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City Realty Group and Beacon Hill Pub donate meals to MGH COVID-19 Unit

Special to the Times

City Realty Group, a community-focused real estate development company headquartered in Brookline, donated 100 meals to feed nurses and other frontline staff at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). The dinners were specially prepared at Lower Mills Tavern by Executive Chef Cara Marie Nance and presented to MGH staff who have been working in the 10 dedicated COVID-19 units at the hospital. City Realty Group provided these meals as a way to honor the MGH staff who put themselves in danger without hesitation to treat coronavirus patients during this pandemic. City Realty made this donation as a way to support local restaurants while simultaneously honoring and feeding these amazing healthcare heroes. The meals were delivered to MGH by Beacon Hill Pub General Manager Jeremy Scanlon. Beacon Hill Pub, located at 149 Charles St. in Boston, is undergoing a transformation into a fine-dining restaurant. Lower Mills Tavern in Dorchester is well-known as 'Boston's Best Neighborhood Bar' and has been serving take-out food during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Beacon Hill Pub General Manager Jeremy Scanlon (Left) delivers meals at Massachusetts General Hospital. City Realty Group donated the meals to support MGH staff working in the COVID-19 units these past several months and as a way to honor all healthcare workers and to support local restaurants. The meals were purchased by City Realty Group at Lower Mills Tavern in Dorchester, where they were prepared by Executive Chef Cara Marie Nance.

City Realty Group is proud to support all those men and women who have been working front-line jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic. City Realty is proud of its community-focused business philosophy and created a nonprofit

organization of its own called City Kids, which works to spark intellectual curiosity in Boston children by providing them with unique experiences and powerful educational resources.

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

We hope our neighbors and members are faring well during this time. We are hopeful that we will be back to life as normal soon.

Fortunately, the BHCA has been able to conduct virtual meetings, presentations and get-togethers to keep connected and working, while keeping our

community informed of the latest local and state guidelines, and ways to help.

Our Annual Meeting, to be held on Monday, May 18th, at six o'clock in the evening, will also be a virtual meeting. This will be a voting meeting for current BHCA members. We hope to reschedule our planned

speaker, Joseph M. Bagley, Boston City Archeologist, to another date in the near future. Please re-confirm your interest in attending the BHCA Annual Meeting to info@bhccivic.org or call the office at 617-227-1922.

Upcoming BHCA Meetings

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City parks left in ruins following Sunday's protests

By Dan Murphy

The Boston Common, the Public Garden and the Commonwealth Avenue were left in tatters after Sunday afternoon's peaceful protests over George Floyd, a Minneapolis man who allegedly died there at the hands of police, took a destructive turn after nightfall.

"There was a lot of damage in all three parks."

Liz Vizza, executive director of the Friends of the Public Garden, a nonprofit that helps maintain the three parks in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation, "but the biggest impact from graffiti was experi-

enced on the Common."

Thousands of protestors had marched without incident from Government Center to the Common, but tensions escalated at around 9 p.m. when the city's curfew in response to the COVID-19 took effect, and police attempted to disperse the large crowd gathered in the park.

The 54th Regiment Memorial on the Boston Common, which pays tribute to the first Northern black volunteer infantry unit enlisted to fight in the Civil War, was among the park landmarks defaced. Vandals tore down protective fencing and spray-painted graffiti on the rear

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Photo by Liz Vizza

The rear of the 54th Regiment Memorial on the Boston Common is seen after it fell prey to vandals Sunday night.

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

Baker-Polito administration announces guidelines for restaurants, lodging businesses ahead of Phase Two

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito announced on May 29 guidance for restaurants and lodging, ahead of Phase Two of the reopening plan. Baker is expected to “make an announcement and decision with respect to Phase Two” on June 6, he said.

“We are certainly seeing positive momentum in a number of areas,” Baker said. “People are starting to get back to work. Outdoor and recreation activities are coming back. We’re making progress, thanks to everyone doing their jobs now more than ever and we need to keep doing what works to kill and slow the virus.”

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito announced the new guidance for restaurants and lodging, adding that the workplace safety standards that will be required for these businesses are “organized around four distinct categories covering social distancing, hygiene protocols, staffing and operations, and cleaning and disinfecting.”

Polito said these guidelines are being released ahead of Phase Two “to give lodging facilities and restaurants time to prepare their operations, to get ready, and to do that in adherence to the general

workplace safety standards that we had previously issued.”

Outdoor dining at restaurants will be allowed at the beginning of Phase Two, Polito said, and the State is working with legislators on accelerating the permitting process for outdoor dining.

Indoor dining will be allowed later on in Phase Two, “subject to the public health data,” she said.

The guidance for restaurants and lodging which is posted on the Reopening Massachusetts website at mass.gov, includes protocols for social distancing and physical space, Polito said.

She announced that some of the highlights of the guidance for restaurants are: “tables must be positioned six feet apart, the maximum party size will be six people, use of outdoor space is encouraged even when indoor seating is allowed, and seating at bars is not allowed, “but bar areas may be reconstituted for table seating,” she said.

Additionally, hygiene and leaning protocols will be required, like having single use utensils or menus, or “strict sanitization guidelines” for these items.

Polito also said that “reservations or call ahead seating is recommended,” and “contactless

payment, mobile ordering, or text on arrival for seating will also be encouraged.”

Restaurants should also provide training in these health and safety protocols to all employees, she added, and establishments will be temporarily closed if there is a case of COVID-19.

HOTELS, MOTELS, AND OTHER LODGING BUSINESSES

Guidance was also released for hotels, motels, and other lodging businesses, which will be allowed to resume operations in Phase Two.

“Safety standards apply to all forms of lodging: hotels, motels, inns, bed and breakfasts, and short term residential rentals, including those arranged through online hosting platforms such as Airbnb and Vrbo,” Polito said. She added that spaces like ballrooms and meeting rooms will still remain closed.

“Onsite restaurants, pools, gyms, spas, golf courses and other amenities at lodging sites may operate only as these categories are authorized to operate in accordance with our phased reopening plan,” Polito said. She also said that lodging operators must tell guests traveling to Massachusetts from out of state about the policy urging them to self-quarantine for 14 days.

The guidance for lodging includes protocols for social distancing, hygiene, and keeping staff spread out during their shifts, Polito said. It also includes enhanced sanitization protocols in between guests, including cleaning and sanitizing surfaces, washing linens and bedspreads, and considering leaving rooms vacant for 24

hours between guests.

“In the event of a positive case of COVID-19, the room used by that guest may only be returned to service after undergoing an enhanced sanitization protocol in accordance with CDC guidelines,” Polito said.

“As we move forward in reopening our economy, we understand the importance of balancing public health and economic health and we need to do everything we can to support both,” she said. “Together with state and local governments we balance the shared goals of maintaining both public safety as well as getting our economy back up and running and as we navigate these next phases in our fight against COVID-19, we will continue to work with our industry partners to do what’s best for local main streets and downtowns.

I’m confident that the restaurant and lodging owners, managers, servers, bartenders and staff, and the many others who make up these industries will get back to work, will reopen their doors and their places to the residents across our Commonwealth and be able to offer the things from our places that people know and love so much in their communities and will do so as safely and as quickly as possible.”

OTHER UPDATES

Baker also announced on May 29 that the state is having “positive conversations” with sports teams, which will be allowed to begin practicing at their respective facilities on June 6 “with health and safety rules that all of the leagues are developing.”

Baker said that these facilities will continue to remain closed to

the public, and that “the leagues are obviously working hard to host games again.”

He said that “pro sports would be a great thing to see again,” and would be a “significant milestone for all of us as fans,” however, “the opening will be gradual and will require a lot of patience from everyone.”

