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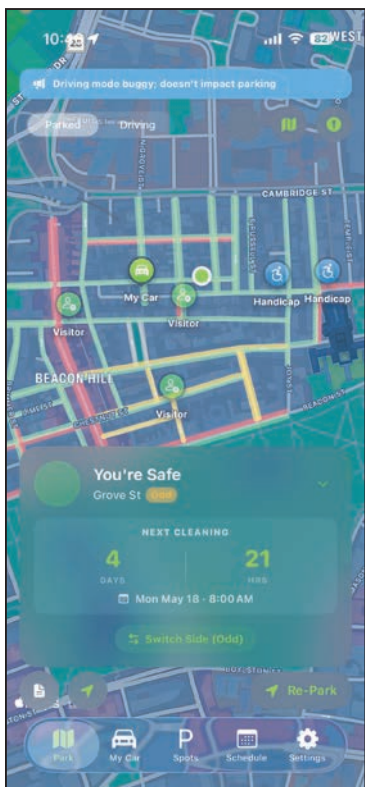
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# THE BEACON HILL TIMES

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**New free app for iPhones assists driving - and parking - on the Hill**



*The StreetSweep app for iPhones shows the current user the status of their next scheduled street cleaning at a glance.*



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ADAM HARPER

*Adam Harper, an attorney living on Revere Street who coded the StreetSweep app for iPhones as a free service for his neighbors in his spare time.*

By Dan Murphy

Thanks to a new free app for iPhones called StreetSweep, Beacon Hill residents can now more easily find parking, remember where they park, and navigate the neighborhood's street cleaning schedules.

"It's such a useful tool that I was surprised it didn't already exist," said Adam Harper, a

28-year-old attorney living on Revere Street, who coded the app in his spare time over the course of around a year before launching it about a month ago as a service for his neighbors.

StreetSweep, which has no ads and has actually cost Harper

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## Geraldine O'Hagan receives annual Beacon Award

By Dan Murphy

During the Beacon Hill Civic Association annual members meeting held Thursday, May 21, at Hampshire House, Geraldine O'Hagan was the recipient of the 29th annual Beacon Award, which each year, publicly recognizes an individual or group whose leadership is deemed to have made a sustained and significant positive impact on quality of life in the neighborhood.

O'Hagan, who today is the owner of two successful Charles Street businesses, Rugg Road Paper Co., and Paws on Charles, respectively, immigrated from Ireland to the U.S. in the late 1990s to work as a nanny on Beacon Hill. Her original plan was to stay for only six months before returning to Ireland.

"But that never happened," said O'Hagan, who originally hails from County Mayo, during a recent conversation at Rugg Road.

When she worked as a nanny, O'Hagan was a frequent customer of Rugg Road under the shop's previous ownership, usually stopping in about once a week to pick up a greeting card or some other small gift item.

"It was such a charming store. It was so well curated, with a wonderful selection of cards



PHOTO COURTESY ISABELLA THURLOW

*Geraldine O'Hagan, the winner of this year's 29th annual Beacon Award is seen inside Rugg Road Paper Co. - one of two stores she presently owns and operates on Charles Street.*

and, back then, an impressive selection of handmade wrapping paper," O'Hagan recalled.

Rugg Road opened on Charles Street in April 1994, after relo-

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### BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**  
Annual Meeting - Thursday, May 21st, 8am, Hampshire House

Valiant Cruise for Members - Wednesday, May 27th, 6:30pm, Rowes Wharf

Summer Evening at Otis House - Thursday, June 11th, 6pm, 141 Cambridge Street

Please help our street trees grow by watering and mulching!

If you have a new tree near your home or place of business, please take care of it by watering it regularly.

You should give a new street tree 20 gallons of water once a week or run a low-pressure hose at the base of the tree for 20 minutes. A tree needs about 10 gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter. Boston's new street trees are typically two inches in thickness.

During really hot weather, a tree will need 30 gallons of water each week in two separate waterings: 15 gallons one day and 15 gallons a few days later.

This is a great time to join the BHCA or renew your membership now that we are scheduling member activities for the summer and fall. Go to <https://www.bhcivic.org/become-a-member.html> to sign up or renew today, or call us at 617-227-1922!

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OF MEMORIAL DAY**

# EDITORIAL

## LET'S REMEMBER THE TRUE MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is the most solemn of our national holidays, commemorating the Supreme Sacrifice that has been made by an estimated one million of our fellow citizens, which now includes the 15 members of our military who have died in the present conflict with Iran.

Memorial Day has its roots in what originally was known as Decoration Day after the Civil War, when the women of communities in the North decorated the graves of the soldiers who perished in that horrific and tragic conflict.

Historians agree that the most eloquent testament to the debt we owe to our brave men and women who fought to preserve our freedom was the Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln, who delivered his brief but moving speech in November, 1863, on the site of that epic battle that changed the course of the Civil War just a few months beforehand.

Lincoln's words are as beautiful and as inspiring today as they were when he uttered them 163 years ago:

"Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

"But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Although the Memorial Day weekend serves as the traditional start of the summer season, with the accompanying cookouts and family gatherings, we urge our readers to find the time to remember why we have a Memorial Day and to give our silent thanks to the one million of our fellow citizens whose sacrifice made this holiday weekend possible.

## ENJOY THE WEEKEND -- SAFELY

Memorial Day weekend marks the traditional start of the summer season, bringing with it the anticipation of sunshine and warmth and of time spent with family and friends.

But while we contemplate all of the good things that will occur in the lives of ourselves and our loved ones over the next three months, let's also make sure that we realize how quickly all of that can dissolve in the blink of an eye if we make wrong choices -- if we drink and drive a car or boat, if we abuse drugs, or if we use fireworks or other dangerous materials.

It is inevitable that the TV and newspapers will inform us of the hundreds of tragedies that will occur this holiday weekend because of poor choices made by our fellow Americans -- and it is up to each of us to ensure that we do not become just another sad statistic.

We wish all of our readers a happy, and safe, Memorial Day weekend.

## GUEST OP-ED

### Freedom is only step one: The best holiday you've never heard of

By The Boston Synagogue Staff

If you happened to walk through Beacon Hill last month, you likely heard the echoes of Passover—a holiday celebrated with grand Seders/dinners and stories of a dramatic escape from slavery. But in the Jewish calendar, leaving Egypt is only the first half of the story. There is a second, "little-known" holiday called Shavuot that arrives seven weeks later — or this week — that answers a universal question: Once we are finally free, what do we do with that freedom?

If Passover is our Independence Day, then Shavuot is our "Constitution Day." It commemorates the moment when a group of weary refugees arrived at Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments, a transformation from a band of slaves into a community bound by a shared moral roadmap. It marks a transition from "freedom from" to "freedom to"—the freedom to choose responsibility, ethics, and a commitment to one another.

This moral construct, carried through the centuries, deeply fascinated America's Founding Fathers. Figures such as John

Adams regarded the Hebrew Bible and its moral framework as a foundational blueprint for civil society. They believed that for a people to be truly free, they had to be guided by a moral compass rather than by an external ruler's whip. Shavuot invites everyone, regardless of faith, to consider the values that hold our modern neighborhood together.

While our neighborhood is rich with landmarks, the heartbeat of the downtown Jewish community today lives at The Boston Synagogue. Located at 55 Martha Road, in the West End, Boston neighborhood. Our sanctuary is a striking piece of Bauhaus and Brutalist architecture, featuring a sloped-roof skylight that floods our prayer space. Its origins are further chronicled in *The History of The Boston Synagogue 1888-2013*, written by local historian, Michael Weingarten.

These Ten Commandment tablets serve as a physical anchor for a community that has survived against all odds, and the book captures the colorful history of the old West End. It further chronicled that when the "Great West End Urban Renewal" of 1959 displaced nearly 50 local

synagogues, it was our predecessor, the Russell Street Shul, that carried the torch forward, from generation to generation, and morphed into The Boston Synagogue.

Today, The Boston Synagogue remains the sole continuously operating synagogue in downtown Boston's historic West End, serving the community 52 weeks a year for Shabbat, Jewish holidays, as well as offering a slew of educational, social, musical, and other cultural events. We welcome you wherever you might be on your Jewish journey—singles, couples, families, young professionals, LGBTQ, and interfaith. Join us in celebrating the values that continue to shape our community and our country, as represented by the Ten Commandments.

**The Boston Synagogue invites you to join us for Shavuot**

Evening Shavuot Services: Thursday, May 21 (2026) at 6:30 PM.

Following Services: An evening of learning, conversation, and festive foods and beverages.

Location: 55 Martha Rd, Boston, MA 02114 (off Thoreau Path).

