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## Beacon Hill Friends House endures in neighborhood

By Dan Murphy

Beacon Hill Friends House has fostered a cooperative residential community rooted in Quaker values in the neighborhood since 1957, even though many residents likely aren't even aware that this unique, independent nonprofit has been operating in their midst for many decades.

The organization operates out of a historic 1805 Charles Bulfinch-designed double-town-

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COURTESY OF BEACON HILL FRIENDS HOUSE

Shown (above) guests enjoy a concert in the meeting room in the 1921 ballroom at Beacon Hill Friends House on Chestnut Street.

Shown (left) The historic 1805 Charles Bulfinch-designed double-townhouse at 6 and 8 Chestnut St., which is home to Beacon Hill Friends House.



## BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Please note: July Zoning & Licensing meeting date changed to June 30

While there will be no ZLC meeting this Wednesday (June 4) as previously communicated here, there will be a "July" ZLC meeting. However, to work around the holiday, we

have rescheduled this meeting to Monday, June 30, at 6PM via Zoom. Attendees will be able to connect via Zoom or call-in. Please contact [patricia.tully@bhcivic.org](mailto:patricia.tully@bhcivic.org) for the Zoom and call in information.

The agenda will be published on the [bhcivic.org](http://bhcivic.org) website once

confirmed. As of now, one applicant (155-157 Charles Street) will present to our committee.

### Upcoming Meetings

Zoning & Licensing revised date – Monday, June 30th, 6pm

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## Potential future redevelopment of Linemann and Hurley buildings discussed at public meeting

By Dan Murphy

The potential future redevelopment of the state-owned, 5.5-acre site of the connected Linemann and Hurley buildings was the matter at hand during a public meeting held on Wednesday, June 4, at the West End Museum.

The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), together with the Department of Mental Health, will potentially offer the site of the massive, concrete complex located at 19 and 21 Staniford St. to a private entity for redevelopment into a mixed-use project. The state is expected to offer a ground lease for up to 99 years to the designated developer, who would then be responsible for all aspects of the project, including its design, permitting, financing, construction, and operation.

The 222,000 gross square-foot Erich Lindemann Building, which is expected to require upwards of \$250 million in capital renewal costs, was completed in 1971 as part of the urban renewal effort to revitalize the Government Center area.

Designed by renowned American architect Paul Rudolph, the

building is now regarded as a significant example of the Brutalist style. "It's considered to be one of Rudolph's masterpieces," said Adam Baacke, DCAMM commissioner.

Noteworthy design elements of the Lindemann Building include several 'monumental,' curving exterior staircases; an interior spiral stair that spans from the ground floor to the plaza; and a chapel on the fourth and fifth floors, among other features.

The less architecturally significant, 347,000 gross square-foot Charles F. Hurley Building, which is expected to require around \$300 million in capital renewal costs, also opened in 1971. The building previously housed state offices but now sits vacant.

Among the noteworthy design elements of the Hurley Building are its two-story main lobby linking Staniford Street to the Central Courtyard, which features two-story frescoes created by the late artist, Costantino Nivola.

The selected developer would be charged with preserving some of the site's historically significant design elements, said Baacke, as

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The Charles F. Hurley Building.

D. MURPHY PHOTO



# EDITORIAL

## OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS ON THE CRITICAL LIST

Anyone who has been to a hospital emergency room lately has seen firsthand the health care crisis that we are facing in this country.

ERs routinely are filled beyond capacity, with patients lying on their hospital beds in corridors while they wait for a room to open up -- sometimes for days.

And during the respiratory illness season, when seniors and young children flood the ERs, our overcrowded hospitals resemble something out of a developing country, rather than what is supposedly the most advanced healthcare system in the world.

The statistics tell a bleak tale: The U.S. has less than three hospital beds per 1,000 residents, while the European Union has more than five and Japan almost 13. On average, 75% of America's hospital beds are occupied on any given day, 11 points higher than in 2019.

In Boston's hospitals, the daily occupancy rate reportedly is 86%. According to some experts, the system becomes overloaded when the occupancy rate reaches 85%.

We grew up in a time (the 1960s-70s) when just about every city and town in Massachusetts had its own hospital, institutions that were the pride of their communities. But starting in the 1970s, thanks to a combination of declining reimbursement rates from state and federal governments and surging costs for modern-day equipment (such as MRI machines) and treatment, community hospitals one-by-one began to disappear, leaving us in our present predicament of too few hospitals serving too many people.

Another looming crisis in our healthcare system is a shortage of doctors. It is estimated that there are 1,010,892 active physicians in the U.S., of whom 851,282 are direct patient care physicians. (Physicians who do research or are administrators represent the difference between the two numbers.)

Anyone whose primary care doctor recently has retired knows how difficult it is today to find a new doctor. But this shortfall is only going to get worse over the next decade. By 2037, the United States is expected to face a shortage of 187,130 physicians, including 87,150 primary care physicians.

It is estimated that there already are 75 million Americans who live in areas where it is difficult to get access to primary care -- and the ratio of primary care providers is projected to decline to 76.8 per 100,000 people by 2037, from 81.6 per 100,000 in 2022.

To make matters worse, the present -- and future -- shortfalls in hospital beds and doctors do not take into account the effects of the policies in Washington that are threatening to cut back on Medicaid eligibility, to reduce Medicare reimbursements even further, to limit the loan programs available to medical school students, and to restrict (if not prevent) foreign-born doctors from coming into this country.

In short, all of the ingredients are in place to create the Perfect Storm for a healthcare crisis in our nation.

## THERE MUST BE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR VIOLENT PROTESTS

We completely understand the anger and frustration on the part of many Americans with the manner in which members of immigrant communities are being arrested and deported not only without any semblance of due process of law, but also in a deliberately cruel and inhumane manner.

But the urge to respond with acts of lawlessness, including throwing rocks and dangerous objects at police officers and other law enforcement personnel, burning vehicles in the street, smashing windows of businesses, and defacing property, is not the answer.

The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees the right "of the people peaceably to assemble" -- and we would emphasize the word "peaceably."

However, the protests that we have seen the past few days in Los Angeles have not been peaceful. They are creating a dangerous situation for everybody concerned -- and it is inevitable that if the protesters escalate their actions, the outcome will be a tragedy.

Those who are partaking in the protests should keep in mind the words of Winston Churchill during the height of WWII when England was facing a threat to its very existence:

"You do your worst and we will do our best."



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### FALSE AND MISLEADING STATEMENTS

To the Editor,

I'm writing in response to the un-bylined editorial titled "Mayhem in the Bike Lane" from the June 6, 2025 edition of the Beacon Hill Times. There are a few false and misleading statements that I'd like to respond to.

To begin, the cited increase in bicycle fatalities in New York in 2023; "the most since 1999" claims the editorial. However, this obscures the fact that bicycle ridership has quadrupled in the past 15 years and as such the rate of bike fatalities is much lower. Certainly, everyone's goal is no fatalities, but the increase in protected bike lanes in New York is making this mode of transit safer for bicyclists, such that more people are choosing to ride bikes.

Next, the editorial insinuates that John Corcoran was killed in the roadway in front of the BU boathouse, but Mr. Corcoran was killed when an SUV, driving too fast on Memorial Drive, hopped onto the sidewalk and hit him head on. This is not an instance of a poorly designed bike lane forcing cars and cyclist into conflict. In fact, protected bike lanes and cycle tracks can be powerful traffic calming measures which signal to drivers that this is an area to drive slowly, safely and not a street to be treated as a

freeway.

The editorial also makes claims about the bike lanes being "seldomly used", however, Bluebikes reports over 13,000 daily trips on average. And that doesn't even include those of us who ride our own bikes. I'd also suggest that the author check out the city's "Everyone Deserves Safe Streets" report, which outlines the existing plan to connect the existing bicycle infrastructure into a more cohesive bike network.

Finally, while I am glad that the author has experienced the joy of bicycling in triathlons, there are many of us who use bikes as an actual mode of transportation. We ride bicycles to work, school, doctor's appoint-

ments, soccer practices, and the grocery store. We are out there every day getting around the city. We need improvements to our streets now, and we need them to be streets that serve all parts of the city. Anyone who watched the lengthy community input process that preceded the West Roxbury Centre Street improvements could not claim that it was rushed or lacked input from residents. City streets are a shared resource and their number one priority should be that they are safe for all users, from the kids biking to school, to the tourists walking around and taking in the sights, to the trucks carrying supplies, and people commuting to work.