On June 1, Baker issued an Executive Order that lists specific types of businesses and activities that fall into the remaining phases of the reopening plan.

“Effective immediately, the Executive Order permits Phase II businesses to reopen their physical workplaces to workers only to conduct necessary preparations prior to the start of Phase II. Preparations include but are not limited to completing a COVID-19 Control Plan, implementing sector-specific protocols, and complying with Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards,” according to the State.

“This lead time is important for preparations,” Baker said on June 1.

Retail stores will be allowed to have “browsing and in-store transactions with restrictions” at the beginning of Phase Two as well. Guidance for childcare, recreational summer camps, and organized sports programs was also released and is available in detail at mass.gov.

He also said that over the weekend, the COVID-19 Response Command Center also submitted details for an expanded COVID-19 testing proposal to the federal government, which includes increasing testing capacity and access to testing.

Crush Boutique to close Newbury Street location

By Dan Murphy

While its Charles Street location will remain open, the owners of Crush Boutique made the difficult decision last week to close its store at 264 Newbury St. in Back Bay.

“We’ve been on Newbury Street for eight years now and hold it near and dear to our hearts, but there had been a climate change on the street in last five years, including a drastic change in foot traffic,” said Laura Ayers, who together with Rebecca Hall, own and operate both Crush locations,

along with Whitney + Winston – the sister establishment to their Charles Street store. “It was something we had already been considering when adapting around the clock [in response to the health crisis] and launching our online store.”

Besides launching the online store, Ayers, Hall and their staff have worked tirelessly to increase their online presence, as well as offer virtual Sip & Shop events and FaceTime shopping appointments, since the COVID-19 pandemic struck. And now, they will focus on dedicating more time

to these endeavors, along with offering curbside pickup from Crush’s Charles Street location, which has now been in business for 13 years, and from Whitney + Winston. (Both Crush and Whitney + Winston are located at 113 Charles St.)

“With our business and brand, it didn’t make sense to continue on with the Newbury Street store, so instead we’ve decided to consolidate where we can and put our strengths to grow online,” Ayers said.

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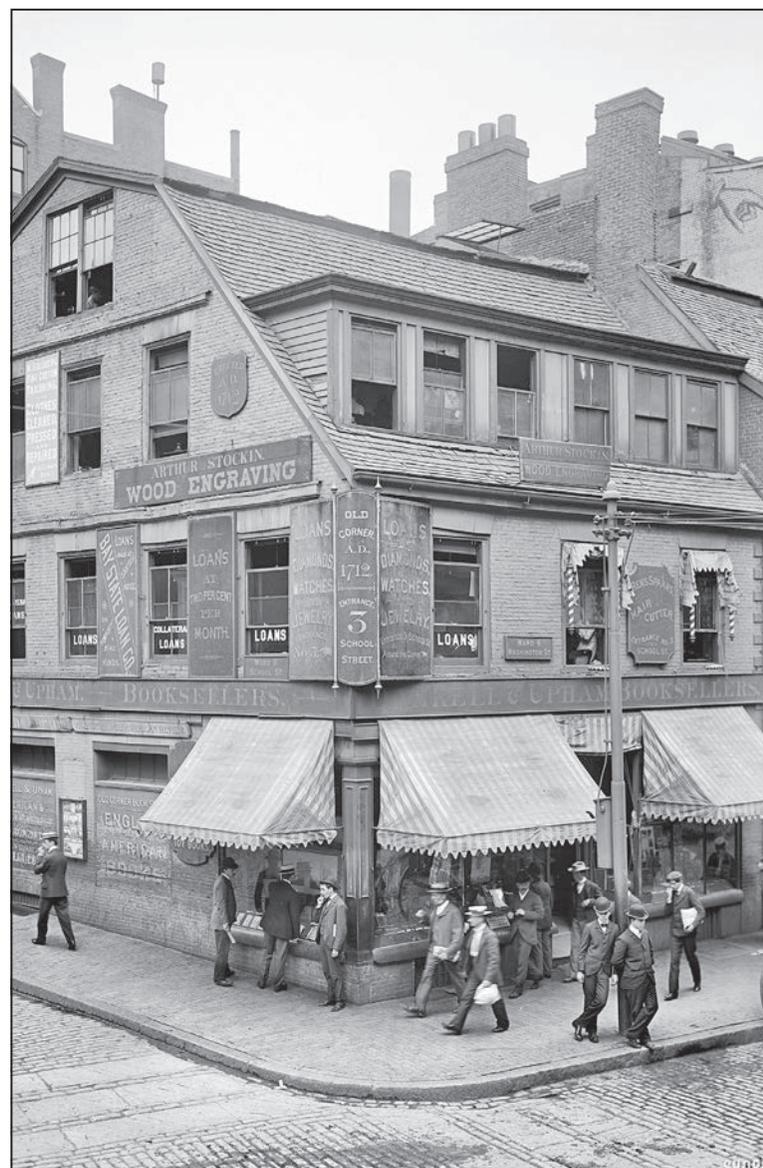
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Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The two windows in the last clue are on the Old Corner Bookstore built in 1718 as a residence. Today's answer is a historic photo of the building from about 1900. Back then there were six windows where today there are two.

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EDITORIAL

MOST OF THE PROTESTERS ARE NOT LOOTERS

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. -- The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

The vast majority of Americans have been sickened by the horrific video of a white Minneapolis police officer slowly and agonizingly choking to death a 46 year-old African-American man, George Floyd.

Mr. Floyd had not committed any act of violence prior to being arrested and was lying prone on his stomach, with his hands handcuffed behind his back, as the officer applied pressure with his knee and the full force of his body weight to Mr. Floyd's neck for eight minutes and 53 seconds.

The murder of Mr. Floyd while in police custody was the culmination of a series of high-profile, race-related incidents in recent weeks that have highlighted the racism that is inherent in our society and that have spurred the protests for the past week in major cities across the country.

What has been striking about the protest movement is that the protesters in every city have been representative of all races and nationalities, similar to the peaceful protest marches and the Freedom Rider movement in the 1960s that were led by Dr. Martin Luther King and other leaders of the Civil Rights movement at that time.

Unfortunately, there always are a few people who will seek to profit from any situation. Those who have been vandalizing property and who have been ransacking high-end retailers, as occurred Sunday night along Newbury St. and in downtown Boston, are professional criminals with lengthy records who have jumped on the protest bandwagon, so to speak, solely in order to take advantage of the diversion of the police created by the peaceful and legitimate protesters.

However, the criminal behavior by a small minority of professional criminals amidst the protesters should not be a basis, either for average Americans or for our political leaders, to fail to acknowledge two important aspects of the current protest movement:

First, that every American has a right of free assembly and second, that our nation must address the rampant racism that exists at every level of society.

Our government leaders who negatively are politicizing the current situation are no different than the criminals who are ransacking the high-end stores. Both are seeking to hijack the legitimate methods and goals of the protest movement for their own ends.

However, we must not allow either the criminal element or unscrupulous politicians to distract us from attaining the goal so eloquently expressed

by Dr. King in his "I Have a Dream" speech before 250,000 persons at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Fifty seven years later, America still is a long way from realizing Dr. King's dream of racial equality. Hopefully, the sad and tragic events of the past few weeks will rekindle in every American the need to achieve the goal of a just society for all Americans.

GUEST OP-ED

The Boston Reopen fund is helping small businesses open their doors while keeping our community safe

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of the people of Boston has been my top priority. As our city and our state begin a gradual reopening process, based on clear health benchmarks, peoples' health and safety remains my top priority.

