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Patrons seen savoring the return of the Owl's Nest beer garden on the Charles River Esplanade on Saturday evening.

Owl's Nest beer garden returns to the Esplanade

By Dan Murphy

Albeit arriving later in the season than usual, a sure sign of summer returned to the Charles River Esplanade over the weekend as the Owl's Nest beer garden kicked off its third season in the park.

Everett's Night Shift Brewing is again partnering with the non-profit Esplanade Association to offer a selection of craft beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages in a self-contained area at Storrow Memorial Embankment Park (Fiedler Field), and although this

year's hours of operation are "still being tweaked," Matt Eshelman, the brewery's quality manager, said the Owl's Nest is currently open on Wednesday and Thursday from 4 to 10 p.m.; Friday and

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Liz Vizza promoted to president of Friends of the Public Garden

By Dan Murphy

Liz Vizza was promoted to president of the Friends of the Public Garden during the nonprofit's 50th annual meeting, which took place virtually on Thursday, Aug. 6.

"Liz has been such a driving force for not only our parks, but for all park in the city," said Leslie Singleton Adam, chair of the Friends board, of Vizza, who has served as the group's executive director for the past 11 years.

The annual meeting had originally been scheduled as a traditional in-person event for April, Adam said, but it was postponed and took place virtually last week instead due to the pandemic. "When we started talking about it as the 50th anniversary, we never anticipated having a virtual Zoom meeting in August," she added.



COURTESY OF FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN

Liz Vizza, the newly promoted president of Friends of the Public Garden.

In commemoration of its milestone, the Friends has launched a \$4.6 million capital campaign to fund three major projects, one of which Vizza said would "rejuvenate" the Arlington Street entrance to the Public Garden by making

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Amid uptick in cases, Baker puts the brakes on state's reopening process

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker last Friday announced that Step Two of Phase Three of the state's reopening plan is postponed "indefinitely," after public health data showed an uptick in positive COVID-19 cases.

"We cannot say this enough—COVID-19 is highly contagious," Baker said at his press conference on Friday, adding that some people in the state have been "a bit too relaxed."

He cited several reports of big parties at various locations across the state, as well as illegal sports camps, private boat charters, and a 300 person wedding that is currently being investigated as a cluster and will "likely result in fines."

Baker announced that new initiatives would be put in place to slow the spread of the virus, some statewide and others targeted towards specific communities

that are currently experiencing an increase in cases.

"In some respects, we're entering a new phase in our battle against COVID-19," Baker said. He said that additional town data will be reported starting this Wednesday, and will be posted on a weekly basis.

"An uptick in cases and reports of people not adhering to the guidance means we cannot move forward at this time," Baker said. He said that the state's contact tracing teams have identified large pool parties, birthday parties, and other gatherings as having "contributed significantly to community spread and new COVID clusters."

He said these gatherings are "too big, too crowded," and "people are not being responsible."

New guidelines statewide include reducing outdoor gatherings, on both public and private property, from a limit of 100 people

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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.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is comprised of a few dedicated, off-board volunteers along with co-chairs from the Civic Association Board.



(BHCA Pg. 5) 2019-2020 BHCA Membership Committee Co-Chairs, Janet Tiampo (left) and Maggie Moran.

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EDITORIAL

AMERICA IS CIRCLING THE DRAIN

On January 30 -- what seems like a lifetime ago -- the World Health Organization declared that COVID-19 was a world-wide pandemic. On that same fateful date, the United States' Centers for Disease Control issued a press release that stated as follows: "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today confirmed that the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) has spread between two people in the United States, representing the first instance of person-to-person spread with this new virus here."

One month later, on February 29, after the first confirmed coronavirus death in this country, President Donald J. Trump said as follows:

"We've taken the most aggressive actions to confront the coronavirus. They are the most aggressive taken by any country and we're the number one travel destination anywhere in the world, yet we have far fewer cases of the disease than even countries with much less travel or a much smaller population."

Given Trump's reassuring statement, who among us could have imagined that five months later, the United States would rank as the nation that has been the most-ravaged by the virus? With more than 160,000 of our fellow Americans victims of the virus -- and increasing by 1000 per day -- we have recorded 25 percent of the world's deaths, though we have just four percent of the world's population. And our five million confirmed cases -- an increase of one million in the past 17 days alone -- account for almost one-quarter of cases world-wide.

The daily life of every American has been affected by the virus, with no end in sight. Not only has the fabric of our society been shredded, but the very foundation of our democracy -- the ability to hold fair and free elections -- is in serious jeopardy.

The virus has reduced us to the status of a banana republic in every respect -- and we're continuing to spiral ever downward, day-by-day.

CAR REPOSSESSIONS ARE ON THE RISE

Although most of the attention of the financial crisis brought about by the coronavirus pandemic has focused on the evictions and foreclosures facing millions of out-of-work Americans, the number of repossessions of motor vehicles because of loan defaults is starting to increase dramatically.

With the expiration of a ban on debt collection actions having ended in Massachusetts on July 31, lenders have begun to repossess the motor vehicles whose owners have defaulted on their loans.

We are not taking issue with the lenders -- who only are seeking to protect the value of the motor vehicle for which they have the title -- but we are mentioning it to point out that this is yet another side effect of our nation's feeble national response to the pandemic.

The loss of an automobile will have catastrophic consequences for many families. But the sad reality is that some policymakers in Washington obviously do not care.

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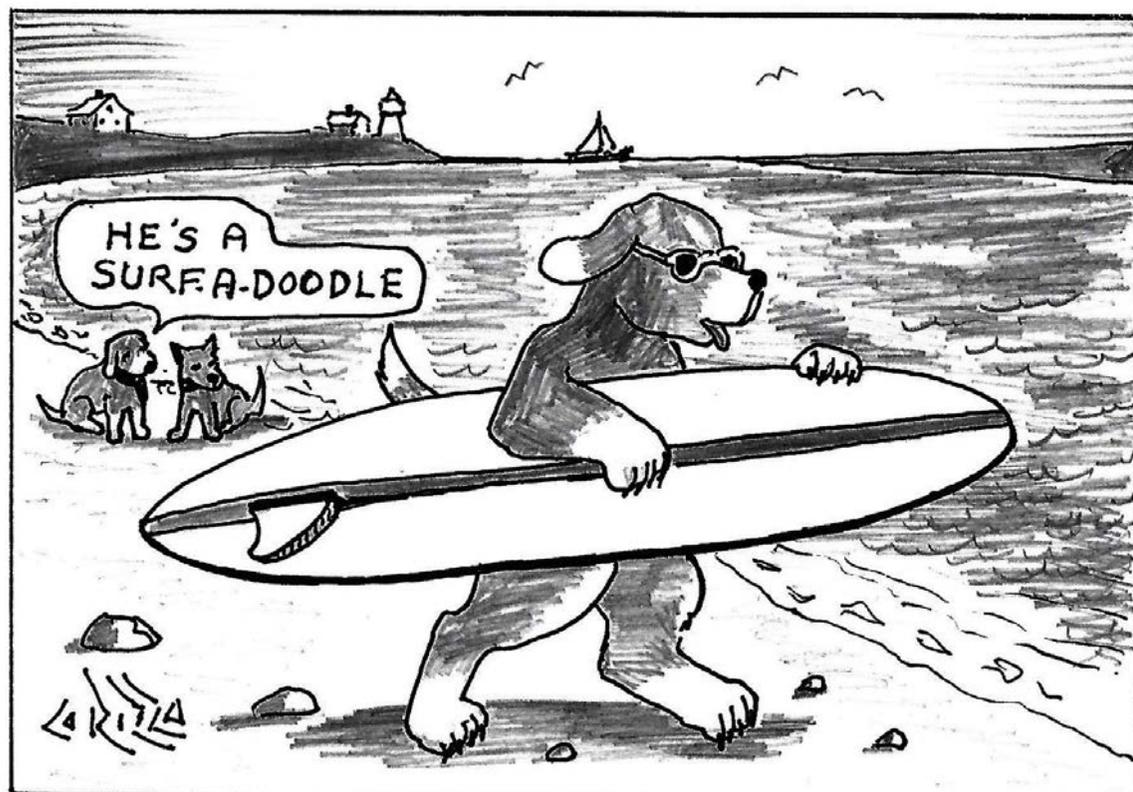
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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER ARE HERE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

