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IT'S NOT ALL WORK AT CITY HALL PLAZA



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY ISABEL LEON

A miniature model of City Hall comprised of Legos was on display June 11 for the city's second annual International Day of Play – a family-friendly and free public event on City Hall Plaza

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER



PHOTO COURTESY MARIANNE SALZA.

Shown (left to right) are Beacon Hill Civic Association board member John Gulliver, and BHCA members Devin and Katherine Kennedy, and Richelle Gewertz enjoying a delightful Summer Evening at Otis House last Thursday.

BHCA Committee Work

Every year, the BHCA publishes its Annual Report. The report is a compilation of the work of our many committees. We will include committee reports here from time to time.

Safety Committee

The BHCA Safety Committee is the liaison between Beacon Hill and the Boston Police, Area A1. As such, we attend the monthly Advisory Committee at the Police Station. There is active dialogue with BPD and BHCA

Summary of some of the safety issues for BH over the

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Ducklings sculptor Schön gets political with new exhibit

By Dan Murphy

Though she is likely best known for her whimsical public art creations, including the 'Make Way for Ducklings' sculpture in the Public Garden and the Tortoise and the Hare sculpture in Copley Square, venerable local artist Nancy Schön is now squarely taking aim at the Trump administration and current political landscape with her latest exhibit 'My Truth.'

"I was energized beyond belief to show my anger," said Schön, now 96. "Artists have an obligation to put their footprints in history, and we have to be able to tell the truth. I had to tell my truth about the horrible things going on in this political world. I've lived long enough to see we're on a dangerous path."

The exhibit, which will

be on display on Friday, June 27, from 5 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday June 28-29, from noon to 5 p.m., in Schön's Newton garage studio, comprises 25 works, including 10 of her signature bronze sculptures, as well as 15 mixed-media pieces. All works in the exhibit will be available for purchase.

Schön had originally intended to call the exhibit 'Truth' but then modified the name to 'My Truth,' since she said it specifically reflects her personal truth.

"I don't know that it's everyone's truth, but it's my truth," she said. "I'm willing to take anything that anyone thinks is their truth. Theoretically we live in a democracy."

She has allowed a handful of guests (including this reporter) to

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D. MURPHY PHOTO

Nancy Schön is seen inside her Newton garage studio displaying 'Immigration,' one of her recent mixed-media creations.

EDITORIAL

ISRAEL HAS NO CHOICE

Israel's decision to eliminate Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile facilities not only comes as no surprise, but should be welcomed by everyone who understands that the only threats to world peace come from the authoritarian rulers of the Axis of Evil of Iran, Russia, and China.

Ever since Iran became a theocratic state 46 years ago, its leaders have been committed to one thing -- the elimination of the State of Israel. The Iranian regime even has installed a "doomsday clock" in Tehran's public square to count down to the year 2040, which the regime has set as the date for the destruction of Israel.

Iran throughout the past four decades has funded terrorist organizations such as Hezbollah, Hamas, and the Houthis, and, until his downfall, the murderous regime of former Syrian dictator Bashir al Assad, all with the aim of wreaking havoc and terror throughout the Middle East, which culminated in the horrific attack on Israel on 10/7/23.

Iran also has been supplying drones and armaments to Russia to assist with its invasion of Ukraine, clearly demonstrating that it is part of the 21st century Axis that seeks to destabilize the Western democracies.

As for their own country, the Iranian rulers have tortured and murdered their own people since they came to power in 1979.

But as awful as Iran has been over the past 40 years, can one even imagine how much worse its leaders will act if they were to obtain a nuclear weapon?

The world has witnessed first-hand what a nuclear-armed dictator is capable of during the past few years with the tragic war in Ukraine. Vladimir Putin never would have dared invade Ukraine if he didn't have nuclear weapons, using them as a threat to intimidate the rest of the world into providing only marginal help to the Ukrainians, whose civilians are being bombarded mercilessly by Putin.

Is there any doubt that Iran would act the same way if it were to have nuclear weapons at its disposal?

By taking on Iran by itself, the Israelis, like the Ukrainians, are fighting for Western civilization as we know it. They are the ones defending Western democracy against the forces of totalitarianism -- they are on the front lines, taking the hits to their civilian populations.

The bottom line is that we cannot bury our heads in the sand any longer. As the International Atomic Energy Agency made clear this past week, Iran undeniably is in the process of making a nuclear weapon, the effect of which will pose a threat to Western democracies.

Iran has said loud and clear it wants to wipe Israel off the face of the map -- and the time has come to take that threat seriously.

NEAR THE WATER? WATCH YOUR CHILDREN!

With school out and summer vacation season upon us, we wish to remind our readers of the need to exercise extreme vigilance whenever they are near the water, whether at a pool, a lake, or the ocean, with young children.

Approximately 4500 Americans die from drowning each and every year. To put that into perspective, that figure is about 50 percent greater than the total number of victims who died on 9/11.

An even more surprising -- and sadder -- statistic is that drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 1-4.

What is stunning to us about that statistic is that we cannot imagine that whenever a parent is with a small child near the water -- whether it be the bathtub in their home or at the beach -- the parent is not watching over their child like a hawk without even a second's worth of distraction (including texting on a cell phone).

Young children are especially susceptible to drowning because of their small lung capacity, which means that once they silently slip under, their tiny lungs can fill with water almost instantly. Even if a child is saved from death by drowning, the lack of oxygen to the brain can result in a serious brain injury that will have lifelong implications.

The bottom line is that a young child never should be left unattended for even a moment when near the water. And it goes without saying that every parent should be 100% sober whenever they are near water with their child, whether on a boat, at the beach, at a pool, or in their home.

HAPPY JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth, which has been a national holiday since 2021, marks the day when the Union Army entered the city of Galveston on June 19, 1865, and freed the slaves in Texas pursuant to President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had gone into effect more than two years earlier on January 1, 1863.

Juneteenth celebrations began as early as the following year and expanded over the decades, largely on the local level across the country, until President Joe Biden signed into law the official observance of Juneteenth as a federal holiday.

Juneteenth serves to remind us both of our nation's tragic past and of the hope for a better future, as often was expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

Boston Teachers Union announces endorsements for City Council candidates

Special to the Times

The Boston Teachers Union (BTU), representing more than 10,000 educators in Boston, announced its endorsements for the 2025 Boston City Council preliminary election. The union is proud to support candidates who have demonstrated a deep commitment to strengthening public education and labor rights, advocating for students and families, and investing in the long-term success of Boston's neighborhoods.