Reopening does not mean 'back to normal,' it means bringing a serious commitment to stopping the spread of the virus into our workplaces and community spac-

es. I am committed to making sure that every small business in Boston understands what steps they need to take in order to keep their employees, their customers, and the community safe. I am equally committed to making sure that none of them have trouble reopening due to a lack of access to resources. That's why we created the Reopen Boston Fund.

The Boston Reopen Fund is a grant program to help small businesses put safety measures in place, including buying personal protective equipment (PPE);

installing safety partitions for customers and employees; and managing outdoor space approved for business use. These are grants, not loans, so they don't create debt. The grants will be distributed to brick-and-mortar businesses, with fewer than 15 employees, where people work close to each other or to customers. These include businesses in sectors like personal care, retail, food service, arts and entertainment, fitness, and event spaces and bars. The grants will

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GUEST OP-ED

The May 31 protests in the City of Boston

By Councilor Michael Flaherty

On Monday morning Bostonians woke up to a City destroyed by the actions of those who took over and desecrated an otherwise peaceful and meaningful protest with acts of violence and destruction. Their actions are unacceptable, disgraceful, and served as a disservice to those who showed up to protest peacefully. I want to thank the Boston Police Department, Boston Fire Department, Boston Emergency Medical Services, and other first responders who worked hard all night to protect our City and it's

residents. I pray for anyone injured last night protecting our City.

To the thousands who participated in the initial peaceful march honoring the legacy of Mr. George Floyd and calling for change that returned home after its completion, I thank you. I am sorry that those with ill-intentions usurped the narrative of your event and put your lives and cause in danger.

As a City, as a community and as neighbors, we must choose how we move forward. The path forward may not be clear yet, but I do know that we need to walk it together. As an elected official, I am committed to bringing gov-

ernment, community, law enforcement, and activists together to sit at the table and ensure these protests result in deeper understanding and positive, measurable results. I want to both ensure the thousands who participated in this event have their voices heard and their goals achieved, while also ensuring that those who perpetuated violence and destruction are held fully accountable and that their actions are not repeated, glorified, or seen as acceptable in the City of Boston.

Michael Flaherty is a City Councilor at-Large in Boston.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CIVIC ASSOCIATION CHAIR WEIGHS IN ON THE AFTERMATH OF SUNDAY NIGHT'S PROTESTS

Dear Editor,

The Beacon Hill Civic Association strongly supports the right of the protesters Sunday evening to speak out about their desire for justice, equality and accountability, and to demonstrate peacefully in support of those goals. We ourselves have a long history of peaceful social activism dating back almost one hundred years. We were saddened, however,

to awaken Monday morning to discover the damage that occurred Sunday night to businesses and residences within our historic Beacon Hill neighborhood, although – thankfully – the damage was limited to only some broken windows and graffiti sprayed on buildings, all of which can be repaired or cleaned off. Unfortunately, some of the damage to the nearby monuments on Boston Common was more extensive.

While the vast majority of protesters that came into our neighborhood demonstrated peaceably, some instigators that came along

with them caused damage and, unfortunately, undermined the peaceful demonstrators' message of justice and humanity. But the demonstrators' message still came through.

One protest sign that remained on Beacon Street on Monday morning in Beacon Hill said: "Stand for Love, Stand for Peace, Stand for Unity." That's something everyone can get behind.

Robert A. Whitney,
Chair, Beacon Hill
Civic Association

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Fundraising now underway for 'Super Doc' memorial on the Esplanade

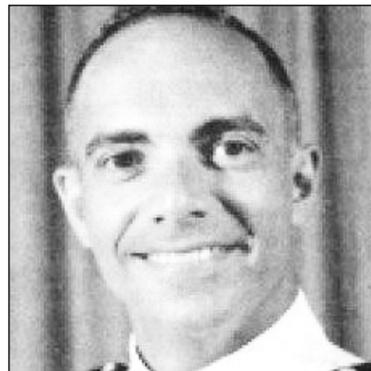
By Dan Murphy

The Esplanade Association is now raising funds to build a permanent memorial and landscaped tribute in the park to a Navy surgeon known as the "Super Doc" who died in a rescue mission during the Vietnam War.

Dr. Melvin "Mel" Lederman was killed in action at age 41 on Nov. 20, 1969 – just two days before his scheduled discharge – when the helicopter he was riding in was shot down by enemy fire in the Quảng Nam Province of Vietnam.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., who went on to earn a medical degree from Harvard University (where he would also later become a research fellow in surgery), Dr. Lederman served as a military policeman in Alaska during the World War II era, fulfilling his service requirement. After reportedly turning down an offer to join a surgical practice in California with an annual salary of \$500,000, he returned to military service in August of 1968, when he was commissioned as a Navy lieutenant commander and volunteered to go to Vietnam. He was promoted to full commander mere months later.

Dr. Lederman served aboard



Courtesy of the Department of Conservation and Recreation

Dr. Melvin "Mel" Lederman, a Navy surgeon who died in a rescue mission during the Vietnam War on Nov. 20, 1969.

the hospital ship USS Repose, attending to wounded Marines, including those brought to the ship by Medivac helicopters. After working all day on the hospital ship, he voluntarily accompanied helicopter crews into combat. This earned him the "Super Doc" moniker, which was emblazoned on a badge he wore on his flight jacket with his Medevac while traveling to the frontlines.

Dr. Lederman was awarded three Purple Hearts for the injuries he sustained in action, as well as a posthumous fourth Purple Heart in 2016 after his cause of death was determined to be the result of

enemy fire, as opposed to the original listed cause of engine failure.

In 1974, the Metropolitan District Commission (now the Department of Conservation and Recreation) approved the installation of a memorial boulder on the Esplanade. Inscribed "Lederman Field," it sits in what is now Lederman Park, just across Storrow Drive from Mass General Hospital, where Dr. Lederman served as a cardiothoracic surgeon before beginning his military service in Vietnam.

Michael Nichols, executive director of the Esplanade Association, said it's fitting that the fundraising drive to build the memorial to Dr. Lederman kicked off around Memorial Day, and that a "contemplated memorial would formalize and improve the site of the existing Lederman Park."

The proposed Lederman Memorial would be located inside a small paved area adjacent to the existing pathway along the Charles River on the Esplanade. Its centerpiece would be a silhouetted profile cut from a sheet of solid, brushed stainless steel and depicting a kneeling medical officer in field dress who has been lost in war sitting atop a granite base with inscriptions along its

sides and horizontal surface; one of the inscriptions comes from an excerpt from a personal letter he wrote to a friend explaining his decision to return to military service in Vietnam that reads: "Someone had to do the job of taking care of these kids and it is obvious that I am it. So by conscience I have been doing the best that I know how."

A cut-out figure would lie across the horizontal surface of the monument's base to symbolize the shadow of the fallen, alongside etched images associated with Dr. Lederman and his service, as well as a field surgeon's medical kit from the Vietnam era reproduced as a stainless steel casting. A new seating area would be oriented towards the monument, backed by low berming and plantings to distinguish it from the surrounding lawn areas, according to DCR, which is partnering on the Esplanade Association on this project, as well as on ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the park.

Lynne Young, Chairperson of the Cmdr. Mel Lederman, M.D. Memorial Committee, which is spearheading the effort, believes it's imperative that the finished monument adhere as closely as possible to the concept designed

by local sculptor David Phillips.

"We really want to build it the way he designed it and don't want to modify it," said Young, who leads the Memorial Committee, which also includes former District 8 City Councilor Josh Zakim and Nancy Schön, the sculptor who created the "Make Way for Ducklings" sculpture in the Public Garden.

DCR Commissioner Jim Montgomery is pleased that the "Super Doc" will be rightfully honored on the Esplanade with this new monument.