LIMIT LARGE VEHICLES IN NEIGHBORHOOD

To the Editor,

Following the damage caused by a truck operated by a Rhode Island company, on July 22 (and referenced on the front page of the July 30 edition of The Bea-

con Hill Times), I contacted City Councilor Kenzie Bok's office and requested that appropriate signage be posted on Storrow Drive to discourage large vehicles with no business on the Hill from exiting onto Revere Street to cut across the neighborhood.

Councilor Bok's office passed

my request to the Boston Transportation Department, and they responded on July 28 to say they will put signage up for truck restriction. Please keep an eye out for it!

Deborah Holt
Revere Street

GUEST OP-ED

Every American has troubles

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Everybody has troubles. If you don't believe it then ask any American living in the year 2020.

Most of us are accustomed to having troubles occasionally. Some have more than others. Some people think that "some people" never have a problem. All people on some level have troubles.

An old preacher friend of mine from Florida use to say "Glenn, on every level, there is a new devil." This is true. The poor have troubles. The rich have troubles. The famous have troubles. People in obscurity have troubles. Today, 2020 in almost every inch of the United States and with every per-

son of the United States we have universal troubles. You've heard the plea for universal health care? Welcome to universal troubles in America.

Every American in some way is impacted by Covid-19. You have had or have the disease. You know someone. You have heard of someone. Because of Covid-19 you may be unemployed. Your education is impacted. Your sports participation is wrecked at least for the Fall and probably winter. Students wonder every day if they will see the inside of a classroom in September or even longer.

Every college town in American is on the brink of financial disaster. Can you imagine what it's going to

do to South Bend if Notre Dame doesn't come back to campus? What about Gainesville, Florida, Lexington, Kentucky, Columbia, Missouri and just name any town that survives on 20,000 college students and families spending money in their town every day. You can add more to the expanded economic misery of this nation.

So far America's Social Security and Government retirees financially have been okay due to the security of their checks. This pandemic does not have limitations or boundaries. Our nation continues to print off money that we do not have to keep afloat families, small businesses and state governments.

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Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Lapointe, Ellen L	Madden, Dennis	311 Commonwealth Ave #61	\$1,456,000
BEACON HILL			
Sadoski, Corinne E	Rosenberg, Laura M	21 Beacon St #4R	\$575,000
Dileo, Harry C	Kennedy, William	83 Phillips St #1B	\$1,420,000
Taddei, Sarah C	Gillis, John U	6 Whittier Pl #11A	\$536,500
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Chen, Abigail E	Levy, Nicole L	83 Dartmouth St #2	\$1,355,000
So, Steven H	Jeannette Kelly LT	9-11 Harcourt St #401	\$1,165,000
Corey, Christopher J	Garrison, Richard C	7 Warren Ave #1	\$1,775,000
Lacamera, Devyn F	Rasmusson, Ann M	36 Bradford St #2	\$595,000
Merrill, Andrea L	Wolvek, Joseph	700 Harrison Ave #315	\$1,090,000
Wilson, Jennifer J	Coutier, Jean P	21 Milford St #3	\$1,639,000
535 Newbury RT	Josephine M Roche FT	535 Newbury St	\$1,400,000
Jonnalagadda, Ravishankar	Jonnalagadda, Gourilakshmi	Babcock, Reginald 121 Portland St #404	\$640,000
Kljat, Angelina	Wan, Siu Y	64 Queensberry St #222	\$520,000
Oprisan, Andrei	Plaisted, Alex	1180-1200 Washington St #315	\$1,499,000
Brennan, Kylie	Bommart, Karen S	6 Wellington St #1	\$689,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Coudray, Christophe	Beyen, Gil	121-123 Beach St #501	\$1,225,000
Rodenstein, Douglas I	Freer, Kelly L	406-418 Commercial St #1	\$800,000

OP-ED (from pg. 2)

I'm afraid the printer in the federal reserve is going to blow up about when it's time to print off my cash for my social security check later next year.

From tourism, restaurants, small businesses or just having to wear a mask or social distance we've all to some extent experienced troubles in 2020. We can overcome many troubles in life. Some troubles are life changing. Dying or burying a loved one is forever.

I've had ups and downs and

most of us have. They aren't fun. The pandemic for many of us has been a lifestyle change. A new normal. An inconvenience. We are having to do some things like wash our hands more, wear a mask and be a little distant from people. That's not killing us. It's when we take on the attitude, "I'm an American. I'm going to do what I want to do, when I want to do it and however, I feel like doing it," then, that attitude becomes part of our national trouble.

Covid-19 is trouble enough.

Americans are all in some way sharing in the troubles of this virus. Please, let's all work together to be part of the solution and not add to our national troubles.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The entry door in the last clue is on 18 Grove Street built circa 1910. The commercial space at street level was once the home of the Frank Lee Laundry. This business name has appeared over the years at various addresses around the city. And, a Google search turns up photos of a Frank Lee Laundry in Natick.

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



VIZZA (from pg. 1)

the fountains depicting children on either side of the entry operational for the first time in decades, as well as adding new benches and plantings to the site.

For the second project, all the statues on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall will be illuminated, Vizza said, finally making a dream of longtime Friends board member Margaret Pokorny that dates back 30 years a reality.

The third project would bring a temporary, interactive art exhibit called “What Do We Have in Common?” to the Boston Common next fall, Vizza added.

The Friends group, meanwhile, has also partnered with the City of Boston, the Museum of African American History and the National Park Service on an approximately \$3 million renovation of the Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial on the Boston Common, which is now underway and should be completed by the year’s end.

Upcoming programming planned in conjunction with this project includes “Reprise of the Monument” on Aug. 24 at 6 p.m., which Vizza said would feature Renée Ater, a public art historian, and David Blight, a Sterling Professor of American History at Yale University.

Besides its work on the Shaw 54th Memorial, the Friends will take a “year off cyclical care” of the other statues on the Common, as well as in the Public Garden and on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall, because they received sufficient maintenance last year, Vizza said.