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# The Otis House hosts three programs this June

Special to the Times

On Saturday, June 7, Historic New England's sites across the region are open and free to the public. Visitors can enjoy a fun day of fantastic storytelling from architecture and fine art to New Englanders of the past. The Otis House features the young Otis family's life in the Federal era and the later history of the house when it served as a clinic and a middle-class boarding house.

Tour times vary across sites and the Otis House will be open 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Additional Details:

- Free
- Otis Open House Book Sale Summer Evening at Otis House- Thursday, June 11, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate the beginning of summer on the front terrace of Otis House. This year's event draws on the neighborhood's legacy as a medical hub, including Elizabeth Mott's practice at the Otis House and other trail-blazing 19th-century healers. Guests enjoy wine or an herbal remedy cocktail, live jazz music, and delicious hors d'oeuvres from The Tip Tap Room.

Additional Details:

Hosted by Historic New England and the Beacon Hill Civic Association.

- Members \$55; Nonmember \$60

• Summer Evening at Otis House

Specialty Tour: A Tale of Two Eras at the Otis House- Sunday, June 28, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Uncover stories of the last surviving mansion in Bowdoin Square through two distinct chapters of its history. First, delve into the lives of the Otis family members. Built in 1796, the house reflects the wealthy couple and their growing family.

Then, travel into the mid-19th century, when the house transformed into a genteel boarding house managed by the Williams sisters.

Additional Details:

- Members \$15; Nonmember \$20.

• Summer Evening at Otis House

Where:

Otis House, 141 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA

Historic New England welcomes the public to thirty-eight exceptional museums and landscapes, operates a major collections and archives center, and

protects 125 privately owned historic properties in the region through a preservation easement program. [HistoricNewEngland.org](http://HistoricNewEngland.org)

Otis House is the last surviving mansion in Bowdoin Square in Boston's West End neighborhood. Charles Bulfinch designed the house for politician Harrison Gray Otis, Sally Foster Otis, and their young family. Tours include the family's life in the Federal era and the later history of the house, when it served as a clinic and a middle-class boarding house. [HistoricNewEngland.org/Property/Otis-House](http://HistoricNewEngland.org/Property/Otis-House).

## NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

### UPCOMING SESSIONS SPONSORED BY MGH'S BLUM CENTER

The Blum Patient and Family Learning Center (Blum Center) at Massachusetts General Hospital is hosting a few in-person educational and wellness sessions at the Blum Center (MGH Main Campus, White 110), including Sound Therapy, Reiki, and Acupressure Open House Healing Event, (with the second date) on Tuesday, May 26, from 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Stroke Prevention Education for Patients, Families, and Caregivers on Wednesday, May 27, from noon to 1 p.m.; From Sprains to Gout: Making Sense of Joint Pain on Wednesday, May 27, from 4-5 p.m.; and Well-Being Series: The Heart-Mind Connection: Emotion, Intuition, and Coherence on Thursday, May 28, from noon to 1 p.m.

All sessions are free. For more information, call the Blum Center at 617-724-7352.

### WATERCOLOR PAINTING WORKSHOP SERIES RETURNS TO CITY PARKS

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department has announced the return of its popular ParkARTS Summer Watercolor Painting Workshop series, including stops at Christopher Columbus Park in the North End on Sunday, May 31; the Public Garden on Sunday, June 7; and the James P. Kelleher Rose Garden in the Back Bay Fens on Saturday, June 13.

All classes are held from 10 a.m. to noon, weather permit-

ting, for these free workshops offered as part of Boston Parks' 2026 ParkARTS program, which brings arts and cultural programming to parks across the city.

Open to Boston residents ages 9 and up, the Watercolor Painting Workshops welcome artists of all skill levels to create their own green space-inspired masterpieces. Materials and instruction will be provided by a local instructor. Pre-registration is required. For more information, visit [boston.gov/watercolor-workshops](http://boston.gov/watercolor-workshops).

### NADAV FAREWELL CONCERT SET FOR MAY 28 AT BOSTON SYNAGOGUE

A Nadav Farewell Concert is set for Thursday, May 28, at 7 p.m. at The Boston Synagogue, located at 55 Martha Road.

Nadav Brenner (born 2000) is a Boston-based guitarist, composer, and singer-songwriter. With an extensive jazz education and some Israeli chutzpah, Nadav doesn't shy away from any music that catches his ears. He is currently engaged in indie folk, Klezmer, contemporary

classical music, modern jazz, and improvised music.

Register for the event online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1987433372718?aff=oddtcreator>

### BOSTON SYNAGOGUE'S JEWISH FAMILY OPEN HOUSE AND BBQ SET FOR JUNE 14

Come meet other Jewish parents and children and explore the vibrant Jewish culture in Downtown Boston at The Boston Synagogue's Jewish Family Open House and BBQ on Sunday, June 14, at 11 a.m. at 55 Martha Road.

Discover The Boston Synagogue's rich community while learning about its Hebrew School, family events, holiday celebrations, Music for Tots, and student-led Family Shabbats.

### BEACON ENSEMBLE'S BEACON NEW MUSIC FESTIVAL VOLUME II COMING JUNE 5-7

Beacon Ensemble's Beacon New Music Festival Volume II is coming June 5 to 7.

Opening night of the festival with Mink Duo is set for Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m. at Beacon Hill Friends House, located at 6 Chestnut St. on Beacon Hill.

Night two of the festival follows with Reflections Duo on Saturday, June 6, at 7 p.m., again at Beacon Hill Friends House.

The finale performance of the festival features event host, Beacon Ensemble, on Sunday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at Church of the Covenant, located at 67 Newbury St. in the Back Bay.

Visit <https://www.beaconensemble.org/beacon-new-music-2026festival> for more information on the festival.

### FORUM FOR STATE SENATE CANDIDATES SET FOR JUNE 9 AT BERKLEE

The Boston Wards 4 and 5 Democratic Committees will sponsor a forum with the candidates running for State Senate seats for the 1st Suffolk and the Suffolk and Middlesex Districts

on Tuesday, June 9 at the Berklee College of Music, which will be a double-header with candidates for the two State Senate races speaking from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and then from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The order will be announced prior to the event.

Confirmed candidates to date include Sen. Nick Collins, Latoya Gayle, Sen. Will Brownsberger, and Daniel Lander.

Reserve your spot for the forum online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ma-state-senate-forum-1st-suffolk-and-suffolk-middlesex-districts-tickets-1988775461943>

### NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM OFFERING TOURS

The 1804 Nichols House Museum at 55 Mount Vernon St. was home to an early 20th-century family of artists and activists, along with their

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# Beacon Hill Women's Forum hold spring stroll on May 12

Story and Photos by Marianne Salza

Exploration was prioritized at the top of many-a-lady's wish lists during the Beacon Hill Women's Forum (BHWF) Spring Stroll on May 12, held in lieu of the organization's traditional fashion show and bazaar. Sipping on Prosecco with a Beacon Hill Women's Forum tote bag slung in the crook of their arms, ladies visited over 27 participating boutiques that offered refreshments and exclusive deals.

"Hanging out with my friend, Donna, seeing other people from the Forum, and enjoying a beautiful day on Charles Street," was the highlight of Jan McCafferty's afternoon. "I found really good crackers. How hilarious is that? My girlfriend had them at her house and I love them."

The Beacon Hill resident, who plans to share her crackers with family on Memorial Day, was also excited about the pair of white slacks that she purchased from Sara Campbell, which is featuring large, bright floral patterns and timeless cuts for spring and summer, inspired by the Dior Couture Gallery, in New York.

"Everyone's excited. It's fun, festive, and happy," said Sophie Park, Manager, Sara Campbell. "Our hope is that we create more awareness for the Beacon Hill Women's Forum. They do a lot of meet-ups and have great speakers and programming."

Park, a Beacon Hill resident, enjoyed meeting different people from the neighborhood, and believes in the importance of women supporting each other and local businesses in the community.

Three-generation family-owned and operated Helen's

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Sara Campbell Sales Associate Christina Ablon, with happy shoppers, Donna Von Halle and Jan McCafferty, and Sara Campbell Store Manager Sophie Park.



Coleen Daley, Kati Livingston, Connections Co-Director, Betty Murray, Membership Co-Director, Martha Dellenback, and Jackie McBride, Book Group Co-Director.



Lia Stevens and Perla Fernandez, Vice President & Graphic Designer, shopping for lip oils at Credo Beauty.



Beacon Hill Women's Forum enjoying a wine tasting at DeLuca's Market during the May 12 Spring Stroll.



Sandra Gilpatrick and Susan Gilmore at DeLuca's Market.



Sheila Finan, Ann Scalfi, and Dina York gathering in the wine cellar at DeLuca's Market.



Melissa Magner holding her dog, Olivia, with Shannon Cullinane, Special Events Co-Director, shopping at Covet.