"The Department of Conservation and Recreation is proud to partner with the Esplanade Association and the Lederman family to construct a memorial that will not only keep Dr. Melvin Lederman's spirit alive, but will also enable visitors to take a moment and reflect on the many sacrifices that have been made, and continue to be made, by veterans and servicemen and women on behalf of our great nation," Montgomery said in a statement.

All donations for the memorial are tax-deductible to the extent of applicable law, and documentation will be provided to donors by the Esplanade Association. Visit <https://esplanade.org/lederman/> to donate or for more information.

Beacon Hill Circle for Charity committed to lending support to women and children in need

By Times staff

Perhaps one of the neighborhood's best-kept secrets, the Beacon Hill Circle for Charity got its start 57 years ago when a group of neighborhood women first opened their homes to visitors as a way to raise money to support local organizations that serve women and children in need.

"This business model has worked ever since the Circle's founding because people tend to enjoy seeing how others live," said Suzanne Besser, the group's president. "And here on Beacon Hill they are naturally curious to see how residents in the 21st century live between walls that were built 150 years ago."

The Circle has about 45 active members who take turns conducting walking historic tours for visitors in groups of 20 or more. Each tour lasts about two hours and includes visits inside three of their homes. Visitors are interested in the homes' interior decorations, Besser said, as well as its use of fabrics, furniture, art and accessories. Some come seeking ideas

for decorating their own homes, and others are art or furniture connoisseurs who love to see the private collections. Some tour-goers ask questions about the homes' architecture and history while others are interested in the homes' livability - such as how a garden is watered, where cars are parked, where children attend school and, most frequently, where former Secretary of State John Kerry lives.

The Circle has hosted tours for groups coming from all over the nation and abroad. Business is generated through its own marketing efforts to event planners and tour operators, on its website beaconhillcircuitours.org, and more recently through its participation in the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Virtually all proceeds from the historic walking tours, as well as dues and donations contributed by members, are distributed in the community. Most recently, that averages about \$35,000 to \$40,000 annually.

Each year, a committee conducts considerable research into the mission and needs of many

nonprofits in Greater Boston. Several are then invited to talk about their organization's work and financial needs at a meeting of the Circle's full membership. Twice a year, the full membership votes on which ones will receive funding.

"This way every Circle member feels a part of the process to select which charities we give to and how much we donate to each one," Besser said. "Since 2007, we have awarded grants to 47 nonprofits, and since May of last year, the Circle has distributed a total of \$52,450 in grants to 16 Boston organizations that provide critical services to women and children. This is believed to be the largest amount of money donated by the Circle in one year during its 57-year history."

In 2019, for example, spring grants of \$5,000 each were awarded to Hearth, Inc., Crossroads, Project Place and Boston Healthcare for the Homeless. Fall grants of \$5,000 each were given to College Bound Dorchester, Boston Medical Center Grow Clinic for Children

and the CATALYST program, also based at Boston Medical Center. A special holiday gift was given to Nurture (formerly Associated Early Care and Education), which supports Greater Boston's youngest children in need.

Because of the hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Circle recently awarded an additional round of grants. "Our scheduled tours were cancelled due to the pandemic, so we dug pretty deep into our accounts and a lot of members donated extra money so we could continue to help those who needed it," Besser said.

Using these monies and dipping into a reserve fund, the Circle donated \$5,000 to Boston Bridge Charter School in Roxbury to help with package meals for its needy families and \$5,000 to Casa Myrna, which offers services to victims of domestic abuse. In May, the Circle issued additional emergency grants to institutions providing food and shelter. Specifically, members voted to provide \$2,800 each to the Boston Medical Center Preventive Food Pantry; Boston

Medical Center Grow Clinic; Casa Nueva Vida, which provides temporary housing for homeless families; Julie's Family Learning, a South Boston-based organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty; St. Mary's Center for Women and Children, which provides comprehensive social services to needy through shelter, care, treatment, teaching programs, education and training; The Elizabeth Stone House, a Jamaica Plain-based organization that works with survivors of domestic violence achieve safety, stability and overall wellbeing; and Zumix, an East Boston organization that helps foster youth and community development through music and the arts.

Besser described Circle members as philanthropic and caring individuals who will keep an eye on the needs in the community this summer. While the tours scheduled for the fall are now cancelled, members will discuss ways to continue grant-giving, perhaps supporting organizations that will offer job training in the post-pandemic economy.

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of the monument, which is now undergoing an extensive restoration, Vizza said.

Elsewhere, the Alexander Hamilton statue on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall was covered in graffiti on all four sides, and the George Washington statue in the Public Garden was also tagged.

Sixteen trashcans in the Public Garden were set ablaze as well.

“When this happens, the community hurts,” Vizza said. “It doesn’t just hurt a monument or a greenspace, it hurts all of our hearts.”

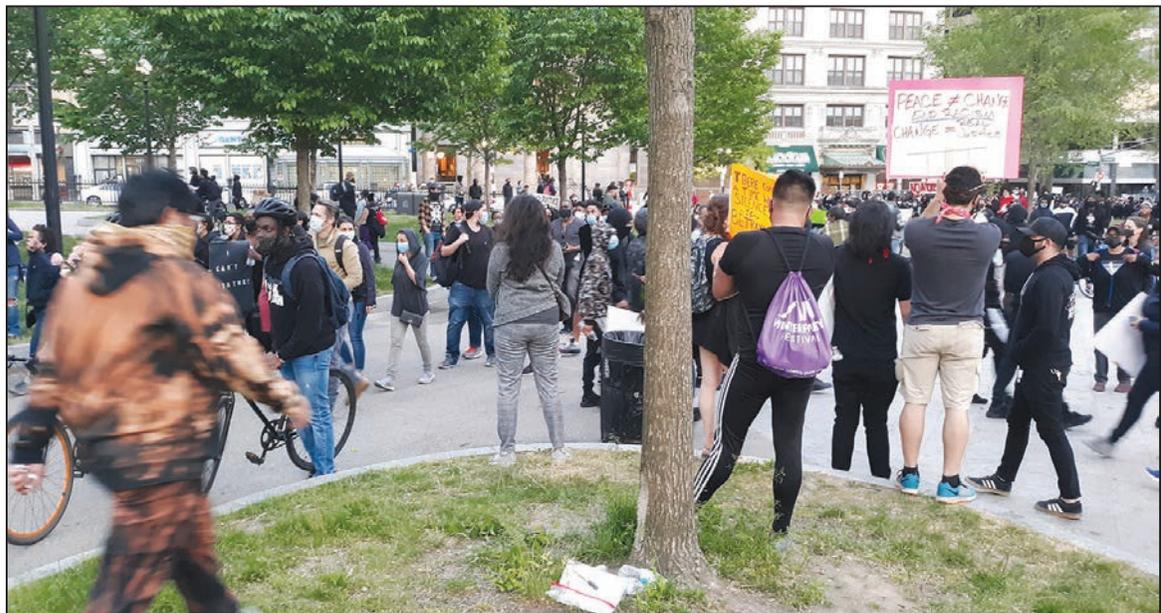
By early Monday morning, the city’s Graffiti Busters and volunteers were on the scene to help

clean up the wreckage in the parks.

“There were dozens of community leaders picking up trash, and that was a beautiful thing to see,” Vizza said.

While Vizza was left heartbroken by the damage to the parks, she said that the Friends group still supports those protesters who gathered on the Common and acted responsibly.

“The Common is our center stage of civic life...and we stand in solidarity in spirit with the peaceful protesters,” Vizza said. “We support their First Amendment right to protest injustice or what they want to speak about, and this is the ground where we have done that for generations.”



Protesters on the Common this past Sunday afternoon.

Mark Duffield photo



Residents around Boston hung signs showing support for the protesters.

