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## DINING AL FRESCO



75 on Chestnut is open indoors as well as the newly approved 'parklet!' Pictured are Mr. Kershaw (front right) joined by friends former WGBH employees Mark Duffield (rear right) and Darrell Byers as well as Betsy Toczko, one of the managers at 75 On Chestnut.

## BHAC votes to continue on application to repair Park Street Church fire escape

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission voted to continue an application to make repairs to a fire escape at the Park Street Church during a virtual meeting on June 18.

The applicant intends to make repairs on the rear façade of 2

Park St. that exits from the first through fourth levels while a second means of egress exits the property through a swing gate areaway retaining wall bordering the Granary Burying Ground.

Repairs would take place behind the fence area and include replacing angled brackets with a vertical tall support of the fire

escape.

"The proposal would make the situation worse than it is now if this was the only way to repair it," said Miguel Rosales, commission chair. "This is a place that is visited by thousands of tourists each year, and I think we should

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### BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

#### Beacon Hill Civic Association Committees

Every spring, the Beacon Hill Civic Association publishes its Annual Report covering committee accomplishments during the past year. We'll be sharing the committees' reports here over the next weeks.

#### Joint Charles Street Committee

The Joint Charles Street Committee is a collaboration between the Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA) and the Beacon Hill Business Association (BHBA). The Committee works on issues such as the streetscape, trash, and recycling pickup, zoning, safety, traffic, and parking.

As appropriate, the Committee collaborates with other BHCA committees, as well as the City. The Committee encourages active participation from residents and business owners. Currently, the Committee is working on ways to ease the difficulties of local

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## Area A-1 sees 14-percent reduction in Part One crime

By Dan Murphy

As the first half of 2020 was drawing to a close, Area A-1 had seen a 14-percent reduction in incidents of violent and property crime from last year.

According to Boston Police, 835 Part One crimes were reported from Jan. 1 to June 14 of this year in the district that includes Beacon Hill, Chinatown Downtown and the North End, down from 969 during the same timeframe in 2019.

No homicides were reported either this year or last while the

number of rapes and attempted rapes were down nearly 31 percent as the number fell from 13 to nine this year.

In contrast, robberies and attempted robberies saw an approximately 27-percent uptick, with 57 this year, compared to 45 in 2019.

Incidents of domestic aggravated assault were up slightly as the number climbed to eight from seven last year while conversely, occurrences of non-domestic aggravated assault were down around 17 percent as the number

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## Esplanade Association welcomes new director of development

By Dan Murphy

When Jim Diverio first visited the Charles River Esplanade nearly a decade ago with his wife to watch their daughter participate in the annual Head of the Charles Regatta, he never imagined one day he would join the staff of a nonprofit dedicated to restoring and enhancing the historic park.

"I was struck by how nice it was to feel as though I was endlessly walking along the park with the race fully visible," said Diverio, the Esplanade Association's recently named director of development, in recalling his first impression of

the park.

Diverio comes to EA with more than 25 years of prior fundraising experience, including his most recent stint of 15+ years at Gill St. Bernard's School - a small pre-K -Grade 12 in Gladstone, N.J. Here, he led and completed three campaigns for various capital projects, endowment growth and annual support, which resulted in underwriting the construction of new athletic facilities, a new Upper School Academic Center and a Performing Arts and Community Center, as well as creating an endowment for financial

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Jim Diverio, the Esplanade Association's director of development.

For the latest news in Beacon Hill that you need to know, check  
[www.beaconhilltimes.com](http://www.beaconhilltimes.com)

# Suffolk University names Amy Zeng, Dean of Sawyer Business School

Amy Zeng, an accomplished educator and leader in experiential and project-based learning and a recognized scholar in the fields of supply chain management and global logistics, has been named dean of Suffolk University's Sawyer Business School, the University announced Tuesday.

Zeng will join Suffolk in late July from the University of Hartford, where she is the dean of the Barney School of Business. She will report to Suffolk Provost Julie Sandell.

Zeng brings to the Sawyer Business School a passion for experience-based learning, cross-disciplinary collaboration and global engagement—all of which are central to Suffolk and the Business School's approach to education.

As dean of the Barney School, Zeng spearheaded an initiative to start an Experiential Learning Alliance focused on deepening the school's collaborations with corporate and community partners and the wider University of Hartford campus. She helped establish dozens of new partnerships with companies, professional organizations, individuals and educational institutions locally, nationally and internationally to expand the school's visibility, global footprint and resources. She upgraded the school's Career Ready program at the undergraduate level and



*Amy Zeng, the newly named dean of Suffolk University's Sawyer Business School.*

expanded the online graduate curriculum. She also led a yearlong effort in revising the school's five-year strategic plan and setting new directions for its future growth.

"I am delighted that Dr. Amy Zeng will lead the Sawyer Business School as its sixth dean," Sandell said. "She is an accomplished educator and scholar as well as a team builder with an entrepreneurial and collaborative mindset. She will bring great energy to the position. Her strong focus on connecting students and industry through corporate, community, educational and alumni partnerships will create even deeper learning and career-building opportunities for

our students and graduates."

As dean of the Sawyer Business School, Zeng will lead a career-focused institution with more than 70 cutting edge, industry-relevant majors and programs and more than 100 faculty members committed to supporting its students. The Business School has more than 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students and nearly 30,000 alumni around the world.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the Sawyer Business School," Zeng said. "My own passions align extremely well with the school. Because of Suffolk's location in downtown Boston, there are abundant opportunities to collaborate with the business and other communities. Experiential learning is really a way to bridge the classroom with the real world. The Sawyer Business School creates that bridge, and great partners create meaningful opportunities and long-lasting impacts for students. Those opportunities help ensure that students have the skill sets, knowledge, and competencies they need when they launch their careers."

Zeng's educational background includes both engineering and business—training that informs her approach to leadership and gives her a distinct skill set in developing solutions to challenges. She holds a PhD in Business

Administration from Pennsylvania State University, an MS in Engineering with a concentration in Industrial Engineering from the University of Washington – Seattle, and a BS in Engineering with a major in Management Engineering from Beihang University, Beijing. She also has enhanced her executive leadership abilities through the Harvard Graduate School of Education Management Development Program and the HERS Wellesley Leadership Institute's Women Leaders in Higher Education program.

Before leading the Barney School of Business, Zeng spent 19 years at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) Foisie School of Business, where she held numerous faculty and leadership roles and where she was a three-time grant recipient from the US Department of Education, the results of which enabled her and her multi-disciplinary faculty team to start the China Hub @WPI, a global engagement initiative. She began her academic career as an assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington's Cameron School of Business.

