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Photos courtesy of Harvard Gardens

Mass General workers help themselves to "grab-and-go" bagged lunches, courtesy of Harvard Gardens.

Harvard Gardens provides MGH staff with free bagged lunches

By Dan Murphy

The Harvard Gardens distributed hundreds of free bagged lunches to Mass General Hospital doctors and staff on Wednesday, April 1, in a display of gratitude to healthcare professionals working in the age of COVID-19.

Patrick Lyons, CEO of the Lyons Group, which has operated Harvard Gardens since 1999, and a Beacon Hill resident, credits the idea to treat the hospital's workers to a "grab-and-go" bagged lunch consisting of a sandwich, an apple and a bottled water from a table outside the Cambridge Street restaurant to his wife, Kristina, who is currently finishing up at the Harvard School of Public Health.

"She's really in a quagmire trying to get Personal Protective Equipment for the hospital - it's very complicated and most efforts lead to dead ends," Lyons said. "So out of frustration we thought, 'What can we do? We have a restaurant - let's mobilize it.'"

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Neighborhood retail businesses weathering unprecedented losses

By Dan Murphy

As retail businesses in the neighborhood scramble to adjust their business models in the face of COVID-19, they are weathering unprecedented - and unexpected - revenue losses.

"As a small business that has relied heavily on foot traffic up until now, we have seen our sales dwindle down to about 10 percent of what a typical March or April period would be, and we're now relying on online sales only," said Jennifer Hill, owner of Blackstone's of Beacon Hill and its sister establishment, KitchenWares by Blackstones, at 46 Charles St. A lot stores didn't already have websites - we did - and everyone

was enhancing and getting their products up online."

Both businesses have seen "considerable" spikes in online sales within the last two weeks, Hill said, but neither is profitable at the moment, so she was faced with the difficult decision of furloughing the store manager.

"We realize how important our store manager is to our success so we have furloughed her so she has been able to access to the unemployment benefits until life returns to a new normal in the coming months," Hill said.

Now, like many other business owners, Hill is applying for federal government assistance via the \$2.2 trillion CARES Act (H.R. 748) -

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'Virtual Vilna' brings Vilna Shul online

By Dan Murphy

Since the Vilna Shul closed the doors to its 18 Phillips St. headquarters last month due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Boston's Center for Jewish Culture has launched "Virtual Vilna," bringing its programming online to more than 1,200 visitors in just the first two weeks.

"When everyone became homebound, we decided it was time to launch a virtual initiative, and it's been met with immense success," said Lynne Krasker Schultz, director of communications. "It provides the opportunity to reach people who wouldn't have the physical ability to walk through our doors. People from Costa Rica, Spain and Israel have attended programs, and from the U.S., we've had people from Cincinnati, Chicago, San Francisco, San Antonio and all up

and down the East Coast, including, of course, all over the Boston area."

"Virtual Vilna" offerings to date have included "Meditation through a Jewish Lens," Jewish genealogy, challah baking and adult education classes, among other programming made available through the Zoom and Facebook platforms, and new content is being added to The Vila Shul website on a daily basis, such as a live reading by author Susan Solomont from her children's book "Stella the Ambassador" on Tuesday, April 14, at 9:30 a.m.

The Vilna Shul is also soliciting suggestions for new classes and programming from the public via email at info@vlnashil.org, and, in response to one suggestion, has enlisted the Yiddish Bookstore in Amherst to design the curriculum

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Baker and Walsh announce stricter measures; new funds for COVID-19 relief

By Lauren Bennett

As the COVID-19 crisis continues and begins to approach the predicted surge in cases, Governor Charlie Baker and Mayor Marty Walsh continue to provide updates to residents and have implemented new measures to prevent further spread of the virus.

As of Monday, April 6, the City of Boston had 2,035 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 19 deaths. The number of people who have recovered had reached 203. In Massachusetts, there were 13,837 cases.

An N95 mask decontamination facility is set up in the former K-Mart at Assembly Row in Somerville. Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders said this is the fourth location in the United States where this technology will be used, and each N95 mask can be decontaminated between five and 10 times before it has to be disposed of, which will extend the life of these masks that are so vital for healthcare workers who are on the frontlines.

Baker announced on April 7 that a new rapid testing site will open in conjunction with CVS in Lowell in and will use the new Abbott ID NOW™ COVID-19 test. CVS has created rapid testing sites in only two other states, Georgia and Rhode Island, so Massachusetts will be the third state to use these rapid testing sites.

Additionally, the New England Patriots plane also brought in over 1 million masks last week from China “in a humanitarian mission,” Sudders said.

Mayor Walsh Updates

On April 5, Mayor Walsh implemented stricter measures to help protect the residents of Boston. Starting on Monday, April 6, the Boston Public Health Commission issued a Public Health Advisory that establishes a curfew in the City of Boston. Everyone except essential workers should stay inside between 9pm and 6am, the Mayor said. As of right now, this will be in

effect until May 4. He said this was a necessary choice to make because there have been reports of people not social distancing especially in the evenings, as people are visiting friends' houses and gathering while waiting for food takeout, which the Mayor said is unacceptable.

The Boston Pride Parade scheduled for June 13 has been postponed until next year, the Mayor said. New parking rules are in effect for healthcare workers as well. If a healthcare worker gets a parking ticket, the city will waive the ticket if they email a photo of the ticket and their hospital ID to parking@boston.gov. Walsh said this policy also applies retroactively if healthcare workers have received any tickets in the past few weeks.

The property tax deadline has also been extended from May 1 to June 1, and interest on late property tax and motor vehicle excise tax payments is extended until June 30 if the bill was due after March 10.

Additionally, the Mayor asked “anyone and everyone to wear a mask outside your home,” following the new Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendation to US citizens to do so. “Up to 25 percent of people are out and about because they don't feel sick,” Mayor Walsh said. He said things like scarves and bandannas will work to cover the nose and face. “We can all help slow the spread by covering our faces,” he said.

He said that covering faces is not a replacement for physical distancing of at least six feet from others, which is still “100 percent necessary.”

City parks with recreational sports areas are also closed as of April 6. “People are continuing to gather and we simply have to take that option away,” he said. “No group activities should be taking place anywhere.” Mayor Walsh said that police are empowered to break up groups, and although he doesn't want to have to fine people for disobeying the rules, but he is not taking it off the table.

There are also new steps taken at City Hall. Beginning Tuesday, April 7, City Hall is only open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9am to 5pm, and everyone entering the building, including employees, will be required to have their temperature taken, the Mayor said. He stressed that people should only come to City Hall for services that are not available by phone or online.

The Mayor also announced new measures for those at higher risk—people over the age of 65 and those with underlying health conditions. Walsh is advising these residents to “only go out when you absolutely need to.” Additionally, he recommended that they exercise inside their homes if they are able.

“You need to realize how many people are vulnerable and they're all around you,” Walsh said. He said there are many residents of the City of Boston who have asthma, diabetes, cancer, and other lung conditions—all of which put these people at risk for having complications should they contract COVID-19.

Additionally, he said that nearly 45 percent of positive tests are in people under the age of 40. “You have to follow these guidelines,” he said. “We're doing everything it takes to be ready for the surge.”

Over the weekend, Walsh also announced that the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center would be converted into a 1000 bed hospital, with 500 beds for homeless COVID patients and 500 for hospital capacity, including six acute care suites. Chief of Health and Human Services Marty Martinez said on Tuesday afternoon that there are close to 200 cases in the homeless community.

“This was done in four days,” the Mayor said. “I want to thank everyone who has made this happen. We are preparing for whatever comes our way.” He said these beds are not in use as there is no current need, but they are ready as the City approaches the surge, which is predicted for mid-April.

