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MAKING A SPLASH!



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTOS BY JOHN WILCOX

A young Bostonian beats the heat as the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool officially reopened for the summer season. The popular wading spot's return was celebrated with a kick-off event joined by Mayor Michelle Wu and city officials. See more photos on pages 8 and 9.

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

There's a New Bin in Town!

The City of Boston's Project Oscar team, the Office of Neighborhood Services and the BHCA have worked over the past year to locate a composting bin on Beacon Hill where residents could easily walk to deposit their compost. Previously, the closest location was on City Hall Plaza. Separating food waste from everyday trash and depositing in a composting bin can help control rodents in our neighborhood.

This week, two composting bins were installed on Cambridge Street between the Fire Station and Joy Street. Now, all residents have access to a public composting bin if they are not already part of Project Oscar.

Please make sure to close the lid and lock the bin after you finish dropping off your food scraps. This helps prevent con-



ONS Liaison for Beacon Hill, Maccon Bonner, as the new composting bins were installed on Cambridge Street.

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Bench in Public Garden dedicated to Tom Kershaw of Hampshire House

Special to the Times

June 10 marked the 56th anniversary of Tom Kershaw buying Hampshire House, and to mark the occasion, his staff at Hampshire House Hospitality Group dedicated a bench in The Public Garden in his honor.

Among those on hand for the dedication ceremony were Liza Meyer, new president of the Friends of the Public Garden, Rebecca McKeivitz, the organization's director of parks care and capital projects, and Maliaka Shepard, senior communications



The plaque on the bench dedicated to Tom Kershaw in the Public Garden.

and outreach officer; Shawn P. Ford, executive director of the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum; David Colella, vice president

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COURTESY OF MICHÈLE GOLDBERG, HAMPSHIRE HOUSE HOSPITALITY GROUP

Tom Kershaw, chairman of Hampshire House Corporation, cuts the ribbon on the bench dedicated to him in the Public Garden, alongside Markus Ripperger, president, CEO, and corporate chef of Hampshire House Corporation.

Our Offices will be closed for the Friday, July 4 holiday and
The Beacon Hill Times will not be printed next week.
The next edition will be on July 11, 2025

EDITORIAL

IRAN FINALLY REAPS WHAT IT IS HAS SOWN

The decision by President Donald Trump to assist the Israeli effort in setting back Iran's nuclear weapons program should be applauded by every person who realizes that Iran's attainment of nuclear weaponry would be disastrous for the world.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has demonstrated how a nuclear-armed dictatorship can wreak death and destruction upon another country with impunity because the rest of the world is afraid to join the fight thanks to the threats by Vladimir Putin that he will use his nuclear arsenal if provoked.

But whereas Putin is semi-rational, can one even begin to imagine how a fanatical Iranian regime that has been calling for the elimination of the State of Israel (and the United States) for 45 years would use nuclear weapons to blackmail every nation in the Mideast in order to achieve that goal, including ultimately dropping an atomic bomb on Tel Aviv?

The Iranian government has been a force of evil since its inception in 1979. For fans of the Netflix series *Stranger Things*, the Iranian regime is like that monster that spreads its tentacles to terrorize and control the town of Hawkins.

Similarly, Iran has provided arms and training to terrorist organizations such as Hamas and Hezbollah on Israel's doorstep with the specific aim of wiping Israel off the face of the map. The vicious attack by Hamas on 10/7 demonstrated unequivocally that Iran's proxies are capable of achieving the goal of killing every Jew they can lay their hands on.

Only time -- and Israeli and American intelligence assessments -- will be able to determine to what extent the Israeli and U.S. military actions of the past 12 days have degraded the ability of the Iranians to make a nuclear bomb.

But if nothing else, the Iranians have been put on notice that their dastardly behavior finally will be met with more force than they ever could have anticipated.

THE GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT BEGAN 56 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Although Gay Pride Month is observed for the entire month of June, we wish to make note of the specific date and events of June 28, 1969, when a series of riots and demonstrations against a police raid at the Stonewall Inn tavern in the Greenwich Village section of New York City launched the modern-day gay rights movement.

This was not the first time that the gay community had fought back against repression and persecution, but the Stonewall riots marked a turning point for the gay rights movement both in the United States and around the world.

The riot was precipitated when New York City police officers with the NYPD's Public Morals Division (yes, that actually was its name) sought to conduct a typical raid at the Stonewall Tavern, a gay bar. At that time, men even seen holding hands with each other could be arrested on charges of violating public morality.

Almost all of the gay bars in New York City in that era were operated by organized crime. The police typically would give the owners a heads-up about impending raids, which usually took place on quiet weeknights and resulted in the arrests of a few of their customers.

However, on the night of June 27-28, the police uncharacteristically conducted a raid on a weekend night when there were more than 200 patrons in the Stonewall.

As the police began to make arrests, crowds from the surrounding community gathered outside in support of those being arrested. The ensuing pitched battle between the outnumbered police and the hundreds of area residents carried on for the next two nights.

For the first time, persons who did not conform to society's sexual norms had made it clear that they no longer would be treated like second-class citizens.

Although the Stonewall Tavern itself was set on fire during the riots and never reopened, President Barack Obama designated the area as a national monument on June 24, 2016, thus ensuring its legacy as the spot that marked the beginning of a new day of freedom for Americans of the LGBTQIA+ community.

THE WEST END MUSEUM CELEBRATES CROONER BUDDY CLARK

Buddy Clark was known for his smooth baritone voice and romantic ballads. Born on November 26, 1912, in Boston's West End, he rose to prominence in the post-World War II years. His ability to convey deep emotion through song and his collaboration with talented songwriters and arrangers helped him achieve success. Tragically, on October 1, 1949, just one day before making his CBS TV debut, he died in a plane crash.

The West End Museum, with the generous support of Boston Properties (BXP) and the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences,

is proud to present "Now is the Time: A Tribute to Buddy Clark" on June 29th at 3 PM at the Hub on Causeway Community Room. Performed live by talented vocalist Dan Gabel, accompanied by Josiah Reibstein and The Hubtones, the event honors the warmth, charm, and unforgettable voice that made Buddy Clark a beloved star of the big band era and features classic hits like "Linda," "Now is the Hour," and "I'll Dance at Your Wedding."

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Eventbrite, the West End Museum website, or at the door.



Buddy Clark.

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tamination and ensures that your food scraps are able to be composted.

The bin can be accessed with the code 214. Please reference the list below to see what is acceptable and what is not acceptable to compost in these bins.