In anticipation of future development, the Friends has commissioned a sunshine topography study that shows how tall each building can be downtown, block by block, without casting any new shadow on the Common or the Public Garden.

“A lot of development can still take place downtown,” Vizza said,

adding that the Friends has shared the study with the Boston Planning and Development Agency and the city is now considering adopting it.

The Friends is also now among the stakeholders working with the city and the Reading-based environmental firm Weston & Sampson to draft the new Boston Common Master Plan, details of which will be shared during a Sept. 16 virtual meeting, Vizza said.

In addition, the Friends is providing input on the Kenmore Mall Master Plan – a plan to revitalize the last block of the Commonwealth Mall near the Bowker Overpass. “The Parks Department has money in its budget for construction documents,” Vizza said.

Kate Enroth, chair of the Governance Committee, welcomed six new members to the Friends board of directors for three-year terms – James Bordewick, Claire Corcoran, Anne Mostue, Jeffrey Mullan, Brent Shay and Eugenie Walsh.

Departing board members include Allison Achtmeyer, Katherine O’Keeffe and Allan Taylor, Adam added.

The Friends also released a “Statement of Solidarity” in early June to oppose racial injustice following the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis Police, Vizza said, and the group is now in the process of creating a “strategic plan” to ensure diversity within its board and staff, as well as among its partners.

Bill Clendaniel, who is stepping down after eight years as treasurer of the Friends, said the organization was in a fortunate position, thanks its nearly \$23 million endowment, which meant that not only did it not have to start a new campaign in response to COVID-19, but it was also able to keep all its employees on the books during this time.

The Friends group has reduced its budget by about one-third due to the pandemic, Clendaniel said, and it also received some

much-needed revenue when some chose to donate the cost of their tickets to the annual Green and White Ball to the organization after the event was cancelled this year.

Meanwhile, Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods recalled

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Saturday from 2 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 8 p.m.

But the hours now hinge on staffing food trucks for the beer garden, Eshelman said, following Gov. Charlie Baker’s mandate on Friday that alcoholic beverages can only be served at restaurants and other establishments where food is also prepared on site.

“We’re doing our best to expand staffing food trucks at all times,” he added. “It’s just one more moving piece.”

In keeping with social distancing and safety guidelines, the beer garden’s occupancy has been reduced by about 50 percent, Eshelman said, with six guests maximum permitted at each of the 30 tables, but unlike past years, however, no standing room is allowed.

And while there might be an opportunity to add a few additional tables before the beer garden’s season wraps up at the end of October, safety is now the top priority.

“We want to go slow and be cautious, provide guests as much space as possible and make it work with the new guidelines to make sure that our staff, our customers and the community are safe,” Eshelman said. “We’re doing everything possible to keep people safe and healthy.”

All patrons and staff will be

how well the year began with a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Friends and the city in January that finally formalized their partnership after 50 years of working together caring for the common, the Public Garden and the Commonwealth Ave-

nue Mall.

“It took many, many years, but Liz and Leslie drove the project and got it through,” Woods said, calling the Friends of the Public Garden “by far the leader” of 160 similar nonprofits now operating throughout the city.

required to wear face coverings whenever possible, and the number of on-site “porta-potties” has been reduced to six from 12 in years past as additional safety precautions.

Night Shift is also strongly encouraging guests visiting the Owl’s Nest on the Esplanade, as well as its Everett brewery and two other beer gardens located on Lovejoy Wharf and near Hester Park in Allston, respectively, to make advance reservations at nightshiftbrewing.com or via the Resy app.

(Per state requirements, this system will also allow Night Shift to notify patrons if someone at one of their locations tests positive for COVID-19, Eshelman said).

Reservations will be limited to two-hour windows, Eshelman added, but parties can stay longer if they are behaving responsibly, and if space permits.

Guests will also be accommodated on a walk-up basis, space permitting, but one member of each party would be required to provide their contact information for contact tracing purposes.

“We strongly encourage reservations as opposed to walk-ups,” Eshelman said. “The whole goal of this is to keep crowds to a minimum...and the Esplanade [beer garden] is such a popular location,

so we want to make sure as many people can enjoy the space as possible.”

The Owl’s Nest drew around 100,000 patrons to the Esplanade between early May and the end of October of last year, according to some estimates, but Eshelman doesn’t expect overcrowding will be a problem this year, judging by the turnout for the opening weekend, which he put at around 100 patrons each night.

Michael Nichols, executive director of the Esplanade Association, which continues to receive revenue from the beer garden’s operation to enhance and improve the park in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation, warily welcomed the return of the Owl’s Nest.

“We’re thrilled, but cautious to have the Owl’s Nest back,” said Nichols, who stopped by the Esplanade beer garden on Sunday afternoon. “The tables were nicely spaced out, there was ample shade cover with the umbrellas, and the Night Shift staff was really thoughtful about sanitizing all touch-points.”

Moreover, Nichols added, “We view the Owl’s Nest as an important amenity in the park, but appreciate that Night Shift has been sensitive in prioritizing public health over everything else.”

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP**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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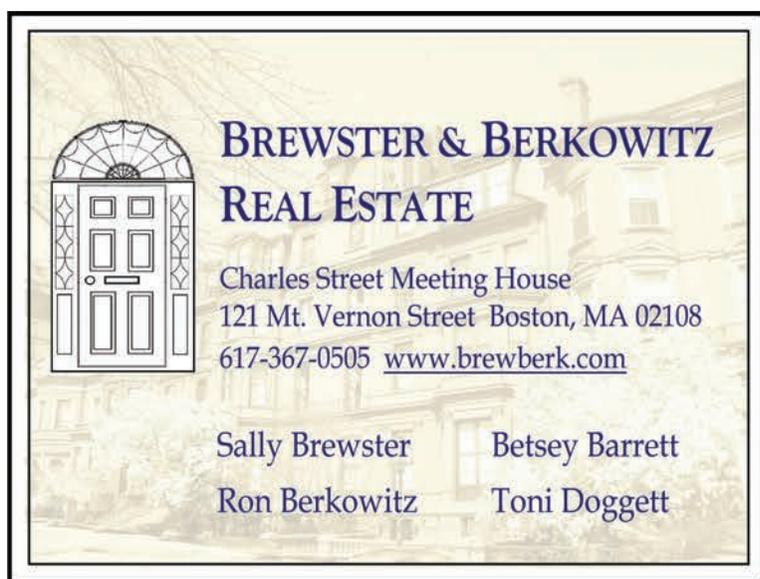
The Salvation Army is teaming up with Garden Neighborhood Charities—the philanthropic arm of the TD Garden—and the City of Boston to host its Ninth Annual Back-to-School Giveaway, with

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.salvationarmy.org due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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July revenue collections for state total \$4.456 billion

Staff Report

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder announced that July revenue collections totaled \$4.456 billion, \$2.43 billion or 120 percent more than the actual collections in July 2019.

Of the \$4.456 billion July collections, approximately \$2.293 billion is income tax payments and refunds that will be recorded as FY2020 revenue, pursuant to section 3 of chapter 78 of the Acts of 2020. Such amounts consist of payments and refunds originally due in FY2020 but received in July 2020, including payments made with final 2019 income tax returns, extension payments and estimated payments originally due in April and June 2020. Therefore, approximately \$2.163 billion in July revenue will be recorded in FY21, which is \$138 million or 6.8 percent more than collections in July 2019.