“Don't just focus on the numbers going up,” Walsh said. “Think about the cases you individually have stopped and the lives you have saved by doing the right thing.”

Governor Baker Covid-19 Community Tracing Collaborative

Governor Baker announced on April 3 the creation of the COVID-19 Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC) which will help mitigate the spread of the virus in the Commonwealth.

“This initiative is a collaboration between the administration and Partners In Health, and is the first of its kind in the nation, according to a release from the state. “The initiative will focus on tracing the contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 patients, and supporting individuals in quarantine, and builds on the efforts already underway from the Command Center to leverage public health college students to augment the contact tracing being done by local boards of health.”

“Enhanced contact tracing capability is another powerful tool for public health officials and health care providers in the battle against COVID-19,” Baker said. “Massachusetts is the only state in the nation implementing this type of programming, and this collaborative tracing initiative will break new ground as we work together to slow the spread of COVID-19.”

Partners In Health will be working with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, and the contact tracing will be combined with increased testing efforts in the state.

Nearly 1,000 contact tracers will be reaching out to COVID-19

patients and those who they have been in contact with in an effort to contain the virus.

Massachusetts Covid-19 Relief Fund

Governor Baker and First Lady Lauren Baker on April 6 announced the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund, which will support frontline workers and other communities who face issues like housing insecurity.

He said that the fund, which is administered by Eastern Bank, was launched with a \$1.8 million anchor fund, and is now up to \$13 million as a starting point.

First Lady Lauren Baker said that the fund will also “partner with a network of excellent community foundations and local nonprofits who have deep roots in their communities.”

She thanked the “generous donors” to the fund, and as the need will continue to raise throughout the Commonwealth, “the sky is the limit for how much money we can raise,” she said.

Governor Baker said that as of Monday, about 76,500 people have been tested in the Commonwealth. He also said Massachusetts received 100 additional ventilators from the federal government, and he has a commitment to increase that number over the next few days and weeks.

“This public health crisis continues to be one of the most challenging events the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has ever faced,” Baker said.

“The goal here is simple,” he said, referring to the fund, “to help those who are going to have the hardest time working through and dealing with” this crisis.

To read more about the fund and to make a donation, visit masscovid19relieffund.org.

LUNCHES (from pg. 1)

The Harvard Gardens has a long history serving the MGH community, since it was the first establishment granted a liquor license in 1930 after Prohibition was repealed.

“It's a great little neighborhood spot, and it's a great little MGH spot,” Lyons said of the Harvard Gardens.

Sally Mason Boemer, MGH's senior vice president for finance, wrote, “The hospital is deeply grateful for the many wonderful expressions of support from our community. Whether it's offers of food and other donations or messages posted around the neighborhood, these gestures are heart-

ening for our staff who dedicate themselves to providing the very best care for our patients every day.”

And although Harvard Gardens remains open for delivery via Grub Hub and takeout during what Lyons concedes has been a “tough time for business,” he said last Wednesday's gesture was all about expressing much-deserved gratitude to the Mass General staff.

“We're thankful for the support from the Beacon Hill neighborhood in the past two weeks, but today is set aside for MGH,” Lyons said.

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Assault and Battery
03/28/20 – A security guard encountered an unknown male and unknown female who were trespassing behind a Joy Street building at about 9 p.m. He informed the couple they would have to vacate the area, at which time the male suspect became irate and punched the security guard in the face. The suspects then fled on foot towards Cambridge Street. Police searched the area for

the suspects to no avail, and the security guard declined medical attention at this time.

Robbery - Bank

03/30/20 - The victims, who work as tellers, reported two unknown male suspects entered a Beacon Street bank at around 2:29 p.m. before approaching their respective counters and demanding U.S. currency. One teller's cash drawer was empty while the other

teller handed over U.S. currency. The suspects fled on foot in the direction of Branch Street.

Vandalism to Motor Vehicles

04/01/20 - Several Beacon Hill residents reported their motor vehicles were vandalized (keyed) while parked overnight between midnight and 5 a.m. Detectives obtained video footage and are further investigating the matter.

Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The window in the last clue is on 36 Garden Street built in the Federal Style in 1810. Wikipedia describes this style, "American Federal architecture typically uses plain surfaces with attenuated detail, usually isolated in panels, tablets, and friezes. It also had a flatter, smoother façade ..."

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



EDITORIAL

ONE DAY AT A TIME: IT'S "GROUNDHOG DAY" FOR EVERYBODY

Here's one way to view the current situation in which we all find ourselves:

Prior to the pandemic sweeping the nation and the world, our lives were such that each day truly was a new day, filled with new challenges and the possibility of new excitement, albeit to varying degrees.

Today however, with most of us locked down in our homes, our daily routines have taken on a stunning sameness that is bereft of any sense of the usual moments of joy that form the essence of our humanity.

Similar to the classic Bill Murray movie "Groundhog Day" from 1993 (wow, has it really been 27 years?), each day seems to be a repeat of the day before.

The daily news in particular has a feeling of being in "Groundhog Day" mode. The headlines, politicians, and talking heads basically tell us the same thing, day after day after day, to the point where most of us now are tuning it out.

And yet, unlike the movie, there is nothing humorous about the real-life Groundhog Day in which we find ourselves.

The COVID-19 pandemic by far is the most tragic, far-reaching, and life-changing event that every American has faced since the end of World War II 75 years ago.

The phrase, "One day at a time," which is meant both as an inspiration and an admonition to those among us who struggle with substance abuse and other issues, now applies to every person, in every corner of the globe, regardless of fame, wealth, power, or any other status that differentiates us from anyone else.

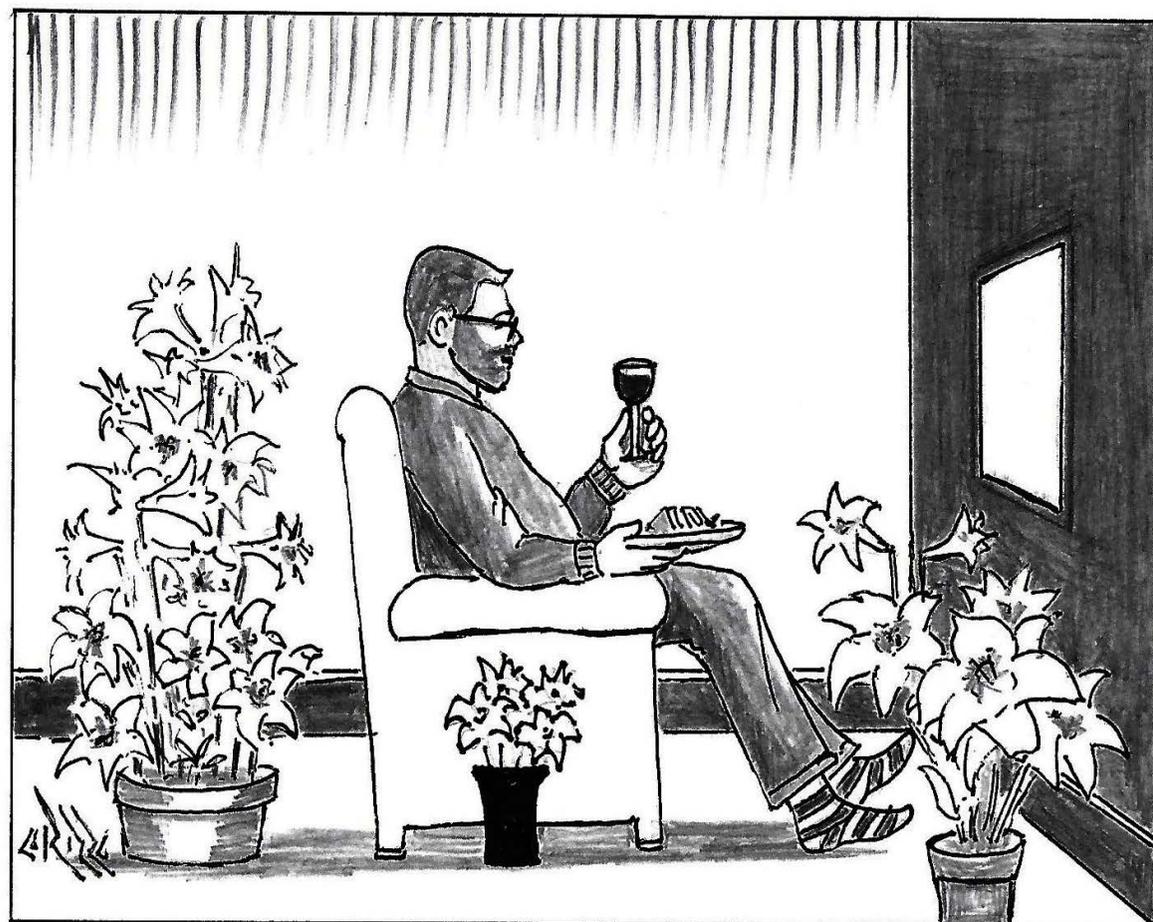
The news that public figures as disparate as the actor Tom Hanks, Boris Johnson (the Prime Minister of England), and James Dolan (the billionaire owner of the New York Knicks and Comcast) have contracted COVID-19 -- on three different continents -- makes it clear that the coronavirus does not discriminate and is world-wide in scope.

