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New Tour

Nichols House Museum presents
 ‘Creation, Evolution, Preservation:
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Special to Times

The Nichols House Museum will debut a new tour on Sept. 25 at 6 p.m., ‘Creation, Evolution, Preservation: The Metamorphosis of 55 Mount Vernon Street.’

This architecture-focused tour covers the entire history of the building, from its construction in 1804, through the Nichols family’s residency, to the museum era. Visitors will take an in-depth look at the structure, identifying changes owners made over time and why, including exploring some areas not visited on the general tour.

“So many of us love examining old buildings,” said the museum’s Public Engagement Manager, Camille Arbogast. “We wanted to give visitors the opportunity to have that experience at the museum.”

The tour was created by Steve O’Donnell, a museum guide and Beacon Hill resident.

“As an amateur historian, I am interested in Boston family histories and how these families lived their lives day to day,” he said. “As someone who

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COURTESY OF THE NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM

The Nichols House Museum at 55 mt. Vernon St.



A look inside the Nichols House Museum.

Livingstone cruises to easy victory in primary race

By Dan Murphy

In the Sept. 3 primary race, incumbent Suffolk 8th District Rep. Jay Livingstone cruised to an easy victory in a three-way race.

According to the city’s unofficial election results, Rep. Livingstone, who has served in House since 2013 and currently chairs the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, garnered nearly 83 percent of the ballots, or 2,478 ballots cast, while Lisa Jeanne Graf, a political newcomer and longtime Fenway resident, trailed with nearly 15 percent of the ballot, or 449 votes cast. A third candidate, Kelechi Linardon, came in third in the race, with 2.2 percent of the ballot, or 66 votes cast.

“I’m humbled and honored to

be able to continue to serve the 8th Suffolk District and, I’m so appreciative of the outpouring of support from so many people in every neighborhood of the district,” Rep. Livingstone told this reporter the day after the election. “I’m looking forward to refocusing on legislative work and working to complete more of the items that were outstanding at the end of the formal sessions.”

In the race for Clerk of Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County, Allison Cartwright, an attorney and political newcomer, garnered nearly 60 percent of the vote, or 30,358 ballots cast, to beat City Councilor at-Large Erin Murphy, who trailed with just over 40 percent of the ballot, or 20,500 votes cast, according to the city’s unofficial primary election results.



D. MURPHY PHOTO

Suffolk 8th District Rep. Jay Livingstone (right) is seen with Paul Demakis, who held that seat from 1994 to 2004, on Newbury Street on Primary Day, Tuesday, Sept. 3.

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

**First Friday Coffee Hour
 TOMORROW!**

We will welcome Jeremiah Waite from the Boston Water & Sewer Commission, and Peter Nagle from National Grid. Join us at 74 Joy Street Friday morning from 8:30 - 9:30am for a discus-

sion about updating infrastructure in our historic neighborhood.

Dinner Under the Stars!

Come celebrate with friends and neighbors at this one-of-a-kind event on the flat of Mt. Vernon Street on September 14th.

Ticket sales end on Friday (9/6) - so get yours today at bhccivic.org! Please note that tickets are non-refundable. In the case of rain, each ticket holder can pick up their dinners and wine at Hill House

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

WECA MEETING SET FOR SEPT. 12 AT AMY LOWELL APARTMENTS

The West End Civic Association (WECA) will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at Amy Lowell Apartments at 65 Martha Road.

The guest for the September meeting will be District A1 Boston Police Department Captain Sean Martin. All West End residents are welcome. Masks are encouraged.

WEST END MUSEUM'S UPCOMING EVENTS

The West End Museum's Trivia Night returns on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Causeway Restaurant and Bar. Put your Boston history knowledge to the test. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boston-trivia-night-tickets-986773896287> for tickets and more information.

The museum will also host its West End Social on Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 4 to 6 p.m. At this time, the museum is opening its doors exclusively for West End residents to enjoy an afternoon of community and connection. This

is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors, explore the museum, and share in the vibrant spirit of our local community. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to come and make new friends right in the heart of the West End.

R.S.V.P. to www.eventbrite.com/e/west-end-social-tickets.

The museum, located at 150 Staniford St., Suite 7, will also hold 'The Beatles in Boston: A 60th Anniversary Tribute Concert' on Sunday, Sept. 29, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Step back in time to relive a magical moment in music history as the museum celebrates The Beatles' legendary performance at Boston Garden 60 years ago.

Experience the excitement of The Beatles' original set as Studio Two, one of the most revered Beatles tribute bands, takes the stage. After the concert, get a taste of what it was like to be in the midst of Beatlemania as Studio Two brings a unique twist to the evening by recreating a 1964 Beatles press conference. This interactive segment will allow the audience to engage directly with the band members, who will field questions

in character as the Fab Four.

Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/the-beatles-in-boston-a-60th-anniversary-tribute-concert-tickets to purchase tickets or for more information.

NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM SEEKING MUSEUM GUIDES

The Nichols House Museum at 55 Mt. Vernon St. is seeking museum guides.

Do you love talking with people about Beacon Hill history, women's lives, and art? Join the Nichols House Museum team as a museum guide. Training provided. For more information, contact Camille at the Nichols House, carbogast@nicholshousemuseum.org.

WEST END MUSEUM HOLDING ART COMPETITION AND ART SHOW

Join us for the West End Museum's inaugural Summer Art Competition, a celebration of creativity inspired by the vibrant West End neighborhood. Artists of all ages and backgrounds are invited to

participate by submitting their original artwork. Please only submit one work.