WHAT YOU CAN COMPOST WITH PROJECT OSCAR

These items are accepted in the public composting bin:

- Fruit and vegetable scraps, peelings, pits, and seeds
- Eggshells and nutshells
- Rice, pasta, cereal
- Bread, pastries, cookies
- Meat, fish, bones
- Dairy products
- Cheese
- Coffee grounds and coffee filters

- Teabags
- Cut or dry flowers
- All World Centric products
- Napkins, paper towels, paper plates, paper bags
- Cardboard take-out containers (must have one of the following compost certifications: BPI, TUV, OK Compost and CMA)

- Wine corks
- Wooden coffee stirrers
- Compostable bags (must have one of the following compost certifications: BPI, TUV, OK Compost and CMA)

WHAT YOU CANNOT COMPOST WITH PROJECT OSCAR

These items are NOT accepted in the public composting bin:

- Pizza Boxes
- Fats, grease, oils
- Pet waste

- Compostable diapers
- Cigarette butts
- Yard waste (go to boston.gov to find your leaf and yard waste schedule)

- Dryer lint, dryer sheets
- Styrofoam
- Plastic bags
- Charcoal

For more information on composting, please visit <https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-works/project-oscar#what-you-can-compost>

Upcoming BHCA Meetings

Zoning & Licensing - Monday, June 30th, 6pm via Zoom

Board of Directors - Monday, July 14th, 7pm

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 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 bhca.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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Local leaders endorse campaign to stop predatory third-party electric suppliers in state

Special to the Times

This week, 14 municipal leaders from across the Commonwealth announced their support for the Campaign to Stop Predatory Electric Suppliers, urging state lawmakers to protect residents and prioritize energy affordability by passing legislation to ban third-party electric suppliers from the residential electricity market.

Among those leaders were Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Lynn Mayor Jared Nicholson, and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.

Support from mayors and city managers provides growing momentum to the campaign. In April, more than 50 organizations, representing seniors, minority business owners, faith leaders, public health, climate and environmental justice organizations, as well as consumer and legal advocates, endorsed H.3534/S.2255, An Act relative to electric ratepayer protections, and backed regulatory action at the Department of Public Utilities (DPU).

"I want to thank the Mayors and City Managers who have thrown their support behind this effort, because we all want to make energy affordable," said Larry Chretien, Executive Director of Green Energy Consumers

Alliance. "This campaign highlights the simplest and fairest way of saving ratepayers' money — banning retail electricity suppliers. "Consumers have two much better options. The best is municipal aggregation if it's available in their city or town. The next best is to receive energy supply from their local utility."

Maltez said the municipal leaders will not stand by while predatory electric companies take advantage of their residents, who work hard to make ends meet and are being hit with thousands of dollars in electricity bills every month.

"As a City, we owe it to our residents to call out these attempts by electric companies to trap people, like you and me, in confusing, overpriced contracts and to advocate for the freedom to choose a more trustworthy, stable, and predictably priced electricity supplier, such as our Chelsea Electricity Choice program," Maltez said. "The City of Chelsea is an advocate for consumer choice, and we join the Attorney General's Office in its call for Massachusetts to take further action to ban third-party electric suppliers from the residential marketplace."

As a city, Boston's focus is on making sure residents have access

to affordable and reliable energy sources that they can trust, according to Wu.

"Bostonians deserve energy they can count on without any surprise costs and unexpected bills," Wu said. "This campaign is about looking out for our neighbors and building a brighter and healthier future for Boston."

With these third-party suppliers, Nicholson said Lynn residents become enrolled in overpriced energy contracts and are forced to pay a huge cost.

"In April 2024, Lynn households lost nearly \$40,000 to third-party electric suppliers," Nicholson said. "That's why I'm proud to stand with other mayors and stakeholders to call for a statewide ban and ensure every resident gets fair, transparent, and affordable electric service."

Gardner Mayor Michael Nicholson said that for too long, predatory electric suppliers have taken advantage of hardworking families across Massachusetts — promising savings and delivering skyrocketing bills instead.

"Cost of living and climate change are top concerns for residents in Malden and across the Commonwealth," said Mayor Gary Christenson of Malden. "Unfortunately, predatory com-

panies are selling the promise of cheap, clean energy to lure residents into deceptive contracts that lock people into rates they can't afford and prevent them from benefiting from trusted alternatives. Without action by the state legislature, an estimated 20% of Malden households will remain stuck on these plans without the freedom to choose from trusted supply options."

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne of Somerville said predatory electric suppliers have overcharged and misled residents for years, with the harm falling hardest on seniors, renters, and immigrants.

Mayors and city managers stated they routinely hear from residents hit with hundreds of dollars in electricity costs who hadn't realized they were even enrolled with a third-party supplier. A 2024 joint investigation by The Boston Globe and WBUR captured stories of residents' encounters with

suppliers and the resulting harm. And data released by the Attorney General affirms what city officials and ratepayers are hearing from residents about the cost burdens of contracting with a third-party electric supplier.

The most recent report from the Attorney General's office found that between July 2023 and June 2024, Massachusetts consumers enrolled with third-party suppliers paid \$73.7 million more than they would have for basic service. Over the past nine years, total consumer losses have exceeded \$650 million.

The campaign builds on efforts supported by Governor Maura Healey, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, former Governor Charlie Baker, and dozens of organizations from the last legislative session, who pushed for a ban on third-party electric suppliers but saw that language excluded from the final energy bill.

BSHC awarded a \$7,500 grant from M&T Charitable Foundation to support vital services

Special to the Times

Boston Senior Home Care (BSHC) has been awarded a generous grant of \$7,500 from The M&T Charitable Foundation to provide essential services and supports for residents in affordable housing, reinforcing BSHC's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for older adults and people with disabilities of limited means.

Margaret Hogan, Chief Executive Officer of BSHC, expressed her gratitude for The M&T Charitable Foundation's support, saying "We are immensely grateful to M&T Bank for their generous grant. This funding is crucial in enabling us to continue providing essential services to the supportive housing residents. With this support, we can further our mission of ensuring that older adults have equitable access to the services and resources they need to safely age in place with dignity and independence."

The M&T Charitable Foundation has a long-standing history of supporting community initiatives that strengthen our communities. This grant to BSHC clearly underscores the bank's commitment

to creating meaningful, lasting change. "M&T Bank is deeply committed to our community partners and strives to make a positive impact in people's lives and in the communities we serve. We're proud to support Boston Senior Home Care through this \$7,500 grant to support their mission to enhance the quality of life for older adults and people with disabilities by providing essential services and resources," said Joel Jaquez, Senior Regional Program Officer, Eastern Massachusetts for The M&T Charitable Foundation.

The M&T Charitable Foundation, the philanthropic arm of M&T Bank, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization founded in 1993 and funded by M&T Bank. The M&T Charitable Foundation awards nearly \$40 million in grants per year to thousands of nonprofit organizations focused on improving the quality of life in the areas the bank serves.