In short, there is no escape -- no way out -- for every human being on the planet.

Moreover, with public health authorities informing us that the ongoing lack of testing in the United States continues to leave our nation flying blind in the face of the pandemic, we truly will have reason to fear every interaction with another human being (even if we and they are fully-masked and we space ourselves six feet apart) for the foreseeable future.

Without any understanding of the true extent of the spread of the disease in the United States, no one can predict when we will begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

"One day at a time" will be our mantra for many days to come.



CELEBRATE EASTER - APRIL 12TH

GUEST OP-ED

No Easter for America?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Because of Covid-19 many churches will not be in their sanctuaries for Easter, April 12, 2020.

Easter Sunday can fall on any date between March 22nd and April 25th. The dates change because Easter happens on the Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon. The word Paschal means "Passover" in Greek which is a transliteration of the Hebrew word pesach. The Paschal Full Moon is the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. This is sometimes referred to as the Egg Moon. This moon sometimes occurs in March and sometimes in April. So, April 12 is not locked in for Easter every year, but it is the date for 2020.

Easter 2020 will be remembered for a very long time as the Sunday America had no Easter. Or, the Easter where churches did not gather in small and large buildings. This is disappointing to multitudes. It is the "one" Sunday that many Americans attend church. Globally, churches pull out all the stops for presenting their best music. Ministers have been work-

ing the last several weeks polishing up their sermons. But it's the same story, the old story that, once a year, people come to hear.

Some people still buy new clothes for Easter. Americans are more casual than ever but retailers still make out good for Easter, but not this year. Macy's and other retailers just furloughed hundreds of thousands of workers. For these retailers Easter has been cancelled and they are feeling it in their pocketbooks.

The first Easter didn't have a date of April 12. We don't know the date. We do know that the followers of Jesus were terrified. They had just watched him crucified on a cross and they feared they were next. Financially they were struggling because they had left everything to follow Jesus. They had "sheltered" themselves in fear of the religious opposition.

That first Sunday morning Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. In the middle of her sorrow Jesus appeared, spoke her name and Mary realizing it was Jesus called him "Teacher". She must have put her arms around Jesus because

he said, "Don't hold onto me, I have not ascended to my father." John 20:17 Essentially, he said, "Don't touch me!" This story is more relevant all the time. The saddest weekend of Mary's life turned into the greatest day of her life as she became the first witness of the risen Jesus, later exclaiming to the disciples, "I have seen The Lord!" Wouldn't you like to have that kind of Easter? We will miss gathering in church this Easter but experiencing Easter and the risen Christ can happen even if you are alone.

There will be Easter on April 12. There will be Easter for every person on the planet who will take the time to celebrate the old story, the good news of Easter wherever you are and whatever your situation, this Easter 2020.

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LOSSES (from pg. 1)

an emergency relief package that would offer financial assistance to small businesses impacted by COVID-19 via emergency grants and a forgivable loan program, as well as relief for existing loans for companies with 500 or fewer employees.

Rebecca Hall, proprietor of Crush Boutique, a women's clothing store with locations on Charles Street and Newbury Street in Back Bay, and Whitney + Winston, a Charles Street gift shop, said the store closures compelled the businesses to develop more of an online presence.

"At first, the effort was to sell through social media, and then, we then took the time and effort to create an online store to sell our products," Hall said. "We've had an outpouring of support from our local community and loyal customers during this ever-evolving process, but we still struggle to try to remain at the forefront in people's minds and capture sales virtually."

Both businesses have instated home drop-off whereby they leave the goods at the customer's front door and notify them by phone, or instead ship the products to them.

"Even though we're so grateful for the support we have received, and efforts have proven successful to actively work to facilitate sales to clients without contact, we've seen a dramatic drop in [revenue] at both businesses compared to this time last year," Hall said.

While Hall said the only full-time employee is still on the payroll, some part-timers have to forego their paychecks.

"Other employees are students working part time who were forced to go home anyway, but it's a really unfortunate situation," Hall said.

In the meantime, Hall has applied for assistance through the CARES Act, as well as through the city's Small Business Relief

Fund, which offers financial assistance to businesses impacted by COVID-19 that have fewer than 35 employees and less than \$1.5 million in annual revenue.

"We've applied for both the city grant and the federal loan," Hall said, "and we're remaining hopeful that we get some assistance so we can start to rehire and just keep the business afloat."

Ali Ringenburg, co-president of the Beacon Hill Business Association, said while many businesses anticipate slow sales in January, they know this is only a temporary seasonal setback, and that things will return to normal soon enough. But unlike that foreseeable scenario, the future is now uncertain.

"There isn't an exact trajectory now, it's just unknown," said Ringenburg, who also owns the Sloane Merrill Gallery at 75 Charles St. "We have no idea how long it's going to last or how long it's going to take to get back to normal."

And with this uncertainty comes difficult decisions for some business owners.

"There are some restaurants and hotels, more than shops, that have had to make tough decisions about laying people off or furloughing people, or just telling hourly employees they can't come in," Ringenburg said. "Other businesses have made the commitment to staff to allow them to work from home in some capacity to keep them on the payroll."

Although some business owners might see relief from the federal government, the process is arduous, and even if they are deemed eligible to receive financial assistance, the timeline remains unknown.

"A lot of businesses are considering the federal options, but there are challenges there like the actual application process and that hurdle, and wondering when funds

will hit and if they can use them," Ringenburg said.

The Beacon Hill business community is distinctive in that it is composed largely of small, independent businesses, Ringenburg said.

"Charles Street and Beacon Hill businesses are unique in all this because many of them are independent, which is something we're proud of, but it also means that there are a lot of costs associated for one or two business owners to handle, so that's a heavy weight," Ringenburg said. "Business in this day and age is really about relationships and not just the transactional, and that's especially important right now during this crisis."

Lynne Wolverton, who has served several generations of customers over 32 years at Linens on the Hill at 52 Charles St., was recently faced with the daunting challenge of bringing online a business that had typically relied on in-store sales.