The list of endorsed candidates includes:

District 1 – Gabriela Coletta Zapata

District 2 – Ed Flynn

District 3 – John FitzGerald

District 4 – Brian Worrell

District 5 – Enrique Pepen

District 6 – Ben Weber

At-Large - Ruthzee Louijeune

At-Large - Julia Mejia

BTU's endorsements are rooted in the belief that every child in Boston deserves access to high-quality public education, and that educators must have the tools, resources, and respect they need to provide it. After a comprehensive review process,

including candidate questionnaires and interviews, BTU members have chosen to support council candidates who share the union's values and vision for the city.

"These are not just endorsements—they are investments in the future of Boston," said Erik Berg, President of the Boston Teachers Union. "Our city's success depends on strong public schools and a strong labor movement that ensures working people are treated with dignity. We are proud to support candidates who understand that supporting educators and students is not just an education issue—it's a housing issue, a racial justice issue, an economic justice issue, and a democracy issue. We need city leaders who are ready to fight alongside us for a Boston that works for everyone."

The BTU will mobilize its members and community allies to support endorsed candidates through canvassing, phone banking, and voter education efforts leading up to preliminary Election Day. The union will continue to uplift policies that ensure fully staffed schools, inclusive classrooms, safe and fully functioning school buildings, and the resources every child needs to succeed.

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Wu and Office Of Youth Engagement and Advancement celebrate 30 years of Youth Council

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston's Office of Youth Engagement (OYEA) celebrated the 30-year anniversary of the Mayor's Youth Council (MYC). Since the first Council year commenced in 1995, the MYC has empowered nearly 1,000 Boston high school students to grow in their capacity as civic leaders, represent their peers in City government, and collaborate with City officials. The anniversary event held last Wednesday at MassArt brought together notable program alumni, current Youth Councilors, and family and friends.

Over the last three decades, Mayor's Youth Councilors have organized youth town halls and events, engaged in service projects, and created awareness campaigns to help address challenges facing Boston's youth. Youth Councilors have developed their leadership skills, commitment to public service, and understanding of local government.

"For the past 30 years, the City

of Boston has been able to directly collaborate with our young community leaders through the Mayor's Youth Council, giving members a platform to create the change they want to see," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I am proud to celebrate this anniversary and support all generations of change-makers of our City."

One of the four focus areas of the Mayor's Youth Council this year involved planning and hosting the 30-year anniversary celebration, which also served as the current cohort's end-of-year celebration. Current Councilors received awards for their accomplishments this year from MYC staff.

"I loved the planning process for the MYC 30th," said Youth Councilor Miracle Ebbe. "It was fun to find the right venue. I was excited to meet a lot of MYC alumni at the 30th event and to join the alumni community myself."

"On the planning committee, we spent a lot of time finding alumni and building our net-

work," said Youth Councilor Jolie Nguyen. "It was so interesting to learn about the history of MYC in the last 30 years."

"As a former member of the Mayor's Youth Council, it is an honor to be a part of its 30th anniversary. The Council played a critical role in helping me discover my interest in working with the City of Boston," said City Councilor John FitzGerald. "During my time on the Mayor's Youth Council, I met other members from all across the city that have become future colleagues and friends. The Mayor's Youth Council is a great opportunity for youth to get exposed to public service and it was an incredible honor then and now."

"The Mayor's Youth Council has been a launchpad for so many of Boston's brightest young minds, including my own sister, whose experience on the Council was nothing short of transformative. I have no doubt that MYC will continue to empower young people, not only to find their voices, but

to use them to shape the future of our city," said Council President Ruthzee Louijeune.

Other initiatives of the 2024-25 Council included planning and executing a series of peer-led focus groups at youth-serving community organizations around Boston to enhance the findings of OYEA's "Youth Speaks Boston" needs assessment. In addition, Mayor's Youth Councilors worked alongside community partners to identify impactful locations around the city for publicly-accessible vertical gardens that will grow fresh produce. The MYC "Safe Steps Committee" collaborated with the City of Boston Streets Cabinet to advocate for the creation of new crosswalks and educate their peers on social media about how to request crosswalks in their neighborhoods.

"As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Mayor's Youth Council, we honor three decades of unwavering commitment to amplifying the voices of Boston's young people. This milestone reflects the powerful role youth play in shaping policies, strengthening communities, and driving meaningful civic change," said Pedro Cruz, Executive Director of the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement. "The City of Boston remains deeply proud to support a generation of leaders who continue to inspire and influence the future of our city."

Boston residents entering grades 9-12 are now invited to apply for the 2025-26 Mayor's Youth Council by Friday, July 18, 2025. To learn more about MYC, visit boston.gov/myc.

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last year:

Encampments –
A) Charles Circle

In May stakeholders held a meeting regarding Charles Circle encampments. While things improved over the summer and fall, it's unclear what spring will bring.

DCR has refused to help with architectural improvements to reduce camping.

CVS building / New development – The canopy in the current plans presents a new location for encampments. Developers should address this concern in advance of approval with structure design and lighting

B) Boston Common

- Police and Outreach remain responsive to all camping in city parks. BPD requests that we call 911 when we see something.

- Cameras have been installed along Beacon and Charles Street during the year. BPD is very happy to have increased coverage downtown.

- Reckless driving by Uber Eats and DoorDash Motorbikes. This has improved dramatically with the city's current policies. While there is further room for improvement, we are going in the right direction

- Brewer Fountain – the city, FOPG, Downtown Association, and BPD are well aware of the ongoing issues at the fountain. There is renewed focus on the area as warm weather returns.

Please contact the BHCA if you

have any concerns about crime or quality of life problems, and we can alert the Police. We are fortunate to have a very responsive and caring Police at Area A. As the Police always say, you are their eyes and ears. If you see something that should concern you, please contact them at 911 for emergencies, or 617-343-4240!

Upcoming Meetings

Architecture Committee –
Monday, June 23rd, 5:30pm via Zoom

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

For further information on BHCA events, including Zoom links for these meetings, 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



New camera at Beacon and Brimmer Streets for improved pedestrian safety

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.

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preview the exhibit, and they have told her that it conveys what they feel but often can't articulate.

"In a sense, it's a liberating time for viewers to express their own feelings, and I seem to have been able to do that," said Schön. "It feels good to be able to vent through my art."