Kalli Catcott

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# The Museum of African American History marks Juneteenth with free music, dance, tours, and family friendly offerings

Special to the Times

The Museum of African American History I Boston & Nantucket (MAAH), in collaboration with the Boston Ujima Project, Heritage Marketplace, and Black-owned businesses, will celebrate Juneteenth with programs for visitors of all ages. On June 19th beginning at 12:00 p.m., MAAH will host musical and dance performances, walking tours, facepainting, and story times that are free and open to the public.

The museum will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and admission is free all day.

Programs include:

- Underground Railroad tours will be offered in partnership with the National Park Service at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tours, which last approximately one hour, will begin outside the Museum which is located at 46 Joy Street on Beacon Hill.

- The Haus of Glitter Dance Company will lead an Afro Latinx dance workshop.

- A MAAH Storyteller will read Juneteenth books for children including, "Juneteenth for Maize."

- Cornell Coley, a respected

educator and performer, will present an Afro Latin drum circle.

- The Boston Public Quartet will perform a selection of songs from Black composers including Julius Eastman, Jessie Montgomery, William Grant Still, and Florence Price.

For information and a program schedule visit [www.maah.org](http://www.maah.org).

A not-for-profit institution designated an Historic Site by the National Park Service, the Museum of African American History (MAAH) began developing and presenting exhibitions and public gatherings in 1963. It is nation-

ally and internationally known for its collection of historic sites on Joy Street in Boston and York Street on Nantucket. These locations anchor the Black Heritage Trails® in Boston and Nantucket and span the Colonial Period through Reconstruction. MAAH and its portfolio of properties are closely linked to historical leaders, institutions, campaigns and events during the 18th and 19th centuries, such as the Massachusetts General Colored Association which was established in 1826 to combat slavery and racism, the New England Antislavery Soci-

ety founded in 1832 and led by William Lloyd Garrison, and the voyages of the African American whaling captain, Absalom Boston. Home to four original African American buildings constructed between 1774 and 1835, MAAH sites include two African Meeting Houses, the Abiel Smith School, and the Seneca Boston-Florence Higginbotham House. Through programs, curricula, tours, and exhibits the museum illuminates, interprets, and preserves the birthplace of the abolitionist movement and the continuing struggle for human rights.

## FRIENDS HOUSE (from pg. 1)

house at 6 and 8 Chestnut St., which provides a cooperative living space for between 18 and 22 people each year.

Jennifer Newman, executive director of BHFH, discovered the organization soon after moving to Boston in the summer of 2017 as a then 23-year-old recent graduate from a master's program in theological studies degree at Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, Tenn.

"I felt really drawn to Quaker practices and knew I wanted to make it my religious life, so I sought out Quaker opportunities in Boston," recalled the native Californian during a recent phone call.

Newman, who was then working in the field of non-profit outreach and advocacy for The Public Interest Network, went to her first BHFH meeting. She was intrigued hearing about the group's Strategic Master Plan, which was then underway. Newman was soon enlisted as the clerk of the BHFH's Quaker Learning Committee in July 2017 and later became its chair. She also served on the BHFH board.

In mid-2018, Newman became a BHFH resident as well, when a space opened up there.

BHFH offers rolling admissions, so new residents come on board as others leave. Residential openings are promoted via the Foundation for International Community website, as well as marketed to students through social media. Other applicants hear directly about BHFH from former residents themselves.

After receiving a pool of applications for its residential openings, they are reviewed by an internal board, and applicants who are expected to be the best fit for the

community, are then selected through the process.

The residents share Quaker values and want to live 'communally' and 'intentionally,' although they don't necessarily all practice Quakerism as their religious faith. They live in a mix of single and double rooms and share use of two kitchens, as well as the use of many common areas.

Residents share meals together, including five house dinners cooked each week by the resident staff and provided as part of their monthly rent. They also share chores and work together to maintain the residence, as well as enjoy activities, educational programs, and retreats together.

Residents can live at BHFH for up to four years, but most stay there for two years on average. They are a multi-cultural group, as well as multi-generational, although most residents are generally between their early 20s and their 70s.

Many residents come to live at BHFH during transitional times in their lives, said Newman. In addition to recent graduates from master's programs like herself, they also often include recent retirees, along with others who've relocated to Boston for work.

"It was such a unique experience living with so many people across different ages and race and with different religious and cultural experience," said Newman of her experience as a BHFH resident. (Newman and the organization's assistant director both now live on site in staff housing.)

Besides its residential community, BHFH is also home to Beacon Hill Friends Meeting – a self-described "inclusive Quaker religious community in Boston."

Beacon Hill Friends Meeting

and BHFH are "intertwined," said Newman, with many former BHFH residents going on to serve on the Friends Meeting board.

BHFH also rents space in its 1921 ballroom, which has a meeting room that holds 75 occupants, to a number of community organizations, including Beacon Hill Seminars, as well as for Boston Early Music Festival concerts.

While BHFH may not be that well known in the neighborhood, the organization has still managed to attract the largesse of some high-profile benefactors.

BHFH received a \$500,000 Community Preservation Act grant from the city in 2023, as well as another \$9,680 CPA grant the following year. This year, BHFH was the recipient of a \$491,018 CPA grant.

BHFH also recently awarded a generous grant from the Legacy Fund for Boston – a public charity which uses contributions and grants from private developers and city agencies for the mitigation of private development projects built in Boston.

Moreover, BHFH received a grant from the Beacon Hill Civic Association per its 2023 Community Grants program, which supports community-based programs that enhance the quality of life for residents in the neighborhood through various projects and programs.

The grant money BHFH has received to date has been used to help underwrite the cost of replacing the severely deteriorated roof and decking on the building's rear ell, which had last been renovated in 1995, as well as for myriad structural improvements to the property.

"We see ourselves as both stewards of the past and builders of

the future," said Newman. "The repairs we've completed with support from the Boston Community Preservation Act [among other funding sources] aren't just about stabilizing historic wood and masonry. They're about keeping this deeply lived-in space open, safe, and welcoming to the public

for years to come."

Interested in learning more firsthand about Beacon Hill Friends House?

If so, BHFH will hold its annual Summer Cookout on Saturday, July 12, from noon to 3 p.m. Visit [bhfh.org](http://bhfh.org) to R.S.V.P. and for more information.

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The Edward Everett Hale statue in the Public Garden was seen this week donning the jersey of former Boston Bruin (and current Florida Panther) Brad Marchand.

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The Bridge Project expands to Boston, bringing groundbreaking support to moms and babies

Special to the Times

The Bridge Project – the nation’s largest unconditional cash program focused exclusively on providing support to low-income mothers and their babies – is expanding to include the City of Boston.

With this launch, The Bridge Project extends its proven model to expectant and new moms in the Boston area. Participants will receive unconditional cash assistance from pregnancy through the first 1,000 days of their baby’s life—a crucial period with lasting effects on a child’s development. The support includes a one-time prenatal stipend of \$1,125, followed by monthly payments of \$750 for the first 15 months, and \$375 for the final 21 months. These payments can be used on whatever a baby needs, offering families the flexibility, stability, and dignity to meet their needs.

In partnerships with leaders in philanthropy, the nonprofit has already secured over \$5 million in private contributions to support the Bridge Boston launch. Bridge

Boston will accept program participant applications in partnership with nonprofit partners across the area.

“We are so encouraged by the response among local policy-makers, philanthropists, and nonprofit leaders. Supporters are excited about the potential for unconditional cash to provide flexible support for families dealing with Boston’s high cost of living, particularly housing costs,” said Holly Fogle, founder of The Bridge Project. “We believe that if you trust moms and provide them with consistent, no-strings-attached financial support, they will make the best decisions for their babies. This is about breathing room, stability, and the long-term well-being of children and families. For these new moms, being entrusted with decision-making fuels cycle-breaking behaviors and beliefs.”

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu said, “As the mom of a baby girl, the work of The Bridge Project has particular meaning for me. Those early years are crucial for a child’s development and we are delighted

to welcome the energy and impact of The Bridge Project to Boston.”