The theme of this summer's art competition is: 'The West End Through My Eyes.' Your work should address the question: What does the West End mean to you? While you may approach this question in any way that you wish, some topics to consider could include: the West End's history; how the neighborhood has changed over time; urban landscapes; and sense of community.

Entries will be judged by a jury of community members, with a West End themed prize awarded to the top three submissions. All submitted artworks will also be featured in a special exhibition at the West End Museum, in our new temporary exhibition gallery, allowing museum visitors to see different personal interpretations of the neighborhood.

All submission are due by Sept. 7. Find more information using this link: <https://thewestendmuseum.org/news/summer-art-competition/>.

Not interested in submitting a work? No worries! You can still join us for the West End Art Show

on Sept. 14. Come to the museum, located at 150 Staniford Street Suite 7, to see all the entries to the Summer Art Competition hung in the WEM's new temporary exhibition room. Entries will be judged by a jury of community members, with a West End themed prize awarded to the top three submissions. Winners will be announced around 5 p.m.

Tickets and more information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/west-end-art-show-tickets>.

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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Students urged to register for the BCYF Spelling Bee

Special to the Times

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is proud to announce the opportunity for Boston students and schools to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee program through the 17th Annual BCYF Spelling Bee.

Boston students of public, charter, pilot, and parochial schools as well as home-schooled students are eligible to participate in BCYF's Bee this spring only after they have won a Bee held at a Boston school. In addition to improving students' spelling skills and broadening their vocabulary, Spelling Bee participation provides valuable experience in developing self-confidence—a necessary skill for success in public speaking and performing arts.

How to get involved:

- Register your Boston school with Scripps National Spelling Bee online by December 31, 2024 at www.spellingbee.com/enrollment. This will also serve as your registration for BCYF's Bee. (Save money by opting into Early Enrollment by October 31, 2024).

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- Pay the enrollment fee of \$185 to Scripps National Spelling Bee.

- Hold a school spelling bee on or before Friday, February 28, 2025.

- Submit winner's name and bio form to BCYF by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025.

- Cheer on your school's representative speller at the 17th Annual BCYF Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 15, 2025!

Benefits of participation:

- Exclusive online access to the teachers-only section of spellingbee.com.

- Official pronouncer guides for use in conducting classroom and school bees.

- Access to The Great Words, Great Works reading list with all source books, organized by reading level.

- Supplemental vocabulary materials for classroom and school levels.

- Customizable certificates for your participants and school champion.

- A one year subscription to Britannica Online for kids to award to a participant in your school bee program (2 subscriptions if you enroll before September 30).

- Words of the Champions, a 4,000 word student study guide for school champions, and a 450 word school spelling bee study list.

The champion of the 17th Annual BCYF Spelling Bee will win a trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the 2025 Scripps National Spelling Bee. All finalists will receive a trophy and the second and third place finishers will win an Amazon Fire table, and Amazon gift card.

In 2008, BCYF started a new tradition for Boston by hosting the first citywide Spelling Bee in over 70 years. Since then, BCYF, with the support of the Boston Bruins Foundation, has continued the tradition of the BCYF Spelling Bee. Each year, family members, friends, and teachers proudly cheer on the spellers at the Citywide Spelling Bee in March.

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Italian Feast of Saints Cosmas & Damian this weekend

Special to the Times

It's that time of year again when the streets of East Cambridge will come alive for the 99th Annual Italian Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian this weekend - September 6, 7 & 8 on Warren, Cambridge and Porter Streets in East Cambridge. The three-day fun family event features a wide variety of sweet and savory food, a beer garden, amusement rides, games, parades and music that spans four decades of dance, pop, and rock. Festivities begin on Friday at 6:00pm when Saints Cosmas and Damian accompanied by members of the Society, the North End Marching Band, and the faithful process from their permanent home at 17 Porter Street in East Cambridge to the outdoor chapel overlooking the festival concourse on Warren Street. At 7:00pm, a special healing service with the holy relics of Saints Cosmas and Damian and led by Monsignor Anthony Spinosa (formerly from East Cambridge) from the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon will take place at the outdoor chapel.

Warren Street Party Night will begin at 7:30pm with a performance by 1980's sensation SNAP! Featuring Thea Austin singing mega hits "I Got The Power",

"Rhythm Is A Dancer" and more. Then 1990's icon Brenda K. Starr comes to the stage to sing her many top hits such as "I Still Believe", "What You See is What You Get", "Breakfast in Bed". In addition, MC Freddie B and Club Classic DJ Ricky (former STAR FM) will keep the night going and make sure everyone is dancing in the streets!

On Saturday, the festivities begin at 1:00pm as the savory aromas of pizza, fried dough, Italian sausages, peppers, zeppoles, and much more permeate the air around Cambridge, Porter, and Warren Streets, along with continuous entertainment, including Dom Catino's Sounds of Sinatra show and New England's internationally acclaimed vocal duo, P2.

At 6:30pm Saints Cosmas and Damian accompanied by members of the Society, the North End Marching Band, the award winning Everett High School Marching Band and the faithful process from their permanent home at 17 Porter Street to the outdoor chapel.

Beginning at 8:00pm, 1980's hit machine The Original Cover Girls come to Cambridge and sing their many huge hits such as "Because of You", "Inside Outside", "Show Me", "We Can't Go Wrong", and "My Heart Skips a

Beat". Don't miss this high energy show! At 9:00pm Motown and Grammy Award Winning Legend direct from FOX-TV's Masked Singer, the iconic Thelma Houston takes the stage! She will be singing all her hits, including her #1 Billboard song and disco anthem "Don't Leave Me This Way", "Sunday Morning", and "Saturday Night". Don't miss seeing this legend at our feast!