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Boston Senior Home Care (BSHC) is a private, nonprofit human services agency based in Boston, MA. Since 1974, the agency has been dedicated to making a difference in the community by connecting older adults, individuals with disabilities, and families with essential services and resources to live safely and independently in their homes and communities. BSHC also supports caregivers in their unique caregiving journeys, empowering them to provide exceptional care while caring for their own well-being. As an Aging Services Access Point in the City of Boston, BSHC proudly serves the neighborhoods of Beacon Hill, Charlestown, Chinatown, Dorchester, Downtown Boston, East Boston, Mattapan, North End, South Boston, and West End. For more information, visit bshinfo.org.

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and managing director at The Colonnade Hotel; Bob Lawler, vice president and general manager of City Experiences; and Tim Kirwan, now retired and the former general manager of InterContinental. Henry and Hem of the Boston Park Rangers Mounted Unit, and their riders, Rangers Emma Papargiris and Alex Hartgrove, were also in attendance.



Tom Kershaw, chairman of Hampshire House Corporation (center), is seen with Boston Park Ranger Alex Hartgrove and his horse, Hem (at left); and Boston Park Ranger Emma Papargiris and her horse, Henry (at right).



Tom Kershaw is seen with, front to back: David Colella, vice president and managing director at The Colonnade Hotel; Shawn P. Ford, executive director of the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum; Bob Lawler, vice president and general manager of City Experiences; and Tim Kirwan, now retired and the former general manager of InterContinental.

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Tom Kershaw (right), is seen with Boston Park Ranger Alex Hartgrove and his horse, Hem.

Wu announces new legal services grants and resource

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement (MOLA) announced a series of new initiatives to support LGBTQ+ residents across Boston. To expand access to free legal services for residents, MOLA is awarding \$125,000 in grants through their inaugural Family & Individual Legal Support Grant. Additionally, MOLA has launched a 90+ member LGBTQ+ Partner Network, a public-facing resource directory, and a new discrimination guidebook co-created with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) and Northeastern University. This announcement during LGBTQ+ Pride Month builds on Mayor Wu's work to make Boston a home for everyone.

"Boston is proud to support and celebrate our LGBTQ+ residents across every neighborhood. As we work to make Boston a home for everyone, we are focused on uplifting our LGBTQ+ community organizations and better connecting all of our residents to City services," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "These investments will create space for joy and inclusivity for residents while putting resources directly into the hands of trusted community organizations. Wishing everyone a Pride full of freedom and love."

"The City of Boston remains committed to our vision of being a home for everyone, and we recognize that families in Boston are very diverse," said Mariangely Solis Cervera, Chief of Equity and Inclusion. "By investing in legal support, community partnerships, and access to information, we're ensuring that LGBTQIA2S+ residents are tangibly supported across every part of city life."

"In the face of hostility from the Federal Government, now is the time to rally around our LGBTQ+ community in Boston. I'm grateful for Mayor Wu and MOLA's tireless work to ensure that every Bostonian, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation, has the support and resources they need to feel at home in our City," said City Councilor Liz Breadon, District 9. "Our community is our biggest strength, and the LGBTQ+ Partner Network MOLA is launching will build upon that grassroots strength to provide a safety net for those seeking support or a com-



Mayor Michelle Wu.

munity to call their own."

"I'm proud to stand with Mayor Wu and the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement as we kick off Pride Month with bold, tangible investments in our LGBTQ+ communities. These new legal service grants and community-driven resources reflect the City's ongoing commitment to equity, safety, and belonging," said City Councilor Henry Santana, At-Large. "By expanding access to justice and connecting residents with trusted support networks, we are making it clear: LGBTQ+ Bostonians deserve to thrive in every neighborhood. This is what inclusive governance looks like, rooted in care, led by community, and committed to lasting change."

"As we enter Pride Month, and as a gay man, this year feels very different. Yet in the face of attacks on the LGBTQ+ community coming from Washington, it is heartening to note that we live in a city and state that values diversity and human rights," said State Representative John Moran.

"I'm proud to be out and visible in a city like Boston. The work the Mayor and her team do to ensure Boston is a city for everyone who wants to be here is Herculean. While we can always be better and do more, I can't think of a better city under a better mayor to dig in and lead during times like these," said State Representative Sam Montano.

MOLA is awarding two Family & Individual Legal Support Grants to GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) and Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS). GLAD and GBLS aid residents in navigating legal systems by providing services like legal name and gender marker changes,

relationship protections, domestic violence legal support, and educational workshops, making processes more accessible to promote the wellbeing of all residents. The funding of these grants was made possible through the City's annual operating budget.

"GLAD Law Answers is here to help LGBTQ+ people understand their rights and what they can do when they face discrimination. Since November we've seen an increase of 47% in calls as people worry about protecting their families, getting the health-care they need, and the ability to go to school, work at their jobs, and do everyday things like drive and shop for groceries without harassment. Our ID Project provides no-cost legal support to help transgender folks get accurate state identification, which is more important than ever as the federal administration tries to block access to accurate federal IDs," said Gabrielle Navarro, Senior Manager of Public Information, GLAD Law. "We're grateful for this generous support from the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement which recognizes the critical need LGBTQ+ people and families have for legal information and support at this moment. This grant will help us continue to meet the moment and the needs of our community with clear and compassionate information and support."

"GBLS is grateful for the Mayor's support and excited for this opportunity to stand with our LGBTQIA2S+ partners and community members," said Laura Gal, Managing Attorney of Greater Boston Legal Services' Family Law Unit. "This funding will enable GBLS to expand outreach during a critical period of time nationally. GBLS wants to make sure we are accessible to our low-income LGBTQIA2S+ community members and responsive to their current family law needs."

To ensure improved coordination amongst LGBTQ+ organizations, MOLA launched their Partner Network, a city-supported coalition of over 90 LGBTQ+ affirming organizations working together to advance shared goals and foster inclusion. Through monthly meetings, the network has brought various organizations together, expanding the diverse communities they are able to reach and creating new programs and

events to reach community members.

"This network builds collective power and coordination among the people and organizations who know our communities best," said Jullianne Lee, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement. "It's a vital space for collaboration, resource-sharing, and joy."

"The MOLA Partner Network helped bring The History Project and Ethos together — we first connected at one of their meetings. It was a natural fit: combining elder care and LGBTQ+ oral history to create an intergenerational space for storytelling. The result was Brewing Connections, a living oral history in motion that focuses on the material needs, lived realities, and collective experiences of LGBTQ+ communities. That's why programming like this matters: it brings people together across generations and identities, in real space, to honor what makes us different and stronger together," said Matisse DuPont, Director of Engagement and Advancement, The History Project.

"Collaborating with the History Project has allowed Ethos to present our LGBTQ+ elders with a new 'Brewing Connections' event in a shared, safe space," said Mackenzie Valencia, LGBTQ+ Program Manager, Ethos. "This partnership and event allowed our LGBTQ+ elders to create relationships across generations while sharing their lived experiences with younger individuals of the community, an opportunity that would not have been possible without MOLA's assistance and the Partner Network."

