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## BPS prepares for first day of school

By John Lynds

Last week and this week Boston Public Schools (BPS) teachers, administrators and support staff have been busy preparing for the start of the 2020-2021 school year, which begins Monday, Sept. 21.

All BPS students will begin with remote learning on September 21. Then in October, BPS will gradually introduce optional "hybrid" learning for all students, starting with the highest need students and the youngest students. BPS will then introduce optional hybrid learning for additional grade levels, starting with the youngest students, and moving up into the higher grades.

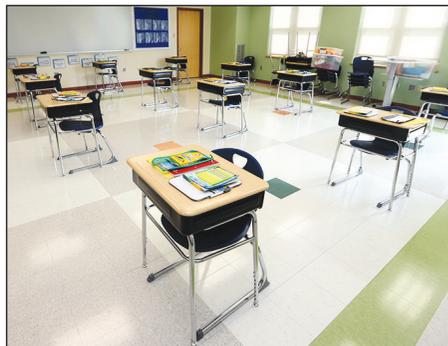
This week BPS families received their Hybrid A or Hybrid B group and information about how to request a change to the learning model (hybrid or all-remote) previously selected. In addition, families of students eligible for four days of in-person learning received forms indicating their preference for either two or four days of in-person learning.

Mayor Martin Walsh and BPS Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius said each new phase will be contingent upon the most up-to-date public health metrics.

"From the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, keeping Boston's families safe, healthy, and equitably supported has been our top priority," said Walsh.



**BPS staff uses a fogger for cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting classrooms ahead of the school year.**



**An example of classroom configuration (right) once students return to in-person learning under BPS's 'hybrid' learning model.**

"That's why we made the tough but necessary decision to close Boston Public Schools buildings in March. In a matter of days, we began distributing Chromebooks and WiFi hotspots to students, we set up meal sites to continue feeding tens of thousands of students and families, and we transitioned to fully remote learning. It was an all-hands-on-deck effort, and one we kept up while planning the upcoming school year."

Walsh said the city is still facing uncertainty from the COVID-19 pandemic, but the values that guide the city are unchanged.

"Our plans for the upcoming school year put health, safety, and the needs of our most vulnerable students at the center of our plans," he said. "After conducting an equity analysis and incorporating the feedback of thousands of stakeholders, we have decided

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## Happening on Charles Street

Custom design and print studio coming to Charles Street

By Dan Murphy

When the owners of Gus & Ruby Letterpress, with stores in Portsmouth, N.H., and Portland, Maine, went looking for a new location for their custom design and print studio, it didn't take them long to settle on Charles Street.

"From our market research, we knew lots of our customers live in metro-Boston, and we got feedback from our current clientele that quickly identified Beacon Hill as the ideal location for our

third store," said Samantha Finigan, who launched the business 11 years ago with her best friend, Whitney Swaffield. "And it's also such a vibrant neighborhood that we expect a lot of people who are traveling will come see us."

Finigan, who grew up in Marblehead, and Swaffield, raised in Wolfboro, N.H., named the business after their respective dogs, Gus and Ruby. Their first store opened in New Hampshire in 2009; the Maine location

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## Hard work, big dreams

At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu announces bid for Mayor of Boston

By John Lynds

On Tuesday, At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu announced she is going to attempt something that has not been accomplished in Boston politics since John Hayes unseated incumbent Mayor of Boston James Michael Curley in 1949.

Wu has officially tossed her hat into the 2021 Boston Mayoral race and will try to oust Mayor Martin Walsh. An incumbent Boston Mayor has not lost election since the Hayes/Curley race some seven decades ago.

Wu released her campaign announcement via a YouTube video Tuesday and plans to hold a series of kickoff events across Boston this week.

"The Boston we love is a city that takes care of each other, where hard work meets big dreams with grit and resilience,"



**A clip from At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu's campaign announcement video released Tuesday.**

said Wu in her announcement. "But for too many — during this pandemic and well before — it's

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### BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

#### Beacon Hill Community Fund

The Beacon Hill Civic Association administers and operates a Beacon Hill Community Fund that gives grants to community-based Beacon Hill, Cambridge Street and adjacent neighborhood non-profit organizations, community development corpo-

rations, and other civic groups who are dedicated to promoting and enhancing quality of life in the community. These organizations may be awarded grants to support projects and programs for residents involving the arts and education, youth sports and recreation, day care centers, play-

grounds, activities for seniors and persons with special needs and disabilities, community gardens and spaces, affordable housing, social services, and whatever the Board of Directors of the Beacon Hill Civic Association deems appropriate.

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# EDITORIAL

## APOCALYPSE -- NOW

The photos of the wildfires in our western states that have incinerated entire communities and that have turned daytime skies to night by their heavy smoke have illustrated the dramatic effects of climate change upon the daily lives of millions of Americans.

Record heat has accelerated the effects of dry conditions, leading to the record-setting wildfires out west.

Yes, climate change undeniably is happening here and around the globe.

