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HILL HOUSE SUMMER CAMP BACK IN FULL SWING



COURTESY OF HILL HOUSE

Kids participating in Hill House's summer camp are seen enjoying the warm weather this week.

Museums to reopen with new procedures in place

By Dan Murphy

Sebastian Belfanti, director of the West End Museum, said Friday he expected the museum would reopen in the next week or two, but the exact timing hinges on when they can get enough hand sanitizer to ensure the safety of guests and staff.

"I put together a comprehensive reopening plan in May, which was approved by the museum's board," Belfanti said, "and I have since changed it to adjust to the state's safety standards."

Upon reopening, the museum at 150 Lomasney Way will be limited to 10 occupants (nine visitors and one staff member) at a time in each

of its two, interconnected rooms, while public restrooms will remain closed for the time being. New signage and tape markings on the floor will be visible to notify museum-goers of the changes, and visitors will no longer be able to roam the premises as freely as they could before in keeping with social-distancing guidelines. The museum will also be sanitized more frequently and thoroughly that it was before it closed in March.

Until the pandemic struck, two staff members were on hand to greet guests and give museum tours, but Belfanti alone will be handling their duties for the first

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PPP process proves difficult to navigate for bankers and clients

By Dan Murphy

Keeping up with the constantly changing process surrounding the federal Paycheck Protection Program and what will ultimately qualify for loan forgiveness can be exhausting – just ask David Felton, Cambridge Trust's senior

vice president and director of business banking.

Cambridge Trust, along with Wellesley Savings Bank, which the former acquired in December, as well as their commercial lenders, together processed a total of 896 PPP loans in a three-week period,

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BHAC approves application for repairs to Park Street Church fire escape

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission approved an application to make repairs to a fire escape at the Park Street Church during a virtual meeting on July 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 with a retaining wall bordering the

Granary Burying Ground.

Repairs would be made behind the fence area and include replacing angled brackets with a vertical support for the fire escape.

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Beacon Hill Civic Association Committees

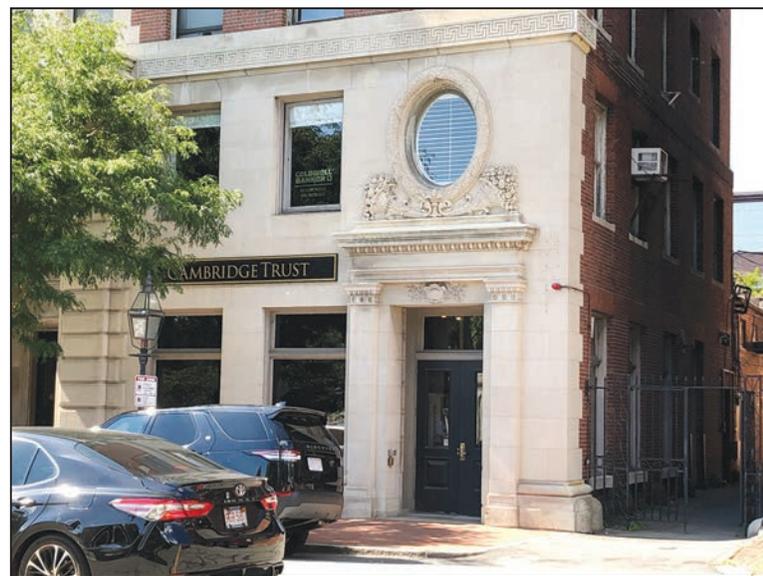
Every spring, the Beacon Hill Civic Association publishes its Annual Report covering committee accomplishments during the past year. We'll be sharing the committees' reports here over the next weeks.

Cambridge Street Committee

The Cambridge Street Committee was established to address concerns of residents and businesses near and along Cambridge Street related to safety, cleanliness, and a desire for more teaming among the Cambridge Street business community, the Charles Street business community, and

the Beacon Hill neighborhood. This year the Cambridge Street Committee continued work with City officials and neighbors on safety issues and betterments to Cambridge Street, including plantings, ad-free trash receptacles, graffiti removal and street cleaning.

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Cambridge Trust's branch at 65 Beacon St.

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EDITORIAL

CHANGE MILITARY BASE NAMES IMMEDIATELY

If you're like us, then it truly has been a revelation in these past few weeks to learn that U.S. military installations throughout the South were named in "honor" of Confederate heroes in the Civil War.

Whenever we would hear the name, "Ft. Benning, Georgia," for example, we never gave it a second thought. However, it turns out that Henry Benning was a general in the Civil War who led a number of campaigns against the North.

In short, he sought to destroy the United States -- so how does a guy like that get a U.S. military base named after him?

Well, the short answer is that Benning was an avowed racist who wanted to destroy the Union so that the South could maintain slavery.

Here's what he said at the Secession Convention in Virginia in February, 1861: "If things are allowed to go on as they are, it is certain that slavery is to be abolished. By the time the North shall have attained the power, the black race will be in a large majority, and then we will have black governors, black legislatures, black juries, black everything. Is it to be supposed that the white race will stand for that?"

It was not a coincidence that almost all of the military bases in the South are named after Confederate war heroes who, like Benning, also were notable for the roles they played in advocating for slavery before the Civil War and for white supremacy after the Civil War, including one general who was a founder of the Ku Klux Klan.

Almost all of these military installations came into existence during WWI and WWII when the U.S. was mobilizing millions of Americans from all around the country. The naming of the bases for Confederate war heroes was a concession to southern political leaders, who wanted to send the message that although the South had lost the Civil War, their belief in white supremacy nonetheless had prevailed.

And why did the military and Northern political leaders placidly go along with such a disgraceful tactic? The short answer is that racism was (and is) endemic in our country from North to South and East to West. During both WWI and WWII, the entire U.S. military was segregated, something that did not change until 1948 when President Harry S. Truman desegregated our armed forces.

These military base names are not merely a vestige of slavery, they also represent the entire history of our country's racist past.

The sooner they go, the better.

A DEPRESSING THOUGHT -- SUMMER IS HALF OVER

The summer of our discontent -- the summer that hasn't been -- is just about half over. June has come and gone and we are just past the midway point of July, which means that there are only seven weekends left until Labor Day.

The arrival of summer has been a blessing for just about all of us during this pandemic. We can go outside and enjoy the fresh air (which, by the way, has been the cleanest it has been in decades in our area thanks to the reductions of emissions from automobile, jet aircraft, and cruise ship traffic).

