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HARVARD GARDENS AND RED BULL SHOW GRATITUDE FOR MGH NURSES



Photos courtesy Emily Burke

In an effort to show support and gratitude on National Nurses Day, Harvard Gardens and Red Bull provided a free grab-and-go lunch to the nurses at Mass General Hospital on Wednesday, May 6. A station was set up outside the Cambridge Street restaurant, where MGH nurses stopped by to pick up lunch and Red Bull from the team.



Lunches included a variety of sandwiches, a Red Bull Energy Drink and assorted snacks, and the meal coincided with a flyover by the 104th Fighter Wing.

On April 1, Harvard Garden also gave away hundreds of free, bagged lunches to MGH doctors and staff in a display of gratitude to healthcare professionals working in the age of COVID-19.

Candidate for 8th Congressional district hopes to achieve single-payer healthcare system

By Dan Murphy

Dr. Robbie Goldstein said his decision for seeking the 8th Congressional district seat boils down to just one thing: assuring that all citizens have access to universal and comprehensive healthcare coverage.

"I'm a firm believer in a single-payer healthcare system, which is the only way to both guarantee access and controls cost," Dr. Goldstein, a primary care physician at Mass General Hospital and South Boston resident, said of his decision to challenge the incumbent, Stephen Lynch. "One thing I often say in this race is my goal is to bring healthcare to all Americans, but I think of that as being much larger than an insurance card in everyone's pocket."

A native of Pittsfield, N.Y.,



Dr. Robbie Goldstein, a candidate for the 8th Congressional district, as well as a primary care physician at Mass General Hospital.

outside Rochester, Dr. Goldstein relocated to the Boston area nearly two decades ago to attend Tufts University, from where he earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees, including a PhD in cancer genetics. He then came to MGH for his medical training before

eventually joining its faculty.

Today, Dr. Goldstein is a primary care physician at Mass General, as well an infectious disease specialist focused on treating those living with or at risk of contracting HIV. Besides seeing his own patients and overseeing a staff of 10, he teaches at Harvard Medical School, where he has helped create an additional LBGTQ curriculum. He is also the author of numerous articles published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Dr. Goldstein said the COVID-19 pandemic is an issue that now often preoccupies him not only as a medical professional who specializes in treating infectious diseases, but also as a Congressional hopeful who would represent the eastern portion of the state and includes portions of Bristol, (GOLDSTEIN Pg. 11)

Walsh cancels all festivals and parades for the summer; Boston Pops to hold virtual July 4th event

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Walsh on May 8 announced that all festivals and parades scheduled to be held on city property this summer, up to and including Labor Day, will be cancelled. He encouraged organizers of these events to create virtual versions so people could still participate without gathering in large crowds.

"This is a public health decision and it's the right decision," he said at a press conference last Friday. He said that smaller scale events may be able to happen later in the city, but everything will be evaluated on a "case by case basis."

Walsh said in a statement, "While we're planning a healthy reopening and an equitable recovery process, I know this announce-

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Rep. Livingstone to hold virtual office hours

By Dan Murphy

While holding traditional office hours at coffee shops in the neighborhoods he represents isn't an option now, State Rep. Jay Livingstone is connecting with his constituents via virtual office hours today, Thursday, May 14,

from 4 to 6 p.m.

"I normally have office hours at least once a month in each neighborhood I represent, but I'm not able to do so now because I can't meet them in person," Rep. Livingstone said.

As in previous office hours,

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New England Patriots Punter Jake Bailey and MGH nurses.

Pats Punter Jake Bailey visits MGH in honor of National Nurses Day

Staff report

In honor of National Nurses Day, Wednesday, May 6, New England Patriots Punter Jake Bailey joined Valentino Perrina, co-owner and CEO of Nutré Meal Plans, to deliver meals and 100 roses to the hardworking nurses of Massachusetts General Hospital.

Nutré, a North Shore-based meal delivery service, supplied the food, while I Love Boston Sports, a Boston sports memorabilia store, donated 100 NK95 protective masks, as well as T-shirts and a few "Not All Heroes Wear Capes" banners – all autographed by Bailey. The roses were courtesy of Sydney Smith Designs, a luxury floral décor shop.

When the COVID-19 pandem-

ic began, the Nutré team, alongside many pro athletes from the Patriots and Boston Bruins, began donating thousands of meals per month to nurses, doctors and medical professionals. Through the "Feeding Heroes" donation program the Nutré staff pledges to match any amount they receive in donations. Nutré is providing hundreds of meals weekly to the staff at Lahey Clinic in Peabody, MGH (a new partner as of last week), Lawrence General Hospital, Beth Israel Lahey Health, Lowell General, Mount Auburn and Cambridge Health Alliance.

Readers can donate to the cause at www.gonutre.com/donations.

Rep. Livingstone among those facing challenges in securing child-care services

By Dan Murphy

State Rep. Jay Livingstone knows firsthand the challenges of finding child care in the age of COVID-19, and he also knows from talking to constituents that his dilemma is far from unique.

"Before the pandemic hit, my wife and I were both working work full time and had child care, but the facility closed shortly before the Governor issued his state of emergency, and it has been closed ever since," he said. "It's been very difficult for my wife and myself to balance taking care of our kids and being very busy at our jobs."

Rep. Livingstone and his wife, Julie, an employee of the Boston real estate development firm HYM Investment Group who is currently working from home, are the parents of two children – Henry, age 4, and Harry, 18 months old – and like many throughout the Commonwealth, they now find themselves without consistent child care.

Of around 2,000 respondents statewide to date in an ongoing survey conducted by the Boston nonprofit Strategies for Children, around 88 percent said they would be hesitant to resume child care

due to health concerns. According to initial results from the survey, 60 percent of respondents said they are struggling to work from home without child care while 46 percent said they wouldn't be able to return to work without consistent child care services. And while nearly 70 percent of respondents said they hoped to return to the same child care arrangements they had before the pandemic hit, there is no assurance these programs will reopen or have the capacity to welcome all families back.

"K-12 schools are closed for the year, child care is closed until the end of June, and it's unclear if summer camps can open and, if so, under what circumstances," Rep. Livingstone said.

And he believes this situation will only be exasperated as the economy reopens.

"There are lots of aspects to closing the economy and reopening it separate and apart from the health crisis we need to be thoughtful about, and childcare is one of them," Rep. Livingstone said. "For parents to return to work without having options for taking care of their kids isn't going to work out, and it will be more of an issue as we start reopening parts of the economy."

Despite the child-care dilem-

ma many parents and guardians now face, Rep. Livingstone commends Gov. Charlie Baker for making an exception for the Commonwealth's first-responders and essential workers.

"I think the Governor recognized that when he shut down day-care facilities, but still kept some open for first-responders so those who still need to work have a place where their kids could be taken care of," he said.

Another childcare option is to have the provider come to your home, but this arrangement is too costly for many while available caregivers are now in short supply.

"There is the option of having someone come to your house to provide childcare, but not everyone can take advantage of that, and there isn't an unlimited market of people to provide child care in that way," Rep. Livingstone said.

Meanwhile, Rep. Livingstone's constituents have expressed gratitude to him for continuing to disseminate information pertaining to educational opportunities for children via his Dispatch e-newsletter.

"There's been lots of positive feedback and suggestions for more resources, which I try to share," Rep. Livingstone said.

This year's Duckling Day celebrated on screens

By Lauren Bennett

For more than 30 years, Mother's Day has been synonymous with Duckling Day in the Boston Public Garden, and brings families from all over the City to celebrate mothers, spring, and don their duck gear.

This year, Duckling Day could not happen in person because of COVID-19, but the Friends of the Public Garden and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department made sure people could still celebrate virtually.

A small program was broadcast on Facebook Live at noon this past Sunday, May 10, and featured words from Friends of the Public Garden's Executive Director Liz Vizza, Mayor Marty Walsh, a video featuring photos from past Duckling Days, and a special reading of Robert McCloskey's "Make

Way for Ducklings."

