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Shown are front row left to right)) Tom Clemens, Russ Gaudreau, Patricia Tully (BHCA ED), Beth Campanella, Michelle Lavers, Melanie Bertani, Jill Hauff (Clerk), Eve Waterfall, Kathy Judge, Ali Ringenburg, and Patrick Lee. Back row (left to right), John Gulliver, Paige Curran, Gina Usechek, Renée Knilans (Treasurer), Colin Zick (President), Josh Leffler (Chair), and Megan Awe. Missing from the photo were Tim Cook, Holland Ward, Rajan Nanda, Suzie Tapson, Andrew Kirk, and Hilary Bacon Gabrieli.

BHCA holds annual members meeting at Hampshire House

Special to the Times

The Beacon Hill Civic Association held its annual members meeting on Thursday, May 22, at Hampshire House.

At this time, Keeta Gilmore received the 28th annual Beacon

Award, which each year, publicly honors an individual or group whose leadership has made a sustained and significant positive impact on quality of life in the neighborhood.

Besides serving in leadership roles on the Civic Association

(including stint as board clerk, president, and chair), Gilmore was active in a number of BHCA committees over the years. She has also held leadership roles at a range of other neighborhood orga-

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Gary Drug Co. selected to receives city's Legacy Business Award

By Dan Murphy

As the only Beacon Hill business selected to receive one of the city's 2025 Legacy Business Awards, Gary Drug Co. ranks among 30 longstanding, independent businesses citywide recognized this year for contributing to the fabric of their respective neighborhoods.

The self-described "neighborhood legend since 1934," located at 59 Charles St., has now faithfully provided residents from Beacon Hill and elsewhere with prescription medications, medical supplies, and household necessities for more than 90 years. Herman Grrenfield purchased Gary Drug in 1972 (and later the building in 1978). In the 1990s, Herman transferred ownership of the business to his son, Dan Greenfield, who ran the business until September 2021. The business was then purchased by its current owner, Seth Freedman, who had previously worked at Gary Drug as a

pharmacist since 2010.

In an email, Freedman wrote that Gary Drug was "truly honored" to receive one of this year's Legacy Business Awards.

"With such a long history come many memories such as the old soda fountain, witty banter with former owner Herman Greenfield, and the store staying open during the Blizzard of '78," Freedman wrote in part. "Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, Gary Drug provided vaccinations and hand-delivered medications to take care of customers and patients."

Freedman emphasized how Gary Drug has created a "true family-friendly environment you just don't find at your typical chain pharmacy," personified by a welcoming staff, including some workers who have been there for decades.

"People like to come in and

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Upcoming Meetings

There will be no Zoning & Licensing Committee meeting in June.

Upcoming Events

Meet & Greet – Monday, June 2nd, 6pm at 75 Chestnut
Summer Evening at Otis House – Thursday, June 12th, 6-8pm (tickets on sale at bhccivc.org)

For further information on BHCA events or to volunteer, please contact the BHCA office at 617-227-1922.

2025 Annual Appeal

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with thanks for

our incredible neighbors. Your generosity and involvement have enabled the Beacon Hill Civic Association to advocate for you - improving our shared spaces, strengthening community bonds, and supporting our important initiatives.

Our neighborhood is more than just a place to live – it is a vibrant community with a rich history and a promising future. However, to continue our mission of preserving, protecting, and enhancing Beacon Hill, we rely on your generosity. Your Annual Appeal donation – whether large or small - makes a direct impact on all the work

we do on behalf of the neighborhood.

With your 2025 Annual Appeal donation, you become a vital part of preserving the character and legacy of Beacon Hill for generations to come.

Please make a tax-deductible gift today by visiting bhccivc.org or by mailing your contribution to the BHCA at 74 Joy Street, Boston MA 02114.

Together, we will keep Beacon Hill a thriving and connected community. We appreciate your ongoing support and our thanks to all who have already contributed!



D. MURPHY PHOTO

Gary Drug Co., the longstanding neighborhood pharmacy at 54 Charles St. which is among the 2025 Legacy Business Award winners.

EDITORIAL

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2025

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

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

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

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

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

*Is this the little girl I carried
Is this the little boy at play?
I don't remember growing older
When did they?
When did she get to be a beauty
When did he grow to be so tall?
Wasn't it yesterday when they were small?*

We congratulate the Class of 2025 for all of their accomplishments that have earned them the right to step onto that podium to receive their diplomas. We know we join with all of the members of our community in wishing them blue skies and sunny days, both on their Graduation Day and in the years ahead.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

REJECT HR 471

Dear editor at Beacon Hill Times,

I am a senior citizen who has long been concerned about environmental issues. Before climate change was known as a science it was evident that the environment was coming under severe threat: land, sea and air. The Democratic Party has done some but not enough. The GOP is outright intending to remove every existing protection on environment, wildlife species, pollinators birds and fish. I believe we must do every-

thing in our power to protect the environment to stop polluters, and to prevent corporate interests from exploiting our public lands for profit. These protections should be the purview of the government. Instead we citizens must now battle with our government. Once lost the environment can never be replaced. It should not be given to oligarchs and sold to corporations.

Please reject HR 471 "Fix Our Forests Act" for multiple reasons this Bill is a problem. The "Strategy to increase livestock grazing" will certainly not reduce risk of

wildfires; the claim is absurd on its face. Automatically approving "vegetation cutting and removal" by electric utilities, and certain removal of "hazard trees," and sale of timber should be examined by conservation experts and not left up to the utilities.

Moreover, this legislation is written in a language so obscure as to virtually allow any abuse of protected land by the federal government. Corporate entities must not be allowed to have free access to our public lands. Sincerely,

Stacy Diamond

Man allegedly snatches officer's gun and shoots himself in the foot near MGH

By Times staff

A man allegedly snatched a Boston Police officer's gun and shot himself in the foot during a struggle with the officer on Tuesday, May 27, near Mass General Hospital, according to published reports.

Shortly after 9 a.m., the male suspect, identified as Elvis Haughton, 46, of Boston, who was reportedly having a mental health issue, allegedly attacked the offi-

cer, who was working a paid detail near 265 Cambridge St. The suspect reportedly knocked the uniformed officer's hat from his head during the altercation. Other officers and a passerby helped restrain the suspect until he could be arrested.

The suspect was transported to an area hospital for observation, while the officer he allegedly attacked suffered no serious injuries.

According to a statement from

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office: "Our office responded to the Cambridge Street shooting scene this morning. As with all discharges involving an officer weapon we will conduct a thorough investigation. We are thankful that the Boston Police officers on scene contained the situation so that it resulted in no injuries to themselves or members of the public and apparent minimal injury to the suspect involved."

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chat with the pharmacist, with the store staff, and with their neighbors at an impromptu meet-up," wrote Freedman. "Somehow Gary Drug has been able to maintain the charm and intimacy of the drugstores of yesteryear."

Freedman describes Gary Drug Co. as "a friendly community drugstore with a proud history," as well as the "only independent pharmacy remaining in downtown Boston."

Residents submit nominations for Legacy Business Awards, which are then reviewed by the City Council. Finalists are selected by a committee, including

representatives from various city departments and Boston Main Streets. The selections were based on application scoring and community support, according to the city.

"Congratulations to Boston's 30 new legacy business awardees. Our legacy businesses are a driving force of support, resources, and connection across our neighborhoods," Mayor Michelle Wu said in a press release. "I am excited to recognize and celebrate the City's third wave of Legacy Business awardees who make our communities strong, lively, and welcoming for all."

Gary Drug Co., along with this year's other Legacy Business Awards winners, will be recognized at a public awards ceremony, hosted in partnership with The Dorchester Reporter, on Tuesday, June 3, at the Calderwood Pavilion.

Meanwhile, Charles Street Supply was last year's only Legacy Business from Beacon Hill while Beacon Hill Cleaners was the sole business from the neighborhood (again out of a total of 30 winners citywide) recognized in the city's inaugural annual Legacy Business Awards program in 2023.