As a scholar recognized in the fields of supply chain management and global logistics, Zeng is the award-winning author of more than 100 publications, including journal articles, book chapters,

conference proceedings, and teaching cases. She has been successful in attracting external grants for teaching innovations and research projects as well as corporate sponsorship for student projects.

"Amy Zeng is an innovative thinker in ways important to Suffolk," said Suffolk University President Marisa Kelly. "Throughout her academic career she has focused on creating community connections, career and service-learning opportunities, and interdisciplinary collaborations—these are areas that are key to Suffolk's and the Business School's success."

Last September, Sawyer Business School Dean William J. O'Neill, Jr., announced he would step down after the recently completed academic year and transition to the faculty after a sabbatical. Over nearly two decades of leadership, O'Neill took the Business School's robust academic and practical programming to new levels through a focus on preparing students to succeed in a global economy.

"I am deeply grateful to Dean Bill O'Neill for his outstanding leadership over nineteen years," Kelly said. "And I am excited about the Sawyer Business School's future under the leadership of Amy Zeng."

## Medical experts named to Advisory Council to Beacon Hill Village

COVID-19 has placed older adults at risk. One organization serving the older adults is not taking the virus threat lightly. The Beacon Hill Village, a virtual retirement community of 400 members in central Boston, has added three medical experts to its advisory Beacon Hill Council. Frank Mead, Chair of the Council, announced the following appointments June 20:

Nancy Adams, MD, was Medical Director of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Chelsea, MA. Doctor Adams also was a Clinical Instructor in Medicine at Tufts and Harvard

Universities. She has extensive experience in the delivery of geriatric care to patients with multiple complex medical problems.

H. Kim Bottomly is a scientist, entrepreneur, and former president of Wellesley College. Dr. Bottomly was a faculty member at Yale University, where she made fundamental discoveries in immunobiology in the areas of asthma and allergy. She also is a founding member and researcher at N-FOLD LLC, a company developing novel immunotherapeutic strategies to alter the immune system's response to food allergens.

Christine Ritchie, MD,

serves as the Kenneth Minaker Endowed Chair of Geriatric Medicine, as Director of Research in the Division of Palliative Care and Geriatric Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), and as the Director of a newly established Center for Aging and Serious Illness within the Mongan Institute at MGH.

Frank Mead, Beacon Hill Council Chair, said

"These three medical professionals are already contributing members to the Beacon Hill

Village. They have shared extensive knowledge to our community this past spring about issues relating to Covid-19 and its impact upon senior healthcare. We are pleased to be able to contact them for guidance in this difficult time."

Beacon Hill Village is a member-driven, non-profit organization serving residents age 50 and over who live primarily in Boston's Back Bay, Beacon Hill, West End, the South End and surrounding neighborhoods. It pro-

vide activities, programs, services, and opportunities for community engagement, as well as needed assistance, so that its members may lead active, independent and healthy lives and successfully navigate the transitions of growing older.

The Beacon Hill Council is comprised of individuals who are interested in furthering the mission of BHV by serving as supporters and by providing guidance in their respective fields of expertise.

## CRIME (from pg. 1)

fell to 101 from 122 last year.

Commercial burglaries were up more than threefold, with 75 incidents this year, compared to only 24 in 2019, while the rate of residential burglaries remained steady at 20 both this year and last.

Meanwhile, incidents of other burglaries dropped from five last year to none in 2020.

Larcenies from motor vehicles were up nearly 38 percent as the

number climbed to 113 from 82 last year while contrarily, other larcenies were down about 32 percent as the number fell to 418 from 617 last year.

The rate of auto theft held steady at 34 incidents both this year and last.

Citywide, Part One crime was down 1 percent as the number of incidents fell to 7,029 from 7,079 last year.

Throughout the month of June, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority will be mailing its Annual Water Quality Report to every household in its service area.

The report also ensures that the water system meets every federal and state drinking water standard.

"Of course coronavirus is first and foremost on everyone's mind this year. While this report looks back on water quality results from 2019, I want to assure you that

your drinking water does not contain or carry the virus and that your water quality remains as excellent," said MWRA's Executive Director Fred Laskey. "The dedicated women and men who run this critical water system have been hard at work throughout the pandemic - protecting the watersheds, running the treatment plants, taking samples every day and performing maintenance."

The report is distributed to over 850,000 homes in the MWRA

service area as required under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Community-specific inserts also provide information about municipal water systems.

The report is also available on-line and a Spanish language version will be available soon. A larger-print version is available upon request.

For more information, please visit MWRA's website at [www.mwra.com](http://www.mwra.com) or call 617-242-5323.

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Mccreary, Daniel	8 Gloucester Street RT	8 Gloucester St #2	\$848,000
Jarraya, Mohamed	Price FT	8 Gloucester St #9	\$1,150,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
Jahandarie, Darius	32 Grove Street RT	30-32 Grove St #10	\$435,000
4 Joy Street LLC	4 Beacon H LLC	4 Joy St #1	\$4,300,000
<b>BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE</b>			
Nelson, Nicholas	King, Kevin P	246 W Newton St #2	\$2,140,000
Face Off Properties Inc	Zahka, James G	234 Causeway St #1004	\$1,125,000
Wei, Xiao	Gregory Reynolds RET	40 Fay St	\$120,000
Sheffield-Lyman, Oliver	Phillips, Earl W	1 Goodwin Pl #3	\$590,000
Holman, Jeffrey T	New House South End LLC	692 Massachusetts Ave	\$17,000
Hopkins-Moseley, Suzanne	Alland, David	1 Saint George St #2C	\$1,065,000
Mu, Henry	Nowinski, Christopher J	90 W Springfield St #1	\$1,125,000
Bailey, Janet M	Tisserand, Alex	1180-1200 Washington St #414	\$1,170,000
Petrillo, Marco	Keirstead, Steven D	148 Worcester St #5	\$859,000
<b>WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN</b>			
Stewart, Elizabeth C	Trojan, Brian	45-63 Atlantic Ave #5D	\$890,000
3 Avery LLC	Ming, Gerald	3 Avery St #904	\$750,000
Leslie B Stearns FT	Anastasio, Andrea L	2-1/2 Battery Wharf #4602	\$1,625,000
Garry, Eliza J	Devos, Adam S	27 Clark St #3	\$606,000
Ghaly, Magdy	Vitiello, Ralph	65 E India Row #24C	\$1,155,000
Ghaly, Magdy	Sonnenschein, Carlos	65 E India Row #7E	\$735,000
Stettler, Ronald R	Wu, Jason	210 South St #2-5	\$952,000
Punjabi, Tony T	Farhangmehr, Farbod	151 Tremont St #12T	\$664,700

# Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The children playing in the last clue are part of a sidewalk mosaic in front of 45 School Street. It is by artist Lilli Ann Killen Rosenberg and was installed in 1983. The site "Culture Now" describes it as, "Shaped like a hopscotch grid, this mosaic marks the original site of the Boston Latin School, the first public school in the US."