"In my lifetime, I have never seen the parks be more important than they are today," Vizza said. "They are a place that we can be alone together. We can go and be renewed by the beauty of nature in the springtime environment that we have these days. We can be socially distant, and yet, enjoying a place that is free and available to each and every one of us."

Vizza thanked the City of Boston's Parks Department staff for their continued partnership and work on keeping the parks safe and clean, especially recently.

"So even though we're not together; it's a little different every year, we're together virtually and we're really happy to be able to bring this program to you," Vizza said. "Like Mrs. Mallard and her ducklings, we will march on."

Mayor Walsh also expressed

his thanks and gratitude for still being able to come together virtually even if the celebration isn't the same as it has been.

"I want to thank the Friends of the Public Garden for continuing to make Duckling Day a special event in our city, even during this difficult time of physical distancing," he said.

"I look forward to warmer, and better days where we can all gather in our parks again. We're working every day to keep people healthy and get life back to normal. We'll all get through this together, and we'll get back to celebrating each other very soon."

The 20 minute virtual Duckling Day video can be viewed on the Friends of the Public Garden's Facebook page, and Duckling Day crafts to complete at home can be found on the Friends of the Public Garden website.

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Larceny - Shoplifting

05/06/20 – A male suspect was observed on video footage walking up and down the aisles of a Charles Street pharmacy and placing numerous items into a large black bag at about 6:25 p.m.

Attempted Unarmed Robbery

05/06/20 – A male suspect entered a Boylston Street

hotel, approached the front desk and demanded money at approximately 8:50 p.m. The desk clerk informed the suspect there was no money in the register. As the clerk called security, the suspect attempted to lean over the counter to reach into the register to no avail before fleeing on foot in the direction of Charles Street.

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Rep. Livingstone said he would answer questions and hear concerns from constituents, but in this new virtual forum, everyone will participate at the same time.

"I just want to be accessible to

everyone," he said, "and now I have a forum to do this."

State Livingstone said he intends to hold virtual office hours on a regular basis going forward.

If you would like to partici-

pate, email sarah.mills@mahouse.gov, and she will provide you with the Zoom login information, as well as direct any questions or concerns to Rep. Livingstone.

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BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
FMS Properties LLC	Savage, Paul	371 Beacon St #5	\$680,000
Rude, Catherine L	Signore, Stephanie D	45 Saint Botolph St #201	\$975,000
Hagen, Nathan J	Wilson, D Ellen	400 Stuart St #25D	\$2,950,000
Wilson, D Ellen	Mark Blash T	400 Stuart St #27E	\$5,400,000
Olegovna-Wright, Ekaterini	Karon, Kimberly	461 Beacon St #1	\$760,000

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Macleod, Bruce A	Patti, Taylor A	27 Bowdoin St #1B	\$685,000
Richard S Dodd IRT	Boyter, Mary R	27 Chestnut St #4C27	\$1,450,000
Johnson, Virginia R	34 Hancock Street 1E LLC	34 Hancock St #1E	\$590,000
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Mcquillan, Ries	Ellis, Robert G	117 Chandler St #4	\$1,390,000
Mackin, David	Roux, Ruben	431 Columbus Ave #6	\$831,000
Kracoff, Brian	Walmsley, George T	30 Lawrence St #1	\$1,176,000
Lee, Wun H	102A Mt Pleasant Ave LLC	102-A Mount Pleasant Ave #2	\$540,000
Iapp, Charles E	Scott Landry 2015 RET	50-52 Rutland Sq #1	\$1,645,000
Cameron, Danielle	Gallo, Peter P	8 Rutland Sq #1	\$2,325,000
Bam Topeka LLC	Boston Topeka Street LLC	41 Topeka St	\$5,500,000
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Schoenberger, Michael A	98 West Springfield Rlty	98 W Springfield St #1	\$1,170,000
Charest, Aimee M	JP Property 1 LLC	3531 Washington St #420	\$288,700
Neenan, Thomas	Curtis, John	43 Westland Ave #606	\$1,875,000
Mcghie, Christina A	Brady, Lauren A	92 Worcester St #1A	\$809,500

Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The snippet of a 1910 photo in the last clue is of Boylston Street and shows a sliver of the Arlington Street Church in the upper right. The buildings in this photo were replaced in the 1980s by the Four Seasons Hotel and Heritage on the Garden as a part of the very controversial Park Plaza Project.

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



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EDITORIAL

A NEWFOUND RESPECT FOR TEACHERS

The closing of schools across the country for the remainder of the school year because of the coronavirus has presented many challenges for educators and parents alike.

School districts have been experimenting with the implementation of on-line classes in their effort to provide a meaningful learning experience for students of all ages.

Parents have been enlisted in this effort to varying degrees, mostly-dependent upon the age of their children. High schoolers are able to do what they need to do with little parental supervision and guidance.

On the other hand, parents of children in the youngest age-groups have been required to spend a lot of time with their children in order to assist teachers in fulfilling the school system's, and their child's, educational needs and goals.

In our view, the coronavirus has brought to the forefront a number of issues with our educational system in general, and on-line learning in particular.

First and foremost, remote learning can be only as successful as the technological capabilities of the students, their families, and their households. Access to high-speed internet and ownership of up-to-date hardware (and software) are crucial to successful on-line learning.

Second, the degree to which young students are dependent upon their parents to make on-line learning a meaningful experience has become painfully obvious. Parents need to have the time, the patience, the skills, and a certain degree of knowledge if they are going to participate meaningfully in their children's at-home instruction.

Third, parents have discovered that instructing younger children is far more complex a task than just knowing the ABCs and basic arithmetic. The large number of parents who basically have given up on the process as the pandemic grinds on attests to the frustration of the average parent in attempting to participate meaningfully in their children's education.

Finally, the current crisis has brought into crystal-clear clarity the crucial role played by teachers in educating and inspiring our nation's children. Until now, most parents -- and certainly non-parents -- have taken for granted the unique and amazing job performed each day by America's educators. The typical parent puts their child on the bus, gets them off the bus, and that's about it.

But just as the pandemic has highlighted the incredible work that our first and second-level responders accomplish day-in and day-out, so too, the value of America's educators has become abundantly clear to all.

We hope that one of the lasting effects of the pandemic is the degree to which we acknowledge that our children's education -- and the very future of our country -- depends upon a well-funded public educational system, and that the backbone of that system are our qualified, professional, and dedicated teachers.



GUEST OP-ED

Saving the waters of the U.S.

By Jack Clarke

There are almost one hundred law suits pending against the Trump Administration as it does its best to recklessly dismantle America's common-sense public health and environmental protections.

In addition to taking advantage of the coronavirus pandemic by providing an enforcement holiday for industrial polluters, among the most blatant rollbacks is one taking place under the Clean Water Act of 1972.

A proposed rule coming out of the White House would gut defenses against pollution for about half the country's wetlands and millions of miles of streams that are primarily fed by rainfall. It is an unprecedented and dramatic setback of decades of environmental security for our nation's waters.

And it won't be going unchallenged, as Mass Audubon, the Conservation Law Foundation, and the National Resources Defense Council, along with five watershed groups from around the country, have filed a legal action in the federal district court in Boston to stop the repeal.

Although America's overall water quality has improved significantly since passage of the Clean Water Act, a recent federal assessment showed that nearly half of the nation's rivers and streams, a third of our wetlands, and a fifth

of our coastal waters and Great Lakes waters are still in "poor biological condition."

Rather than reverse an almost five-decade legacy of clean water protection, we need to step up our efforts in the fight against pollution along with the negative impacts of climate change.

The Clean Water Act is one of the nation's most important environmental laws. It safeguards permanent and temporary rivers, lakes, channels, creeks and streams that millions of Americans rely on for drinking water and for activities such as swimming, fishing, and hunting.

The law also protects millions of acres of associated wetlands that keep those water bodies healthy by filtering out pollutants and reducing flood damage -- these are public health and safety benefits that should not be lessened in this time of climate change-induced weather disruption.