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BLO Celebrates 25 Years of Free Orchestral Music on the Esplanade

Special to the Regional Review

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, under the direction of Music Director Christopher Wilkins, announces its 25th anniversary season of free summer concerts, bringing live orchestral music to some of the city's most beloved outdoor and neighborhood spaces from June 14 to August 27, 2025. The concerts and events celebrate community and the joy of music-making with a lineup of performances at the DCR Hatch Memorial Shell on the Esplanade and throughout Boston's neighborhoods.

Highlights include a collaborative performance with the New England Aquarium, the third annual Juneteenth concert, works by great American composers such as John Williams and Amy Beach, iconic works such as Mahler's First Symphony and Beethoven's Eroica Symphony, two guest ensembles, a free family community event, and more.

Everyone is welcome at Landmarks Orchestra concerts. On the Esplanade, audiences are encouraged to bring a picnic—and even dogs are invited. Join us to celebrate another summer of

music-making under the stars!

Music Director Christopher Wilkins says, "Every summer, we aim to make live orchestral music accessible to everyone in Boston—whether you're a lifelong classical fan or experiencing it for the first time. This season, we honor our past while building toward a more connected future."

Board Chair Emmett G. Price III adds, "For 25 years, Boston Landmarks Orchestra has been a musical bridge—connecting generations, communities, and cultures. This season is a celebration of those connections and the power of music to uplift us all."

The Orchestra is a proud recipient of a major grant from the Free for All Concert Fund, supporting its ongoing commitment to accessible, high-quality performances.

A full concert schedule, program notes, and accessibility details can be found at landmark-sorchestra.org.

2025 Summer Concerts and Events

All performances and events are free and open to the public.

ASL interpreters will be present at many performances; see the

website for current details.

A Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 14 at 3pm

The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center | 650 Dudley Street, Boston
RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-juneteenth-celebration-tickets-1374584953599>

Our third annual Juneteenth celebration features flutist DeShaun Gordon-King, and centers around musical bridges between the old and new worlds. The program includes works by Ellington, Still, Gottschalk, Bologne, and Mouquet. Boston composer Karen Walwyn's haunting Angels Nine pays tribute to those killed in the shooting at the Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston, SC exactly 10 years ago.

DeShaun Gordon-King has given performances throughout Europe, Asia, and the United States. He grew up surrounded by jazz and gospel music, and began his classical studies while at Duke University. Inspired by these worlds of music and spirituality, he is passionate about programming that blends jazz, gospel, and classical to create unique and heal-

ing concert experiences.

Christopher Wilkins, conductor

DeShaun Gordon-King, flute
William Grant Still Summerland

Karen Walwyn Angels Nine
Duke Ellington "Martin Luther King, Jr." from Three Black Kings
Jules Mouquet La Flûte de Pan
Louis Moreaux Gottschalk Bamboula

Joseph Bologne The Anonymous Lover Overture

Landmarks Musical Kickoff Party

Sunday, July 13, 2-4pm | DCR Hatch Shell

Join Boston Landmarks Orchestra and community partners for a day of musical fun and games for the whole family! Explore instrument petting zoos, enjoy face painting, and celebrate the joy of music together—completely free and open to all.

Special Guest: Longwood Symphony Orchestra

Wednesday, July 16 at 7pm | DCR Hatch Shell

Longwood Symphony Orchestra, the orchestra of Boston's medical community, opens our 2025 concert series at the Hatch Shell,

led by Music Director Jotaro Nakano.

Longwood Symphony Orchestra, Jotaro Nakano, Music Director

Program TBA

The Best Of Boston

Wednesday, July 23 at 7pm | DCR Hatch Shell

In celebration of Landmarks Orchestra's 25th season, Best of Boston showcases some of Boston's most celebrated composers of the past and present, including familiar music by Leonard Bernstein and John Williams, gems by Florence Price and John Harbison, and featuring the Hatch Shell premiere of Amy Beach's Piano Concerto, a rarely-heard masterpiece.

John Williams Selections from film and TV scores

Amy Beach Piano Concerto in C-sharp Minor

Leonard Bernstein Candide Overture and Suite (selections)

Florence Price Juba from Symphony No. 1

John Harbison Rubies
Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Christopher Wilkins, conductor

Asiya Korepanova, piano

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

COMMUNITY BOATING TO HOLD UNIVERSAL ACCESS PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, MAY 31

Community Boating, Inc. (CBI) will host a special open house for its Universal Access Program (UAP) on Friday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the CBI headquarters, located at 21 David G Mugar Way on the banks of the Charles River.

This free event invites individuals of all abilities, their families, caregivers, and community partners to experience what UAP is all about. Enjoy guided boat rides on the Charles River, take a tour of our accessible boathouse, and meet our dedicated staff and volunteers.

Whether you're curious about learning to sail or just want to explore a new outdoor activity in an inclusive environment, this is a great opportunity to ask questions, connect, and see the program in action.

UAP empowers individuals to take charge of their learning and progress at their own pace with one-on-one instruction and cus-

tomized recreational sails. UAP members include veterans, individuals with visual impairments, children with diverse developmental needs, adults with chronic illness or injury, and more. For just \$50 a year (or \$1 for those who need additional financial support), members gain access to high-quality instruction, adaptive equipment, and the confidence building experience of sailing.

'TREES OF THOREAU PATH' COMPETITION ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH JUNE 1

The West End Museum and WE Tree Boston invite artists, neighbors, and tree-lovers to participate in "Trees of Thoreau Path," an art competition and exhibition celebrating the beauty, significance, and importance of trees in our West End community. The deadline for submissions is June 1.

Visit <https://thewestendmuseum.org/news/trees-of-thoreau-path-art-competition/> for more information.

STATE TO HOLD IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS ON REDEVELOPMENT OF HURLEY BUILDING SITE

The state will hold an in-person public meeting on Wednesday, June 4, at 6 p.m. at the West End Museum, followed by a virtual meeting the next day (Thursday, June 5) at 1 p.m.

The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health (DMH), proposes offering the site of the buildings located at 19 and 21 Staniford St. for redevelopment by a private developer for a mixed-use project.

DMH intends to continue to operate its residential treatment programs onsite, and the selected developer will be required to build new space onsite (or in very close proximity) to accommodate these programs as part of their development. In order to effectuate this transaction, DCAMM intends to offer a long-term lease (up to 99 years) to the selected development

team.

Visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/lindemann-hurley-redevelopment> for more on the project, including registration information on the upcoming meetings.

MGH'S BLUM CENTER'S UPCOMING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Lymph Flow Chair Yoga will take place on Wednesday, June 4, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Blum Center, White 110 (MGH main campus).

This monthly in-person Lymph Flow Yoga session is led by Babz Tobin, OTR/L, CLT-LANA, CYT, Reiki Master. will focus on improving our lymphatic health through self-manual lymph drainage routine, breathing techniques, and mindful meditation. This session is free and open to everyone of all levels and abilities. No special equipment is needed. You will be seated in a chair for this session. Space is limited on a first come, first served basis. No registration is needed.

Also, 'Are GLP-1 RA Injections for Weight Loss or Health Gains?' will take place on Friday,

June 13, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the MGH O'Keefe Auditorium and via Zoom.

The featured speakers will be Michelle Monahan, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, and Kayla Northam, DNP, NP-C

GLP-1 RAs (receptor agonists) are a class of medications that can help treat many medical conditions. Learn when GLP-1 RA injections may be a good option for your health beyond obesity and weight management (e.g. for diabetes, sleep apnea, and heart disease); the health benefits of GLP-1 RA injections, including an improvement in obesity-related conditions and quality of life; and tips on incorporating healthy habits to minimize treatment side effects and ensure effective long-term obesity treatment.

Registration is required as space is limited; to register, click on the link at tinyurl.com/2aatecy9

WECA TO MEET JUNE 12 AT AMY LOWELL APARTMENTS

The West End Civic Association

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Hill House recognizes '25 Award Winners

COURTESY PHOTOS



Noah Lucia (left), recipient of this year's Duane Lucia Instructor of the Year Award, is seen with his father, Duane Lucia.