Last January, it was the bushfires in Australia that similarly wrought havoc and destruction in that part of the world.

An article in the New York Times on Monday began this way, "The effects of global warming in the Arctic are so severe that the region is shifting to a different climate, one characterized less by ice and snow and more by open water and rain, scientists said Monday."

More ominously, that same article discussed the perils of climate change facing the world from another source, the melting of the Antarctic glaciers at the bottom of the world.

"Another study released Monday suggested that two Antarctic glaciers that have long been of concern to scientists over their potential to contribute to sea level rise may be in worse shape than previously thought."

From east to west and north to south, climate change is posing an existential threat to life as we know it.

There is still time for us to reverse, or at least halt, the impending doom that awaits us if we take immediate action to limit greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere.

But we need to act soon, because it will not be too long before it will be too late.

## DONALD TRUMP IS NO WINSTON CHURCHILL

Rage, the new book by veteran journalist Bob Woodward about the presidency of Donald Trump, has revealed unequivocally that Trump deliberately has downplayed the lethality of the Covid-19 pandemic from the very beginning of the virus's detection in the United States.

Whether one wants to characterize Trump's mendacity as outright lying for political purposes, or merely as a benevolent effort by Trump to prevent social chaos, the bottom line is the same: Trump has not been straight with the American people.

But even if one accepts Trump's explanation for his deceit, the book makes clear that Trump treated the American people with disdain, as if we were children who needed to be shielded from the truth.

"I don't want to jump up and down and start screaming, 'Death! Death!' because that's not what it's about," Trump said at a press conference last week, when asked about his months and months of deceptions.

A few days later, at a campaign rally in Michigan, Trump asserted that his handling of the pandemic has been similar to how Winston Churchill addressed the people of England during the height of the Nazi bombing in WWII.

"As the British government advised the British people in the face of World War II, keep calm and carry on. That's what I did," said Trump, who then invoked the comparison of himself directly to Churchill.

Trump, by his own admission, reads nothing, so it is not surprising that Trump has no knowledge of what Churchill said and did during the epic Battle of Britain, when England's survival was at stake.

For if Trump knew even the slightest bit about Churchill's tenure as Prime Minister, he would have known that from the outset, Churchill never sugarcoated the reality of the threat that was facing every British citizen.

In his very first speech, three days after he had become Great Britain's leader, Churchill laid out clearly and explicitly the difficult task that lay ahead:

"I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat," said Churchill. "We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind. We have before us many, many long months of struggle and of suffering."

The test of a true leader is to recognize the reality of a situation and face it head-on, not merely to play the role of a cheerleader.

As things stand now under Trump's presidency, American deaths from the pandemic now stand at just about 200,000, with another 200,000 Americans expected to die by the end of this year.

It is clear that Donald Trump is no Winston Churchill. He's merely Donald Trump.



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GUEST OP-ED

## Our fall school plans are guided by health, safety, and equity

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Superintendent Brenda Cassellius

From the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, keeping Boston's families safe, healthy, and equitably supported has been our top priority. That's why we made the tough but necessary decision to close Boston Public Schools buildings in March. In a matter of days, we began distributing Chromebooks and WiFi hotspots to students, we set up meal sites to continue feeding tens of thousands of students and families, and we transitioned to fully remote learning. It was an all-hands-on-deck effort, and one we kept up while planning the upcoming school year.

We are still facing uncertainty from coronavirus, but the values that guide us are unchanged. Our plans for the upcoming school year put health, safety, and the needs of our most vulnerable students at the center of our plans.

After conducting an equity analysis and incorporating the feedback of thousands of stakeholders, we have decided to move forward with a cautious, responsible, phased-in hybrid model for the school year. In the optional hybrid model, students learn at home three days a week and attend school in-person two days a week.

This is our plan:

- We pushed the first day of

school back to September 21, to give schools and teachers extra time to prepare.

- On September 21, all students will start with all-remote learning.

- No sooner than October 1, the option of hybrid learning will begin for students with the highest needs.

- No sooner than October 15, optional hybrid learning may begin for the three grades of kindergarten: K0, K1, and K2.

- No sooner than October 22, opt-in hybrid learning may begin for grades 1-3.

- No sooner than November 5, opt-in hybrid learning may begin for grades 4-8. That will include grades 6-8 in the high schools that include those grades.

- And no sooner than November 16, opt-in hybrid learning may begin for grades 9-12.

In every step, families have the choice of whether to opt in to hybrid learning or stay fully remote. BPS is surveying families about their learning environment and transportation preferences for the fall. We know that many families want and need their children to be in school, but many other families are not yet comfortable with in-person learning. That's why we are honoring family choice.

We've learned a lot from the spring remote learning period. This plan is an opportunity

to make remote learning more robust, inclusive, and creative. We are expanding technology and internet access; creating new outreach and support plans for families; developing solutions for special education students and English learners; and talking with childcare providers.