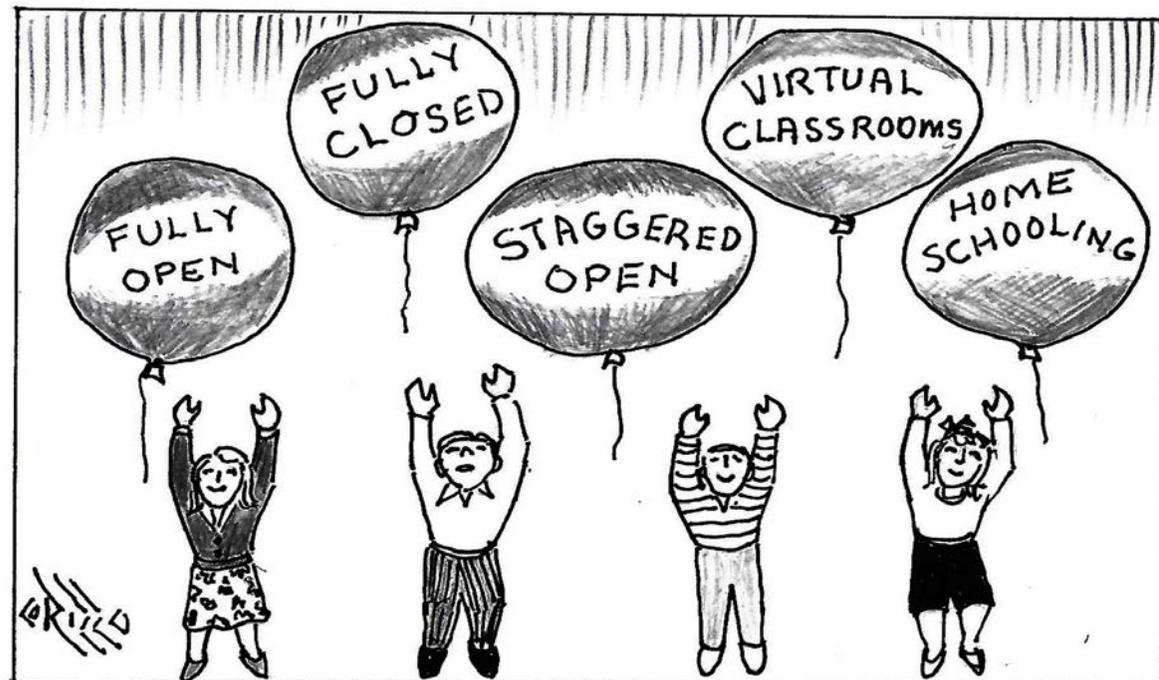
Although our gyms have been closed, we can run, walk, bicycle, and swim for exercise. Our children can go outside and be children. And for those who simply like to relax, the beaches and our boats have been a welcome respite from our months of lockdown.

But if we look beyond these next seven weeks, the future does not seem to be very pleasant.

The lockdowns and quarantines that first began in mid-March were ameliorated by the imminent arrival of spring weather. But as the weather soon begins to turn colder and stormier after Labor Day, and the days grow shorter, our outdoor activities will be limited.

The phased reopenings this summer have been difficult enough, but as the weather turns for the worse, we fear that so too, will our mental and physical health worsen. The winter of 2020-21 promises to be the most challenging of our lifetimes on many levels.

So as we enter the second half of the summer season, let's make the most of the weeks we have left -- always with masks and social distancing -- to create memories for ourselves and our children that will bolster us for the difficult days to come.



SCHOOL CHOICES ARE STILL UP IN THE AIR

GUEST OP-ED

How many friends do you have?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

How many friends do you have? Thousands? If you are on Facebook you may have close to 5000 friends and tens of thousands of more "friends" via Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat or various other social media connections. Are you really connected? Can you really call these social media friends, "friends?"

How many of these people do you talk to or have ever had a verbal conversation, in person or on the telephone? How many of them have you met or would like to meet? In most cases if your social media "friends" wanted to meet you and visit you it would scare you to death. Although, I know a little bit about most of mine and in most cases I think I would probably enjoy it. If I wouldn't enjoy it then why have that person in my circle of "friends?" The larger the number of people you have in your social media circle the less likely you are to know much if anything about them and then you have to ask yourself "why?" Most people would never have that much time to talk on the phone with all their social media friends.

I receive friend requests everyday but seldom accept many because often they are from people who I'm clueless about. Why do I want to know what they are doing or what I'm doing if I don't even know anything at all about the person?

There is a verse from scripture

that says "A friend sticks closer than a brother." Often in life you discover your friends aren't who you thought they were but often are the people you might never imagined. A true friend steps in when the others have walked away. All you need to do is fall on your face, make some mistakes in life and you'll lose the majority of your "friends." They'll disappear. The handful of people who stay with you or show up to help you will become the greatest people in your life.

I once heard someone say, "The person who loves God most is at his post when all the others have walked away." It's true with a friend. A real friend will be there regardless. How many people do you have in your life who will come to you if you are 200 miles away and your car is broke down? Who will try to wire \$500 to you if you are in a distant town and lose your wallet?

What if your business fails, you file bankruptcy, divorce, get a terminal illness or do some stupid things in your life? You may have already found out how people shy away from you during life upheaval. Often, they don't know what to say or do and so they walk away or become distant. They aren't real friends. A real friend doesn't walk away. A real friend doesn't tell you what you want to hear but may tell you their thoughts without trying to wound you. They talk to you in love and in friendship.

How many friends do you really have?

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Attention to Detail

By PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The plant display in the last clue is next to 161 Charles Street built in 1980. This location is home to the very convenient Top Shelf grocery, wine, liquor, and flower shop, a longtime part of the Beacon Hill community.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



LOCAL STUDENTS

EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL RESIDENTS GRADUATE FROM UMASS LOWELL

Local residents were among the graduates honored by UMass Lowell's 2020 Commencement on Friday, May 29.

The university held a virtual Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 29 for the more than 4,400 members of the Class of 2020, which represents 45 states and 108 nations, and included 1,624 individuals who graduated with honors.