Colin Zick, recipient of this year's Meredith Clapp Community Outreach Award.



Laura Ziewacz, who along with Sarah Donovan, received this year's Ellen Heath Plapinger Board Award.



Sarah Donovan, who along with Laura Ziewacz, received this year's Ellen Heath Plapinger Board Award.

By Times staff

At its annual meeting on May 20 at the Firehouse on Mt. Vernon Street, Hill House honored its 2025 Award Winners for their contributions to the organization and the community.

This year's Duane Lucia Instructor of the Year Award was awarded to Hill House's karate instructor, Noah Lucia.

This award is named after Duane Lucia, who started the

karate program at Hill House and taught for more than 25 years. Duane's son, Noah, took over instructing from his father in 2020 and has brought enthusiasm, professionalism and program development as Sensei Noah.

The Ellen Heath Plapinger Board Award went this year to Sarah Donovan and Laura Ziewacz.

Donovan has served on the Hill House board for 10 years,

providing crucial leadership as the Development Committee chair and as a member of the Development Committee. She has volunteered across many signature Hill House events including the Fall FUNdraiser, the Tree Sale, the HHOP council, at Hillfest, and the Halloween parties, among countless other outings.

Ziewacz has served on the Hill House board for four years as a member of the Development and

Nominating Committees. Most recently, she demonstrated outstanding leadership as Chair of the Executive Search Committee to hire a new Chief Executive Officer to lead Hill House into a sustainable future.

This year's Meredith Clapp Community Outreach Award was awarded to Colin Zick.

Zick has been a longtime supporter of Hill House. His sons participated in Hill House programs

for several years, and he and his family were early supporters of the renovation of the Firehouse at 127 Mt. Vernon St.

He is a longstanding board member of Beacon Hill Civic Association, where he currently serves as its president, as well as a board member of the Friends of the Public Garden. He has also been active in on the Board of Visitors for Trinity Boston Foundation for years.

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(WECA) will meet on Thursday, June 12, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room of the Amy Lowell Apartments, 65 Martha Road.

Representatives from the Esplanade Association will present the Charlesbank Landing redevelopment.

All West End residents are welcome. Bring your voice to West End concerns. Masks are encouraged.

JUNE 18 FUNDRAISER AT BEACON HILL ATHLETIC CLUBS TO BENEFIT DANA FARBER

Mike Farina, manager of Beacon Hill Athletic Clubs, will be cycling 300 miles on June 21 as part of an extended Pan Mass Challenge, with the goal of raising \$30,000 for Dana Farber's Pediatric Cancer Center.

In anticipation of this, Farina will be holding a fundraising event on Wednesday, June 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beacon Hill Athletic Clubs, 3 Hanock Sy., with all proceeds benefitting Dana Farber. Drinks and appetizers will be provided.

FREE LESSONS IN AMERICAN MAHJONG OFFERED AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Volunteer Instructors for the American MahJong Community are offering free lessons for new and experienced players.

The group meets on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the Community Room at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 68 William Cardinal O'Connell Way.

To sign up or for more information, email Audrey Tedeman (artedeman@gmail.com), or Julia Forbes (jmfaorbes@gmail.com) or Sandy Connor (ssconnor46@gmail.com).

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Wu announces expansion of Project Green Light signal optimization program

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu, the Streets Cabinet, and Innovation and Technology Cabinet announced the expansion of their partnership with Google Research to improve traffic flow in highly congested areas. The partnership, first announced last year, uses artificial intelligence to model traffic patterns and creates traffic signal

timing recommendations for intersections experiencing congestion hotspots. Since April 2024, Project Green Light has analyzed traffic at hundreds of signalized intersections. The City has implemented Google Research's recommendations to optimize 114 intersections across 20 neighborhoods including Brighton, Back Bay, North End, Roxbury, South Boston, Downtown, Fenway, Charles-

town, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill, South End, Hyde Park, West Roxbury, and the West End. This has led to an up to 33% reduction in unnecessary stops at certain congested intersections.

"The City of Boston is proud to partner with Google's Project Green Light to mitigate the everyday headache of traffic and use AI to improve problem intersections," said Mayor Michelle Wu.

"Since the launch of this partnership, we have now retimed more than 100 intersections and will continue to explore innovative ways to make it easier and more efficient to get around Boston."

"Project Green Light helps keep Boston moving safely by improving traffic flow and reducing delays at intersections," said Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Chief of Streets. "It has been a highly effective tool, and we look forward to our continued partnership with Google to expand to even more intersections in the city."

"What started as a pilot has now expanded into a practical AI tool supporting the City's traffic engineers across every neighborhood," said Michael Lawrence Evans, Director of Emerging Technology for the City of Boston. "This collaboration allows us to respond more dynamically to changing traffic patterns, working alongside the Traffic Management Center's efforts to design and fine-tune signal systems throughout the city."

In 2023, Boston was ranked 8th in the world for highest traffic delays. Project Green Light, a Google Research initiative, uses AI and Google Maps driving trends to model traffic patterns and make recommendations for optimizing existing traffic light plans. By identifying potential adjustments in signal timing, Boston's Traffic Management Center can improve traffic synchronization with nearby intersections or change "green time" between lights to better match demand. This adjustment of green light timing and coordination with nearby intersections means drivers now spend less time waiting through multiple signal cycles, both reducing how often they are starting and stopping driving and reducing overall traffic delays.

The City of Boston has partnered with INRIX, a global leader in traffic analytics, to evaluate the impact of Project Green Light's recommendations implemented by the Traffic Management Center. During phase 2 of the Project Green Light pilot, the City has seen an average 13.5% reduction in delay, with some locations see-

ing improvements of up to 24%, and a 20% average reduction of unnecessary stops across newly retimed intersections. At Atlantic Ave. and Richmond St. in the North End, the City saw a 21% reduction in overall traffic delay and a 33% reduction in unnecessary stops. Beacham Street and Maffa Way in Charlestown saw a 24% reduction in delay and 34% reduction in unnecessary stops after better coordinating this signal with those nearby. Project Green Light recommendations have been observed to be most effective during periods of heavy traffic, reducing delays when congestion is at its peak.

Additional benefits include an average of nearly 4,000 gallons of estimated fuel saved over the course of a year per recommendation. At Beacham St. and Maffa Way, one of the intersections seeing the best results, drivers collectively are expected to save up to 14,000 gallons over the course of a year. The program has also helped the City engineers monitor traffic signal infrastructure by ensuring signal control boxes, copper/fiber-optic connections, and loop sensors are working properly.

Managed jointly by Boston's Traffic Management Center and the Office of Emerging Technology, Boston's use of Project Green Light complements existing work to keep our traffic signal network responsive to current traffic conditions. This fiscal year, the Traffic Management Center has implemented 81 traditional signal retimings and typically makes over 1000 real-time traffic signal adjustments every month.

Project Green Light is now live in 18 cities on four continents. Boston and Seattle are the only U.S. cities currently included in the program.

"Green Light reflects Google Research's commitment to advancing science and improving lives with AI. We're excited to continue partnering with Boston to help reduce emissions and make its streets more efficient," said Matheus Vervloet, Product Manager, Google Research.

Applications are now open for block party grants

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Community Engagement Cabinet's Office of Civic Organizing announced applications are now open for the third year of block party grants. This funding effort encourages residents to connect with their neighbors and experience the joy of building a stronger community. Residents and community groups who apply for the mini-grants can receive up to \$750 to purchase food, party supplies, lawn games, and other items for summer block parties to make it easier and more affordable for neighborhoods to hold community gatherings.

"Block parties are a great opportunity to unite Boston's diverse communities and strengthen our neighborhoods," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "These Block Party Grants help community members fill our streets with exciting, safe, family-friendly fun this summer."

"Boston's block parties are where our streets are returned to communities, and with every block party, neighbors become friends, and streets become neighborhoods. I can't wait to see you all," said City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune.