Building on the launch of the Partner Network, MOLA has also launched two new resources for residents — an online LGBTQ+ Resource Directory and a Discrimination Guidebook. The resource directory will better connect residents to housing, legal services, mental health care, education resources, and local events. Residents will be able to search for resources by neighborhood, cost, eligibility, and service type. Additionally, MOLA collaborated with Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) and Northeastern University to create a new Discrimination Guidebook. The guide helps residents determine which agency to contact, understand eligibility cri-

teria, and file complaints, making Boston a more inclusive city for residents and families.

"The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) was pleased to partner with the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement (MOLA) and Northeastern University's Capstone program to create this essential guidebook," said Michael Memmolo, Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, Executive Director. "Aimed at informing Massachusetts residents and visitors about their civil rights, and the agencies that protect those rights, this resource is intended to make an often-daunting process more accessible."

"We are incredibly proud of our NU Policy School Capstone graduates for their civic research work that supported the development of this Guidebook," said Dr. Kellee Tsai, Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities at Northeastern University. "We are also thankful to be able to participate in this amazing partnership with MOLA and MCAD to create this Guidebook that will undoubtedly support many residents in the Commonwealth. This is the kind of meaningful work that good university-government partnerships like ours can—and do—produce."

As we kick off Pride Month, in celebration of resilience and diversity, Boston City Hall is currently showcasing a variety of art and creations throughout the month.

Currently on display is "Ways of Making People Disappear," a solo exhibition that explores the lack of safety of queer and trans folks in America, now until July 18, 2025 at Boston City Hall.

"For the past few years, I have been making portraits of LGBTQ folks simply living," said Michelle Shapiro, Boston Photographer. "I document participants sitting on their front steps, riding their bicycles, commuting to their jobs. I photograph friends and neighbors, living their lives and their truths. These images hold power on their own, but I then make another frame with the subject gone from the image, speaking to the literal and figurative erasure of queer lives. The empty space where a human being once stood is a powerful reminder of what's at stake if queer and trans lives are erased."

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

NHM TO OFFER BRAHMINS & BOHEMIANS WALKING TOUR ON FRIDAY, JUNE 27

The Nichols House Museum will offer its Brahmins & Bohemians Walking Tour on Friday, June 27, at 6 p.m.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Beacon Hill was a hotbed of creativity with artists and craftspeople living and working (and partying) in quaint quarters across the neighborhood. On this walking tour, participants will stroll past their homes, studios, and cafes while learning about these fascinating residents, hearing stories of unconventional women, LGBTQ+ communities, and the moment when the Hill was the most avant-garde spot in the city.

Tickets are \$20 each for museum members and \$25 each general admission; register at: <https://fare-harbor.com/embeds/book/nicholshousemuseum/items/468675/calendar/2025/06/?flow=3765718&full-items=yes&back=https://www.nicholshousemuseum.org>

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CITY SPLASH PUBLIC SWIM ON THE CHARLES SET FOR JULY 12

Registration is now open for the Charles River Conservancy's annual City Splash, which returns on Saturday, July 12, again offering the public a rare opportunity to swim in the Charles River on the Esplanade. (A rain date has been set for Sunday, July 13.)

Swimming will be offered in 25-minute, pre-registered slots. Registrants must be 18 or older, be comfortable swimming in deep water only, and sign a waiver on the day of the event. Swim spots are capped to ensure the safety of all participants. Register to swim online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfz-JuqoW4YknLYqWzTdoFLNYeE-aVgFG1XrRfpWT67ZWR2t_Fw/viewform

On-land activities, which are free and open to the public, take place at Fiedler Field throughout the event hours of noon to 4 p.m.

To celebrate the Charles River Conservancy's 25th anniversary and eighth annual swim, this year's event will have an expanded vendor village, a variety of food trucks, and numerous activities for all ages.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING OFFERED BY WEST END MUSEUM

The West End Museum, located at 150 Staniford St., Suite 7, will 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.

The museum will also host 'Boston Sports and the Struggle for Racial and Gender Equity' - a lecture by Dr. Mark Herlihy of Endicott College on the athletes who pioneered diversity and inclusion in Boston sports - on Wednesday, July 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12.51 each and available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boston-sports-and-the-struggle-for-racial-and-gender-equity-tickets>

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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.

More information on Athenaeum programs and events is available at: bostonathenaeum.org/events.

through self-manual lymph drainage routine, breathing techniques, and mindful meditation.

This session is free and open to everyone of all levels and abilities. No special equipment is needed. You will be seated in a chair for this session. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration is needed.

MGH will also present 'Calling All Grandparents!: Caring for Grandkids with Food Allergies' on Wednesday, July 23, from noon to 1p.m. in the Blum Center, White 110 (MGH main campus).

The featured speaker for this event will be Michael Pistiner, MD, MMSc, Director of Food Allergy Advocacy, Education and Prevention for Mass General for Children Food Allergy Center.

This interactive group session is intended to help participants learn practical, hands-on skills for safely caring for grandchildren with food allergies; and understand how to read food labels, prevent exposure, and respond to allergic reactions. Get your questions answered by a pediatric allergist in a warm, welcoming setting.

Registration is required as space is limited. To register, email the Blum Center at plfc@partners.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE ATHENAEUM

The Boston Athenaeum, located at 10½ Beacon St., 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

MGH TO HOST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN JULY AT BLUM CENTER

Mass General Hospital will offer Lymph Flow Chair Yoga on Wednesday, July 2, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Blum Center, White 110 (MGH main campus).

The featured speaker will be Barbara Tobin, OTR/L, CLT-LANA, CYT, Reiki Master, and this mid-day session will focus on improving lymphatic health

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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.

The Advent School advocates for the African Meeting House

Special to the Times

Second Grade students at the Advent School in Boston met with State Representative John Moran this week to raise awareness and advocate for the African Meeting House, which is facing a significant drop in federal funding.

The students, along with teachers Emily Guterman and Bridget Parker, visited the Meeting House on a field trip as part of ongoing research and investigation into their classroom theme, "Changemakers and Social Movements." The visit made such an impact on them, they were motivated to use their collective voices to help. In addition to meeting with Repre-

sentative Moran (Suffolk 9th District), the students created a letter appealing to the broader community.

We are Second grade students at the Advent School in Boston. This year our class has been studying Changemakers and Social Movements. We have learned all about how social movements are formed and groups of people can come together to make change happen. We are writing to you with a big problem that you may be able to help with. The African Meeting House in Beacon Hill is losing much of its federal funding which is critical for the museum to stay open and be able to share the important history of the Abo-

litionist movement with the public and kids like us.

On our visit to the meeting house we learned so much about the people and artifacts that were such important parts of this movement. We saw a real copy of the Liberator newspaper and stood in the same room that housed the first public school in the country for African American children. We walked parts of the Black Heritage trail and even had the chance to stand on the same pulpit as Fredrick Douglass and share what freedom means to us.