The grand finale of the Feast on Sunday begins at 10:30am with an outdoor Mass in honor of the Healing Saints Cosmas and Damian on the Warren Street Stage. At 1:30pm the grand procession with the Saints, accompanied by the North End Marching Band, Northeast Marching Band, winds through the streets of East Cam-

bridge and Somerville as it has for nearly 100 years. Don't miss this highlight!

Local favorites Stephen Savio and Seabreeze as well as Smokin' Joe and his band entertain throughout the day as the food and fun flow through the streets. The parade arrives back on Warren Street at 7:00pm for a welcome back confetti celebration followed by a performance by the founding lead singer LaLa Brooks of the Crystals singing their huge hits from the 60's and 70's "Da Doo Ron Ron", "Then He Kissed Me", "Be My Baby" and more! Brooks was also the star of the Original Broadway Musical "Hair". In addition, parking is available in Twin City Plaza next to the feast all weekend. Come have a bite to



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RED SOX AND PATS ARE TAKING THE FANS FOR GRANTED

For the third year in a row and fifth time in six years, the Red Sox appear doomed to fail to reach the playoffs, a stretch of futility that the Patriots promise to mimic almost precisely if they fall short of the playoffs for their third straight season and fourth time in five years.

Both of our beloved teams enjoyed unprecedented success through the first two decades of this century, with the Pats winning six Super Bowls and the Sox winning four World Series.

Thanks to that streak of success, both the Sox and the Pats rank among the most valuable sports franchises in the world, even amidst an exponential increase in the value of all pro sports teams worldwide.

Both the Sox and Pats enjoy an incredibly loyal fan base -- and the ownership knows it. They have calculated that the fans will continue to shell out large sums for the "experience" of being at Fenway and Gillette in person, even if it's to watch a mediocre (or worse) product.

When the current owners took over the Sox and the Pats more than 20 years ago, they vowed to reinvigorate what had been moribund franchises for decades -- and they delivered on those promises. For the ownerships of both teams however, the Pats and the Sox today constitute just a piece of their global sports enterprises.

Sad to say, it would appear that the owners of both the Sox and the Pats are content to sit on their past laurels. It would seem that they've grown weary of the pursuit of excellence -- with the result that for local sports fans, there's no longer any joy in Mudville on Sunday afternoons.

THE HOSTAGES ARE JUST PAWNS

The brutal deaths this past week of six innocent civilian hostages who were taken captive by the Hamas terrorists on October 7 has shone a bright light on a simple reality: The hostages are nothing but pawns, if even that, in the ongoing conflict between the Hamas and Israeli governments.

The execution-style murders of the hostages, who reportedly were shot in the head at close range, is shocking but not surprising. Hamas terrorists have the full backing and funding of the Iranian government whose sole, stated goal is to wipe the State of Israel off the map and to kill every Jew they can lay their hands on.

But the barbarity of Hamas and its Iranian masters is nothing new. These are regimes that treat their own people, especially women, with cruelty and inhumanity. Any hint of dissent is crushed with torture, sham trials, and executions.

As for the Israeli leaders, the sad and tragic deaths of the hostages this past week have made it clear that they are not interested in securing the hostages' release. The brutal war in Gaza, in which thousands of innocent civilians have been killed, has dragged on for 11 months with no end in sight. Negotiations to bring about a ceasefire in order for the remaining hostages to be freed have gone nowhere, with both Hamas and the Israeli government blaming the other for the lack of progress.

Whether one believes that the position being taken by the Israeli government is either morally or strategically defensible, the bottom line is that the Israeli government has not prioritized the plight of the hostages, which is painfully evident to the members of the hostages' families, who said in a statement this week, "For 11 months the Israeli government led by Netanyahu failed to do what a government is expected to do—return its sons and daughters home. A deal for the return of the hostages has been on the table for over two months. If it weren't for the thwarting of the deal, the excuses and the spins, the hostages whose deaths we learned of this morning would probably be alive."

All of us join with the family members of the six deceased hostages in mourning the deaths of their loved ones and sharing in their grief. Hopefully, their loss will spur all parties to come to an agreement that will bring the remaining hostages home.

But given the apparent intransigence and indifference of the Hamas and the Israeli leaders, we fear this will not be the last time that family members of the remaining hostages will endure further anguish.

Healey proclaims September as 'Emergency Preparedness Month'

Special to the Times

Governor Maura Healey has declared September 2024 as Emergency Preparedness Month to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness and to encourage planning for disasters and other types of emergencies.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), and other state, local, and nonprofit agencies will promote preparedness through various public outreach efforts throughout the month. These efforts are part of a month-long national campaign themed "This is why I prepare." The goal is to personalize the reasons why local leaders and officials prepare for emergencies while encouraging others to do the same.

"Lieutenant Governor Driscoll and I have visited communities across Massachusetts impacted by the devastating effects of severe flooding and other significant weather events. We know that emergency readiness is essential to our collective ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from hazards and threats," said Governor Healey. "After the floods experienced by Massachusetts communities in 2023, I proposed and the Legislature enacted Massachusetts' first Disaster Relief and Resilience Fund to increase support for municipalities and strengthen

resiliency statewide. During preparedness month, I encourage all residents to assess their readiness and rely on the many resources available to prepare for the unexpected."

