safety throughout the hike weekend.

D'Angeli did her training hike in early June in the White Mountains and like many days this summer, it rained. "It was great that it was raining because it was good practice hiking on slippery terrain," said D'Angeli. "Everything to prepare for this hike has been so well organized that I think this is going to be a great experience. I'm really looking forward to hiking with the other women."

D'Angeli and the Natixis team are still fundraising and appreciate any donations. They can be made at <https://charity.pledgeit.org/WildernessHeals>. The Stone House is a little more than half-way to its fundraising goal of \$200,000.

Mass Humanities announces \$1.2 million in recovery grants

Mass Humanities, the Commonwealth's leading funder of humanities programs, announced that 35 organizations from Cape Cod to the Berkshires will receive grants totaling over \$1.2 million, marking the largest single grant line in the history of the organization.

The 2023 Staffing Recovery Grants deliver funding to non-profit organizations to sustain and expand the hours of current staff or to hire new staff in order to create, restore and grow humanities programs across the state. Awards ranged between \$16,000 and \$40,000 and benefit organizations with budgets of \$500,000 or less and five or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

Among the local organizations are:

In Boston/Greater Boston, the League of Women for Community Service, Roxbury Cultural District, History Cambridge, Network for Social Justice, Gibson House Museum, Slave Legacy History Coalition and Partnership of the Historic Bostons received grants.

Back in February, Mass Cultural Council announced a \$2.5 million grant to Mass Humanities as part of the state agency's Cultural Sector Pandemic Recovery Grants. Mass Humanities immediately began soliciting grant applications

from organizations through the newly launched Staffing Recovery Grant initiative.

"Grassroots humanities organizations drive positive change and a sense of belonging in Massachusetts communities," said Brian Boyles, Executive Director of Mass Humanities. "We are grateful to our partners at MCC for making these grants possible. This funding provides an influx of support for jobs and programs at a crucial point in our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to celebrating the successes of these museums, cultural centers, and education providers."

On December 13, 2021, then-Governor Charlie Baker signed An Act Relative to Immediate COVID-19 Recovery Needs into law. This multi-billion-dollar pandemic recovery spending plan invests both federal ARPA and state surplus revenue dollars into key economic sectors to spur activity and growth.

The Act provided \$60.1 million to Mass Cultural Council and directed the state arts agency to develop and implement new, one-time grant programs to assist Massachusetts creative and cultural organizations with their pandemic recovery.

"Last year Mass Cultural Council designed and implemented two

historic, one-time recovery grants to assist Massachusetts artists, creatives, cultural workers, and cultural organizations with their ongoing efforts to economically rebound from the pandemic," said Michael J. Bobbitt, Executive Director, Mass Cultural Council. "A major priority of the Agency was to ensure these funds were distributed equitably and throughout the entire creative and cultural sector. We were pleased to partner with Mass Humanities, who has a proven track record of stewarding programs for the Commonwealth's humanities-based organizations, and direct \$2.5 million for regranteeing purposes to ensure recovery in every corner of our field. Congratulations to today's grant recipients, we look forward to watching your new initiatives develop!"

Grant dollars reached every region of the state. Mass Humanities reports that 46% were first-time grantees, while 43% of organizations are led by people of color. The foundation targeted communities with high levels of poverty, providing 48% of funds to these areas.

Since the outset of the pandemic, Mass Humanities has awarded more than \$4 million in grants to non-profits, including \$2 million in funding made possible by the CARES Act and ARPA.

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Esplanade Association announces summer programs and events schedule

The Esplanade Association (Esplanade.org) is thrilled to announce their program-packed summer schedule on the Esplanade for 2023. Greater Boston residents and visitors will have the opportunity to experience a variety of programs and events in the park this summer including over 30 free fitness classes with the River Fit Summer Fitness Series, a return of Music & Movement an experiential music learning session with Boston Music Project, and Children in the Park—a program that invites children's summer camps to partake in the beautiful greenery of the Esplanade, while participating in various educational activities at the Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields.

RIVER FIT SUMMER FITNESS SERIES 2023

(<https://esplanade.org/fitness/>)
Free fitness classes on the Esplanade will return for their 13th summer in the park from early-July to the end of August with more classes offered than ever before! Beginning Monday, July 10th, the Esplanade Association will partner with some of Boston's most popular fitness organizations to host the

River Fit Summer Fitness Series. People of all ages, fitness levels, and abilities are invited to get fit in the park while enjoying beautiful riverfront views!

CLASS INFORMATION

'Froca Fitness Mondays,
July 10–July 31

- Description: Led by Sylvie Rochelin of 'Froca Fitness, this high energy African and Caribbean dance class will be sure to bring a better beat to your Monday evenings.

Broadway Burn with Hannah's Dance Company Mondays, August 7- August 28

- Description: A new partner arrives on the Esplanade, along with new soundtracks too! Join Hannah's Dance Community for a Broadway-inspired dance cardio.

Forever Fit with Cindy Tuesdays, July 11 - August 29

- Description: A class focused on Older Adults and beginners, Cindy Sullivan will lead you through various exercises that prioritize injury prevention and efficient body mechanics.

Zumba Led by Healthworks Tuesdays, July 11-August 29

- Description: Returning for

another year, our friends at Healthworks are excited to bring another summer filled with Tuesday Zumba fitness.

261 Fearless Club New England Jog Sessions Thursdays, July 13 - August 31

- Description: 261 Fearless Club New England is a non-competitive women's running organization, dedicated to bringing folks together to run over the Greater Boston area. Take in the fresh air and meet people from all walks (and runs!) of life.

Sunset Yoga With Corepower Thursdays,
July 13 - August 31

- Description: In partnership with CorePower Yoga, we are excited to bring back sunset yoga at Fiedler Field. Stunning views and a relaxing stretch into the weekend await you.

All River Fit classes are free and open to the public, although advanced registration is strongly encouraged. Participants can visit [Esplanade.org/Fitness](https://esplanade.org/Fitness) to find a complete program schedule, learn more about the different class offerings, and pre-register for classes.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

For families and parents of young children, the Esplanade Association is thrilled to offer Music & Movement at Stoneman Playground, in partnership with Boston Music Project on Fridays starting July 14 – August 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Stoneman Playground. Music & Movement is a summer-long, interactive music program where children will sing songs, dance to music, and enjoy story time led by trained Boston Music Project teaching artists. Participants can visit [Esplanade.org/musicand-movement](https://esplanade.org/musicand-movement) to learn more and sign up for sessions.