While most of her previous work had contained little or no political subtext, Schön was compelled to turn her attention to world affairs when Russia invaded Ukraine in late February of 2022. She soon began working on a sculpture that would set the tone for her latest, self-described "collection of outrage."

The piece, called 'Ukraine,' is a 12-inch tall, 18-inch tall bronze sculpture depicting a military

boot, its toe taking the form of a fanged bear face, about to crush a tiny nightingale, the state bird of Ukraine. A hammer and sickle adorn the top of the boot, which sits in a pool of rubble.

From there, Schön went on to create 'Justice' – a 12-inch tall, 23-inch wide bronze sculpture depicting the far-right, male Supreme Court justices clustered together as robed Klansman. On either side of them are the more-moderate, unhooded female justices who have seemingly been pushed aside.

Her next project, called 'Guns,' was a 16-inch tall, 18-inch wide bronze sculpture of a Republican elephant with a handgun in place of its trunk. Schön describes the piece as a statement on "a country

controlled by the gun lobby with no regard for horrendous consequences."

To keep up with the rapid pace of her ideas for new art, Schön then moved away from bronze and began working in mixed-media.

"I can say more complicated things in mixed-media that I can't say in bronze," she said, adding that working in mixed-media also takes significantly less time than working in bronze.

Schön also loved creating dioramas as a child, she said, so working in mixed-media has allowed her to revisit that different form of artistic expression.

One of her mixed-media pieces, 'Lost Science,' offers a barbed commentary on the current state

of the national healthcare system, with a bomb emblazoned 'RFK Jr.,' a red-circle 'do not' sign showing a crossed-out vaccination syringe; a coronavirus particle; and a despondent-looking smiley face riddled with measles, among other images, on a blue background.

Another mixed-media piece in the exhibit – the 9-inch tall, 16-inch wide 'Love Affair' – depicts wax busts of President Trump and Adolph Hitler seemingly about to share a kiss, with a small red heart perched beneath their noses.

'My Truth' ends on a note of optimism, however, with 'Hope' – a mixed-media piece with that word emblazoned in gold lettering on a 24-inch base. Atop the base sits a white, red-lined pontiff hat

adorned with gold material. This piece, according to Schön, expresses hope for the future arriving with the arrival of the new American pope, Pope Leo XIV.

Despite all her recent mixed-media work, Schön hasn't abandoned working in bronze, having just finished a commission three weeks ago for Dana Hall School, a private girls grammar and high school in Wellesley.

As for what's next, Schön said, "I don't know what's next, but something always comes up. Something will happen, something always does."

To schedule to view her 'My Truth' exhibit between June 27-29, email Nancy Schön at nanschon1@gmail.com.



'Justice,' a bronze sculpture included in Nancy Schön's 'My Truth' exhibit.



Nancy Schön's mixed-media piece, 'Love Affair.'

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Nancy Schön's mixed-media piece, 'Hope,' which conveys optimism with the recent inauguration of the new American pope.



Nancy Schön's bronze sculpture, 'Guns.'

First Time Since 1825

75 descendants of the “Brothers of the Battle”
reunite in Charlestown

Special to the Times

For the first time since the 1825 laying of the Bunker Hill Monument cornerstone, 75 descendants of the men and sons who fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill gathered at the Charlestown Historical Society to honor their ancestors and commemorate the 250th anniversary of the pivotal Revolutionary War battle.

These descendants, representing families of the “Brothers of the Battle,” traveled from across North America—including Hawaii, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, Florida, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, the Carolinas, Maine, and Vancouver, Canada—to pay tribute to their eighth great-grandfathers. They came bearing powerful family heirlooms: swords, bayonets, letters, bullets, and uniforms, all displayed proudly during the Society’s special weekend of events.

“This is a moment that hasn’t happened in 200 years,” says Julie Hall, President of the Charlestown Historical Society and Co-Founder of BH250. “These families are bringing the Revolution to life in ways that history books simply cannot. They are living proof

that the spirit of liberty endures through generations.”

The event was part of the Charlestown Historical Society’s Brothers of the Battle program, created to shine a long-overdue light on the everyday patriots who stood against British forces on June 17, 1775. Often overlooked in traditional histories, these farmers, tradesmen, immigrants, and teenagers made up the backbone of the Revolutionary War effort.

Among the stories shared was that of Jim Philbrick, whose fifth-great-grandfather David How served in Frye’s Regiment at Bunker Hill and later crossed the Delaware with George Washington. Matt Woodfin, another attendee, uncovered the story of his sixth-great-grandfather Michael Dalton, a fifer in the 1st New Hampshire Regiment, through detailed pension records and letters.

From June 15 to 17, the Charlestown Historical Society hosted a series of public events including a historic march in the Bunker Hill Day Parade, a local tradition known as “Townie Christmas,” a Legacy Day & Archives Tour showcasing the descendants’ heirlooms, and storytelling sessions

at the Bunker Hill Monument Museum. The commemorations culminated in the national Battle of Bunker Hill 250th anniversary ceremony, where families united in tribute by the monument.

Dr. Timothy Riordan, whose research helped shape the Brothers of the Battle program, emphasized the emotional power of the gathering: “These are the stories of real people—quiet heroes whose sacrifices are the foundation of the freedoms we enjoy today,” says Dr. Riordan. “For the first time in two centuries, their families are bringing those stories home.”

The Charlestown Historical Society also announced plans to develop a digital archive—supported by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism—so future generations can explore these personal accounts and artifacts online.

“The legacy of Bunker Hill isn’t just in monuments—it’s in memory,” says Hall. “This program ensures those memories are preserved and shared.”

To learn more about the Brothers of the Battle program or contribute to the archive, visit www.charlestownhistoricalsociety.org.



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Pictured (left to right) are Sheila Puffer, descendant of Josiah Puffer, a respected patriot from Worcester County, Massachusetts, who served in key Revolutionary War battles, later became a Massachusetts Representative, and remained an active civic figure until his death in 1806; Julie Hall, President of the Charlestown Historical Society and Co-Founder of BH250; and Matt Woodfin, a 6th great-grandson of Michael Dalton, a fifer in the 1st New Hampshire Regiment under General John Stark during the American Revolution, and also a descendant of Henry Dearborn, a significant figure in the Battle of Bunker Hill and later Secretary of War.



Seventy-five descendants of the men and sons who fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill gathered at the Charlestown Historical Society to honor their ancestors and commemorate the 250th anniversary of the pivotal Revolutionary War battle.