"The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, Department of Public Health, and other public safety agencies collaborate closely with Massachusetts communities and across all levels of federal, state, and local government to increase our readiness amid evolving threats to our landscape," said Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll. "Emergency Preparedness Month provides an opportunity to build upon our strong partnerships and continue the important work of preparing for the unexpected."

"Preparedness is vital to recovery and resilience. Emergency Preparedness Month reminds us about the importance of taking proactive steps to protect loved ones and reduce the impacts of an emergency or disaster," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "I'm grateful to MEMA and our many public health and safety partners for their dedication to enhancing statewide readiness and providing Massachusetts residents with essential preparedness planning resources."

"Before, during, or after a disaster, it's important to be a good neighbor and to help one another," said MEMA Director Dawn

Brantley. "During Emergency Preparedness Month, ask how you can help a loved one or member of your community prepare, especially those who may be more vulnerable due to a disability, age, or medical conditions."

"No matter what the disaster may be, our commitment is to work with and support communities, providing them the resources and services to effectively respond and swiftly recover," said Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Health Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. "To protect public health and safety we must engage with the community, foster resilience, and focus on equity and humanity. The importance of preparation cannot be overstated, and all of us share in this responsibility."

Throughout September, MEMA and DPH will share information on their social media accounts about emergency preparedness topics, including emergency planning, building an emergency kit, preparing for disasters, youth preparedness, ways to get involved in community preparedness, and more.

Visit [Mass.gov/ready](https://www.mass.gov/ready) to find emergency preparedness tips available in several different languages, safety tips for specific threats and hazards, preparedness resources from the MEMA, DPH, and the Massachusetts Office on Disability, and other information.

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leads tours at the Nichols House Museum, I have become curious about how the architecture of the home (external and internal) has changed over time as a result of the owner's tastes and needs. Working with a number of sources including a historic structure report of the Nichols House Museum published in 2013, we've put together a tour that I believe guests will find quite intriguing."

Among the highlights O'Donnell thinks guests might enjoy: "One thing that may fascinate guests is how efficiently the space in this small home was used by the sizable number of people living and/or working here (a family of five and a live-in and daily worker population of 6-8 workers). Also interesting is discovering, behind the seemingly eclectic appearance of the home's interior, that there is some consistent decorative philosophy that guided Rose Nichols' decisions about how the home would look."

The building at 55 Mount Vernon St. was built as part of the Mount Vernon Proprietor's development of the South Slope of Beacon Hill. The design is attributed to Charles Bulfinch, Boston's star architect of the day. Commissioned by one of the proprietors, Jonathan Mason, as a home for one of his daughters, his descendants owned the home until 1885, when it was sold to the Nichols family. The eldest Nichols daughter, Rose, inherited the house in the 1930s and later willed it to be a museum. It has been open to the public since 1961.

"We love how 55 Mount Vernon Street has been both consciously preserved and modernized," said Arbogast. "Each of the home's owners cared for it,



COURTESY OF THE NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM

A look inside the Nichols House Museum.

the Nichols were especially aware of its historic value, but they also updated it to accommodate changing technology."

For those who want to know more about the Nichols family, general museum tours are offered Tuesday through Sunday mornings. The Nichols House will also host an open house on Saturday, Sept. 21, which will feature a focus on the Nichols family's

involvement in the Women's Suffrage Movement. More information about tours and events can be found on its website, nicholshousemuseum.org.



MARIANNE SALZA PHOTO

Beacon Hill neighbors attending the Beacon Hill Civic Association's Centennial Dinner in 2022.

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at 127 Mt. Vernon Street. Must be 21 to attend/pick up.

Move-in Weekend - 311

The city has let us know that with the incoming season of larger trash volumes and wrong day put outs, they have opened up the "Student Move In" feature on the 311 mobile app. While the case types that are offered inside the app exist already, they are now grouped together under this header for the next few weeks. The Parks Dept will also be attentive to illegal dumping in their parcels this season. Staffing is being increased and different shifts will be ramped up as well to ensure quick response to material placed out in violation. Please use the 311 app over the coming weeks to report trash and mattress violations connected to student move-ins and move-outs.

Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Directors - Monday, September 9th, 7pm, 74 Joy Street
Streets & Sidewalks Committee - Tuesday, September 10th,

5:30pm via Zoom

Architecture Committee - Monday, September 16th, 5:30pm via Zoom

Traffic & Parking Committee - September date TBD

Upcoming Events:

First Friday Coffee Hour - Friday, September 6th, 8:30-9:30am, 74 Joy Street

Dinner Under the Stars - Saturday, September 14th, 6-9pm, flat of Mt. Vernon St.

Fall HillFest - Sunday, September 15th, 12-4pm, flat of Mt. Vernon St.

Halloween on the Hill - Thursday, October 31st

Garlands & Greens - Wednesday, November 13th, Hampshire House

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September is College Fire Safety Month

Special to the Times

With thousands of new and returning college students settling into dorms, apartments, and other living spaces, Massachusetts fire officials are reminding them, their resident advisors, and others to be sure they have working smoke alarms, carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, and two ways out in an emergency.

As Massachusetts kicks off College Fire Safety Month, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine said 2,538 fires occurred in college dormitories, fraternities, and sororities in Massachusetts between 2019

and 2023. These fires caused three civilian injuries, 11 fire service injuries, and more than \$2.5 million in estimated damages. More campus fires were reported in September than in any other month, and unsafe cooking practices were the most common cause.

He said fire officials are also concerned about fire safety in apartments and other types of off-campus student housing, where two Massachusetts college students died in separate, unrelated fires in 2013. Statewide, almost 50% of residential fires in Massachusetts take place in apartment buildings and other multi-family

dwellings.