The Esplanade's decade-long program, Children in the Park (ChiP) begins later this July with support from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. As summer rolls around, camps are invited to the Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields for a day in the park! This year the Esplanade Association is proud to partner with Manomet, Mass Audubon, and more to provide an enriching and fun-filled experience to campers from all over the Greater Boston Area. For

more information on Children in the Park, visit [Esplanade.org/Children-in-the-Park](https://esplanade.org/Children-in-the-Park).

All events listed above are hosted by the Esplanade Association, a non-profit organization that works in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to revitalize, maintain, program, and enhance the Charles River Esplanade. For a full list of other Esplanade Association events and activities, visit [Esplanade.org/Events](https://esplanade.org/Events). For questions or concerns, you can email info@esplanade.org.

The Esplanade Association (Esplanade.org) is a nonprofit organization that works to revitalize and enhance the Charles River Esplanade, sustain its natural green space, and build community in the park by providing educational, cultural, and recreational programs for everyone. Working in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Esplanade Association is dedicated to improving the experiences of the millions of visitors who enjoy Boston's iconic riverside park.

Boston Brakes campaign announced to increase safety of pedestrians with disabilities

Mayor Michelle Wu, the City of Boston Disabilities Commission, and the Boston Streets Cabinet announced the launch of Boston Brakes, an outreach campaign designed to raise awareness and increase safety of pedestrians with disabilities. The Disabilities Commission created Boston Brakes to alert and educate members of the public that people with different types of disabilities are prevalent on Boston's sidewalks, streets, and intersections every day, including those who have mobility, sensory, and intellectual disabilities.

"To be a more sustainable, healthy, and inclusive city, we must ensure that everyone can navigate our streets and sidewalks safely," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "As our city continues to grow, we are launching the Boston Brakes campaign to ensure our streets are safe for everyone as they get around. We will continue to work alongside the disability community in both the design of our infrastructure and how we interact with each other on public rights of way."

"The message of this campaign is really simple and straightforward," said City of Boston Disability Commissioner Kristen McCosh. "Remember that everyone moves at a different pace, so



Mayor Michelle Wu.

let's respect each other's space. People with disabilities have unique needs when navigating public rights of way. Older adults and people with mobility impairments may not be able to step aside quickly when a cyclist approaches; people who are blind or have low vision might not see a bicycle or an electric scooter coming; and those who are Deaf or hard of hearing won't necessarily hear a bell, a horn, or someone calling out a warning to move aside. Whether you trek Boston streets on wheels or feet, accessibility, sustainabili-

ty, and safety are important to us all. That is why I am thrilled to announce Boston Brakes, a campaign to educate pedestrians about safety. This campaign aims to make sure that everyone is keeping an eye out for others and is ready to brake to keep people safe."

As Boston moves toward becoming a healthier, greener, more resilient City, traditional uses of sidewalk curb zones have shifted to meet sustainability goals. New elements are being added along the curb, such as bike lanes, outdoor dining, and electric vehicle charging stations. With these changes to city infrastructure, Boston Brakes will raise awareness to residents, businesses and visitors that disabled residents and visitors still need clear access to sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, audible pedestrian signals, and on-street HP-DV parking spaces.

The Boston Brakes campaign will be featured as part of the City's annual ADA Day Celebration on Boston City Hall Plaza on July 18th, from 12 to 2 p.m. Every year, the Disabilities Commission honors an outstanding partner who has worked to increase accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities. This year, the Boston Streets Cabinet will be recognized for their partnership in building

accessible sidewalks, curb ramps, audio pedestrian signals, and safer intersections.

"Our main goal at the Street Cabinet is to make streets safe and comfortable for all users", said Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge. "We're pleased to partner with the Disabilities Commission to increase awareness about the mobility needs of people with disabilities and promote safety for our bike infrastructure. We continue to ensure that their needs are prioritized as we make Boston a more inclusive place to live, work, and visit."

"This campaign demonstrates that the city of Boston continues to prioritize safety and accessibility for all its pedestrians," said Jerry Boyd, a member of the Boston Disability Commission Advisory Board. "As a city resident, I recognize the important role that bikes play within the city's transporta-

tion network; and as a wheelchair user, I hope that this campaign will remind those in the cycling community and the disability community to pay attention to pedestrians around you. This will ensure that our city's streets and sidewalks remain safe for all."

Currently, there are about 80,000 Boston residents who identify as having at least one disability, which is about 12% of the city's general population. This figure grows when you add in older adults, people with injuries or temporary disabilities, as well as visitors and tourists. The Disabilities Commission contracted with Aliste Marketing, a woman-owned small business, to design media assets for the Boston Brakes campaign.

For more information about Boston Brakes, including print and digital media, please visit boston.gov/boston-brakes.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

WECA MEETING SET FOR JULY 13

The West End Civic Association (WECA) will hold its next meeting in person on Thursday, July 13, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at Amy Lowell Apartments at 65 Martha Road.

Speakers will be the two candidates for the District 8 City Council seat: Sharon Durkan and Montez Haywood. NOTE: The Special Election for this seat will be held Tuesday, July 25.

Masks are encouraged.

VIRTUAL CANDIDATES FORUM FOR AT-LARGE CITY COUNCIL SET FOR JULY 13

The Boston Wards 4 and 5 Democratic Committees will be hosting a virtual candidate forum for the Boston City Council At-Large race on Thursday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to attend at <http://bostoncitycouncilat-large2023.eventbrite.com/>.

CITY TO HOLD TWO MEETINGS TO REVIEW PROPOSALS FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF WEST END BRANCH LIBRARY

The Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) will be sponsoring two separate meetings to discuss the eight responses so far to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the proposed redevelopment on Tuesdays, July 18 and 25, respectively, at 6 p.m. Four development

teams will make their individual presentations at each meeting.

Visit <https://bit.ly/westendpresentations> to register for the meetings.

BOSTON WARD 5 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE TO MEET JULY 8 AT PARK PLAZA

The Boston Ward 5 Republican Committee will hold its summer meeting on Tuesday, July 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Boston Park Plaza at 50 Park Plaza.

BRAHMINS AND BOHEMIANS BEACON HILL WALKING TOUR SET FOR JULY 19

The Nichols House Museum presents its Brahmins and Bohemians Beacon Hill Walking Tour on Wednesday, July 19, 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.nicholshousemuseum.org/events/brahmins-and-bohemians/> to reserve your spot and for more information on the event.

ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION'S SUMMER DOCK PARTY RETURNS JULY 20

The Esplanade Association will hold its 12th annual Summer Dock Party on Thursday, July 20, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Community Boating, Inc., and at Eliot Memorial Garden on the Esplanade.