Also collected in this July was an estimated \$50 million in corporate and business taxes deferred from the spring following the waiver of penalties for late filing and payment. This revenue counts as FY21 revenue, but has no equivalent in July of 2019. Adjusted for both types of deferred taxes, July 2020 revenue is approximately \$88 million, or 4.3 percent, greater than equivalent tax collections last July.

“Approximately 51 percent of July total collections will be recorded as FY2020 revenue due to legislation requiring certain revenue to be recorded in FY20,” said Commissioner Snyder. “July total collections were also boosted by corporate and business tax payments attributable to returns due in April, which will be recorded as FY21 revenue, following the waiver of late filing and payment penalties in connection with such returns. Sales and use tax revenue also increased as compared to the

same period in 2019, despite the deferral of certain regular sales, meals, and room tax payments from FY2020 to FY2021, which are due in September. DOR will closely monitor revenue collections.”

July is historically one of the smaller months for revenue collection, because neither individual nor business taxpayers make significant estimated payments during the month. As a result, roughly 6.7 percent of annual revenue has been received on average during July.

However, this July is different from previous years. Revenues collected in this month reflect a material amount of the deferred payments and refunds on personal income tax and corporate excise payments, but also exclude some regular sales, meals and room occupancy tax collection, which are postponed to September. As noted above, deferred personal income tax payments and refunds

will be recorded as FY2020 revenue by the Comptroller. For a summary of these and other selected Commonwealth measures, please see the Special Disclosure Regarding COVID-19 Related Matters in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Information Statement dated May 22, 2020 (as supplemented).

Details:

Preliminary July Revenue Collections

- Income tax collections for July were \$3.449 billion, \$2.338 billion or 210.3 percent more than July 2019. Of the \$3.449 billion July income tax collections, about \$2.293 billion (or 66 percent) was income tax payments and refunds originally due in FY2020 but received in July 2020, including payments made with final income tax returns, extension payments and estimated payments originally due in FY2020.

- Withholding tax collections for July totaled \$1.131 billion, \$80 million more than July 2019.

- Income tax estimated payments totaled \$411 million for July, \$378 million more than July 2019.

- Income tax returns and bills totaled \$2.032 billion for July, \$1.990 billion more than July 2019.

- Income tax cash refunds in July totaled \$125 million in outflows, \$112 million more than July 2019.

- Sales and use tax collections for July totaled \$614 million, \$11 million more than July 2019.

- Corporate and business tax collections for July totaled \$202 million, \$95 million more than July 2019. DOR estimates that corporate and business tax filers paid about \$50 million in July attributable to returns due in April, following the waiver of late filing and payment penalties in connection with such returns.

- Other tax collections for July totaled \$191 million, \$14 million less than July 2019.

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ple to a limit of 50 people. Indoor gatherings remain at a limit of 25 people. People must remain six feet apart from one another and face coverings are required when “more than 10 people from different households will be mixing,” the state said.

He also said that restaurant guidance now states that alcoholic beverages can only be served for on-premises consumption if food is also served as part of the order. He said that “bars masquerading as restaurants” will not be allowed to operate.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders said on Friday that the state’s seven day average positive test rate was about 2.1 percent, about .4 percent higher than the past couple of weeks.

On August 11, Baker said that the most recent seven day positive test rate is now 1.8 percent, but an “uptick in various communities across Massachusetts” has been seen.

He said that there are about 33 communities in the state that have more than four cases per 100,000 people (a standard for measuring cases across several states) over the past few weeks.

“These communities require specific strategies,” he said. He said that “every community is different” and will require different enforcement measures, as well as

additional testing, tracing, and isolation measures.

“The good news is that the vast majority of communities are experiencing low case numbers,” Baker said, adding that 318 communities have low numbers of new cases over the past two weeks.

He also said that a map with case counts for every town in the Commonwealth will be released and “will be updated on a regular basis going forward,” he said. It will include a color-coded ranking system of “typical traffic light colors:” red, yellow, and green to indicate concentration of cases in a particular area.

But Baker warned residents: “regardless of where your community sits, COVID is not going away.”

The Commonwealth’s Stop the Spread Initiative, which includes free testing for communities that had a higher positive test rate as well as a lower overall test rate, began last month and has now expanded to 17 communities across the state. Sudders announced that the free testing for those communities will be expanded through September 12, and the administration is “prepared” to expand the program to other communities should they need it.

“Last week, Stop the Spread communities tested 56 percent more residents than the week prior,” Sudders said. “Some

communities have experienced decreases in their positivity rates.”

Baker said on Tuesday that MassPort employees will “serve as ambassadors” to incoming travelers at places like Logan Airport to help them access the state’s traveler form and make them aware of the travel guidelines.

Baker also announced a new COVID Enforcement and Intervention Team, which will assist in statewide enforcement and “coordinating local intervention efforts at the local level in higher risk COVID-19 communities,” according to the state. “Communities will be designated as higher risk COVID-19 communities based on public health data, including but not limited to rising trends for new cases and the percentage of positive COVID tests.” Baker said on Tuesday that the team will help to provide resources in different communities as well as help towns access additional federal funds.

Some of the statewide enforcement will include road signs, PSAs, “potential restrictions or shutdowns for parks, playgrounds, businesses or other entities and locations believed to be contributing to the COVID-19 spread in higher risk COVID-19 communities,” other public health support resources, including tracing, testing, and quarantining, among others.

BHCA (from pg. 1)

In early March, the co-chairs of the committee worked with the Executive Director to draft and finalize several letters to be sent to Founders, current members and lapsed members. The association staff also makes a postcard that is delivered to several thousand households in the neighborhood and generates email blasts to encourage people to join the association. Events sponsored by the Young Friends and the Events Committee also draw in new members.

Founding Members of the Beacon Hill Civic Association are invited to two exclusive events each year—one in the fall and one in the spring. Grogan and Company and the Beacon Hill Friends House hosted this year’s Founders’ gatherings. The Civic Association also welcomes new members with a reception in May. The Membership Committee continues its work to revitalize the merchant loyalty program and will be reaching out to young families by hosting a Friday morning meet and greet targeting parents at the Beacon Hill Nursery School this spring.

Neighborhood realtors were

given welcome packages to hand out to new neighbors.

In addition to its quarterly meetings, the Membership co-chairs consult with the Executive Director and the Executive Committee regarding overall advancement strategy.

Upcoming BHCA meetings and activities:

No 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 on quality of life issues on the Hill is important to us, and we rely on you, our neighbors, to bring your comments and concerns to our attention. By joining our membership, you strengthen our numbers and add credibility to our purpose as advocates for Beacon Hill. Please call our office at 617-227-1922 or email the BHCA Executive Director at patricia.tully@bhcivic.org with any questions, comments or concerns, or to learn more about how you can get involved in your community.

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Councilor Bok resumes in-person neighborhood office hours

By Dan Murphy

City Councilor Kenzie Bok will resume offering in-person neighborhood office hours this week in outdoor locations, allowing her to again meet individually with constituents while adhering to social distancing and other safety precautions.