"Summer block parties are a fun way to get neighbors to form new connections and strengthen our community, and these mini grants make it easier and more affordable for every neighborhood to offer food, drinks, games, and activities that bring together residents from youth to seniors and every generation in between," said City Councilor Henry Santana. "As an At-Large Councilor representing all of Boston, I see firsthand that block parties are more than just celebrations, they help solidify the stability, resiliency, and safety of our neighborhoods and city."

The block party grant builds on the Mayor's commitment to fostering a fun, safe, and healthy

summer in Boston. Last year, the Office of Civic Organizing (OCO) provided 52 grants to residents and community groups hosting block parties totalling more than \$30,000 across Boston.

"Block parties are more than just events—they are moments of connection, joy, and community building," said Director of the Office of Civic Organizing Nathalia Benitez-Perez. "This grant program is about providing our residents with the resources they need to create lasting memories with their neighbors while strengthening the fabric of our city."

What do residents need to know before applying to the grant?

Anyone hosting a block party on a public street needs to apply for a Play

Street Closing Permit. Applying for this permit can be done online at boston.gov/blockparty.

Residents must apply for grant funding at least four weeks prior to their proposed event.

To be eligible, all block parties must be free, open to the public and take place on public streets.

Grant applications will be approved on a rolling basis through July 11, 2025 to support block parties all summer.

"Boston knows how to host a joyful block party like no other city," said Community Engagement Cabinet Chief Brianna Millor. "From the summer to the fall, our streets are activated with the sounds of children's laughter and the voices of our elders making connections with their neighbors. We are so excited to continue to support residents through this funding effort to make each block party bigger and better every year."

"OCO's Block Party Grant implores a community-centered approach to building safer and more healthier civically-involved communities across Boston," said Senior Advisor for Community Safety Isaac Yablo. "This grant opportunity not only serves to

provide safe spaces for neighbors to connect and socialize during the summer, but also creates opportunities to build social cohesion across communities that will last long past the end of summer."

The Office of Civic Organizing will host an information session for community members interested in applying on Wednesday, May 28 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Register here to attend. Applications will be reviewed and grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. The deadline to apply for the grant is Friday, July 11 at 5:00 p.m. The application can be found here along with the necessary application for a Play Street Closing Permit, and residents and community groups can visit boston.gov/blockparty to learn more.

"To the best of the neighbors' knowledge, our street has never hosted a block party before. However, last summer, we had great attendance at both our summer and Halloween block parties," said Jessica Connors Brown, Charlestown resident. "The block party grant provided funding for us to purchase outdoor games like cornhole and giant Jenga and Connect Four, which we can use for years to come. We also bought snacks, bubbles, and chalk for the kids. I am very grateful to the city for funding these grants, which helped us build community and connect with our neighbors."

"The Block Party is a wonderful opportunity to welcome new neighbors and meet those who have lived in the neighborhood for many years. It has fostered a strong sense of community and encouraged us to look out for one another," said East Boston resident Carrie Van Horn. "For the past four years, we have come together as neighbors to host a Block Party in East Boston. Thanks to our Block Party Grant, we were able to hire Jenny the Juggler for kids' entertainment and provide supplies for face painting and sidewalk chalk."

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Boston climbs to 12th on Annual Trust for Public Land ParkScore® Index

Special to the Times

Trust for Public Land announced that Boston was ranked the nation's 12th best big-city park system on the 2025 ParkScore® index, climbing two spots ahead of last year's 14th place ranking. Atop the ParkScore rankings, Washington, DC, retained the ParkScore title, outpacing Irvine (2nd), Minneapolis (3rd) and Cincinnati (4th). The annual ParkScore® index ranks park systems in the 100 most populous U.S. cities and is widely considered the gold standard for park evaluation.

Boston ranked highly on all ParkScore rating factors. According to Trust for Public Land, 100 percent of Boston residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park. Among all 100 ParkScore cities, only San Francisco and Jersey City match Boston's park access achievement. Boston also scored highly for park amenities, leading the nation for "splashpads" and other park water features. Boston provides 85.2 of the popular summertime amenity per 100,000 residents, far above the national ParkScore average of 6.2.

Boston also scored well on park investment. The city spends an impressive \$183 per resident in its park system, slightly ahead of last year's \$175 and far above the national ParkScore average of \$133. However, Boston's ParkS-

core was limited by below-average marks for park size. The median Boston park measures only 1.4 acres, below the national ParkScore average of 5.4.

Accompanying the annual ratings list, Trust for Public Land released new public opinion research reporting that residents throughout the United States value public parks and use them frequently. These findings remain steady across demographic and ideological lines, confirming that parks are among the least polarized spaces in the United States. Survey details are included in a special research report, Parks, The Great Unifiers, which also describes how four major U.S. cities—Atlanta, Fort Worth, Colorado Springs, and Chicago—have invested in parks to help bring people together and strengthen communities.

The research found that 89 percent of ParkScore city residents visited a public park at least once during the past year (90% self-recalled Harris voter; 92% self-recalled Trump voter) and 79% said they visit a local park regularly and feel comfortable spending time there (80% Harris voter; 83% Trump voter). Also, respondents said they wished they had spent more time outdoors during the past year (45% Harris voter; 35% Trump voter). By contrast, only 24% of respondents said they wished they had spent more

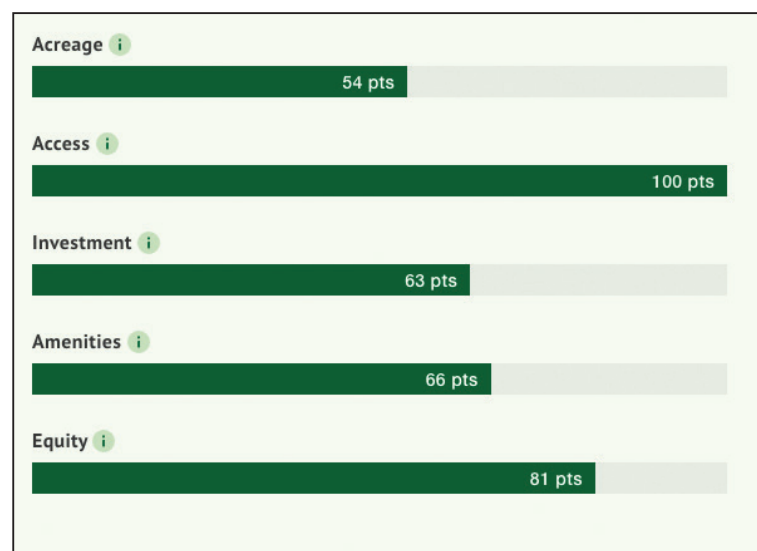
time at home and 16% said they wished they had spent more time in bars or restaurants. Nearly two-thirds of respondents (66% Harris voter; 67% Trump voter) said they struck up a conversation in a public park with a person they had not known previously. The public opinion survey, National Survey on Outdoor Public Spaces, was conducted by national pollster YouGov in March, 2025 (N=2,000). Additional details about the survey are available upon request.

"Parks bring people together and deliver enormous physical and mental health benefits for visitors," Dr. Carrie Besnette Hauser, President and CEO of Trust for Public Land, said.

"At a time when so much in our nation seems fractured or polarized, parks may be the last ideology-free zones, where everyone can come together, form meaningful relationships, and enjoy a few hours of peace and relaxation. At Trust for Public Land, we will continue to work with park departments and leaders at all levels of government to realize the full community-building potential for parks," Hauser added.

ParkScore Rankings For 2025

Washington, DC, was rated the best big-city park system in the United States for the fifth consecutive year. The city scored well



The ranking for Boston is based on how it compares nationally on five characteristics of an excellent park system: acreage, access, investment, amenities, and equity.

on all ParkScore rating factors. Twenty-one percent of land in the District of Columbia is reserved for parks, among the highest in the United States. The District also outperformed on ParkScore's park access and park equity metrics.

Irvine jumped to a record ParkScore finish, powered by continued progress on its planned Great Park, one of the most ambitious public park projects in the United States. Cincinnati made a big move in the 2025 ParkScore rankings, climbing to fourth position this year, well ahead of last year's eighth place rank. The Queen City's rise was due primarily to the \$5 million renovation of downtown's Lytle Park and a citywide effort to improve public access to schoolyards and other open spaces.