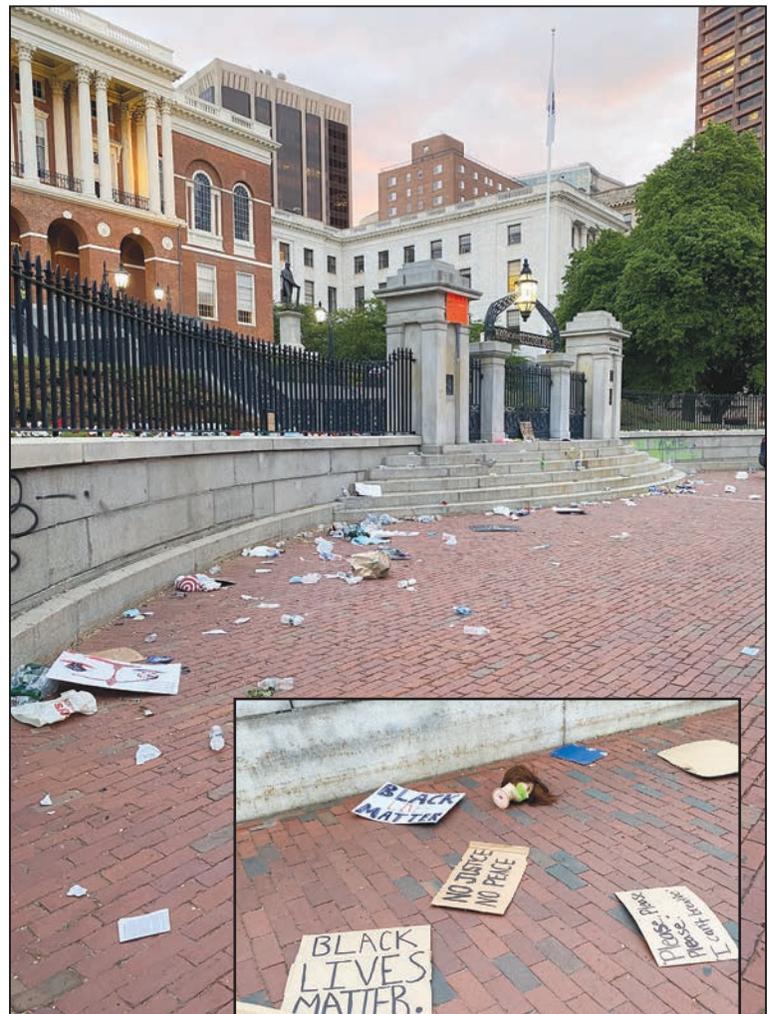


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A local Starbucks put boards on its windows before the protest began.



Several windows of a Santander Bank were broken.



Litter from protesters was left all around the State House.



Banners were hung by protesters on the corner of Charles and Beacon streets.

Beacon Hill Books moves forward with plan to open on Charles Street

By Dan Murphy

Despite the ongoing health crisis, Beacon Hill Books is pressing on with its plan to open on Charles Street.

"I'm still moving forward, even though this is a crazy moment to be embarking on a new enterprise," said Chestnut Street Melissa Fetter in regard to opening a bookstore and café in the building at 71 Charles St. that was formerly home to The Hungry I restaurant. "My instinct is it's going to work, and I'm counting on the support of the community to make it happen."

Fetter intends to transform the first three floors of the 3,000 square-foot, four-story building into a retail space with floor-to-ceiling bookcases, with the third floor devoted exclusively to children's books. The former Hungry I space will also be converted into a garden-level café.

After closing on the purchase of the building in September and finalizing plans for the new business in December, Fetter knew that renovating a building dating back to the 1850s would be fraught

with challenges. But before the COVID-19 pandemic struck, she expected to be open his fall.

"Since then, we've been making our way through the various bureaucratic levels of approval," Fetter said.

So far, the proposal has received a vote of approval from the Beacon Hill Architectural Committee, as well as a letter of non-opposition from the Beacon Hill Civic Association Zoning and Licensing Committee, but it's still awaiting additional permitting and approvals from the city.

"In the interim while we're waiting for all the approvals, we're making emergency repairs to the building, including restoring an about-to-collapse chimney," Fetter said. "Bricks on the front and back facades became separated from the building, so about 75 percent of them had to be removed and reattached."

Other emergency work has also been undertaken, including repairing roof tiles that were falling off the building and restoring windows Fetter said were "precariously attached." Excavation and repair work will follow on a sewer line beneath the building

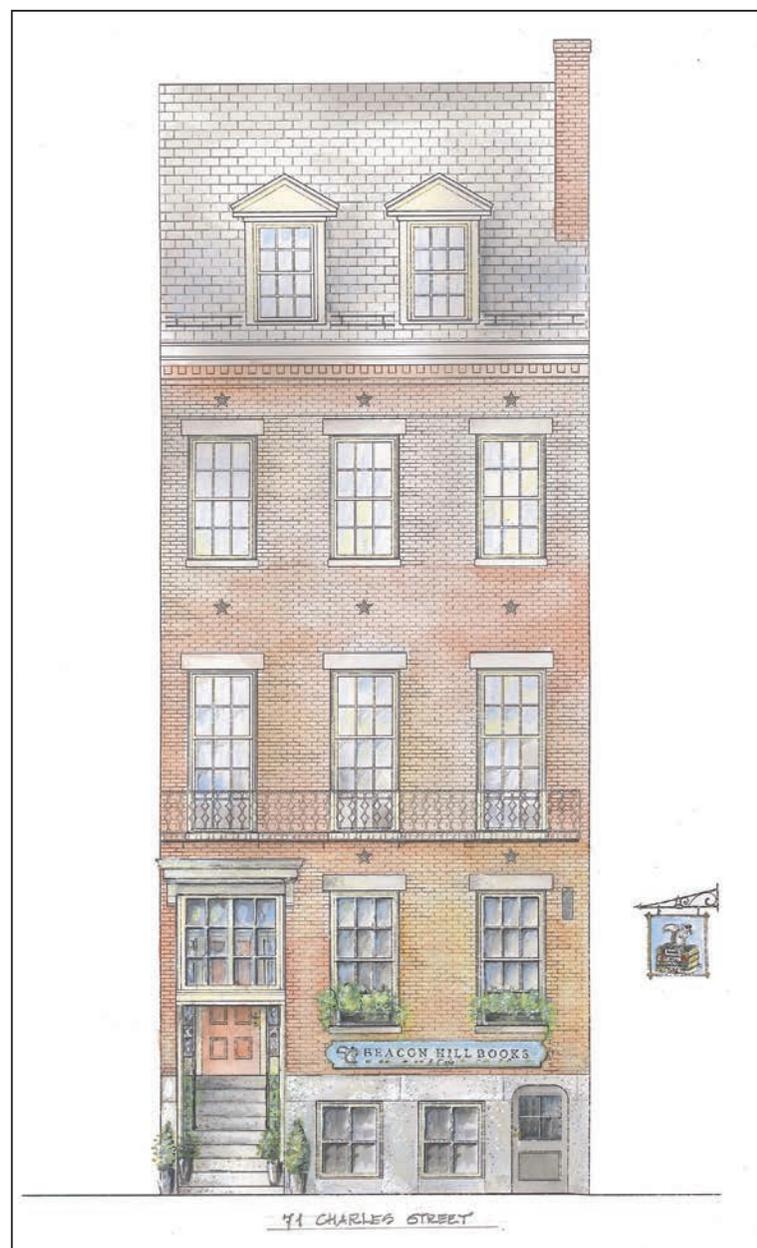
that extends under the sidewalk and below the middle of Charles Street.

Fetter is also waiting on approval to install an elevator that would operate between the garden-level café and the third-floor. (The building's fourth floor would serve as office space.)