Sara Spatola, Rachel Von Nieda, Vice President & Special Events Co-Director, Shannon Cullinane, Special Events Co-Director, and Caitlin DiCillo, of Helen's Leather, trying on Stetson hats.



Libby Koger, Madi Jolly, and Stephanie Stacy walking along Charles Street during the BHWF Spring Stroll.

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Leather Shop has been selling Western wear and leather goods since 1969. Caitlyn DiCillo, whose mother, Lise Weller, is the owner of Helen's Leather, loves seeing new shops open in the area, and witnessing how Charles Street boutiques and trends have evolved since her grandparents, Ed and Helen, had founded the business over 50 years ago.

One element that has been consistent over the past decade has been BHWF's embracement of Helen's Leather, which recently received a legacy business award.

"They do such an amazing job of bringing attention, light, and focus to this area and making sure we're a part of this community. It feels special to have that continue year after year," expressed DiCillio, who proudly pointed out old photographs, advertisements, and newspaper clippings hung on the walls.

DiCillio noted that although leather purses, jackets, boots, and belt buckles have always been favorite items at the shop, variations of Birkenstock footwear have been coming back into style this spring.

"We're seeing a lot of great hats that are coming into popularity because of country events happening in the Boston area," explained DiCillio. "We recently had a rodeo at the Garden for the first time, and it's coming back again, too."

This spring, Credo Beauty, which offers non-toxic fragrances, skincare products, makeup, and hair care items, has been receiving questions regarding SPF and hydration. Serums and tinted moisturizers with SPF that provide a protective glow have been popular.

"The atmosphere for a Tuesday has been busy. I've seen a lot of new faces today," observed Shayna Christian, Clean Beauty Expert, Credo Beauty. "What you put on your body is just as important as what you put in your body."

Beacon Hill Women's Forum members sampled lip oils, purchased ribbons to embellish gifts, and, like Special Events Co-Director Shannon Cullinane, wandered through Charles Street in search of items and styles that called to them.

"My favorite part of the day was getting to have time with owners and have a genuine experience with them," said Cullinane, who felt like she made new friends in every boutique she vis-



Donna Von Halle and Jan McCafferty shopping for biscuits at Blackstones.



Madeline Keith, retail associate, showcasing Remy's iconic shark sweater.



Rugg Road Owner Geraldine O'Hagan selling a bag of gift basket ribbons to a BHWF shopper.

ited. "That was cool and magical. I felt a togetherness."

The Spring Stroll, sponsored by the LM Group with Merrill Wealth Management, and in partnership with MyBoston, concluded with a wine tasting and raffles in the wine cellar at DeLuca's Market.

"Our all-female advisory team believes in meaningful connection and empowering others," said Cullinane, Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch. "We're proud to be the corporate sponsor and support Beacon Hill Women's Forum in building a stronger, more connected community."



Janine Jay, Co-President, Betty Murray, Membership Co-Director, Meghan Smith, Social Media Co-Director, Meredith Braunstein, and Patricia Tully, Advisor.



Blackstones Sales Associate Annie Herlihy and Owner Jennifer Hill.



Kaitlyn Bricker, Jenn Corapi, and Jackie DiPersio sampling Pet-Nat sparkling rosé wine.

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# BoatUS Foundation reminds boaters to prepare for season

Special to the Times

BoatUS Foundation encourage boaters to be responsible and prioritize safety ahead of the start of boating season.

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water, a national leader that promotes safe, clean and responsible boating recommends these safety tips for boaters:

**Before You Boat ... Check your fit:** Take a few minutes to ensure you have enough right-sized life jackets for everyone aboard and that they are readily available in case of an emergency. While on board, wear your life jacket and ensure you

are meeting your state requirement for life jacket wear by visiting <https://www.boatus.org/life-jackets/state-requirements>.

**Before You Boat ... Inspect your beacon:** Confirm your emergency beacon is working and accessible, so help can find you quickly in case something unexpected happens. **Pro Tip:** Rent a beacon for free through the BoatUS Foundation EPIRB rental program.

**Before You Boat ... File a float plan:** Let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back. This can be as simple as texting your trip details to a trusted friend or family member who is ready to act if you're

overdue.

**Before You Boat ... Attach your ECOS:** If your helm is equipped with an engine cutoff switch and your boat is 26' or under, attach it to your person. This will help stop your engine immediately if you're thrown overboard.

**Before You Boat ... Check the weather:** Use free apps like Tide Alert (NOAA) to check weather conditions and tides before heading out.

**Before You Boat ... Make safety a priority:** Treat safety as part of the trip, not as an afterthought. BoatUS Foundation offers the only free online boating safety course, currently

approved in 37 states, register here and get started.

"Safe boating doesn't require complicated gear or expert skills. It requires consistency," said Ted Sensenbrenner, Director of Boating Safety at BoatUS Foundation. "Taking a few minutes before leaving the dock to follow these simple tips can make all the difference when conditions change unexpectedly."

To learn more about BoatUS Foundation's programs and courses, visit [BoatUS.org](http://BoatUS.org).

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a national leader promoting safe, clean and responsible boating. Funded primarily by

donations from the more than 740,000 members of Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), the nonprofit provides innovative educational outreach directly to boaters and anglers with the aim of reducing accidents and fatalities, increasing stewardship of America's waterways, and keeping boating safe for all. A range of safe and clean boating courses – including the nation's only free online boating safety course – can be found at [BoatUS.org](http://BoatUS.org). The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a four-star charity, the highest rating awarded by Charity Navigator.

## Healey and Boston Pops announce star-studded 2026 July 4 fireworks spectacular

Special to the Times

Governor Maura Healey and the Boston Pops announced the lineup and programming for the 2026 Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular, the signature July 4 event of the "MA250" initiative commemorating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

Led by legendary conductor Keith Lockhart, this year's free concert on the Charles River Esplanade will feature Grammy-winning country music superstar Lainey Wilson, Grammy-winning artist Chance the

Rapper, and New Orleans music icon Trombone Shorty, each making their first appearance at the Fireworks Spectacular. Additional guest artists and the event host will be announced in the coming weeks.

As the signature MA250 event, this year's Fireworks Spectacular is expected to welcome hundreds of thousands of attendees to Boston and millions of viewers nationwide for one of the country's largest Independence Day celebrations. The program will celebrate Massachusetts' central role in the American Revolution while showcasing the creativity, culture and community that continue to define the state today.

This year's event will include a revolutionary-themed drone show during the performance of the "1812 Overture", a fireworks display choreographed to live music performed by the Pops, and the world premieres of two new works by contemporary American composers commissioned in honor of America 250. The concert will also feature performances by the Boston Children's Chorus, Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps, Middlesex County Volunteers Fifes and Drums, Tanglewood Festival Chorus and the U.S.S. Constitution Color Guard.

"Massachusetts is where the American Revolution began, and this July 4, we're proud to welcome people from across the state and country to celebrate 250 years of our nation's history right here in Boston," said Governor Maura Healey. "From the incredible lineup of artists including the Boston Pops and

fireworks over the Charles River, this year's Spectacular will honor our past while celebrating the energy, creativity and diversity that define Massachusetts today. We're excited to share this special moment with millions of people here in Boston and watching around the world."

"This year's Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular will be an unforgettable celebration for our residents and visitors from around the world, honoring Boston's revolutionary history, the courage of our communities, and the traditions that bring us together," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Boston's July 4th festivities are a cherished opportunity for friends and family to come together in celebration. We are proud to host this iconic event and to provide a memorable experience for all."

"Back in 1976, Boston celebrated America's Bicentennial with Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops on the Esplanade, establishing Boston as the place to celebrate Independence Day," said Keith Lockhart. "Fifty years later, I'm thrilled to welcome Lainey Wilson, Chance the Rapper, and Trombone Shorty to the Hatch Shell as we celebrate America 250 with patriotic favorites, world premiere compositions, and what promises to be our biggest fireworks display yet."

"For generations, the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular has brought people together through music and celebration," said Chad Smith. "We are honored to partner with Governor Healey and the MA250 initiative

to make this year's event a centerpiece of the nation's America 250 celebration."

The event will conclude with a fireworks display over the Charles River beginning at approximately 9:15 p.m.

The entire July 4 concert and fireworks display will be broadcast locally in Boston on WHDH-TV Channel 7 and streamed on the CNN app and CNN.com (7:00-9:30 p.m. ET). Portions of the event including the fireworks also will be carried live on an international CNN broadcast of July 4/America 250 celebrations.

Public access to the Oval lawn in front of the Hatch Shell will open at 12 p.m. on July 4. Throughout the afternoon, the Esplanade will feature family-friendly activities, concessions, and public programming connected to the MA250 celebration.