“It doesn’t matter whether you live in a dorm, apartment, Greek housing, or one- or two-family home,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “Everyone should have working smoke and CO alarms on every level of their residence, and test them monthly to be sure they’re working properly. Never, ever disable an alarm, and don’t waste precious time retrieving personal belongings if you hear it sound – just get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1.”

“If you’ve just moved into a new living space, take some time to identify two ways out of your unit and the building – and two ways out of each room, if possible,” said Foxborough Fire Chief Michael Kelleher, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. “Plan and practice your escape routes before you need to use them in an emergency. Today’s residential fires burn faster than ever before, and they create toxic smoke that can travel throughout the home. A practiced home escape plan could save your life.”

While September has been designated as College Fire Safety Month, State Fire Marshal Davine and Chief Kelleher said fire safety should be a priority all year long. Windows, doors, and stairways should always be clear of boxes, furniture, bicycles, and any other obstructions so you can escape and firefighters can enter in an emergency. Fire doors should never be blocked or propped open.

Working alarms, clear exit routes, and practicing a plan for using them are crucial for when a fire breaks out, but students can also take steps to prevent them from starting in the first place:

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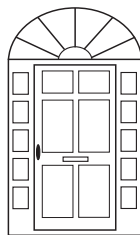
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City of Boston recognizes International Overdose Awareness Day

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) are calling attention to the heartbreaking consequences of the opioid epidemic as they marked International Overdose Awareness Day on Saturday, August 31. The entire City of Boston extends heartfelt condolences to residents from all corners of our community who have lost a loved one to a fatal overdose. Mayor Wu, her administration, and the BPHC are also highlighting their ongoing commitment to expanding access to lifesaving care and crucial harm reduction services through events and programming for National Recovery Month, which begins on September 1.

To mark International Overdose Awareness Day, and the upcoming start to National Recovery Month, Boston is again joining with volunteers and State partners in planting more than 20,000 purple flags on Boston Common to memorialize the lives lost to overdoses over the past decade across Massachusetts. Throughout National Recovery Month, the BPHC is also reminding all Boston residents that the overdose-reversing drug naloxone

is safe and easy to use. BPHC is partnering with community organizations to connect residents and organizations with this life saving resource. BPHC is also launching an educational ad campaign that will teach the public about the importance of naloxone and how they can access it for free.

“The opioid crisis touches lives across our community, and I’m so grateful for the work our many departments are doing to help dismantle the dangerous stigma of substance use disorder and help those suffering,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “We are committed to connecting individuals with services that put them on the path to recovery and supporting families who have lost loved ones to this ongoing crisis.”

State data showed a 12% increase in opioid-related overdose deaths in Boston from 2022-2023 while there was a 10% decrease in those deaths statewide. The Boston Public Health Commission’s Health of Boston Data Update 2024 report showed that from 2019 to 2023, there was a 40.5% increase in the drug overdose mortality rate for Boston overall. The report also found communities of color continue to



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Volunteers planted more than 20,000 purple flags on Boston Common to memorialize the lives lost to overdoses over the past decade.

be uniquely impacted by this crisis. During the five-year period, the overdose mortality increased 124.5% for Black residents and 44.2% for Latinx residents, while remaining close to unchanged for

white and Asian Boston residents. Boston has allocated \$250,000 per year to provide financial aid and grief support to families who have lost a loved one to overdose, drawing on dollars the city received

from settlements with opioid companies.

“Opioid overdose deaths have occurred in every community and

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City of Boston extends a welcome to new, returning college and university students

Special to the Times

The City of Boston announced an update on the City's preparations as college and university students move in across Boston to ensure they have a smooth transition into their new homes and communities. A cross-departmental effort, Boston is sharing information on how to access City services including 311, mattress pick up, inspections, BlueBikes, as well as sharing information on parking restrictions and improper storage of waste.

"Students bring so much life to our City, and we are thrilled to welcome them this week," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I want to thank the many city workers and departments who have prepared all summer to welcome our students back, and to ensure that all of our new residents have safe housing, access to city services and all the information they need. The City of Boston is proud to be home to world-class colleges, universities, and institutions that bring so many brilliant students into our community."

"My team and I are excited to welcome new and returning students to Boston. We are committed to ensuring their communities are safe, sanitary and code compliant," said Inspectional Services Commissioner Tania Del Rio. "We also encourage students to do their part by properly disposing of their trash and keeping their units clean."

New and current residents are encouraged to connect with Boston 311 to report non-emergency

issues and get information. There are three ways to do so:

- Call 311 (if outside Boston, please call 617-635-4500)
- visit boston.gov/311,
- or download the BOS:311 app.

The BOS:311 app is available in the Google Play and iOS stores and currently has a student move-in specific section to streamline reporting.

"The Community Engagement Cabinet is excited to connect with students to help make Boston feel like home. There are many ways to engage with our Cabinet," said Community Engagement Cabinet Chief Brianna Millor. "I encourage all of our new and returning neighbors to call 311 to identify their neighborhood liaison in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services. If they are interested in meeting new neighbors and becoming civically engaged, they should reach out to the Office of Civic Organizing to sign-up to participate in Love Your Block, a neighborhood clean-up or attend our next Civic Summit."

The City's Inspectional Services, Transportation, Office of Neighborhood Services, Fire, Police and Public Works departments are conducting housing inspections upon request, trash inspections, and distributing informational brochures in neighborhoods with large student populations.