Her office hours on Saturday, Aug. 15, take place at Mission Hill Playground in Mission Hill at 10 a.m.; Phillips Street Playground on Beacon Hill at 1 p.m., and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall at Clarendon Street and Commonwealth Avenue (across from the Clarendon Street Playground) in

Back Bay at 3 p.m.; on Monday, Aug. 17, at Symphony Park in East Fenway at 4 p.m., and at Ramler Park in West Fenway at 5:15 p.m.; and on Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Thoreau Path (on the benches behind the Amy Lowell Apartments) at 6 p.m.

“One thing we’ve learned about the pandemic is outdoors is a lot safer for these sorts of things than indoors so we’ll be having [office hours] at playgrounds and in parks,” Councilor Bok said.

Guests who plan to attend her office hours are strongly encouraged to book ahead by calling Councilor Bok’s office at 617-635-4225, but she said she would also

welcome any constituents who happen to walk by and want to connect with her personally.

Social-distancing will be in place during her office hours, and face coverings are mandatory for everyone in attendance; hand sanitizer will also be made available on site.

During her office hours, Councilor Bok intends to encourage attendees to not only fill out and return their invitations to vote by mail in the upcoming elections, but also to complete the 2020 census.

“The census numbers citywide are nowhere near where we need them to be or where they were 10 years ago,” she said. “We’re really worried about the count, which affects funding for everything in Boston – from schools to streets to public health itself.”

Councilor Bok also plans to offer virtual office hours again next month after successfully bringing them online.

“I want to make sure I can connect one on one with people who aren’t comfortable with my outdoor office hours,” she said. “It’s all a balance by creating virtual opportunities so people who aren’t comfortable with [traditional office hours] can feel safe and also bringing back face-to-face interaction that we’re all missing within the context of safe public health precautions.”

Soon after assuming office in January, Councilor Bok held her initial “round” of office hours



City Councilor Kenzie Bok meets with representatives of the Beacon Hill Civic Association.



City Councilor Kenzie Bok (at right) is seen earlier this year with West End Branch Librarian Helen Bender during the councilor’s office hours at the library.

throughout the neighborhoods she represents, and she said she was looking forward to continue to meet with constituents in this manner on a more-frequent basis when the pandemic struck.

“The sad thing is we had a really ambitious set of office hours planned for weekends, weekdays and evenings that we had to cancel because of the pandemic,” she said. “I’m a city councilor who loves being out and about, so it’s been hard to be in this weird situation.”

For now, though, Councilor Bok expects to continue holding in-person neighborhood office hours throughout the fall at a minimum.

“Since we know we’ll be living with COVID-19 for a while, we’re trying to find outdoor alternatives while the weather is still nice,” Councilor Bok said. “We’ll certainly be doing this through the fall, and maybe we’ll even try some winter office hours with hot chocolate; we’ll just have to wait and see.”

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City Councilor Kenzie Bok meeting with constituents earlier this year at Mike’s Donuts during her Mission Hill office hours.

The Whitney re-opens for business

By Dan Murphy

When The Whitney Hotel Boston opened at the end of June 2019, no one could have ever anticipated the pandemic and how it would impact business for the fledgling luxury hotel.

The 65-room hotel at 170 Charles St., which was developed by Boston-based Related Beal and is operated by Hersha Hospitality Management of Harrisburg, Pa., reopened July 1 after closing more than three months earlier when Gov. Charlie Baker issued his mandate that temporarily shuttered all hotels throughout the Commonwealth. During this time, The Whitney didn't receive any loans under the federal Paycheck Protection Program and was instead forced to furlough most of its approximately 25-person staff from April 1 to June 30, except for a few members who stayed working on site during that time to maintain the hotel and its basic operations, said Kimberly Lowthers, the hotel's director of sales and marketing.

According to the Pinnacle Advisory Group, a Boston-based asset-management firm for hotels, occupancy rates at Boston and Cambridge hotels were down 82.7 percent in June from the same month in 2019 while the average daily rate for a hotel room in these cities in June declined 55.1-percent from the same month last year.

As a relative newcomer to the

city's hotel scene, The Whitney is still in what Lowthers calls "ramp-up time," but she said during "the first quarter until Gov. Baker's March 23 announcement, we were slated to do relatively well."

And now that the hotel has reopened, Lowthers is again optimistic about its future.

"We are beyond grateful as the overall response to the opening a year ago and reopening this past July 1 has been heartwarming," she said. "We will continue to embrace the community and provide exceptional experiences and service so that for a moment in time our guests will be able to get away from it all and enjoy all that The Whitney and Boston have to offer."

The Whitney is also still benefiting from the excitement and what Lowthers describes as the initial "awareness campaign" surrounding its grand opening and ongoing marketing efforts and promotions, such as a new, limited-time 20-percent "Welcome Return" offer off the hotel's best possible rates, as well as a special discounted rate for Beacon Hill residents in appreciation of the neighborhood's support for the hotel.

While corporate bookings are currently nearly non-existent, Lowthers said leisure travel, including "'stay-cations' to visit family members," is now accounting for "steady growth" in the hotel's occupancy.



The Whitney Hotel Boston at 170 Charles St.

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"There are those are special occasions like anniversaries, birthdays and bar/bat mitzvahs that will always be celebrated on some level," Lowthers said, "and we're still in the summer months so family vacations are still being planned."

The hotel also continues to attract patrons with special offerings like its "Whitney on the Water," which offers guests the opportunity to charter a sailboat or yacht excursion on the nearby

Charles River via Boston Charter Boats.

Meanwhile, like all of the other hotels in Hersha's portfolio, The Whitney has implemented the corporation's five-point "Rest Assured" cleanliness program based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, World Health Organization (WHO) and American Hotel and Lodging Association, and trained all of its staff members on this new safety protocol.

"There are safety measures put in place by our hotel and in the hotel industry [to keep people safe]," Lowthers said, "and people will still travel for experience and celebrations so we have created packages and special room offers that are suitable for them to get out and about, or to get a moment away and not worry about anything."

Visit whitneyhotelboston.com for more information.

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Breaking and Entering – Motor Vehicle

08/07/20 – A male suspect was arrested on Bowdoin Street for breaking and entering into a 2013 Chrysler Town and Country van

at around 2:53 a.m. At this time, the suspect was caught rummaging through the vehicle and had property belonging to its owner in his possession.