Lead sponsors for the event include Eastern Bank, MA250, Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Sanofi, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, and Dunkin', alongside dozens of additional public and private partners supporting the celebration.

Since 1929, the Boston Pops has performed its free Independence Day concert on the Esplanade, continuing a beloved Boston tradition first established by conductor Arthur Fiedler and carried on today by Keith Lockhart. The Fireworks Spectacular has become one of the nation's most iconic July 4 celebrations, drawing audiences from across Massachusetts and around the world.

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**O'HAGAN** (from pg. 1)

cating from the Brickbottom Artists Building in Somerville. But the neighborhood stationary shop actually got its start years earlier on its namesake Rugg Road in Allston-Brighton.

When her daughter, Maureen McGrail, was born in 2007, O'Hagan became a stay-at-home mother and remained one until Maureen enrolled in the sixth grade at Newton Country Day. (Maureen, who just graduated from Thayer Academy in Braintree, is headed off this fall to begin her freshman year at Trinity College Dublin.)

"I needed to find something else to do," O'Hagan recalled of the time immediately after Maureen matriculated to Newton Country Day.

Talking with the erstwhile owner of Rugg Road, O'Hagan learned the business would soon be going up for sale.

"I decided to just go for it," said O'Hagan, even though she had no prior experience running a business.

Upon first assuming ownership of Rugg Road in May of 2018, O'Hagan recalls how surprised some people who had previously known her as nanny around the neighborhood were to see first her working behind the counter there.

"Do you work here now, too?" customers would occasionally ask her, only to learn she was now the shop owner.

Families and other people she knew from the neighborhood

were quick to support Rugg Road under O'Hagan's new ownership.

"I already had connections formed in the neighborhood, and it's such a loyal community, which has helped both my businesses tremendously," said O'Hagan.

In September of 2021, O'Hagan opened her second business, Paws on Charles, a boutique pet supply store located at 123 Charles St.

O'Hagan, who herself owns Molly, a 9-year-old border collie, along with four cats, credits her daughter, Maureen, for first identifying the need for a pet supply store on Beacon Hill, especially with so many dogs in the neighborhood.

While opening her second business on Charles Street so soon after the pandemic struck took some calculated risk on O'Hagan's part, the timing turned out to be oddly fortuitous for some unforeseen reasons.

"So many people got dogs during covid, it was kind of to our benefit in a lot of ways," said O'Hagan.

Paw on Charles has gone to become a two-time Boston Magazine 'Best of Boston' winner while flourishing under O'Hagan's ownership.

Rugg Road settled into its new home at 130 Charles St. last November, after decamping its former longtime home at 105 Charles St. at the end of last July.

While the move put Rugg

Road on the same block (but different sides of the street) as Paws on Charles and nearly doubled the previous storefront's size, O'Hagan admits the relocation to the former Marika's Antique Shop space came with a bit of apprehension on her part.

Prior to the move, O'Hagan was afraid the shop might lose some of the quaint appeal of its former space. But today, she believes Rugg Road has managed to preserve its initial charm while offering patrons an even wider selection of goods, including the addition of a selection of high-end pens and other writing instruments.

Rugg Road and Paws on Charles also share much of the same customer base, which comes as an added convenience for them, as well as for O'Hagan.

"My clients know if I'm not in one store, I'm in the other, so they come find me. My stores are so close, I can just hop back and forth," said O'Hagan, adding that many of the customer interactions she normally has likely wouldn't happen if her stores were located any farther apart.

Tourists visiting Charles Street are often surprised to see O'Hagan working double-duty when they visit both businesses.

"Do you own every store on the street?" they have asked her on countless occasions.

O'Hagan noted the close camaraderie between shop owners on Charles Street, adding that

if a would-be customer comes into one of her stores seeking an item she doesn't carry, but that she knows another business in the neighborhood has in stock, she'll gladly send them there - and vice versa.

"People are trying to work together and attract more people to Charles Street, and also work together on more collaborations," said O'Hagan, who now serves as a board member of the Beacon Hill Business Association.

Russ Gaudreau, long-serving chair of the Beacon Award Nominating Committee, noted that the award had more interest, as well as more nominees, this year that ever during his tenure. But O'Hagan stood out as someone who was supported by both Beacon Hill's residential and business communities, whereas in the past, nominees have been supported by either one or the other, but not both.

"I think that the depth and breadth of her support as considerable from both the business and residential communities," said Gaudreau. "It shows how well known and deeply respected she is in the neighborhood."

Echoing the sentiments of the Civic Association's Executive Director, Patricia Tully, Gaudreau noted that O'Hagan is always willing to pitch in at any community event, such as neighborhood cleanups.

"She's a frequent helper, and someone who can always be

counted on to help out," said Gaudreau.

Gaudreau also noted O'Hagan's "long-standing policy of hiring local residents," especially neighborhood high schoolers and Suffolk University students.

"She's very popular," added Gaudreau. "People just like her, and they think she runs two very good businesses."

In an email, Tully wrote: "I have known Geraldine since I moved to the neighborhood 13 years ago. I knew she was special from the moment I met her. She is always so welcoming and happy to see you."

"Geraldine has been and continues to be a wonderful addition to Charles Street with her positivity, generosity and spirit. Her redo of the former Marika's Antique store is a jewel on the corner of Revere and Charles. We are so glad to have her two stores here!" added Tully.

Meanwhile, O'Hagan said she was "very surprised and honored" when Tully recently called to notify her she had been selected to receive this year's Beacon Award.

"It's just crazy because I came here years ago to work as a nanny, to then living in the neighborhood, to owning two businesses in the neighborhood, to now being recognized as an addition to the neighborhood with this award," O'Hagan humbly said.

**PARKING** (from pg. 1)

a small sum (along with his time) to develop, tracks street-cleaning schedules block by block, giving users a heads-up before the sweeper comes to their immediate area.

A neighborhood map color-codes every street by 'cleaning urgency,' with Red meaning street cleaning is scheduled within 24 hours, so users should move their car or avoid parking there; Yellow meaning street cleaning is scheduled for 72 hours or less; and Green meaning no street cleaning is scheduled for at least 72 hours. Users can adjust these times in their settings to suit their personal preferences.

"So for example if you often leave your car for a week, you can increase the Green number to a week," explained Harper.

Via its alert system, StreetSweep sends users three tiers of

'push notification,' including the first on the evening before a scheduled street cleaning; a second alert one hour before a cleaning is scheduled to start; and a final alert to notify just ahead of the cleaning. It also notifies the user when they park in a "Red Zone." The user can select and customize which of the three tiers they want to receive notifications for as well.

StreetSweep has an 'open driving mode,' which offers a map that follows a user's position while searching for a nearby parking spot. It also has a 'live status card' showing the cleaning status for both sides of their street in real time. A live activity option on the user's screen allows them to view this option without even unlocking their phone.

When they park, the user taps once, and the app automatically

pins their vehicle's location. The 'My Car' tab then provides the user simple walking directions back to their vehicle.

"You don't have to share your location or your personal data when your location turns on, and we don't collect any personal data," said Harper, who also designed and launched ParkPod - an app for iPhones meant to help facilitate pet meetups by showing which dogs are presently playing in nearby parks.

Via StreetSweep's 'Spot Sharing,' which is still in the beta stage, when a user pulls out of a spot, they can notify others on the platform of the newly available parking space. While this option works, "bugs" can still occur, so if they do, Harper asks users to report them internally to help make the app run more seamlessly in the future.

StreetSweep offers a map so a user can notify their neighbors if they see temporary No Parking signs, as well as any posted occupancy permits.

A Home Screen widget and Lock Screen widget both show the user their next scheduled cleaning at a single glance, and when Boston experiences snow emergencies, the city's weather alerts automatically overlay regular schedules on the app.

Meanwhile, StreetSweep is designed as an "open app," according to Harper, and while this feature hasn't gone public yet, someone in another part of Boston will eventually be able to

customize the app for their own neighborhood, with some assistance from Harper.

"It could work in all of Boston," said Harper, who is considering expanding StreetSweep to South Boston next. "I'd be interested in having conversations with the City of Boston because [the app] could easily be expanded to all of Boston."

While the StreetSweep app isn't currently available for use on Android phones, it's expected to be soon, said Harper.

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# Wu kicks off 2026 Neighborhood Coffee Hour series

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu, the Office of Neighborhood Services, and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department announced the 2026 Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours series in partnership with Dunkin'® and Star Market. The City's annual Coffee Hours will kick off on May 18 in public spaces across the city and continue through the fall.