In New England, the rule changes would also affect isolated wetlands and thousands of vernal pools -- seasonal bodies of water in forests that provide habitat to many wildlife species including resident and migratory birds.

Of the Bay State's 143 breeding bird species recently evaluated by Mass Audubon, 43 percent are "highly vulnerable" to the effects of climate change alone. Reducing the protections for critical waters used by avian life to breed, nest and raise their young will only

add to their levels of stress and vulnerability.

Nationally, we've already lost 3 billion birds in the past half-century due to pollution and loss of wetlands habitat, and we know that two-thirds of North American bird species are now at further risk of extinction from climate change. This rule change piles on the threats.

The decisions to reform environmental laws should be based on sound science -- science that informs and drives public policy, not the other way around. In this case, and as it has in the past, the White House has dismissed all scientific evidence.

Just this past winter, an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) advisory panel of 41 scientists responsible for evaluating the scientific integrity of the agency's regulations, including the proposed clean water standards, concluded that the new rule ignores science by "failing to acknowledge watershed systems." They found "no scientific justification" for excluding certain bodies of water from protection under the new regulations, noting that pollutants from smaller and seasonal bodies of water can have a significant impact on the health of larger water systems.

It is no surprise, as The New York Times pointed out several weeks ago, that "...a disregard

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Peter Faneuil House recommended for \$340,000 Community Preservation grant

By Dan Murphy

The Peter Faneuil House is earmarked for a \$340,000 grant from the city's fiscal '20 Community Preservation Funds.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has recommended awarding an Historical Preservation grant in that sum to restore the exterior masonry of the former school building at 60 Joy St. that provides 48 affordable apartment units and is managed by Roslindale-based Rogerson Communities.

City Councilor Ed Flynn, whose district is home to the Peter Faneuil House, said he visited there around five months ago and described it as "an exceptional residential program that

helps so many people," during a virtual meeting sponsored by the City Council Committee on Community Preservation Act on Tuesday, May 5.

City Councilor Kenzie Bok also applauded the CPC for recommending the grant. "I'm also really encouraged to see how many affordable housing units were funded," she said during the virtual meeting.

In addition, Councilor Bok commended the CPC for recommending that the Esplanade Association receive a \$10,000 Recreational Use and Open Space grant to plant 27 mature trees in the park.

Elsewhere, the Greater Boston Legal Services Building, located at 197 Friends St. in the Bulfinch

Triangle Historic District, is recommended to receive a \$100,000 Historic Preservation grant for repairs to the facade of the building, while the Gibson House Museum, located at 137 Beacon St. in Back Bay, is also earmarked for a \$95,000 Historic Preservation grant to restore the Victorian rowhouse's ground-floor structural system and its brick underpinning.

In all, the CPC's recommended distribution of funds for fiscal '20 amounts to \$24,309,000, consisting of nine Affordable Housing applications, totaling \$15,750,000; 16 Historic Preservation applications, totaling \$3,440,000; and 15 Recreational Space and Open Space applications, totaling \$5,119,000.



Courtesy of Rogerson Communities

The Peter Faneuil House at 60 Joy St.

Mayor Martin Walsh still must sign off on the recommended allocation of funds before distribution.

Boston voters approved the Community Preservation Act by voting "yes" on Ballot Question 5 in November of 2016, and

the city subsequently created the Community Preservation Fund, which is funded in part by a 1-percent property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills and took effect in July of 2017.

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ment will be disappointing to many residents and organizations that look forward to these events each year. This is a hard public health decision, but it's the right one. I encourage people to rethink their events, and thank them for their work to inspire us, and help our communities get through this difficult time."

The City said that cancelled events include ones that "bring crowds together in close contact, like a road race, concert or flag raising," and no events that involve more than 10 people should be planned.

When asked at a press conference on Monday about the concerts scheduled for Fenway Park this summer, particularly the New Kids on the Block concert scheduled for September 19, the mayor said, "as of right now that has not been cancelled by Fenway," nor have several of the other concerts slated for this summer. "We have no idea where we're going to be in August," Walsh said. "There are a lot of questions swirling around. If we're in a different place in August in society, then I'll be having a different conversation."

One of the most notable cancellations of the summer is the Boston Pops live Fourth of July performance that takes place every

year at the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade. Instead of the live performance, the Pops will present a televised event in honor of frontline workers and those who have lost their lives due to COVID-19. Walsh did not have a definitive answer on whether there will still be fireworks over the Charles River.

The program, called A Boston Pops Salute to Our Heroes, will be available for viewing and listening on television, radio, and digital media on July 4 starting at 8pm, and features new content from the Boston Pops and guest artists, as well as highlights from Boston Pops Fireworks Spectaculars of the past.

The program will also feature a "newly released video production of John Williams' Summon the Heroes and other newly created content paying tribute to the healthcare workers, first responders, and other essential service providers who are the heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic and honoring the memories of those who have lost their lives during this crisis," according to a release from the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO).

"The Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular is one of the City's most beloved traditions and antic-

ipated annual events," Mayor Walsh said in a statement. "While a live concert and fireworks display are not possible this year due to the ongoing public health crisis, I am so glad that thanks to a host of partners who were determined to carry on this tradition, the show will go on in a new way. I encourage all residents who look forward to Boston's Independence Day celebrations to embrace this year's celebration with us, as we mark another moment in our nation's history."

Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart told the Sun that is was a "punch in the gut" to have to announce the cancellation of the in-person event, but "we knew it was coming," he added.

"The fourth of July is so huge for us," he said. "Of all the things we've had to cancel, this is the biggest blow."

He said that "years of great shows" has allowed the Pops to put together a "retrospective" show for people to enjoy safely from their own homes. He said it was "important" for the Pops to be there for the Boston community and pay special tribute to the frontline workers, first responders, and "people who have been touched by the virus."

Lockhart could not confirm

whether the entire event will be prerecorded, or if the hosts would be making live announcements during different segments of the program, but confirmed that there will be special messages from community leaders, musical artists, and Lockhart himself.

"We will muster the 85 members of the Pops to produce a new musical performance," he added, and hinted that it will probably be something familiar to many instead of a completely original song. "We'll wait until the dust clears to write the pandemic pieces," he said.

The Boston Pops have been performing Fourth of July Concerts on the Esplanade since 1929, but became "iconic" in 1974 with the introduction of fireworks and the performance of Tchaikovsky's "1812" Overture, according to the BSO.

Though this is the first time the event will happen solely virtually, it is not the first time the event has been altered in some fashion. In 1986, John Williams and the Boston Pops performed at the centennial rededication ceremony of the Statue of Liberty, causing the Boston fireworks and concert to be moved to the fifth. In 1992, bad weather forced the postponement of the concert until the fifth, in

2012, thunderstorms caused the audience to evacuate, though the fireworks went on as planned, and in 2014, the event was held on July 3 and the concert was shortened to allow the fireworks to go off before Hurricane Arthur hit.

"All of us at the Boston Pops are pleased to have this opportunity to pay tribute to the many and various frontline workers who have been the glue holding our communities together since this health crisis began, and to honor those who have lost their lives due to the coronavirus," Lockhart said in a statement. "While disappointed not to be able to present our traditional live concert on the Charles River Esplanade, we are putting all our energies into developing a truly special commemorative broadcast event. We hope A Boston Pops Salute to Our Heroes will bring viewers and listeners the consolation, comfort, and inspiration we all seek during these challenging times. Please join us as we show our appreciation for the heroes of this epic crisis and celebrate the meaningful messages of Independence Day that unite us as citizens of this great and beautifully diverse country."

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for scientific advice has been a defining characteristic of Trump's administration."

EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, a former coal lobbyist,

is re-writing the law at the behest of industry groups including the American Farm Bureau, American Gas Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the

American Petroleum Institute, the National Mining Association, US Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, the American

Farm Bureau, and the Heritage Foundation.

So, in response, some of the country's leading conservation advocates are fighting the rollback

in the courts – at the behest of the nations' waters and public health.