"I get some orders over phone or through email, but I don't have a robust website, so I can't market like some other stores can," Wolverton said.

And unlike other neighborhood businesses, Wolverton also expects hers will receive no federal relief since she only employs part-time help.

"The loans will be forgiven if you keep employees on staff, but I have no employees so it does me no good," she said.

Still, Wolverton is encouraged – and touched – by the outpouring of support she has received in the past few weeks.

"I have a very supportive clientele. Many just call to say 'hello,' and, 'when it's safe, we'll be there,'" she said. "Many have reached out to order things they might not need now but will eventually need, or to purchase gift certificates. I've been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness I've received from the Beacon Hill community."

But Wolverton still expects lean times ahead for the business.

"I think it will slow down in the next few weeks, and I don't know what will happen next," she said.

One of the neighborhood's few "essential businesses" according to state guidelines, Gary Drug Co. at 59 Charles St. is allowed to keep its storefront open, but has seen its business "cut in half" since the COVID-19 pandemic hit, said pharmacist Dan Greenfield.

"Delivery and curbside services have picked up, but the pharmacy still isn't seeing much business online, and there's almost no foot traffic," Greenfield said. "At least we're open and we provide us a service to people, but it's going to be a long haul, I think."

Jack Gurnon, owner of another "essential business" - Charles Street Supply, the longstanding hardware store at 54 Charles St. – has also seen his business drop off by about

50 percent.

"In the beginning, we were really busy and then people kind of stopped coming in," Gurnon said. "Online sales have increased, but I've also found it's not happening in real time, and instead, there's a day's lag. What people finally figured out is that it doesn't do any good to order online, so they're calling to make sure items are in stock."

Added Gurnon, "We've kind of come up with pandemic list of weird things people buy like mousetraps, ant-traps – they paint anything that doesn't move – and of course because Starbucks is closed, coffee makers and coffee grinders, and the usual gloves, wipes, etcetera. It's the side stuff that makes me smirk."

Gurnon said some of his staff have "volunteered to take themselves off the schedule" so he hasn't been forced to lay off or furlough any employees.

"I can run it with a skeleton crew, or I can almost run it by myself," he said.

Charles Street Supply Co. is now closing at 4 p.m. as opposed to the traditional 7 p.m. time, but Gurnon remains on call for his customers after business hours.

"Because I live over the store, for emergencies, I will come down and get them everything they need," Gurnon said. "I'm lucky to be open, but I'm not doing it for me, I'm doing it for the neighborhood."

House passes legislation to prevent residential and commercial evictions and foreclosures

On April 2, House Speaker Bob DeLeo and Rep. Joseph McGonagle, along with their colleagues in the House of Representatives, passed legislation to set a moratorium on most residential and commercial evictions and residential foreclosures during the COVID-19 State of Emergency and for 30 days after it ends.

The measure now goes to the Senate, and then must be signed by Gov. Charlie Baker.

"During these unprecedented times, we need to do whatever we can to keep people healthy, safe and in their homes," said Speaker DeLeo (D – Winthrop). "This legislation shields tenants and homeowners from economic insecurity during and immediately after the period of the state of emergency. I thank Chairs Honan and Michlewitz for their work with members and stakeholders in putting together this bill, which will enhance public health and provide

relief during this pandemic."

"As House co-chair of the Housing Committee, I spend much of my time examining solutions for housing problems across the Commonwealth," said McGonagle. "A crisis like this flips all of that around and forces us to act quickly for the protection of the people. Chair Honan did a fantastic job with this legislation, and I'm thankful to the Speaker and Chair Michlewitz for prioritizing its passage."

The legislation includes the following provisions.

- Establishes a moratorium on most residential and commercial evictions within the Commonwealth for the duration of the State of Emergency and 30 days after the State of Emergency ends.

- Landlords may not charge late fees or send reports to credit rating agencies if a tenant notifies the landlord within 30 days of a late

payment that the non-payment of rent is due to a financial impact related to the COVID-19 emergency.

- Prohibits landlords from sending "notice to quit" letters for the duration of the State of Emergency and 30 days after the State of Emergency is terminated.

- Establishes a moratorium on foreclosure actions for the duration of the State of Emergency and 30 days after the State of Emergency ends.

- Allows for video conferencing during the State of Emergency for reverse mortgage loans. Current mandates require in-person consultations for these loans.

- Emergency evictions may proceed during the moratorium for actions that involve allegations of criminal activity or substantial lease violations that may detrimental to public health or public safety.

The bill is being considered in the Senate this week.

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for a program on Yiddish film that will launch after Passover.

"For the most part, people are thankful for the opportunity to engage in programming and learning opportunities they might not otherwise have had access to," Schultz said. "For lots of people, hopping onto a class at noon in the middle of a workday to learn about a subject like Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism) prior to the coronavirus epidemic wasn't feasible, but now it is, and we've had some great feedback."

On the Vilna Shul website, one guest wrote after joining a video

class with Layah Lipsker: "I was very surprised at the sense of community that one class gave me. In addition to the interesting content, this was a real blessing to me."

Online content was previously limited to the occasional video clip or live stream from a portion of a program, but this virtual initiative has ushered in a new era for The Vilna Shul.

"It's like the silver lining in all this blackness," Schultz said.

To learn more about The Vilna Shul, or to register for "Virtual Vilna" programming, visit vilnashul.org.

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Trial court launches help line to assist court users

The Trial Court announced this week the establishment of a Help Line that began on April 2 that the public can call to ask general questions about their civil and criminal cases and help them navigate the court system while the court system remains closed to the public except for emergency matters.

The Help Line will be staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and can be reached by calling 833-91COURT.

For emergency matters, court users should first call their local court Clerk's or Register's

Offices. Contact numbers for individual courts and offices can be found online.

Emergency matters include: emergency protection and harassment prevention orders; arraignments of new arrests; bail reviews; dangerousness hearings; mental health commitment orders; care and protection orders; and other matters. Each department of the Trial Court issued Standing Orders that contain full lists of emergency matters.

"In light of the Supreme Judicial Court Order issued April 1 that extends the previous order limit-

ing courts to emergency matters until May 4, the Help Line is an important resource for people who need information on their court cases, who have questions regarding non-emergency matters, and who may not know where to go for answers to their questions," said Trial Court Chief Justice Paula Carey. "It will also serve as a backup resource in the event a Clerk's or Register's office is closed or otherwise unable to assist in an emergency."

If a member of the public is unable to reach a Clerk's Office or Register's Office, Help Line staff will serve as a backup resource and will be able to look up case information and assist callers. The following Trial Court Departments will have representatives on the Help Line: District Court, Boston Municipal Court, Superior Court, Probate and Family Court, Juvenile Court, Housing Court, and Land Court. The Massachusetts Probation Service will also have representatives available on the Help Line. Callers to the Help Line will be prompted to select the Trial Court Department they wish to reach and then be connected to a knowledgeable representative who can access the main court case data-

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New state initiative allowing restaurants to offer beer-and-wine takeout and delivery brings added convenience for customers

By Dan Murphy

With Gov. Charlie Baker signing a bill into law Friday, restaurants throughout the Commonwealth providing delivery and takeout options during the COVID-19 pandemic can now also offer wine and beer in a move that allows customers the convenience of “one-stop shopping” while, with any luck, generating some more much-needed income for these establishments.

“Although it was a rocky start for state and city government, we’re all trying to do the best we can, and having the ability to offer wine and beer for takeout and delivery is a great thing all-around,” said Babak Bina, who along with his sister, Azita Bina-Seibel, owns and operates Bin 26 Enoteca at 26 Charles St., which is currently offering delivery via Uber

Eats, as well as takeout.