We have also spent months preparing our school buildings and training staff to protect students' and teachers' health. We are working with school leaders and facilities professionals to make sure every school is safe and in compliance with DESE recommendations. We will not send students, teachers, or staff into buildings that are not safe.

We are focusing on equity and meeting the needs of our students. Our plan responds to the significant opportunity gaps facing students from low-income households, students of color, immigrants, and English language learners. Many parents are essential workers who must return to work, and cannot leave their young children home alone. For these families, opportunity gaps grow with every day students are out of school. It's also important to remember that school is about much more than learning. For many students, it's their place of safety, support, and

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GUEST OP-ED

# How we're recognizing Recovery Month in Boston

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

September is Recovery Month. It's a time to raise awareness about substance use disorder and those who need treatment and support, celebrate Bostonians who are in recovery, remember the people we've lost to the disease, and show our gratitude to the treatment workers who do life-saving work.

In Boston, we've spent years building one of the strongest recovery systems in the country. Forming strong partnerships with the community and a network of providers, we've made it easier for people to access quality, affordable treatment and support.

We're training first responders as recovery coaches, and diverting more people who are struggling with substance use into treatment, instead of the criminal justice system. We're also giving people the tools they need to sustain their recovery, with historic investments in affordable housing, job training, and re-entry programs.

We prioritize prevention and education, and we're working to close disparities in access to care by responding to the unique risk factors that people face across different neighborhoods and different racial and ethnic identities.

COVID-19 has underscored the urgency of this work. The pandemic has been especially hard for people with substance use disorder. We know how many people throughout our region rely on our recovery programs on a daily basis. That's why all of the City's recovery services have remained open throughout the entire coronavirus emergency, including our 24-hour Recovery Services hotline, walk-in programs, drug user health programming, street outreach teams, and our Engagement

Center. We quickly adapted all of our programming to meet public health protocols, and moved several services outdoors to allow for proper social distancing.

The work of our recovery services staff has been nothing short of heroic. They continued to serve people 24 hours per day, seven days per week, often risking their own health to provide this life-saving care. On top of that, many of them volunteered at our Boston Hope field hospital. Our recovery services staff have continued to serve the people of Boston with professionalism and compassion, in the Mass Ave./Melnea Cass Boulevard area in the South End where many of our programs are located, and throughout the city. They deserve our deepest gratitude and support.

Our commitment to building a comprehensive recovery campus on Long Island in Boston Harbor has also not wavered. The Long Island Recovery Campus will meet the most pressing needs of our city and our region, including more treatment beds, more employment training and transitional housing, and a more seamless continuum of care to help close the gaps between stages of the recovery. Increasing our investment in this care is key to getting people on a path to recovery, and to addressing quality of life concerns, including crime and homelessness. The pandemic has shown the importance of bold, long term investments in community health, and the Long Island campus will be a cornerstone of this work in the years to come. In the meantime, we will continue to adapt to the pandemic, and make it easier for people to safely access recovery services in person and online.

We've also adapted our programming in observance of Recovery Month. The City and our partners will host virtual and socially-distanced versions of our favorite annual Recovery Month traditions, and new events as well. They include: a virtual opioid screening and awareness day on September 22; a virtual Recovery Day celebration on September 23; and a virtual panel about our new Project Opportunity program, which supports people with CORI reports in getting employment on September 29. For more details about these and other events, visit [Boston.gov/recovery](http://Boston.gov/recovery).

One of the most important ways we can all recognize Recovery Month is by committing to ending the stigma around substance use disorder once and for all. When you see someone struggling with substance use in the Mass/Cass area or elsewhere, remember that many of them are battling a serious disease. They need more compassion, not more stigma. Changing our culture and the way we think about these issues will help more people feel comfortable accepting help, which makes our entire community healthier.

I fight the stigma by being open about my own recovery from alcohol addiction. When people look at the Mayor of Boston, I want them to know that they are seeing the face of recovery. I got the help I needed, and it allowed me to follow my dream of serving the city I love. I believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to reclaim their life and follow their dreams. That's what I fight for every day, and I'll be devoted to this work for the rest of my life.

*Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.*

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social development. Supporting students with special needs is a big focus of this plan. We are prioritizing high needs special education students by giving them the option of in-person learning, up to four days per week, starting October 1. This is the right thing to do. We are committed to meeting the requirements of every student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

We need to keep our communities safe, get kids back to school,

and provide quality education. That's what this plan makes possible. At every step, we will follow public health data. Every family will have the choice about when to send their children into school buildings. And we will continue the work that began long before COVID-19: to close opportunity and achievement gaps, and give every single child the quality education that they deserve.

We are deeply grateful to all of the teachers, school leaders, staff,

families, students, and public health experts who lent their time and expertise, and helped us consider all aspects of our plan. This is the most difficult chapter in our city's recent history, and time and time again the Boston community rises to the challenge with solidarity and compassion.

To see the full BPS reopening plan, and for more information about how to submit feedback, visit [bostonpublicschools.org/reopening](http://bostonpublicschools.org/reopening).