This field trip made a huge impact on us and helped us better understand this important part of our country's history. We think it's

really important to do what we can to help support the African Meeting House and use our voices to ask for your help.

"At The Advent School, we believe that education is not just about academics, but about helping students understand who they are, what they believe in, and how they can contribute to the world around them," said Nicole DuFauchard, Advent's Head of School. "This advocacy is a wonderful example of how kids can use their passion and their unique voice to change the world."

"In challenging times like these, the words and actions of young people like you can make a real difference. Thank you for stepping up and showing such compassion and leadership," wrote Dr. Noelle Trent, President & CEO of Bos-

ton's Museum of African American History, in a letter to the class. "As you move on to third grade, I hope you continue to grow in your leadership. You've already shown that everyone has an opportunity to be a part of positive change, at any age."

The Advent School is a pre-K through Grade 6 school located in Beacon Hill and serving students across Greater Boston. Since 1961, The Advent School has stayed true to its founding vision: an urban school whose community reflects the diversity of Boston; a forward-thinking curriculum that inspires and engages a child's passion for learning; a commitment to social justice; and a culture of collaboration where every child has the confidence to take action in a connected world.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ZHONG COMPLETES INTENSIVE RESEARCH PROJECT

Zirui Zhong of Beacon Hill, a member of the class of 2026 majoring in Biology and Biotechnology and Psychological Science at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed a professional-level research-driven project titled "Highlighting Failure and Struggle." Known as the Interactive Qualifying Project (IQP), this project is a core part of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI. Centered around project-based learning, this hands-on approach offers students opportunities to help develop thoughtful solutions to open-ended problems. These real-world problems affect the quality of life for people in the communities where students work, giving students a chance to make a difference in the world before they graduate. All WPI undergraduates are required to complete an IQP, usually in their junior year, through which they apply science and technology to address an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of WPI students complete their IQP at one of the university's 50+ off-campus project centers located in more than 30 countries around the world. "The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of

International & Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture-from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat, all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

WPI is a top-tier STEM-focused research university and a recognized pioneer and global leader in project-based learning. Founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems, WPI's continued mission is to transform lives, turn knowledge into action to confront global challenges, and revolutionize STEM through distinctive and inclusive education, projects, and research. WPI's project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. Today WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. To help address ongoing challenges,

improve lives, and help create a more sustainable world, WPI faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research in such areas as the life sciences, smart technologies, materials and manufacturing, and global initiatives.

BUTZ NAMED TO ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY'S SPRING 2025 DEAN'S LIST

Assumption University has announced that John Butz, of the West End, Class of 2028, has been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

"Earning the right to be named to the Assumption University's Dean's List is an extraordinary accomplishment and we congratulate those students who demonstrated exemplary academic excellence this semester," said Assumption University President Greg Weiner, Ph.D. "These students have demonstrated a deep commitment to the pursuit of truth in the company of friends that lies at the heart of the Catholic liberal education Assumption provides."

For more information about Assumption University, please visit assumption.edu or follow us @AssumptionUMA.



Shown (above and below) are second Grade students, along with teachers Emily Guterman and Bridget Parker, at the Advent School in Boston met with State Representative John Moran to raise awareness and advocate for the African Meeting House.



MAYOR WU ATTENDS FROG POND SPRAY POOL REOPENING

MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTOS BY JOHN WILCOX

Mayor Michelle Wu, Chief Climate Officer and Interim Boston Parks Commissioner Brian Swett, and The Skating Club of Boston welcomed children and families to kick off the 2025 summer season at the reopening of the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool on Tuesday, June 24. The day included a kick off celebration at 11 a.m. followed by the official opening of the spray pool. 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, and additional support from Polar Beverages.



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Registry of Motor Vehicle's Low Plate Lottery returns for 2025

Special to the Times

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing applications for the 2025 Low Number Plate Lottery will be available online at myRMV Online Service Center beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025. To be eligible, applicants must apply for this year's lottery by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2025. Winners will be notified by mail if selected for a low number plate.

This year, there are 283 plates available through the low plate lottery. Some of the available low plates include 42, 108, 1997, 12K, X8 and A78.

Applicants should note that there is no fee to apply for the lottery. However, should the applicant be selected as a winner, there is a special plate fee that will be required, as well as a standard registration fee.

Customers are encouraged to visit the RMV's website or follow @MassRMV on X (formerly Twitter) for details about the lottery plate drawing to be announced later this summer, including the date, time, livestream link, and location of the event.

In addition, lottery plate applicants will be sent a notification from the RMV to the email address they provided with lottery event details.

The lottery results will be posted after the drawing on the RMV website.

Lottery Rules and Eligibility Requirements

Only one entry per applicant will be accepted, regardless of the number of active registrations the applicant has.

An applicant must be a Massachusetts resident with a Massachusetts driver's license or ID card



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in good standing and a currently active, registered, and insured passenger vehicle.

Companies/corporations may not apply.

MassDOT (Registry of Motor Vehicles, Highway, Mass Transit, and Aeronautics) employees, including contract employees, and their immediate family members

are not eligible. "Immediate family member" refers to one's parents, spouse, children, and brothers and sisters. Individuals involved in the management of MassDOT divisions are also ineligible.

Requests for specific plate numbers will not be honored. Eligible applicants will be considered for all plates listed. Plates will be awarded in the order in which they are listed on Mass.Gov/low-platelottery

An applicant's registration, Massachusetts driver's license, or ID card cannot be in a non-renewal, suspended, or revoked status at the time of entry, the time of the drawing, or the time of the plate swap. As such, an applicant must not have any outstanding excise taxes, parking tickets, child support, warrants, or unpaid E-Z Pass/Pay by Plate violations.

Online entries must be completed by August 15, 2025 at 5:00

p.m.

By law, lottery winners must be announced by September 15, 2025. Lottery results will be available on the RMV website: Mass.Gov/lowplatelottery

All winners will be notified by the RMV in writing with instructions on how to transfer their current registration to their new lottery plate. Winners will have until December 31, 2025 to swap their plates. Plates will be registered to the winning applicant only. Unclaimed plates will be forfeited after December 31 and awarded to the alternate winners.

All plates remain the property of the RMV even after registration.

All information received, including names of all applicants and the list of winners, is subject to release in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Records law.

NORTH WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead through Junly 5 for the North Washington Street Bridge is as follows:

Scheduled Work

- Opening of all inbound and outbound traffic lanes
- Opening of West Sidewalk
- Opening of Lovejoy Wharf
- Pavement markings
- FRP fascia screening installation

- Marine fender work

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 6/22 – 7/5.

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

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

Leave fireworks to the professionals!

Fires, explosions, and serious injuries related to illegal fireworks spike each summer in Massachusetts, and fire service leaders are asking residents and visitors to leave those dangerous devices to the professionals.