Jack Clarke is the director of public policy and government relations at Mass Audubon.

Beacon Hill mail not slowed down by coronavirus, extra precaution taken to keep mail carriers safe

By Annie Stockwell

While we are all stuck in our homes trying to keep ourselves busy, the post office on 25 New Chardon Street is still operating. As they vigorously wipe down their stations, mail carriers are preparing to deliver our bills and love letters while six feet apart.

Before the coronavirus pandemic, Anne Collier, known as Annie to her customers, usually began her days from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the post office on 25 New Chardon Street. As a mail carrier, she would organize the mail by street and then by number. This would take about three hours, after which she and six other mail carriers would begin delivering mail at 10 a.m. on Beacon Hill. Annie would start her five hours of delivery on Chestnut Street. She would continue her route on Lime Street, Brimmer Street, and finally River Street. Along the way, Annie was accustomed to seeing the friendly faces of her customers, until the streets became empty.

To Annie the coronavirus outbreak has made some days feel like seconds, and others feel like years. Fortunately, Annie's workday has only been extended by twenty minutes because of the extra health procedures being taken. Sanitizing her work area, the scanners, and anything she touches may seem tedious, however, Annie will not

take any chances. "I wash my hands so many times a day, and I always have gloves on," she said.

She explains her worry of contracting the virus, saying, "I worry about it every single day, and I live with my daughter upstairs from my elderly mother, and my worry is that if I bring it home and I ever give it to my mother, that she will most definitely not survive."

Throughout the day, Annie, like most of us, is wearing a mask and gloves. Due to the mandated social distancing, Annie has been directed not to come in contact with any of her customers and to sign for their packages herself. However, when she leaves a package at a door, she doesn't know if it will end up in the hands of thieves. Annie says, "I also worry too, at times like this, when you are just leaving stuff because you're not coming in contact with any customers, and unfortunately people pray on that, and they see the packages out there and they grab them."

She emphasizes that the volume of mail has decreased a significant amount since the outbreak. Annie explained how it has been estimated that first-class mail has been cut by two-thirds. This decline in the amount of mail has affected the revenue of the post office negatively.

"We are in essence delivering only a third of the amount of

letters we normally do," she said. While the amount of mail has decreased, the number of packages continues to increase. "Before, I would have about thirty small packages per day to deliver, but since then, that number has nearly doubled," she said.

Since the purchases of stamps and packages generate large amounts of revenue for the post office, the increase in packages being delivered is what is keeping the corporations in business. The post office is self-sustaining, meaning they do not get any money from the government. Unfortunately, when there is less mail, there is less money. Luckily, the amount of mail being delivered does not affect Annie's pay.

Although the COVID-19 outbreak has disrupted Annie's normal day, she looks forward to the muffled "hellos" from under her customers' masks. She says, "My customers are normally always in a hurry and they would just wave, but now people are stopping, standing six feet apart, but asking how I am doing and everything and they seem very concerned about me which makes me feel really good."

In addition to her conversations with customers, people have reached out to Annie with gifts to express their gratitude. She lists some of the gifts she has received recently, saying, "Customers are



Postal worker Annie Collier.

asking if I need anything like more masks or gloves or any supplies. One customer ordered me pre-wrapped cookies, another customer gave me a \$20 gift card to the Paramount, and a woman made me a homemade mask as well. Another woman gave me a bottle of wine which I enjoyed at the end of the day."

She says numerous customers have expressed concern for her, and her family's health. "Some

know that I have an elderly mother, and they ask how she's feeling," she says.

The work of Annie and her colleagues has certainly been seen by Beacon Hill. "My customers see that I am out here trying to get the mail and packages delivered that they need. It feels good to be recognized by them."

Annie Stockwell lives in Beacon Hill and is a sophomore at BB&N.

Restaurateurs urge state to allow restaurants to reopen May 19

By Dan Murphy

A group of Massachusetts restaurant owners and managers has joined together to pen a letter to state elected officials urging them to allow restaurants to open on Tuesday, May 18.

In the May 12 letter to Gov.

Charlie Baker, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and "all Massachusetts Representatives and Senators," the MA Restaurant and Jobs Group wrote, "We want to reopen restaurants, safely and legally, on May 19, 2020, provided that virus hospitalizations aren't rising. Thirty days after that, we want to

open at full capacity. Towns and cities would be allowed to slow this timetable if local virus hospitalizations are rising now or in the future. However, these localities would announce an alternative time frame immediately so that we and our hard-working employees can plan accordingly."

According to the letter, around half of the estimated 300,000 employees in the hospitality industry statewide had been laid off to date, with 60,000 of those jobs not likely to return.

The MA Restaurant and Jobs Group maintains that the state's restaurants can abide by social-distancing and operate more safely "than a Walmart, Target, Home Depot, or a supermarket." To safely and legally reopen its restaurants, the group has committed to reconfiguring patios, dining rooms and bars to maintain the standard six feet for social distancing; sanitizing the facilities; creating marked lines for patrons to queue

up outside, rather than lining up inside restaurants; sanitizing menus after each use or replacing them with disposable and online menus; meeting reopening standards set by the National Restaurant Association; testing the temperature of employees; creating protocol to shut down and sanitize restaurants if an employee test positive for COVID-19; blocking half of the restroom facilities, if they can accommodate more than one patron at a time; requiring patrons to wear masks when not seated; and posting pictures and video on social media to demonstrate that they're meeting these standards.

"Cleaning and sanitation for the safety of customers and employees has been the most crucial component of our industry for decades; it's what we do first and foremost," the letter reads.

Speaking on behalf of the MA Restaurant and Jobs Group, John Grasso, owner of the Halfway

Café, which has three locations in the Boston area, as well as The Brook Kitchen & Tap in Hollbrook, said, "We're closely regulated by building inspectors, plumbing inspectors and health inspectors - health inspectors can pop in on us at any time - so we have to monitor ourselves. Our job is safety, and this is what we're used to doing."

Grasso said the letter provided the group an opportunity to be heard at the state level on the steps that its restaurants would take to ensure the safety of patrons and employees when they're allowed to reopen.

"The longer we're closed, the more difficult it will be to come back, and we already know it's going to be a tremendous challenge coming back," Grasso said. "We want to get our voice in the room. We know what we have to do and just want the opportunity to do it."



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Neighborhood nonprofit aims to provide those less fortunate with Simple Things

By Dan Murphy

Certain things we take for granted like shampoo, soap or even a clean pair of socks can seem like a luxury to a homeless or underserved individual, but one local nonprofit is committed to trying to remedy that problem by providing those less fortunate with free access to these simple but necessary personal items.

"It's not a giant, huge thing, but it's a small thing we can do to make their lives a little bit better," said Amanda Sutherland, who along with her mother, Jennifer Scott-Sutherland, manage Simple Things – a nonprofit that provides toiletries, clothing and other essential items to guests of the Church of the Advent's Tuesday night dinner, which operates year-round to offer a free hot meal to anyone in need.

The inception of Simple Things dates back 12 years to when as an eighth-grader attending the British School of Boston (now the British International School of Boston), Amanda was charged with finding a community service project as part of her academic curriculum. "I suggested the Church of the Advent because being able to walk there was a great thing," said Jennifer, a Beacon Hill resident. And so Amanda began volunteering at the church's Tuesday night dinner.

Around the holidays that year, Amanda came home and told her mother about a heartbreaking encounter she had with one of the regular dinner guests – a stylish woman now living on the streets whose hair had become severely gnarled because she didn't have a comb or shampoo. "Amanda said, 'we have to do something about this,' and that's what we decided to do," Jennifer recalled.

For the Christmas dinner that year, Amanda and Jennifer distributed a gift bag containing basic toiletries to guests as they were leaving the dinner.

The idea proved so successful that Amanda and Jennifer provided gift bags to guests at the next year's Christmas dinner, and over time, they began giving out bags to dinner guests each week.

Simple Things, which became a registered 501-(c)(3) nonprofit five years ago, typically distributes 50 and 70 bags each week from tables set up at the church, and for the last Christmas dinner, that number swelled to 200, Jennifer said.