The Inspectional Services Department (ISD) will deploy over 50 inspectors throughout the neighborhoods heavily populated with students. Inspectors will conduct walkthroughs of areas heavily populated with students including

but not limited to; Allston, Brighton, Back Bay, Fenway, Mission Hill and Beacon Hill. While canvassing these areas inspectors will distribute informational flyers, offer on the spot inspections and answer questions related to city services.

The City encourages students to avoid used furniture and to notify their landlord immediately in the event of a suspected infestation. In addition, information pertaining to rodent control can be found here and questions regarding the housing code can be found here.

The Boston Transportation Department will be implementing on-street parking restrictions on streets in Allston, Fenway, Mission Hill, and Roxbury to help provide parking spaces for vehicles being used by new residents and students moving into those areas. In these areas, ISD is not granting permits for construction from Friday, August 30 through Sunday, September 1 in order to alleviate traffic and parking concerns and promote safety. In addition, on-street parking restrictions signage will be posted in affected neighborhoods. The City encourages residents, students, and families to pay attention to posted signs. For more information on street restrictions, visit boston.gov/moving.

The City also encourages residents and visitors to maintain an accessible path of travel on sidewalks and at intersections. Additionally, the City urges residents and visitors to not block accessible parking spaces designated for people with disabilities while moving in or out.

"Boston is home to almost

80,000 people with disabilities, so please remember not to block sidewalks or corner curb ramps, including tactile warning pads," said Boston Disability Commissioner Kristen McCosh. "Also please be aware of on-street parking spaces that have signs designating them as accessible parking for people with disabilities. These spaces can only be used by vehicles with a valid HP/DV parking placard."

Bluebikes is Boston's public bike share system. With more than 400 stations and 4000 bikes, it's a fast and convenient way to get around the Greater Boston area. Many of Boston's colleges and universities provide discounts on annual passes for students, faculty, and staff. Students are encouraged to check with their university's transportation office to see if they are eligible. More information is available at boston.gov/bluebikes. For more information on biking safely in Boston, visit boston.gov/boston-by-bike. For more information about street safety for pedestrians with disabilities, visit boston.gov/boston-brakes

The Public Works Code Enforcement Division will be issuing citations for the improper storage of household trash. Residents are asked to place their trash and recycling on the curb by 6:00 a.m. on their scheduled collection day, or set it out the night before after 5:00 p.m.

Due to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) ban, mattresses and box springs are no longer collected curbside as part of routine trash collection. Residents are

required to make an appointment for a free curbside pick-up at: boston.gov/mattress. The residential mattress program does not service buildings with seven units or more. Those residents should consult with their property manager to learn the proper protocol to recycle their mattress. Roughly 75 percent of all mattresses and box springs components can be disassembled and recycled. The recovered materials are used to manufacture a variety of new products including foam padding, fabric, steel springs and wooden frames.

While household furniture can be left curbside on your scheduled pick-up day, we strongly encourage residents to donate the items to a charity or organization that can pass them along to others in need. Items such as televisions, air conditioners and refrigerators require a special pick-up. To schedule an appointment, contact 311. Residents are reminded not to block sidewalks with trash or household furniture set out for pick up. Items should be placed along the curb, leaving room for pedestrians, including people with disabilities or those pushing strollers, to get by. New residents are strongly encouraged to download the City's free Trash Day app at: boston.gov/trash-day. Residents can view their collection schedules, set reminders, and search a directory of hundreds of household items to find out the right way to dispose of them.

Students are encouraged to visit boston.gov/moving for more information regarding parking restrictions and permits, trash removal and restrictions, and rental requirements.

Keolis and MBTA launch NaviLens pilot to help blind and low vision riders navigate stations

Special to the Times

Keolis Commuter Services, the operating partner for the MBTA Commuter Rail, has introduced a pilot to test NaviLens at North Station and Salem Station. This technology allows passengers who are blind or have low vision to navigate the stations with a

smartphone app. When riders scan brightly colored QR-style codes posted in the stations the NaviLens app will then help them find the correct platform, provide real-time train information, and guide them to exits or other landmarks with audio navigation and haptic feedback.

"The MBTA welcomes and

supports every opportunity to make our system easier to access, especially for riders who depend on it most," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "I'm proud of the work by Keolis and our System-wide Accessibility team to provide the new NaviLens technology pilot for riders who are blind or with low vision. The ability to access our Commuter Rail stations with confidence further supports riders' independence, and we look forward to the deployment of this innovative technology pilot in additional stations soon."

"Ensuring that all passengers can safely access the Commuter Rail is a top priority for Keolis," said Abdallah Chajai, GM and CEO of Keolis Commuter Services. "NaviLens has the potential to give riders who are blind or have low vision the confidence

to independently navigate our stations. We're looking forward to partnering with the MBTA to pilot NaviLens at several other stations in the system."

The NaviLens pilot will soon add four more stops on the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Line at Lynn, Chelsea, Swampscott, and Beverly. Keolis will gather feedback from riders and work with the MBTA's System-wide Accessibility team to better understand all of the ways that the technology could be used and implemented in support of accessible wayfinding.

Riders will have the opportunity to learn about the new tool during several pop-up demonstrations at North Station in the coming weeks. They will be held on August 30th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.; September 17th from 7 a.m.

until 11 a.m.; and on September 26th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Passengers who cannot attend one of the pop-ups should feel free to reach out to Keolis Customer Service to learn more about NaviLens.