Boise defended its title as the best park system for dogs, with a nation-leading 9.0 dog parks per 100,000 residents, outscoring Portland, Oregon, and Henderson, Nevada. St. Paul received top

marks for basketball hoops, Las Vegas scored best for playgrounds, and Boston earned top marks for splashpads and other water features.

Other major ParkScore movers this year include Port St. Lucie, Florida (+25 to seventy-third); Buffalo, New York (+19 to twenty-second); and Chesapeake, VA (+14 to thirty-sixth).

Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national nonprofit that works to connect everyone to the benefits and joys of the outdoors. As a leader in equitable access to the outdoors, TPL works with communities to create parks and protect public land where they are needed most. Since 1972, TPL has protected more than 4 million acres of public land, created more than 5,504 parks, trails, schoolyards, and iconic outdoor places, and raised \$110 billion in public funding for parks and public lands, and connected nearly 9.7 million people to the outdoors. To learn more, visit tpl.org.

Mass General Brigham Sports Medicine provide free physical exams for BPS athletes

Special to the Times

As part of an annual event, Mass General Brigham Sports Medicine provided over 300 Boston Public School athletes free pre-participation physical exam (PPE) ahead of the upcoming Fall sports season. The event took place at Madison Park High School in Roxbury on Saturday May 17. Mass General Brigham's athletic trainers and clinical connections provide comprehensive care across all sports seasons for Boston Public Schools, which includes participation from over 2,000 student-athletes.

"Given the attendance, success and growth each year we are excited to collaborate with Mass General Brigham again to provide the PPE event for our student athletes. This event not only ensures that they meet the athletic physical requirement, it also allows teams to have an appropriate start to their seasons with minimal disruptions. With the support of our

Athletic Trainers, we have seen a healthy shift in culture where student-athletes not only understand the importance of the PPE but they are taking the responsibility to participate in this event and/or make an appointment with their primary care for an annual physical," said Avery Esdaile, Athletic Director, Boston Public Schools.

Getting the required pre-participation physical examination is often a major hurdle for those in under-served communities, where it can be challenging to access care, representing a barrier and health risk to participating in sports. The team of over 50 volunteer physicians, athletic trainers, physical therapists, medical assistants, and administrators from Mass General Brigham performed the exams free of charge to families, clearing the student-athletes to play and ensuring they receive the correct care plan when needed.

The pre-participation physical exam included vision and blood

pressure screenings, and height/weight/body mass index testing. In addition, the Mass General Brigham Clinical Research Dietitian from Translational and Clinical Research team conducted Food Insecurity Experience Survey and the PHQ-9 mental health survey modified for teens.

"Each year the Mass General Brigham Sports Medicine and Athletic Training Teams look forward to the Annual BPS Pre-Participation Physical Exam Event and providing free and vital resources and services to the student-athletes and their families, by being able to participate and enjoy their sport safely. This past year the team won a Pillars of Excellence Award which highlights our involvement with the Boston community and Boston Public Schools to put our mission into action," said Jessica Meiley, ATC, MPH, Supervisor, Boston Public Schools Athletic Training Services at Mass General Brigham Sports Medicine.

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BEACON HILL GARDEN CLUB HOLDS 96TH ANNUAL SECRET GARDEN TOUR

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

The Beacon Hill Garden Club held its 96th annual Secret Garden Tour. Every third Thursday in May since 1929, attendees were able to tour the magnificent splendor of Beacon Hill's greener side. Each member of the Beacon Hill Garden Club is required to show their garden, offering visitors to view oases of tranquility in the middle of Boston. Two-thousand tickets were sold this year and they ran out early when they were available after Thanksgiving. Proceeds from the tour fund the Garden Club's Grant program that help fund a wide range of environmental, conservation and education programs.



The garden at 13 Louisburg Square, access to it is only through the house.



The garden at 8a Walnut Street offers visitors two levels of natural serenity in the heart of the city.



Samara, Catalaya, and Maya Shaye reside in Rwanda part-time through the year but make it a point to return to Boston for the Garden Tour. They enjoy sharing their Fairy Garden and violin performance with visitors. This is their 3rd year of contributing in their way to the Garden Tour.



An alley connects 12 Louisburg Square to 18 Louisburg Square.



At 39 Beacon Street Emma Roberts, daughter of homeowner Keisten Roberts, stands by the table set her mom is proud of.



Visitors take in the beauty of the garden at 12 Louisburg Square.



The garden at 29 Chestnut Street could only be viewed from outside the gate, but well worth the walk over.



Espaliered pear trees grow in the garden at 87 Pickney Street.



Visitors explore the garden at 18 Louisburg Square.



The garden at 39 Beacon Street.



The garden at 18 Louisburg Square was designed by Susan Mott with artwork by Peter Diepenbrock.

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The first level at 12 Louisburg Square has extremes of strong sun and darker shade.



The garden at 39 Beacon Street.



The homeowner of 87 Pickney Street, Barbara Lewis, stands proudly in her garden.



The garden at 87 Myrtle Street.



Members of the Weymouth Garden Club Karen Lowe, Donna Schiller, Terry Harrison and Mayre Hammond.



Looking over the first level of the garden at 12 Louisburg Square are Sophia Watson, visiting from Mt Vernon Street, and Renée Walsh, visiting from Pickney Street.



A "bonus" stop on the Garden Tour was on Pickney Street where Maya, Samara, and Catalaya (not in picture) Shaye would guide visitors in with an exquisite violin performance.



Visitors explore the upper level of the garden at 8a Walnut Street.



Visitors wait in line to view the garden at 87 Myrtle Street which was accessed at 32 Revere Street.

MBTA announces June service changes

The MBTA announced service changes in June on the Orange, Red, Green, Blue, Framingham/Worcester, and Franklin/Foxboro lines.

Riders can find more information on service changes through in-station signage, in-station public announcements, and at mbta.com/PlannedWork. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X @MBTA, @MBTA_CR, and @MBTA_CR_Alerts for up-to-date service information.

On the Orange Line:

- Orange Line service will be suspended in the following areas all day, every day, during the following dates:
 - For three days, Friday, May 30, through Sunday, June 1, between North Station and Forest Hills, as previously announced.
 - For nine days, June 21 – 29:
 - During the weekends of June 21 – 22 and June 28 – 29 between North Station and Forest Hills.
 - On weekdays, June 23 – 27, between Back Bay and Forest Hills.

- During the weekend dates:**
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Forest Hills and Back Bay as well as Copley on the Green Line for parallel service through downtown to North Station.
 - The Green Line C Branch will also be extended to serve North Station during this time period.
 - An accessible van will directly serve stations between North Station and Back Bay as well as Copley on the Green Line. Riders should see onsite personnel to request this van service.

- During the weekday dates:**
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Back Bay and Forest Hills.