## BOSTON POLICE DISTRICT A-1 ADVISORY BULLETIN

### Protect against car theft and break-ins

Never leave valuable items exposed to public view.

Remove valuable items from your car or lock them in the trunk. Never leave valuable items exposed to public view. – GPS systems, Car phones, coats, briefcases, pocketbooks, gifts, etc. attract a thief to break into your motor vehicle. Remove valuable items from your motor vehicle or lock them in the trunk. Remove any markings that would show signs of a GPS system.

Lock your doors and windows.

A thief will insert a wire into a slightly open window to pop up the door lock. An unlocked door is an open invitation to a thief.

Replace your standard door lock buttons with tapered ones.

Tapered door lock buttons make it more difficult for a thief to hook a wire or device onto the door lock button to pop it open.

Invest in an anti-theft device.

Protect your car from being sto-

len. An anti-theft device is essential. An audible alarm alerts attention to the car. Anti-theft locking devices hold the steering wheel in place. Consider an additional security device in which the hardware is clearly visible. This may also deter a thief from breaking into the vehicle.

Having an anti-theft device will lower the cost of your auto insurance.

Car theft results in economic loss, higher insurance premiums, and the inconvenience of being without transportation.

When you observe any unusual activity or witness an auto theft or break-in, call 9-1-1. If you have information concerning an auto theft or break-in, contact the District A-1 Detectives at #343-4248.

For any other concerns, contact the District A-1 Community Service Office at #343-4627.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE



*Members of the Boston Fire Department respond to a suspected drug overdose on the corner of Mt. Vernon and Charles streets.*

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## BHWF September Speaker – Wired to Connect: Why Community Matters

By Ariana Hanley

Members of the Beacon Hill Women's Forum (BHWF) gathered virtually on Zoom on Tuesday, September 8 for the first forum of the 2020-2021 season. Rosanna Miller of Luxor Hair Studio started the forum off sharing her love for the Beacon Hill neighborhood. Rosanna has been part of the Beacon Hill community for over 7 years and opened Luxor Hair Studio on Charles Street this past February. As a master hair designer/colorist for the past 15 years, her focus is helping her clients look their best. Her adorable hair studio has been the perfect addition to our quaint neighborhood this year.

The keynote speaker, Uzochi Erlingsson, M.D., shared with the audience her inspiring life story of becoming a successful medical doctor. Prior to moving to Beacon Hill with her husband and children, Uzochi spent time studying and working in various parts of the country. Uzochi spent most of her childhood in Nigeria. At age 17, Uzochi's father, hoping to give his children a better life, suggested their family move to Dubai. This was the first of many moves for Uzochi as she built her career studying and working in Czech Republic, Norway, Sweden, Netherlands, and Utah. Although Uzochi spent years in Utah with her husband and children, she did not

feel a sense of community within her town. 7 years ago when Uzochi moved to Boston she found the sense of community she was looking for, specifically in Beacon Hill. Uzochi attributes much of her success to the power of community. She feels that the love and kindness of those surrounding you lead one to achievement. As the Founding Partner of Hae-grun Holdings and a Science Collaborator at Harvard Medical School, Uzochi has a passion for investing in women and local businesses. Uzochi is a woman of many accomplishments, but her greatest accomplishment is being a mother. Uzochi's words were a reminder how a welcoming and warm community can make a huge impact on one's life. Her story and successes were inspiring to us all.

The Beacon Hill Women's Forum is a nonprofit organization established to help bring women in and around Beacon Hill together to form a close community of support and inspiration. We welcome a speaker, always a woman with a unique, formidable story to tell, to our monthly Forums which meet on the second Tuesday of the month, virtually, from 6pm to 8pm (virtual social hour, followed by the program starting at 7pm sharp). Visit The Beacon Hill Women's Forum website to learn more about our membership options. [www.beaconhillwomensforum.org](http://www.beaconhillwomensforum.org).

## City prolongs outdoor dining season until Dec. 1

By Dan Murphy

As City Councilor Kenzie Bok sees it, Mayor Martin Walsh's decision Tuesday to extend the outdoor dining season by one month could not only provide much-needed relief for struggling restaurants, but also potentially pave the way for more outdoor socializing in the city year-round.

"I think we have to totally transform our thinking and have a four-season outdoor Boston this year - both for our restaurants and bars and also for us as people," Councilor Bok said. "There are lots of place round the world - from ski towns to cities in Germany - where people have normalized being outside and socializing, and we're New Englanders, so we know there's no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing."

Mayor Walsh announced Tuesday that he would extend the outdoor dining season, originally set to expire on Oct. 31, until Dec. 1 to provide further relief for restaurants during the pandemic. Restaurants participating in the Temporary Outdoor Dining Program may also continue to use public sidewalks and parking spaces for that purpose during this time, and the city will consider extending it

beyond Dec. 1 for restaurants on a case-by-case basis.

"Restaurants in our neighborhoods represent our culture, community and innovation," Mayor Walsh said in a press release. "Restaurants have faced incredible challenges during this ongoing public health crisis, and the City of Boston is committed to helping them survive and succeed, including by giving restaurants more flexibility around outdoor dining."