Keolis Commuter Services has marked its tenth year operating and maintaining the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's commuter rail system, the fifth largest commuter rail operation in North America. KCS is a subsidiary of Keolis North America (KNA), both headquartered in Boston, and employs approximately 2,400 people throughout the region. KCS and KNA are part of Keolis Group, an innovative global leader in transit services with more than a century of passenger transportation experience and operations in 13 countries.

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Wu announces call for Boston's next Poet Laureate

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture announced the City of Boston is seeking applications and nominations for its next Poet Laureate. Established in 2008, the Boston Poet Laureate Program has been a cornerstone of Boston's creative sector, drawing residents into the rich and transformative world of the literary arts. Poetry has the unique power to capture our history, illuminate the present, and spark hope and change for the future. Porsha Olayiwola currently holds this role. Building on the work she has done since becoming Poet Laureate in 2019, Olayiwola will be teaching in the English Department at Emerson College and opening a bookstore, just-Book-ish, in Fields Corner.

"One of the most unique and special roles in our City has opened," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The Poet Laureate is a very important role in our artistic community and beyond. I encourage all residents who have a passion for the literary arts to apply, and I look forward to seeing the ways in which the next Poet Laureate will serve the City through their passions and creativity."

Boston's Poet Laureate serves as an ambassador for the city's literary and creative communi-

ties, working in tandem with these partners to elevate the role of poetry in the everyday lives of Bostonians, and inspire critical reflection through written and spoken word.

"Boston's Poet Laureate is called upon not only to encourage a love of the literary arts in the city, but to create spaces for us to connect with and nurture our creativity," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture. "They challenge us to think differently and to have the courage to express ourselves in community. I am grateful to Porsha for using her gifts to illuminate the beauty and complexity of our city and excited to see how the next poet laureate will inspire us with their unique voice."

Since its inception, the role of Poet Laureate has been held by three individuals: Sam Cornish was Boston's inaugural Poet Laureate, followed by Danielle Legros Georges, and currently Porsha Olayiwola holds this role. Porsha will be closing out her tenure with a workshop series this fall in conjunction with the Boston Public Library.

"Serving as the poet laureate for the city of Boston has been one of the greatest dreams of my work," said Porsha Olayiwola. "I've become embedded into the rich literary tradition associated with the area. It is my only hope

that I've, in turn, helped to propel the city's literary scene and push the possibilities of poetry."

The Poet Laureate is a ceremonial appointment with a term of four years. Some of the key responsibilities of the role include:

- Presenting works at civic events and attending official functions as a literary ambassador
- Developing public programming across the city, including workshops and showcasing events
- Enhancing current Boston Public Schools and Boston Public Library poetry programs through events, engagement, and outreach
- Acting as the juror for the Mayor's Poetry Program at City Hall
- Serving as a resource for the City, the literary community, and Boston's residents during National Poetry Month in April
- Participating in the Youth

Poet Laureate application and selection process

• Mentoring the Youth Poet Laureate through regular meetings, public event preparation, published works, and holding relationships with Boston Public Schools and Boston Public Libraries

To be considered for the role, applicants must be at least 21 years old, be a current resident of Boston who has lived in the city for at least two years prior to nomination, be active as a professional poet, and produce work that reflects the vibrancy and life of the City of Boston.

The position will be chosen by a Selection Panel, consisting of a distinguished group of literary professionals that will act as a search committee. The Selection Panel will evaluate all entries and hold interviews with the final can-

didates. The City will announce the new Poet Laureate in January 2025, with a term beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 31, 2029.

Interested candidates can join the current Poet Laureate, Porsha Olayiwola, and Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture staff for an information session and office hours to learn more. There will be an information session on September 6, 2024, at 1 pm, and a second session on September 12, 2024, at 6 pm.

The deadline to apply is Monday, September 30, 2024 by 5 pm. Applications can be submitted online or by mail. Digital entries are encouraged but all entries will receive equal consideration.

Learn more and submit your application or nomination at boston.gov/callforpoets.

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every neighborhood in Boston and can be prevented," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "One way that we can honor lives tragically cut short is by increasing access to harm reduction, including naloxone which reverses opioid overdoses, and treatment to anyone who is struggling with substance use disorder."

In response to the continued impacts of the opioid crisis, the BPHC previously announced \$7.5 million in new funding to expand overdose prevention and access to care. The Centers for Disease Control awarded the BPHC \$6.5 million over five years to distribute naloxone, place substance use navigators in three Boston community health centers, and work with the Grayken Center for Addiction at Boston Medical Center to provide ongoing training to medical providers. Additionally, Boston is distributing \$1 million in grants to community organizations that will hand out naloxone throughout Boston neighborhoods and teach more residents about how to recognize and respond to overdose. These grants are funded by the opioid settlements, which Boston will receive incrementally through 2038, for an estimated total of \$37 million.

National Recovery Month is an opportunity to honor those living in recovery and share resources for people experiencing substance use disorder. The City of Boston and the Boston Public Health Commissioner are partnering with organizations on several activities this September:

- The BPHC, Boston Public Library, and MOAC created a curated list of books about recovery and harm reduction.
 - A calendar of additional Recovery Month events sponsored by BPHC community partners can be found here.
 - On the last day of September, Boston will light City Hall purple in recognition of Recovery Month.
- In 2023 BPHC distributed over 23,000 doses of naloxone to residents and community partners and made 2,389 referrals for substance use treatment. The Commission also hosts training programs to equip opioid users, their families,

and healthcare providers with the knowledge and skills to prevent, identify, and intervene during a drug overdose using naloxone. For more details on these training programs, please visit our overdose prevention website.