Bin 26’s wine list is now available online at bin26.com, and the restaurant is working to offer beer and wine delivery with food orders via Uber Eats “as way to make it one-stop shopping, and to reduce visits to stores,” Bina said.

“We’ve put together a selection of wine that is reasonably priced by restaurant standards,” Bina said, “and we’re also offering wine from our cellar at a 50-percent discount for takeout and delivery until further notice.”

State Rep. Jay Livingstone wrote, “Restaurants are struggling right now and the State has to help. I hope this is the first of many different ways in which the State helps the restaurant industry survive this crisis and recover from it.”

Ali Ringenburg, co-president of the Beacon Hill Business

Association, also encouraged this initiative.

“Anything that the state can do to loosen restrictions is great,” Ringenburg said, “and they understand a lot of these restaurants have inventory that would be helpful to move.”

Leo Fonseca, senior vice president of operations for The Lyons Group, which among other establishments, owns and oper-

ates Harvard Gardens at 316 Cambridge St. – another restaurant that continues to offer delivery via Grub Hub and takeout during the COVID-19 crises – is above all else thankful that this new measure is able to provide their customers with expanded service in these precarious times.

“We really appreciate what the governor and his administration are trying to do by giving us this

opportunity, and we hope there is an increase in sales and revenue related to this initiative,” Fonseca said. “Beyond that, we think it’s an excellent opportunity to provide a service for the neighborhood clientele so they can one-stop shop in this time of social distancing by picking up a bottle of wine or ordering beer, and not having to go somewhere else and further put themselves at risk.”

Councilor Bok calls on property owners with vacancies to immediately rent to families with vouchers

Staff Report

Councilor Kenzie Bok filed a resolution this week calling on any Boston property owner with residential vacancies to immediately rent to families with Housing Choice Vouchers. Over the past week, Councilor Bok has been working with the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) and Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) to communicate this urgent need to property owners large and small. More than ever, it is imperative that Boston’s families that are staying in shelters or are otherwise homeless find permanent housing, where they can find stability and properly practice the physical distancing needed to reduce COVID-10 transmission.

“Housing a family in this crisis is an act of great human solidarity and a concrete way that Bostonians of all means can help one another to safely weather this public health emergency,” stated Councilor Bok. Five hundred families are currently holding housing vouchers but have not yet found an apartment, and in a partnership between the Boston Housing Authority and the Boston Public Schools, 1,000 more families will be issued vouchers in the coming months. These vouchers will only serve to house local families experiencing homelessness in this emergency if property owners accept them. “Whether you have one open unit in a triple-decker or a number of units across a multifamily portfolio, I’m urging property owners across Boston to actively reach out to the Boston Housing Authority and try to get one of our families safely housed in each vacant unit,” said the Councilor.

Housing Choice Vouchers not only provide homeless families with permanent housing, but they

also provide landlords with financial stability at an uncertain time. Housing vouchers are guaranteed by the federal government, with the Boston Housing Authority paying the difference between what the renters are able to pay (30% of their income) and the median area rent. In 2019, Boston Housing Authority switched to utilizing zipcode-specific Small-Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMRs) as its maximum payment standard, thereby allowing maximum voucher rents to match market rent in most Boston neighborhoods.

Property owners with vacancies are urged to connect with Boston Housing Authority and express the willingness to house families with Housing Choice Vouchers by reaching out to Thomas White at Thomas.White@bostonhousing.org or 617-988-4540. The BHA is committed to expediting its administrative processes to house

voucher-holder families as quickly as possible during this time.

“For many years, housing discrimination and administrative barriers have made it too difficult for our low-income families to use Housing Choice Vouchers to stay in Boston,” noted Councilor Bok. “This pandemic is highlighting every respect in which our society’s greatest injustices put us all at risk, and showing us what we already knew: that everyone needs a home to be safe. I’ve seen so many Bostonians reaching out to help one another during this crisis already, and renting vacant apartments to families with vouchers is another crucial step.”

Councilor Bok will provide further remarks on this important effort at this week’s Boston City Council meeting on Wednesday April 8, 2020 which begins at 12PM.

Watch: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/city-council>

SJC issues order restricting court appearances to emergency matters until May 4

In light of the ongoing and urgent public health concerns regarding the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) on April 1 issued an order that continues to restrict the number of people coming to Massachusetts state courthouses through May 4.

Effective April 6, 2020, the new order repeals and replaces two earlier court orders; the Order Regarding Empanelment Of Juries, issued by the court on March 13, 2020, and the Order Limiting In-Person Appearances In State Courthouses To Emergency Matters That Cannot Be Resolved Through A Videoconference Or Telephonic Hearing, issued by the court on March 17, 2020.

All trials, whether jury or bench, in both criminal and civil cases, scheduled to begin in Massachusetts state courts on or before May 1, 2020, are continued to a date no earlier than May 4, 2020, unless the trial is a bench trial in a civil matter and may be conducted otherwise than in-person by agreement of the parties and of the court.

As a result of the SJC order, courthouses will continue to be closed to the public except to conduct emergency hearings that cannot be resolved virtually (i.e., by telephone, videoconference, email,

or comparable means, or through the electronic filing system) until at least May 4, 2020. All court clerks’, registers’, and recorder’s offices shall continue to conduct court business --to accept the filing of pleadings and other documents in emergency matters, to schedule and facilitate hearings in emergency matters, to issue orders in emergency matters, to answer questions from attorneys, litigants, and the general public, and to conduct other necessary business of the respective court. All such business will be conducted virtually, except when the filing of pleadings and other documents in emergency matters cannot be accomplished virtually.

The Trial Court announced the April 2, 2020 launch of a Help Line for non-emergency matters that the public can call to ask general questions about their civil and criminal cases and help callers navigate the court system. The Help Line will be staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and can be reached by calling 833-91COURT.

Full lists of emergency matters identified in Standing Orders for each department of the Trial Court, as well as updates regarding the court’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, are available on the court’s website.

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Hill House Kiddie Kamp open for enrollment

Hill House, Inc. located at 127 Mount Vernon St., is currently enrolling for its Kiddie Kamp, which is specifically for kids aged 3-5 and the perfect combination of new and exciting experiences in a safe, familiar environment. Join a staff of counselors for a summer full of games, crafts, stories, songs, age-appropriate athletics and outdoor fun. Your child will build confidence, independence and friendships.

For more information on Kiddie Kamp, or how to register - some weeks are at 80-percent capacity, so don't wait - contact Chelsea Evered at 617-227-5838 or cevered@hillhouseboston.org, or visit hillhouseboston.org.

Hill House Spring Baseball League registration now open

Hill House, Inc. located at 127 Mount Vernon St., has opened up Baseball and Softball League registration. Members of the community can now register for its new Red Sox Rookie League for 4-year-olds, T-Ball (ages 5-6.5), AA Baseball (ages 6.5-7), AAA Baseball (ages 8-9) and Majors League (10- to 12-year-olds). Hill house also offers Girls Softball for 6- to 8-year-olds and 9- to 12-year-olds. All leagues are coed, and the season will begin the first week in April.

Visit <http://www.hillhouseboston.org/Athletics/Baseball.htm> for more details.

For more information on the Hill House Little League, contact Hill House Athletics Director Marshall Caldera at 617-227-5838 or mcaldera@hillhouseboston.org.

BSNJ Community Children's Chorus

The Boston Society of The New Jerusalem (BSNJ) Community Children's Chorus is a compre-

hensive musical training program for children in the third through seventh grades.

Your child will be participating in a program that promotes: the love of music, expressive singing, teamwork-cooperative learning, building new friendships, self-assessment and the fun of being in an outstanding program.