Councilor Bok believes extending this year's outdoor dining season would also give restaurants a leg up for the next one.

"One of the reasons why we should make plans for outdoor dining now is so restaurants can prepare for what will happen on the other side of winter...and make investments in the things that make outdoor dining more pleasant, like heaters, blankets and awnings," Councilor Bok said.

Babak Bina, who, with his sister, Azita Bina-Seibel, owns and operates Bin 26 Enoteca on Charles Street, which began offering outdoor dining in July, wrote: "Outdoor seating has helped some restaurants dramatically so the decision by the Mayor will be very helpful. We now need Mother Nature to come on board!"

A pair of longtime Charles Street merchants, Jim and Jennifer, the owners of Blackstone's of Beacon Hill, also applauded Mayor Walsh for extending the outdoor dining season, which they believe could potentially provide struggling restaurants with a crucial "lifeline," especially with winter fast approaching.

"No business can endure extended capacity constraints like the City has asked of restaurants without extreme financial strain, to the point of bankruptcy," the Hills wrote in an email. "Closing forever is on the minds of many restaurant owners under current restraints, and severe limits are unsustainable going into the winter. It is a cruel reality for the preservation of public health."

Moreover, the Hills added: "The Mayor's decision (Bravo!) to extend the outdoor dining is very appreciated. It's a lifeline to survival, not only of their trade, but also the vitality of main streets in Boston. After the shops close for the evening, dining keeps our streets alive and our community engaged in the health of the neighborhood. We hope every neighbor gets out and supports their favorite eatery, right now, don't wait. Their survival depends on our help."

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launched in August of 2017; and a third will soon open at 99 Charles St., although Finigan is reticent to say exactly when.

"Because this is our third store, we've learned the hard way not to give a firm date," she said, "but we're hoping to open by the end of this month."

On Charles Street, Gus & Ruby will occupy an approximately 1,000 square-foot storefront, specializing in creating unique, one-of-a-kind invitations to weddings and other special events; birth announcements; and customized letterhead.

"Our bread and butter is custom design and foil-letter press, which is a very niche artisan technique," Finigan said, "and we specialize in bespoke wedding invitations."

Above all else, though, Finigan is looking forward to Gus & Ruby becoming an integral part of the Beacon Hill community.

"We are a small business committed to getting to know our community," she said, "and we believe that beautiful, thoughtful things can bring joy to our lives."

Visit [www.gusandruby.com](http://www.gusandruby.com) for more information.

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A rendering of the soon-to-open Gus & Ruby Letterpress storefront at 99 Charles St.

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# Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The portico in the last clue is on 32 Mount Vernon Street which was the residence of Julia Ward Howe – poet, abolitionist, and suffragist – who wrote the Batte Hymn of the Republic. She worked to bring about a “Mother’s Day” as an antiwar celebration of peace. That was observed on June 2nd until about 1913.

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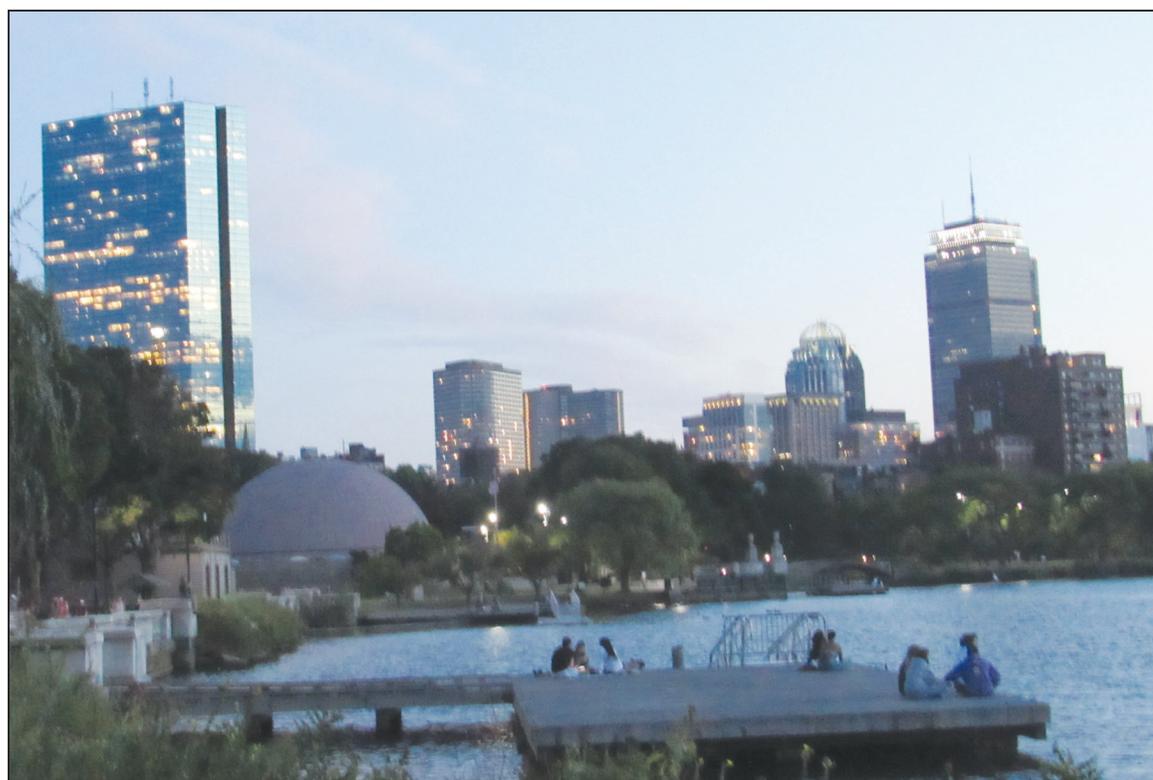
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# Boston Latin students launch free tutoring program for grade schoolers