Approximately 400 guests will enjoy a sunset dinner and drinks, as well as dancing to a live deejay at Community Boating, Inc. Funds raised at this the event will support the Esplanade Association's work to revitalize, enhance, program, and maintain the park while providing the community with free summer programming.

Tickets cost \$129 each until July 10 (after that, they go up in price); this price includes dinner, open bar, and a door prize ticket. Visit [https://one.bidpal.net/dockparty/ticketing\(details:ticketing-summary\)](https://one.bidpal.net/dockparty/ticketing(details:ticketing-summary)) to purchase tickets.

TOURS OF THE PRESCOTT HOUSE NOW BEING OFFERED

Hub Town Tours, in partnership with the NSCDA-MA, is offering tours of the William Hickling Prescott House—a 1808 Beacon Hill mansion at the edge of the

Boston Common.

Guests can now enjoy a tour of three levels of the historic home, learning about the three families living in the house from 1808 until 1938, including historian William Hickling Prescott, from whom the house gets its name. The house is filled with historic and period furniture, impressive paintings, and houses the Dames' antique costume collection, items from which are regularly displayed.

Tours are offered Friday-Sunday and are \$10.50 per ticket.

Visit www.hubtowntours.com for more information on Hub Town Tours.

BEACON HILL CIVIL WAR HISTORY WALKING TOUR DEBUTS

Hub Town Tours has recently launched a new walking tour of Beacon Hill.

As you stroll past all 10 official landmarks on the Black Heritage Trail, hear true tales of courage from the abolitionist movement prior to the American Civil War. Along the way, learn about Bostonians' central role in the "Second Revolution"—a decades-long struggle for freedom by Americans, black and white, who defied 19th-century racial enslavement by demanding liberty and justice for all across the United States of America.

Tours are offered Saturday-Sunday and last two and a half hours; tickets are \$35.50 each. Private tour options are also available.

See www.hubtowntours.com/tours for more details.

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).

FREE SUMMER PROGRAMMING CONTINUES AT MYRTLE STREET PLAYGROUND

Friends of Myrtle Street Playground will continue its summer programming season on Thursdays starting at 4 p.m., including a visit from a Boston Fire Department firetruck and an ice cream truck on July 13; a concert with Evan from Music at the Blissful on July 20; NEMPAC Disney Dance on July 27; Jenny the Juggler sponsored by the Park Street School on Aug. 3; magician BJ Hickman on Aug. 10; Bubbles McGee on Aug. 17; and Color Me Funky face painting on Aug. 24.

Visit myrtlestreetplayground.org for more information on the Friends of the Myrtle Street Playground.

TREES (from pg. 1)

bark hickory.

Regarding the criteria for choosing different tree species, Rebecca McKeivitz, ASLA, director of capital projects and parks care for the Friends group, wrote in an email: "Each of the three parks have a unique character that suggest the use of certain species in order to remain in keeping with the nature of each park. Additionally, we are very thoughtful about the temperature, moisture and level of sun exposure in each location, and choose species that will thrive in each individual planting location. Lastly, we work to create as much biodiversity as possible by planting a variety of different species."

The number of new trees that

the Friends group plants in the three parks varies from year to year, added McKeivitz.

"The number of trees planted each year is determined by several factors - number of available tree planting locations, budget and overall needs of the park," she wrote. "This year, The Friends were very fortunate to receive support from four tree companies (Barrett, Bartlett, Tree Specialists, and Hartney Greymont) on Arbor Day. Each company donated a tree and the labor to install it. These trees can be found along the MacArthur Mall, adjacent to the ballfields. Additionally, Embrace Boston planted two American Basswoods and two American

Hophornbeams near the site of the new Embrace sculpture. The Friends will provide ongoing care for these eight trees, just as we do the roughly 1,700 other trees across the three parks."

As for who cares for the trees, McKeivitz wrote, "We work closely with consulting arborist Norm Helie of The Growing Tree to care for all of the trees in the Common, Garden and along the Mall. Norm guides us through tree plantings, removals, seasonal pruning, applications of beneficial elements such as copper, boron and manganese, and the monitoring of both beneficial and harmful insects, such as the Elm Bark Beetle."

For the first time this year, each

tree is accompanied by a sign that identifies its species and defining features.

"Although the Friends has been planting trees in the three parks for many years, for the first time this year, we installed temporary signage beneath each new tree outlining the common name, botanical name, and some fun facts about each species," wrote McKeivitz. "These signs provide an educational opportunity and a chance for visitors to engage with their parks in a deeper way. The signs also provide an opportunity to amplify the work of The Friends and give the public some insight into our role in these parks."

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CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll joins State Transportation Secretary Gina Fiandaca, Rep. Adrian Madaro, and Sen. Lydia Edwards for a selfie during their train ride on the Blue Line to Government Center.

Officials encourage residents to take free transportation on the 'T' As a way to mitigate traffic with tunnel closing

By Cary Shuman

With the Sumner Tunnel closed for repairs until Aug. 31, state officials are encouraging area residents to use the MBTA's Blue Line, which is free of charge, along with other alternatives of public transportation.

State Transportation Secretary Gina Fiandaca, an East Boston resident, Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, State Sen. Lydia Edwards, and Rep. Adrian Madaro appeared at a July 6 news conference outside Orient Heights 'T' station in East Boston, asking commuters to "ditch the drive" and take public transportation during the tunnel's closure to traffic.

"We really want people to know the best way [taking public transportation] to get into Boston during the Sumner Tunnel closure is not only good for their wallet, but for the planet," said Driscoll.

Fiandaca said officials have been monitoring traffic patterns daily, including in the cities of Revere and Chelsea. "We know that a lot of folks will choose to take the Tobin Bridge, as opposed to the Ted Williams [Tunnel]," she said. "We think all of those alternatives are out there to help people plan their trip on the Mass511 App. If you do need to get to points south of the city, that App is also there to help you."

Driscoll said she usually takes public transportation at least once a week. "I think I'll be doing it more. This is a great way to get into Boston. If you have not taken

the ferry in to Boston - either from Lynn, Salem, Winthrop, or East Boston - there's no better way, and we hope that people will do even after the Tunnel is [reopened]."

Rep. Adrian Madaro said, "With the Sumner closed for the next several weeks, traffic is as bad as it's ever been, and it won't get better unless we limit the number of cars on the road. As Eastie residents, this is the time to take advantage of the free Blue Line and Ferry whenever possible. The tunnel closure comes with certain unavoidable pains, but together, we can reduce congestion on our streets. Ditch the drive and choose public transit when you can."