The group meets at 140 Bowdoin St. on Saturday mornings. Tuition is free for any child with a Greater Boston-area address. All levels of singing ability are welcome. To register, contact Carlton Doctor at 617-523-4575 or visit www.churchonthehillboston.org (click on "music.")

BSNJ/The Church On The Hill sponsors this initiative, but we are not promoting any religious ideology.

Compassionate Friends group reaches out to bereaved parents, families

The Boston Chapter of The Compassionate Friends (TCF) meets at Trinity Church on the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

TCF is a national self-help, mutual-assistance organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved parents and their families. Call

617-539-6424 or e-mail tcfofboston@gmail.com for more information.

Volunteers needed for hot meal program

The North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC), located at 1 Michelangelo St., serves a hot, fresh, home-cooked lunch to seniors in the neighborhood Mondays and Fridays, and is looking for two volunteers to help with shopping, food preparation, cooking, serving and clean-up. The non-profit providing services and programs to low-income residents of the North End, West End and Beacon Hill is looking for

volunteers who can assist with the whole meal from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a Monday and/or Friday, but can make arrangements to fit your schedule.

Contact Maria Stella Gulla, director, at 617-523-8125, ext. 201, via e-mail at mariastella.gulla@bostonabcd.org for more information.

Introduction to laptops, eReaders and iPads at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., offers an introduction to laptops, eReaders and iPads by appointment only. Get the most out of your eReader or Laptop. Receive tips and guidance during these one-on-one sessions. Call Branch Librarian, Helen Bender at 617-523-3957 or e-mail hbender@bpl.org to set up an appointment.

Yoga for seniors at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., presents yoga for seniors every Tuesday from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. Classes are led by Tatiana Nekrasova, a certified yoga instructor.

Volunteer at Spaulding Rehab

Stay active, meet new people and be connected with your community by volunteering at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. Staff members will match your skills and interests to a volunteer opportunity. The hospital is currently recruiting volunteers, ages 18 and up, for two- to three-hour-a-week shifts for a minimum of six to 12 months commitment. Visit www.spauldingnetwork.org for more information.

After-work tai chi group at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., welcomes after-work tai chi group every Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. Come and try this low impact energy exercise with yang-style tai chi instructor Arthur Soo-Hoo.

Be a friend to elderly in need

FriendshipWorks seeks caring people to offer help and support to isolated elders in the Boston area. Volunteers are needed to provide companionship and assist elders with tasks such as reading, organizing, or going for a walk - lend an hour each week and gain a friend and a new perspective. Volunteers also needed to escort elders to and from medical appointments. No car is needed and hours are flexible. For more information or to apply online, visit www.fw4elders.org or call 617-482-1510.

Local residents needed to drive cancer patients to and from treatment

The American Cancer Society is in great need of Road to Recovery volunteers to drive local cancer patients to and from their chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments. An integral part of treating cancer successfully is making sure cancer patients receive their treatments, but many find making transportation arrangements is a challenge. The American Cancer Society provided more than 19,000 rides to cancer patients in New England last year, but needs new volunteer drivers to keep up with the demand for transportation.

Make a difference in the fight against cancer by becoming a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery. Drivers use their own vehicle to drive patients to and from their treatments. The schedule for volunteers is flexible, and treatment appointments take place weekdays, primarily during business hours. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer driver for Road to Recovery, contact your American Cancer Society at 800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Decorate your window for Easter

In lieu of the Myrtle Street Playground's traditional Egg Hunt, the Friends of the Myrtle Street Playground welcomes you to join the community in hanging paper eggs or spring decorations in your windows and is now seeking pictures of these decorations on the Myrtle Street Playground's

Facebook and Instagram pages. If you would like to honor, support and encourage doctors, nurses, medical staff and first-responders with your decorations, please do, and if you are out of town, share pictures of your decorated windows wherever you are at <https://www.facebook.com/MyrtleStreetPlayground/>, or <https://www.instagram.com/myrtlestreetplayground/>.

BPL presents online yoga

Join the Boston Public Library remotely for free online yoga classes presented by Hands to Heart Center - Yoga for the People on Tuesdays from 12-13:30 p.m., through April 28 for Lunch Break Yoga; as well as on Fridays from 4-5 p.m. through May 1, for Friday Unwind Gentle Yoga.

Stream them live at <https://tinyurl.com/tboujlo>, or for more information, contact the Programs Department at programs@bpl.org.

West End Food Pantry seeking donations

The West End Food Pantry needs help to continue serving its more than 120 clients per month. They welcome donations to replenish the supply of food that they give out to hungry residents in the neighborhood.

The pantry is located in the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library and is staffed by volunteers from ABCD's North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center. Non-perishable (canned and boxed) items are being sought, including rice, pasta, canned tuna, canned chicken, chili, beans, vegetables, cereal, soups, cup of noodles, etc.

Donations can be left at the library, 151 Cambridge St., on Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Join the Downtown Boston Rotary Club

The Downtown Boston Rotary Club, the first new Rotary Club in Boston in 100 years, holds meetings at the UMass Club in the Financial District on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

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Reservations for summer and fall travel

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The prospect of traveling seems like a distant promise right now. Yet here we are reminding you to think about reservations for traveling this summer, fall, and right into the holidays.

When you have dependent creatures in your life, travel plans have some added requirements. If your furry family members are going with you, there are restrictions on where you can stay and how they may travel. If they are remaining behind, you have to arrange for their care.

Pet-Friendly Accommodations

We do travel with our dog Poppy. This puts some serious restrictions on the places where we are welcome. Once you find a pet-friendly hotel or rental, you may learn that not all the accommodations within that property are available to travelers with animals. We understand this since some rooms are reserved for people with allergies or special needs.

Over the years we've discovered that some rentals are only available to specific people whose animals have proven themselves to be well-behaved and whose guardians have left the property in the condition that they found it. If you have built this kind of reputation with certain hosts, ask those people for references to use when they have no vacancies or you are traveling to a different area.

On the other hand, those who have broken the house rules, whose animals have disturbed other guests, or have left a mess for the staff to clean up, find there are never any vacancies when they call.

HELP KEEP STREET TREES HEALTHY

Our street trees suffer in the soon to be upon us, hot, dry summer months. Help the one nearest your house by watering it when there has been no rain for several days. But don't fertilize it! Too much fertilizer will burn its roots.

Planes, Boats, and Trains

If your animal is small enough to fit in a carrier as required by the airlines and Amtrak, you will still need to reserve earlier. The number of pets on a plane may be restricted and the length of a trip when your dog or cat must remain in the carrier without a potty break may determine which trips you can and can't make.

Ferries around New England have proven to be very open to companion animals. You can hop onto a ferry to the very pet-friendly town of Provincetown. Boston Harbor Cruises is our usual choice. Their Provincetown ferry website says, "Well behaved, leashed pets are welcome aboard." The Casco Bay Lines ferry in Portland ME says, "... please be aware that dogs need their own tickets, unless they are in a pet carrier or are a service animal. All dogs need to be on a leash. Dog tickets are \$4.10."

Stay-at-Homes

There are times when your cat or dog must stay behind and you must find someone to care for them while you are away. If you have a regular dog walker or cat sitter, you may be able to extend their service to longer-term care. This is more likely to happen if you are the first person to ask for specific dates.

Some doggie daycare centers also offer to board their regular customers. And, of course, there are cat and/or dog boarding facilities that are set up just for longer visits. Be certain the facility you opt for always has a responsible person on-site with the animals.