The series will also include a ribbon-cutting celebration for the newly renovated Copley Square Park during the May 27 Neighborhood Coffee Hour. Building on the success of the Mayor's inaugural Office Hours in Roxbury, the City is expanding the initiative to bring City Hall directly into neighborhoods by introducing a new Coffee Hours schedule, with morning, afternoon, and evening sessions in select neighborhoods from

May through the fall to make the program more accessible for residents. The City is also partnering with Boston Children Youth and Families and Boston Public Library to host Coffee Hours in community spaces across the city.

"We're excited to kick off our annual Coffee Hours tradition of bringing City Hall into our neighborhoods, where residents can share feedback, exchange ideas, and receive updates on city services," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "These conversations help ensure our City priorities reflect our residents' needs, making Boston a more welcoming and responsive home for everyone."

Coffee Hours with the Mayor began more than 25 years ago under Mayor Thomas M. Menino as a way to connect with families about neighborhood parks, open spaces, and recreation. Under Mayor Michelle Wu, the initiative has expanded into a broader community engagement effort focused on neighborhood updates, resident feedback, and access to City resources and services.

Leadership and staff from the Community Engagement Cabinet will attend each coffee hour, alongside neighborhood liaisons who will share updates on local improvements, including 311 response data, street repairs, and investments in housing, youth services, small businesses, and the arts. Residents will also be encouraged to complete the Community Input Survey, now in its third year, which helps inform discussions and allows City leaders to address neighborhood-specific concerns directly at each event.

"The Mayor's Coffee Hours are a great opportunity for residents to connect in person with

City staff, and an important way to build on the work we do every day, through 311, emails, and phone calls, that improve the quality of life in all our neighborhoods," said Mohammed Missouri, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services. "Whether you are an older resident, business owner, civic leader, young person, or a family, we look forward to seeing you at this year's coffee hours. The connections we build help us address more immediate concerns like potholes, and inform long-term solutions that make our City a home for all."

A neighborhood staple known for bringing the community together over a cup of coffee, Dunkin' is back to fuel the conversation with iced coffee and donuts. Dunkin' will also provide lawn game activities for attendees, gift card giveaways, and the opportunity for residents to win a raffle prize. Free flowering plants will be provided by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, while supplies last. Fresh fruit will be provided by Star Market.

"We're excited to kick off this year's Neighborhood Coffee Hours series in two beloved public spaces—Elliot Norton Park and the renovated Copley

Square Park," said Interim Commissioner for the Boston Parks and Recreation Department Cathy Baker-Eclipse. "Starting the season with a ribbon-cutting celebration at Copley Square makes this year especially meaningful, as we welcome the public back to a revitalized and more accessible civic space designed to support everything from everyday use to some of Boston's most cherished community events."

Coffee Hours schedules will be announced a month in advance for each neighborhood including Allston-Brighton, Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Roxbury, and more. If it rains, there will be an alternate rain location for each event. Visit [boston.gov/coffee-hours](http://boston.gov/coffee-hours) for more information.

Mayor Wu's 2026 Neighborhood Coffee Hours for May are:

## Back Bay and Beacon Hill

Neighborhood Coffee Hour and Copley Square Park Ribbon Cutting Celebration


- Wednesday, May 27, 2026
- 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Copley Square Park, 560 Boylston Street, Boston

This year's Back Bay Coffee Hour at Copley Square Park will also serve as a ribbon-cutting celebration marking the completion of the park's com-

prehensive renovation. The climate-resilient transformation delivers improved accessibility, an expanded tree canopy, and upgraded infrastructure to better support both everyday use and signature civic events. Learn more at [boston.gov/copley-square-park](http://boston.gov/copley-square-park).

For more information and updates on possible rain locations, please contact the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services at 617-635-4500 or @boston\_cec on Instagram, or by visiting [boston.gov/ons](http://boston.gov/ons).

The Community Engagement Cabinet (CEC) leads efforts to strengthen connections between Boston residents and City Hall by integrating neighborhood services, community engagement, and policy making. CEC aims to ensure community voices are included in City initiatives. The cabinet includes the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, the Office of Civic Organizing, SPARK Boston, and Boston 311. CEC is developing a new approach to prioritize constituents and neighborhood services in government operations. To report non-emergency issues, residents can contact BOS:311 by dialing 3-1-1 or by downloading the free BOS:311 app for iOS or Android.



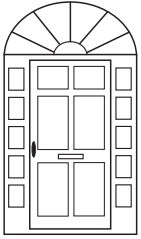
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# MAYOR WU ANNOUNCES REPAVING OF WEST END'S THOREAU PATH



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Mayor Michelle Wu addresses a record crowd at a recent West End Civic Association (WECA) meeting, when she announced the repaving of Thoreau Path.

## ROUNDUP (from pg. 3)

domestic staff. The house was preserved as a museum by Rose Standish Nichols, a pioneering woman landscape architect. It is furnished with an original collection, including works by the sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, as well as furniture and textiles handcrafted by Rose and her sister Margaret. Tours are offered on Thursday through Saturday at 10 and 11 a.m., and noon; on Sundays at 11 a.m.,

noon, and 1 p.m.

For more information, tickets, and to register, visit: [nicholshousemuseum.org](http://nicholshousemuseum.org)

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The group meets on the first

and third Wednesdays of each month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the West End Community (within the West End Neighborhood Center), 75 Blossom Court (entrance on Thoreau Path).

To sign up or for more information, email Audrey Tedeman([artedeman@gmail.com](mailto:artedeman@gmail.com)) or Sandy Connor([ssconnor46@gmail.com](mailto:ssconnor46@gmail.com)).



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## ST. FRANCIS HOUSE CELEBRATES THE COMPLETION OF ITS NEWLY RENOVATED HOME

Last week, supporters, community leaders, elected officials, staff, and friends gathered at St. Francis House to celebrate the completion of its newly renovated home at 39 Boylston Street in downtown Boston.

Because of generous support, thousands of individuals experiencing homelessness will now be welcomed into a more calming, accessible, and trauma-informed environment designed to support healing, connection, and opportunity.

The transformed space includes:

- A redesigned Community Center and dining area

- An expanded medical clinic
- A welcoming clothing boutique
- Improved shower and hygiene facilities
- An expanded expressive arts studio
- Enhanced Carolyn Connors Women's Center
- More visible and accessible support services

St. Francis House was honored to celebrate this milestone alongside Mayor Michelle Wu and many dedicated community partners and supporters who share in this vision for a stronger, more compassionate Boston.



Supporters, community leaders, elected officials, staff, and friends gathered at St. Francis House to celebrate the completion of its newly renovated home at 39 Boylston Street

## North Shore Music Theatre kicks off the 2026 musical season with 'On Your Feet!' June 3

Special to the Times

This June, Bill Hanney's award-winning North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT) will bring the heat to the stage as they kick off the 2026 Musical Season with *On Your Feet!* the incredible true story of Emilio and Gloria Estefan. The international hit musical begins performances on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 and will play through Sunday, June 14, 2026. *On Your Feet!* is sponsored by North Shore Counseling Center

"*On Your Feet!* has captivated audiences around the globe for the past decade, earning its place as one of the most beloved jukebox musicals of recent memory. We're thrilled to bring together all the right elements to honor the careers of Emilio and Gloria Estefan," said NSMT owner and producer Bill Hanney. "Under the dynamic direction and choreography of Marcos Santana, we've assembled an exception-

al cast, featuring recent Boston Conservatory graduate Isabel Leoni playing Gloria Estefan and Marcello Audino as Emilio Estefan. The incredible cast of 23 will bring this vibrant true story to life. Whether you're a long-time fan of the Estefans or discovering them for the first time, this production promises to be a high-energy unforgettable night out at the theatre."

Get ready to feel the rhythm in *On Your Feet!*, the electrifying musical that tells the inspiring true story of Emilio and Gloria Estefan, two trailblazing artists who defied the odds with their talent, determination, and unwavering belief in each other. From their humble beginnings in Cuba to achieving international superstardom, their story is a testament to the power of perseverance and the universal language of music. Bursting with heart, passion, and the infectious pulse of Latin rhythms that reshaped pop forever, this high-energy

hit features chart-toppers like "Conga," "Get On Your Feet," and "Rhythm Is Gonna Get You." *On Your Feet!* is a vibrant celebration of love, family, heritage, and the music that broke barriers around the world.

The cast of *On Your Feet!* will be led by Isabel Leoni (Gloria Estefan) and Marcello Audino (Emilio Estefan) along with Karmine Alers (Gloria Fajardo), Henry Gainza (José Fajardo), and Sydia Cedeño-Genat (Consuelo Garcia). The production will feature Olivia A. Cruz (Rebecca Fajardo), Kendall Rivera (Young Gloria), Sebastian D. Harvey (Young Emilio/Nayib), and Jason Cohen (Phil).