Following the news conference, Driscoll, Fiandaca, Edwards, and Madaro boarded the Blue Line train for the ride to the Government Center 'T' stop.

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Body Worlds: The Anatomy of Happiness

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

Joy originates within us in Running Subway's educational exhibition, "Body Worlds: The Anatomy of Happiness," on display in its North American premiere at the Back Bay Hub. Preserved, human specimens and organs called plastination, as well as interactive screens intrigue visitors, inviting them to learn how the emotion of happiness can influence the human body.

"Body Worlds' is an exhibition about life and helping people understand what makes us human," described Doctor Angelina Whalley, Director of the Institute for Plastination. "We have our bodies with us all our lives, but the lay person doesn't have a chance to see what we are made of."

"Body Worlds" presents medi-

cal findings about the influence of happiness on one's body and mind, and how positive or negative emotions impact the entire body.

"Without your body, you couldn't feel happiness because it's generated inside of you. There is a stimulus and certain brain structures that expel neurotransmitters that make you feel happy or distressed," Dr. Whalley explained. "These neurotransmitters are expelled into the blood stream and effect everywhere."

Doctor Whalley summarized that happiness is determined by one's genes, circumstances, and actions; and designed the exhibition as a learning and emotional experience through the perspectives of anatomy.

"On average, happy people will live longer, compared to others," said Dr. Whalley. "There are good

reasons to have a better understanding of what emotions do with our bodies. Everything comes from inside, and everything we do or don't do has an effect on us."

According to Dr. Whalley, research indicates that people who are more frequently happy are more satisfied with their lives and less likely to experience heart infection or be afflicted with diabetes, cancer, or autoimmune diseases. She hopes that "Body Worlds" conveys the theme that individuals are the masters of their well-being.

"I enjoy life," asserted Dr. Whalley, whose healthy, balanced lifestyle includes flamenco dancing. "Optimism is important in staying healthy."

Research indicates that longevity is achieved with exercise, continued learning, spending time in nature, feeling purposeful, having a nutritious diet, and an abundance of laughter.

The exhibition is separated by body systems, such as the nervous, locomotive, cardiovascular, reproductive, and respiratory, with organs on display to explain bodily functions. Complex specimens reveal the health effects of obesity, diseases, alcohol and tobacco consumption, as well as the mechanisms of hip and joint replacements.

Full body specimens -- in dynamic poses like playing soccer and guitar -- allow audiences to examine muscles beneath the skin.

"We like posing our specimens in life-like, dramatic poses," described Dr. Whalley. "If we want to address lay people, then the specimen needs to fulfill an additional quality, not just the scientific part of it. Therefore, the specimens are in life-like positions. We make sure the pose resonates with the anatomical message."

"Body Worlds" is a unique showcase that displays specimens that were donated specifically for



Doctor Angelina Whalley, Director of the Institute of Plastination, Germany, with "The Wave Roller," which demonstrates how being absorbed in a challenging activity can boost one's self esteem.



"Soccer Playing Duo" demonstrates the interaction of muscles.

plastination by individuals during their lifetime. The bodies and organs are preserved by the technique invented by anatomist, Doctor Gunther von Hagens, in 1977 at the University of Heidelberg, in Germany.

"We have a great team working with us in Germany at the Institute for Plastination. We have around 60 people working with us just in the huge laboratory," said Dr. Whalley. "I'm sure these specimens will 'live' longer than the mummies because the water is replaced. Life is not only dependent on water; so is decay. The water is replaced, so there is no decay."

Doctor Whalley, wife of Dr. von Hagens, has been curating "Body Worlds" since its inception in 1995, when the traveling exhibit first displayed in Tokyo. Since then, "Body Worlds" has been presented in 154 cities throughout Asia, Europe, the Americas, Australasia, and Africa.

Doctor Whalley graduated from Heidelberg University, Germany, intending to become a surgeon; but while continuing her studies in anatomy, she met her husband, Dr. von Hagens, and her career path changed. She worked in anatomy and pathology for several years in Germany before dedicating herself to the study of plastination.

View Body Worlds: The Anatomy of Happiness at the Back Bay Hub, 343 Newbury Street, Boston, now through January 9, 2024. Visit www.BackBayHub.co to purchase tickets online or learn more.

"My hope for 'Body Worlds' is that people leave this exhibition inspired. I'm a physician and feel most rewarded when people have a better understanding of their bodily needs," said Dr. Whalley. "I know from experience that it helps them make better choices. If you understand intellectually, it won't make a difference; but once you are touched, that makes a difference."

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Proposed Back Bay bike lanes now at center of discord between city and community

By Dan Murphy

Separated bike lanes proposed for the Back Bay, including one on Berkley Street, are now at the center of a heated debate between the city and community members, including some who have felt blindsided by the city's rollout of the plan.

"I think that the city has come out with a fully baked solution without getting input from people in the neighborhood, so rather than saying there are several alternatives one could pursue and asking, they come across as telling," Elliott Laffer, chair of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay board of directors, told this reporter at a city-sponsored popup to discuss the proposed bike lanes on Thursday, June 29, at the corner of Beacon and Berkley streets. "But when you tell people, people get upset, so we think that the solution they have proposed is not a good solution."

Laffer added, "But even if it were [the best alternative], this process has been terrible. Even if the proposed solution is a good solution, people would resent it."

The city plans to install separated bike lanes on Berkeley Street, as well as on Boylston Street and on a block of Beacon Street. The Berke-



Steve Young of Beacon Street opposes the bike lanes proposed for Berkeley and Beacon streets despite being an avid bicyclist himself.

ley Street bike lane would connect to a new two-way bike lane on Beacon Street, which will bring bicyclists to the Arthur Fiedler Footbridge and the Charles River across the Esplanade. A one-way separated bike lane on Boylston Street between Arlington Street and Massachusetts Avenue is also in the works as part of the city's plan to close gaps in its bike network.

But despite the city's lofty aspirations, Laffer has repeatedly said that he predicts implementing a bike lane on Beacon Street as proposed will inevitably result in the death of a bicyclist.

"It's going to be dangerous for people on bikes; it's going to be dangerous for people who are walking; and it's going to be dangerous for people in cars," he said. "It's likely to increase congestion. It's already congested, but this will clog it up, and when it gets clogged, people get frustrated and then people do stupid things."