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## THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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# EDITORIAL

## COVID-19 IS A PREDATOR -- AND WE ARE ITS PREY

The media, politicians, and others have likened our ongoing battle with the corona virus as the equivalent of “going to war.”

The doctors and nurses in the overburdened ERs in New York City, when its hospitals were being overwhelmed with corona patients in March, put it this way in discussing the stresses and challenges they were facing when they lacked personal protection equipment, ventilators, and other essential medical needs: “It’s like going to war, but without being given guns and ammunition.”

But as we enter the fourth month since the start of the lock-downs in many of our states, the “going to war” metaphor does not seem entirely appropriate.

Rather, the corona virus, which is stealthy and unseen except under a microscope (it is 1/1000th the width of a hair on our heads), is more like a hunter seeking its prey -- and its main prey is the human race.

We like to think of ourselves as kings of the world, sitting atop the food chain. Even if we cannot match a shark in the water or a lion in the jungle, we have weapons readily at our disposal to cope with any threats we may face from the natural world.

But the corona virus has humbled us. We as a species have proven no match for this pandemic that Mother Nature has thrust into our midst.

As with any predator in the wild, the corona virus seeks out the easy targets, the old and the weak. Per Darwin’s theory of evolution, only the strongest survive.

But intelligence also is a key to the survival of members of a species. The pandemic has proven that point as well, also taking as its victims those whose arrogance exceeds their common-sense, and whose folly makes them an easy target for a hunter that fears nothing and that will take advantage of any lapse in judgment.

The early openings in the Southern states, where people have refused to wear masks and do not practice physical-distancing, and where infections now are predictably skyrocketing, have shown the folly of underestimating the power of the virus.

We think a more accurate way for us to view the corona virus is that it has reduced the human race to the equivalent of meerkats. (Timon in the Lion King is a meerkat.) Meerkats, small mongooses, live constantly on alert and retreat to their underground network of burrows upon sensing the slightest threat of danger. If they let their guard down for an instant when above-ground, they can become easy targets for predators.

We too, now find ourselves in a state of existence in which our movement is restricted. We must remain ever-vigilant and be aware that the corona virus is everywhere. As with any predator, the corona virus always is on the prowl and stalking, just waiting for any one of us -- its prey -- to make that one, fatal mistake.

As is becoming clear in the Southern states, we are fooling ourselves if we think that we have outwitted this virus and that three months of lockdown were sufficient to save us from its grip. The reality is that the corona virus never will cease hunting us and that we must devise a new normal if we wish to regain a semblance of our former lives.

Hopefully, our new way of life, whatever that will look like, will be something better than our present meerkat-like circumstances.



— OPENING SLOWLY —

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assistance and various other programs. When the last campaign he worked on at the school wrapped up last June, it exceeded its \$20 million fundraising goal.

Last June, Diverio also relocated from New Jersey to Boston to join his wife, who had moved to the city a year earlier to pursue an employment opportunity. He found himself in a fortunate situation then as he was able to bide his time in finding a job he considered his perfect fit, both professionally and personally.

Outside of work, Diverio has always been interested in and active with environmental organizations. This includes, most notably, his time with The Raptor Trust, a nationally recognized wildlife center dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of wild birds, with a particular focus on birds of prey. He started there as an intern while attending college and has since volunteered and participated in its research studies; he now serves as vice president of the group’s Board of Trustees.

Diverio also received a Hawk Banding license and went on to become a founding member of the Kittatinny Mountain Raptor Banding Station.

“I believe fundraising skills are transferable; I have experience in building a development program and coordinating campaigns,” he said. “That experience, coupled

with my love for the environment and nature, seemed like a perfect match for the goals and mission of the Esplanade Association.”

March 23 was Diverio’s official start date with EA, but since Boston was then in the midst of a lockdown, he was forced to start working remotely.

“It’s been challenging, but less so than I thought,” he said. “I’ve been learning and catching up on projects they have planned and getting ready for the capital campaign as they prepare to kick it off soon.”

The goal now, Diverio said, is to raise the money for the everyday maintenance and enhancement of the park, such as the work of horticulturists who tend to its more than 1,700 trees, before moving into what he describes as “capital-campaign mode.”

Said Michael Nichols, EA executive director: “Jim is a spectacular addition to the Esplanade Association, and we’re thrilled to have hired him from New Jersey, where he had a successful career in fundraising. It became quickly apparent he had a real passion for the kind of work we do, and we are thrilled to have identified him as someone who could move EA’s mission-based work forward.”

Diverio, meanwhile, has noticed usage of the Esplanade has increased considerably in the last few months as more people

are visiting the park to find a bit of solace during turbulent times.

“The park has been busier, if not busier, than ever before,” he said. “It has been such an important escape for so many people during lockdown.”

Since Phase 2 of Gov. Charlie Baker’s plan to reopen the Commonwealth took effect earlier this month, Diverio has also been making it into the office and getting to know his new coworkers, many of whom he is just meeting for the first time.

“I feel like I’m ready to hit the ground running in the office now,” he said. “The job as [other EA staff and the organization’s board of directors] see it and as I see it is how to let everyone know this is a state park that’s privately funded for the most part, and this requires everyone who walks over a bridge or uses the Esplanade to consider supporting it.”

Bottom line: Diverio knows he must now remind the public just how much the Esplanade brings to Boston and what a profoundly lesser city it would be without the park.

“Think about what the city would be without this park that is so unique, welcoming and beautiful,” he said. “It’s something I think about all the time, and we need everyone to help keep it that way.”

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# Walsh gives COVID-19 update on BPL, testing, business assistance

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Walsh held a press conference on June 18, where he gave an update on COVID-19 as well as the reopening plan.

He said that as of last week, the overall positive test rate is down 19.6 percent, the “first time our positive test rate in the city has fallen below 20 percent.”