“We’re so excited to see The Bridge Project launching here in Boston,” said Alison Carter Marlow, Executive Director of Jeremiah Program Boston. “As neighbors, coaches and advocates who walk alongside families every day, we understand just how much a little financial breathing room can mean—especially during pregnancy. Whether it’s helping moms get to their checkups, buy fresh groceries or make sure their baby has a safe place to sleep, direct cash support can make a real difference. We’re delighted to partner with The Bridge Project to uplift our communities and help Boston families thrive.”

Since launching in 2021, The Bridge Project has supported over 2,000 mothers across six states: New York, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. Now in Boston, the organization will work closely with local partners to ensure its support com-

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# Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool opens June 24

Special to Times

Mayor Michelle Wu, Chief Climate Officer and Interim Boston Parks Commissioner Brian Swett, and The Skating Club of Boston invite children and their caregivers to kick off the 2025 summer wading season as the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool reopens on Tuesday, June 24.

The wading pool opening is made possible by title sponsor Bank of America and presenting sponsors H.P. Hood LLC and the

New England Dairy Council. The event will include an exciting celebration at 11 a.m., followed by the opening of the spray pool.

In addition to activities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., residents can enjoy tasty treats and a visit from official mascot Frog Pond Freddie. Enjoy sparkling water from Polar Beverages, frozen treats from H.P. Hood LLC, as well as dairy product sampling from the New England Dairy Council's educational Mobile Dairy Experience. Residents can also try our

instrument 'petting zoo' courtesy of the Boston Music Project and visit the teams from Laboratories of Cognitive Neuroscience at Boston Children's Hospital, Made 2 Clean MA, the University of Massachusetts Early Minds Lab, AT&T, as well as IMPACT Melanoma for summer sun safety tips.

Also offering giveaways and activities will be the Boston Public Library, the Boston Public Health Commission, Science for Scientists, Friends of the Public Garden, Boston Fire Department, and the

Boston Water and Sewer Commission's popular water truck.

A year-round recreational facility, the Frog Pond offers ice skating in the winter, a spray pool and supervised wading for youth in the summer, and the Carousel from spring through fall. Information on additional activities offered at the Frog Pond can be found by visiting [www.bostonfrogpond.com](http://www.bostonfrogpond.com).

The Frog Pond spray pool is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Labor Day. The facility is managed by The Skating Club of

Boston and staffed by youth workers from the Boston Youth Fund. For further information, call the Frog Pond at (617) 635-2120.

For more information visit [www.boston.gov/frogpond](http://www.boston.gov/frogpond). To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks visit [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks), call (617) 635-4505, join the email list, and follow social channels @bostonparksdept on X, Facebook, Instagram, and @parks.boston.gov on Bluesky.

## BHCA (from pg. 1)

via Zoom

### Upcoming Events

For further information on BHCA events including Zoom links 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 [bhcciv.org](http://bhcciv.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!



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## NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

### MAAH PLANS JUNETEENTH EVENTS FOR JUNE 19

The Museum of African American History (MAAH), in collaboration with the Boston Ujima Project, Heritage Marketplace, and Black-owned businesses, will celebrate Juneteenth with programs for visitors of all ages on Wednesday, June 19, beginning at noon at the museum's Beacon Hill campus at 46 Joy St.

Programs will include two Underground Railroad tours in partnership with the National Park Service, which last approximately one hour and begin outside the museum at 1 and 3 p.m.; The Haus of Glitter Dance Company leading an Afro Latinx dance workshop; an A MAAH Storyteller reading Juneteenth books for children including 'Juneteenth for Maize'; Cornell Coley, a respected educator and performer, presenting an Afro Latin drum circle; and the Boston Public Quartet performing a selection of songs from Black composers, including Julius Eastman, Jessie Montgomery, William Grant Still, and Florence Price.

The museum will also be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with free admission all day.

For information and a program schedule, visit [www.maah.org](http://www.maah.org).

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS OFFERED BY WEST END MUSEUM

The West End Museum, located at 150 Staniford St., Suite 7, presents 'The Battle for Boston,' with Don Gillis, on Tuesday June 17, from 6 to 7 p.m.

This author talk by Don Gillis will focus on his book, 'The Battle for Boston: How Mayor Ray Flynn and Community Organizers Fought Racism and Downtown Power Brokers.'

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1359589110629?aff=oddtcreator> for more information and tickets.

The museum will also offer 'Now is the Hour: A Tribute to Buddy Clark' on Sunday, June 29, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at The Hub on Causeway Community Room at 52 Causeway St.

This musical tribute celebrates the life and legacy of West End Buddy Clark, one of the golden voices of the 1930s and '40s performed live by talented vocalist Dan Gabel, accompanied by Josiah Reibstein and The Hubtones.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1359635720039?aff=oddtcreator> for more information and tickets.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE ATHENAEUM

The Boston Athenaeum, located at 10½ Beacon St., presents Resist, 'Endure, Adapt: The Ethics and Practice of Plant Conservation' on Tuesday, June 17, at 6 p.m.

You have probably heard that diversity is good for the environment, but have you ever wondered how exactly plant diversity benefits ecosystems and the life (including yours) that these ecosystems support? Join CEO of Native Plant Trust Tim Johnson for a wide ranging talk about the history of the conservation movement in the United States, the tools plant conservationists use to protect plants from extinction, and what plant ecology can teach us about how to resist, endure, and adapt when the things we hold dear come under attack.

Tickets are free for Athenaeum members and their guests, and \$20 for visitors. More information and registration is available at: <https://events.bostonathenaeum.org/en/resist-endure-adapt-the-ethics-and-practice-of-plant-conserva->

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The Athenaeum will offer an Author Talk with Robert W. Fieseler, author of 'American Scare,' on Monday, June 23, at 6 p.m.

In January 1959, Art Copleston was escorted out of his college accounting class by three police officers. In a motel room, blinds drawn, he sat in front of a state senator and the legal counsel for the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee, nicknamed the 'Johns Committee.' His crime? Being a suspected homosexual. And the government of Florida would use any tactic at their disposal—legal or not—to get Copleston to admit it.

Using a secret trove of primary source documents that have been decoded and de-censored for the first time in history, journalist Robert W. Fieseler unravels the mystery of what actually happened behind the closed doors of an inquisition that held ordinary citizens ransom to its extraordinary powers.

Tickets are free for Athenaeum members and their guests, and \$20 for visitors. More information and registration is available at: <https://events.bostonathenaeum.org/en/robert-w-fieseler-american-scare-5a2KUm4yw3d/overview>

The Athenaeum will offer an Author Talk with Nigel Hamilton, author of 'Lincoln vs. Davis: The War of the Presidents,' on Monday, June 30, at 6 p.m.

From New York Times best-selling presidential biographer Nigel Hamilton comes the greatest untold story of the Civil War: how two American presidents faced off as the fate of the nation hung in the balance—and how Abraham Lincoln came to embrace emancipation as the last, best chance to save the Union.

With a cast of unforgettable characters, from first ladies to fugitive coachmen to treasonous cabinet officials, Lincoln vs. Davis is a spellbinding dual biography from renowned presidential chronicler Nigel Hamilton: a saga that will surprise, touch, and enthrall.

Tickets are free for Athenaeum members and their guests, and \$20 for visitors. More information and registration is available at: <https://events.bostonathenaeum.org/en/nigel-hamilton-lincoln-vs-davis-the-war-of-the-presidents-5a2KUm54Jvd/overview>

Also, the Athenaeum is offering its 'Wild Flowers of New England' exhibit, which features the photographic work of Massachusetts-based Edwin Hale Lincoln (1848–1938), highlighting his career dedicated to documenting

and preserving New England's wildflowers through Sept. 5.

This exhibit presents, together for the first time in over a century, Lincoln's botanical photographs, glass plate negatives, and his collected pressed specimens of flowers from his 1910-1914 self-published series of the same name. Through Lincoln's preservationist lens, visitors will experience a meticulous photographic practice capturing botanical methodology, artistry, and the timeless allure and beauty of New England's wildflowers.