Jascha Franklin-Hodge, the city's Chief of Streets, told media outlets during the June 29 popup that the proposed bike lanes would likely have little effect on congestion.

"These are very congested streets and are likely to remain congested streets," he said. "This is not going to make it worse, but this is also not going to solve some of that congestion. But we know that when we have a lot of cars in one place, the best way to keep everyone safe is to separate, to physically separate, bikes from cars, so that's what we're doing with this project."

A history of bike crashes on Berkeley Street resulting in serious injuries has prompted this public safety response from the city as Boston focuses its "resources on proven strategies to eliminate fatal and serious injury traffic crashes by 2030," according to the city.

Chief Franklin-Hodge said

two travel lanes would remain on Berkley Street, just like Beacon Street, after the bike lane has been installed. Parking would be eliminated on one side of Beacon and Berkley streets, however, he said.

While the proposed bike lanes would eliminate parking on one side of Berkeley and Beacon streets, respectively, Chief Franklin-Hodge maintained that ample parking would still be available elsewhere in the Back Bay.

"It's a dense street grid with parking almost everywhere," he said. "I appreciate that is someone is used to being able to park directly in front of their front door, they won't be able to do that if they are one of these blocks. We are working though to make changes to the parking regulations along the opposite blocks where parking is to make sure there's the right balance for parking - long-term parking, metered parking."

About 34 spaces will be removed from Berkeley Street to accommodate the proposed bike lane, but the Boston Transportation Department will also be changing just over 100 metered parking to resident parking, with another approximately 60 existing meter spaces to be converted to resident-only spaces after 6 p.m., resulting in a net positive increase

in parking for Back Bay residents, according to the city.

Like Laffer, Ali Foley, a Beacon Street resident who lives about 100 feet from the intersection of Beacon and Berkeley streets, said the city never consulted the community before moving ahead with plans for the proposed Berkeley Street bike lane.

"There are actually several streets that already do that," Foley told this reporter during the June 29 popup event. "Those streets include Clarendon, Dartmouth and Exeter streets potentially, but they have solely landed in Berkeley as the street of convenience for bicyclists. They have shown us zero data, but they claim they have [determined] in their own independent analysis that they believe Berkeley is the ideal street for a bike lane through the Back Bay to connect to the Esplanade and back up to the Public Garden area."

Foley said: "We have requested any data and analysis and comparative review to other street options like Dartmouth, which already has a functional bike lane, to assure residents that this could be the safest option. However, Berkeley Street is a major exit thoroughfare leading directly to the primary

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DISTRICT 8 CITY COUNCIL HOPEFUL SHARON DURKAN MEET WITH CONSTITUENTS



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Sharon Durkan, a candidate for the District 8 City Council seat formerly occupied by Kenzie Bok, met with constituents including Phyllis Wheatley, Abigail Adams, Lucy Stone and others on July 6 to discuss today’s critical issues, including Boston Community Choice Electricity, along with climate change, fossil fuels, tree canopy, wind power, and more. Pictured, left to right, are Boston Green Action members Peter Papesch, Gail Patt, Jackie Royce, Michael McCord, and Carol Lasky, with Sharon Durkan (second from right).

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the most challenging moments of their lives,” said Governor Maura Healey. “Stephanie Everett is uniquely qualified to step into this position as she has interacted with the court as both a young mother and an attorney, and she has built an incredible career advocating for justice and equity for her community of Boston. I’m proud to recommend her for Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court and believe she has the experience, professionalism, determination and empathy needed to serve the families, lawyers and staff that rely on the Court.”

“Stephanie Everett has dedicated her career to serving the people of Boston, and the Governor and I are excited for her to take her service to the next level,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “Her voice, perspective and leadership will be invaluable in shaping the future of the Probate and Family Court. We look forward to working closely with our colleagues on the Governor’s Council to advance this appointment.”

“The Probate and Family Court is largely unknown to many Massachusetts residents – until they need it. That often comes at the most painful moments of their lives, when a marriage dissolves or they have a child at a young age or they experience the death of a loved one,” said Stephanie Everett. “As someone who has experienced the Court from both sides, as a young mother and as an attorney, I’m intimately familiar with the impact

it can have on people’s lives, as well as the fear, frustration and confusion that families face far too often when interacting with the Court. I’d be honored to have the opportunity to serve as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court and to use my experience to guide other families through the system and leverage every resource at our disposal to better ensure the future success of every person who interacts with the Court.”

In 2021, Everett was appointed the City of Boston’s first Executive Director of the newly created Office of Police Accountability and Transparency, which is responsible for investigating complaints of police misconduct and ensuring that the Boston Police Department’s internal affairs review process is fair and thorough. In this role, she oversaw a budget of \$1.4 million and a staff of 11 full-time employees. As a member of Mayor Michelle Wu’s cabinet, she advised the mayor on public safety matters. Everett also successfully advocated for funding to create a yearlong internship program and youth advisory council to bridge the gap of youth access to government and strengthen relationships with law enforcement.

“Stephanie Everett is a brilliant and effective attorney and public servant who has devoted her career to serving others, particularly our most vulnerable residents,” said Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. “In our years working closely together, I’ve seen firsthand Stephanie’s

deep commitment to transparent and accessible government, and I know she will bring her values and her many talents to this important role. I applaud Governor Healey and her team for this nomination and urge Attorney Everett’s swift confirmation. We will miss her in our administration, but are grateful that the families of Suffolk County will be well served under her leadership.”

Prior to her work with the city, Everett was a solo law practitioner for eight years. She served as the lead counsel on jury and bench trials before Criminal and Juvenile Sessions and as a member of the Norfolk County Bar Advocate Program, accepting indigent clients facing criminal charges and families involved with the Department of Children and Families. She also served as a legal expert for various panel groups seeking to inform underserved and underrepresented communities with information about their rights and changes in law.

Everett has also served as the Chief of Staff of the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance, Deputy Chief of Staff in the Office of State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, and Manager of Public Safety for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. She is a graduate of Northeastern University and Suffolk University Law School and a member of the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association.

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Serving the community through food

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Community Servings, a non-profit organization based out of Jamaica Plain, has been and continues to be at the forefront of serving communities throughout Massachusetts and parts of Rhode Island through programs encompassing food.

The organization, founded in 1990, began by providing hot meals to folks from Dorchester and Roxbury with HIV and AIDS. Over time, the program has expanded to providing medically-tailored meals to those throughout Massachusetts and parts of Rhode Island battling critical and chronic illnesses.

The medically-tailored meals program, which helps individuals dealing with a plethora of illnesses, such as diabetes, HIV/AIDS, cancer, and more, serves those from various backgrounds and is absolutely free for clients.