Last week, pop up testing sites were opened for those who attended large gatherings such as recent protests. Walsh said that nearly 1300 people were tested, and the positive test rate was one percent.

“Any time that I see a protest, I’ve seen a high rate of face covering,” Walsh said. He also thanked the Boston Public Health Commission for handing out masks and sanitizer at many of the protests.

He said that while these positive numbers are encouraging, he still “encourages everyone to continue being safe as you make your voices heard,” and more test sites will continue to open, including

at Brookside Community Health Center in Jamaica Plain for those who have attended large gatherings.

Walsh also said that the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021 includes an additional \$13 million for the Boston Public Health Commission to fight COVID-19, health inequalities, and mental health issues throughout the city. “That focus on public health is essential in Phase Two of the reopening plan,” Walsh said.

“I want to urge everyone to remain cautious,” he said. “If you don’t take this virus seriously enough, we can and will get spikes.” He said that this means to continue wearing face coverings, washing your hands, and cleaning surfaces.

Walsh also recently announced a \$41 million increase in funding to provide 8,000 youth jobs and other opportunities this summer, and the jobs have been modified to fit the guidelines set forth for the virus to ensure that teens are able to gain experience safely.

The Boston Public Library

(BPL) is now offering “BPL to Go” at select locations, which began on June 22. BPL cardholders, including e-card holders, will be allowed to pick up physical materials that are reserved ahead of time online. There will be return bins outside of the libraries where the materials can be returned. The program will first be offered at the Copley branch, the Codman Square Branch, the East Boston Branch, the Jamaica Plain Branch, and the Mattapan Branch, and will slowly roll out at other locations.

Walsh also said that more than \$13.5 million has been provided to small businesses during the pandemic, and \$5.9 million has been distributed by the Small Business Relief Fund to more than 1600 businesses such as restaurants, retail stores, hair and nail salons, gyms, childcare providers, home health aids, and more. The Reopening Boston Fund has also provided money for things like PPE, partitions, and cleaning supplies for businesses, he said.

Walsh also said that there is

a list of resources at [boston.gov/reopening](http://boston.gov/reopening) such as a directory of open businesses and restaurants as well as guidance for different types of businesses.

The City Council has introduced a home rule petition for 184 new liquor licenses for restaurants across the city, as well as 15 set aside exclusively for minority owned businesses. The state must approve the introduction of new liquor licenses.

“We need to continue to give our restaurants every opportunity to recover and succeed,” Walsh said.

On the housing front, Walsh said that the Boston Housing Authority is “working with hundreds of families of children on permanent rental vouchers to lift them out of homelessness.”

He said that construction has resumed on 3,000 affordable homes and last week launched the ONE+ Boston Mortgage Fund using CPA funds. The fund offers low interest rates and helps families buy their first home to build their own wealth.

Walsh also said that several public art projects are moving forward, including 24 new projects which have received grants. He said that 61 artists will be painting utility boxes as part of the PaintBox program. New murals will also be worked on this summer.

“When you see the artists, please be respectful,” Walsh said, and “maintain physical distance.”

He added that “we look forward to seeing these projects... revitalize our neighborhoods.”

Walsh also said that the Boston Resiliency Fund “continues to get resources to communities in need.” More than \$32 million has been raised, and a little over \$20 million has been distributed into the communities in the form of COVID-19 testing expansion, meals to Greater Boston Food Bank and Lovin’ Spoonfuls, gift cards for families to buy groceries, 20 minority owned restaurants paid to cook meals for distribution, and various nonprofits.

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do better. We encourage you to find a different solution.”

The commission approved as submitted an application for the Old West Church at 131 Cambridge St. that entails repairing and restoring the wood and metal elements of the façade in kind, including the existing windows.

Pastor Sarah Gerrard said the church had received a \$400,000 grant for the project, and that the paint scheme has been approved by Historic New England.

The commission also approved an application for 112 Charles St. with some provisos.

Proposed work includes repairing and restoring shutters in kind at the front façade; replacing the door handle and the intercom system; repainting the front steps, the door and surrounds; installing metal grills at the front garden-level windows; recladding the headhouse; replacing non-historic one-over-one windows on the first, third and fourth levels; and rebuilding the roof deck in kind.

Provisos for the approval of

this application are that the front façade window configuration, including the garden-level windows, be researched further and replicated; that an existing satellite dish be removed; and that window details and “cut sheets” be submitted to staff for approval.

In another matter, the commission reviewed an application for 2 Beaver St., with proposed work including cutting into the brick privacy wall to install a new entry door and light fixture at the Beaver Street façade; un-bricking the archway, removing an existing metal gate from the adjacent archway and installing two simulated carriage doors with transoms on Beaver Street; and replacing two existing windows, un-bricking an adjacent window with metal security grates; and installing a new hood exhaust system on the roof elevation at Beaver Place.

This application was approved as submitted with the provisos that grates and storm windows be removed from three new proposed side windows and be converted into true divided-light windows;

that the garden entry-door be painted black with frames that match the proposed simulated garage doors; that the proposed hood exhaust be modified for better compatibility with the historic context; and that detailed drawings be submitted to staff that show the project in its entirety.

The commission also approved an application to install an HVAC system on an existing deck located at the rear ell of 9 Temple St. with the proviso that staff visit the site to confirm that the mockup adequately reflects its potential visibility, and that staff advise on screening for the HVAC unit.

The commission also extended the certificate of appropriateness for a previously approved application for extensive repairs at 14 Beacon Street.

Meanwhile, the commission didn’t review an application for 112 Mt. Vernon St to replace four six-over-six windows in kind on the second and fourth levels at the front façade, and to replace four six-over-six windows, because the applicant wasn’t present.

## Massachusetts Building Trades Council endorses Joe Kennedy III for U.S. Senate

The Massachusetts Building Trades Council announced their endorsement of Joe Kennedy III for U.S. Senate Wednesday, citing his strong leadership in support of unions and working families.

“Joe has spent his entire career fighting for working people,” said Frank Callahan, President of the Massachusetts Building Trades Council. “He knows that working families deserve affordable healthcare, good wages, and safe job sites, and he always goes above and beyond to win tough fights and get our members and communities the support we need. We’re proud to support a true labor champion for U.S. Senate.”

“As we work to rebuild our

economy in the wake of COVID-19, protecting union jobs will be more important than ever,” said Congressman Joe Kennedy III. “The men and women of the Building Trades are the backbone to our strong economy, and I am proud to fight alongside them for fair wages, safe working conditions, and better benefits every day. I have stood with them since my first day in Congress and I will be proud to stand with them moving forward. It is an honor to have them with me in this race.”