"Here in Massachusetts, fireworks have caused over 500 fires and explosions, more than 200 emergency department visits, and nearly \$1 million in damages over the past five years," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "They are illegal without licensing and certification because they are so dangerous. Please don't risk a fire, an injury, or a day in court – leave fireworks to the professionals."

"The weeks around July 4th are extremely busy for your local fire department," said Westborough Fire Chief Patrick J. Purcell, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. "Fires and injuries spike as people put themselves, their families, and their neighbors in harm's way with illegal fireworks. These incidents can draw firefighters and EMTs away from other emergencies in your city or town. If you want to watch a great fireworks show this summer, please check out one of the many safe, permitted displays scheduled in communities across Massachusetts."

Of the 220 fireworks-related visits to Massachusetts emergency departments from 2020 to 2024, 111 took place during June and July. These months also accounted for 366 of the 559 fires and explosions caused by fireworks during the same five-year period. Both injuries and fires held relatively steady last year and reflect a decline from the historically high numbers in 2020, when 75 ER visits and 187 fires or explosions were reported statewide.

Massachusetts law requires police to seize any illegal fireworks they encounter in the course of their duties. This includes fireworks that were purchased lawfully in another state and transported to Massachusetts. People who use or possess them illegally are also subject to a fine, while the unlawful sale of fireworks is an arrestable offense that carries potential jail time. The law is effective: the Massachusetts fireworks injury rate is about .5 per 100,000 residents compared with a national rate of 2.89 per 100,000 residents.

The Department of Fire Services posts a list of permitted fireworks displays and updates it each week through the summer. To view the list – and to learn more about the dangers of illegal fireworks – visit the DFS website.

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Healey-Driscoll Admin. adds more Listening Sessions to gather public feedback for statewide K-12 graduation requirements

Special to the Times

After receiving overwhelming participation from a series of statewide listening sessions and online survey this Spring, the Healey-Driscoll Administration announced it is offering two additional virtual listening sessions, including one specifically for students, to inform Governor Maura Healey's K-12 Statewide Graduation Council.

The listening sessions on June 25 and June 30, 2025 are a chance for students, educators, parents

and caregivers and a broad range of stakeholders to offer feedback on a new statewide graduation requirement, including the role of assessment, the potential for differentiated pathways to earning the competency determination, and the completion of additional experiences that demonstrate civic, college, and career readiness.

"The Graduation Council received so much insightful, constructive feedback from students, families, educators and stakeholders who attended the first six listening sessions. We thought it was

important to offer more opportunities for the public to weigh in," said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. "I encourage everyone to participate and offer their perspectives as we work to bring the definition of what it means to graduate high school to new heights."

Register for listening sessions:

- Wednesday, June 25th: Virtual, 5-7p.m.

- Monday, June 30th: Virtual Student Listening Session, 5-6p.m. (Note: this listening session is for students only)

Further, the Healey-Driscoll Administration launched an online survey to expand opportunities for public input. Students, parents and caregivers, educators, school counselors, businesses and community residents can complete the survey at Mass.gov/K12GradCouncil by June 30, 2025. The survey is available in six languages and takes 7-10 minutes to complete.

Governor Healey established the Massachusetts K-12 Statewide Graduation Council through Executive Order, and the Council

is led by the Secretary of Education and Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. The Council includes a broad range of stakeholders, including students, parents/caregivers, educators, school counselors, labor, education advocacy organizations, higher education representatives, legislators, and the business community.

For more information on the council, listening sessions, and public survey, visit Mass.gov/K12GradCouncil.

Black Voices of the Revolution: Liberty, emancipation, and the struggle for independence opens at the Museum of African American History on June 30

Special to the Times

A new exhibit developed by the Museum of African American History I Boston & Nantucket (MAAH), *Black Voices of the Revolution: Liberty, Emancipation, and the Struggle for Independence* will explore the diverse experiences of African Americans during the tumultuous Revolutionary War period.

Opening on June 30th at the Abiel Smith School, one of two landmark properties on the Museum's Beacon Hill campus, *Black Voices of the Revolution* tells the stories of Black men and women—from writers and advocates to landowners and entrepreneurs—during this world-changing global conflict. Like the Museum's innovative exhibit, *Being Frederick Douglass* which is on display at the African Meeting House, some sections of *Black Voices of the Revolution* encourage museumgoers to interact with AI-driven, holographic images of primary sources, and the men and women who represented the African American community in Massachusetts during the period from the 1620s to 1800. Visitors can ask questions of the interactive using a voice activated program or by simply typing their queries on a touchscreen.

Funded in part by the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism, MA250, and created in partnership with the exhibit design firm TimeLooper, *Black Voices of the Revolution* considers the American Revolution from the Black and female perspective, showcasing ideas, information, issues, and insights not often incorporated into traditional history

lessons. The Revolutionary War era was among a number of global conflicts that exploded during the 18th century. In fact, it was part of a series of rebellions involving settlers and Indigenous peoples, colonial rulers and colonists, masters and those they enslaved, and free Black communities that rocked North America.

"This timely exhibit will introduce audiences to the often-untold stories of Black men and women who contributed to their fledgling nation while fighting for their own independence," said Dr. Noelle Trent, President & CEO, MAAH. "The brave people represented in *Black Voices of the Revolution*—artists, activists, farmers, soldiers, and sailors—forged a new path for those who followed."

Black Voices of the Revolution is divided into six primary sections: Slavery and Freedom in Massachusetts; Freedom for Whom?; Divided Promises: Black Loyalties in the American Revolution; We Claimed Ourselves: Black Women and the Fight for Freedom in Revolutionary New England; Beacon Hill: Mapping Black Revolutionary Boston; New Guinea, Nantucket: Black and Wampanoag Power on an Island Edge; and Black Print Culture: Unearthing Black Voices in Massachusetts. Key figures whose lives and legacies are featured in the exhibit include:

- Crispus Attucks— an American whaler, sailor, and stevedore of African and Native American descent, Attucks is recognized as the first American killed in the American Revolution

- Elizabeth Freeman – One of the first enslaved African Americans to file and win a freedom

suit in the Commonwealth

- Zipporah Potter Atkins - a free African American woman whose 1670 purchase of a home makes her the first African American to own land in Colonial Boston

- Salem Poor - An enslaved African-American man who purchased his freedom in 1769, became a soldier in 1775, and served during the American Revolution, most notably at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

- The Boston family of Nantucket - an influential Nantucket family of African and Wampanoag descent; Seneca Boston, a weaver, built his family home on Nantucket in 1774. His son Absalom was a founding member of the African Meeting House and a whaler who commanded the island's first all-Black whaling crew.

- Phillis Wheatley Peters – Born in West African and enslaved as a child, she is considered the first African-American author of a published book of poetry.

- Prince Hall - An American abolitionist and leader in Boston's free black community, he fought for education rights for African American children.