Just last year, Community Servings served over 5,000 clients, most of whom are referred to the organization by care providers. Per Community Servings' July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 annual report, 93% of the organization's clients live under 200% of the Federal Poverty Line, 14% experience unstable housing, and 9.8% are under 18 years old.

Following a referral from a care provider, the organization has a team of registered dietician nutritionists who consult with clients to determine the best diet for each person to improve their health and to educate clients on managing their illness through food.

Through the organization's medically-tailored meals program, clients receive 10 meals a week, totaling up to about 30 items, either delivered through a driver or shipped depending on a client's location.

According to Brian Hillmer, Community Servings' Chief Culinary Officer, the complexity and customization of its nutrition intervention sets the organization apart

from other programs.

"Our nutrition intervention is specifically designed for each health priority a client may have. So we have 15 diets — 16 diets — but they overlay three times, so it ends up being over a 100 unique combinations of nutrition intervention that we build every day," said Hillmer.

"It's that level of complexity and customization that I think makes us really effective for our clients," he added.

Through this program, Community Servings works from hundreds of recipes to enhance the variety for its clients, so much so that Hillmer mentioned clients could go for weeks without getting the same item.

Some of the biggest hits among clients mentioned were Caponata, Pot Pie, Steak Tips, and Meatloaf.

"Just because a person is unlucky enough to experience critical or chronic illnesses doesn't mean they should be subjected to culinary austerity," said Hillmer.

Additionally, Community Servings stresses the locality of its ingredients through the organization's local food initiative.

Not only does purchasing food locally help the environment and support local economies, but according to Hillmer, it also allows Community Servings to work with food producers who align with the organization's mission and get the best possible local food for clients.

"Since we deal with producers directly, a lot of times, we're able to actually access food that may be considered like high-end expensive, but since we're establishing these sort of relationships and cooperative partnerships with them, we're able to provide literally the absolute best product available in New England for our clients," said Hillmer.

The medically-tailored meals program has seemed to be a hit with clients — 80% of clients responded to a 2022 survey that

they were either extremely satisfied or very satisfied with the service.

Since 2020 the meals and clients served by the organization have increased by 130%, and per Ryan Levasseur, Community Servings' Director of Communications, the organization is projected to serve over 5,000 individual clients this year.

In addition, Community Servings also has a vast amount of other programming and engages with the community at large to ensure that it can fulfill the needs of the medically-tailored meal clients.

"Medically-tailored meals is in the center — think of it almost like a bicycle wheel — that's the center, and everything else is a spoke coming off of it," said Levasseur.

For example, the organization has over 100 volunteers coming in daily to help with food preparation and other work as part of its robust volunteer program.

"They could be helping butcher meats and fish; they could be prepping vegetables. So, in addition to that, they are packaging and portioning individual components that make up the bag that every client gets," said Levasseur.

Moreover, the organization offers a 12-week food-service training program called the Teaching Kitchen for individuals often facing barriers in employment to learn how to work in a food-service environment and get ServSafe training, which helps them get jobs in the food industry.

"They're here learning so that they can go out and be in a better place to get a job somewhere in food service or a restaurant. We provide them with the training and also the job placement support," said Levasseur.

"They're also — those trainees — are also helping Brian's [Hillmer] team make the meals for our clients. So not only are they learning, they're contributing to what we do and what we're able to provide," he added.



Community Servings, a non-profit organization based out of Jamaica Plain, supports communities through various programs.

Along with all the community engagement and programs Community Servings offers, it is also doing significant things in the fields of advocacy and is a national leader in medically-tailored meal research.

In terms of advocacy Community Servings is a founding partner of The Food is Medicine Coalition (FIMC), which, according to the organization's aforementioned report, is a "national association of not-for-profit providers of medically-tailored meals and medically-tailored food and nutrition services."

The annual report also indicates that the coalition's goal is to broaden access to the types of services mentioned above. FIMC is also supporting a bill called the Medically Tailored Home-Delivered Meal Demonstration Pilot Act.

Further, FIMC has an accelerator initiative that teaches other food-related non-profits what organizations like Community Servings do to make medically-tailored meals more available in other communities.

Community Servings also works with local, state, and federal representatives to shape policy around this type of work down in Washington, D.C.

Last fall, there was the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health — the first such conference since 1969 in

which the Biden Administration revealed a national strategy that included the types of intervention organizations like Community Servings provides.

Moreover, regarding research, Community Servings has three National Institutes of Health (NIH) schedule R01 research programs which Hillmer described as "the absolute top-tier of credibility."

"The National Institutes of Health basically provides grants for it, and normally an agency might get one ever, and we've basically gotten three within the last like two or three years," said Hillmer.

The studies look at the impacts of things like medically-tailored meals and nutritional counseling for individuals with different conditions. For example, one study looks at the impacts of medically-tailored meals and structured nutrition counseling on individuals with type 2 diabetes who experience food insecurity.

Through all of its programs, advocacy, and research, there is no doubt that Community Servings is doing its best to help continue serving the sick and local communities but also extend that support around the country.

To learn more about everything Community Servings has to offer, you can visit <https://www.servings.org/>.

BIKE LANES (from pg. 7)

entrance for Storrow Drive."

Additionally, Foley called the intersection of Beacon and Berkeley streets "a notoriously high-prone accident location" over the years.

Moreover, Foley added that implementation of the proposed bike lane would likely eliminate every parking space on the right-hand side of Berkley Street between Back Bay and the South End.

This would pose significant safety and access concerns for residents who reside on that side of the street, including a mix of families with small children, seniors, and individuals with mobility challenges, according to Foley.

"The plan essentially removes these individuals' abilities to enter their homes directly," she said, adding that it will also "remove an active residential and mixed-use college block," since students from Fisher College would no longer be able to pull over on that block of Beacon Street to load and unload there.

Foley said she voiced her concerns with the proposed Berkley Street bike lane when she met "one-on-one" with Mayor Michelle Wu on June 22 when the Mayor's Annual Coffee Hour Series came to the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

When Mayor Wu asked her to elaborate on her concerns, Foley

said she pointed out that the new bike lane would inevitably reroute foot traffic from the Dartmouth Street Footbridge to the already "highly trafficked" Arthur Fiedler Footbridge.

These two footbridges have significant "constructional differences that will have potentially serious consequences," however, she said, including that the Fiedler Footbridge is only 4 feet tall, as well as being "opaque" and made of cement.