The Massachusetts Building Trades Council is the latest in a list of over 60 labor organizations to endorse Kennedy in this race.

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# Friends of the Public Garden seeks to expand membership during June

By Dan Murphy

With less than a week left in June, which is the Friends of the Public Garden's Membership Month, now is the ideal time to show one's appreciation for all that Boston's first three public parks have to offer.

"Parks are more important than they ever have been seen in people's experience with nearly every other piece of infrastructure shut down," said Liz Vizza, executive director of the nonprofit Friends, which in partnership with the Boston Parks Department, works to protect and improve the Boston Common, the Commonwealth Avenue Mall and the Public Garden.

When the pandemic struck, Gov. Charlie Baker labeled these parks, along with others throughout the city and Commonwealth, as "essential," and since then, many visitors to the Common, the Commonwealth Avenue Mall and the Public Garden have renewed their love for these vital city green-spaces.

"We got to hearing from members of the organization and the public that they seek parks for renewal and as an oasis in turbulent time," Vizza said.

The Common also took center stage during the May 31 protests over George Floyd, a Minneapolis man who died on Memorial Day at the hands of police in that city.

"In a time of protest against the horrible killing of black men, we have place in the Boston Common where we can make voices heard," Vizza said.

In contrast, Vizza said she walked to the Commonwealth



D. Murphy Photos

*The Boston Common.*

Avenue Mall last week to find visitors set up with lawn chairs and beach blankets, enjoying the warm weather on a makeshift beach.

So with all that these parks have to offer, the Friends now hope that newcomers will consider joining the organization, and that current members will be encouraged to renew their memberships.

"The Friends support the broadest spectrum of benefits we receive from these parks from the quiet oasis of sunset in the Public Garden to the powerful protests on Common," Vizza said.

Suggested donations for members range from \$25 to become a Friend to \$10,000 to become a Champion. Leadership Friends who contribute at the \$1,000-level or higher are also honored at a special annual reception.

Visit <https://friendsofthepublicgarden.org/membership/> for more information.



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*Commonwealth Avenue Mall.*

**BHCA** (from pg. 1)

businesses caused as a result of Covid-19.

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Submitted the RFQ for twice weekly private cleaning of Charles Street

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BHCA Directors and Joint Charles Street Committee Co-Chairs, Joshua Leffler (above) and Ali Ringenburg (below).



cerns, or to learn more about how you can get involved in your community.

**Overall winners announced in EA's Virtual 5K**

By Dan Murphy

The Esplanade Association has announced the winners in its Virtual 5K, and while participants were allowed to make the trek on any route worldwide, four of the six top-finishers opted to run the race in the park while another chose to run it on the opposite side of the Charles River instead.

The overall male winners of the race were David Laurent Niquille, who had a time of 16:42; Noah Schlesinger, who clocked in at 17:50; and Andrew Kuo, with a time of 19:38. All three runners completed the race on the Esplanade.

The overall female winners were Alexandra Selberg, who had a time of 19:18; Jenny Bishop, who clocked in at 20:05; and Morgan Prudden, with a time of 20:52. Selberg completed the race on the Esplanade while Prudden ran it on the Cambridge side of the Charles; Bishop chose a route

in Walpole, Mass.

In all, 300 runners from three countries (the U.S., Brazil and India) and 13 states participated in the virtual race, which took place from June 1 to 7. Within that timeframe, participants were allowed run or walk 5K (3.1 miles) anywhere in the world at their own pace. They then shared their times using Strava or Garmin, among other apps, with EA, which in turn listed them on a leaderboard at [Esplanade.org/Esplanade5K](http://Esplanade.org/Esplanade5K).

Participants in the race, which was presented in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, each purchased a commemorative bib for \$20, with proceeds going to benefit the ongoing care and upkeep of the Esplanade. (EA also provided free bibs to firefighters, police officers and other service workers, as well

as recently unemployed individuals who couldn't afford to buy one otherwise).

All participants received a Virtual Race Bag, including coupons from Athletic Brewing and NOCA beverages, while the top three men and women overall will receive a prize pack from Athletic Brewing.

"We were thrilled with participation in the Virtual 5K," said Michael Nichols, EA executive director. "There were certainly challenges in moving such an event virtual, but it was pretty cool to see people participating from around the country and the world, all in support of the Esplanade."

But despite the success of the inaugural Virtual 5k, Nichols added, "We hope to be in the park again next year, and that's the plan if all goes well."

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

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



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06/15/20 - A Charles Street market reports an unknown female suspect entered the store at around 4:42 p.m., and stole two bottles of champagne, as well as two bottles of whiskey. The suspect placed the bottles in a bag she was carrying and fled on foot. Video footage of the incident is available.

**Breaking and Entering - Motor Vehicle**

06/17/20 - A victim reported she

parked her 2019 Volkswagen GTI in the Boston Common garage on Charles Street South at about 1 p.m., but when she returned at around 8 p.m., she observed the front driver's side-door was damaged and property had been removed from the vehicle. The stolen property included a purse, a wallet, bank/credit cards, a license, a passport, electronic equipment and personal papers.

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# Step Two of Phase Two of state's reopening plan underway

By Lauren Bennett

Phase Two, Step Two is officially underway in Massachusetts as of Monday, June 22. At a press conference on June 19, Governor Charlie Baker announced that as part of Step Two of Phase Two of the state's reopening plan, things like indoor dining, close contact personal services, and dressing rooms by appointment only would be allowed to open. Offices would also be allowed to operate at 50 percent capacity, an increase from the previously allowed 25 percent.

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito also announced a new funding round for MassDevelopment's Commonwealth Places program totaling \$225,000, and said that the COVID-19 Response Round: Resurgent Places program will allow groups to apply for grants of up to \$25,000 for materials for outside dining and retail spaces.

The industries that are allowed

to reopen as part of Step Two will have to follow sector sector-specific guidelines and mandatory safety standards in order to reopen.

"Key public health data, such as new cases and hospitalizations, has been closely monitored and seen a significant decline allowing for Step Two of Phase II to begin on June 22," the state said in a recent release.

Patrons will be required to dine six feet apart indoors, and close contact personal services like hair removal, nail care, massage therapy, tanning salons, and tattoo and piercing shops will be required to operate in accordance with specific guidance from the state as well as create a COVID-19 control plan and complete a self-certification. The full list of safety protocols and guidelines can be found at [mass.gov/reopening](http://mass.gov/reopening).