Rounding out the 23-member cast will be Camila Aldet, Marissa Barragán, Alexander Blanco (Marquito), Stella Casas Ciniglio, Marlon Feliz, Juliana Fuentes Peña, Sabrina Gomez, Juan Camilo Laverde, Alejandra Matos, Luis Obed (Warren), Jose Ozuna, Joseph Rivera, Ralphie Rivera de Jesús (Kiki), and Michael Anthony Sylvester (Kenny).

The creative team for *On Your Feet!* includes Marcos Santana (Director/Choreographer), Jose Delgado (Music Director), Jack Mehler (Scenic & Lighting Design), Emilio Sosa (Costume Design), Alex Berg (Sound Design), Pamela Hersch (Projec-

tions Design), Charles LaPointe (Wig & Hair Design), Rebecca Glick (Costume Coordinator), James Hansen (Production Stage Manager), Natalie Caruncho (Assistant Choreographer), Robert L. Rucinski (Assistant Music Director), Maria Papadopoulos (Assistant Stage Manager), and Elizabeth Yvette Ramirez (Assistant Stage Manager).

*On Your Feet!* is produced for North Shore Music Theatre by Bill Hanney (Owner/Producer), Kevin P. Hill (Producing Artistic Director), and Matthew Chappell (Associate Producer/Casting Director). *On Your Feet!* is presented through special arrangement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide.

Ticket prices for *On Your Feet!* start at \$85 - \$105. Performances are June 3 - June 14, 2026, Tue - Thurs at 7:30 pm, Fri & Sat at 8 pm, matinees Wed, Sat and Sun at 2 pm. Group discounts are available for purchases of 10 or more tickets. Kids 4 - 18 save 50% at all performances. \$25 Student Rush tickets are available. For tickets and information call 978-232-7200, visit [www.nsm.org](http://www.nsm.org), or visit the box office in person at 54 Dunham Rd., Beverly, MA.

The 2026 mainstage season will continue with Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (July 8 - 19), Rock

of Ages (August 12 - 23), *Come From Away* (September 16 - 27), *Yeston & Kopit's Phantom* (October 21 - November 1), and will conclude with the annual production of *A Christmas Carol* (December 3 - 23). Children's Shows will include Disney's *High School Musical Jr.* and Disney's *High School Musical Jr. 2* (July 23 & 24) and Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella Youth Edition* (August 21).

Since opening in 1955, NSMT has become one of the most attended theatres in New England, with approximately 250,000 patrons annually. With a national and regional reputation for artistic achievement, NSMT has received numerous industry awards including Elliot Norton Awards, IRNE Awards, the Rosetta Le Noire Award from Actors' Equity, and the Moss Hart Award. NSMT produced the World Premiere of 'Memphis' in 2003, the show went on to win four 2010 Tony Awards including Best Musical. Under the ownership of Bill Hanney since 2010, NSMT annually produce a musical subscription series and an annual production of 'A Christmas Carol' along with a concert series, children's programming and year-round education classes for children and adults.

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# Sail Boston 2026 to commence with the Meet Boston Parade of Sail

Special to the Times

This July, Massachusetts will welcome more than 60 ships from around the world as the Sail Boston 2026 celebration arrives in Boston Harbor. In the largest convergence of ships to assemble in the area since 2000, millions of spectators are expected to enjoy the Meet Boston Parade of Sail throughout Boston Harbor on Saturday, July 11.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. beyond Deer Island in Massachusetts Bay, crew and cadets will prepare to bring their ships into the city's inner harbor (past Castle Island) close to 10:15 a.m. The ships will turn around in Boston's inner harbor before heading to various berthing locations throughout the city. Once berthed, the ships will be open for public visitation through July 15, and include sailing exhibitions, sailing workshops, and opportunities to interact with multinational crews and representatives. Among the vessels convening in the Boston Harbor this July are 12 Flag Ships, representing allied navies from around the world.

"Sail Boston will give millions of residents and visitors the chance to experience our city and its beautiful waterfront through a spectacular display of some of the world's largest wooden vessels, just steps from our city center," said Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm excited for our harbor to serve as the final stop of their journey, and I look forward to continuing our work with partners and



the many city, state, and private agencies whose collaboration has been essential to bringing this landmark event to life."

Boston proudly serves as the fifth port of the Sail 250 Regatta, a global gathering of tall ships and military ships to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States. Tall ship celebrations are a beloved Massachusetts and Boston tradition that dates to 1976, when a band of ships came to Boston Harbor as part of the nation's Bicentennial celebration. Sail Boston has managed the convergence of the tall ships in 1992, 2000, 2009, and 2017.

"Boston's maritime history is so unique; it is integral to our identity, which Sail Boston will showcase in spectacular ways," said Martha Sheridan, Presi-

dent and CEO of Meet Boston, the presenting sponsor of Sail Boston. "Sail Boston will offer wonderful experiences for visitors and residents alike, shining a light on our museums and cultural institutions, our world-class dining opportunities, the Boston Harbor Islands, and all the beautiful parks and green spaces that align our iconic waterways."

"We are thrilled to welcome the world to Boston this July," said Dusty Rhodes, Executive Director of Sail Boston, Inc., the organization in charge of the event. "By bringing these ships into our harbor from all over the world, we hope to promote our city as a leading destination for world-class – and free – events, like the Parade of Sail and two fireworks displays."

Sail Boston is managed and produced by Conventures, Inc., Boston's premier event and production agency, in partnership with the City of Boston, Massport, and Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism. The event is supported by dozens of local companies, headlined by presenting sponsor Meet Boston.

For more information on Sail Boston 2026, participating ships, or media opportunities please contact T.K. Skenderian at [tkskenderian@conventures.com](mailto:tkskenderian@conventures.com). To learn more about Sail Boston and the Sail 250 Regatta, visit [www.SailBoston.com](http://www.SailBoston.com) or follow us on Facebook and Instagram and join the conversation using #SailBoston.

Since 1992, Sail Boston, Inc., a 501 (c)3 not-for-profit organization, has hosted more

than 475 international tall ships and vessels of interest to Boston and many Massachusetts coastal communities. Sail Boston, Inc. endeavors to develop programs that provide economic development and cultural enrichment for citizens, businesses, and visitors in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. For more information on Sail Boston, Inc. and Sail Boston 2026, please visit [SailBoston.com](http://SailBoston.com).

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## Suffolk University and Bunker Hill Community College announce joint admissions and transfer partnership agreement

Special to the Times

Suffolk University and Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) have announced a Joint Admission and Transfer Partnership Program that will benefit students wishing to complete four-year university degrees.

The Suffolk-BHCC partnership builds upon the longstanding commitment of both schools to expand access to higher education, serve the Greater Boston community, and improve outcomes for transfer students. It

expands pathways to a Suffolk four-year degree while streamlining the process for qualifying students, who will be admitted to both institutions. Coursework completed at Bunker Hill will count toward a Suffolk degree and enrollees are encouraged to make use of support and services from both institutions, including:

- Access to special advising, fee waivers, and scholarship opportunities
- A Career Summer Stipend (\$3,500 for a non-paid summer internship or research opportu-

nity)

- A dedicated Suffolk transfer admissions team member to facilitate a smooth transition

- Access to Suffolk resources, including campus Wi-Fi and on-campus student events.

- Qualified and accepted BHCC students who complete transferable community college coursework will receive guaranteed Suffolk admission

Suffolk President Marisa J. Kelly said the program was an exciting opportunity for both institutions to elevate profession-

al and economic mobility opportunities for students across the region.

"Suffolk University's mission is centered on the transformative power of education, and we have always been firmly committed to eliminating roadblocks that stand in the way of educational opportunity," she said. "Suffolk is proud to collaborate with Bunker Hill Community College on a program that removes barriers for their graduates from advancing their education and brings them into our vital and

diverse downtown campus. We are excited to make a difference in the lives of the next generation of students, while strengthening the city that is our home."

Bunker Hill Community College President Pam Y. Eddinger says that by streamlining transfer pathways and strengthening student support, this agreement helps ensure that more students can pursue their educational aspirations with confidence and clarity.

# SCENES FROM THE ANNUAL 1906 INVITATIONAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 5th Annual 1906 Invitational Boys & Girls Clubs Basketball Tournament took place on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at The TRACK at new balance in Brighton, Massachusetts, bringing together approximately 120 young athletes from nine Boys & Girls Clubs across Greater Boston and Lawrence for a memorable day of competition, teamwork, and community engagement.

Hosted by The TRACK at new balance in partnership with NB Development Group, the annual tournament featured a full day of basketball games, championship matchups, performances, and celebrations. Participating clubs included Yawkey/Roxbury, South Boston, Jordan/Chelsea, Blue Hill, Charlestown, Dorchester, Orchard Gardens, West End House, and Lawrence.