To find out more about recovery services and where to seek help, please call 311 or visit www.boston.gov/recovery. Grief and trauma support services can also be found here. If you suspect an overdose, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1 immediately. Fatal overdoses can be prevented through proactive education and harm reduction efforts.

Health officials announce additional human cases of West Nile Virus

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced two additional human cases of West Nile virus (WNV) in Massachusetts this year, bringing the total number of human cases to six. One is a man in his 50s who was exposed in Suffolk County; the other is a man in his 80s with exposure in southern Middlesex County.

As a result, WNV risk levels in the following area communities are being raised to high: Saugus in Essex County; Arlington, Belmont, Malden, Medford, and Melrose in Middlesex County; and Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop in Suffolk County.

"The risk of West Nile virus in Massachusetts will continue until the first hard frost. While the temperatures may be a bit cooler, September is still within the peak time for West Nile virus activity in Massachusetts," said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. "As we all adjust to our post-summer schedules, one routine that everyone should continue is using mosquito repellent when

outdoors."

There have been 286 WNV-positive mosquito samples so far this year detected from Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Hampden, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester counties. The risk of human infection with WNV is moderate or high in Greater Boston (Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk counties) and is also elevated in parts of Barnstable, Bristol, Essex, Hampden, Plymouth, and Worcester counties.

WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. There were six human cases of WNV and no animal cases in 2023. No animal cases of WNV have been detected so far this year.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead through September 14, for the North Washington Street Bridge is as follows:

Scheduled Work

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- City Square median construction

Work Hours

- Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Travel Tips

For everyone using the east sidewalk of the new 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:

- EVENTS: September 6, at 7:30 p.m., September 7, at 7:30 p.m., and September 10, at 8 p.m.

How can I find more information?

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North Washington Street (Charlestown)

Bridge Replacement

Modified traffic configuration at City Square beginning on Friday, September 6

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that the traffic configuration at the City Square intersection in Boston will be slightly mod-

ified to accommodate permanent median construction, beginning on Friday, September 6. Entering the approach to the bridge, the two inbound travel lanes from Rutherford Avenue will veer slightly to the right and travel on new pavement adjacent to the new permanent concrete barrier.

Outbound traffic alignment will not be modified. Pedestrian travel routes will also not be modified.

Drivers passing through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and messaging will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

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Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wearing long sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week during the sum-

mer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent West Nile virus (WNV) and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at [Mosquito-borne Diseases1.Mass.gov](http://Mosquito-borne-Diseases1.Mass.gov), which is updated daily, or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The stair rail in the last clue is on 33 Brimmer Street. This residence was built in 1869 and designed by architects Snell and Gregerson. The Massachusetts Historical Commission reports that over the years, this home has been “abandoned or vacant; an apartment House; a rectory; and a single-family dwelling house.”

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Meeting new neighbors

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

September is a month for meeting new neighbors. Nationwide, most moves happen in the summer months. For some, it's from a desire to settle in before the new school year begins. In Greater Boston, thousands of undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and educational support staff descend on the area with a crush of September 1st move-in dates.

Some of you will meet new people and dogs who have moved into your building, block, or neighborhood. Others will be learning their way around a new home and may appreciate a friendly welcome. In either case, having a dog beside you will increase your opportunities to meet new neighbors.

How to Introduce Dogs

It's always best to introduce dogs in neutral territory. We recommend not sharing close quarters with a new dog. Your dog may consider the hallways and elevators in your building part of its domain, while the new dog may still need to learn its elevator and common area manners.

One of the best suggestions we read was to think about how your

dog reacts to other dogs on routine walks. Reactions may range from barking and growling to total indifference.

Most of your introductions to new dogs will happen serendipitously while you are out and about. You must be alert for a reactive dog's sounds and body language as it approaches you. If your dog is reactive, put a hand up as a stop sign when a strange dog approaches and tell the person with the dog that your pup needs a little extra space.

We've had foster dogs who were afraid of their own shadows, scared of men, highly protective of Penny, and others who were friendly with everyone. These pups were also trying to adjust to a new home, new guardians, and new territory. For this reason, we try to be very understanding when approaching a new dog. After asking if we can say hello to the dog, we don't touch but instead offer the back of our hands for the dog to sniff.

Make a Date to Introduce Dogs

Occasionally, you'll want to introduce your dog to a specific friend or neighbor's dog. Dogtopia.com suggests you make this

like meeting someone new for coffee rather than a dinner date. With a secure 4-6 foot leash (no retractable leashes for this task), pace a routine walk behind the dog you plan to introduce and slowly catch up. Walk a little together with the humans between the dogs to judge how the dogs are reacting before deciding to move closer.

If necessary, try again on another day. Just like people, some dogs make quick friendships, while others take time to relax together. Some dogs favor one breed over another or are afraid of certain dogs.

Check Before Introducing

We'll let the American Kennel Club add a final word on introductions. "Just because you're saying hello to your neighbors doesn't mean your dog has to. If you have a very social pet who loves people and greets them appropriately, you may want them to say hello. But first, check to see if your neighbors like dogs and want to greet your pup. Some people are nervous or afraid of canines, while others are allergic or would just prefer to keep their distance. It's important to respect your neighbors' boundaries and comfort levels. Similarly,



Creating a happy pack of dogs who walk comfortably together takes time. But it's worth the effort.

not all dogs are going to be comfortable meeting strangers."

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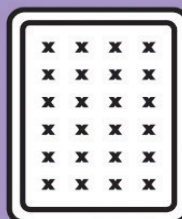
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