The ceremony was presided over by UMass Lowell Chancellor Jacquie Moloney, who is a two-time UMass Lowell graduate. The Commencement address was delivered by Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and the student address was by criminal justice major Rachel Record of Pepperell, who was also one of six recipients of the Trustee's Key for maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA for her entire UMass Lowell career, as well as a Chancellor's Medal for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

The ceremony also featured special congratulations wishes for UMass Lowell graduates from Dropkick Murphys, UMass Lowell alumni TV personality Taniya Nayak and meteorologist Sarah Wroblewski; Food Network chef Robert Irvine; sports broadcasters including John Buccigross of ESPN, Kathryn Tappen of NBC Sports and Baseball Hall of Famer Dennis Eckersley of New England Sports Network; and past UMass Lowell Commencement speakers and honorees including Oscar winner Chris Cooper and author Marianne Leone Cooper, Judy Woodruff of PBS, Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart, Steve Kornacki of MSNBC and U.S. Rep. Lori Trahan.

The main ceremony was followed by online events by each of the university's schools and colleges during which all graduates' names were read.

Local residents among UMass Lowell's Class of 2020 are:

* Madison Kenyon of Beacon Hill, who received a Master of Education degree in reading and language.

* Minh Ta Vo of Back Bay, who received a Master of Science degree in information technology.

* Olivia Belofsky of Back Bay, who received a Master of Education degree in curriculum and instruction.

* Steven Zhou of Back Bay, who received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree in mechanical engineering.

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KIRSTEN ROCKWELL THIIM GRADUATES FROM TRINITY COLLEGE

Kirsten Rockwell Thiim, daughter of Dr. Michael and Christine Thiim of Beacon Hill, graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., Cum Laude with a B.S. in Neuroscience. She is a member of Tri Beta Biology Honor Society, Nu Rho Psi, Neuroscience Honor Society and Chi Alpha Sigma, Student Athlete Honor Society. Kirsten was a four-year member of The Trinity Women's Rowing Team for and also the team captain. She is currently working as a Research Assistant at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Pediatric Newborn Medicine.



Kirsten Rockwell Thiim.

Kenzie Bok endorses Ed Markey for United States Senate

Boston City Councilor Kenzie Bok announced today her endorsement of Senator Ed Markey for re-election to the United States Senate. Her announcement comes with a little over a month left before the primary voting closes.

"Kenzie is a dedicated councilwoman for the City of Boston, and she shares my passion for making our cities' transportation and housing infrastructure accessible and affordable for everyone in our community," said Senator Markey. "Her endorsement means a lot to me in this race, and it means we are one step closer to accomplishing our shared goals of equitable, safe, and sustainable cities. Thank you for being in this fight with me, Kenzie."

Councilor Bok stated, "I'm sticking with Ed because as a young person sworn into office on the Boston City Council this year, I've seen what it means to need to govern with a sense of urgency. What we keep finding in this time of crisis is that — whether it comes to public health, or racial justice, or economic equality — many of

the solutions we need today are ones that some people have been fighting for for a long time. Ed Markey is one of those people. He has been consistently fighting for justice throughout his career, from increasing access to affordable housing to pushing for universal health care to co-authoring the Green New Deal. Our City of Boston and the whole Commonwealth of Massachusetts need his leadership now more than ever, so I'm proud to endorse Ed Markey for U.S. Senate."

The continued addition of new endorsements — with fewer than six weeks until the primary voting ends — shows that people and organizations are responding to Senator Ed Markey's re-election message, proving he's a progressive leader with the track record and bold ideas we need now. The councilor's endorsement underscores the young, progressive power fueling the campaign.

With a background in affordable housing, budget analysis, and civic engagement, Councilor Bok was elected to represent District

8 on the Boston City Council in November 2019. At 30, she is currently the youngest serving Boston City Councilor. Councilor Bok's priorities include increasing housing affordability for both renters and homeowners, improving our transportation system and public infrastructure, ensuring well-funded, high-quality Boston Public Schools, and making Boston a national model for how to tackle climate change.

Senator Markey has served in the United States Senate since winning the special election in 2013 and has amassed a deep record on environmental, climate, gun safety, and consumer protection issues. He founded the Congressional Alzheimer's Task Force and authored the National Alzheimer's Project Act, which mandates that the federal government put in place a plan to address Alzheimer's disease by 2025. Raised in Malden, Ed Markey has always stood up for the priorities of Massachusetts.

MBTA to resume fare collection on buses, trolleys, and commuter rail

The MBTA has resumed fare collection on buses, on trolleys at street-level stops on the Green Line and Mattapan Line, and on the Commuter Rail beginning Monday, July 20.

Customers are encouraged to pay with a preloaded CharlieCard or CharlieTicket on buses and trolleys. Customers may also pay with cash. Commuter Rail customers are encouraged to use the mTicket app for payment or purchase the new Five-day Flex Pass on the mTicket app. The Five-day

Flex Pass is a bundled fare good for any five days of travel within a thirty-day period. Fairmont Line customers also have the option to pay fares with CharlieCards at Zone 1A stations.

On MBTA buses, to avoid overcrowding, operators have the discretion to bypass a stop. If a customer with a disability is able to be identified while waiting at a stop to be bypassed, the bus operator alerts the Control Center, will notify that individual that the stop is being passed due to crowd-

ing, and will alert the customer to the approximate time of the next available bus that can accommodate them.

Customers should continue to make efforts to distance and are reminded that face coverings are required while onboard vehicles and within the MBTA system.

For more information, please visit mbta.com/coronavirus.mass.gov/COVID19, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram@theMBTA.

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the commission's June 18 hearing.

In another matter, the commission approved as submitted an application for 7 Mount Vernon Place with proposed work at the front façade that includes replacing the front-door hardware; installing an intercom system at the rear door; installing a new copper exhaust cap on the sidewalk; and installing a fire-alarm bell and beacon on front façade, as well as installing one chimney exhaust, an ERV (energy recovery ventilation) supply and an exhaust on the roof. Provisos for this application include staff approving cut-sheets for the proposed door hardware, as well as glass and cut-sheets for the skylights, while the applicant must produce historical documen-

tation that proves that the existing white shade of the door wasn't its original color in order to paint it black, as was also requested.

The commission also approved an application for 34 West Cedar St. to replace an existing roof-deck rail with a 42-inch-high metal railing that would be pushed back from the rail's current location near the penthouse; to remove three existing HVAC condensers from the rear ell and replace them with three or four smaller, less-obtrusive units in the same location; and to replace an existing pendant light at the front vestibule and paint the entry white; and to replace existing wood siding with flat-seam copper on the rear side of the head-house. This applica-

tion's approval came with the provisos that cedar planks at the rear of the head-house remain in place, and that the new railing be black and made of metal.