"We're putting in the elevator at great expense to make it a fully accessible building to all," she said. "All this is the preamble to building the bookshelves, building out the café and starting the bookstore. If I had to guess, we're probably a year out from the store opening."

But despite the setbacks she has encountered and still faces, such as how social distancing will ultimately factor into her business plan, Fetter remains committed to the idea of the bookstore becoming a gathering space and a community resource for the neighborhood.

"Bookstore are more important than ever given [the current health crisis and social turmoil]," she said. "Bookstores and books are places to understand different points of view, and to escape when we need to find some solace."



Courtesy of Melissa Fetter

A hand-drawn rendering of the front-façade of Beacon Hill Books, which plans to open at 71 Charles St.

BHCA (from pg. 1)

and Events

Tuesday, April 28: Events Committee Meeting (virtual) at 6pm.

Monday, May 4: Beacon Hill Meet & Greet (virtual) at 6pm.

Wednesday, May 6: Zoning & Licensing Meeting (virtual) at 7pm.

Monday, May 18: Annual Meeting (virtual) at 6pm.

Visit the Beacon Hill Civic Association website bhcivic.org or call the office (617-227-1922) for more information about any of these meetings or events.

Join us!

If you haven't yet become a member of the BHCA, we invite you to join online at www.bhcivic.org/become-a-member.

Your input in quality of life issues on the Hill is important to us, and we rely on you our neighbors to bring your comments and concerns to our attention. By joining our membership, you strengthen our numbers and add credibility to our purpose as advocates for Beacon Hill. Please call our office at 617-227-1922 or email the BHCA Executive Director at patricia.tully@bhcivic.org with any questions, comments or concerns, or to learn more about how you can get involved in your community.



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Online startup partners with two Hill restaurants to offer consumers high-quality groceries

By Dan Murphy

An online startup is partnering with two Beacon Hill restaurants to offer curbside pickup of premium groceries at their respective locations.

Grocery Outpost, which recently launched to help local restaurants provide quality fruits, vegetables and meats to consumers, is working with Peregrine at The Whitney Hotel at 170 Charles St. and Harvard Gardens at 316 Cambridge St. to essentially set them up as temporary grocery stores. Through the initial pilot program, Grocery Outpost is also now partnering with Juliet, Pergerine's sister establishment in Somerville's Union Square, and plans to expand later this month to work with 15 more restaurants located throughout Boston, as well as in Cambridge, Somerville and possibly Watertown.

"We are learning every day as we continue to navigate the new realities of the response to COVID-19," said Joshua Lewin and Katrina Jazayeri, co-owners of Peregrine and Juliet, in a statement. "Opportunities like partnering with Grocery Outpost allow us to do more for our staff, connect with our community, and be a part of bridging the need for access that affects our community in differing ways that aren't always easy to navigate individually. We are excited to be a part of building this new community benefit, which also directly strengthens our ability to support our own team and our business."

Grocery Outpost customers use the online platform to choose from pre-made bundles of groceries supplied by restaurant wholesalers that include selections such as D'Artagnan meats, Iggys's

Bread and produce from Baldor Food. During designated hours, customers can pick up their food bundles from participating restaurants, which will receive 20 percent of each order to help keep their staff on the payroll.

"It's a really great way to bring fresh, high-quality groceries to people without them going out to large grocery stores while also making them feel good about supporting their beloved neighborhood restaurants," said Emma Snyder, who launched Grocery Outpost about five weeks ago with another out-of-work "techie," Ethan Pierce.

As a result of the pandemic, one study found that 70 percent of restaurants are at risk of closing permanently, Snyder said, while restaurant suppliers have seen their sales drop by as much as 90 percent, resulting in mountains

of food intended for restaurants going to waste.

Besides helping restaurants survive these precarious times, Snyder said customers tell her they have adopted healthier diets as a direct result of Grocery Outpost.

"One customer said he has beautiful fridge full of produce so he's cooking healthier and being more experimental in the kitchen," Snyder added.

Others, she said, were excited to see some food bundles contain early-summer produce, such as a two-pound bag of cherries.

"Moving forward, we plan to work with chefs from the restaurants who will offer recipes using the ingredients," Snyder said. "It's a way to feel connected to some of the Boston area's greatest chefs."

The online company has also already given back to local health-care workers by holding a fund-

raiser for Mass General's Health Care Heroes program that provided complimentary groceries to around 40 nurses at the hospital, Snyder said.

And after providing over \$10,000 worth of goods to more than 100 households in its first month of operation, Grocery Outpost seems to have found a recipe for success.

"We sell out every week," Snyder said, "and moving forward, we'll be doing a greater volume."

Peregrine will offer grocery pickup on Friday, June 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. while Harvard Gardens is offering it on Tuesday, June 9, from 12:30 to 7:30 p.m. Visit Grocery Outpost at groceryoutpost.com to learn more.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU20P0646EA

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Thomas E. Peckham of Boston, MA and Fiduciary

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Date: May 27, 2020
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also create more opportunities for local, and minority- and women-owned contractors to provide and install safety materials.

The funds will be released in three rounds, corresponding to the phases of the state's reopening plan. Applications for funding opened on May 28, and grants are being distributed on a rolling basis. For more information, visit Boston.gov/ReopenFund.

This new fund builds on the support we've offered to our small businesses since this crisis began. So far, the City has dedicated more than \$13.5 million to help small businesses impacted by COVID-19. That includes \$5.3 million in grants which we've distributed to 1,470 small businesses through our Small Business Relief Fund. This fund focuses on businesses in the most-affected industries, including: hospitality, personal care, arts and recreation, retail, and healthcare and social assistance. Businesses that have received grants represent every neighborhood in Boston.

We also created a new online resource dedicated to safety guidelines and resources for purchasing the necessary supplies. It's the responsibility of every business owner to keep their employees safe, but we created this website to help them meet that responsibility. For more information, visit Boston.gov/BusinessPPE.

We continue to hold weekly conference calls for small business owners, offer technical assistance,

and provide small businesses with the flexibility they need to continue connecting with customers--- like allowing all restaurants to offer takeout and delivery. Information about these resources and more are available at Boston.gov/Small-Business.

Our small businesses are the heartbeat of our communities. They hire locally, they circulate a lot of economic vitality back into the neighborhood, they are important to the historic and cultural character of our communities. Many residents rely on them for their own well being. A large percentage of small businesses in Boston are also owned by women, people of color, and immigrants. That's why supporting them is not only important to our economic recovery; it's also one way we are working to achieve equity throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

We know how hard the last few months have been to our small businesses, and that they face a difficult economy in the months and years to come; but we will continue to support them in every way we can. I encourage everyone who thinks that they can benefit from these resources to visit Boston.gov/Small-Business. Information about other topics like food access, testing, emergency childcare, senior supports, and more are available at Boston.gov/Coronavirus.

Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.

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West End Museum honors two former neighborhood residents for Jewish American Heritage Month

By Times staff

In acknowledgment of May as Jewish American Heritage Month, the West End Museum honored two exceptional former residents of the neighborhood.

Born on May 30, 1920, in Boston, Manuel “Manny” Brown, now 100 years old, was a World War II veteran who landed on Utah beach in Normandy 76 years ago on D-Day. He is a decorated hero who received the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, French Medal and Bronze Star.

Brown grew up in the West End at a number of locations on the North Slope with his parents and two sisters. As a child, he enjoyed his West End House community and fondly recalls sledding down (the then automobile-less) Beacon Hill. He played basketball, participated in the Thanksgiving Day Run, the Christmas Walk and numerous other West End House events.

Brown attended The English High School, as well as the West

End House Camp as a camper from 1930 to 1942 and after the war as an alumnus. In high school, he worked at and around Fenway Park and Braves Field as a vendor.