As they were looking to expand the program, Amanda and her mother did some brainstorming



Simple Things tables set up for the toiletries give-away at the weekly Tuesday dinner at the Church of the Advent.

and thought about all the excess toiletries that local hotels likely had on hand. Besides collecting unopened and unused containers of shampoo, body wash and conditioner, Simple Things also accepts partially used containers, which are refilled and sanitized before being distributed to dinner guests. The Omni Parker House was the first hotel to contribute to their recycling program, which has since grown to include between 10 and 12 hotels.

"We're trying to help hotels limit waste and hotels have products that they are going to throw out," Jennifer said.

Amanda added, "When hotels rebrand, they can't use anything with the old branding, so where does it go? Often it goes in the trash. It's nice to be able to cut down on hotel waste while providing [toiletries] to people who need them."

Because of COVID-19, the Tuesday night dinners are no longer the sit-down affairs they traditionally were, with between 70 and 80 guests in attendance each week. Instead, meals, along with items from Simple Things, are now distributed in a sturdy take-away plastic bag with handles that Barbara Boles, chef and manager of the church's Tuesday dinners for more than 30 years, described as the "perfect vehicle" to transport goods.

"We're giving them a meal and [Simple Things] is giving them what for us is necessity, but for them is a luxury," Boles said. "It's a wonderful supplement to the dinner."

The toiletries given away come in trial-sized containers, making them more portable for dinner guests as they likely would have nowhere to store larger items.

"We give away small-sized



Simple Things gift bags ready for distribution to guests prior to the Church of the Advent's Tuesday dinner last year around Christmastime.

items that are easy to stash and throw into a bag," Boles said. "With libraries shut down, it's hard enough for them to find a sink, but at least they have hand sanitizer or soap."

Boles added, "Everyone doesn't take stuff every week, but sometimes, they'll ask for a special request, like socks, so Jennifer and

Amanda will try to fulfill it."

But as much as Simple Things benefits the dinner guests, Amanda said her life has also been greatly enriched by the program.

"I would definitely say I'm a better person for having done this, and I hope I have given in some way to the people there," she said.

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City looking at expanding sidewalks, making pedestrian lanes to help businesses

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Walsh on Monday said that the City of Boston is exploring different ways to help businesses once the economy starts to reopen, including the expansion of sidewalks and possible creation of temporary bus lanes to increase bus service.

"We have been looking for ways to expand space," Walsh said at a press conference on Monday. He said possibilities include "expanding sidewalks in business districts to help with physical distances," and opening lanes for cyclist and pedestrian use, but "we need to do this in a way that does not cut off emergency vehicles" or deliveries, he said.

He said that when restaurants do open, they "probably won't open at 100 percent capacity," so exploring ways to give them more space to have outdoor dining on sidewalks is something the City is considering.

Additionally, Walsh said that the City wants to "help the MBTA if they want to increase capacity for buses." He said that right now, subway ridership is down, "but essential workers continue to rely on bus routes."

He said that when more and more people start to return to work, they might be concerned about crowded buses, so increased capacity and potential temporary dedicated bus lanes could be a solution.

He stressed the importance of retaining public safety should these things be implemented.

"We're going to be looking at all the different ideas and reaching out to the community for input," Walsh said.

SUPPORT FOR NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Walsh said on Monday that

the impact on nursing homes and assisted living and similar facilities has been large, and "consistent with impacts we have seen nationwide." He said that the "focus is on residents and staff struggling with uncertainty."

He said that as of May 9, 252 Boston residents have passed away from COVID-19 across 39 facilities, representing 48 percent of the citywide total.

Walsh said that the City is in "constant contact" with administrators of these facilities every day, and worked to create staff shifts and administrative support. He said that the City will continue to support these facilities, their staff, the residents, and the families of residents.

"We see you, we are thinking about you, you are loved and valued," Walsh said.

ON REOPENING

Walsh said the City "continues to have conversations with different areas on how they can open safely," saying that "the data is key" when making decisions. As of May 11, Boston had 11,106 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 533 people had died.

He said on Monday that there has been a downward trend in Boston, and "we haven't been this low in positive cases since March. He said that while this is a good sign, the numbers have to be consistent over a period of 14 days. He said he expects the numbers this week to go up again, as last week the numbers dipped then rose again.

As for City Hall reopening, he said that when the time comes, people will possibly work in shifts so as to not fill the building to its regular capacity. "We're looking at 20-50 percent capacity," he said, and recommended the same for

other office buildings. He also encouraged people who work in offices to "think about who you're bringing back," such as an older person or one with a preexisting condition that is more at-risk for contracting the virus.

BOSTON RESILIENCY FUND AND EVICTION MORATORIUM

Walsh said on May 8 that more than \$30 million had been raised for the Boston Resiliency Fund, and over \$16 million had been donated to 180 organizations across the City to help people most affected by the impacts of this virus.

Walsh also said that for the last two weeks, the City's nonprofit partners have been processing applications for the \$3 million that has been set aside to help with housing payments. He said that more than \$800,000 has been distributed to over 300 families.

In mid-March, a program to freeze eviction proceedings was launched, and in April, the state legislature passed a statewide eviction moratorium, Walsh said.

"No one, regardless of income and immigration status can be evicted right now," Walsh said. "I take my job very seriously," he added, saying that the City carefully allocates public money to a cause and hopes that people "understand and respect it."

He also said that he hopes to open Boston Public Schools and colleges in Boston this September, and the City continues to work with the state and stakeholders on a framework for businesses to reopen, as well as thinking about public transportation.

"There's still a lot that has to happen," Walsh said.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

BPL virtual offerings

The Boston Public Library is offering virtual programming, including an All-Ages Live Story Time for ages 0-12 with Julian, the librarian, on Thursday, May 14, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at www.facebook.com/BPL.

The BPL is also offering Mindful Minis – a Zoom class for ages 3 to 5 offering a fun introduction to basic skills of mindfulness –from 11 to 11:30 a.m. It will involve dancing, yoga and breathing to help promote success now and in the future. The Zoom link will be sent to participants via email the day before the event. For more information and to register, visit <https://bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/5eaaf7ed9aad-373a0089c49b>.

In addition, the BPL is offering Bollywood Funk Online for ages 6 to 12 on Thursdays, May 12, 21 and 28, and June 4, from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Join instructor Chavi Bansai for this high-energy Zoom dance class for all skill levels. Zoom information will be sent out to participants via email the day of the event. Visit <https://bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/5ea90ceb-6f61a62f003d1517> for more information and to register.

For families and children ages 6 to 12, the BPL is offering Facebook Live: Reader's Corner on Thursday, May 14 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at www.facebook.com/BPLchildren, with the librarian recommendations of e-books and e-audiobooks for them to enjoy.

For children ages 1 to 5, the BPL is offering Facebook Live Story: PJ Story Time live-streamed on www.facebook.com/BPLchildren on Thursday, May 14, from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

For ages 13-18, the BPL is offering Jackbox Thursdays: Part of the BPL's Virtual Teen Room at www.twitch.tv/BPL.

Also for ages 13-18, the Library is offering Creative Journaling with Author Laurie Stolartz on Thursday, May 14,

from 4 to 5 p.m. Registration is required at <https://bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/5ea1f63e-43224f3a0016448b>, and registered participants will receive logistics before the event.

Face-Mask Drive for Rosie's Place

Hill House, located at 127 Mount Vernon St., is running a Face-Mask Drive for Rosie's Place on Harrison Avenue.

Participants can either make their own masks or purchase through a local shop, 4Good Vibes, based in Somerville. They have offered to sell their hand-made masks to Hill House and then donate 50 more masks if the nonprofit can reach 100 masks donated. You can purchase masks on their special Rosie's Place site <https://4goodvibes.bigcartel.com/product/rosies-place-face-mask>.

After payment is received, 4 Good Vibes will send the masks directly to Rosie's, but if you plan to make your own, you can send them to: Rosie's Place, Attn: Sandy Mariano, 889 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118.