Regarding a proposal to install a small boiler vent at the rear façade of 61 Mount Vernon St., the commission ruled that the application was exempt and wouldn't require a vote because the work wouldn't be visible from a public way.

Meanwhile, the commission didn't hear an application to install piping on several windows at 116 Charles St. that was also listed on the agenda because the applicant didn't appear at the virtual hearing.

CORRECTION: Due to reporting errors in Dan Murphy's story "Joel Pierce leaves behind legacy of commitment to neighborhood after nearly work on BHAC" on Page 2 of the July 16 edition, Pierce's tenure with the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission, which expired this month, was erroneously written to have finished up in December. Miguel Rosales was also listed as the commission's chair, although P.T. Vineburgh now occupies that seat.

Massachusetts logs highest unemployment rate in the nation for June

Staff Report

The state's June total unemployment rate is up eight-tenths of a percentage point at 17.4 percent following a revision to the May rate of 16.6 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

It is the highest unemployment rate in the nation.

The national unemployment rate for June was 11.1 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts added 83,700 jobs in June. This follows last month's revised gain of 55,000 jobs. Over the month, the private sector added 97,300 jobs as gains occurred in Leisure and Hospitality; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Construction; Professional, Scientific, and Business Services; Education and Health Services; Manufacturing; and Other Services. Losses occurred in Financial Activities and Information.

Government lost jobs over the month.

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two weeks after reopening.

"They're older, and we want to make sure conditions are safe, and that everyone is following social-distancing guidelines and wearing masks," Belfanti said. "But they're very excited to get back to the museum."

The Gibson House Museum and the Nichols House Museum, located at 137 Beacon St. and 55 Mt. Vernon St., respectively, are both members of the Boston House Museum Alliance, so Michelle Coughlin, museum administrator of the Gibson House Museum, said their reopenings are both slated for September in an effort to complement each other.

"We're two independent house museums and we're nearby each other, so it makes sense to plan reopening together, and to cross-promote them," Coughlin said.

Upon its September reopening, the Gibson House Museum will begin offering tours on Saturdays and Sundays at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Tickets must be reserved and purchased in advance, and tours will be limited to six individuals who all must be part of the same household or group of friends, or willing to be together. (The museum offered tours at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday to groups of up to 12 non-related individuals before the pandemic struck.) All guests and staff will be required to wear face coverings, as well as to adhere to a new tour

From June 2019 to June 2020, BLS estimates Massachusetts lost 529,800 jobs.

Losses occurred in each of the private sectors, with the largest percentage losses in Leisure and Hospitality; Other Services; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and Construction.

The June unemployment rate was 6.3 percentage points above the national rate of 11.1 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force increased by 130,800 from 3,540,900 in May, as 79,200 more residents were employed and 51,600 more residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 14.5 percentage points.

The state's labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – increased to 64.9 percent. Com-

pared to June 2019, the labor force participation rate is down by 2.7 percentage points.

For the most current week in July, From July 5 to July 11, Massachusetts had 23,535 individuals file an initial claim for regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) a decrease of 3,084 over the previous week, the fifth consecutive week of decline. From March 15 to July 11, a total of 1,107,650 have filed an initial claim for regular UI. For the fourth week in a row, continued UI claims at 527,307 were down 7,894 or 1.5 percent over the previous week.

The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims filed for the week ending July 11, at 12,832, were slightly less than the previous week. Since April 20, 2020, 664,046 claimants have filed an initial claim for the PUA.

The Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), which provided up to 13

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and in all, Felton said these loans, which totaled \$198 million, were responsible for saving an estimated 16,800 jobs.

Besides having a hand in processing all of these loans, Felton personally handled about 60 of them, and when they were approved, he called each of his clients to give them the good news. One woman was so elated upon speaking with Felton that she broke into tears and told him that the approval of her loan would result in 15 saved jobs.

"Some banks cherry-pick their clients... and we heard that a lot of banks wouldn't even pick up the phone, but with us, it was first-come first, first-served," Felton said. "With us, it wasn't based on [the clients'] size, and we tried to help everyone equally. We got every loan approved, but it was a process with the rules constantly changing."

These changes to the rules came in the form of new Interim Final Rules issued by the federal government's Small Business Administration that amend the restrictions for the PPP process and loan forgiveness.

"It seemed like every two weeks, the SBA put out information on the new process changes to the program, and what's forgivable and what's not," Felton said.

The first Interim Final Rule came in at around 10 p.m. on the eve of the program's launch, Felton said, which put clients seeking loans through a more strenuous and detailed application process.

"We went to clients and had

weeks of extended benefits, was implemented on May 21. For the week ending July 11, 4,689 PEUC initial claims were filed bringing the total of PEUC filings to 70,356 since implementation.

June 2020 Employment Overview

•Leisure and Hospitality gained 29,500 (+18.8%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Leisure and Hospitality lost 192,100 (-50.8%) jobs.

•Trade, Transportation and Utilities added 27,900 (+6.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 87,600 (-15.2%) jobs.

•Construction gained 19,700 (+16.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Construction has lost 21,500 (-13.3%) jobs.

•Professional, Scientific and Business Services added 7,600 (+1.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost

33,000 (-5.5%) jobs.

•Education and Health Services gained 5,900 (+0.8%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Education and Health Services lost 83,300 (-10.3%) jobs.

•Manufacturing added 5,500 (+2.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Manufacturing lost 13,200 (-5.4%) jobs.

•Other Services gained 4,100 (+4.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Other Services are down 41,700 (-30.0%) jobs.

•Information lost 1,200 (-1.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Information lost 2,600 (-2.8%) jobs.

•Financial Activities lost 1,600 (-0.7%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Financial Activities lost 4,600 (-2.1%) jobs.

•Government lost 13,600 (-3.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Government lost 49,900 (-10.9%) jobs.

to have them fill out new applications," Felton said. "The process was difficult for banks because during the loan process, underwriters typically look at the client's credit and tax returns, and their ability to repay, but they were now asked to understand payroll documents."

A subsequent Interim Final Rule altered the breakdown for how loan monies must be spent from 75 percent on staff and the remaining 25 percent on overhead, such as rent and utilities, to 60 percent for staff and 40 percent for other costs, while another extended the period in which the funds must be spent from eight-weeks through the end of July to 24 weeks until mid-October.