During the run of this exhibit, the Athenaeum will host several events related to the exhibition, including a hands-on workshop with Bob Sances creating wildflower specimen books on June 14; and lecture on biodiversity and conservation by Tim Johnson, CEO of Native Plant Trust, on June 17. More information on Athenaeum programs and events is available at: [bostonathenaeum.org/events](http://bostonathenaeum.org/events).

### 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](mailto:artedeman@gmail.com)), or Julia Forbes ([jmfaorbes@gmail.com](mailto:jmfaorbes@gmail.com)) or Sandy Connor ([ssconnor46@gmail.com](mailto:ssconnor46@gmail.com)).

## Garden Tour offers rare glimpse into private Charlestown gardens

Special to the Times

Discover the hidden beauty behind the walls of Charlestown on Saturday, June 21, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, during the highly anticipated Garden Tour of Historic Charlestown, featuring twelve private gardens rarely open to the public including the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club gardens.

Tucked behind elegant brick townhouses and classic clapboard homes, these secluded spaces are lush sanctuaries filled with inspiration. Visitors will enjoy everything from shady courtyard retreats to gardens steeped in the architectural and horticultural history of the neighborhood. As a special highlight, guests will also gain access to the St. Francis de Sales Cemetery, also known as the "Irish Cemetery," which is typically closed to the public.

The tour kicks off at the Gardens for Charlestown Community Garden, where attendees can enjoy complimentary refreshments courtesy of Starbucks and homemade

breakfast breads provided by local gardeners. Each guest will receive a guidebook granting access to all garden sites and highlighting neighborhood shops, restaurants, and cafes participating in the day's festivities. Adding to the excitement, guests may purchase raffle tickets to win items generously donated by local Charlestown businesses and restaurants.

Proceeds from the event support Gardens for Charlestown, a vibrant community space that includes 65 plots cultivated by 85 resident gardeners. The organization is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to community programming, garden maintenance, and the preservation of green space in Charlestown.

Advance tickets are available online for \$25, while day-of tickets can be purchased at the Community Garden for \$30. Raffle tickets are also available online for \$1 each. To purchase tickets simply scan the QR code in the ad or, visit: <https://www.gardens-for-charlestown.org/gardentour>

Location & Accessibility:

The Gardens for Charlestown Community Garden is located at 499 Main Street, just two blocks from the Sullivan Square MBTA Station. Free street parking is available, and the garden is accessible via MBTA Bus #92 or #93 from Haymarket Station.

About Gardens for Charlestown

Founded in 1978 and incorporated as a nonprofit in 1980, Gardens for Charlestown promotes gardening, education, and community pride through its open green space and community programs. The garden includes 65 member-tended plots and public areas with border gardens and accessible seating. An entirely volunteer-run 501(c)(3) organization, Gardens for Charlestown's three-fold mission is: to preserve urban green space, to create opportunities for community gathering, and to educate kids and adults on the wonders of nature.

For additional information, please contact: [thegardentour@gardensforcharlestown.org](mailto:thegardentour@gardensforcharlestown.org),



## REDEVELOPMENT (from pg. 1)

well as with “softening” the existing exterior conditions of the site to better connect it with the surrounding neighborhood.

The Department of Mental Health intends to continue the operations of its existing on-site residential treatment programs, so the selected developer will be required to provide space there (or in very close proximity to the site) to accommodate these programs via a lease or condo arrangement with the state.

The Lindemann Building also has 80 parking spaces on the Merrimac Plaza while the Hurley Building has a shared, 200-space garage.

In a June 6 letter to DCAMM on the project, Carol Matyka, president of the West End Civic Association, wrote in part: “WECA applauds plans to redevelop the site in a manner that revitalizes a large, imposing, fortress-like and unfriendly ‘superblock’ and reconnects it to its home in Boston’s historic West End. The project also provides an opportunity for the Commonwealth to atone for its role in the failed ‘urban renewal’ approach of the 1950s-’60s that destroyed a once vibrant and diverse community.”

Pointing to the “critical” need for affordable housing around the West End, WECA is asking for the prioritization of creating “low and middle-income affordable family and workforce units directly on the site,” wrote Matyka.

Backe of DCAMM expressed optimism regarding the possibility of the redevelopment project containing a residential component, noting Gov. Maura Healey’s announcement just three days earlier that 450 acres of state-owned property would soon be made available for redevelopment into housing.

WECA also calls for the “immediate redesign” (or within the first project phase) of Merrimac Plaza into “a greenspace for the benefit of neighborhood residents,” wrote Matyka, since the parcel, located at the intersection of Staniford and Merrimac streets, now serves as an unauthorized, fenced-in parking lot.

Furthermore, WECA requests that some space in the redeveloped property be designated for use by the West End Museum.

“Including Museum space in the complex would not only acknowledge the neighborhood’s extensive historic heritage but also draw visitors to the area and fos-

ter a broadened public awareness and understanding of the City of Boston’s urban culture,” wrote Matyka.

Duane Lucia, a longtime West End resident, asked in the event that the Linemann-Hurley site were originally taken via eminent domain, if preference for any residential units created there could be given to displaced former West Enders, along with residents from other parts of the city who were also displaced due to urban renewal.

Additionally, Lucia requested that the sidewalk on Staniford Street be “activated” as part of the project.

Rep. Jay Livingstone told this reporter he’s “excited about the possibility of the redevelopment,” and that he “looks forward to working with local elected officials and stakeholders to secure the best results for the community from this process.”

Meanwhile, Katherine Kennedy, a Beacon Hill mother of two, made a compelling case during public testimony at the meeting for the creation of a new public elementary school on site as a component of any redevelopment plan.

“A school in this part of the city is desperately needed by families,” said Kennedy, predicting that if a new public elementary school were built on the site “tomorrow,” enrollment for students would be immediately filled.

A virtual public meeting of this matter was also held on Thursday, June 5, which included the same presentation seen at the in-person public meeting the previous evening at the West End Museum.

Written comments from the public regarding the potential redevelopment project were accepted by to DCAMM through the afternoon of Monday, June 9.

DCAMM is expected to recommend the redevelopment of the Lindemann-Hurley property at an Asset Management Board meeting scheduled for June 24.

Once a designated developer has been selected, it will trigger another community process for the project, allowing the public more opportunity to provide feedback, said Abigail Vladeck, DCAMM’s director of asset management.

Permitting and financing for the project is then expected over 2027-28 while construction and occupancy is slated to follow in 2029-31, added Vladeck.

## McDonough and Lee to be honored for leadership in improving healthcare access

Special to the Times

Boston Senior Home Care (BSHC), a trusted provider of home- and community based services, is pleased to announce Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Inc. (PLAN of MA & RI) as its Diamond Sponsor for its upcoming Legacy of Leading Gala: Transforming Communities Through Service celebration on October 16, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Boston.

This new strategic collaboration brings together two organizations dedicated to supporting vulnerable populations and their caregivers. PLAN of MA & RI specializes in providing quality trustee and fiduciary services, helping families secure the financial future of loved ones with disabilities. Their services complement BSHC’s mission of ensuring that older adults and people with disabilities, particularly those of limited means, can remain at home and in the community with dignity and independence. Both organizations recognize the vital role caregivers play in furthering this mission and are committed to providing resources that support their important work.

“Our collaboration with PLAN of MA & RI creates a powerful alliance in supporting care-

givers who are navigating both daily responsibilities and future planning concerns,” said BSHC Chief Executive Officer Margaret Hogan. “Their generous Diamond Sponsorship allows us to expand vital resources for family caregivers. Together, we’re honoring this year’s visionary leaders while strengthening our ability to ensure vulnerable individuals and their caregivers receive the comprehensive support they need to thrive independently.”

Joan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer of PLAN of MA & RI, emphasized its steadfast commitment to supporting family caregivers. “We are honored to serve as the Diamond Sponsor for BSHC’s fundraising event this year. Our trusted services provide essential peace of mind for caregivers concerned about the future welfare of their loved ones. Working alongside BSHC allows us to create a more complete support system that addresses both daily living needs and long-term financial security. We’re particularly proud to sponsor an event honoring Dr. John E. McDonough and Suzanne Lee, both accomplished leaders championing community empowerment.”