By Dan Murphy

Back in the spring, a group of Boston Latin School students recognized that many elementary school children were then stuck at home due to the pandemic and needed help with their schoolwork, so they formed Docemus – a fledgling nonprofit that offers virtual one-on-one tutoring to any grade schooler at no cost.

“In the middle of the pandemic, we saw that organizations were being created that catered specifically to the elderly and obviously, that’s justifiable since they’re the ones pandemic is impacting the most,” said Ludovico Rollo, a 17-year-old high school senior, Exeter Street resident and the co-founding director of Docemus. “We also realized that the pandemic furthers the education gap, especially in our own public school system, and we realized the need for professional and helpful tutoring at a low cost – although ours is free – is higher now than ever before.”

Besides Rollo, the organization includes his classmates Luc Azar-Tanguay, a senior and the co-founder, and seniors Xiangan He, Brando Palmarini and Levi Mattison, as well as junior William Hu, and offers individualized academic tutoring to students in all subjects, including ESL, on a flexible schedule set by the stu-

dents and their respective tutors.

So far, 20 students have been paired with tutors, Rollo said, based on matching the children’s individual academic needs with each tutor’s personal strengths. The tutors are all selected from the top high schools and colleges nationwide and thoroughly vetted, including undergoing a background check, an interview, a scenario test and, if necessary, tests on the subjects they plan to tutor, before they are accepted to the program.

Docemus also offers high school students the opportunity to serve as tutors, Rollo said, which can count as the public service hours required for graduation by many admission-based high schools, like Boston Latin.

Over the summer, the program shifted its focus to creating a library of audio books for titles that appear on elementary-school summer reading-lists, which can be found on Docemus’s YouTube channel.

“As summer was coming to end, we began bringing back our focus on tutoring pairs,” Roll said, “and we hope to establish ourselves all over Boston, and in Massachusetts and [beyond], in the near future.”

To learn more about Docemus, including how to sign up for a tutor, sign up as one or donate to the program, visit [www.docemus.org](http://www.docemus.org).



Pictured, Boston Latin students (left to right) are: Xiangan He, a senior; Ludovico Rollo, a senior; William Hu, a junior; Brando Palmarini, a senior; and Levi Mattison, a senior. Not pictured: Luc Azar-Tanguay, Docemus co-founder and a BLS senior.

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# Walsh announces second phase of 'Healthy Streets' transformation

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced a suite of permanent changes to the City's streets that will improve safety and increase the efficiency of bus commutes. These changes advance Mayor Walsh's Healthy Streets goals to support a safe reopening and equitable recovery. In May, Mayor Walsh announced the first phase of Boston's Healthy Streets program.

"It is critical that we continue to adapt our City streets to ensure safe, reliable transportation for all residents and workers who travel throughout Boston," said Mayor Walsh. "These innovative programs focus on investing in bus priority, and protected bike lanes. As we continue to respond to and recover from this public health crisis, creating streets that are safe, accessible, and equitable for all will continue to be one of our top priorities."

The City, in partnership with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), will be adding bus priority to three corridors. The MBTA and City of Boston seek to improve bus reliability as a way to enable more social distancing on transit. By improving bus travel times and reliability,

the MBTA can run more service to Boston neighborhoods. The several corridors will include:

- North Washington Street in the North End/West End: The North Washington Street corridor provides a critical connection for the MBTA Routes 92, 93, and 111 with service to Charlestown and Chelsea. On a typical weekday, 11-12,000 bus passengers use this corridor and these routes have seen high enduring ridership since the beginning of the health crisis.

"Though many Bostonians have been able to switch to remote work, many others must report to their places of employment," said Gregory Rooney, Acting Commissioner of the Boston Transportation Department. "These new bus lanes build on a proven track-record of success and will make sure some of our most essential workers have a reliable way to travel."