Babak Bina, who with his sister, Azita Bina-Seibel, owns and operates Bin 26 Enoteca on Charles Street, as well as another restaurant, jm Curley in Downtown Crossing, is among the clients that received PPP funds through Cambridge Trust and have already submitted applications asking for loan forgiveness.

"There's no doubt that the loans helped people tremendously, including us," Bina said. "In retrospect, we're very thankful we were able to get the applications in and work with our bank."

And while he appreciates that the Interim Final Rules have in some cases eased restrictions for banking clients, Bina said they came as little relief to him, since he was already adhering to the original terms of his loan when the new federal guidelines were announced.

"The difficult thing for us was as a part of the first wave [of loan recipients], we lived by the original mandate to spend it all within eight weeks," Bina said, "and on the seventh week, they amended it to 24 weeks. That really didn't help us because we'd already spent the money."

Bina said the other new regulation that reduced the amount of the loan that must be allocated for paying staff to 60 percent from 75 percent also came too late to do him any good.

"There were other challenges like not being able to get employees to come back to work and the fact that we essentially were given a loan, which we were mandated to spend when we couldn't be open," Bina said. "Ostensibly it was challenging when we still had to get the green light from the state to reopen, but we found ways to get the staff to come in and get the restaurants ready for reopening."

Bina extended his gratitude to Cambridge Trust and Roma Mayur, their account manager at the bank, for helping them through this arduous process.

But now Bina is left wondering whether his PPP loan will ultimately be forgiven.

"Ultimately, we have to see with the final rules, where our expenditures fall," Bina said. "We have to submit our paperwork and pray for the loan to be forgiven and not have to be paid back. We also suspect they will come back and ask for payroll receipts [and other supporting documentation]."

Vacation cancelled? Take a trip to the Boston Public Garden instead

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Public Garden is known for being a place to relax, unwind, and enjoy nature, and this summer, be sure to stop and smell the hibiscus.

For more than 100 years, city gardeners have prided themselves on ornamental planting displays for people to enjoy on strolls through the park.

“Visiting the seasonal floral displays are more than a photo op—they are a civic tradition,” according to a 2019 article on the Friends of the Public Garden’s website.

“Exotic” plants like palm and banana trees were introduced to the Garden by William Doogue, who was in charge of the Public Garden from 1878 to 1906, the article states.

“Confident of his credentials, Doogue wanted nothing less than to make the Public Garden a show piece of the city,” it continued. Greenhouses and nurseries were built across the city to grow plants for the garden beds each year, as well as other parks in the city.

This tradition continues today, and not even COVID-19 could get in the way of Parks Department Greenhouse Manager Winfield Clarke’s eagerness to plant this year’s beds, making the Garden feel like a tropical getaway.

Walk into the Public Garden now, and you’ll be met with bright splashes of red, yellow, pink and purple, as well as palm trees that are replanted each year. Clarke explained to the Sun that the palm trees are planted in the summer, then removed in September and transported to a greenhouse, where they are kept dormant until the next year.

Clarke, who is from Barbados,

said that he wanted to incorporate some of his roots into the plantings this year, and create a tropical feel right in the middle of Boston for those who may have had to cancel vacations due to COVID-19.

He said plants like cordyline, ficus, hibiscus, alocasia, and even a banana and a mango tree are some of the many plants featured in this year’s beds.

He said that some of the plants were grown in the greenhouse, harkening back to Doogue’s days, and others were specially ordered from a nursery. The whole garden, which has nearly 60 flower beds altogether, took about a month for his team to complete, Clarke added.

While the virus did not stop the planting from happening, it did change the way it had to be done. The planting team had to work in shifts due to the virus, with three to four people working six feet apart to get it done. Clarke also said that hand sanitizer was readily available for the team to use.

“We try to bring something different each year to the garden,” he said, but this year called for something extra special.

“I wanted to do something different because of COVID-19 going on,” he said of this year’s plantings. “It gives people a nice thing to look at since vacations are cancelled.” He said he tried to include lots of color in the garden to make people happy. “Take a walk, enjoy it,” he said.

“The horticultural beds in the Public Garden are spectacular this year,” Friends of the Public Garden’s Executive Director Liz Vizza said in a statement to the Sun. “Despite the challenges of Covid-19, Winfield Clarke’s designs and



PHOTOS BY DAN MURPHY

Vibrant tropical plants fill the garden beds this year in the Boston Public Garden, thanks to Greenhouse Manager Winfield Clarke and his team.

the greenhouse team’s installation are delighting visitors in a year when we all yearn for this kind of beauty more than ever. Many thanks for the creativity that went into these beautiful displays!”

Clarke said with this year’s garden all planted and ready to enjoy, he’s already thinking about what to do for next year. Again, he said the design would be “totally different,” and will feature some plants that have been growing in a greenhouse from seed this year.



Plants like these that thrive in warm climates can only be planted in Boston during the summer, as they will not survive the harsh winters, Clarke said.



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Pandemic causes Esplanade events to go virtual

By Dan Murphy

While the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation has postponed group events on the Charles River Esplanade through the end of this month, some organizations that had events planned in the park during this time have taken a cue from the Esplanade Association, which successfully reimaged its annual 5K as a virtual footrace for the first this year in response to the ongoing pandemic.

From June 1 to 7, 300 runners from three countries (the U.S., Brazil and India) and 13 states participated in the virtual race by running or walking 5K (3.1 miles) anywhere in the world at their own pace. And while the number of participants this year was only a fraction of the 1,000 runners the event typically draws, the virtual race was still seen as an unqualified success.

"For us, it was a successful event, but not on par with a typical 5K, but in experimenting with something new, we were pleased with the results," said Michael Nichols, executive director of the Esplanade Association. "We certainly thought that a virtual race was the responsible way to hold the event, so we're not surprised to see other organizations that had their events planned for the Esplanade follow suit."

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A view of Back Bay from the Charles River Esplanade.

Charles Circle Bluebikes station busiest in metro-Boston system

By Dan Murphy

The Charles Circle Bluebikes station is now the busiest in the metro-Boston system. The station's ridership was estimated at 3,704, up from 3,291 last June, making it one of the few stations in the system with higher ridership last month than during the same timeframe in 2019.

Also, while ridership system-wide was down around 70 percent in April from the previous year, the decline in usage was only about 20 percent for the Charles Circle station.