BSHC will honor two distinguished community leaders at this year’s gala:

~ Dr. John E. McDonough,

Professor of the Practice of Public Health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and key architect of healthcare reform legislation, will receive BSHC’s Patricia A. Lynch Excellence in Public Service Award for his work improving healthcare access for vulnerable populations.

~ Suzanne Lee, President Emeritus of the Chinese Progressive Association, will be presented with the Community Advocacy Award for decades of service promoting immigrant rights and community development.

This year’s gala comes amid increasing demand for caregiving services and potential federal funding cuts. BSHC provides essential services for 12,000 older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers annually. The involvement of PLAN of MA & RI highlights the importance of specialized financial planning services that offer robust support for families navigating complex caregiving journeys.

The highly anticipated annual fundraiser brings together more than 250 community advocates and state leaders, with proceeds supporting older adults, people with disabilities, grandparents raising grandchildren, and family caregivers. Candy O’Terry, a Massachusetts Hall of Fame broadcaster, will emcee the event.

## BRIDGE (from pg. 4)

plements the city’s existing efforts to combat child poverty and support early childhood development.

Historically, the City of Boston has been home to some of the largest income inequality gaps in New England. Research from the program and other guaranteed income pilots shows that unconditional cash leads to better outcomes in maternal health, infant development, housing stability, and workforce participation. Unconditional cash support enables immediate and long-term benefits. On average, our moms:

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In just four years, The Bridge Project has served over 2,000 mothers and babies, expanded to six states and committed more than \$60 million in direct support. Our strategy blends direct cash disbursements, rigorous mixed-methods research, and policy advocacy to drive systems-level change.

Guided by the principles of prevention, return on investment, and human dignity, The Bridge Project is working to redefine how our society values and supports families from the very beginning.

## SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Times encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication. Items should be forwarded to our offices at 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. We also encourage readers to e-mail news releases and photos to

[deb@reverejournal.com](mailto:deb@reverejournal.com).



BEACON HILL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION HOLDS SIDEWALK SALE

Photos by Marianne Salza

The Beacon Hill Business Association (BHBA) presented its

annual Sidewalk Sale on June 7 and 8, enticing curious passersby with outdoor displays of seasonal items, from home furnishings and

tableware to infant clothes and antiques.



Shop dog, Finn, 12-years-old, relaxing on the Charles Street sidewalk outside J. Grady Home.



Soon-to-be Beacon Hill resident, Rachel Ziff, shopping at Gus and Ruby Letterpress for baby clothes for her first nephew with Gracie Guidotti and Renée Pinero.



Back Bay resident, Bobbi Moran, shopping for sleepwear at Linens on the Hill.



Angela Spike and Jennifer Hill, Owner of Blackstones, where holiday decorations were big sellers during the BHBA Sidewalk Sale.

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## BEACON HILL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION HOLDS SIDEWALK SALE



Faye Strain and Laura Cousineau, Owner of Upstairs/Downstairs Home, where furniture and cocktail napkins were popular items during the BHBA Sidewalk Sale



Leila Bahrami, Vintage Fashion Curator, and Cecilia Hermawan, Founder of Vico Style, a micro-vintage department store



Rebecca Hackler, Owner of Fabled Antiques, and Peggy Glynn, long-time Sales Associate.



Grace Flanagan and Meghan McConnell shopping for vintage post cards at Fabled Antiques.

A poster for the "Wild Flowers of New England" exhibition. The background is a black and white photograph of lilies. The text is in a serif font. The title "WILD FLOWERS OF NEW ENGLAND" is in a large, bold, serif font. Below it is a small logo of a flower. The name "EDWIN HALE LINCOLN" is in a smaller, bold, serif font. At the bottom, it says "EXPERIENCE THE EXHIBITION" in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by "JUNE 10 - SEPTEMBER 5" in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. The bottom of the poster has a black background with the text "BOSTON ATHENÆUM" in a large, bold, serif font, and "BOSTONATHENAEUM.ORG | 10 1/2 BEACON ST" in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font.



## Echoes of Valor: A Boston concert commemorates 250 years of service and sacrifice

Special to the Times

Boston will come alive with the sound of patriotism this June 17 as the city hosts "Echoes of Valor," a powerful tribute to 250 years of American service and sacrifice. This free public event honors both the founding of the United States Army and the Battle of Bunker Hill, two defining moments in the nation's history.

The evening features a rousing concert by the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus at the Hatch Memorial Shell, offering a moving program of patriotic music, ceremonial tributes, and

military pageantry.

Schedule of Events

• 6:00 PM – Ceremonial Procession

Begins at the Edward Everett Statue in the Boston Public Garden. The procession route includes Arlington Street and the Arthur Fiedler Footbridge, leading to the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade.

• 7:00 PM – Concert Begins

The concert will include stirring musical selections, military flyovers, cannon salutes, and remarks by civic and military leaders—all honoring America's enduring legacy of service.

Presented in collaboration with

the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Veterans Services, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Massachusetts National Guard, and State Police), the City of Boston (Veterans Services and Boston Police Department), and a wide coalition of federal officials, military personnel, and historic and patriotic organizations—including AHAC, MASSAR, MASSDAR, NSCAR, and Friends of Lafayette.

This event is free and open to the public. All are warmly encouraged to attend and take part in this evening of reflection, honor, and celebration.

## Four tips for preventing dog attacks on mail carriers

Can you picture a member of your family attacking a mail carrier? Of course not, but it happened over 6,000 times last year across the nation.

"I was bit by a dog on my leg recently and my mail satchel helped protect me," said Francisco Juarez, a letter carrier who delivers in Houston, TX. "The sound of a dog barking while on my route puts me on high alert and I try to be ready to protect myself."

Juarez recognizes the importance of the safety training he's received as a letter carrier to help protect himself from dog attacks while delivering the mail. Even though he diligently follows dog bite safety protocols while on his route, he was still attacked by a dog.

When a dog attacks a letter carrier, the dog owner could be held liable for all medical expenses, repayment of lost work hours,

replacement of the uniform and other costs, which can run into thousands of dollars. The Postal Service makes the safety of its employees a top priority and dedicates time each year on Dog Bite Awareness.

Here are four simple tips to prevent dog bite injuries year-round:

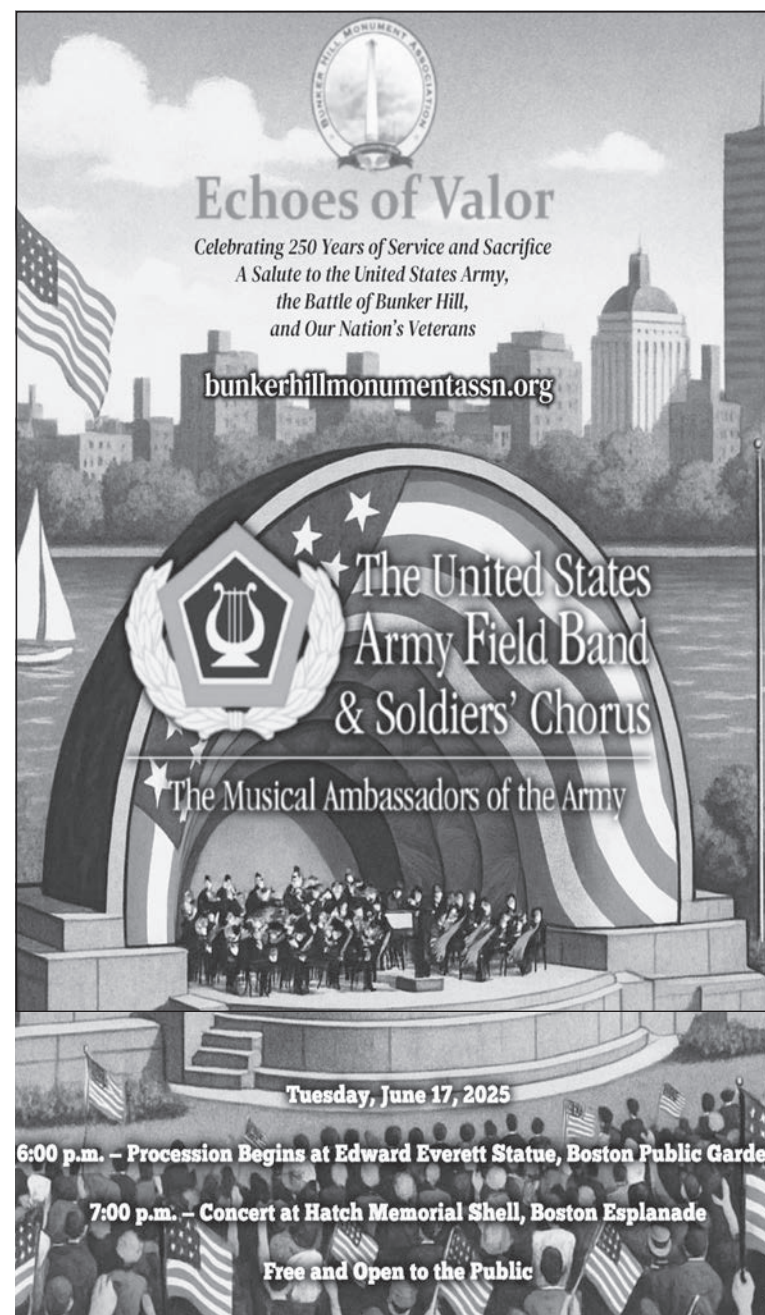
**Door Delivery:** If a carrier delivers mail or packages to your front door, place your dog in a separate room and close that door before opening the front door. Some dogs push through screen doors or plate-glass windows to attack visitors. Dog owners must keep the family pet secured. Never let your child take mail directly from carriers in the presence of the family pet, as the dog may see this as a threatening gesture.