Contact Meredith Adamczyk at madamczyk@hillhouseboston.org with any other questions.

Hill House running free virtual family events

Hill House, Inc. located at 127 Mount Vernon St., has launched a series of free family events at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

On Wednesday, Family Fun events will include how to make your own Playdough, a Kitchen Fridge Art show and more. On Fridays, get your athletic juices flowing with live dance parties, camp sing-alongs and more.

These events are free, and registration links available at www.hillhouseboston.org. To register or to learn more about Hill House virtual events, contact Meredith at madamczyk@hillhouseboston.org.

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OBITUARIES

Arthur Blasberg, Jr.

January 13, 1928 – May 9, 2020

 Arthur Blasberg, Jr. of Boston and East Orleans died peacefully on Saturday, May 9 at his home on the Cape at the age of 92.

Born in Dobbs Ferry, NY on January 13, 1928, he was the son of Arthur Blasberg and Rose (Cohen) Blasberg. He graduated from The Hackley School in 1945 where he was the captain of undefeated hockey and track teams. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Colby College in 1949 and from Harvard Law School in 1952.

During the Korean War, he served in the US Army as a Legal Clerk in the Judge Advocate Office in Seoul. Upon returning from Korea in 1955, he worked at the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington DC. He married Mary Bedell, the love of his life, in 1960 and they were married for fifty-five years until her death in 2015. They had three sons, Neil, Arthur III and John, whom they loved beyond measure. Arthur and Mary were inseparable and their love served as a model for their family.

Arthur and Mary moved to Beacon Hill in 1960 where they were dedicated members of the community for over fifty years. In 1961, Arthur joined Sullivan and Worcester as its fourteenth employee. As a partner at Sullivan and Worcester, he specialized in corporate law, dedicating the majority of his time to representing the Trustees of the New Haven Railroad in the proposed merger of the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads. After leaving Sullivan and Worcester in 1968, Arthur was involved in various business entities including CNA Financial Corp, Healthco and the Quechee Lakes Corporation and ultimately formed an investment group called Boston Partners, which made early investments in Au Bon Pain and Colombo Yogurt Company.

Arthur spent much of his career leading corporate restructurings and acting as a judge-appointed mediator for companies in receivership. He was a dedicated and valued member of the board of directors of A.W. Chesterton, Michel Associates



and Winthrop Realty Trust. In addition to providing counsel professionally, Arthur was a source of sage advice, guidance and support for many friends and family members over the years.

Arthur had a lifelong love of Cape Cod and spent nearly every summer of his life in East Orleans, and before that, in East Brewster where his parents ran a bed and breakfast called The Chateau on Route 6A. His passion for gardening was evident at his homes on the Cape. Until the age of 91, Arthur was actively gardening with friends and with his children whenever and wherever his services were in need.

Arthur is survived by his three sons and their wives Mary, Audra and Jeanne. He was exceedingly proud of his grandchildren: Tom, Cassie, Jack, Charlie, Annie, Bradley, Alexander and Amanda. A great fan of the game of squash, he often could be found cheering his sons, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren at their various matches around New England. The College Squash Association Lifetime Achievement Award is being named in Arthur's honor.

The family is deeply appreciative of the dedicated members of the Boston medical community who provided Arthur and Mary with excellent care throughout their lives. Contributions in memory of Arthur may be made to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Fund at www.bidmc.org/giving "in honor of Arthur Blasberg, Jr."

A Zoom celebration of his life will take place on Sunday, May 17 at 5 p.m. after which the family will receive visitors. Information regarding the Zoom celebration can be requested by emailing abjrcelebration@gmail.com.

Sue Williams 'Sudie' Schenck

Longtime Beacon Hill resident



Sue Williams Schenck, known to all as "Sudie," passed away peacefully on April 27 from complications due to Parkinson's Disease with her loving husband, Steven Goodwin and caregivers at her side.

Sudie was born in Philadelphia to S. Norman and Nancy Doggett Williams and grew up in Darien, Connecticut. Her father was an executive with Alcoa and her mother was both a successful real estate agent and the President of the Planned Parenthood Association in Connecticut at a time when its mission was not well received by many.

Sudie attended the Low Heywood School in nearby Stamford, to which she maintained a lifelong connection and then continued her education at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro where she received a degree in art history.

In the late 1950's, Sudie moved to Beacon Hill with her first husband, Garret Schenck, where they raised their three boys, Van, Chris and Trip. Sudie brought her vivacious, daring and mischievous personality to motherhood, epitomized by the Easter egg hunts on Cedar Lane Way and ski trips to Squaw Mountain, ME, which she organized as the informal ringleader of the neighborhood families.

Sudie's influence on the Beacon Hill Community extended well beyond family fun. Sudie volunteered her time to support many local causes. An avid gardener, she was a devoted member of the Beacon Hill Garden Club for 50 years and opened her home on several occasions for its annual garden tour. She also volunteered at the MFA and for a number of years directed the Ellis Memorial Antique Show to benefit Boston's first settlement house.

Sudie was an enthusiastic collector of English and early American furniture as well as China Trade paintings and decorative arts. Her exquisite taste and passion for decorating led Sudie to open a successful interior design business on Beacon Hill, in which she balanced her fun-loving nature with her eye for elegance to great effect.

Sudie had a sensational per-

sonal style, a wonderful sense of humor, an infectious laugh and a generous heart. A Grande Dame in many of the communities she graced, Sudie will be missed by all.

Sudie was predeceased by her first husband, Garret Schenck and her sons, Van and Trip. She is survived by her husband, Steve Goodwin, her sister, Ann Williams Winship, her son, Christopher, his spouse, Erica, their children, Forest and Rowena, the wife of her deceased son Van, Michon and their son, Hib.

The family expresses its appreciation to all of Sudie's doctors, nurses and other health care providers for their skill and devotion in treating Sudie for these many years.

Donations in her memory can be made to Dr. Walter O'Donnell, Massachusetts General Hospital, 55 Fruit Street, Cox Building, Suite 201B, Boston, MA 02114 to support his research and treatment of pulmonary disease.

A service to celebrate her life will be announced at a later date. For information concerning the service or to share a memory or a note of condolence, please visit: www.eatonandmackay.com

Eaton & Mackay Funeral Home, Newton Corner 617-244-2034.

Mariah Reid Daly

Very involved in the Beacon Hill community



Mariah Reid Daly was born on January 26, 1943, in Waterbury, CT, and passed away May 3, 2020, at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, MA, of COVID related illness. She was living in Boston at the time of her death, where she resided her entire adult life.

Mariah was the daughter of the late Joseph P. Daly and Kathleen Bergin Daly, and sister of the late Peter B. Daly. She is survived by her three siblings: Jeremiah J. Daly of Leverett, MA, Kathleen DeAngelis of Middlebury, CT, and Alicia Askenase of Moorestown, NJ. She is also survived by a niece and five nephews, as well as five great-nephews.

Mariah attended Crosby High School in Waterbury, CT, class of 1961. She studied nursing at Laboure College, the profession she practiced for 45 years until her retirement. In addition, she

received a Bachelor of Arts at the Radcliffe Institute and Harvard Extension, and a Master's degree in Education at Lesley University.

Mariah had a great love of the arts, studied pottery and watercol-

ors, and received multiple awards for her work in the Annual Beacon Hill Art Walk. She was very involved in the Beacon Hill community as a Board member of The West End Branch, and Friends of the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library. She was a member of the Diabetic Educators of Western Massachusetts and the author of James Has Diabetes, a book for children with diabetes. Moreover, Mariah was a volunteer art educator for children in after school programs for many years.

Her family plans to have a memorial service sometime in the summer. Burial arrangements are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: donate.unicef.usa.org, or the Boston Resiliency Fund, <https://www.boston.gov/departments/treasury/boston-resiliency-fund>.