Also, the Fiedler Footbridge is not only one-third longer than its Dartmouth Street counterpart, said Foley, but the Fiedler Footbridge also has four blind spots.

Steve Young, a Beacon Street

resident who rides a Bluebike around the city about two times each week, is another opponent of the bike lanes proposed for Berkeley and Beacon streets.

"A bike lane on Commonwealth Avenue is already there, and those bike lanes should be adjusted if need be to permit cyclists coming from the South End to go past to the Fiedler Footbridge on the west," said Young. "Those bike lanes already exist. While they aren't as fully protected as the city and all of us who ride a bike would want, there have to be compromises that can be found to make that substantially safe to not require additional bicyclists on Berkely Street and bicyclists on

Beacon Street that would increase an already congested intersection at Berkeley and Beacon streets."

In contrast, Ben Katz, a Beacon Street resident who bikes every day and uses his bicycle as his primary mode of transportation, strongly supports the proposed Back Bay bike lanes "because first and foremost, it keeps people on bikes safe."

Katz said: "It's also better for traffic — the more people on bikes, the less there are in cars — and less traffic is better for everyone, but to get more people on bikes, you need a better bike network. If you don't have safe bike lanes that connect to other safe bike lanes, you'll just be stranded."

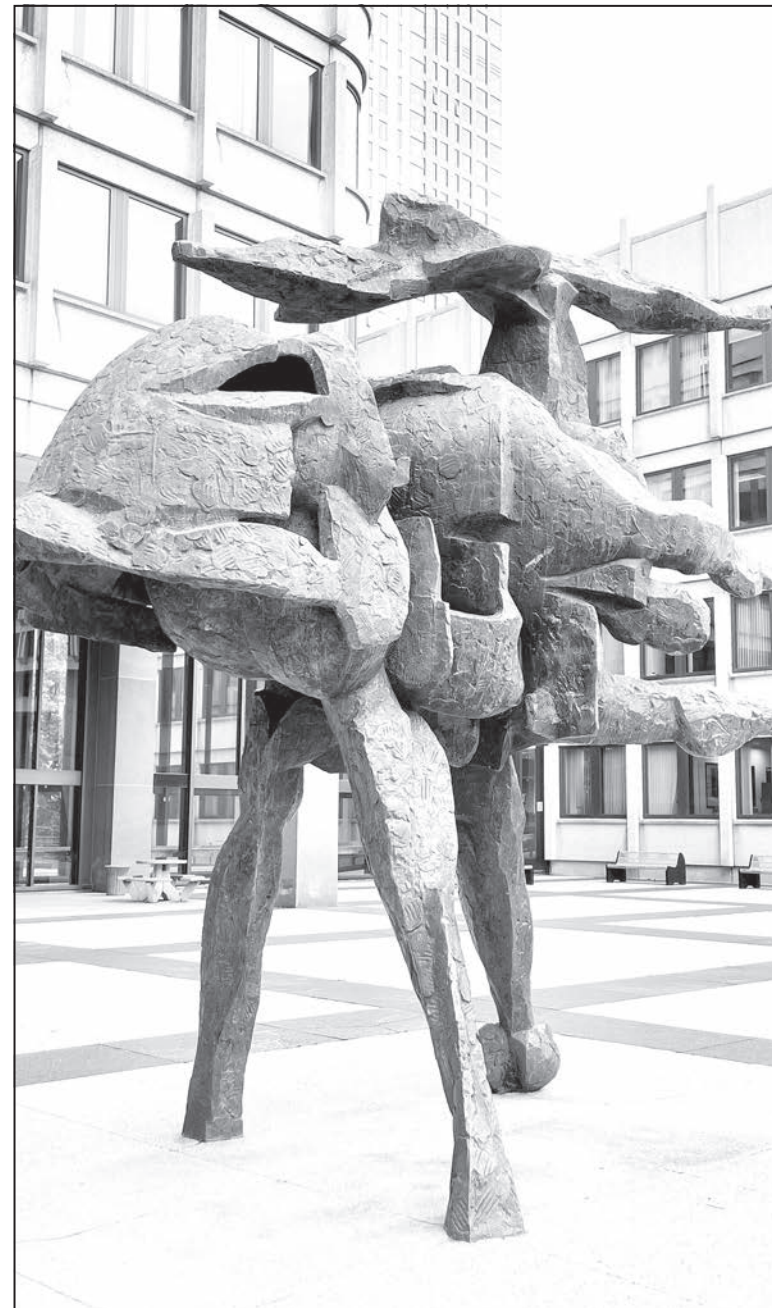
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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The detail in the last clue is from the sculpture *Thermopylae* by Dimitri Hadzi. It was installed on City Hall Plaza in 1966 in front of the JFK Federal Building. Hadzi also created the 60-foot fountain that was in the center court of Copley Place until 2014, when it was removed and demolished.

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THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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Henry Santana endorsed by several local officials

Henry Santana, candidate for Boston City Council At-Large, has been endorsed by State Sen. Lydia Edwards, City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, and former City Councilor Matt O'Malley.

"Henry is the public servant we need right now. He is a professional, trustworthy, independent thinker. He is a coalition builder who is effective and kind," said Sen. Edwards in a press release. "He can work with anybody and will fight for everybody."

Sen. Edwards represents the 3rd Suffolk District, serves as Housing Chair in the State Senate, and is an East Boston resident. Prior to her election in 2021, she served as Boston City Councilor representing Charlestown, East Boston, and the North End. Santana has also received an endorsement from current District One Councilor, Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta.

"I am proud to endorse Henry Santana for Boston City Councilor At-Large," said Councilor Coletta in a press release. "Henry is a son of Boston. He grew up in public housing, attended Boston Public Schools, and spent years in city government serving the residents of Boston. He is well prepared for this role, both in his lived and professional experience, and the City will be better with his empathetic and effective leadership."

Santana has also been endorsed by former City Council President Pro Tempore and District Six Boston City Councilor, Matt O'Malley.

"Henry Santana has the experience, drive, and passion to be an exceptional City Councilor. He is running to bring this city together and will work tirelessly for each neighborhood and every resident," said O'Malley in a press release. "He'll focus on the big issues like climate, housing, and the econo-

my, while never losing sight of the importance of delivering top notch constituent service. I am proud to endorse his candidacy."