In late March, Bluebikes began partnering with the city to provide free 30-day passes to healthcare workers, which is believed to have been a factor in the high ridership number reported at the Charles Circle station, along with its close proximity to the Charles River Esplanade.

Bluebikes now has around 330 stations and more than 3,000 bikes serving Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Everett and Somerville in its metro-Boston system.



The Charles Circle Bluebikes station, which is now busiest in the metro-Boston system.

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.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee

The Streets and Sidewalks committee had another busy and productive year, despite being impacted by COVID-19 during this last quarter.

Major accomplishments include the following:

1. In partnership with The City, the Committee supported the Collapsible Bin pilot project on the Hill. It is hoped to continue with this pilot once the current situation improves sufficiently to be able to safely handle collapsible bins.
2. The Streets & Sidewalks



BHCA and Chair of the Streets & Sidewalks Committee Rajan Nanda.

Dog Waste Sub Committee came up with a plan, under the guidance of Renee Walsh, which includes certain selected locations throughout the Hill where dog waste can

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

VIRTUAL LECTURE LOOKS BACK AT IMAGES FROM WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

Join the Nichols House Museum and Professor Allison Lange for "Images in the Women's Suffrage Movement"- a virtual lecture on the visual history of women's suffrage - on Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Since the nation's founding, Americans have used images to define power and gender roles. Popular pictures praised male

presidents, while cartoons mocked women who sought rights. Women's rights activists like Sojourner Truth and Susan B. Anthony challenged these powerful pictures by distributing portraits that featured women as political leaders. Over time, suffragists developed a national visual campaign to change ideas about gender and politics and win voting rights. Lange, an assistant professor of history at the Wentworth Institute of Technology, will base the lecture on her book, "Picturing Political Power: Images in the Women's Suffrage Movement," published in May 2020 by the University of

Chicago Press.

This virtual lecture is free, but there is a suggested donation of between \$10 and \$15. Attendees who R.S.V.P. the museum for the event will be emailed a link to attend the lecture on the day of the event. Visit nicholshousemuseum.org for more information.

SING-UPS FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL GIVEAWAY NOW UNDERWAY

The Salvation Army is teaming up with Garden Neighborhood

Charities—the philanthropic arm of the TD Garden—and the City of Boston to host its Ninth Annual Back-to-School Giveaway, with sign-ups now underway.

Registration is first-come-first-served and based on financial need. To be eligible, applicants must live in Boston/Suffolk County.

This year's registration takes place through Aug. 18 by phone at 617-322-3875 and via email at MASBack2School@use.salvation-army.org due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Receive a backpack filled with school supplies and hygiene prod-

ucts; distribution takes place on Aug. 18, 19 and 20.

Enrollment open for Beacon Hill/Back Bay Girl Scout Troop 65321

Girl Scout Troop 65321, covering the Beacon Hill and Back Bay neighborhoods, is accepting enrollment for new scouts entering Kindergarten and first grade (fall 2020). Meetings are held on Monday nights, approximately once or twice a month, at the Advent Church on Beacon Hill. To enroll your daughter or for information on enrollment for other grades, e-mail Jill Hauff at jill.hauff@gmail.com.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA) is a proactive volunteer organization of neighbors helping neighbors. We are seeking an administrative assistant to support the BHCA's executive director to carry out the association's mission, which is to preserve and enhance the quality of life on Beacon Hill. The candidate should be friendly and outgoing, and enjoy working with volunteers, BHCA members and Beacon Hill residents. He or she should be highly motivated with excellent organizational skills and attention to detail, self-directed, able to juggle multiple tasks and be comfortable with database systems. This is a full-time position and the annual starting salary is the mid \$30s.

Duties include:

- Assist the executive director by preparing materials and reports for the board of directors and committees need to effectively accomplish their work.
- Act as the first point of contact for the office; help resolve BHCA member and resident concerns and complaints about quality of life issues on Beacon Hill.
- Assist the membership committee with member solicitations, annual membership drives, sending out appropriate membership materials, implementing special membership events and new member receptions.
- Assist the treasurer and bookkeeper with some bookkeeping functions, including making bank deposits, handling credit card transactions and invoices.
- Maintain member records on Charityproud database, create and provide reports to the board and committees, and help the BHCA increase its use of the database as a valuable reporting tool.
- Manage member communications, including sending group emails/email marketing, updating the website, social media accounts, and sending invitations to events.
- Occasional support for evening meetings and several weekend events throughout the year.
- Order supplies, maintain office equipment and filing, and act as office liaison with vendors.
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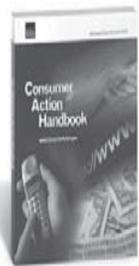
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FRESH AND LOCAL

Use it up!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

“Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without” was the motto for many of our ancestors. This way of thinking has had relevance during the pandemic and may lead to a healthier, thriftier, and less materialistic way of life for many of us in the years ahead.

We’ve always been sensitive to wasted food, but never more than over the past few months. We regrew scallions from stubs; made chicken stock from bones, skin, and limp vegetables; froze ripe bananas, and created interesting meals from whatever we had on hand.

Good Resources

The food media paid a good deal of attention to recipes that use leftovers and how to substitute one item for another during the days of shortages. People who couldn’t find yeast learned to make flatbreads from flour and yogurt.

Every chef with a vlog created videos of recipes for fried rice, tacos, frittata, grain bowls, mac & cheese, casseroles, and curries that used up what they had on hand. Jamie Oliver, Kenji Alt Lopes, Food with Chetna, Food 52, the Washington Post and New York Times YouTube channels showed us how to make do and feed ourselves from our pantries.

Time of Learning

In a great article for the website

The Kitchn, Julianne Bell described what she learned about cooking while living with a chef during the quarantine. While she did learn the way to make specific recipes like a classic French omelet and risotto, it was learning the way a trained chef improvises and uses the pantry and leftovers that changed the way she cooks.

“Like a magician,” she wrote of her girlfriend, the chef, “she has conjured cookies out of white chocolate, dried cherries, coconut, apples, and oats I’d forgotten I had, and summoned a comforting diner-style breakfast out of diced hot dogs, green peppers, sharp cheddar, and frozen hash browns.”

“My girlfriend never cooks from recipes — she’s much more likely to throw something together, using her instincts and whatever is on hand. I’m not there quite yet, but I’m learning to view recipes as templates, rather than rigid demands you have to follow.” This is something many home cooks, new and old, can benefit from learning.