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Daffodils, Jonquils, crocuses, tulips, azaleas, and even the trees are blooming through out the neighborhoods of Beacon Hill. Watch for the lilacs and peonies, they will join the flower show soon.




Civic Association distributes free face-masks to Hill seniors
By Dan Murphy

This week, the Beacon Hill Civic Association began distributing 120 protective face-masks free of charge to seniors.

Rob Whitney, president of the Civic Association board, tracked down the vendor, Custom Ink, a Fairfax-Va. Based online retail company that manufactures custom apparel (www.customink.com), and ordered the face-masks while Patricia Tully, executive director of the Civic Association, facilitated the masks to Beacon House, the Bowdoin School Apartment Homes on Myrtle Street, the Peter Faneuil House and the Anderson Park apartments at 250 Cambridge St., through their respective building management.

"The idea is to get them to seniors who want to get out a little bit or have to go to an appointment," Whitney said.

Each mask comes in a baggie with instructions on how to use it, as well as contact information for emergency resources available to neighbors.

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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

A Bit of BHCA History
The shelves at the Beacon Hill Civic Association at 74 Joy Street are full of ledgers and meeting notes dating back to the founding of the organization in 1922.

The first meeting of what was then called the Beacon Hill Association took place on December 5, 1922, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at 3 Joy Street. The By-Laws at that time show Annual Dues of "two dollars payable at the close of the annual meeting!"

These are the notes from that first meeting in 1922.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Miss

(BHCA, Pg. 5)



Olmsted's legacy lives on despite cancellation of birthday party
By Dan Murphy

While a large gathering at English High School to celebrate Frederick Law Olmsted's 198th birthday on April 26 was cancelled due to concerns over COVID-19, the venerable landscape architect continues to be remembered in other ways.

Olmsted 2022 Massachusetts, a continuing project for conservation, public health and social justice that was formed in 2010 to lead up to its namesake's 200th birthday in 2022 — honored the Olmsted Legacy last Sunday by honoring Betsy Shure Gross. Credited as a leading force in the creation of the National Association for Olmsted Parks, Gross went on to serve as one of its first co-chairs before Gerry Wright tapped her to help him launch Olmsted 2022. Gross served as co-chair for its first five years and continues on as an advisor for Olmsted 2022 Massachusetts, Wright wrote.

Olmsted 2022 Massachusetts, which has named Sarah Freeman, a public health research professional and a highly dedicated volunteer for parks, open spaces and a healthy environment, as

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Some Beacon Hill Civic Association membership ledgers

For the latest news in Beacon Hill that you need to know, check www.beaconhilltimes.com

FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will hold a public hearing: on May 21, at 5 p.m. by Zoom Meeting.

The following will be discussed: 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.

ATTENTION: This hearing will only be held virtually and NOT in person. You can participate in this hearing by going calling 1 (929) 205-6099 and entering id # 856 0681 0958. You can also submit written comments or questions to BeaconHillAC@boston.gov or via Twitter @bostonlandmarks.

I. DESIGN REVIEW HEARING

APP # 19.118 BH 55-57 Brimmer Street (Continued from 9-2018)

Applicant: Don Mills Mills, Whitaker Architects

Proposed Work: Changes to the design of the faux carriage house doors facing Brimmer Street.

APP # 20.1011 BH 3 Park Street

Applicant: Don Mills; Mills, Whitaker Architects

Proposed Work: Replace select insulated glass in kind as indicated on application, replace existing intercom system, replace existing copper chimney cap with vented copper chimney cap to restore chimney to its original use.

APP # 20.1012 BH 19 Myrtle Street

Applicant: Craig Cody; T-Mobile NE

Proposed Work: At roof level,

remove existing panel antennas and replace with new panel antennas. Paint to match existing.

APP # 20.1013 BH 34 West Cedar Street

Applicant: Pauli & Uribe Architects LLC

Proposed Work: At dormer level, repair and repaint trim in kind. Repair and replace slate in kind (See Additional Items Under Administrative Review).

APP # 20.1014 BH 41 Beacon Street

Applicant: Susan A. Lester

Proposed Work: At front façade garden level, install new gas line through wall. Paint to match existing.

APP # 20.1015 BH 45 Temple Street

Applicant: David Raftery; JDMD OWNER LLC

Proposed Work: At Temple Street facade, install building street number.

APP # 20.1010 BH 4 Walnut Street

Applicant: Arnie Wright; Four Walnut Street Condominium Assoc.

Proposed Work: Paint front door, fire escapes and archway in kind.

APP # 20.1016 BH 54 Pinckney Street

Applicant: John Corey; Beacon Hill Housewrights, LLC

Proposed Work: At front façade, install alarm bell in the entryway of the front door.

APP # 20.1017 BH 10.5 Beacon Street

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

Proposed Work: At rear façade facing cemetery, remove and replace non-original existing railings on the balconies of levels two and five. Install new copper gutter on floor five.

II. 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 ratification 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 # 20.1013 BH 34 Cedar Street: At front and rear facades; repoint brick as required. Mortar mixture shall be 1 part cement to 2 parts lime to 7 parts sand. Replace all rotted or damaged exterior trim and siding to match existing. Paint all siding, trim and window

sashes to match existing. Repair existing lead flashing throughout as required. Repair/replace rubber roofing, gutter and chimney flashing at ell (See Additional Items Under Design Review).

APP # 20.991 BH 77 Joy Street:

GOLDSTEIN (from pg. 1)

Norfolk, Plymouth, and Suffolk counties.

"I think about COVID-19 non-stop from a physician's standpoint, meaning taking care of patients who have been diagnosed with it, as well as administering primary care to people who are fearful of contracting it," he said. "As a candidate for Congress, I also think about COVID-19 because I recognize the failed response of the federal government in the early days of the pandemic."

Dr. Goldstein added, "We need to consider the systematic defunding and de-prioritization of the public health infrastructure that has taken place over the last four years, and that failure in many ways prevented us from responding how we should have in the early days of COVID-19."

As a member of Congress, he would aim to open up dialogue

Replace all four "swing-out" windows on level two of the front façade. Windows will be replaced like for like made from wood. Structure is built in the mid-century modern style.

in Washington, D.C., that considers healthcare in less-constricting terms.

"I recognize that housing is healthcare, climate change is healthcare and food security is healthcare," Dr. Goldstein said. "I hope to have a broader conversation on this issue in Washington and use my experience to drive that conversation."

Moreover, Dr. Goldstein believes he would be well suited for Congress because of one personal trait that has served him well as a medical professional: he's a very attentive listener.

"Of the skill and experience I bring as a physician, the most important ability I have is listening to people and being able to bring those stories to the halls of Congress," he said.

For more information on Dr. Goldstein's campaign, visit Robbieforchange.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION (APCC) PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE (TO BE VALID, MUST BE NOTICED IN A WEST END & CITYWIDE NEWSPAPER BETWEEN MAY 13, 2020 & MAY 20, 2020)

Notice is hereby given that the City of Boston Air Pollution Control Commission will hold a Public Hearing on June 17, 2020 at 11:30 A.M. at Boston City Hall, One City Hall Plaza, Room 900 and virtually at <https://zoom.us/j/6864582044>. The Commission will consider the proponent's request to modify an existing permit (#8.1) for a facility located at 35 Lomasney Way,, Boston, MA, pursuant to the Procedures and Criteria for the Issuance of Parking Freeze Permits adopted under M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 31C.

This modification consists of four hundred and ten (410) commercial parking spaces, two hundred and thirty-eight (238) exempt parking spaces, and one hundred and twenty-five (125) excluded residential spaces, and is for the construction of a new underground parking garage to be shared between residents, lessees, employees, patrons, customers, clients, patients, and guests of the project, and the general public. The project consists of 534,000 square feet of residential space and 2,300 square feet of retail space. Modification of the permit would have no effect on the Downtown Boston parking freeze bank. Due to the public health emergency, the public hearing may only take place virtually at <https://zoom.us/j/6864582044>. If you are unable to access the internet,

you can call 1-929-205-6099, enter Meeting ID 686 458 2044 # and use # as your participant ID. Translation and sign language interpreters will be provided upon prior request. A copy of the application is available for public inspection at Boston City Hall, Room 709, from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday. Questions should be directed to: APCC@boston.gov or 617-635-3850 For the Commission, Alison Brizius, Executive Director Air Pollution Control Commission City of Boston Environment Department Boston City Hall, Room 709 Boston, Massachusetts 02201 617-635-3850

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SIMPLE THINGS (from pg. 7)

"Where you're living is your community, that doesn't exclude people who are less privileged than you are - it's everybody."