"*Black Voices of the Revolution* was created to present a more complete view of American history combining new technologies with displays of rare artifacts from our collection that were uncovered during archaeological digs in Boston and Nantucket, said Angela Tate, Chief Curator and Director of Collections at MAAH. "I want people to see this period in American history in a new way, through the eyes of the Black individuals who helped shape the ideas and ideals about what would eventu-

ally become the United States of America—and how the persistent presence of slavery challenged them."

Our mission is to connect Colonial and early African American history and culture in Boston and the larger New England area with the abolition of slavery and current explorations of race and human rights struggles. As one of the oldest African American public history museums in the United States, the Museum is dedicated to telling the stories of African Americans in Massachusetts and New England who seeded the growth of the

antebellum abolitionist movement and the 19th Century fight against segregation, discrimination, and racial inequity. The Museum was founded in 1967 and is New England's largest museum dedicated to preserving, conserving, and interpreting the contributions of African Americans. The Museum has two locations – one in Boston's Beacon Hill and the other on Nantucket Island – and two Black Heritage Trails® that tell the story of organized black communities from the Colonial Period through the 19th century.

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Wu announces Nightlife Economy Late Night Food Truck Program

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the operators and schedule for the City of Boston's Office of Nightlife Economy Late Night Food Truck Program. This new program provides 10 food truck operators the opportunity to utilize public sites for late night food service. The seven food truck sites are located near hospitals, universities, music venues, and nightlife districts, providing workers, residents, and patrons nighttime food options.

"The Late Night Food Truck program keeps our city alive and dynamic at all hours of the night," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We are excited to give these incredible businesses the opportunity to thrive and activate our neighborhoods this summer. Congratulations to the food trucks participating in the program and thank you for being anchors in our communities this summer and fall."

On Friday, June 6, interested operators participated in a lottery to select their desired locations and operating hours. The late night food truck schedule is as follows:

- Theater District & Tufts Medical Center**
(135 Stuart Street)

Fridays, 8pm to 3am: Boss Town

Saturdays, 8pm to 3am: Extreme Flavor
- Fenway Entertainment District**
(163 Ipswich Street)

Fridays, 10pm to 3am: Cool Shade

Saturdays, 10pm to 3am: Cousins Maine Lobster

Roadrunner (38 Life Street)

Roadrunner concert days, 8pm to 2am: Sunset Cantina
- Boston Medical Center**
(775 Harrison Avenue)

Mondays, 8pm to 3am: Cool Shade

Tuesdays, 8pm to 3am: Cool Shade

Wednesdays, 8pm to 3am: El Dugout

Thursdays, 8pm to 3am: Boss

- Town
- Fridays, 8pm to 3am: HYT
- Saturdays, 8pm to 3am: El Dugout
- Faneuil Hall**
- Thursdays, 10pm to 3am: Murl's Kitchen
- Fridays, 10pm to 3am: Augusta's Chicken on the Road
- Saturdays, 10pm to 3am: Los Muchachos
- Boylston Street and Clarendon Street**
- Mondays, 8:30pm to 3am: HYT
- Tuesdays, 8:30pm to 3am: Boss Town
- Wednesdays, 8:30pm to 3am : Cool Shade
- Thursdays, 8:30pm to 3am: Extreme Flavor
- Fridays, 8:30pm to 3am: El Dugout
- Saturdays, 8:30pm to 3am: Murl's Kitchen
- Sundays, 8:30pm to 3am: Cool Shade
- Northeastern University**
(60 Opera Place)
- Mondays, 10pm to 3am: El Dugout
- Tuesdays, 10pm to 3am: Extreme Flavor
- Wednesdays, 10pm to 3am: Murl's Kitchen
- Thursdays, 10pm to 3am: El Dugout
- Fridays, 10pm to 3am: Matilda's
- Saturdays, 10pm to 3am: Cool Shade
- Sundays, 10pm to 3am: El Dugout
- "This marks a pivotal moment for Boston's culinary scene," said Corean Reynolds, City of Boston Director of Nightlife Economy. "Our new late night food truck program not only extends the vibrancy of our streets but also provides a vital new platform for these 10 fantastic local food truck businesses to thrive. We're proud to support their innovation and bring more convenient and diverse dining options to our community



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTOS BY JOHN WILCOX

Shown are scenes from Mayor Michelle Wu's announcement of the City of Boston's Office of Nightlife Economy Late Night Food Truck Program.

well into the evening."

"Extreme Flavor is more than just a food truck, it's a platform for cultural storytelling through food," said Extreme Flavor Owner Akeem Raphael. "Participating in this program gives us the support, visibility, and credibility we need to bring African and Caribbean street food to more communities across Boston. We're proud to represent the Black diaspora in the food truck industry—a space

where our flavors, our stories, and our economic contributions have long been underrepresented. Our menu blends bold, familiar tastes with global influences—creating shared flavor experiences that connect people across cultures. This isn't just about selling food, it's about honoring our heritage, building opportunity, and creating real cultural connection, one plate at a time."

"We've seen time and again

that food trucks can be a launchpad for long-term success. Many of today's beloved brick-and-mortar restaurants started with a truck," said Melissa Castro, Director of Tenant Relations & Partnerships for Graffiti SP. "Food trucks offer entrepreneurs a powerful way to gain hands-on experience, build a customer base, and test their concepts in real time."

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We need to create as many opportunities as possible to support that journey. The Faneuil Hall Marketplace team is thrilled to collaborate with the City of Boston and be one of the participating sites in this pilot. The program creates another critical entry point that not only supports entrepreneurs but also fills a real gap in Boston's nightlife economy by meeting the demand for late-night food options. By extending the hours and season in which vendors can operate, the program gives food entrepreneurs more time to test their operations, build consistency, and gather the insights they need to grow. It's about more than surviving the season, it's about learning, adapting, and increasing their chances of building a successful food business."

The food trucks will operate throughout this summer and fall. This is an initiative of the Office of Nightlife Economy, which serves as a vital link between City Hall and the stakeholders within Boston's nightlife ecosystem. This initiative was informed by over 12 conversations with stakeholders and partners, including the Downtown Business Association and three neighborhood associations.

Since 2023, the Office of Nightlife Economy has engaged several hundred stakeholders. These conversations led to a range of initiatives, including the creation of the NITE Committee, implementation of a social district pilot on Temple Place, distribution of 33,000 drink spiking prevention covers, and the dissemination of over \$300,000 to local businesses and entrepreneurs through the Wake Up the Night Grants, which funded over 50 events attended by over 19,000 Boston area residents. The Office also contributed to the recent expansion of 225 liquor licenses being granted to the City of Boston, the first significant increase in Boston since 2014. The Office helped with outreach and community engagement to various establishments to ensure they were aware of the liquor license application timeline. To date, the City's Licensing Board has approved 37 new liquor licenses for various establishments across Boston's neighborhoods. Recently, the Office of Nightlife Economy launched Night Industries Training and Education (NITE) U, a one-stop location that provides nightlife employees and business owners with resources and support.