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Mail-in ballots for upcoming elections are on their way
By John Lynds
Despite President Donald Trump voting by mail during elections in 2017, 2018 and 2020, POTUS has spent the past week threatening to sue states that will allow mail-in voting for this upcoming Presidential Election—falsely claiming it will lead to widespread election fraud. While Trump has even suggested the November election should be postponed, Boston is going forward with sending residents 'vote by mail' applications. At a press conference last week, Mayor Martin Walsh said that registered voters in East Boston and the rest of the city should expect to get a mail-in ballot application in the mail this week, if they haven't received one already. "This year, everyone can vote by a mail-in ballot," said Walsh. "In the past, Massachusetts residents had to show that they had a disability, that their religion prevented them from voting in-person, or that they would be out of town on election day. This year, Massachusetts passed legislation that waives these requirements, and anyone who requests a mail-in ballot will get one. This will help make sure everyone can exercise their right to vote during COVID-19." The Mayor said that it's important for residents to note that they are getting an application in the mail, and they must fill it out and send it back to the Elections Department to get a mail-in ballot. As of last week the City had received 4,000 applications for mail-in ballots. "Voters can choose which election they'd like a ballot for — the Primary Election on September 1st; the General Election on November 7th; or both," said
(BALLOTS, Pg.9)

'BioBlitz' aims to identify and record biodiversity
By Dan Murphy
The Young Friends of the Public Garden are currently undertaking a "BioBlitz" with the intention of engaging the public to identify and record 2,500 observations of biodiversity and 400 different living species during a one-month period in the Boston Common, the Commonwealth Avenue Mall and the Boston Common. Dr. Colleen Hitchcock, a professor in the biology department and environmental studies program at Brandeis University, outlined the initiative Tuesday during a virtual instruction session. She said that 1,500 observations of biodiversity and 257 species had already been recorded in the parks since just launching the BioBlitz days beforehand. Visitors to the three parks can participate using iNaturalist — an app and website (iNaturalist.org) that Dr. Hitchcock said "was conceived as a Facebook for naturalists." After participants makes their initial species observation using iNaturalist, they can document it, usually by photographing it, as well as provide information on who they are and where they
(BIOBLITZ, Pg.9)

Hampshire House Corp. sues insurance providers over denied business-interruption claims
By Dan Murphy
Hampshire House Corporation filed a compliant in U.S. District Court in Boston July 27 against its insurance providers for denying business interruption claims from the losses its restaurants have sustained since mid-March due to the pandemic. The company, which owns and operates Cheers Beacon Hill, Cheers Faneuil Hall, 75 Chestnut and 75 Liberty Wharf, is suing Allianz Global Risks United States Insurance Company, and their subsidiaries, Fireman's Fund Insurance and Associated Indemnity Corporation, for financial damages to be determined by the court. "It is so important that Allianz/Fireman's is paying out the insurance policy as it keeps the Hampshire 'family' of employees paid and employed, which keeps families across Massachusetts fed," wrote Markus Ripperger, president and CEO of Hampshire House Corporation. "It's exactly
(HAMPSHIRE HOUSE, Pg. 5)

Friends of Phillips Street Play Area named finalist in Mayor's Garden Contest
By Dan Murphy
The Friends of the Phillips Street Play Area was named a finalist this summer in Mayor Martin J. Walsh's 2020 Garden Contest for its work maintaining the gardens at the playground. The Friends, a neighborhood nonprofit that serves as steward of the playground, was reportedly one of five finalists in the "Storefront, Organization, or Main Street District Gardens" category, but ultimately lost out to the competition. "We hope that you are proud of your gardening efforts, as being chosen as a finalist is no small feat," Ryan Woods, commissioner of the Boston Parks Department, wrote in a letter to the Friends dated July 30. "We received a large number of applications and the selection committee chose your garden as a top contender in its category, however, this year your garden was not selected as a winner." Woods added, "We thank you for your effort in beautifying your green space and appreciate your participation. We encourage you to enter the Garden Contest again next year. Your hard work in caring for the Phillips Street Play Area has not gone unnoticed. In addition, the finalist selection committee and the contest judges change each year and we often see gardens move up in their rankings." Adam Whitney, age 13, and his 11-year-old sister, Jordan Whitney, entered the gardens at the playground in the contest on behalf of the Friends group. They both pitch in by watering plants and cleaning
(GARDENS, Pg. 6)

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.
Traffic & Parking Committee
During the 2019-2020 BHCA year, the Traffic & Parking Committee continued its work with neighbors and the Walsh Administration to create safer streets for pedestrians, cyclists and automobiles throughout
(BHCA Pg. 2)

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

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WEST END MUSEUM NEWS AND NOTES

MGH Historic Preservation Public Meeting

On Wednesday August 19, the BPDA will be hosting a virtual meeting to discuss historic preservation and the MGH expansion that threatens the Winchell School and West End House building. If you are interested in attending you must pre-register.

Help the WEM by adding a FB donation button

As The West End Museum navigates the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand that many of you simply don't have the means to donate right now. Today we are requesting that you consider making a post about the WEM, or including a donation button on

other Facebook posts you make, as a way of spreading the word about the West End Museum and helping us continue to tell the stories of West Enders and share the culture and diversity of the West End neighborhood.

To add the WEM to your post, just click the support nonprofit action on your post and select the West End Museum. We truly appreciate your support.

Step-by-step instructions:

On your Facebook Page, begin creating a post.

Scroll down the post actions and tap Support nonprofit

Select the nonprofit you want to raise money for.

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Councilor Bok is asking all West End residents to complete the census

From the office of the Councilor: All West End residents please Fill Out the Census ASAP!

If you get stuck or have an issue filling out your Census, please call Councilor Bok's Office Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 617-635-4225 or email Emily.Brown2@boston.gov

You should fill out the Census for the address where you spend most nights during the year.

Everyone at your address should be included on your Census form, including children (even

newborns!), roommates that aren't related to you, and those without official immigration status.

All Census data is confidential and protected by federal law. Your personal information cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. In the event you misplaced or never received your census ID, you can still respond online without it. You can also respond over the phone: 844-330-2020. Phone assistance is in 13 languages.

Due to changes by the federal government, the last day to participate in the U.S. 2020 Census (regardless of response method) will be September 30.

Only 53.4% of Boston's households have responded to date. The West End: 31.9%- 37.7%

The West End Museum is a neighborhood museum dedicated to the collection, preservation and interpretation of the history and culture of the West End of Boston.

Our mission is not only to preserve this history for old West Enders and their families, but to invite members of the wider community to engage with this history, to learn from it and explore the wider culture and meaning of 'The Greatest Neighborhood This Side of Heaven'.

BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will hold its monthly public hearing on Thursday, August 20, at 5 p.m.

ATTENTION: This hearing will only be held virtually and NOT in person. You can participate in this hearing by joining the meeting online, or calling 1-929-205-6099 and entering meeting id #875 3666 0932. You can also submit written comments or questions to BeaconHillAC@boston.gov or via Twitter @bostonlandmarks

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. VIOLATIONS APP # 21.0098 BH 37-41 Bowdoin Street

Proposed Work: Ratification of cell phone antennas visible from Bowdoin Street.

APP # 21.0099 BH 4 Otis Place

Proposed Work: Ratification of unapproved front stair changes, penthouse window fenestrations, penthouse height & slope and penthouse cladding.

3. DESIGN REVIEW

APP # 21.0100 BH 7 Mount Vernon Place

Proposed Work: repaint front door bm black 2132-10; repaint surround black based on new historic evidence. Install keypad at front and rear entryways

APP # 21.0101 BH * 116 Charles Street

Proposed Work: At front façade, install piping to several windows.

APP # 21.0102 BH * 107 Myrtle Street

Proposed Work: Replace head house bead board siding with black vertical panel siding.