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The public can offer testimony. Discussion Topics

Ratification Of May 15, 2025 Public Hearing Minutes
Violation Hearing

APP # 25.0744 BH 41 Phillips Street

Applicant: Alexis Comeau; Comeau Property Mgmt.

Proposed Work: Ratification of unapproved intercom.

Design Review Hearing

APP # 25.0668 BH 41 Phillips Street #20

Proposed Work: Install retractable awning system on upper level terrace.

APP # 25.0960 BH 56 Beacon Street

Proposed Work: Enlarge garage door opening, repair/replace front treads, install new elevator override (See Additional Items Under Administrative Review).

APP # 25.0874 BH 55 Phillips Street

Proposed Work: Replace glass storefront with operable unit for egress purposes.

APP # 25.0967 BH 35 South Russell Street

Proposed Work: Paint front door red.

APP # 25.0958 BH Granary Burial Ground

Proposed Work: Repair John Hancock, Franklin, and Mosely Family Monuments. Conserve 100 Gravestones in "Section A" of the Cemetery.

APP # 25.0896 BH 52 Cedar Lane Way

Proposed Work: Replace wood rail with metal rail.

APP # 25.0871 BH 148 Cambridge Street

Proposed Work: Replace ten existing non-historic, 6 over 6, windows with ten, all wood, double hung, true divided light windows with no low-e glass.

APP # 25.0865 BH 127 Mount Vernon Street

Proposed Work: Replace wooden flagpole with aluminum flag pole.

APP # 25.0944 BH 5 West Cedar Street

Proposed Work: Replace deck fence in kind.

APP # 25.0974 BH 78 Beacon Street

Proposed Work: Restore front curb and stoop, replace two light fixtures.

APP # 25.0975 BH 27 Brimmer Street

Proposed Work: New light fixtures, and door hardware, new railing (See Additional Items Under Administrative Review).

Administrative Review

APP # 25.0955 BH 27 Anderson Street #5: Remove and replace six non-historic windows, with wood, single hung, true divided light, existing layout to remain, exterior painted to match existing, black spacer to cover gasket, front elevation 3rd floor, three, 1 over 1 windows replaced with three, 1 over 1, wood windows, street facing side elevation 3rd floor, three, 1 over 1, windows replaced with three, 1 over 1, wood windows.

APP # 25.0937 BH 40 BEACON STREET: Repair purple window glass in kind.

APP # 25.0950 BH 49 BEACON STREET: Replace damaged wood, metal or masonry in kind to match historic profile, texture, color, and tooling.

APP # 25.0960 BH 56 Beacon

Street Restore/replace existing handrail on front stoop in kind, replace roof deck rail in kind (See Additional Items Under Design Review).

APP # 25.0975 BH 27 BRIMMER STREET Replace grill on front vent, replace non-historic, rear windows on lower three floors with 1 over 1, wood, double hung, with a spacer bar between the glass that matches the color of the window sash, the windows will not have low-e glass. Replace non-historic, front windows on lower level and level two with 1 over 1, wood, double hung, with a spacer bar between the glass that matches the color of the window, the windows will not have low-e glass low-e glass (See Additional Items Under Design Review).

APP # 25.0964 BH 80 Charles Street: Replace cap flashing in kind, brace the existing front parapet wall with a steel beam along its length and braced to the roof, cut and point the third and fourth floors, front elevation. Mortar mix to match existing in color and aggregate, make flashing repairs to the masonry on the first and second floors and to repaint existing masonry Ben. Moore, Philadelphia Cream, Historic Color HC-30 to match existing.

APP # 25.0921 BH 100 Charles Street: At front facade level two, Replace two, non-historic, 1 over 1 windows, and one non-historic, 2 over 2, wood, single hung, true divided lights, with no low-e glass.

APP # 25.0914 BH 103 Charles Street: At upper level front facade, replace three arched, non-historic windows with three, 1 over 1, arched top sash, double hung windows, with no low-e glass.

APP # 25.0952 BH 49 Chestnut Street: Restore six existing windows on front elevation to include re-glazing and re-painting in-kind using Benjamin

Moore Navajo White OC-95 Soft Gloss, Replace three non-original sash sets on front elevation with 6-over-6, double hung sash sets in existing jambs. (one at dormer and two at grade level.) Sash sets to be true divided light, using clear glass; with mahogany, mortise and tenon construction; painted in-kind using Benjamin Moore Navajo White OC-95 Soft Gloss, Re-paint front entry door in-kind using Benjamin Moore Heritage Red OC-181 Gloss. Re-paint woodwork surrounding front entryway in-kind using Benjamin Moore Navajo White OC-95 Soft Gloss. Replace six pairs of existing non-original exterior shutters on front elevation with historically accurate custom Beacon Hill style shutters using Spanish cedar with mortise and tenon construction; and with period appropriate hardware to replicate existing hardware in-kind. Paint new shutters Benjamin Moore Essex Green HC-188, Remove existing slate, flashing and gutter from front roof area. Install ice & water shields on the entire front roof area. Replace existing front gutter with 20oz copper gutter maintaining the same profile and dimensions. Install new slate to match existing slate in-kind. Replace all flashing with copper flashing, spot re-point masonry and perform repairs to existing lintels on front elevation as needed. Mortar to comply with fol-

lowing specification: 1 Portland / 2 Lime / 7 Sand. Lintel repairs to be performed using Conproco Matrix.

APP # 25.0875 BH 57A Chestnut Street: Repair fire escape in kind.

APP # 25.0915 BH 65 Chestnut Street (34-36 Charles): Paint previously paint surfaces in kind; all trim, windows, fire escape, replace multiple rotted clapboard in kind.

APP # 25.0980 BH 31 Myrtle Street: Replace/reset bricks as needed, spot pointing, caulk and paint all window trim, replace rotted trim, repair/replace broken stone sills and lintels.

APP # 25.0969 BH 35 Pinckney Street: At rear elevation, level two, replace two, non-historic, 1 over 1, wood windows in kind.

APP # 25.0888 BH 51 REVERE STREET: Install a small metal conduit along the side facade of the building, under existing lines.

APP # 25.0979 BH 22 RIVER STREET: Spot pointing various areas at the top floor of the Chestnut St elevation as well as the top right corner of the River St. elevation. Repair cast stone as needed, replacing approximately 20 bricks and repointing a small set of steps. All work will be done in kind with the original.

APP # 25.0891 BH 9 Temple Street: Install small sconce on rear balcony.