The experience has also allowed her to foster relationships with people she likely wouldn't otherwise have met.

"I definitely have some relationships with people I've met through there that I'm very grateful for," Amanda said. "There are

people I've known from the very beginning, and I know them by name and see them around. Some of them I care a lot about, and I think they care a lot about me as well."

She also realizes in the age of COVID-19, people like the dinner guests are in need of a helping hand now more than ever.

"Times are bad for everyone, and they are particularly bad for

people who don't have infrastructure set up for them - you can't self-isolate at home if you don't have one," Amanda said. "So I want to encourage people to donate more than they normally would to shelters and resources for the homeless and underserved people."

Visit simplethingsorg.wixsite.com/simplethingsorg for more information.

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Historic preservation the Dames' Way

Submitted by NSCDA-MA

May is an important month because it is National Historic Preservation Month, a celebration of the nation's heritage through historic places. Along with preserving the places, also worth preserving are the stories behind them. Preservation is the protection of culture. Historic preservationists work within state and national guidelines to carefully restore properties back to their period detail. One of the primary missions of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America is historic preservation and the Society is affiliated nationwide with 90 historic sites, collections and monuments. The Massachusetts Society, one of 44 state societies, now in its 127th year, owns and/or operates three historic house museums in the state: the William Hickling Prescott House in Boston, the Quincy Homestead in Quincy and Martin House Farm in Swansea.

There are many different ways in which properties and collections come together. Some come by design; some happen by bequest; and some by a quick response to opportunity. The three properties the NSCDA-MA stewards also include an extensive costume collection and each has come to the Dames in a different way. For over 125 years, the NSCDA-MA has been able to protect and preserve their three historic properties through the generous support of its membership, donations, tours, grants and public partnerships.

In 1904, just eleven years after its founding, the MA Society leapt into action to ensure that the 1680 Quincy Homestead did not fall to encroaching urban development in the city of Quincy. It purchased the 1.8-acre property with the help of Charles Francis Adams, Jr., grandson of President John Quincy Adams, and many Quincy residents. With an eye to its financial future, and looking to the long-term protection and preservation of the property, the MA Dames soon transferred the Homestead to the Commonwealth, which then leased the house back to be furnished, interpreted, and cared for by the Dames. This important public/private partnership, which continues today, provides the necessary care needed to maintain one of the state's earliest surviving historic properties.

The Edmund Quincy family settled in Braintree (now Quincy) in the 1630's where five generations of Quincys placed their imprint on the Homestead's property. The

Dames undertook extensive renovations of the house in 1904-1907, hiring Joseph Everett Chandler, the architectural historian who went on to renovate the Beale House in Quincy, the Paul Revere House in Boston, and the House of the Seven Gables in Salem. Numerous maintenance, repair and restoration projects have been performed by the NSCDA-MA, the former Massachusetts Metropolitan Park Commission (MDC) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) over the years. The Dames rose to the challenge of furnishing a house with over 300 years of architectural evolution, which includes Colonial, Georgian, and Victorian design.

Preservation projects are always underway and recent accomplishments include an analysis on the Homestead's structure and history. The dendrochronology results indicate that the house timbers were cut in 1680, when building began. In fact, it was discovered that many timbers were reused from a 1630 building. This exceedingly early reuse - perhaps the earliest known in New England - increases the mystery and lure of the building to those dedicated to its preservation. The conservation of the lovely formal dining room, that started in 2005-06 with the restoration of the rare hand-painted Chinese motif wallpaper, was also completed. One surprise to be discovered by visitors is the stunning shell-carved dining room cupboard painted in vibrant colors and picked out in gold leaf, all hidden behind a door.

Among the Homestead's most notable artifacts is the restored "Hancock Chariot" which transported the American patriot, John Hancock, and his wife, Dorothy Quincy, the youngest daughter of Edmund Quincy IV. The Homestead's beautiful grounds with formal gardens feature a boxwood parterre reflecting European standards adopted by the early Colonies. The Quincy Homestead is both a National Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Also listed on the National Register of Historic Places (1979) is Martin House Farm. The NSCDA-MA acquired the property through the 1930 bequest of Susan Tabor Martin Allien, a member of the New York Society, who bought Martin House as her summer home from her cousin John Martin in 1914. Martins have lived in the rural community of Swansea for over 350 years. Most important of all, they kept



John Ames

William Hickling Prescott House (1808), 55 Beacon St., Boston.

Martin House Farm intact: over 50 acres of fields, woodlots, barns, and a house. An inveterate collector of antiques and memorabilia, Mrs. Allien furnished the historic farmhouse with items ranging from a few family pieces to English and American pewter to furniture of varying times and places. One of the most significant historical pieces is a wainscot chair, a 17th-century piece dating back to King Phillip's War; a reproduction is now at the Farm and the original is on extended loan at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

The Martins were subsistence farmers, none of notable fame or fortune. However, fortunes did wax and wane. What began as a one-room dwelling was expanded in the early 19th century (after the War of 1812 in which many gained prosperity) into a nine-room two story house. Mrs. Allien substantially upgraded the quality of the furniture one might expect in a farm community. Entrusting the property to the Dames has preserved the Farm from the threat of development and conserved the open land, capturing an authentic glimpse of 18th and 19th century America. During the summer, high school students of Swansea serve as docents leading tours for visitors of the house and barn. Special events and educational programs draw visitors and offer a glimpse into Colonial life. Every fall, all Swansea fifth-graders enjoy a visit to the farm through our Living History Program and often become docents during high school.



Property of NSCDA-MA

Martin House Farm, (1728), 22 Stoney Hill Road, Swansea.



John Collins

Quincy Homestead exterior.

The William Hickling Prescott House at 55 Beacon St. in Boston was purchased in 1944, rescuing it from a future use as a boarding house and providing a much desired headquarters for the NSCDA-MA. In 1964, it was designated a National Historic Landmark. The house was designed by Asher Benjamin, the influential American architect (1773-1845), for the merchant, James Smith Colburn, in 1808. It later became the home of William Hickling Prescott, historian of Spain, Mexico and Peru. Visiting Prescott House, you will see on view a rare noctograph, a writing implement for the blind that Prescott utilized.

As with Quincy Homestead, the house was renovated and furnished in an elegant manner to fit the architectural details. Prescott's study and the Best Bedchamber are kept as museum house rooms while the remainder are used by the Society for programs, events, and business as well as storage for the NSCDA-MA Costume Collection of over 7,000 pieces. This collection consists of clothing and accessories donated by Dames with rich histories of known provenance. Notable pieces are two dresses belonging to Dolley Todd Madison and several House

of Worth gowns. The collection ranges from children's articles to adults (mostly women) with an impressive array of accessories that includes shoes, fans, hats, and gloves. Clothes tell us much about life among different social classes over time. The collection is being catalogued, enabling scholars access to the resources online, supporting the educational mission of the NSCDA-MA through the preservation of material culture.

As all know who have ever considered themselves stewards of historical objects or places, preservation brings a tremendous responsibility to conserve, discover, interpret, and impart knowledge to others. Through Historic Preservation, we strive to pass on to future generations an understanding of our Colonial heritage and to inspire patriotism by appreciating our country's rich history. During Historic Preservation Month, we hope this period of "sheltering in place" gives all of us time to reflect on what historic properties can teach us about what to preserve and what to change.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the seasonal schedule at the NSCDA-MA houses is pending. Visit nscdama.org for updated historic house tours and further information.