APP # 21.0103 BH 25 Charles Street

Proposed Work: Restoration of Beacon Hill Hotel & Bistro. This project involves new, true divided light windows in floors 2 through 5. (double hung and replacement) double hung windows will be 6 over 6 wood, repairs to window sills and lintels in kind, repairs to existing shutters, replacement of missing elements, replace skylight, replace three fire escape doors, new mechanical equipment and shield at rooftop, . (See Additional Items in Administrative Review)

APP # 21.0104 BH* 30 Hancock Street

Proposed Work: Installation of 3 HVAC condensers at the rear of the structure.

APP # 21.0105 BH* 87 Mount Vernon Street

Proposed Work: In kind replacement of two existing door/windows on carriage house.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

APP # 21.0103 BH 25 Charles Street: Repair slate roof, repaint ornamental metal, window trim, and metal flashing in kind, masonry repointing, replace stone sills and lintels in kind (See additional items under design review).

APP # 21.0106 BH 23 Brimmer Street: At third level, front, replace 2 2 over 2 wood windows with three, 2 over 2 wood windows.

APP # 21.0107 BH 60 Chestnut Street: Scrape, repaint front door and surround in kind.

APP # 21.0108 BH 109 Chestnut Street: Replace

APP # 21.0109 BH 41 Phillips Street: Replace wood trim surrounding 16 dormers in kind. Install new copper pan flashing in kind. Repaint to its original color.

APP # 21.0110 BH 2 River Street Place: At level 1 restore two 2 over 1 wood windows and one 6 over 3, wood window, at level two, restore two, 6 over 6, wood windows, at level three restore two, six over six wood windows, two 6 over 6 wood windows.

APP # 21.0111 BH 119 Tremont Street: Repair Mayflower pulpit by replace deteriorated metal plates and supports in kind.

APP # 21.0112 BH 100 Pinckney Street: At front façade, repaint the front stoop and painting/repairing a wooden deck wall. Colors are in kind: BM Fairview Taupe for the stoop & BM Audubon Russet for the deck wall.

APP # 21.0113 BH 30 Mount Vernon Street: At roof level, install 60 feet of snow guards

APP # 21.0114 BH 112 Mount Vernon Street: At front and rear façade, restore seven wood historic 6 over 1 window. Replace second floor bath and master 1 over 1 windows with 6 over 6 windows.

APP # 21.0115 BH 25 West Cedar Street: repaint levels 1, 2, and 3 windows and shutters in kind. Repaint front door and trim in kind, alley door, boot scraper, Balcony, basement grate, garden rail, and front handrail in kind.

5. RATIFICATION OF 7/16/2020 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

6. Staff Updates

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.

- When needed, assist with receptionist duties for building.

Required qualifications:

Desirable qualifications:

To apply for this position please sent resume and cover letter by August 20, 2020 to: patricia.tully@bhcciv.org

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Markey election campaign Twitter surpasses 100K followers

Staff Report

On Monday, Sen. Ed Markey's campaign announced that the campaign account surpassed 100,000 Twitter followers, outpaced Joe Kennedy's campaign on the platform, and released a long-awaited video of Senator Markey saying "That's no malarkey, I'm Ed Markey."

On March 12, the campaign pledged to release the clip when it surpassed 100,000 Twitter followers. At that time, it had only 34,846 followers. Ed Markey's Twitter gained over 5,000 followers Monday alone after responding to a tweet by Senator Ted Cruz that dismissed the severity of the

coronavirus crisis.

The online energy and enthusiasm around the Markey campaign was documented in a recent article in the Harvard Political Review, which covered the grassroots origins of the online movement to re-elect Ed Markey to the U.S. Senate.

"The excitement for our campaign online is a direct reflection of the offline momentum that is driving us towards victory on September 1. As our Twitter following grew, so did the number of volunteers, ID'd voters, ballots requested at edmarkey.com/vote, individual contributions to our campaign, and calls made to voters across Massachusetts --

361,000 in just three days," said Paul Bologna, the campaign's creative and digital communications director. "The community we've built online is centered around the issues that Ed stands for, and the issues that matter most to Massachusetts voters including the Green New Deal, Medicare For All, and social, racial, and economic justice. Our social media growth is a reflection of how Ed Markey's message is engaging and inspiring online activists to support the movement to send Ed back to the U.S. Senate."

In the last 28 days, Ed Markey's Twitter has earned 34.7 million impressions. The campaign's engagement rate, which reflects

interactions including link clicks, retweets, likes, and replies to the campaign's posts, has grown from 3.5 percent in May to 4.7 percent in June, 4 percent in July, and 5.1 percent in August.

Over the last four months, the campaign's Twitter link clicks have surged, from 9,200 in April to 21,600 in July. In its posts, Ed Markey's Twitter links to donation, volunteer, and other pages where supporters can take actions to help the campaign. The online enthusiasm for Ed Markey is driving real world actions that are key to the campaign's organizing strategy.

In the last 30 days, Ed Markey's Twitter grew by more than 10,000

followers, while the Kennedy campaign's Twitter dropped by 3,000. Ed Markey's Twitter account saw 725,000 interactions. The Kennedy campaign account only had 74,000.

Ed Markey has served in the United States Senate since winning the special election in 2013 and has amassed a deep record on issues that are important to the voters in Massachusetts, including climate action, racial justice, and preventing gun violence. Raised in Malden, Ed Markey has always stood up for the priorities of Massachusetts.

Edward M. Kennedy Institute launches virtual Youth Advisory Council amid COVID-19

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United State Senate announced today the launch of its reimagined Youth Advisory Council as a virtual advocacy project focused on empowering youth voices in activism and civic education. The politically-focused cohort, a supporting effort of the Institute's Youth Movements project (normally hosted in-person prior to disruptions from COVID-19), will pivot to focus on digital platforms and social media as a form of online advocacy to inform and mobilize political youth movements.

This summer's youth advisors, participants in the city of Boston's SuccessLink jobs program,

will focus on online advocacy and community organizing via virtual platforms, researching effective use of the internet and social media for online advocacy and community organizing, and using their first-hand experiences to apply them to civic engagement and politics. Specific themes include the importance of storytelling in political movements, understanding of personal experiences as relevant and valuable in advocacy, and integration of advocacy into students' personal and professional lives. The Institute's pivot to a new virtual youth advisory program offering closely aligns with the current form of youth advocacy: rooted in social media with supporting multimedia assets such as images and videos, hashtags, and signature-based petitions to generate attention and bring change to societal issues.

"It's important to meet this young generation of organizers where they feel comfortable advocating, and that is mostly through online mobilization," said Zubeda Khan, Youth Program Manager at the Kennedy Institute. "Even in normal times, not everyone goes in-person to a march or a rally. Political engagement manifests itself in a number of ways, and this new program is the result of the Institute understanding the importance of educating and encouraging the next generation to participate in this type of online advocacy."

Through the newly reimagined program, the Institute will collaborate with the advisory council to create offerings that fully engage young people in civics, government, and representation. The

Institute will disseminate online resources for young activists, such as its Youth Action Guides, that explore local and national issues and provide guidance on how to engage and support political movements through organizing platforms, messaging, and mobilization. Students will be encouraged to draw upon personal stories and digital exhibitions to represent the societal and political change they would like to see.