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WU ATTENDS PRIDE PARADE’S RETURNS TO BOSTON

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Mayor Michelle Wu was on hand when the city’s annual Pride Parade made its way down Boylston Street in the Back Bay on Saturday, June 14.



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South Boston Beaches' water once again ranked among the safest for beachgoers

Special to the Times

In the 2024 Beach Season Water Quality Report Card by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, the data has shown that South Boston's beaches remain the cleanest urban beaches in the country. Pleasure Bay and City Point each maintained a perfect 100% safety rating, and Nantasket, M Street and Carson Beaches received high grades as usual.

Meanwhile, Wollaston Beach in Quincy continued to perform well, scoring 88% for the third year in a row after improving their storm-water and sewer systems over the past several years.

"We're so proud of America's First Public Beach being one of the region's cleanest public beaches," said MBC Commissioner Rep. Jessica Giannino. "I'm incredibly pleased to see the breadth of programming being planned this summer through the Better Beaches Program, like weekly morning yoga, the West Indies cultural celebration, and of course the International Sand Sculpting Competition."

The 2024 Beach Season Water

Quality Report Card uses data collected by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to assess water quality at public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket including Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull (see table below).

"Through decades of smart policies and investment in critical infrastructure, our beaches continue to remain safe, clean spaces for gathering and enjoyment," said Senator Brendan Crighton, Co-Chair of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission. "With the acceleration of climate change and growing threats to this environmental progress, we must double down on that commitment to ensure our beaches remain resilient, equitable spaces for everyone."

"As a Commission, we are incredibly grateful to DCR for its commitment to maintaining a rigorous testing system for our swimming beaches, and to Save the Harbor for continuing to provide this terrific resource," said Rep. Adrian Madaro, Co-Chair of the

2024 Water Quality Report Card							
2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Six-year average safety rating (2019-2024)	Beach
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Pleasure Bay
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	City Point
97%	98%	100%	94%	98%	92%	97%	Nantasket
100%	94%	94%	94%	100%	94%	96%	M Street
100%	100%	92%	100%	91%	91%	96%	Carson
87%	100%	94%	98%	89%	86%	92%	Revere
90%	98%	91%	97%	88%	86%	92%	Constitution
88%	94%	89%	94%	94%	83%	90%	Short
78%	100%	100%	94%	82%	80%	89%	Winthrop
87%	85%	82%	88%	88%	88%	86%	Wollaston
93%	96%	77%	81%	80%	78%	84%	Nahant
83%	91%	73%	95%	76%	83%	84%	Malibu
79%	89%	70%	94%	80%	68%	80%	Savin Hill
67%	79%	63%	89%	73%	71%	74%	Tenean
79%	70%	68%	74%	55%	66%	69%	King's
89%	93%	86%	93%	85%	84%	88%	All Beaches (avg.)

Metropolitan Beaches Commission. "The Report Card has been a great tool to show the great overall quality here in Massachusetts and I hope it will give people the confidence to get out and enjoy our spectacular state beaches."

Though most of the region's beaches performed consistent with

expectations, Save the Harbor did note a dramatic drop at Savin Hill in Dorchester, and a low rating for Nahant Beach, typically one of the region's cleanest beaches.

"Nahant Beach and Savin Hill are historically clean beaches," said Save the Harbor Executive Director Chris Mancini. "In an effort to understand what is happening at Nahant Beach, we are partnering with DCR, Save King's Beach and Northeastern University to collect daily samples this summer. We hope the additional data will indicate either that there is a declining trend at this beach – possibly due to warming ocean temperatures or a new source of contamination – or that it's simply coincidental variability due to the timing of the weekly test. The latter is the likely cause of the Savin Hill decline, as it is adjacent to Malibu Beach and typically performs as well as that location."

"At DCR we're committed to ensuring that all Massachusetts residents have access to clean water for recreation and that our beaches are welcoming spaces that provide a safe and fun environment to cool down for rising summer temperatures," said DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo. "DCR performs water quality testing throughout the summer at all our waterfronts, and we work with our partners at the Department of Public Health to inform the public of these results on our park alerts page and their water quality dashboard. Despite the rainfall so far this year, diligent water quality testing has shown that our beaches remain safe places for families and residents to recreate. We urge all beachgoers to wait 24 hours after heavy rainfall before hitting the water, to keep their animals away from waterfronts, and to monitor DCR's park alerts webpage for any impacts to their favorite swim-

ming locations."

Aside from these exceptions, beachgoers can choose from 12 other reliably clean beaches, most of which are accessible by public transportation.

Currently the beaches use a posting and flagging system to alert the public to high bacteria levels. Unfortunately, the best technology available takes 24 hours to return results, meaning by the time the posting goes up, the information is already out of date. Save the Harbor recommends people get familiar with their beach's individual characteristics by using Department of Public Health's interactive beach water quality website.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay thanks Dr. Judy Pederson, former Chair of their Beaches Science Advisory Committee, Bruce Berman, former Director of Strategy & Communications at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, and Kelly Coughlin of Stony Brook Partners for their guidance in developing the methodology used in this report.

The organization commends Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ron Mariano, Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chairs Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn and Rep. Adrian Madaro of East Boston, and each of the legislative and community members of the Commission for their commitment to clean water and the region's public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket.

They also thank the Healey/Driscoll Administration, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and the Massachu-

The Block at Woods Hill debuts in Boston's Seaport

This summer, the Seaport neighborhood will welcome a vibrant new addition to its culinary scene: The Block at Woods Hill. Brought to you by the dynamic duo of restaurateur Kristin Canty and Chef Charlie Foster, this exciting concept is set to open on Friday, June 27.

The Block at Woods Hill will be more than just a restaurant; it's designed to be a hub where friends, families, and neighbors can come together to connect and share. The heart of this experience lies in its communal seating, encouraging conversation and a sense of shared experience. The space is just under 3,000 square feet and features various seating options with a casual vibe for groups of any size. Whether guests prefer to belly up to the bar, cozy up to the communal chef's table, delight in a traditional dining room setting or partake in patio seating - there are a multitude of options that fit everyone's needs.

The menu will showcase the bounty of local farms and producers, featuring an array of delectable small tapas plates and large format options that highlight the freshest seasonal ingredients. Chef Foster's passion for culinary innovation will shine through in each dish, offering a unique and unforgettable dining experience. The Block at Woods Hill is another way to experience exceptional

quality and sustainable practices on your plate with food that is healthy, clean and nourishing.