He was a member of the West End House and lived in the neighborhood until 1946 when he married and moved to Brighton.

“Manny’s story is also extremely relevant today,” wrote Sebastian A. Belfanti, director of the West End Museum. “He exemplifies the experiences of those who, despite moving out of the neighborhood, continued to return for social events, in his case at the West End House. Especially now, with the threat of losing the West End House building, Manny’s memories of veteran’s meetings with JFK and a hundred or so others, playing basketball, and spending time with friends in and around the West End House are as relevant today as they’ve ever been.”

The second honoree was Annie Londonderry, who is considered to be the “world’s first internation-

al female sports star” because of her iconic bicycle ride around the world.

Born in Latvia in 1870 to Jewish parents, Levi and Beatrice Cohen, Londonderry (also known as Annie Cohen Kopchovsky) emigrated to the West End with her family in 1875. She married Max Kopchovsky, a peddler, and had three children by 1892, living in the West End’s tenements as a working-class family.

While the British man Thomas Stevens was the first person to ride across the U.S. and the world in 1884, Londonderry was determined to be the world’s first woman to achieve the same feat; she was hoping to settle a bet, and receive \$10,000, if she could prove that women had physical capabilities equal to men. The Boston Journal reported after her journey that the crowd at the State House thought the bet was invented for publicity, however.

“We selected Annie because, after exploring her history as part of the Bicycling Legends of the West End exhibit, we were inspired by her resilience and achievement after her journey from Latvia to Boston,” Belfanti



Courtesy of Newton Talks

Manuel “Manny” Brown, a 100-year-old World War II vet was one of the West End Museum’s honorees for Jewish American Heritage Month last month.

wrote. “We’re excited to share the story of the first female sports star, the fun and fascinating story of her globe-spanning ride, and her work empowering women in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.”

Added Belfanti: “Sharing the stories of the many, many people, of all ethnic backgrounds, who

made the old West End such a special community, is paramount to maintaining the museum as a place where everyone, pre- or post-Urban Renewal residents and interested parties, came come to understand the value of this neighborhood, and the amazing depth of Boston history at large.



Courtesy of the West End Museum

Annie Londonderry, who is remembered as the first female to bicycle around the world, and was one of the West End Museum’s honorees for Jewish American Heritage Month last month.

The Lenny Zakim Fund announces more than \$180,000 in COVID-19 emergency grants

The Lenny Zakim Fund (LZF) has announced \$186,225 in grants from its COVID-19 Emergency Response and Recovery Fund to help grassroots nonprofits across Eastern Massachusetts address the needs of communities struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 Emergency Response and Recovery Fund was created to provide critical emergency funding to current and former LZF grant recipients to help maintain staff, services, and programs. Emergency funding included a priority focus on food insecurity, housing insecurity, health accessibility, undocumented immigrants and refugees, domestic violence, and criminal justice.

As communities throughout Massachusetts reel from the challenges of COVID-19, those who experience discrimination and financial insecurity in the “best of times” are now more vulnerable than ever. To-date, LZF has

raised a total of \$315,000 for its COVID-19 Emergency Response and Recovery Fund and will award at least two additional rounds of emergency funding to current and former grantees. Applications for the second round will be due on June 15, to be distributed by July 1.

The latest round of grants will go to 29 nonprofit agencies – two-thirds of which are led by people of color - and range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 in unrestricted funds. In March, LZF fast-tracked its annual grant-making process totaling \$576,000 in grants to 56 community organizations who work at bridging inequities throughout the Commonwealth.

Executive Director Eric Esteves acknowledged LZF’s unique mission and values: “With these emergency grants, we’re helping nonprofits in our communities provide immediate relief to those who’ve been hit the hardest. The Lenny

Zakim Fund has historically supported grassroots leaders operating “below the radar screen” who are focused on social, racial, and economic justice. This year marks LZF’s 25th anniversary and the pandemic’s stark disparities has made it clear that the issues these grassroots organizations work on are now even more urgent than ever before. The global pandemic and our new normal has laid bare the structural inequities that exist in our society.”

In announcing the grants, LZF board chair, Suzi Kaitz, shared, “LZF is living its values through these actions -- with equity at the center of our responsiveness. Each proposal was considered with the seriousness of the moment and each request brought forth the true impact of the pandemic, the injustice of its wrath, and the pain it has wrought in the very communities LZF serves. We had to make difficult choices.”

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Civil War re-enactors from the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment are seen at the Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial on the Boston Common.

Artu to permanently shutter Charles Street location May 30

By Dan Murphy

Artu will permanently close its 89 Charles St. location on Saturday, May 30, making it the first restaurant in the neighborhood to fall casualty during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We wish to thank each and every one of you for your patronage and friendship over our 25-year tenure on Beacon Hill,” reads a posting from the establishment’s ownership on Instagram. “The journey has been most memorable. From birthdays [and] engagements to anniversaries and more it has been our honor to be a part of the most special occasions for you and your families.”

Artu opened on Charles Street in 1995 and had gone on to become one of the most enduring restaurants in the neighborhood.

But at only 20 seats at maximum capacity, and with the exorbitant fees it is now paying third-party delivery services, the business was no longer sustainable, said Gianni Frattaroli, general manager of both Artu’s Beacon Hill and North End locations, and whose family owns and operates those two restaurants, as well as il Molo, also in the North End, and Victory Point in Quincy’s Marina Bay.

“It was time for Charles Street to no longer exist,” Frattaroli said. “Beacon Hill is a great community, and the people are really friendly, but with only 20 seats there, we can’t do that with much [with the restaurant].”

Still, Frattaroli said his family is “lucky in the sense” that their other three restaurants, including the

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Restoration work on Shaw 54th Memorial now underway

By Dan Murphy

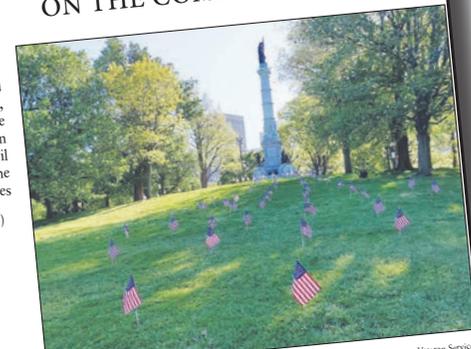
Work on the \$2.8 million facelift of the Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial on the Boston Common, which pays tribute to the first Northern black volunteer infantry unit enlisted to fight in the Civil War, kicked off the last Wednesday, May 20.

The bas-relief memorial, which sits inside the Common on the corner of Beacon and Park streets, was created by venerable American sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens and installed in 1897. It is being restored through a partnership, including the City of Boston, National Park Service, Friends of the Public Garden, the Museum of African American History and the Friends of the Public Garden, which filed a work and safety plan that was approved by the city to begin construction under the Phase 1 reopening guidelines issued in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the project, around 900 feet of interpretative signage created by Visual Dialogue and printed by Boston Building Wrap, Inc., will be installed along the fences around the construction site that tell the story of the Civil War, the 54th Regiment and the Memorial, and include images

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A MEMORIAL DAY TRADITION ON THE COMMON ENDURES



City of Boston Veteran Services

Volunteers planted 1,000 American flags overnight to commemorate Memorial Day at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the Boston Common.

The annual tradition, which dates back to 2010 and is organized by the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund, typically includes the planting of more than 37,000 flags on the Common to represent every Massachusetts service member who died defending their country since the Revolutionary War. This year, however, far fewer flags were erected six feet apart from each other in keeping with social distancing.