The event began with a spirited performance by Celtics mascot Lucky and the Flight Crew, followed by welcome remarks from Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. Athletes competed throughout the day before concluding with championship games and an awards ceremony honoring the participants and teams.



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New Balance donated sneakers to all participating athletes, reinforcing the company's long-standing commitment to supporting local youth organizations and the communities where its associates live and work.

Overall, the tournament was a great day of community engagement, bringing together young athletes, families, coaches, and supporters to celebrate sportsmanship, connection, and opportunity.



# MBTA announces June service changes

Special to the Times

The MBTA announced service changes in June on the Green, Blue, Framingham/Worcester, and Lowell lines. There are also some Commuter Rail service changes related to World Cup matchdays.

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

## On the Green Line:

As previously announced, the MBTA will continue to perform work as part of the Green Line C Branch Accessibility Improvements project at Englewood Avenue and Tappan Street, and will continue the installation of critical Green Line Train Protection System (GLTPS) infrastructure on the E branch in June. When complete, GLTPS will combine vehicle and wayside equipment to avoid train-on-train collisions, incorporate speed enforcement, and more.

As previously announced, Symphony Station will also close for approximately three years beginning June 6 to advance major accessibility upgrades at the station. Located in one of Boston's busiest cultural and historical neighborhoods, the 85-year-old Symphony Station is ready to be upgraded into a safer, fully accessible station featuring four new elevators and many other station enhancements.

To accomplish this work, the following service suspensions will take place:

Green Line C branch service will bypass the following street-level stops during the following dates:

Outbound Green Line trains will not stop at Englewood Avenue, May 18 – July 10.

Trains will bypass the stop during this time period. Riders can instead board or disembark one stop away at either Cleveland Circle or Dean Road, which are 0.2 miles away (or a 4- to 5-minute walk).

Outbound Green Line trains will not stop at Tappan Street, May 18 – July 10.

Trains will bypass the stop

during this time period. Riders can instead board or disembark one stop away at either Washington Square or Dean Road, which are 0.2 miles away (or a 3- to 4-minute walk).

Inbound Green Line trains will not stop at Tappan Street, May 18 – June 12.

Trains will bypass the stop during this time period. Riders can instead board or disembark one stop away at either Washington Square or Dean Road, which are 0.2 miles away (or a 3- to 4-minute walk).

Green Line service will be suspended between Government Center and Heath Street on the E branch for seven consecutive days, May 30 – June 5.

Riders can instead utilize parallel Route 39 bus service, which will be enhanced with additional service.

Riders using the Route 39 should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to Government Center from Heath Street should budget at least an additional 10 minutes of travel in addition to their regular commute.

Symphony Station will be closed to riders for 35 months beginning June 6. During this time, Green Line E branch trains will bypass the station (meaning trolleys will operate through the station in both directions, but will not stop).

Riders who typically board or disembark at Symphony can instead board or disembark at Northeastern University or Prudential, which are 0.3 miles away (or about a five-minute walk) from Symphony.

Riders are encouraged to instead consider travelling on the Orange Line at Massachusetts Avenue, which is 0.1 miles (or about a three-minute walk) from Symphony.

Riders may also use the Route 39, which operates parallel to the E branch in both directions along Huntington Avenue.

## On the Blue Line:

During weekends in June, the MBTA will perform critical switch work near Wonderland.

To accomplish this work, the following service change will take place during the weekends of June 6 – 7, June 20 – 21, and June 27 – 28:

All Blue Line train service between Wonderland and Revere Beach will operate on the outbound track approximately every 14 minutes.

At Wonderland, riders will

board and alight on the outbound platform.

No fares will be collected at Wonderland.

At Revere Beach, riders will board at the normal platform locations.

Blue Line service will continue beyond Revere Beach and operate normally to Bowdoin.

The Blue Line will operate additional service between Orient Heights and Bowdoin with service on that section of the line approximately every 7 minutes.

Riders are encouraged to follow directions via signage and from onsite station personnel. Train predictions via countdown clocks will not be available between Wonderland and Revere Beach.

Riders will experience longer wait times and should allow extra travel time.

Riders should note that shuttle buses will not be offered as an alternative during this service change (because trains will be operating).

## On the Framingham/Worcester Commuter Rail Line:

Keolis will perform switch and signal replacement work on the Framingham/Worcester Line during one weekend in June. This signal upgrade project supports train service to both sides of the new center platform at Worcester Union Station as well as the future expansion of Regional Rail service. When complete, the project will include a retaining wall and signals bridge over a half mile of five active tracks, the construction of three new and upgraded signals houses, and the removal of two existing signals houses and signaling infrastructure.

To accomplish this work, the following service suspension will take place:

Framingham/Worcester Line service will be suspended between Worcester and Grafton during the weekend of June 6 – 7.

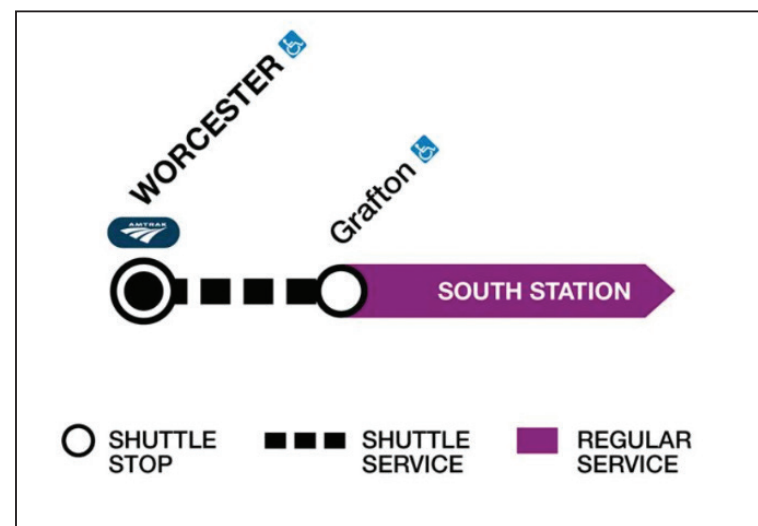
Free and accessible shuttle buses will replace service between Worcester and Grafton.

Riders using shuttles bus service should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider travelling to Grafton from Worcester should budget up to 20 minutes using the shuttle bus.

A dedicated diversion schedule will be available on [MBTA.com/CR](http://MBTA.com/CR).

## On the Lowell Commuter Rail Line:

The MBTA will perform work



to repair the stairs at Lowell Station on the Lowell Line in June.

Lowell Line service will be suspended between Lowell and North Billerica during the following dates:

Beginning at approximately 10 PM through the end of service each day, June 8 – 12, June 15 – 19, and June 22 – 26.

During the weekends of June 20 – 21 and June 27 – 28.

Free and accessible shuttle buses will replace service between Lowell and North Billerica during these times.

Riders using shuttles bus service should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider travelling to North Billerica from Lowell should budget up to 10 minutes using the shuttle.

A dedicated diversion schedule will be available on [MBTA.com/CR](http://MBTA.com/CR).

Service Changes during World Cup Matchdays:

From June 8 through July 12, passengers are reminded that trains will run less frequently on most Commuter Rail lines. Most peak-hour service, 6 – 10 AM and 3:30 – 7 PM, will be maintained. On World Cup matchdays, additional changes will be in effect on all Commuter Rail lines in and out of South Station.

Information is available at [MBTA.com/WorldCupChanges](http://MBTA.com/WorldCupChanges). Notable changes include:

Fairmount Line: On matchdays, no service to Readville.

Fall River/New Bedford Line: June 8 – July 12, connecting trains to/from East Taunton will not operate. Only direct trains between South Station and Fall River or New Bedford will run.

Franklin/Foxboro Line: On matchdays, no Commuter Rail service to Foxboro or between Readville and Windsor Gardens. Shuttle buses between Forge Park/495 and Walpole connect riders to Providence Line at Canton Junction.

Needham Line: June 13 and 14, no weekend train service. Local buses connect to Orange

and Green lines.

Stoughton Line: On weekday matchdays, shuttle buses replace train service between Canton Junction and Stoughton.

The MBTA previously announced service changes in May. More information is available here.

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

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) opened America's first subway tunnel in 1897, pioneering public transportation in the United States. Today, the MBTA is one of the largest public transit systems in the country, operating an extensive network of subway, bus, Commuter Rail, ferry, and paratransit services across 176 cities and towns. The MBTA is undergoing a transformative period, focusing on cultivating a culture of safety and excellence, modernizing infrastructure, and improving reliability and accessibility. Current priorities include accelerating critical infrastructure repairs, expanding accessibility, and reducing emissions. The MBTA is committed to providing dependable, frequent, and accessible service that riders can rely on while supporting the region's economic vitality. Through initiatives like the unprecedented Track Improvement Program, the Better Bus Program, and the Rail Modernization Plan, the MBTA aims to connect communities and improve riders' daily experiences and trips. For questions or assistance, riders are encouraged to contact the MBTA Customer Center at 617-222-3200. Members of the press are encouraged to contact [mediarelations@mbta.com](mailto:mediarelations@mbta.com). For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit [MBTA.com](http://MBTA.com) or follow @MBTA on social media.