**Restrain Your Dog:** Carriers may assume that if they see no physical fence around a property that the property is animal-free.

This can be a dangerous mistake. Postal Service officials request that you keep your dog restrained or inside when the mail is delivered. Although the electronic fence may keep your dog from wandering, it does not protect your carrier, who must enter your property to deliver the mail. Even homes with curbside mailboxes may have oversized packages or signature-needed items that require the carrier to approach a doorstep and cross the boundaries of the electronic fence. This poses a serious risk to carrier safety.

**Dog in the Yard:** Make sure your dog is properly restrained on a leash and away from where your mail carrier delivers the mail. If the carrier deems a residence unsafe because of an unrestrained dog, mail delivery service can be interrupted. When service is interrupted at an address or in a neighborhood, all parties involved will have to pick up mail at their local Post Office. Service will be restored once assurance has been given that the animal will be confined during regular delivery hours.

**Tracking:** Dog owners who have access to postal notification features, such as Informed Delivery (informedelivery.usps.com) for letter mail and package tracking, are urged to use these features to determine when the carrier is on their way and to ensure their dog has been properly restrained. Expecting a postal package delivery on Sunday? Postal officials urge dog owners to restrain their animals on Sundays as well, since more residences now receive deliveries throughout the weekend.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### 2025 BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

Looking for outdoor fun this summer? Check out the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Guide, a complete schedule of free events and activities for all ages. Visit [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks) to view the Summer Guide in a PDF version or visit our offices at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, to pick up your copy. Summer Guides are also available at Boston City Hall, Boston Public Libraries, and select BCYF center locations while supplies last. The guide features free activities throughout Boston's parks, including concerts, movies, fitness classes, sports centers, watercolor painting workshops, and fun children's activities.

Highlights include:

- Summer Fitness Series
- The opening celebration at the Boston Common Frog Pond

spray pool on June 24

- Arts & Craft Workshops for children ages 3 to 10
- Watercolor Workshops in June
- Movie Nights in parks city-wide
- ParkARTS Neighborhood Concerts
- Sports Centers in East Boston, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Jamaica Plain
- Intimate concerts on our golf clubhouse patios
- The Tito Puente Latin Music Series in the South End, East Boston, Mission Hill, and Jamaica Plain
- Leagues and tournaments for basketball, baseball, softball, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, flag football, and street hockey
- And much more!

To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks visit [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks), call (617) 635-4505, join our email list, and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on X, Facebook, Instagram, and @parks.boston.gov on Bluesky.

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# State Fire Marshal highlights summer fire safety

Special to the Regional Review

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is asking residents to practice outdoor fire safety in the weeks and months ahead.

“As the weather gets warmer and we start spending more time outside, outdoor fires also start to increase,” State Fire Marshal Davine said. “Unfortunately, many of these fires cause serious injuries and property damage – but almost all of them can be prevented.”

## Grilling Safety

About two-thirds of grilling fires in Massachusetts occur between May and August. About 75% take place on residential properties – most often one- and two-family homes. Memorial Day is a leading day for cookouts with family and friends, so stay safe when using your gas or charcoal grill:

- Always grill outdoors, never inside.
- A burning grill should always be attended by an adult.
- Never use a gas or charcoal grill on a porch, balcony, or fire escape.
- Place grills at least 10 feet away from buildings and deck railings. Make sure grills are not under eaves or overhanging branches.
- Gas grills may be used on first floor decks or patios only if there is an outdoor stairway to the ground, or it is at ground level.
- Always keep matches, lighters, and lighter fluid away from children.

• Create a three-foot “circle of safety” around grills. Keep children and pets at least three feet away on all sides.

When using a gas grill, open the lid before you light it to avoid the ignition of built-up propane. If you smell gas while cooking, turn off the grill, move away, and call 9-1-1 from a safe location. Do not move the grill. Always turn off the burners and close the propane cylinder when you’re done cooking.

If using a charcoal grill, only use charcoal starter fluid. Do not use gasoline or kerosene to start a fire in a grill, and never add any flammable liquid to burning briquettes or hot coals. Allow the coals to burn out completely and then cool for 48 hours before disposal. If you must dispose of ashes before they are completely cooled, thoroughly soak them in water before putting them in a metal container.

## Fire Pits and Chimineas

Outdoor burning is prohibited in Massachusetts from May 1 to January 15. While regulations allow exceptions for fires that are used for cooking, local fire chiefs and municipalities may prohibit or impose additional restrictions on these fires, including the use of fire pits and chimineas. Even where allowed, an adult must always be present with the tools necessary to extinguish such a fire immediately because of the inherent risk. Brush and structure fires in Agawam, Florida, Goshen, and Haverhill in recent weeks all started with fire pits that were unattended or

improperly used. Any burning that creates a nuisance, a condition of air pollution, or hazard to others is always prohibited.

## Gasoline Safety

Serious gasoline-related burns peak in the summer months, with about 40% reported from June through August. Always be cautious when using gasoline, especially in the area of any heat source:

- Gasoline should only be used as fuel for an engine, not as a solvent.
- Never use gasoline to start a fire or add it to any fire.
- Store gasoline only outside the home, such as in a locked shed, and always in an approved container. Never store gasoline in the home or basement.
- Refuel lawnmowers, leaf blowers, mopeds, and other devices only when the engine is cool. Never refill while it is hot.
- Keep gasoline away from all heat sources, such as smoking materials, campfires, and grills.

## Smoking Safety

Smoking materials have been the leading cause of fire deaths in Massachusetts for decades, and carelessly discarded cigarette butts are a common factor in structure fires that start on porches and nearby dry vegetation. Mulch is especially prone to combustion caused by careless smoking. Smoking fires are particularly dangerous because they may smolder undetected and then erupt into flames that grow rapidly. A fire

that starts on a porch, balcony, or exterior stairway can extend to the home before smoke alarms inside detect them and alert you to the danger.

“If you still smoke, or if you have guests who do, please do it responsibly,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “Always use a deep, sturdy ashtray or a can with sand or water. Don’t toss smoking materials into the mulch, leaves, grass, or planters, and don’t stub them out on the porch railing or stairs. Remember to put it out, all the way, every time.”

## Brush and Wildland Fire Safety

Almost all outdoor fires are caused by human behavior. In the warm, dry weather expected Sunday and Monday, these fires may spread to dangerous sizes quickly and require numerous firefighting resources to contain and extinguish. And because about 50% of Massachusetts homes are in Wildland-Urban Interface or Intermix zones, outdoor fires can easily threaten people and property.

- Practice fire safety with grills, flammable liquids, smoking materials, and power equipment.
- Before setting up a campfire,

be sure it is permitted by checking with the local fire department.

• Clear away dry leaves and sticks and overhanging low branches and shrubs.