The day menu showcases sandwiches and sides with standouts such as Jamon Beurre with Woods Hill Farm Parisian style ham, a BLAT with thick cut housemade Woods Hill Farm bacon and a Lobster Roll on a toasted Milk Bun. Tallow fries and smashed cucumber salad makes this the ideal mid day experience. The night menu tapas are adventurous with Pig's Ear Tots, Dry Aged Beef Carpaccio, Short Rib Bocadillo, Pan con Tomate and Housemade Ritz with 'nduja. Larger formats are sumptuous with Lobster & 'Nduja Pierogi, Seared Foie Gras with spruce tip infused maple and rhubarb tartare, Pig Foot & Truffle Cromesquis and Dry Aged Flat Iron Steak with huitlacoche butter and blue corn grits.

To complement the experience, Pastry Chef Kasey Geremia is taking a new twist on a New England classic and making soft serve ice cream in bold flavors and combinations that are seasonal and unexpected.

The beverage program echoes Kristin Canty and Charlie Foster's holistic approach to agriculture, sustainability and hospitality. The wine list showcases biodynamic selections available both by the glass and bottle. Cocktails made with local spirits and house-

made shrubs are accompanied by equally thoughtful mocktails and non alcoholic beverages. Local beers from New England's most esteemed craft breweries are available on tap and in cans as well.

The Block at Woods Hill isn't stopping there! The space will also include a very specialized retail shop, where guests and passersby can discover a curated selection of artisanal products, handcrafted goods, and locally sourced items from The Farm at Woods Hill and other small purveyors. Some of the standout purveyors are: Ronnybrook Farm dairy, Vermont Farmstead cheese, Goodnow Farms Chocolate, Bread Obsessions, Fat Moon Mushrooms, American Ferments Vinegars, and The Farm at Woods Hill pasture raised meat, charcuterie and bone broth.

Communal classes with local guest chefs and authors will debut in the fall and topics will range from the art of fermenting to cheesemaking.

The Block at Woods Hill will be open Tuesday through Sunday. The retail shop is open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner is served beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The Block at Woods Hill is located at 300 Pier 4 Blvd. in Boston. For more information, please visit: www.theblockatwoodshill.com and follow along on Instagram @TheBlockatWoodsHill.

The Greater Boston Food Bank celebrates hunger relief champions at GBFB Awards

Special to the Times

The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), the largest hunger-relief organization in New England, honored the individuals and organizations that demonstrated extraordinary leadership in supporting GBFB's hunger-relief efforts throughout 2024 at its new GBFB Awards event, held at GBFB's Yawkey Distribution Center in Boston. Awardees represent those who partnered with GBFB to advance its mission to end hunger here through food donations, volunteerism, advocacy, philanthropic support, and agency partnerships, empowering the 1 in 3 Massachusetts residents facing food insecurity in Eastern Massachusetts to access nutritious meals.

Formerly known as the Partner Appreciation Awards, the event marked the evolution of a two-decade tradition started in 2003, which now reflects the broader, cross-sector efforts fueling hunger relief across Eastern Massachusetts. The event spotlighted six individuals and organizations selected from GBFB's network of food distribution partners, volunteers, public officials, donors and advocates who have shown dedication to mitigating the food insecurity crisis and providing wide-ranging contributions to support hunger relief efforts in Eastern Massachusetts.

"Every person and organization we honored this year has made a lasting impact on our collective duty to empower everyone with access to healthy food," said GBFB President and CEO Catherine D'Amato. "In a time when millions of our neighbors are finding it harder than ever to make ends meet, these outstanding partners remind us that hunger-relief can take many forms. Whether through advocacy, volunteerism, or strategic support, these champions step up to meet the moment with action and compassion."

GBFB also celebrated the Framingham-based United Way of Tri-County (UWTC), the recipient of last year's GBFB Transformational Community Investment Grant. Over three years, GBFB has committed \$500,000 to fund capacity-building enhancements that will increase UWTC's ability to serve more clients, distribute more food, and assist communities in need by launching a mobile food pantry, purchasing vehicles for food distribution, and acquire additional equipment and supplies for its food pantry and hot meals programs.

The celebration also spotlighted the 2024 Change Maker Award honorees (previously announced



Wendy Zinn, YMCA of Greater Boston Chief Partnerships & Social Responsibility Officer; Gaby Jimenez, Captain at Trader Joe's Seaport; Will Walls, Regional Vice President at Trader Joe's; State Representative Christine Barber; Catherine D'Amato, GBFB President and CEO; Candice Stover, Delta Air Lines General Manager New England Sales; Jenny Zamora, Delta Air Lines Senior Sales Account Executive; Volunteer of the Year Paul Weber; April Strack, YMCA of Greater Boston Executive Director of Collaborative Food Access Hub.

in November 2024), Wellesley Girl Scout Troup 64049, who graciously donated their cookie sales profits to GBFB, as well as the 2024 GBFB Team Members of the Quarter for their dedication to driving GBFB's mission of hunger relief forward.

The evening event was concluded by GBFB unveiling its new Wall of Fame, recognizing over 40 of GBFB's top corporate philanthropic donors by displaying their logos on the wall of the Yawkey Distribution Center's main gathering place, where the event was held.

Food insecurity remains an enduring and widespread challenge in Massachusetts. The latest installment of GBFB's annual study on food insecurity and access in Massachusetts, set to be released in full on June 17, estimates that 1 in 3 adults in the Commonwealth continue to struggle with food insecurity and the total number of food-insecure individuals continues to steadily increase.

The 2024 GBFB Award honorees are comprised of the following individuals and organizations:

Kip Tiernan Award – Dr. Regina Wu

The Kip Tiernan Award is named in honor of GBFB's founder, honoring an individual or organization that demonstrates extraordinary leadership in philanthropic and human services and exemplifies GBFB's mission through outstanding involvement, dedication, and collaboration to

help end hunger in the community. Dr. Wu is a primary care physician at Mass General Brigham, was honored for her leadership in hunger relief and community-based philanthropy. A long-time advocate for food access in Newton, Dr. Wu began volunteering at local mobile markets before stepping into her role on the Newton Food Pantry's Board of Directors. Dr. Wu made transformational contributions to the organization, including the onboarding of professional staff, launching the innovative "Freedge" program to expand access to fresh food, and securing a land donation for a new pantry set to open in 2026. She now serves on the board of GBFB partner Food for Free, continuing to advance food justice throughout Eastern Massachusetts.