On June 23, Baker said that he is "encouraged by the continued progress" regarding the positive

test rate in the Commonwealth. He said that the average positive test rate is down to 1.9 percent.

Recently, 17,617 tests were performed for people who have recently been to a large gathering, and 3.5 percent came back positive, which Baker said is "consistent" with the daily positive rate. He said that while he is "pleased to see the percentage of tests was quite low," he added that "COVID-19 will not take a summer vacation."

On June 19, the Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Health Equality Advisory Group released new data and recommendations regarding the response to the pandemic.

"The advisory group recommendations were released with new data from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) that highlight marked differences in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths for

different races and ethnicities," the state said in a release. "Black non-Hispanics and Hispanics have a 3x higher positive COVID-19 case rate than White non-Hispanics. Black non-Hispanics and Hispanics also have higher rates of hospitalizations. Age-adjusted mortality rates show these groups are bearing a higher burden of COVID deaths compared to the White or Asian populations. Nine of the ten cities and towns with the highest rates of COVID infection are also communities where more than half the residents identify as people of color."

The Advisory Group consists of 26 community leaders, health and racial equity experts, as well as members of communities who are impacted disproportionately by the virus, the release states. "The advisory group's mission was to inform the state's COVID response by recommending actions aimed at equitable access

to health care resources and services, and prevention of inequities and disproportionate negative outcomes," it said.

"We have long understood that racism is a public health issue that demands action, and the disproportionate impacts of this new disease on communities of color and other priority populations is the latest indicator change is necessary," Commissioner Bharel, who chaired the advisory group, said in a statement. "At the Department of Public Health, our mission is to eliminate health inequities and we place equity at the core of all that we do."

Some of the recommendations of the group include increasing equitable distribution of PPE, increase housing stability for those disproportionately affected by the pandemic, investing in outreach in multiple languages for testing, access to state assistance programs, and more.

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## Baker-Polito administration files bill to implement police officer certification system

Last week, the state administration filed legislation to create a framework for certifying Massachusetts law enforcement officers, provide accountability, ensure that police departments in and outside Massachusetts have access to candidates' training and disciplinary records, and provide incentives for officers to pursue advanced training to better serve their communities.

"This bill will create a more modern, transparent and accountable system for law enforcement credentialing and training. It will provide police departments with the tools they need to build trust and strong relationships with every community across the Commonwealth—at a time when we need it most," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We are grateful for the Black and Latino Caucus' and Public Safety officials' collaboration on this bill, and look forward to working with the Legislature to get it passed."

The bill, entitled An Act to Improve Police Officer Standards and Accountability and to Improve Training, would for the first time require police officers

in Massachusetts to be certified, and it would allow for decertification, suspension of certification, or reprimand in the event of certain misconduct. Toward this end, the bill would create the Police Officer Standards and Accreditation (POSA) Committee, which would be comprised of law enforcement and civilian representatives, at least half of whom would be required to be persons of color.

"Massachusetts is one of four states without a police certification process," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "But the high standards of training we require for our police departments give us a strong foundation on which to build one. This bill will allow police departments to make better-informed recruitment and hiring choices while improving accountability for all the communities we serve."

The bill would charge the POSA Committee with the responsibility of certifying all law enforcement officials in Massachusetts, including those from non-municipal departments serving transit agencies, colleges, and other entities. The bill would also require the Committee to create a database

of certified officers, ensure that training and misconduct records are available to officers' current and future employers, and develop a standardized background check for those seeking employment with a new police department. The background check would include a check of the POSA database and the National Decertification Index.

"A comprehensive POSA system will enhance accountability and apply consistent standards statewide," said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Thomas A. Turco. "It will improve public safety and public trust for the men and women who serve, protect, and inspire our cities and towns."

Finally, the Administration's bill would provide incentives for law enforcement officers who pursue advanced training in relevant skills and specialties beyond the levels required of all police officers. Such training would include foreign languages, advanced domestic violence and sexual assault response, advanced de-escalation techniques, and other high-level proficiencies.

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**FRESH AND LOCAL**

# Scallions

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Green onions and scallions are interchangeable names for our favorite allium. While we occasionally run out of onions, we always have scallions on hand. That's easier now that we've followed the example of friends who began regrowing fresh green sprouts from white scallion stubs with roots during the quarantine. Ours live in a water glass on a window sill.

**Favorite Garnish!**

Our long-running love affair with green onions as a garnish began as we tucked into a grilled Margarita pizza at Al Forno in Providence, RI. That famous dish arrives topped with a shower of scallion slivers. These are created by assigning a prep cook to hand-cut very thin, diagonal slices along the length of hundreds of scallions.

While you wouldn't want the task of doing this precision cut for the most popular dish in a famous restaurant, you can improve your knife skills by trying this with a single scallion as an alternative to the typical crosswise cut.

**More Scallion Cuts**

In a Chinese kitchen, scallions are prepped many ways for different uses. They're cut straight and diagonally for garnish, into

half-inch and 2-inch pieces for stir-fries, and sliced into batons and then lengthwise into long thin strips for steaming over fish.

You can also make scallion curls and brushes. The curls are thinly sliced strips (as for steamed fish) that are placed in ice water until they become a curly tangle. Brushes are made by removing the roots from each scallion, cutting slits partway up the white or the green leaving an uncut handle on the other end. Pop those into an ice bath until the cut ends curl up, and you have a handy little brush to decorate a plate or dip in a sauce to add to a dish.

**Favorite Scallion Dishes**

We love scallions with cucumbers. Penny cuts batons of cucumber, sprinkles on rice vinegar, salt, pepper and tops it with a scallion's worth of thin rings.

Scallion pancakes are another favorite but we leave the process of making these to our favorite Asian restaurants. However, if you would like to learn the interesting technique of folding and rolling these flatbreads, you can find plenty of instruction online. Once you have mastered making them, you can enjoy them as they are with a dipping sauce or turn them into a sandwich with the filling of your choice.

Scallions and ginger are best friends. One of their best uses is classic Chinese scallion ginger



*Since everyone else was growing scallions in a glass during quarantine, we gave it a go and we're pleased to have this fresh homegrown zing to add to our food.*

sauce. It's a three-ingredient magic potion that food writer Francis Lam suggests putting on anything from plain boiled chicken to Chinese barbecue. Learn to make it by finding his video on the topic which is wryly funny and full of tips.