Finally, friends and family are another way to provide trustworthy care for your animals



We try to be good guests when we travel. Poppy is sitting in a chair that is protected with one of our own furniture covers brought from home.

while you travel. We know a couple who have a friend move into their city condo or beach house to stay with their dogs. They gain peace of mind while they are away and their friend has the opportunity to have a lovely home, all to herself, away from her usual housemates. That is her favorite kind of vacation!

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Suzanne M. DSouza of Boston, MA and Carolyn DSouza of Boston, MA, in the above

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The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/23/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter

without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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Ocean Beach native and local surf legend Steve Bettis was diagnosed with MS in 2006. Although surfing is still central to his life, he hasn't been able to get out on the water in 10 years. For a man whose daily routine always included a few waves, more than a decade out of the surf is just too long. This is why the National MS Society teamed up with his buddy Robert "Wingnut" Weaver and used virtual reality to get Steve back on his wave. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at WeAreStrongerThanMS.org.

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State, non-profit to deploy 1,000 case workers to trace contacts of COVID-19 patients

Working with a non-profit partner, Gov. Charlie Baker late last week called for 1,000 case workers to deploy throughout the state to track the people who had been in contact with patients who are positive for the COVID-19 virus.

In his daily update on Thursday, Baker announced the creation of the COVID-19 Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC) to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. The state will work in collaboration with Partners In Health. It is the first effort of its kind nationwide.

The initiative will focus on tracing the contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 patients, and sup-

porting individuals in quarantine, and builds on the efforts already underway from the Command Center to leverage public health college students to augment the contact tracing being done by local boards of health.

The Collaborative will deploy nearly 1,000 contact tracers throughout the state to connect with COVID-19 patients and their contacts to support Massachusetts' efforts to track and contain the virus.

Led by the administration's COVID-19 Response Command Center, Partners In Health will coordinate closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Executive

Office of Health and Human Services. Contact tracing will be combined with the state's efforts to increase testing and will provide support to people in quarantine in order to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus.

"Enhanced contact tracing capability is another powerful tool for public health officials and health care providers in the battle against COVID-19," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Massachusetts is the only state in the nation implementing this type of programming, and this collaborative tracing initiative will break new ground as we work together to slow the spread of COVID-19."

Partners In Health will provide staff and contribute technical expertise in community tracing. The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority (CCA) will stand up a virtual support center and maintain connectivity, while the Massachusetts Department of Health (DPH) will maintain data, guides and processes. Accenture, a leading global professional services company, and Salesforce, a global leader in CRM, are implementing support center capabilities for the CTC's tracing purposes.

"This is a key effort in the Commonwealth's work to slow the spread of the virus by adding capacity to reach individuals who

have come in close contact with individuals are confirmed positive for COVID-19," said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. "I encourage residents to cooperate with the operation so that we can further slow the spread of COVID-19 in Massachusetts."

Contact tracing through the CTC will support the Baker-Polito Administration's ongoing efforts to expand bed capacity, increase personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies and provide resources for health care providers and patients.

Baker says more ICU beds are needed; COVID death rate in Mass. is lower than other states

Gov. Charlie Baker announced good and bad news on Thursday requiring the anticipated surge of COVID-19 cases in the coming 20 days - with the good news being there are ample Acute beds and the state's death rate from COVID-19 is lower than other states, and the bad news being that even with an expansion of ICU beds at existing hospitals the state will likely be short up to 500 beds.

State officials, in response, are

looking to build Field Hospitals to take the stress off of medical centers - including hiring a contractor that can quickly begin to build out places like the South Boston Convention Center if need be. The plan to build up to 1,000 beds in this fashion around the state.

Gov. Baker's COVID-19 Response Command Center today (April 2) outlined projections related to the anticipated surge of COVID-19 cases in the

Commonwealth, which they believe will come between April 10-20.

The projections are the result of the Command Center's work with medical experts to complete modeling of the outbreak in Massachusetts. The Administration also detailed its efforts to respond to this surge, including a significant increase in hospital capacity, staffing, and equipment.

COVID-19 Surge Planning:

•Modeling and Projections:

The Administration's COVID-19 Response Command Center has been working with its Advisory Board of medical experts and epidemiologists from Harvard University, University of Guelph and Northeastern University to refine models related to the expected surge of COVID-19 cases. These efforts include modeling the surge's timing, number of cases, necessary bed capacity, and work to find facilities that will meet overflow capacity. The model's projections are based on the experience of Wuhan, China, but Massachusetts' trajectory could

differ due to lower population density, lower smoking rates, and earlier social distancing measures. The Command Center has also been comparing to experience in other states and around the world.

The model's latest projections estimate that the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Massachusetts could range from 47,000 to 172,000 (or 0.7% to 2.5% of the total population of Massachusetts). The models show hospitalizations would potentially peak between April 10-20. The current fatality rate in Massachusetts is lower than other areas - it is approximately 1.5 percent of those infected. The Command Center is monitoring this statistic closely.

The COVID-19 Response Command Center is working with hospitals to provide them with flexibility to expand ICU capacity. The Commonwealth is asking academic medical centers and teaching hospitals to work to significantly expand their ICU capacity. But after hospitals execute on their surge plans, the model estimates there could be a remaining gap in

ICU capacity of more than 500 beds.

•Response Efforts:

In response, the Administration is aiming to find or build an additional 750 - 1,000 beds in field medical hospitals and other alternate care sites to reduce strain on hospitals as much as possible. Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Polito visited the first of these Field Medical Stations at the DCU Center yesterday.

The Administration has identified additional possible sites for Field Medical Stations including the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Joint Base Cape Cod, Springfield's Mass Mutual Building and other smaller locations. The Administration has secured a contractor who can build out sites once a healthcare partner has been finalized.

The Command Center is also securing 1,000 beds in capacity for step-down care options in nursing facilities for stabilized COVID-19 positive patients who can be transferred out of the hospital to make room for those with higher medical need.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE. AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to re-direct her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will hold a public hearing on April, 16 at 5 p.m.

This hearing will only be held virtually and NOT in person. You can participate in this hearing by going to <https://zoom.us/j/289955040> or calling 1-929-205-6099 and entering id 289 955 040#. You can also submit written comments or questions to BeaconHillAC@boston.gov or via Twitter @bostonlandmarks.

Subject of the hearing will be applications for Certificates of Design Approval on the agenda below, reviews of architectural violations, and such businesses as may come before the commission, in accordance with Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1955 of the Massachusetts General Law as amended. Applications are available for review during business hours at the office of the Environment Department. Applicants or their representatives are required to attend, unless indicated otherwise below. Sign language interpreters are available upon request.

I. VIOLATIONS

APP # 20.704 BH 5 West Cedar Street

Applicant: Anne Stetson

Proposed Work: Ratification of unapproved "private way" signage.

VIO # 20.014 BH 4 Pinckney Street

Applicant: Sandy Steele

Proposed Work: Ratification of unapproved work at the rear of the property and an unapproved shoe scraper.

APP # 20.927 BH 54 Pinckney Street

Applicant: John Corey

Proposed Work: Ratification of unapproved work at front façade including crack repair in lintel, cracked sills, step crack. Replace exterior lantern, doorbell. Paint front Door.

II. DESIGN

APP # 20.740 BH 35 Beacon Street

Applicant: Jeremy Kindall; New England Window Works

Proposed Work: At front façade level four, remove six existing storm windows and replace with new ProVia storms. Fabricate and install wood sills to replace the existing deteriorated sills in kind.

APP # 20.860 BH 10 Charles River Square

Applicant: Anthony Griseto

Proposed Work: Repaint front door. At rear façade level 1 through 5, replace five (total), wood, 6 over 6 windows with five, aluminum clad, 6 over 6 windows. (See additional items in administrative review).