Still Hopeful

Church on the Hill unsure of when on-site services will resume

By Dan Murphy

While places of worship have been allowed to reopen under Phase 1 of Gov. Charlie Baker’s four-part plan for Massachusetts, Church on the Hill won’t be holding on-site religious services any time too soon.

“We have a little, tiny chapel, and I’d hate for us to be responsible for getting someone sick,” said Rev. Kevin Baxter, pastor of the church at 140 Bowdoin St. “Some churches that are big can follow all the state requirements, but it’s really hard for us to maintain social distancing.”

Many members of the congregation are considered high-risk, making the choice to reopen that much more difficult, and that decision now lies with the church’s Governance Board, which meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

“If for some reason we do reopen, the earliest would be by late June or early July, but I’m doubtful that they’ll do that,” Rev. Baxter said. “People are hopeful now that we’ll be back in

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For the latest news in Beacon Hill that you need to know, check

www.beaconhilltimes.com

FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

CITY PAWS

Retraining for the new normal

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

All of us, including our dogs, will make some readjustments as we ease into the new normal – whatever that turns out to be. For our Westie Poppy, it will mean relearning to stay at home alone, and facing outside noises from delivery trucks and construction projects as they return to our neighborhood.

Plan to Lessen Separation Anxiety

We began working on the possibility of separation anxiety in May by going back to Poppy's once familiar routine for staying alone. We turn on a playlist of calming classical music and present her with a goat-cheese-filled kong. (She knows that she only gets this when she's in her crate.)

Poppy settles down with her special treat. We tell her to wait for us and then both leave quietly and calmly. Back then it was only for a quick walk or to a nearby restaurant for takeout. We'll extend the time we are gone as there are places we can safely visit for longer times.

If you adopted a new dog during the pandemic and that dog has no experience staying behind when you leave, you can start by merely going outside your door for a few minutes. Extend that by going out for your mail or to pick up a delivery. Next, go get some takeout, or to a grocery store. A new dog needs to learn to trust that you'll come back. Take your time and build that trust.

Reactive Dogs

If your dog reacts badly to off-leash and out-of-control dogs running up to you, the pandemic has meant more peaceful walks.



Little Spike is reactive to some big dogs. During the era of social distancing, there were fewer times when his guardian had to ask others to give him a bit more space.

In April and May, we did see a few dogs off-leash and more dogs practicing social distancing 8-10 feet from their guardians on retractable leashes.

However, we saw far fewer people with reactive dogs trying to keep uncontrolled dogs away. Your dog may be friendly. She may only want to say hello. However, you can practice some of the goodwill and kindness displayed in the past months by remembering that not all dogs are friendly and some may not tolerate another dog in their face or coming towards them.

Those with reactive dogs are entering a dual retraining program. You have to work on your own dog's training. You and your dog can work on commands like "Pay attention to me." "Leave it!" and a firm, "Heel!" with a shortened leash to keep your dog safely close to your side. You have to go back to scanning the area around you for careless dog people and loose dogs. You have to be ready to make a quick u-turn to stay

away from a canine that could be a danger to your dog.

At the same time, you have to work on gently reminding people that your dog is safer if left alone. You have to practice your hand-up stop sign when someone releases control of their dog to let it come to meet yours. And, you have to remember how to say, "Please control your dog! Mine is not as friendly."

Walk with Care

Finally, as pedestrians, we all have to go back to expecting the unexpected from vehicles in motion, bikes, and parked cars. Months of living in a mostly car-free zone may make us careless. Remember to always keep your dog beside you when crossing the street. Drivers may see you but not see the dog ahead or behind you.

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

Mayor's garden contest deadline July 10

Mayor Martin J. Walsh has announced that the 24th annual Mayor's Garden Contest will take place this year keeping within current social distancing guidelines. Boston's green thumbs have until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 10, to register. The contest provides the perfect opportunity to recognize those who have taken advantage of the "safer at home" guidelines to hone their gardening skills.

The contest recognizes gardeners who have landscaped, planted flowers, trees, shrubs, and, in the process, helped beautify Boston's neighborhoods. The safety of gardeners and contest judges is the top priority of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. Gardeners should follow all current advisories from the Boston Public Health Commission and the City of Boston. Visit the City's coronavirus website for the latest information and guidance.

Gardeners or those nominating their favorite gardeners may find

printable and online nomination forms at www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest. First place winners will receive the coveted "Golden Trowel" award from Mayor Walsh while second and third place winners will be awarded certificates. The traditional awards ceremony will be dependent on the rules on public gatherings that apply in August.

Gardeners who have won three or more times in the last ten years will be automatically entered into the Hall of Fame. These distinguished Hall-of-Famers are not eligible to enter as contestants but are welcome to return as judges.

The preferred method of entry for residents is to submit photos through the online application at www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest. Alternatively, they may request an application by emailing their name and address to gardencontest@cityofboston.gov. For more information please call (617) 635-4505.

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Investigate Person

05/23/20 - The victim, who is a Uber driver, reported he was called to Beacon Street for a customer pickup, but on arrival, he found no customer at this location. The victim then received a call from an unknown person claiming to be an Uber customer

representative and offering him a bonus. The suspect asked the victim for his Uber company profile account information, which the victim refused to provide over the phone. The victim believes the suspect was attempting to defraud his accounts.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

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.

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.

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Rep. Livingstone and Councilor Bok help transform St. Joseph's Church into city meal site

By Dan Murphy

Through the efforts of State Rep. Jay Livingstone and City Councilor Kenzie Bok, St. Joseph's Church in the West End is now serving as an official City of Boston meal site.

Beginning Tuesday, May 26, the city started delivering prepared meals to the church at 68 O'Connell Way each weekday morning, which St. Joseph's distributes to adults and children in need from the Beacon Hill and West End areas Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.

"There used to be the food pantry at the West End Branch Library, but that's closed since all the libraries have been [shuttered] since March," Livingstone said. "Several churches in the area had dinners each week, which have all stopped, so there hasn't been a source of free meals for those in need in Beacon Hill and the West End."

In addition to the city, Rep. Livingstone credits Fr. Joe White and John Lawless, church administrator, for helping to make St. Joseph's an official city meal site.

This latest food-distribution effort also builds on an earlier initiative taken last month by Rep. Livingstone, Councilor Bok and Sen. Sal DiDomenico through which 580 boxes of food were distributed to seniors and low-income residents living in the Anderson Park apartments at 250 Cambridge St., the Blackstone Apartments on Blossom Street, Beacon House, the Peter Faneuil House and the Amy Lowell Apartments. Each box came with a note attached asking the recipients to contact Councilor Bok's office in regard to gaining regular food access.

Last week, Rep. Livingstone and Councilor Bok also met with managers of buildings on Beacon Hill and the West End to get them to distribute fliers promoting the new meal program at St. Joseph's.

"Jay, the city and I recognized there was a big gap in the city's map of food sites, which were

originally being offered to Boston Public Schools kids, but has now been expanded to adult meals as well," Councilor Bok said. "[Food distribution] started mainly at Boston Public Schools and Boston Center for Youth and Families sites, but since there are none of those in Beacon Hill or the West End, we had a real gap."

St Joseph's is one of 26 city meal-sites serving adults in Boston, and since the beginning of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the city has served more than 1 million free meals to youth across 68 sites, according to Mayor Martin Walsh's office.

"We are working every day to meet the needs of Boston's residents: our young people and our seniors; our homeless and vulnerable residents; our essential workers and first responders; and everyone in our city," Mayor Walsh said in a statement. "No person should go hungry while we are fighting this pandemic, which is why it is so important that we make food resources available to all of our residents who may need it."



State Rep. Jay Livingstone (at far right), City Councilor Kenzie Bok (at far left) and others are seen outside St. Joseph's Church in the West End, which is now serving as an official City of Boston meal site.



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