## Real Estate Transfers

## Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The boatmen in the last clue are on the Founders Memorial on the Beacon Street side of the Boston Common. It was dedicated in 1930 to commemorate Boston's 300th anniversary. The bronze relief is by sculptor John Francis Paramino and was poured at the Gorham factory.

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

### THIS WEEK'S CLUE



BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
<b>BACK BAY</b>			
Nies, John	Cherande, Joel	1 Huntington Ave #1101	\$4,500,000
Bloom, Callahan Erin	Nguyen, Ngoc Anh Thy	111 Gainsborough St #401	\$950,000
New England Housing LLC	Liang, Li-Mei	111 Gainsborough St #404	\$725,000
Back Bay Place LLC	Wang, Meiyong	113 Commonwealth Ave #3	\$2,930,000
Robert E Braitman T	Satiroglu, Hakan	127 W Newton St	\$1,350,000
Stuart Triangle LLC	003 Realty Lp	135-137 Columbus Ave	\$21,000,000
Parkin, Christopher D	Danon, Daniel	17 Braddock Pk #3	\$2,600,000
Sebaoun, Patrick	Bachour, Joseph	17 Symphony Rd #6	\$1,100,000
Sebaoun, Jean D	Bashour, Joseph A	17 Symphony Rd #8	\$1,100,000
Herms, Peter S	Brian H Whipple 2012 Ft	201 Newbury St #405	\$2,375,000
Heslam, William D	Jo-Ann Suna Ret	246 W Newton St #1	\$3,050,000
Hosea, Devin	Raynor, Kimberly A	250 Commonwealth Ave #8	\$2,175,000
Varvares, Tessa E	Phillips, Jessica W	274 Clarendon St #10	\$609,000
Stuart Triangle LLC	304 Stuart Street LLC	304-308 Stuart St	\$14,000,000
Stuart Triangle LLC	003 Realty Lp	314 Stuart St	\$21,000,000
Xie, Hui	Lee, Ching	351 Beacon St #4	\$721,000
Duende LLC	Boueri, Maurice	363 Marlborough St #3	\$1,325,000
Griffin, John M	Stephen M Jenks Ft	400 Stuart St #16J	\$2,125,000
Crone, Nicole	Rodriguez, Roberto Carmo	425 S Huntington Ave #9	\$525,000
Poedijono, Alessia	Ts Pied-A-Terre Hldg LLC	430 Stuart St #1618	\$1,275,000
Mataev, Aetan	Chichikoshvili, Kakha	44 Broadway Pk #22A	\$415,000
Murphy, Austin F	Ramin, Laurence	49 Beacon St #1	\$800,000
Law, Glenn	Mark S Carrig Lt	514 Massachusetts Ave #2	\$750,000
Herrnson, Jesse J	Fpg Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	55 Lagrange St #1103	\$699,000
Smith, Lucinda	Ip, Cory	57 Warren Ave #2	\$660,000
Mandeville, Paul	Roman, Douglas	75 Burbank St #501	\$491,000
Ralston, William H	Krishnamurti, Manioucha	90 Broadway #5D	\$1,395,000
Smith, Jonathan	Mancat Boston LLC	95 Gainsborough St #307	\$870,000
Yang, Mu	Karim, Samina	96 Gainsborough St #205W	\$961,000
Feeney, Caroline	Sundaresh, Harish	170 Tremont St #905	\$640,000
Smith, Christof	Shahani, Jeetendra	3417 Washington St #2	\$547,000
Dean Bc Propco LLC	Ui Europa Assets Lp	505 Washington St	\$124,499,299

### BEACON HILL

Karen H Carew Ret	Goodrow, Henry	82 Chestnut St #30	\$1,800,000
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### DOWNTOWN/WATERFRONT

Robinson, Dana	Smith, Laura	11 Olmstead St #2	\$662,500
Jaffar, Houssein	South Sta Res Invest LLC	682 Atlantic Ave #3703	\$1,299,000
Soencer Inv Hldg LLC Spenc	South Sta Res Invest LLC	682 Atlantic Ave #3903	\$1,527,000
Gee How Oak Tin Assn Of Ne	Chen, Limin	8 Johnny Ct	\$1,200,000
Brown, Ryan	Morrison, Timothy	80 Broad St #1007	\$1,095,000
Owens, Aoife A	Young, Jane	85 E India Row #7H	\$745,000
Bingham, William	Crisuolo, Anthony C	99-105 Broad St #3B	\$725,000

### BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE

Packer, Leonard S	Buruca, Ciro	11 Park Dr #28	\$430,000
Parsons, Chase R	Epstein, Katherine Watt	12 Worcester Sq #5	\$1,250,000

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AGREEMENT (from pg. 11)

“This partnership reflects our shared belief that higher education should be accessible, connected, and transformative,” she said. “By creating a stronger transfer pathway to Suffolk University, we are opening doors for students to continue their educational journeys and contribute their talents to Boston’s future and beyond.”

Suffolk University, located in historic downtown Boston, provides students with experiential and transformational learning opportunities that begin in the center of Boston, reach across the globe, and lead to extraordinary outcomes for graduates. The University is driven by the power of education, inclusion, and engagement to change lives and positively impact communities. Suffolk University offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs in its College of Arts & Sciences, Sawyer Business School, and Law School.



Suffolk University President Marisa Kelly (left) and Bunker Hill Community College President Pam Eddinger.

With more than 50 years of academic excellence, Bunker Hill Community College is one of Massachusetts’ largest community colleges, serving approximately 16,000 students annually. With campuses in Charlestown and Chelsea, BHCC offers a broad range of educational opportunities throughout Greater Boston. BHCC fosters a welcoming and supportive learning environment for students by offering associate degrees and certificates, early college and dual enrollment, community education, corporate training, and industry-specific programs.

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

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU26P0843EA Estate of: Thomas Howard Townsend Also Known As: Thomas H Townsend Date of Death: 11/18/2025 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mary F. Townsend of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Mary F. Townsend of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this

proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/12/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 01, 2026 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

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Don't Forget to check with the Courts to see if you qualify for a FEE WAIVER

# Massport to attempt Guinness World Records title for world's largest soccer ball

Special to the Times

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) will showcase the organization's attempt at the Guinness World Records title for World's Largest Soccer Ball at Piers Park II in East Boston this June, creating a one-of-a-kind waterfront display that can be seen from multiple points along Boston Harbor. The installation is part of ongoing efforts to build momentum and community engagement throughout the city during the FIFA World Cup games at Boston Stadium in Foxborough this June and July.

Standing 45 feet, the soccer ball will attempt to officially break the current Guinness World Records mark of 38 feet, 11.8 inches, making it the largest soccer ball ever displayed. The last record was set in Doha, Qatar in 2013. The installation will remain at Piers Park II for a full week, giving residents and visitors from across the region the opportunity to experience

the display while exploring East Boston's waterfront.

"We're proud to welcome the world to Boston as Massachusetts prepares to host the FIFA World Cup matches and showcase the unique attractions and welcoming communities that make our state such a special place to visit," said Rich Davey, Massport CEO. "Bringing this iconic display to East Boston gives people the opportunity to come together, enjoy the neighborhood's vibrant waterfront and skyline views, and share in the excitement of the FIFA World Cup."

In addition to the weeklong display, Massport will host a community celebration at Piers Park II on Saturday, June 13, from noon to 4 p.m., featuring family activities, games, and entertainment. World Cup matches will not be televised.

The soccer ball showcase and community event are presented by Massport in partnership with HNTB and other sponsors.



A rendering of Piers Park II in East Boston with Massport's display of their attempt to break the Guinness World Records title for world's largest soccer ball.

"HNTB is thrilled to partner with Massport on this one-of-a-kind attempt to create the

world's largest soccer ball in the lead-up to the FIFA World Cup," said Paul Godfrey, HNTB Vice President and Massachusetts Office Leader. "Together, we're not only celebrating the global spirit of the game, but also creating an unforgettable community moment—kicking off World Cup excitement while setting a world record at the same time."

Events Timeline  
Guinness World Records  
World's Largest Soccer Ball  
Attempt Display

Piers Park II, East Boston  
Weeklong public display  
June 12-18  
Piers Park II Community Day  
Marginal St, East Boston  
Saturday, June 13  
Noon - 4 p.m.

Going Above and Beyond.  
The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, public terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport.