During all service change dates:

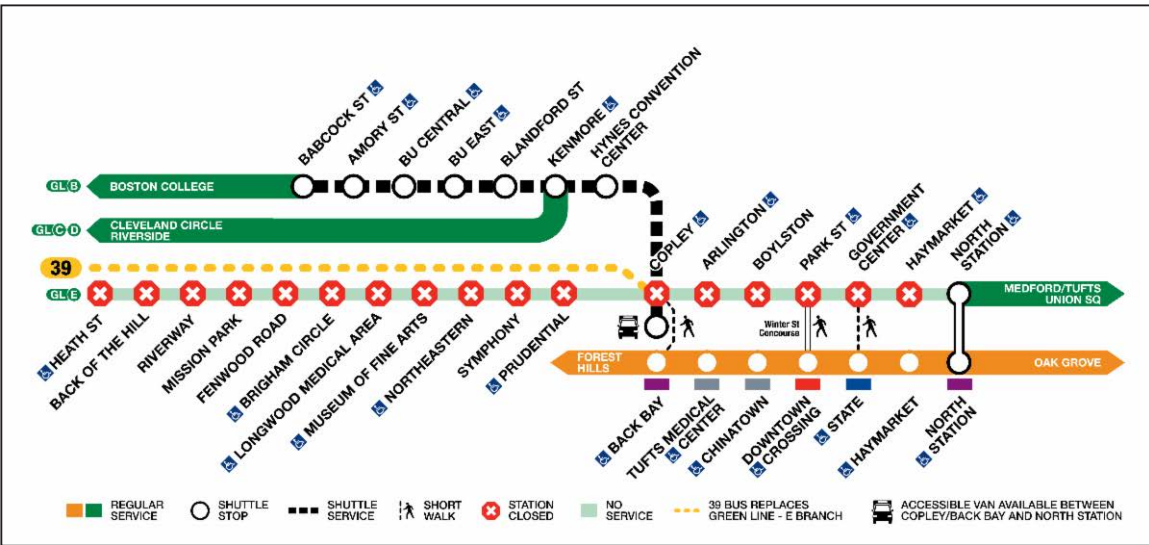
- The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, and South Station. Riders should note that regular fares should be purchased beyond Forest Hills.
- This service change is in place to accomplish signal upgrade work on the Orange Line. By upgrading its signals, the MBTA expects to significantly increase operational efficiency and improve scheduling reliability for all riders.

On the Red Line:

- Red Line Braintree Branch service between Braintree and JFK/UMass will be replaced with free and accessible shuttle bus service during the following dates:
 - The weekend of May 31 – June 1, as previously announced.
 - The weekend of June 14 – 15.
 - Free and accessible shuttle bus service will make all stops between Braintree and JFK/UMass.
 - Riders using shuttle buses during this service change should budget ample extra travelling time.
 - Riders are strongly encouraged to use the Fall River/New Bedford, Kingston, and Greenbush Commuter Rail lines for fare-free service between Braintree, Quincy Center, JFK/UMass, and South Station. Commuter Rail schedules are available on mbta.com.
 - Riders should note that regular Commuter Rail fares will be collected for travel beyond Braintree.
 - This service change is in place to accomplish signal upgrade work on the Red Line. By upgrading its signals, the MBTA expects to significantly increase operational efficiency and improve scheduling reliability for all riders.

On the Green Line:

- Green Line service will be suspended between North Station and Babcock Street on the B Branch, Kenmore on the C and D Branches, and Heath Street on the E Branch beginning at approximately 8 PM on Wednesday, June 4, and continuing all day, every



- day, for four days, June 5 – 8.
- B Branch: Free and accessible shuttle buses will operate between Babcock Street and Back Bay stations.
 - Riders can connect to the Orange Line at Back Bay for continued service through downtown toward North Station.
 - There will be free fares at Kenmore with the fare gates open. Riders can also utilize free Route 57 bus service for alternate travel between Kenmore and Packard's Corner.
 - Fares will also be free at all surface-level stops west of Kenmore.
 - C Branch: Free and accessible shuttle buses will operate between Kenmore and Back Bay stations.
 - Riders can connect to the Orange Line at Back Bay for continued service through downtown toward North Station.
 - There will be free fares at Kenmore with the fare gates open. Fares will also be free at all surface-level stops west of Kenmore.
 - D Branch: Free and accessible shuttle buses will operate between Kenmore and Back Bay stations.
 - Riders can connect to the Orange Line at Back Bay for continued service through downtown toward North Station.
 - There will be free fares at Kenmore and Riverside with the fare gates open. Fares will also be free at all surface-level stops west of Kenmore.
 - E Branch: The Route 39 will replace Green Line E Branch ser-

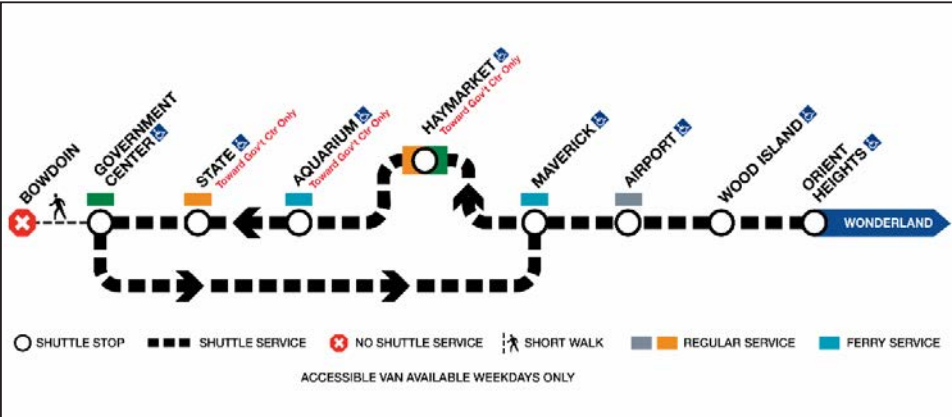
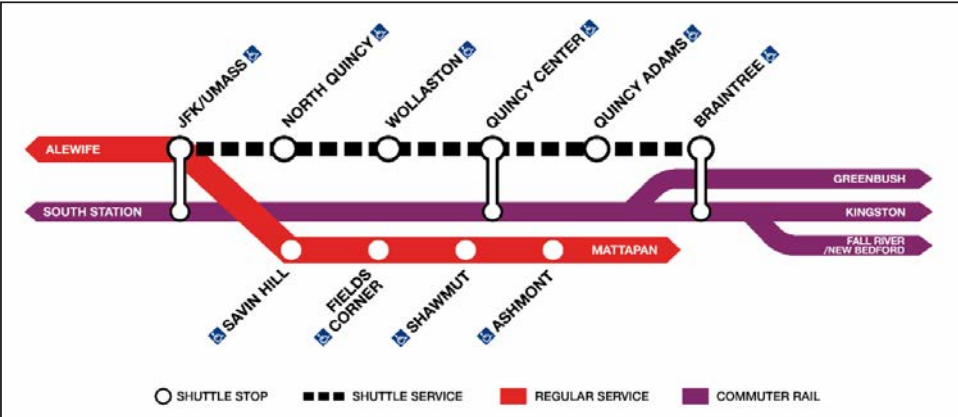
- vice between Heath Street and Back Bay stations. The route will be fare-free during this service change.
- Accessible van service will be available for Green Line stops between Copley/Back Bay and North Station.
 - The Worcester Commuter Rail Line will be fare-free between South Station, Back Bay, and Lansdowne stations during this Green Line service change. Riders should note that regular fares should be purchased beyond Lansdowne and regular fares should be purchased if traveling on a Commuter Rail Line other than the Worcester Line.
 - This service change is in place to perform regular, planned maintenance work. This maintenance work will address routine needs, ensure that all infrastructure is in peak operating condition, and includes inspections, adjustments, and repairs to keep the system safe and running smoothly.

On the Blue Line:

- Blue Line service will be suspended between Bowdoin and Orient Heights all day, every day, for nine days, June 7 – 15.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops at all stations between Government Center and Orient Heights.
- Airport Station will be closed during this service change. The busway at Airport will remain open – signage will be in place

- to direct riders from the Bremen Street entrance to the busway for Massport buses, the SL3, 104, and Blue Line shuttle. A courtesy stop will also be available at Chelsea Street @ Brooks Street to connect community residents to the Blue Line shuttle.
- Shuttle buses will not serve Bowdoin during this service change. Riders should instead board or disembark shuttle buses at Government Center, which is less than a quarter-mile away (or about a four-minute walk).
 - Shuttle buses will also serve Haymarket in the inbound/Government Center-bound direction only for connections to the Orange and Green lines. Additionally, shuttle buses will serve Aquarium and State in the inbound/Government Center-bound direction only.
 - Accessible van service will be available for direct service to all affected stations. Riders should see onsite personnel to request this van service.
 - The fare gates will be open for fare-free service at Orient Heights, Suffolk Downs, Beachmont, Revere Beach, and Wonderland.
 - Riders traveling between Maverick and downtown Boston are strongly encouraged to use the East Boston Ferry, which will be free for the duration of this service change. The East Boston Ferry will have an expanded schedule during this period. Ferry schedules can be

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BLO (from pg. 3)**Peter & The Wolf
And More**

Wednesday, July 30 at 7pm |
DCR Hatch Shell

Prokofiev's charming Peter and the Wolf has been enchanting audiences of all ages for almost a century, and is the centerpiece of this program of musical storytelling with additional selections to be announced.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra,
Christopher Wilkins, conductor
Prokofiev Peter and the Wolf
Additional works TBA

Special Guest: Mercury Orchestra

Wednesday, August 6 at 7pm |
DCR Hatch Shell

Mercury Orchestra, led by Music Director Channing Yu, performs Respighi's majestic Pines of Rome, and Finzi's poignant cantata Intimations of Immortality.