• Keep campfires small so they are easier to control and attend to them at all times.

• Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire.

• Make sure your campfire is out cold before leaving.

• If using an ATV, dirt bike, or other off-road vehicle, be sure the spark arrestor is properly installed, as required by Massachusetts law.

• Don’t park a vehicle or power equipment such as a lawnmower on or near dry vegetation. A hot engine or exhaust can ignite dry grass, leaves, or debris.

“We saw last fall just how quickly brush and wildland fires can grow to sizes that require a large response by local and regional fire departments,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “These fires strain our resources and make it harder to respond to other emergencies. If you see an outdoor fire, please call 9-1-1 to report it as soon as possible.”

## Project Bread welcomes Michele Carroll as COO

Special to the Times

A passionate advocate for equity and systems change, Michele Carroll steps into the role of Chief Operating Officer at Project Bread, bringing over 20 years of experience across corporate leadership, nonprofit innovation, and community empowerment. From leading startups to mentoring future leaders, Carroll has built a career focused on impact—and now joins Massachusetts’ leading statewide food security organization to help drive bold, lasting solutions to hunger.

“My commitment to this work is grounded in both personal values and lived experience,” says Carroll. “I was raised in a family where food was not just nourishment, but a way of life—my grandparents were farmers in Arkansas, and every summer I spent time learning about the food system firsthand. Today, my mother continues that legacy by



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Michele Carroll.

running a church food pantry, where I’ve gotten to see my own children help pack and distribute meals. I’ve seen how access to food builds dignity and opportunity, and I’m proud to now be part of an organization making that possible for every family in Massachusetts.”

As COO, Carroll will lead

cross-functional strategy and support infrastructure development to ensure the organization remains effective, inclusive, and nimble as it scales its impact. Before joining Project Bread, she held leadership roles at Duet and The Partnership, Inc., where she built systems, coached emerging leaders, and fostered inclusive workplace cultures. Earlier in her career, she spent a decade at Procter & Gamble, where she developed foundational expertise in sales, coaching, and mentorship.

“Michele brings a powerful combination of heart and systems-thinking to Project Bread,” says Erin McAleer, President and CEO. “She’s joining us at a time when our mission has never been more urgent, as we fight against federal attacks on critical nutrition programs and seek to uphold the autonomy of every Massachu-

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# Charlesgate Alliance dedicates 14 new trees

Special to Times

The Charlesgate Alliance, in partnership with the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), hosted a tree dedication ceremony on Thursday, June 5, in Charlesgate Park to celebrate the planting of 14 new trees—seven of which were planted in memory of beloved environmental leader Fran Gershwin.

This event marked another milestone in the Charlesgate Revitalization Project, a long-term vision to restore and reimagine the parkland between the Massachusetts Turnpike and Storrow Drive. Over the past three years, the Charlesgate Alliance has planted more than 30 trees throughout the park and continues to provide stewardship for dozens more.

The tree dedication brought together elected officials, community advocates, and partner organizations to recognize the contributions of Fran Gershwin, who served for many years as Chair of the Maintenance and Management Oversight Committee (MMOC) of the Muddy River Restoration Project. Her commitment to restoring the Muddy River and expanding the Boston area's tree canopy left an indelible mark on the city's landscape and spirit.

The new trees dedicated in Fran's memory were made possible through the generosity of Mass Parks for All, Betsy Shure Gross and Gary L. Gross, The Chestnut Hill Book Club, and the Gershwin family. Additional maintenance funds for the trees were provided by Boston University. In addition to the tree planting, attendees celebrated the recent removal of the

north barrier wall, which once obstructed views of the park. The project was funded by a matching grant to the Charlesgate Alliance, with support from DCR and Emerald Necklace Conservancy.

Speakers included Sen. Will Brownsberger, Reps. Dan Ryan and Jay Livingstone, City Councilor Sharon Durkan, DCR's Ruth Helfeld, Emerald Necklace Conservancy President Karen Mauney-Brodek, and representatives from the MMOC and the Gershwin family. Councilor Durkan offered two official Boston City Council resolutions: one honoring the Charlesgate Alliance's environmental leadership and another commemorating Fran Gershwin's lifetime of public service and advocacy for Boston's green spaces.

As a nod to the park's future, the Muddy Water Initiative

announced the return of their seasonal Farmers Market to Charlesgate's North Field, running weekly from June 22 through Oct. 12.

The Charlesgate Alliance, established in 2017, is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to serving and improving Charlesgate Park and its surrounding neighborhoods in the Back Bay, Kenmore, and Fenway. Charlesgate Park, defined by Charlesgate East and West, Storrow Drive, and the Massachusetts Turnpike, was once known as the Beacon Street Entrance to the Back Bay Fens, the starting point of the design for Frederick Law Olmsted's Emerald Necklace park system. Its function as an entrance to the parks and as a connector between neighborhoods was severely impacted by the construction of the Bowker Overpass in 1965.



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Rep. Jay Livingstone.



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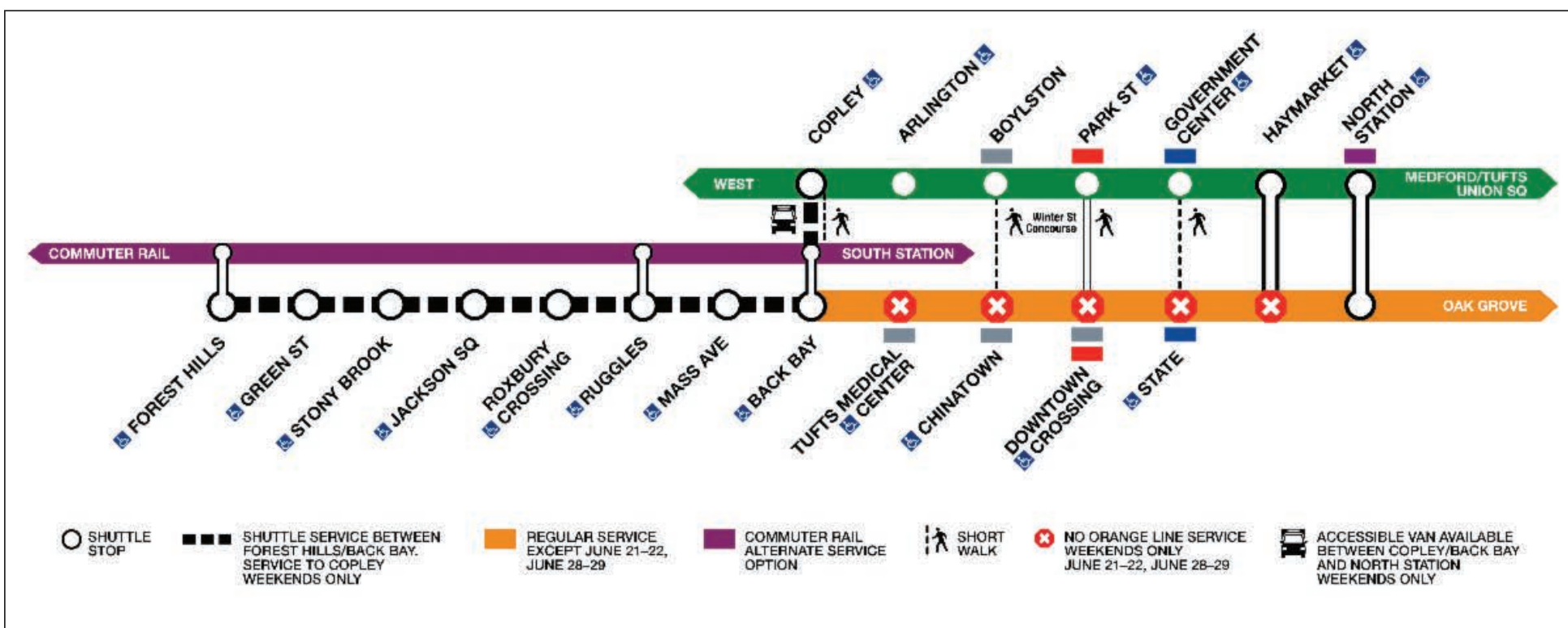
Parker James, co-founder of the Charlesgate Alliance.