Corporate Partner of the Year – Delta Air Lines

Delta Air Lines was honored for deepening its commitment to GBFB through sustained giving and active employee engagement. Since 2009, Delta has contributed \$560,000, including \$100,000 in 2024. The company actively sponsors GBFB's signature events and campaigns including Spring for Meals and Taste the Food Bank, and hosts regular volunteer shifts, setting the bar for corporate involvement.

Food Donor of the Year – Trader Joe's

Trader Joe's was honored for

donating 1.7 million pounds of food in 2024, through its Neighborhood Shares Program. With 19 stores across GBFB's territory that work with 26 agency partners, Trader Joe's provides fresh, culturally relevant, and nutritious food with at least four pickups per week per store. These food recovery efforts play a vital role in reducing food waste and getting high-quality food into the hands of neighbors who need it most.

Agency Partner Award – YMCA of Greater Boston

YMCA of Greater Boston was honored for its innovative, client-centered approach to hunger relief. Since becoming a GBFB agency partner in 2020, the YMCA has grown to distribute more than 2 million pounds of food annually through a well-organized network of mobile markets and community-based food pantries. Their willingness to collaborate with smaller, grassroots organizations have extended

food access across the city. Recent efforts include the leasing of a new warehouse to support regional food storage and plans to open two community "storefront" food access sites offering client-choice shopping. Their forward-thinking model continues to serve as best practice across GBFB's network.

Advocate of the Year – State Representative Christine Barber

State Representative Christine Barber (D-Somerville) was honored for her commitment to advancing hunger relief through public policy since 2015. A long-standing supporter of the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program (MEFAP), Rep. Barber has helped direct state investments to agency partners like the Mystic Valley YMCA. Now serving as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, she continues to champion food access and food systems innovation, including expanding GBFB's ability to partner with local farms and food producers.

Volunteer of the Year – Paul Weber

Paul Weber was honored for his years of dedicated volunteer service to GBFB. A retired math teacher and Natick resident, Paul began volunteering with GBFB in 2018 and has since logged over 430 hours. Known for his positivity, flexibility, and teamwork, Paul is trusted to help train new volunteers and adapt quickly to any new task. He exemplifies the dedication and compassion needed to fulfill GBFB's mission to end hunger here in Eastern Massachusetts.

2024 GBFB Team Members of the Quarter

- Adrian James, Warehouse Associate II
- Kristiana Le, Manager of Community Engagement
- Samantha Prescott, Agency Relations Manager
- Trish Vallery, Senior Manager of Human Resources and Administrative Services

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Cutting the ceremonial ribbon to officially start the Bunker Hill Parade: Boston City Councilors Henry Santana, Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Erin Murphy, Julia Mejia, and City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, Mayor Michelle Wu and her daughter Mira, City Hall Liason Sean Breen, Veterans Services Commissioner Robert Santiago, Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan, and the Grand Marshall SFC Jamie Chambers.



The Boston Police Gaelic Column march up Monument Ave.



The South Philadelphia String Band famously known as The Mummers march through Thompson Square.

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



Christie, Tess, and Ruthie Hourihan watch the Bunker Hill Parade from their window on Monument Square.



Boston Mayoral candidate Josh Kraft.



A1 Community Service Officer Chrissy Vraibel with her family..



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General Chairman of the Bunker Hill Parade Arthur Hurley is in the middle of the action and issuing commands.



Brennan and Avery Fiddler with Finlay and Aine Smith.



The Boston Crusaders have a spectacular performance of marching, music, and coordinated physical movement.



Lord Baltimore, aka Chris Marone, with some new friends.



Members of the 3rd US Infantry Regiment Fife And Drum Corps march up Monument Ave.



Members of the 3rd US Infantry Regiment Fife And Drum Corps march.



Historic reenactors assemble to fire a volley from their muskets to signal the start of the Bunker Hill Parade.



The Wallis Court Block Party has been a tradition that has succeeded through total neighborhood participation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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 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 activ-

ities 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 Jamai-

- ca Plain
- Intimate concerts on our golf clubhouse patios
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Performers and activities added to Boston Harborfest

Special to the Times

Boston Harborfest is excited to add the arrival of USS Donald Cook to its schedule of free programming from July 2-4, 2025. On Wednesday, July 2, USS Donald Cook will dock at Black Falcon Cruise Terminal in South Boston. The ship will welcome visitors on board to interact with crew members and explore the vessel from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on July 2, 3, and 5.

“Harborfest is an opportunity to celebrate Boston’s revolutionary history and recommit to creating a vibrant, welcoming, and family-friendly community,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “From activities along our Harbor, to live music from local artists, Harborfest is a celebration that showcases the best of Boston to residents and visitors alike.”

The 4th of July celebration will

also feature free programming at Christopher Columbus Park, including free face-painting and performances from local acts Hill House the Band, S and R, Sweet Harmony, and Robert Thackery & The Lighthouse Route Band on July 2 and 3. On July 2, the US Navy Band Northeast will perform an evening concert before the Boston Harborfest Fireworks. Read below for exact set times:

- Wednesday, July 2**
- 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. - S and R
 - 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. - Robert Thackery & The Lighthouse Route Band
 - 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. - Robert Thackery & The Lighthouse Route Band
 - 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. - Hill House the Band
 - 7:45 - 9:15 p.m. - Pre-Fireworks Concert: US Navy Band Northeast

- Thursday, July 3**
- 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. - Sweet Harmony
 - 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. - Sweet Harmony
 - 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. - S and R
 - 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. - Hill House the Band

This year’s event is graciously supported by sponsors Meet Boston, the City of Boston, Downtown Boston Alliance, Kizik Shoes, Boston Harbor City Cruises, M&T Bank, Gatorade, NRG, Celsius, and Floor & Decor.

For more Harborfest information and a complete list of activities, please visit www.boston-harborfest.com, and follow event updates on Harborfest’s Facebook page, @BOSHarborfest on X, @bostonharborfest on Instagram, or follow the conversation using #BostonHarborfest.