In late July, the City created "pop-up" bike lanes on many streets in the downtown core. The lanes, which were in planning as part of the Connect Downtown project, created safe, separated bike facilities. Many of these bike lanes will become permanent addi-

tions to the street network this fall, including on Tremont Street, Boylston Street, Charles Street, Beacon Street, and Arlington Street. Traffic signals will be adjusted to improve safety and predictability. Additional planning and design work will continue through the winter to improve intersections for people walking and to grow this network of bike lanes.

"The last six months of life in Boston have underscored a fundamental need for our streets to adapt and serve our residents and businesses," said Chief of Streets Chris Osgood. "From cafe seating to new bike lanes, we are stepping up to help an even larger swath of people as they navigate the public health crisis and resulting economic challenges."

"We're excited to bring high-quality bus priority infrastructure to these corridors, including major transit equity investments that will shorten travel times and promote good public health practices," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "We appreciate the City of Boston's partnership as we continue to collaborate with our municipal partners in building a robust net-

work of high-quality bus priority infrastructure across our service area."

The Boston Transportation Department has begun collaboration with residents along American Legion Highway in Dorchester and Roslindale to improve safety and slow speeding along the two-mile corridor. Planning and design work will consider changes that could be made before winter as well as those that can be completed in 2021.

The City of Boston continues to provide free 90-day Bluebikes passes to employees of local grocery stores, pharmacies, retail shops, and restaurants. Employees can request a free pass at [boston.gov/bike-share](http://boston.gov/bike-share).

Upcoming opportunities to learn more about next steps for Connect Downtown:

Drop-In Hours at intersection of Charles Street and Boylston Street

- Saturday, September 19, 1 - 4 p.m.

- Sunday, September 20, 1 - 4 p.m.

Attendees must wear face coverings and keep a physical distance of 6 feet

Virtual Office Hours

- Wednesday, September 16, 3 - 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, September 23, 3 - 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, September 30, 3 - 7 p.m.

Book an appointment at [boston.gov/connect-downtown](http://boston.gov/connect-downtown)

Upcoming opportunities to learn more about potential design changes for American Legion:

Drop-In Hours

- Stella Road & American Legion Highway: Tuesday, September 22, 7 - 9 a.m.

- Franklin Hill Fields and Park, Shandon Road: September 24, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Franklin Park Playground at American Legion Highway: Saturday, September 26, noon - 3 p.m.

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Virtual Meeting

- Thursday, September 17, 6 - 7 p.m.

Register online at [boston.gov/american-legion](http://boston.gov/american-legion).

## BHCA (from pg. 1)

Last year the BHCA awarded 6 organizations and individuals \$22,500 total in grants to support their endeavors in and around Beacon Hill, from creative projects to clean-ups. To view testimonials from grant recipients on how their grant has helped them achieve their goals, visit <https://www.bhcivic.org/bhcf-testimonials>.

This year the Beacon Hill Community Fund, through the Beacon Hill Civic Association Board of Directors, will again award approximately \$20,000 to deserving recipients to continue our mission of bettering the lives of our neighbors and organizations that make Beacon Hill such a special place to live.

Applications will be accepted from September 15th to November 1st and grants will be awarded on December 14, 2020. All applications must be submitted online through the BHCF portal. Please visit <https://www.bhcivic.org/community-fund> for more information.

### BHCA Fall HillFest

Mark your calendar for Fall HillFest! This year we are taking the festivities online with

a virtual block party! This event will take place on Sunday, September 27th from 1-4:30pm, followed

by a socially distanced after party at the Phillips Street Play Area. We hope you will join us for this fun and unique experience. Contact the BHCA to register!

See below for the full schedule of events.

1:00 - 2:00 pm Children's Virtual Programming

Hill House will host EMT with safety tips and a virtual tour of an emergency vehicle

Paul Odelson will host a virtual pet show and tell

Janine Jay will host an at-home scavenger hunt

2:00 - 3:00 pm Virtual Cultural Hour

Young-Shin Choi will perform classical violin music

Mark Kiefer will give a virtual architectural tour of Beacon Hill

3:30 - 4:30pm Real life scavenger hunt (for older children and adults)

begins at the corner of Tatte (Mt. Vernon and Charles Streets) - grab your handout and take to the streets to find the designated spots in Beacon Hill, then meet back at Phillips Street playground for a prize! - hosted by Richelle Gewertz and Michelle Lavers

4:00 pm Jeremy Bell, bagpiper  
Jeremy will bagpipe through

the neighborhood, ending up at the Phillips Street Park, where he will play accordion tunes to kick off the after party

4:30pm - After party!

Come join us at Phillips Street playground - kids and dogs are welcome, masks and physical distancing required

The BHCA Fall Membership Season is Here!

Check your mailbox for our Fall Membership drive materials. Your support of the BHCA is important and helps us to keep you informed about the latest city and state guidelines, as well as the business of the BHCA in community building, civic engagement, and historic preservation. We thank you for your membership!

If you haven't yet become a member of the BHCA, we invite you to join online at [www.bhcivic.org/become-a-member](http://www.bhcivic.org/become-a-member). 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](mailto:patricia.tully@bhcivic.org) with any questions, comments or concerns, or to learn more about how you can get involved in your community.