“Give, Take, Trade, and Share”

One more concept we might add to this philosophy is “Give, Take, Trade, and Share.” If you know you are not going to be able to “use up” some of the shelf-stable foods you stockpiled during the days when shopping was difficult, donate those items to a food pantry. There are many families who need your bounty.



Chicken leftover from one meal became tacos with a few items from the vegetable bin.

If you have an item you no longer use and will not wear out, find a home for it with someone who can then spend the money they might have used to buy it on something else. If you need something or just want to try a new gadget or product, see if you can trade with someone for it. Finally, if you only

need something occasionally, see if you can rent it, borrow it from a friend or neighbor, or if you can share the one you purchase with one or more friends.

Even if you are one of the fortunate people who continues to have employment and resources as an advocate of “use it up, wear

it out, make it do, or do without” and “give, take, trade, and share,” you’ll be helping other people and our environment.

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

ALKU Scholarship Covid-19 relief funds are now available

Staff Report

ALKU, in partnership with Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP), has awarded additional relief funds to its ALKU Scholarship recipients to use towards their education.

Recent events directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic have created new obstacles for students everywhere, but especially for students already facing hardship. ALKU acknowledged the impact this pandemic would have on its scholarship recipients and acted accordingly, by providing additional scholarship funds to past recipients.

“Since ALKU was established, we have been able to see the benefit of giving back to our community. With a pandemic comes added hardship and increased need for support. Now, more than ever, is

a time to give back. The ALKU scholars are bright, dedicated students and their commitment to continuing through this hardship has inspired us to show our support,” -ALKU CEO, Mark Eldridge.

ALKU recognizes that in all circumstances, education remains a top priority, and that in these unique times, preparations may be extra stressful. ALKU and MMP want to help previous ALKU Scholarship recipients relieve some of this financial burden by offering extra funds for education.

“After graduating from high school, I decided to take a year off to work and raise the rest of the funds I needed to go to UMass. Last month, when I got the news from ALKU that I received extra funds, I was relieved to know that this was what I needed to finally attend school without the stress of having to pay an insane amount of money—I am very grateful for

their support!” -Julian Vivesca, ALKU Scholarship Recipient 2018

The ALKU Scholarship was founded in 2015 as a way to expand ALKU’s outreach within the mentoring community. The ALKU Scholarship creates the opportunity to directly impact a rising Massachusetts high school senior that has been positively impacted by a mentoring relationship. This impact is seen financially with a monetary scholarship, as well as with the creation of a community of recipients, mentors, advocates, and connections.

“Mentorship has changed my life a lot. Before Carol [my mentor] I really did not have anyone to help with college as no one in my family ever went. She has helped me become the best version of myself. If it wasn’t for her, I would not be in college and working somewhere.” -Marta Pleitez, ALKU Scholarship Recipient 2016.

ALKU is currently looking for its sixth recipient to receive the \$30,000 ALKU Scholarship and is thrilled to give back to the mentoring community. In Marta’s words: “I would tell future applicants to just be honest when filling it [the application] out. ALKU really wants to know the obstacles you

have been through and wants to help in any way they can. Don’t be afraid to have to open up a little to express these obstacles.” All eligible individuals who would benefit from this opportunity are encouraged to apply here: <https://bit.ly/3fH1TxC>.

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State continues to advance solar progress with incentive program updates

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration announced final updates to the Commonwealth's Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) program after filing emergency regulations in April. As a result of a robust stakeholder and public comment process, the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) implemented revisions to land use regulations and grandfathering provisions in order to balance increasing the development of solar energy production in Massachusetts with protecting the Commonwealth's natural resources. This next phase of the SMART program promotes the continued growth of solar in the Commonwealth by doubling the program capacity to 3,200 megawatts (MW).

"Massachusetts' solar industry plays a critical role in meeting our

clean energy and climate goals, and today's updates to the SMART program reflect our continued leadership in advancing solar energy and reducing emissions," said Governor Charlie Baker. "The updated program will support twice as much solar capacity while encouraging thoughtful solar siting and increasing protections for the Commonwealth's most important natural resources."

Massachusetts continues to be a national leader in solar, with over 105,000 projects and 2,700 MW installed across the state. On April 14, 2020, the Baker-Polito Administration filed emergency regulations related to the SMART program with the Massachusetts Secretary of State. Regulations went into effect immediately on April 15, 2020. The filing of the emergency regulations commenced an extensive three-month process of stakeholder engagement, public

comment, and virtual tutorials.

Notable updates to the regulations included expanding the capacity of the program by 1600 MW to 3200 MW, expanding eligibility for low-income projects, promoting solar paired with storage, modifications to protect the Commonwealth's natural resources, and several changes aimed at diversifying the types of projects.

"The next phase of the SMART program showcases our commitment to both protecting the natural resources of the Commonwealth as well as advancing the adoption of clean energy," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "Protecting our natural environment is important to meeting our ambitious net zero emissions target while increasing resilience to climate change impacts throughout the state."

Key changes to the program

since the April 2020 filing include updates to the land use eligibility and expanded accommodations for solar projects that were previously in development. As in the April filing, the DOER continues to prohibit development on land classified as Priority Habitat and Core Habitat. DOER modified the regulation to allow projects sited on Critical Natural Landscape if the project is qualifying under the first 1600 MW of program capacity. As in the April filing, DOER prohibits development on land classified as Critical Natural Landscape if the project is qualifying in the second 1600 MW of available capacity. This change strikes a balance between protecting key endangered species habitat and continuing clean energy development.

The SMART program, which launched in September 2018 and is administered by DOER, promotes

cost-effective solar development in the Commonwealth through an incentive paid directly by the utility company to the solar generation owner. In January 2019, DOER began the review of the program regulations once the program reached 400 MW of solar projects.

"These updates to the SMART program will ensure that our clean energy industry maintains stability in the short term while advancing key energy and environmental objectives long-term," said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Patrick Woodcock. "Additionally, the many other updates to the program will allow for Massachusetts to maintain its national leadership role in the solar industry while protecting the Commonwealth's natural resources."

Local volunteers needed before peak of hurricane season starts

Hurricane season doesn't stop because of a pandemic, and 2020 has been widely predicted to be even busier than recent years. Now, the Red Cross of Massachusetts is looking to virtually train new volunteers in sheltering, health services, and other crucial aspects of mission delivery.

The Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters per year, with a workforce that is 95 percent volunteer. Usually, that gives us the ability to deploy specially-trained disaster volunteers from all over the country – but with COVID-19 travel restrictions in place, we're looking to local residents to answer the call and train up for emergencies that may arise in our region.

The biggest areas of need are in sheltering and health services. Tasks may include registration, feeding, dormitory and information collection in both associate and supervisory roles. The Red Cross is also looking for RN, LPN, LVN, APRN, NP, EMT, paramedic, MD/DO or PA with active, current and unencumbered licenses to help assess the health of shelter residents.

Since the beginning of July, more than 60 disaster volunteers have already been deployed in Massachusetts, many of those in response to severe flooding from recent

storms. A heavy rain storm on June 29 caused a partial roof collapse at a Malden apartment building, forcing the residents of 30 apartments to seek shelter with the Red Cross.

The Red Cross provided rooms at a nearby hotel for all affected residents, as well as a few people displaced by flooding in other communities. In-person volunteers helped serve residents three meals a day and made sure all areas used by Red Cross clients were properly cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis. At the same time, our virtual teams were working with the apartment's property management company to ensure residents had regular updates on the status of repairs and access to alternate housing arrangements as needed. While the immediate need for sheltering services has been met, our recovery casework teams will continue to follow up virtually with clients as needed.

Volunteering with the American Red Cross is a rewarding and life-changing experience that benefits everyone we serve in a time when many Americans feel helpless in the face of this coronavirus pandemic. To make a difference in your community, email MAVolunteers@redcross.org, call 1-800-564-1234 or reach out to us online.

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Green Committee

The Green Committee of the Beacon Hill Civic Association continues to discuss strategies for sustainable urban living in our neighborhood, including recycling, reduced waste and education, and environment safety and preservation. The committee continues to work with representatives from the City of Boston and other neighborhood groups to support community education and outreach. This year we worked with the community to transition to the 6 AM trash pickup and raise awareness about recycling and reduced waste. Current goals include closer integration with other committees, such as Tree and Streets & Sidewalks, to consolidate and align our neighborhood initiatives, objectives, and effectiveness. The committee hopes to work with the city



BHCA Director and Chair of the Cambridge Street Committee Rachel Thurlow.

to create pedestrian and biker safe bike lanes and continue to explore urban composting options.

Upcoming BHCA meetings and activities:

Events Committee: Tuesday, July 28th, 6pm

Young Friends Social: Wednesday, July 29th, 6:30pm - <https://www.facebook.com/events/890433318103836/>

Beacon Hill Meet & Greet at Phillips Street Play Area: Monday, August 3rd, 6:30pm -

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1172039273168609/>

Email the BHCA office at info@bhcivic.org or follow these FB links for details on these virtual meetings.

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.

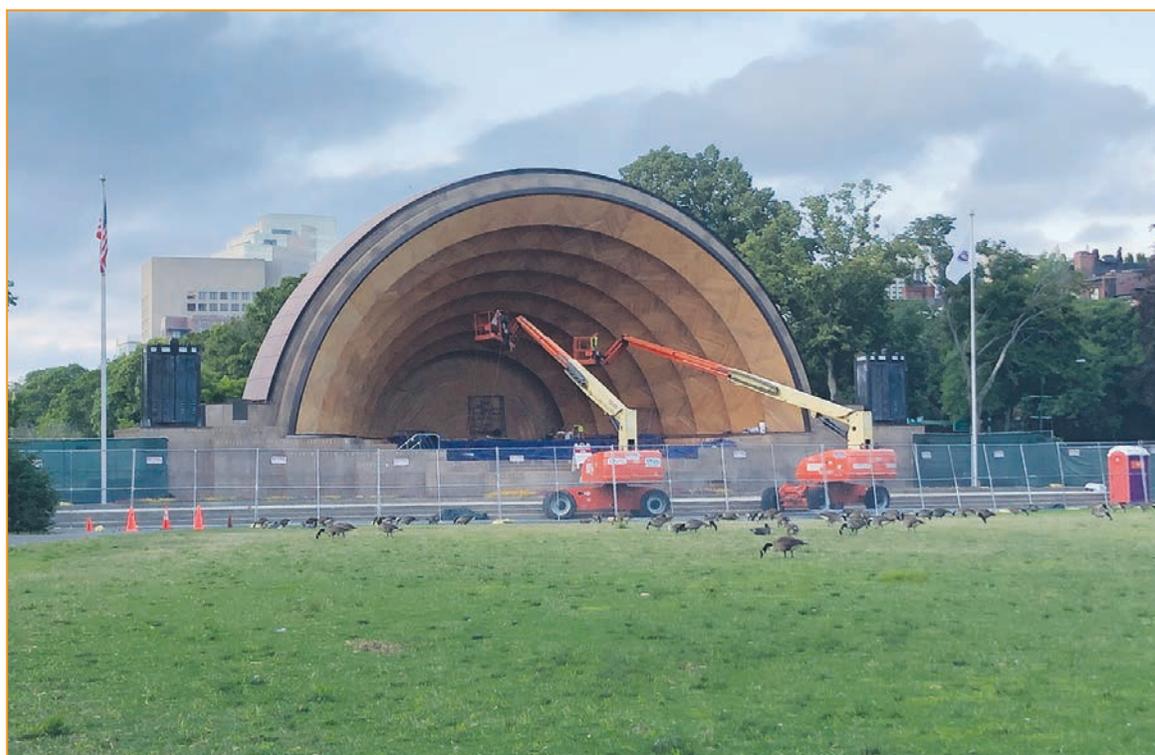


REP. LIVINGSTONE ENDORSES TERRY KENNEDY FOR GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL SIXTH DISTRICT

State Rep. Jay Livingstone has endorsed Terry Kennedy for the Governor's Council Sixth District seat.

"I am proud to endorse Terry Kennedy because he is effectively increasing diversity in the judiciary and representing our progressive values on the Governor's Council," Rep. Livingstone said in endorsing the incumbent candidate who has held the seat since January of 2011. "He's earned my support for re-election."

WORK UNDERWAY AT HATCH SHELL



The Department of Conservation and Recreation is conducting repairs, cleaning and other routine maintenance work on the Hatch Memorial Shell's teak soundboard and rings in an effort to preserve the wood.

Furthermore, the agency is installing a new automatic door opener to the bronze door at the east entrance of the Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade. The total project cost is approximately \$260,000.



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