If you are a bit afraid of cooking fish at home, consider steaming a filet or a small whole fish with just the addition of sliced scallions and

ginger. These aromatics help disguise any fish cooking aroma and add the perfect highlight without overwhelming the delicate flavor of the mild seafood.

**Spring Onions**

One final tip, if you're following a recipe check the source. Scallions are also called "spring onions" by the British and Canadians. In this country, spring onions are a stron-

ger-tasting member of the onion family that form a bulb at the root end. If you buy those, be sure to taste both the green and bulb before deciding to use them raw. This may be an allium you choose to cook or pickle.

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.*

## State announces additional administrative tax relief measures for businesses

Gov. Charlie Baker, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Robert DeLeo on Thursday, June 18, announced additional administrative tax relief measures for local businesses that have been impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, especially in the restaurant and hospitality sectors.

This tax relief builds upon previous similar tax extensions and includes postponing the collection of regular sales tax, meals tax, and room occupancy taxes for small businesses that would be due from March through August, so that they will instead be due in September. Additionally, all penalties and interest that would otherwise apply will be waived.

"We are proud to join our colleagues in the Legislature to announce this additional relief for local businesses throughout

Massachusetts while we all continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and work to protect the health and safety of the Commonwealth's residents," said Governor Charlie Baker. "These administrative changes extend tax relief measures put into place earlier in March and will allow additional support for local companies including small businesses in the restaurant and hospitality industries."

"The House has been proud to provide local businesses with a toolkit of resources to help them weather the economic realities resulting from COVID," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. "In addition to the House's multifaceted restaurant relief package, we believe that a deferral of tax collections will provide the restaurant and hospitality industry with a measure of stability and

clarity."

Businesses that paid less than \$150,000 in regular sales plus meals taxes in the year ending February 29, 2020 will be eligible for relief for sales and meals taxes, and businesses that paid less than \$150,000 in room occupancy taxes in the year ending February 29, 2020 will be eligible for relief with respect to room occupancy taxes.

For businesses with meals tax and room occupancy tax obligations that do not otherwise qualify for this relief, late-file and late-pay penalties will be waived during this period.

The Department of Revenue will issue emergency regulations and a Technical Information Release to implement these administrative relief measures.

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**Charles Street retail stores start Phase 2 reopening**  
By Dan Murphy

Since Phase 2 of Gov. Charlie Baker's plan for reopening the Commonwealth took effect Monday, June 8, Jennifer Hill has enthusiastically welcomed back guests to her longstanding Charles Street gift store, Blackstone's of Beacon Hill, even if they just come in to browse.

"I know we're in business to make money, but this is the fun part," Hill said. "It's so nice to see the happy faces of people who just want to walk around the store, and even if they don't buy anything, that's okay."

Like other retail stores in the Commonwealth, Blackstone's can only operate at 40 percent occupancy per state guidelines, and with its 500 square-foot storefront, this means the store can only accommodate a total of five people, which sometimes includes two employees, at any given time.

Blackstone's has also installed a contactless credit-card terminal and provides gloves and masks to customers as needed, along with hand sanitizer at the counter.

"Some people are still getting used to the routine, but on the whole everyone has been accommodating," Hill said Friday. "Overall, people have been very courteous and ask if it's okay to enter. They are just so thrilled to be back in a store."

**Watchdog Lina standing guard in front of Linens on the Hill.**

**Allan Hodges to lead BHV**  
By Suzanne Besser

Allan A. Hodges, who has been active in community and professional groups throughout Boston and Newport, RI, was named president of Beacon Hill Village at its annual meeting held this week on Zoom. A resident of the Downtown neighborhood, he succeeds Douglas Fitzsimmons who for two years was at the helm of the nonprofit organization, a community of older adults whose mission is to live well and age well.

Having completed a 50-year career in urban planning and environmental impact analysis in both the public and private sectors, Hodges is well-suited for his new role. In addition to serving his first term on the BHV board, he is a member of the Boston Common Committee of the Friends of the Public Garden and the Leadership Team of the Downtown Boston Residents Association.

He welcomes the opportunity to serve on BHV's board because he believes its basic central idea is solid and much needed in the

**Wilna Shul welcomes new director of development**  
By Dan Murphy

When Christen Hazel first read the posting for The Wilna Shul's director of development position, she almost felt as though the job description had been written specifically with her in mind.

"I had a desire to join an organization dedicated to preserving history and building a welcoming community steeped in Jewish traditions," said Hazel, whose first full day in the role is Monday, June 22. "So, this is like my dream job, to be honest."

A West End resident, Hazel comes to her new position after serving as director of development

**BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER**

**Beacon Hill Civic Association Committees**  
Every spring, the Beacon Hill Civic Association publishes its Annual Report covering committee accomplishments during the past year. We'll be sharing the committees' reports here over the next weeks.

**Planning & Oversight Committee**  
The Planning & Oversight ("Planning") Committee serves as an umbrella committee to initiate, monitor and oversee the BHCA's efforts on long-range issues that affect our neighborhood. The Planning Committee also tracks the BHCA's involvement with the various committees and groups in the City of Boston, in order to strengthen the organization's voice in governmental and community development.

**For the latest news in Beacon Hill that you need to know, check [www.beaconhilltimes.com](http://www.beaconhilltimes.com)**

## FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

# DPH offers summer safety tips

With the arrival of summer weather, and as COVID-19 related restrictions on daily activities begin to lift, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) reminds residents of the recommended precautions to keep families, including young children, safe this summer.

## Prevent Tick Bites

Ticks can make you sick when they bite you. They are most commonly found in grassy, brushy, or wooded areas. They only attach when you come into direct contact with them — they cannot jump or fly. Follow these steps if you live, work, or spend time in areas where ticks are present:

- Check yourself for ticks once a day — it's the single most important thing you can do.
- Use repellents that contain DEET on your exposed skin and those that contain permethrin on your clothes.
- When walking or hiking, stick to main pathways and the center of trails if you can. Brushing against tall grass and bushes will increase your exposure to ticks.
- Weather permitting, wear long-sleeved, light-colored shirts and long pants tucked into socks. This will help keep ticks away from your skin and make it easier to spot ticks on your clothing.

Because dogs and horses are particularly susceptible, talk to your veterinarian about the best ways to protect your animals from tick-borne disease.

## Prevent Mosquito Bites

The 2019 mosquito season was an active season for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in Massachusetts. This mosquito-borne illness appears generally in 2-3 year cycles, traditionally peaking during August.