APP # 20.789 BH 52 Beacon Street (Continued from 2/2020)

Applicant: John Day

Proposed Work: Install sliding glass access hatch with copper clad end walls.

APP # 20.868 BH 20 Beacon Street

Applicant: Cara Forcellati; Boston Bar Association

Proposed Work: Install small vent for new boiler at front façade.

APP # 20.783 BH 73 Mount Vernon Street

Applicant: Elise Nash

Proposed Work: At front yard, install seasonal planter, add stone garden bench, granite pavers, pea stone path.

APP # 20.793 BH* 30 Brimmer Street

Applicant: Peter Madsen; Parish of the Advent

Proposed Work: At all facades, level one and two, replace 14, wood, 4 over 4, double hung windows. Removed by Staff

APP # 20.833 BH 17A Branch Street

Applicant: James Fay

Proposed Work: Install light fixture to the right of the main door.

APP # 20.863 BH 99 Pinckney Street

Applicant: Bryan Driscoll

Proposed Work: Remove and replace roof deck in the same dimensions with a new code compliant handrail (See Additional Items in Administrative Review).

APP # 20.881 BH 104 Mount Vernon Street

Applicant: Brigid Williams; Hickox Williams

Proposed Work: Rebuild front brick wall, restore to include a granite foundation veneer that existed historically, install new handrail. Recast stone sills at side façade

APP # 20.965 BH 10.5 Beacon Street

Applicant: Matthew Bronski P.E.; Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger

Proposed Work: Extensive façade restoration at north (Beacon Street) façade and terrace.

III. ADVISORY

2 Beaver Place

Applicant: Patricia Harris

Proposed Work: Add window in well which is currently bricked up, add access door at side façade.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL:

In order to expedite the review process, the commission has delegated the approval of certain work items, such as those involving ordinary maintenance and repair, restoration or replacement, or which otherwise have a minimal impact on a building's appearance, to commission staff pending ratifica-

tion at its monthly public hearing. Having been identified as meeting these eligibility criteria and all applicable guidelines, the following applications will be approved at this hearing:

Applicants whose projects are listed under this heading NEED NOT APPEAR at the hearing. Following the hearing, you will be issued a Determination Sheet to present at the Inspectional Services Department (1010 Massachusetts Avenue) as proof of project approval when applying for permits. ISD personnel will send an electronic copy of your building-permit application to the commission staff for review. (To avoid potential confusion, the text of your building-permit application should be consistent with the project description given below.) Commission staff will accordingly authorize the execution of the work, attaching any applicable provisos, reflecting the relevant guidelines and precedents.

Please note that following issuance of the determination sheet no further correspondence will be issued for the applications listed below. The electronic building-permit application as annotated by commission staff will constitute your Certificate of Appropriateness; this will be valid for one year from the date of the hearing. The applicant is required to notify the commission of any project changes; failure to do so may affect the status of the approval.

If you have any questions not addressed by the above information, please contact staff at 617.635.3850 or BeaconHillAC@boston.gov Thank you.

APP # 20.880 BH* 48 Beacon Street: At right side façade, repoint masonry above windows and door, install flashing above windows and door, remove brick bulge on 11th floor, scrape and repaint windows. Replace deteriorated wood in kind.

APP # 20.831 BH 77 Charles Street: At front façade, restore brownstone brackets at gutter line, rebuild brickwork at fire escape braces, cut and point brick masonry joints.

APP # 20.825 BH* 137 Charles Street: At front façade, repair brick façade in kind.

APP # 20.860 BH 10 Charles River Square: At front façade levels one, two, and three, replace five, wood, 6 over 6 windows with five, wood, 6 over 6 windows (See Additional Items in Design Review).

APP # 20.881 BH 50 Chestnut Street: At dormer level, front façade, replace two, 6 over 6, sim-

ulated divided lite, wood windows and at rear façade dormer level, replace four, simulated, 6 over 6, wood windows with six, 6 over 6, wood, true divided light windows.

APP # 20.851 BH 68 Chestnut Street: Repair and repoint right side and chimney of 68 Chestnut Street with mortar type N.

APP # 20.872 BH 11 Hancock Street: At front façade, spot repoint brick and repair in kind. Replace deteriorated trim in kind. Replace gutter in kind.

APP # 20.920 BH 129 Mount Vernon Street: Repoint right façade with mortar 6-7 Parts Sand, 1-2 Parts Portland, 1-2 Parts Lime.

APP # 20.863 BH 99 Pinckney Street: Remove and replace front and rear slate roof and dormer cheek wall in kind. Replace copper flashing in kind, cut and repoint left and right side rising wall, and rear façade using mortar type N. Repaint front shutters and window sash and trim in kind with BM Aura, Grand Entrance Black

(See Additional Items in Design review).

APP # 20.899 BH 112 Pinckney Street: At front façade level 1, replace three, wood 6 over 1, windows with three, 6 over 1, wood, true divided light windows

APP # 20.864 BH 3 Spruce Street: Repoint front and side facades using mortar type N. Repair deteriorated wood to match existing.

APP # 20.881 BH 9 Temple Street At front façade, level two replace three 6 over 6 wood replacement windows and storm windows, with three,, 6 over 6 wood windows, no storm windows.

*Pending Outstanding Requirements

V. Ratification Of 2/20/2020 Public Hearing Minutes & 1/15/2020 Public Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Vi. Staff Updates

Vii. Projected Adjournment: 9:00 p.m.

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Area A-1 sees slight drop in Part One crime this year

By Dan Murphy

As the first quarter of 2020 was drawing to a close, Area A-1 had seen a 2-percent drop in violent and property crime from the previous year.

According to Boston Police, 470 incidents of Part One crime were reported in the district, which includes Beacon Hill,

Chinatown Downtown and the North End, between Jan. 1 and March 29 of this year, compared with 481 during the same time-frame in 2019.

No homicides were reported this year or last while rapes and attempted rapes were down nearly 67 percent as the number of incidents fell to three from nine in 2019.

Robberies and attempted rob-

beries, in contrast, saw a 133-percent spike as the number of incidents climbed to 35 from 15 last year.

The rate of domestic aggravated assaults increased four-fold as the number shot up to eight from two in 2019, while non-domestic aggravated assaults saw a slight uptick, climbing to 58 incidents from 53 last year.

Commercial burglaries shot up

nearly 67 percent as the number jumped to 25 from 15 last year; residential burglaries were down around 23 percent, with 10 incidents this year, compared to 13 in 2019; and other burglaries dropped from three to none this year.

Incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle climbed more than 13 percent as the number jumped to 51 from 45 in 2019,

as opposed to incidents of other larceny, which were down nearly 16 percent as the number dropped to 265 from 314 last year.

Auto theft was up 25 percent, with 15 incidents in 2020, compared to 12 last year.

Citywide, Part One crime was down 2 percent as the number of incidents fell to 3,536 from 3,626 in 2019.

Online Holy Week schedule from Cardinal Sean O'Malley

The Most Reverend Robert Reed, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston and President of CatholicTV said, "It's unprecedented to be unable to celebrate the holiest week of the year in our parishes, but through the gift of modern technology, CatholicTV allows us to gather virtually at the mother church of the Archdiocese with our shepherd, Cardinal Seán, for these sacred rites."

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- Good Friday, April 10
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Cardinal Seán O'Malley
CatholicTV to broadcast LIVE

at 3 p.m., rebroadcast 9:30 p.m.

- Holy Saturday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.

Solemn Vigil of Easter with Cardinal Seán O'Malley

CatholicTV to broadcast LIVE at 7:30 p.m.

- Easter Sunday, April 12, 8 a.m.

Mass of Easter Sunday with Cardinal Seán O'Malley

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