"It's an honor to have support from proven leaders State Senator Lydia Edwards, City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, and former Councilor Matt O'Malley. Their support reflects a broad coalition that shares my vision for a better Boston," said Santana in a press release. "Senator Edwards' commitment to advocating for residents at City Hall and in the State House is an inspiration. I'm honored to receive her endorsement and to fight alongside her. Councilor Coletta's endorsement is particularly meaningful as she understands the needs and dreams of our neighborhoods firsthand. I am grateful for her trust in my ability to be an empathetic and effective leader," said Santana. "Likewise, I'm grateful to have the support of former Councilor Matt O'Malley, a trusted community leader and a longtime advocate for our neighborhoods and our environment. Together, we can prioritize community, listen to residents, and forge a united path forward for Boston."

Santana's campaign centers community and a commitment to listen to residents, prioritize quality city services, and move Boston forward together. He has also received endorsement from former Boston City Councilor Kenzie Bok and the Massachusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club. To learn more, please visit henrysantana.com and follow the campaign on social media at @Santana4Boston.

Henry Santana's campaign for City Councilor At-Large will host a Day of Action canvassing in Roxbury following the Roxbury Unity Parade on Sunday, July 16. Sign up at henrysantana.com/volunteer.

MERCURY (from pg. 5)

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Reminder: Effective July 9, USPS

The Construction Look-Ahead for the North Washington St. Bridge through July 22 is as follows:

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.)

Contraflow Pilot

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

- Police details, lane markings,

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

Travel Tips

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

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

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety

during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge side walk 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: July 15 at 6:00 a.m., and July 19 at 7:30 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.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge

NEWS BRIEFS

BOSTON FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA'S SUMMER STAGE CONCERTS

The Boston Festival Orchestra's upcoming Summer Stage concerts this July 16, 23, and 30. This is only the 3rd season. This summer season is all about movement and motion, with dance being the primary theme that ties all three of the concerts together.

July 16: our first concert outside of the confines of Jordan Hall—that concert will be in Roxbury Community College, and will be filled with many recipients of our Access Program, which gives free tickets to constituents of our many community partners.

World Premiere: Our first ever commission with Afghan composer Arson Fahim is on July 23. Arson is an extraordinary young compos-

er who has been recognized for his remarkable story, escaping the Taliban (who subsequently banned music) to come to America to continue his studies in composition, in order to keep Afghan music alive. His piece, "Forbidden Dances" is all about the music he is trying to preserve.

That same July 23 concert features Debussy's Danse sacree et profane with our principal harpist, Krysten Keches.

July 30 is named "Vuelta," after

a turn step in the Spanish flamenco dance. This is represented with my own suite from Manuel de Falla's seriously underrated ballet, "El Amor Brujo".

We'd love to talk with you more about our exciting upcoming season and all of the ways we're trying to make classical music more accessible to all. For full information, please click on this Press Release, which will link to all of our materials, photos, statements, and websites. Thanks for your time!

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Commonwealth Shakespeare Company announces the cast and creative team of 'Macbeth'

Commonwealth Shakespeare Company (CSC) and Steven Maler, Artistic Director, announce the complete cast and creative team for this summer's production of Shakespeare's tragedy "Macbeth" on the Boston Common. Performances begin on July 19 and run through Sunday, August 6 at the Parkman Bandstand. The production is presented in partnership with the City of Boston, Mayor Michelle Wu, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Ryan Woods, and Boston Chief of Arts and Culture, Kara Elliott-Ortega.

In Shakespeare's classic tragedy, an unexpected prophecy sends Macbeth on a quest to become King of Scotland. Consumed by ambition and prompted to action by his wife, Macbeth's desire for power unleashes his unbridled hunger for power. This murderous tale explores the consequences of our choices when we lose our moral compass.

Actor, writer, director, and producer Faran Tahir* returns to CSC to play the title role. He received enthusiastic media and audience reception in the title role of Richard III on the CSC stage in 2019 and has recently completed the much-acclaimed run of The Kite Runner on Broadway.

The role of Lady Macbeth will be performed by stage, TV, and film actor Joanne Kelly* in her CSC debut, previously seen in Boston as Inge Morath in Fall at the Huntington Theatre. She recently starred in the Matt Damon/Ben Affleck set-in-Boston television show City on a Hill and was a cast member playing Juliet in the famed Canadian series Slings and Arrows.

The complete cast includes Marianna Bassham* as Malcolm, Jesse Hinson* as First Witch, Nael Nacer* as Macduff, Omar Robinson* as Banquo, Joe Penczak* as Duncan/Siward, Daniel Rios, Jr.* as Ross, Fred Sullivan Jr.* as



The set design of Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth on the Boston Common.

Sergeant/Porter/Doctor, and Eviva Rose as Young Macduff. The ensemble roles are played by Lily Ayotte, Nick Baum, John Blair, Elijah Brown, Annika Burley, Alexa Cadete, Jack Greenberg, Jessica Golden, Bella Grace Harris, Cleveland Nicoll, and Xander Viera.

The creative team includes Direction by Steven Maler^, Scenic Design by Riw Rakkulchon**, Costume Design by Nancy Leary**, Lighting Design by Eric Southern** and Maximo Grano De Oro, Sound Design by Dewey Dellay** and David Remedios**, Fight Direction by Robert Walsh, Intimacy Consultation by Jessica Scout Malone, Assistant Director Nikta Sabouri, Production Management by Jenna Worden, Stage Management by Brian Robillard*.

Performances of Macbeth will

take place at the Parkman Bandstand on the Boston Common and are FREE of charge. Audience members can bring blankets or chairs or can rent chairs in advance or on-site for \$10 and are permitted to bring modest food items to consume at the show. Seats in the CSC Friends section will be available for reservation in late May along with your donation. Dinner-and-a-Show Packages will be available in partnership with Boston Chops Downtown Crossing.

CSC provides a range of accessibility services, including open captioning, assistive listening devices, and large print programs at every performance, and ASL interpretation and audio description at selected performances.

All performances will be Open Captioned as part of our new

Access Infrastructure Initiative, made possible through the generous support of the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation.

Audio Description and ASL Interpretation will be offered Saturday, July 29, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. and ASL Interpretation on Friday, August 4, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., with a Rain Date for Audio Description and ASL Interpretation at Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

Macbeth is supported by our generous sponsors and partners: Boston Chops, The Liberty Mutual Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, the Klarman Family Foundation, Massachusetts Cultural Council, Ovation TV, Xfinity, Boston Cultural Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, GBH, EDGE Media Network, MeetBoston, Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, Downtown Boston BID, the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, City of Boston Parks and Recreation, The Boston Globe, Suffolk University, DIG, The Newbury Boston, Vantage Graphics, MIX 104.1, Democracy Brewing, and Ben and Jerry's.

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