Attendees on hand for the Charlesgate Alliance's June 5 tree dedication ceremony.

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## Orange Line service suspended June 21 to 29

Special to the Times

Between North Station and Forest Hills on Weekends, Between Back Bay and Forest Hills on Weekdays

This notice serves as a reminder of the upcoming Orange Line closure previously announced on May 20.

The MBTA is today reminding riders that Orange Line service will be suspended between North Station and Forest Hills on weekends and between Back Bay and Forest Hills on weekdays all day, every day, for nine days, June 21 to 29.

Riders can find complete information at [mbta.com/OrangeLine](http://mbta.com/OrangeLine). More information on these service changes and alternate travel options is below:

During the weekends of June 21 – 22 and June 28 – 29, service will be suspended between North Station and Forest Hills:

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.

On weekdays, June 23 – 27, service will be suspended between Back Bay and Forest Hills:

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Back Bay and Forest Hills.

The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, and South Station during this service outage. Riders should note that regular fares should be purchased beyond Forest Hills.

Travel time between Forest Hills and Back Bay on the Franklin/Foxboro and Needham Com-

muter Rail Lines is approximately nine minutes. Trains operate approximately every 30 minutes during the weekday peak periods. Schedules are available at [mbta.com](http://mbta.com).

Bus Route 39 will be fare-free and additional service will be provided.

Riders using shuttle buses should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to Downtown Crossing from Forest Hills should budget an additional 30 – 45 minutes of travel time in addition to their regular commute.

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.

More information is also available through in-station signage and public announcements. 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 for up-to-date service information.

For more information, please visit [mbta.com/OrangeLine](http://mbta.com/OrangeLine) or connect with the T on X @ MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) opened America's first subway tunnel in 1897, pioneering public transportation in the United States. Today, the MBTA is one of the largest public transit systems in the country, operating an extensive network of subway, bus, Commuter Rail, ferry, and paratransit services across 176 cities and towns. The MBTA is undergoing a transformative period, focusing on cultivating a culture of safety and excellence,

modernizing infrastructure, and improving reliability and accessibility. Current priorities include accelerating critical infrastructure repairs, expanding accessibility, and reducing emissions. The MBTA is committed to providing dependable, frequent, and accessible service that riders can rely on while supporting the region's economic vitality. Through initiatives like the unprecedented Track Improvement Program, Bus Network Redesign, and Rail Vision, the MBTA aims to connect communities and improve riders' daily experiences and trips. For questions or assistance, riders are encouraged to contact the MBTA Customer Center at 617-222-3200. Members of the press are encouraged to contact [mediarelations@mbta.com](mailto:mediarelations@mbta.com). For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit [MBTA.com](http://MBTA.com) or follow @MBTA on social media.

### CAROLL (from pg. 11)

setts resident. With her passion for equity, her operational insight, and her deep respect for the communities we serve, I know Michele will be instrumental in helping us end hunger for good in Massachusetts."

A graduate of Howard University with a degree in Communications, and Simmons University with a master's in Communications Management, Carroll is a proud third-generation college graduate and lifelong advocate for community empowerment. Outside of work, she serves on the board of the Alray Scholars Program, mentors emerging professionals, and enjoys spending time with her family—often driv-

ing between youth activities for her two children, catching movies with her husband, and traveling.

"Hunger is not just about food—it's about access, equity, and opportunity," says Carroll. "When we remove the barrier of food insecurity, we unlock people's potential in every part of their lives. That's the kind of impact I want to help lead at Project Bread—practical, measurable, and deeply human."

People experiencing food insecurity should call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential, free assistance getting connected to a variety of food resources in 180 languages and for the

hearing impaired. Counselors can pre-screen families and help them to apply for SNAP. Learn more at [www.projectbread.org/get-help](http://www.projectbread.org/get-help).

About Project Bread

Project Bread is the leading statewide food security organization in Massachusetts. Beginning in 1969 with the first Walk for Hunger, the nonprofit focuses on driving systemic change to ensure people of all ages have reliable access to healthy food. Project Bread works collaboratively across sectors to create innovative solutions to end hunger and improve lives across the Commonwealth. For more information, visit: [www.projectbread.org](http://www.projectbread.org).

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NORTH WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead through June 21 for the North Washington Street Bridge is as follows:

**Scheduled Work**

- 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:

- There are no events from 6/8 – 6/21.

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](http://Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement)

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West End Library.....	151 Cambridge St.
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U.S. Post Office.....	136 Charles St.
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Bank of America.....	39 Charles St.
Charles St. Supply.....	54 Charles St.
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DeLuca's .....	11 Charles St.
Nuts Factory.....	Charles St.
Beacon Hill Wine .....	Charles St.
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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.

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6 Whittier Place	0 Emerson Place
150 Stanford St.	45 Temple St.
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5 Longfellow	144 Bowdoin St.
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Horan, Sofia  
Kealy, Tyler  
Collins, James H  
Joyal, Rachel  
23 Worcester St Unit 2 LL  
Wang, Jenny J  
Yongsmith, Hope  
Pasqualini, Kathleen  
Michael R Dornbrook T  
Durst, Kristoffer  
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Gate 9 LLC  
Mariner Rt  
Auner, Joseph H  
32 Myrtle St Realty LLC  
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New England Housing LLC  
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Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The medal in the last clue is located on the statue of Tadeusz Kościuszko, a Polish national hero who emigrated to America in 1776 and fought for freedom during the American Revolutionary War. Wikipedia notes that he, “ ...designed and oversaw the construction of state-of-the-art fortifications, including those at West Point, New York.”

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Boarding pets

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

This week, we'll cover two aspects of pet boarding. First, planning for a safe and happy experience for you and your pet when you board them at an established kennel, or as some are called, a pet hotel. Second, the alternatives to boarding. These include engaging a pet and house sitter for the time you are away or leaving your pet with a trusted friend or family member.

Begin with Your Pet

What option would be a good fit for your pet? Several factors influence this decision, including age, health, exercise requirements, and personality. Does your dog get along with other dogs? Does your cat interact with humans other than family? What specific tasks would the care provider have to perform? Some animals may need medications multiple times a day. Others could need intravenous fluids for kidney disease.

Investigate the Facilities

We are firm believers in recommendations from other pet guardians who show the same standards

of care that you have. Even then, we would check on how that specific kennel would work for our dog, who is anxious and an escape artist.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston offers a "Board Safely Checklist" on the website [www.arlboston.org](http://www.arlboston.org). It leads you, step-by-step, from "See it for Yourself" to "Get it in Writing. The Whole Dog Journal has its own checklist that takes a different approach, asking questions like

Is the facility staffed at all times? How do they handle health emergencies? Is drinking water always available to your pet?

Once you have one or two places in mind, recheck your referrals by asking as many pet people as you can about specific places. Should you come across someone who used to leave their animal there but switched to another place, ask why.

Stay at a Home Options

A pet sitter is one option if you prefer to allow your pet to stay in your home or theirs. Begin with the service providers you already trust. Your dog-walker may be willing to board your dog.



Some facilities may offer training services in addition to boarding. (photo by Ahmed)

Ask your veterinarian. Some clinics provide boarding services, and some vet techs make extra income by pet sitting. This may be a good option if you have a dog or cat who has a medical issue, must be monitored and medicated, or is frail. Groomers or the staff at your

grooming facility may be another source of pet sitters.

A few people in every neighborhood make a little extra income by caring for pets. If you ask neighbors for recommendations, you may find a gem in your area. Some dog breeders will board dogs in their line.

A dog lover who hasn't found a way to have a dog in their life might jump at the opportunity to enjoy your pup. A friend who shares a home with roommates may be pleased to move into your place for a weekend or longer in exchange for pet sitting.

Family, friends and neighbors

might be willing to host your dog or provide care for your cat as a part of a reciprocal agreement.

Finally, do a test run if it is a new adventure for your pet or a new person. Let the dog or cat experience the boarding option you choose for a day or two before you embark on a longer trip.

It's better to make any necessary changes while you're nearby than when you are hundreds of miles away on your own adventure.

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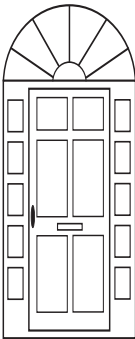
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