While the risk for human infection of EEE or West Nile Virus won't happen until later this summer, people have an important

role to play in protecting themselves from these illnesses which can be very serious. To prepare for mosquito season:

- Drain standing water in and around your house or yard to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.
- Use a mosquito repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient according to the directions on the label.
- Wear clothing to reduce exposed skin when weather permits.

To learn more, watch this 3-minute video narrated by State Epidemiologist Dr. Catherine Brown about the mosquito-borne virus and how to protect yourself and your family. For more information about preventing mosquito and tickborne illness, visit [www.mass.gov/mosquitoesandticks](http://www.mass.gov/mosquitoesandticks).

## Water and Pool Safety

Drowning is a leading cause of death among young children, both nationally and in Massachusetts, with backyard pools posing the highest risk for children under the age of 5. To help prevent water-related injury and drowning:

- Children should be supervised in and around water at all times.
- Whenever infants and toddlers are in or around water, including the bathtub, an adult should be within an arm's length at all times providing "touch supervision."
- Completely separate the house and play area of the yard from the pool area with a fence. Consider automatic door locks or alarms to prevent access.

Remove floats, balls, and other toys from the pool after use so that children are not tempted to reach for them. After the children are done swimming, secure the pool so they cannot get back in.

Keep rescue equipment (such as a shepherd's hook or life preserver) and a phone by the pool.

For children who cannot swim, use a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket. Do not use toys such as "water wings" or "noodles" in place of life jackets. These are not designed to keep swimmers safe.

In public swimming areas:

- Be sure to practice social distancing from others before and after you swim and wear a cloth face covering or mask when you cannot maintain 6 feet of distance from others.
- Select swimming sites that have lifeguards whenever possible, and swim only in designated swimming areas.

Always swim with a buddy.

## Window Safety

Falls are the leading cause of injury to children, and falls from windows involving young children are especially serious. Window falls are preventable. Screens are not strong enough to protect children from falling out of windows. In order to prevent window falls, parents and caregivers should:

- Keep furniture — and anything a child can climb on — away from windows.
- Open windows from the top, not the bottom, when possible and lock all unopened doors and windows.
- Be sure children are always supervised.
- Install quick-release window guards which can be found in most hardware stores.

Additional tips on preventing falls among children can be found on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention fall prevention website.

To learn more about childhood injury prevention, visit the DPH injury prevention and control program website.

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### MCDERMOTT NAMED TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S LIST

Elle McDermott of Beacon Hill has been named to the President's

List at Clemson University.

McDermott, whose major is Political Science, made the President's List for the spring 2020 semester.

To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all As) grade-point average.

## LEGALS

### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Docket No. SU18P0051EA

Estate of: Charles Edward Merrill Also known as: Charles E. Merrill, Jr. Date of Death: 11/29/2017

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Amy Merrill of Cambridge, MA and Paul L. Merrill of Hancock, NH and Ellen C. Peckham of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 07/20/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this

proceeding. If you fail to file a written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 08, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU20P0774EA

Estate of: Sue Williams Schenck Date of Death: 04/27/2020

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Steven C. Goodwin of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Steven C. Goodwin of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal

Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/16/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 11, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

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## Sales tax holiday to take place August 29-30

The Baker-Polito Administration on Tuesday announced that the annual sales tax-free weekend will take place the weekend of August 29-30. This marks the second sales tax holiday held under the new law signed by Governor Baker in 2018 that made the weekend an annual occurrence.

"The annual sales tax holiday is an opportunity for us to support small businesses and consumers, and this year, it's a great way to support our economy that's been impacted by COVID-

19," said Governor Charlie Baker. "This pandemic has created enormous challenges for the Commonwealth's small businesses, and the sales tax-free weekend is one way that we can encourage more economic activity to help Main Street businesses and local economies."

"We are proud to continue supporting local businesses and consumers as we work with our colleagues in the Legislature to navigate the evolving COVID-19 environment while adhering to public health guidelines," said

Secretary for Administration and Finance Michael J. Heffernan. "The upcoming sales tax holiday will be an opportunity for people throughout Massachusetts to help support local companies and generate much needed economic activity."

In 2018, Governor Baker signed legislation that makes the annual sales tax holiday permanent. The Department of Revenue today is designating August 29-30 as the sales tax holiday under M.G.L. Chapter 64H, Section 6A.

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# With no income, the Garden Club funds pared-down list of grant recipients

Special to the Times

While many garden clubs learn about gardening and beautify the green spaces in their town or neighborhood, the Beacon Hill Garden Club has long been renowned for hosting a tour of members' gardens annually in May, raising large sums of money through it, and giving away the proceeds to environmental and horticulture non-profit organizations.

For example, in 2019 the club gave away more than \$120,000, supporting more than 36 organizations. The Boston Nature Center, the Esplanade Association and the Massachusetts General Hospital's Healing Garden were recipients of \$15,000 grants. Smaller grants went to such important organizations as the Greenway, the City of Boston greenhouses and food-centered projects like the Boston Medical Center's rooftop garden and City Sprouts.

This year, however, the club had no income from the garden tour or the pre-tour party, the Soirée. They were canceled because of the pandemic. Yet it could not abide not donating at least some funds to organizations that needed them

even more during this difficult time.

So Treasurer Alecia Manning reached deep into the club's bank account. President Kate Enroth put out a call to members to reach deep into their own pockets. The result? The club was able to fund grants between \$500 and \$2,000 to 20 organizations for a total of \$25,300. Many of the recipients maintain edible gardens or provide meals or programming for children that includes a meal. The Boston Food Forest Coalition, the Boston Nature Center and the Boston Bridge Charter School were at the top of the list.

A portion of the funds were aimed at neighborhood beautification, including the West End Public Library's front garden rejuvenation, the Esplanade's general fund and watering Codman Island, among other initiatives.

While club members hope for a successful tour in 2021, there are many steps all neighbors can take now to help keep Beacon Hill green during this stressful time. For example, the City of Boston has replaced some dead trees this spring. The club hopes that if you live near a new tree that you will



Photo courtesy Mass. Audubon Society

Kids play in the Nature Nook at the Boston Nature Center, one of the imaginative organizations the Beacon Hill Garden Club managed to fund this year, despite having no income from its annual Tour of the Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill.

water it weekly, especially during hot spells to help it thrive. In fact, old trees need water too. The tree cover in downtown Boston is important to our health and the health of Boston's air quality.

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