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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.
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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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4 Longfellow	122 Bowdoin St.
5 Longfellow	144 Bowdoin St.
2 Hawthorne Place	130 Bowdoin St.
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Rcbkhhb T	Flaherty, Gavin	386 Commonwealth Ave #42	\$486,000
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63 West Cedar St 2 Nt	Lee, Joseph	63 W Cedar St #2	\$759,000
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Odense, Charlotte L	Marston, Rebecca A	97 Mount Vernon St #43	\$925,000
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Pal, Suvendu	Mckerracher, Lisa	1 Franklin St #2608	\$1,935,000
Goddard, Andrew	Lak Realty LLC	28-32 Atlantic Ave #430	\$2,495,000
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Moody, Khadija	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #108	\$338,290
Zheng, Lisa	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #203	\$293,140
Wu, Wei	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #302	\$338,290
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Hogue, Sharyia	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #408	\$338,290
Winestein, Anna	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #501	\$383,440
Wu, Nicky	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #502	\$338,290
Tan, Jianwen	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #503	\$293,140
Borovci, Albulena	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #607	\$428,430
Sidore, Jessica	Cozean, William	40 Traveler St #802	\$2,270,000
Peterson, Mark	Laats, Alexander	79 Waltham St #4	\$985,000
Morawski RET	Barnes, Jordan E	1 Charles St S #501	\$790,000
Bramble Rt	Wexler, Jocelyn	230-232 W Newton St #F	\$890,000
Le, Hubert H	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	47-55 Lagrange St #803	\$750,000
Tran, Nicole P	Denny David E Est	51 Park Dr #2	\$477,000
Halabisky, Brian	Mayfair Rt	51 Park Dr #32	\$599,000
Leithead 3rd, Edward C	Litwin, Madison E	59 Warren Ave #1	\$1,500,000
Unit 610 Minot Hall Rt	Klenz, Jeffrey T	1721 Washington St #610	\$1,664,000
Marc E Pace 2025 T	Paisner, Deborah	1724 Washington St #5	\$2,025,000
3 Sticks Enterprises LLC	Pothier, Matthew J	645 Tremont St #2	\$705,000



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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The historic hardware in the last clue is on 78 Pinckney Street, built in 1834. It was designed and constructed by housewrights Samuel H. Mitchell and Loring Dunbar. As you stroll your neighborhood, keep watch for original hardware on a few doorways.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



FRESH AND LOCAL

Pack it To Go

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Summer is a time when we prepare more food to take with us to another location. It might be supper or brunch with friends on our building's roof deck. It could be for a day at the beach, a day trip to a favorite location, or a BBQ or potluck at a friend's place.

For all these movable feasts, we are careful to keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. Fortunately, a wide range of products can assist with this goal. These include old-fashioned vacuum-insulated bottles, lunchboxes, heavily insulated coolers, hot or cold packs, and even small coolers or refrigerators that you plug into either AC or DC power.

Many of these products have additional features, ranging from large thermos bottles with multiple compartments to professional-grade gear designed for caterers and deliveries.

Vacuum-Insulated Bottles

You may refer to this category as Thermos® bottles. However, that is a brand name and registered trademark. Nonetheless,

they make great products. We have one of their 47 oz. "food jars" with two small containers that fit inside. We can fill these with individual hot or cold items. Or, we might choose to fill the large jar with a curry, a soup, or a hot or cold drink. One tip when using this type of container is to heat or chill it with hot water or ice water before adding your food.

Lunchboxes

You'll find traditional lunch boxes that work with ice packs. An alternative is one from a company called PACKIT. These containers are stored in your freezer and are chilled when you're ready to use them. Of course, they are not the only game in town, and you'll find dozens of options for packing one lunch or separate meals for each family member.

Coolers

Once upon a time, Styrofoam or simple plastic coolers were the choices. Today, companies like RTIC, Canyon, and Yeti were NYT Wirecutter's choice for the best coolers in 2025. You can also



A wicker picnic basket may be the romantic image. However, there are far better food-safe ways to pack up a movable feast these days.

choose between hard or soft-sided backpacks or wheeled options, as well as insulated totes. Penny loves her everyday backpack, which features a cooler compartment.

Plugable Options

With more and more places offering plugs to charge phones and gear, consider a plug-in device to keep your food safe. For cold storage, some coolers and refriger-

ators operate on either AC or DC voltage.

A few of these offer a warming option. In either case, we recommend that you have the device and your food at the proper temperature before introducing the meal. We would also invest in a thermometer that would allow you to check the temperature until you learn how long your choice holds the food within the safety zone.

The USDA says, "Keep hot food hot—at or above 140 °F. Place cooked food in chafing dishes, preheated steam tables, warming trays, and/or slow cookers.

Keep cold food cold—at or below 40 °F. Place food in containers on ice."

In addition to a means of transporting your food, you'll also need the kit to enjoy your meal. We have a pre-packed picnic bag with glasses, plates, utensils, a sharp knife, napkins, a corkscrew/bottle opener, a trash bag, paper towels, and any other essentials we might need away from home.

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Exciting Spring Market Continues

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NEW | 5 Myrtle Street, Unit 3, Beacon Hill
2 Beds | 1F Bath | Listed for \$1.25M
Floor-through. Welcome home to warmth and charm.



NEW | 12 Lindall Place, Unit 3, Beacon Hill
1 Bed | 1F Bath | Listed for \$699K
Newly renovated. Sunny and bright.



ACTIVE | 7 Spruce Court, Beacon Hill
4 Beds | 3F 2H Baths | Listed for \$6.199M
2 outdoor spaces. Gracious living. 2 private parking.



ACTIVE | 45 Temple Street, Unit 405, Beacon Hill
1+ Beds | 2F Baths | Listed for \$2.195M
Expansive layout. Amenities. Concierge.

BEACHES (from pg. 10)

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Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is the region's leading voice for clean water and continued public investment in Boston Harbor, the region's public beaches, and the Boston Harbor Islands. Since 1986, our mission has been to restore and protect Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Bay, and the marine environment, and share them with the public for everyone to enjoy.

Save the Harbor is committed to making Boston Harbor, the Islands, our beaches, and our programs inclusive, equitable, diverse, and accessible to everyone and anyone. We provide free programs, events and create opportunities for people to experience Boston Harbor and our spectacular urban natural resources first-hand, with an emphasis on breaking down barriers of race, language,

income and ability.

The Metropolitan Beaches Commission (MBC) was created in 2006 by the Massachusetts Legislature to take an in-depth look at the Boston metropolitan region's 15 public beaches in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull which are managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

The MBC is comprised of elected officials and community leaders from Boston and the metropolitan region's waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities. Its work is facilitated by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, which has served as lead consultant to the Commission since its inception.

The MBC is charged with making findings and recommendations to the Legislature and DCR on ways to improve the metropolitan region's public beaches. Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn and Representative Adrian Mada-ro of East Boston are the MBC's Co-Chairs.



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