Ottorino Respighi Pines of Rome

Gerald Finzi Intimations of Immortality

Mercury Orchestra, Channing

Yu, Music Director

**Debussy And The Music
Of The Sea**

In partnership with the New
England Aquarium

Wednesday, August 13 at 7pm |
DCR Hatch Shell

Debussy's evocative La Mer and music depicting the sea and its creatures are featured in our latest collaboration with the New England Aquarium.

Claude Debussy La Mer
Additional works TBA

Boston Landmarks Orchestra,
Christopher Wilkins, conductor
in partnership with the New
England Aquarium, Vikki Spruill,
President and CEO

**Eroica Symphony: Beethoven
And Revolution**

Wednesday, August 20 at 7pm |
DCR Hatch Shell with repeat
performances in Boston neighbor-
hoods on August 21 and 22

Beethoven's revolutionary
"Eroica" Symphony was born of
the social and political turbu-

lence following the American and
French Revolutions, while Bos-
ton-based composer and "Sound
Chemist" Val Jeanty draws on
the cultural heritage of her native
Haiti to create revolutionary
works of her own.

Beethoven Symphony No. 3
"Eroica"

Val Jeanty Faces
Additional works TBA

Boston Landmarks Orchestra,
Christopher Wilkins, conductor

Val Jeanty, composer and
sound chemist

Adrian Anantawan, violin

Mahler & Ravel

Wednesday, August 27 at 7pm |
DCR Hatch Shell

Our 2025 season concludes
with two of the greatest works of
the late Romantic period, the sec-
ond suite from Ravel's sensuous
Daphnis and Chloe, and Mahler's
towering Symphony No. 1, both
heard for the first time at the
Hatch Shell.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra,
Christopher Wilkins, conductor

Mahler Symphony No. 1
Ravel Daphnis and Chloe Suite
No. 2

Boston Landmarks Orchestra
was founded in 2001 by con-
ductor and community advocate
Charles Ansbacher. The orches-
tra comprises many of the area's
finest professional musicians. In
its earliest years, the orchestra
performed in such historically
important settings as Fenway
Park, the USS CONSTITUTION
pier, Jamaica Pond, Franklin Park,
Copley Square, Boston Common,
and other landmark locations.
Since 2007, its principal home has
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rial Shell. For more history visit

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MBTA (from pg. 10)

found on mbta.com/eastboston.
The East Boston Ferry operates
every 30 minutes and is a 10-min-
ute ride between Long Wharf and
Lewis Mall in East Boston.

- This service change is in place
to perform regular, planned main-
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work will address routine needs,
ensure that all infrastructure is in
peak operating condition, and
includes inspections, adjustments,
and repairs to keep the system safe
and running smoothly.

**On the Framingham/Worcester
Commuter Rail Line:**

- Framingham/Worcester Com-
muter Rail Line service will be sus-
pended between Framingham and
South Station during the following
dates:

- Beginning at approximat-
ely 11 PM on Friday, May 30,
through the weekend of May 31
– June 1, as previously announced.

- Beginning at approximately
11 PM on Friday, June 20, and
through the weekend of June 21
– 22.

- A dedicated diversion schedule
will be available on mbta.com.

- Community members aiming
to travel to and from downtown
Boston during the weekend work
are strongly encouraged to uti-
lize the MBTA's shuttle bus alter-
natives. Major traffic delays are
anticipated for motorists on por-
tions of I-90 and I-95/Route 128.

- Free and accessible shuttle bus
service will replace train service
between Framingham and River-
side on the Green Line D Branch
for continued service to and from

downtown Boston.

- Shuttle buses will serve Fram-
ingham, West Natick, Natick
Center, Wellesley Square, Welles-
ley Hills, and Auburndale with a
connection to Riverside.

- For passengers who typically
board at South Station, take the
Red Line subway at South Station
northbound/Alewife-bound to
Park Street. Then connect to the
Green Line D Branch westbound/
outbound to Riverside to connect
to shuttle bus service.

- For passengers who typically
disembark at South Station, dis-
embark shuttle buses at Riverside
for inbound/eastbound Green Line
service to Park Street and other
downtown Boston connections.
At Park Street, connect to the Red
Line southbound/Ashmont- or
Braintree-bound to South Station.

- An additional free and acces-
sible shuttle bus service will op-
erate between West Newton, New-
tonville, Boston Landing, and
Kenmore where riders can use the
Green Line B, C, and D Branches.

- Passengers who typically
board Commuter Rail service at
Lansdowne should instead trav-
el to Kenmore (which is about a
quarter mile or a six-minute walk)
for shuttle bus service or to con-
nect to the Green Line B, C, and
D branches for further Red Line
connections toward South Station.

- Passengers should also note
that Commuter Rail service
between Worcester and Framing-
ham will be fare-free during this
service change.

- This service change is in place

due to work taking place on Mass-
DOT's Newton-Weston Bridge
replacement and rehabilitation
project.

**On the Franklin/Foxboro
Commuter Rail Line:**

- Franklin/Foxboro Commuter
Rail Line service will be suspend-
ed between Forge Park/495 and
Readville during the weekend of
June 7 – 8.

- A dedicated diversion sched-
ule will be available on mbta.com.

- Free and accessible shuttle
bus service will replace train ser-
vice between Forge Park/495 and
Readville.

- Passengers are encouraged
to consider the Providence and
Fairmount Commuter Rail lines
for service between Readville and
South Station.

- This service change is in place
due to work taking place on the
East Street Bridge Replacement
project.

The MBTA understands how
these service changes affect riders'
daily travels during this period,
but we are committed to improv-
ing your travels long term with
more reliable, timely, and safe
service. We thank riders for their
patience as we deliver this import-
ant work and for continuing to
ride our system.

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MEETING (from pg. 1)

nizations, including Beacon Hill Circle for Charity, the Beacon Hill Garden Club, the Nichols House Museum, the Friends of the Public Garden Green Committee, and the Nichols House Museum, among other groups.

Miguel Rosales, renowned bridge designer and architect, president of Rosales +, and author of the recently published book, 'Bridges as Structural Art,' delivered the keynote address, which focused on two projects he was involved in: the Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Memorial Bridge and the William Fenton 'Bill' Russell

Bridge.

The latter bridge, which replaces the North Washington Street Bridge between Charlestown and the North End, is being designed by Rosales and now under construction. The Russell Bridge will complement the adjacent Zakim Bridge via their designs and lighting, noted Rosales.

Meanwhile, Rajan Nanda, a long-serving Civic Association board member and chair of the Streets & Sidewalks Committee, was honored for his many years of service to the organization as he stepped down from the board.

D. MURPHY PHOTOS



Patricia Tully, executive director of the Beacon Hill Civic Association (left), bids farewell to Katie Beaver, assistant to the executive director (front right). BHCA board chair Joshua Leffler (left) and board president Colin Zick are seen in rear.



Rep. Jay Livingstone and John David Corey, both of whom are past Civic Association board members.



Beacon Hill Civic Association board president Colin Zick and board chair Joshua Leffler.



Beacon Hill Civic Association board chair Joshua Leffler seen speaking, flanked by board president Colin Zick.



Keeta Gilmore, recipient of this year's 28th annual Beacon Award, is seen flanked by Russ Gaudreau, long-serving chair of the Beacon Award Nominating Committee and a BHCA board member.