"At the Kennedy Institute, we are focused on the importance of promoting civic education and the fundamental tenants of democracy," said Sarah Yezzi, Director of Education, Family and Youth Programming at the Kennedy Institute. "As we all know, there is a growing movement of young people pushing for political and social change, so understanding effective methods of organizing on digital platforms is crucial to reaching the youth audience. Harnessing the enthusiasm of these students and applying their insights to our existing resources for civic discourse will position the Institute to better inspire our younger generations towards political engagement."

About the Kennedy Institute
The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate is dedicated to educating the public about the important role of the Senate in our government, encouraging participatory democracy, invigorating civil discourse, and inspiring the next generation of citizens and leaders to engage in the civic life of their communities. Learn more via www.emkinstitute.org.

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CITY PAWS

Water dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

While dogs of many breeds and mixes love spending time in and around water, there are dogs that are specifically bred to work in and around water. They're often defined as dogs that take easily to the water and who are trained to hunt and retrieve waterfowl. These dogs often have retriever or sometimes spaniel in their breed names.

However, they are not the only dogs bred for or naturally suited to water work. For example, Newfoundlands are considered natural water rescue dogs and were used to save people in coastline shipwrecks. Early in their breed history, "Nefies" also helped fishermen pull in their nets.

The Portuguese Water Dog once worked on fishing boats and performed jobs like herding fish into nets, retrieving equipment, and carrying items from boat-to-boat or boat-to-shore. Poodles are water dogs known for their ability to retrieve ducks for hunters.

The Otterhound was bred to hunt otters. Their drive to hunt is so strong that some experts suggest they may be unsuitable as a pet since, with no otters to hunt, they may choose to kill other prey.

You may not think of Border Collies as waterdogs, but we've watched the ones trained to move Canada Geese from our parks working in-and-around the water and they do seem to enjoy swim-

ming. Since this breed needs an exceptional amount of exercise, introducing water play at an early age and encouraging swimming can be a way to burn off that energy in hot weather.

Around Water

Our Westies have never been swimmers, but they have all loved the beach and walking in tidal pools. A friend's Greyhound likes to stand in the water at their lake house. We watched dogs happily run to a boat, paddleboard, or kayak to spend time on the water with their people. If you walk in parks with ponds, lagoons, or river banks, you'll see many dogs explore the shore or wade in for a cooling dip.

Water Warnings

Knowing your dog, its capabilities, as well as your own, has to be the first rule of allowing your canine companion around bodies of water. Is the dog a strong swimmer? Will the dog respond to voice control if recalled? Could you rescue a dog that needs help in the water?

We've used life jackets for our dogs on boats, piers, docks, or paths like the Boston Harbor walk where there is no easy access point for a dog to return to shore or it would be difficult to pull a dog out of the water without the handle on the life jacket.

Places like the Charles River can pose toxic dangers for dogs. Once



One of the delights of a beachside vista is watching retrievers nag their humans for one more round of fetch.

again this summer, the Charles River Watershed Association has had red flag warnings up on parts of the river due to the presence of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae). They explain, "Public health officials recommend that people and pets avoid contact in areas of algae concentration and rinse thoroughly in the event of contact."

Carrying fresh clean water to offer your dog can help prevent him from drinking from ponds and streams. Drinking salt water or even just licking fur or paws encrusted with salty residue can also make a dog sick.

With a bit of thought and preparation, you and your dog can enjoy the cooling effects of water

this summer. Swimming, boating, or just walking along the shore can be a fun way to spend time with your favorite pup!

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In the matter of:
Charles C. Ely
Date of Death:
01/01/1900
To all interested

Persons:
A Petition has been filed
by Mellon Trust Of New
England N.A. of Boston,
MA requesting allowance
of the 80th through 83rd
Trust account(s) as Trustee
and any other relief as
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 09/14/2020.

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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 03, 2020
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Estate of:
Philip J. Kearney
Date of Death:
04/20/1999
To all interested
persons:
A Petition has been filed
by: Sr., M. Veronica Robert
of Germantown, NY
requesting that the Court

enter a formal Decree and Order that Sr., M. Veronica Robert of Germantown, NY be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 09/17/2020.

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of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 06, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate

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Baker-Polito administration launches online platform to enhance food system connections

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the launch of MassGrown Exchange, an online platform designed to facilitate business-to-business connections within the local food system for products and services. The platform was developed following recommendations from the Administration's Food Security Task Force, which promotes ongoing efforts to ensure that individuals and families throughout the Commonwealth have access to healthy, local food.

"Our Administration developed MassGrown Exchange to serve as an important tool for the Commonwealth's agricultural and seafood industries to expand business opportunities and access new markets, and improve food security for the people of Massachusetts," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Through this new platform, a variety of businesses, including farmers, fisheries, restaurants and food banks, will be able to source locally caught and produced food more efficiently."

Developed by the Massachu-

setts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), in collaboration with the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), this platform was originally established to address COVID-19 disruptions to the local food supply in order to assist Massachusetts growers and producers in accessing markets. Given its broad applicability to the food sector in the Commonwealth, this platform will remain in place as a helpful tool and resource beyond the duration of the COVID-19 emergency.

"The MassGrown Exchange is designed to be a simple tool for buyers and suppliers with flexibility to meet the needs of the complex food system," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "Building on the recommendations of the Food Security Task Force, this platform will offer every region across the Commonwealth an opportunity to develop their local food network."

The MassGrown Exchange platform will assist Massachusetts food businesses looking to sell and

purchase products and services, including:

- Farmers, fishermen, specialty food producers with wholesale products to sell to restaurants, grocery stores, and other outlets, or searching for equipment or services, such as storage, distribution.

- Buyers (including supermarkets, institutions, schools, food banks, restaurants, and retail outlets) looking for local food products.

- Service and equipment providers working with businesses in the food system.

The platform offers a simple registration process for Massachusetts food businesses, which can operate as a buyer or supplier, depending on whether they are looking to acquire products or provide products or services. Potential sellers and buyers are encouraged to register their business and start listing products and services.

Please visit the MassGrown Exchange webpage for details on registering as well as a training video on using the platform.

MassDevelopment announces \$310,000 funding for real estate technical assistance

MassDevelopment is pleased to announce the availability of up to \$310,000 in funding through its Real Estate Technical Assistance program. Through a combination of in-house expertise and contracts with consultants, under this program MassDevelopment works with municipal officials, planners, local stakeholders, and others to address site-specific and district-wide economic development challenges. Awards will range from approximately \$5,000 to \$50,000 and can support a range of projects, from feasibility studies to master planning efforts.

"Through MassDevelopment's Real Estate Technical Assistance program, we deploy our in-house expertise and partnerships with top consultants to help cities and towns across the Commonwealth tackle their planning and development projects," said MassDevelopment President and CEO Lauren Liss. "We encourage our local

partners to apply for this targeted assistance as they pursue plans to leverage assets, build housing, create jobs, and more."

The full Request for Proposals is available at massdevelopment.com/technicalassistance. Responses are due by September 4.

Created in 2017, MassDevelopment's Real Estate Technical Assistance program has awarded \$942,000 to help 26 communities advance their economic development goals through 27 projects.

MassDevelopment, the state's finance and development agency, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth. During FY2019, MassDevelopment financed or managed 316 projects generating investment of more than \$2 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are estimated to create or support 9,743 jobs and build or preserve 1,992 housing units.

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