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTOS BY JOHN WILCOX



NEWS IN BRIEF

WEWCA TO MEET
JULY 10

The West End Civic Association (WECA) will meet on Thursday July 10, at 6:00pm in the Community Room of the Amy Lowell Apartments, 65 Martha Road.

Guests will be candidates running for the four councilor-at-large seats in the September 9, 2025 Preliminary Municipal election.

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

THE ADVENT SCHOOL
ADVOCATE FOR THE
AFRICAN MEETING
HOUSE

Second Grade students at the Advent School in Boston met with State Representative John Moran this week to raise awareness and advocate for the African Meeting House, which is facing a significant drop in federal funding.

The students, along with teachers Emily Guterman and Bridget Parker, visited the Meeting House on a field trip as part of ongoing research and investigation into their classroom theme, "Change-makers and Social Movements." The visit made such an impact on them, they were motivated to use their collective voices to help. In addition to meeting with Representative Moran (Suffolk 9th District), the students created a letter appealing to the broader community.

We are Second grade students at the Advent School in Boston. This year our class has been studying Changemakers and Social Movements. We have learned all about how social movements are

formed and groups of people can come together to make change happen. We are writing to you with a big problem that you may be able to help with. The African Meeting House in Beacon Hill is losing much of its federal funding which is critical for the museum to stay open and be able to share the important history of the Abolitionist movement with the public and kids like us.

On our visit to the meeting house we learned so much about the people and artifacts that were such important parts of this movement. We saw a real copy of the Liberator newspaper and stood in the same room that housed the first public school in the country for African American children. We walked parts of the Black Heritage trail and even had the chance to stand on the same pulpit as Frederick Douglass and share what freedom means to us.

This field trip made a huge impact on us and helped us better understand this important part of our country's history. We think it's really important to do what we can to help support the African Meeting House and use our voices to ask for your help.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING OFFERED BY WEST END MUSEUM

The West End Museum, located at 150 Staniford St., Suite 7, will 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 Ender 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.

The museum will also host 'Boston Sports and the Struggle for Racial and Gender Equity' - a lecture by Dr. Mark Herlihy of Endicott College on the athletes who pioneered diversity and inclusion in Boston sports - on Wednesday, July 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12.51 each and available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boston-sports-and-the-struggle-for-racial-and-gender-equity-tickets>.

FCNY WAS AWARDED \$81,500 FROM MASSDEP

The Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard is excited to be a recipient of a Massachusetts Department of Transportation Trust Fund Grant to support improvements to the Harborview dock in the Navy Yard. The improvements will include updating the water transportation signage and improve wayfinding along the Harborwalk. We would like to thank Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Representative Dan Ryan, and Senator Sal DiDomenico for their support. It is our hope that these improvements will help stimulate demand, increase ridership, create more water transportation options on Boston Harbor, and better connect all of the waterfront neighborhoods whether it be for work or recreation." - Michael Parker, Chair FCNY.

Beacon Hill Times
Pick-Up Locations

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

Apartment Building locations:

8 Whittier Place	1 Emerson Place
6 Whittier Place	0 Emerson Place
150 Stanford St.	45 Temple St.
1 Longfellow	10 Bowdoin St.
4 Longfellow	122 Bowdoin St.
5 Longfellow	144 Bowdoin St.
2 Hawthorne Place	130 Bowdoin St.
3 Hawthorne Place	45 Myrtle St.
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110 Stuart St #16C
110 Stuart St #16D
113 Commonwealth Ave #1
118 Commonwealth Ave #5
125 Park Dr #40
125 Park Dr #40
15 Follen St #2
205 W Newton St #3
232 Beacon St #3
234 Marlborough St #5
25 Follen St #2F
260 Commonwealth Ave #II
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Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The northern-facing window in the last clue is on 36 Lime Street, built in 1912. The Bromley’s atlas of Boston for 1908 and that of 1917 show a Lime Street transition from red-lined, uninsurable stables to a street of fashionable townhomes. Most of these, like this one, were designed by architect Richard Arnold Fisher.

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



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Surgical caregiving

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

When your dog or cat faces a surgical procedure, you must prepare to follow both pre-surgical and post-surgical instructions to

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ensure a safe and speedy recovery. Our dog Poppy recently had dental surgery with some teeth removed.

Instructions from her veterinary hospital included calming medication and feeding instructions before surgery, as well as pain and anti-inflammatory medication and feeding instructions after we took her home. Since Poppy has a heart murmur, we also followed the advice to have an echocardiogram performed before surgery to enable them to make the safest decisions.

Understand and Follow Instructions

Most veterinary practices will give you written instructions in person or via email. Read those carefully and ask as many questions as you have beforehand. There are no “dumb questions” when it comes to taking care of your best buddy.

You may find differences from what you have done in the past. Different veterinarians may have varying guidelines, or research has revealed a more effective approach. For example, this was

the first time a surgical procedure did not require us to withhold water.

“Let her drink,” seemed to be new guidance, as the team members explained that it was easier for them to perform procedures like drawing blood or inserting a catheter in a well-hydrated animal.

Ask What’s Normal

After a procedure, you should know what’s normal and what symptoms mean you should check in with the professionals. Poppy’s procedure ran long, and we were alerted that she would be very sleepy for a day or so. She could only eat soft food, nothing that would require her to chew.

Urinary leakage, which can occur due to the amount of fluids administered during the procedure, may be normal after surgery. You may not see a bowel movement for up to 48 hours, considering the fasting period before and the medications administered or the type of procedure performed.

Also normal are being excessively sleepy or reluctant to move, and Poppy developed a post-surgical cough. We were sure we knew



Our dog Poppy was having a healing snooze after her dental procedure. Puppy pads are great to have on hand when you have a furry patient.

the reason; however, we did report it when the team checked in the next day. They assured us it was normal and caused by the tube placed in her airway to help her breathe the anesthesia gas. Poppy’s cough went away just as they said it would.

Ask about milestones in healing that you should see. Those might be signals that you can allow more exercise, allow jumping up and down, give more freedom in the home, and go back to regular food.

Some Tips from Us

- Turn instruction sheets into a checklist of what you need to do each day.
- Transfer the pet medication into seven-day pill containers to make it easy to check.
- Set reminders on your phone or other virtual assistant to stay on schedule.
- Be prepared with a supply of

puppy pads ready to protect surfaces from blood or urine.

- Create a warm, comfortable, quiet atmosphere for your little patient.
- Soothing music can help your pet relax and get deeper, more restful sleep.
- Dry food soaked in water or baby food is a good, soft meal when required.
- Take photos of the incision daily to compare or send to the Vet if you are concerned.
- While watching for problems, also look for improvements that can make you feel better.

Finally, the more relaxed you are, the more your companion animal will relax. They say stress comes down the leash, and we have found that Poppy always reacts to stress in our home.

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