Miguel Rosales, the meeting's keynote speaker.



Mayor Michelle Wu.



City Councilor Ed Flynn; City Councilor Sharon Durkan; and Mayor Michelle Wu, with her daughter, Mira.



Beacon Hill Civic Association board president Colin Zick.

BHCA HOLDS ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING AT HAMPSHIRE HOUSE



COURTESY PHOTO BY REPRESENTU

Pictured, left to right, are BHCA board Chair Joshua Leffler; District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan; and BHCA board President Colin Zick.



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



Miguel Rosales with Mayor Michelle Wu and Mira.



Representative Jay Livingstone, Keeta Gilmore, winner of this year’s Beacon Award, and Mayor Michelle Wu with Mira

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NORTH WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead through June 7 for the North Washington Street Bridge is as follows:

- Scheduled Work
- Bridge paving and pavement markings
 - Marine fender work
 - FRP fascia screening installation
 - Landscaping and irrigation
- 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:

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

You can also sign up to receive project updates via email by clicking this link.

Project website: [Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement](https://www.mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement)

Project email: NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us

Beacon Hill Times

Pick-Up Locations

Antonio's	288 Cambridge St.
Simmon's Liquors	210 Cambridge St.
Jobi Liquors.....	170 Cambridge St.
7-Eleven.....	122 Cambridge St.
West End Library.....	151 Cambridge St.
Charles St. Liquors	143 Charles St.
U.S. Post Office.....	136 Charles St.
Gary Drug	53 Charles St.
Bank of America.....	39 Charles St.
Charles St. Supply.....	54 Charles St.
Cobblestones	30 Charles St.
DeLuca's	11 Charles St.
Nuts Factory.....	Charles St.
Beacon Hill Wine	Charles St.
UPS	Charles St.
Remax 119	Charles St.
Cheers.....	84 Beacon St.
Emerson Place	10 Blossom St.
Beacon Hill Market	61 Anderson
Beacon Capitol Market	30 Myrtle St.
City Convenience.....	23 Beacon St.
Capital Coffee House	122 Bowdoin St.
Richdale Food	Beacon & Bowdoin St.
River House.....	145 Pinckney St.
West End Place	150 Stanford St.

Apartment Building locations:

8 Whittier Place	1 Emerson Place
6 Whittier Place	0 Emerson Place
150 Stanford St.	45 Temple St.
1 Longfellow	10 Bowdoin St.
4 Longfellow	122 Bowdoin St.
5 Longfellow	144 Bowdoin St.
2 Hawthorne Place	130 Bowdoin St.
3 Hawthorne Place	45 Myrtle St.
9 Hawthorne Place	19 Myrtle St.
Emerson Place	65 Martha Rd.
4 Emerson Place	

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SU25P1129EA
Estate of:
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02/23/2025

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Nancy M. Pope of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Nancy M. Pope of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner

or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/26/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative ap-

pointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 22, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate

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Browy, Christopher	Silver, Douglas J	261 Marlborough St #3	\$125,000
Devadasan, Prabhu	Pan, Yaroslav	373 Commonwealth Ave #504	\$845,000

BEACON HILL			
Nguyen, Thu T	Lynch, John G	21 Beacon St #7R	\$608,000
Youssef, Alexey	Kinnealey, Victoria	24 Hancock St #6	\$1,100,000
Evans, Sook-Hee K	Wang, Jenny J	32 Hancock St #1B	\$985,000
Shurman, Carol A	Infinity Nt	6 Whittier Pl #8R	\$500,000

BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
R A & Suzanne B Rundle T	130 Appleton LLC	130 Appleton St #R4C	\$1,380,000
Bouchard, Stephen G	390 Comm Avenue LLC	1 Charles St S #PH205	\$1,775,000
Glauning, Julie A	Roth, Rebecca	1 Charles St S #4H	\$2,125,000
Bair Family Grp Hldg LLC	Tecalute LLC	17 Cumberland St #PH	\$3,200,000
Monen, Taylor M	577 Chester Sq LLC	577 Massachusetts Ave #2	\$925,000
Bertoldi, Anthony R	Leocorno LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #610	\$1,400,000
Schlesinger, Naoh	Harper, Benjamin C	519 Shawmut Ave #2	\$1,990,000
Ou, Carol	Ou, Sam W	39 Symphony Rd #B	\$618,000
39up Rt	Fadel, Karim	39 Union Park	\$10,200,000
Howe, Holly L	Stein, Norman	1313 Washington St #507	\$1,649,000
Ade Ft	Walton, David	645 Tremont St #3	\$1,295,000
Randall, Elizabeth	Blum, Amelia	673 Tremont St #3	\$1,250,000
Jakubowski, Paul	Seah, Darren	30 Union Park St #503	\$2,400,000

WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Devonshire 4908 Rt	Cn Winthrop Center LLC	240 Devonshire St #4908	\$5,500,000
Boston 5 Star 2c T	Haley W Smith Irt	300 Pier 4 Blvd #2C	\$5,300,000
Gatzeva-Topalova, Petia	King, David	170 Tremont St #1205	\$695,000
Sanders, Tracy J	Sari, Deniz	99-105 Broad St #5B	\$725,000
Bertolino, Joann F	Ld-Commercial LLC	406-418 Commercial St #1A	\$1,750,000
Cavedon, Alexander G	Namiranian, Sam	440 Commercial St #402	\$1,250,000
Remowa Inc	Ladny, Joerg	1 Franklin St #3901	\$2,350,000
Wame Group LLC	Krause, Walter	151 Tremont St #7C	\$750,000
Nelson, Jody J	Taymor Ft	100 Lovejoy Wharf #5D	\$2,000,000



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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The corner in the last clue is on 600 Washington Street, the Washington-Essex Building, constructed in 1906. Architect Arthur Hunnewell Bowditch designed this and several other commercial buildings in Downtown Crossing, including the Paramount Theatre.

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



COPLEY SQUARE FARMERS MARKET RETURNS FOR SEASON



D. MURPHY PHOTOS

The Copley Square Farmers Market, presented by Mass Farmers Markets, returned May 16 for another season. The Farmers Market operates on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fire officials warn against laptop fire social media “challenge”

State Fire Marshal Jon Davine and Massachusetts fire chiefs are urging parents and educators to talk to youngsters about the risk of fire and injury posed by a recent social media “challenge.”

The trend, which appears to have started on TikTok, promotes inserting a paper clip, pencil lead, or other conductive object into a laptop computer’s charging port or other port. This can cause a short circuit that increases the device’s temperature or causes smoke, sparks, or a fire – any of which could injure a young user.

“We’ve received more than a dozen reports from Massachusetts fire departments of young people engaging in this behavior in less than a week,” said State Fire Marshal Davine, who last week circulated a notice about the nationwide trend to local fire chiefs. “There are probably many more that responsible adults haven’t heard of or officially reported.

No matter how smart your kids or students might be, please impress upon them that the only thing you should place in a computer port is the appropriate cord.”

“Today’s electronic devices pack a lot of power into small containers, and tampering with them is dangerous,” said Foxborough Fire Chief Michael Kelleher, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. “Almost all modern laptops are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which can erupt in sparks and flames when damaged or abused. An event like that will injure anyone close by. The fire can easily spread to clothing, bedding, upholstery, and furniture.”

Most of the reported incidents were interrupted by teachers who spotted the abuse of school-issued laptops. They occurred in Barnstable County, Essex County, Hampden County, Hampshire County, Middlesex County, and Worcester County beginning on or about May 6. So far, only one minor injury has been reported but heavy smoke and device damage have been reported in some cases.

Unfortunately, social media trends involving risky fire-related behavior are not new. In 2020, numerous electrical fires and damage were reported after another challenge promoted dropping a coin onto the prongs of a power plug partially inserted into a wall outlet.

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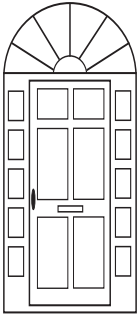
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