Rob Whitney, BHCA Chair, Becky Mulzer, and Melanie Bertani, BHCA Director, assisting Esplanade Association coordinators for the first BHCA Volunteer Day Tuesday at the Esplanade.

SCHOOL (from pg. 1)

to move forward with a cautious, responsible, phased-in hybrid model for the school year. In the optional hybrid model, students learn at home three days a week and attend school in-person two days a week.”

The BPS reopening plan is as follows:

On September 21, all students will start with all-remote learning.

No sooner than October 1, the option of hybrid learning will begin for students with the highest needs.

No sooner than October 15, optional hybrid learning may begin for the three grades of kindergarten: K0, K1, and K2.

No sooner than October 22, opt-in hybrid learning may begin for grades 1-3.

No sooner than November 5, opt-in hybrid learning may begin for grades 4-8. That will include grades 6-8 in the high schools that include those grades.

And no sooner than November 16, opt-in hybrid learning may begin for grades 9-12.

“In every step, families have the choice of whether to opt in to hybrid learning or stay fully remote,” said Walsh. “BPS is surveying families about their learning environment and transportation preferences for the fall. We know that many families want and need their children to be in school, but many other families are not yet comfortable with in-person learning. That’s why we are honoring family choice.”

Walsh said BPS learned a lot from the spring remote learning period. This plan is an opportunity to make remote learning more robust, inclusive, and creative.

“We are expanding technology and internet access; creating new

outreach and support plans for families; developing solutions for special education students and English learners; and talking with childcare providers,” he said. “We have also spent months preparing our school buildings and training staff to protect students’ and teachers’ health. We are working with school leaders and facilities professionals to make sure every school is safe and in compliance with DESE recommendations. We will not send students, teachers, or staff into buildings that are not safe.”

Walsh said the city needs to balance keeping our communities safe while getting kids back to school, and provide quality education.

“That’s what this plan makes possible,” he said. “At every step, we will follow public health data. Every family will have the choice about when to send their children into school buildings. And we will continue the work that began long before COVID-19: to close opportunity and achievement gaps, and give every single child the quality education that they deserve.”

Walsh said he and BPS are deeply grateful to all of the teachers, school leaders, staff, families, students, and public health experts who lent their time and expertise, and helped the city consider all aspects of our plan.

“This is the most difficult chapter in our city’s recent history, and time and time again the Boston community rises to the challenge with solidarity and compassion,” said Walsh.

# Civic Association board votes to form Joint Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Civic Association board of directors voted unanimously during its monthly meeting, which was held virtually on Monday, Sept. 14, to create a new task force to ensure diversity and inclusivity within the organization itself.

Russ Gaudreau, co-chair of the Governance Committee, said the Joint Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion, would fall under the auspices of both that committee and the Executive Committee, and that its first order of business would be to reevaluate the Civic Association’s “Plan for the Neighborhood,” which now dates back a decade, with a new eye on equity.

The Joint Committee will then be charged with looking at the

charters and statements of each BHCA committee, Gaudrea said, and then deliver a report detailing what, if any, changes need to be made to the documents, including the “Plan for the Neighborhood,” at the December board meeting.

In another matter, the board voted unanimously to send a “position statement” to the city voicing its strong opposition to a highly contentious proposal to build a one-story addition and a rooftop over an existing rooftop on an existing two and one-half story house at 7 Smith Court.

Although the project entails making a major alteration to a historic structure, it doesn’t fall under the purview of the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission, said Tom Clemens, co-chair of

the Civic Association’s Zoning and Licensing Committee, since it wouldn’t be visible from a public way.

“Here we have a very unique house,” added Rob Whitney, board chair. “It’s a very special to the Hill and the African American community who used to live there. This might be the only time we have to save this little piece of property.”

The application is scheduled to go before the city’s Zoning Board of Appeals Sept. 29, Clemens said.

Moreover, the board voted unanimously to ratify two new committee appointments – Eve Waterfall as co-chair of the Governance Committee, and Rachel Thurlow as co-chair of the Safety Committee.

## 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,

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### Hill House offering semi-private classes for family pods

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# COVID-19 Update for Beacon Hill

By John Lynds

The COVID-19 infection rate in Beacon Hill and surrounding neighborhoods has increased 2.5 percent in one week according to the latest city statistics.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on Friday Beacon Hill, as well as the North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown the infection rate rose 2.5 percent since last week. The last increase week over week

was 1.7 percent.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown had an infection rate of 107.7 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 105 cases per 10,000 residents last Friday.

The number of confirmed cases in the area increased from 588 cases to 600 cases as of last Friday.

However, compared to other neighborhoods Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown have the second low-

est infection rates among residents second to only Fenway.

Beacon Hill is also still well below the city's average infection rate of 236.3 cases per 10,000 residents.

Last week the BPHC reported that 19,018 Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that only 0.9 percent of those tested were COVID positive.

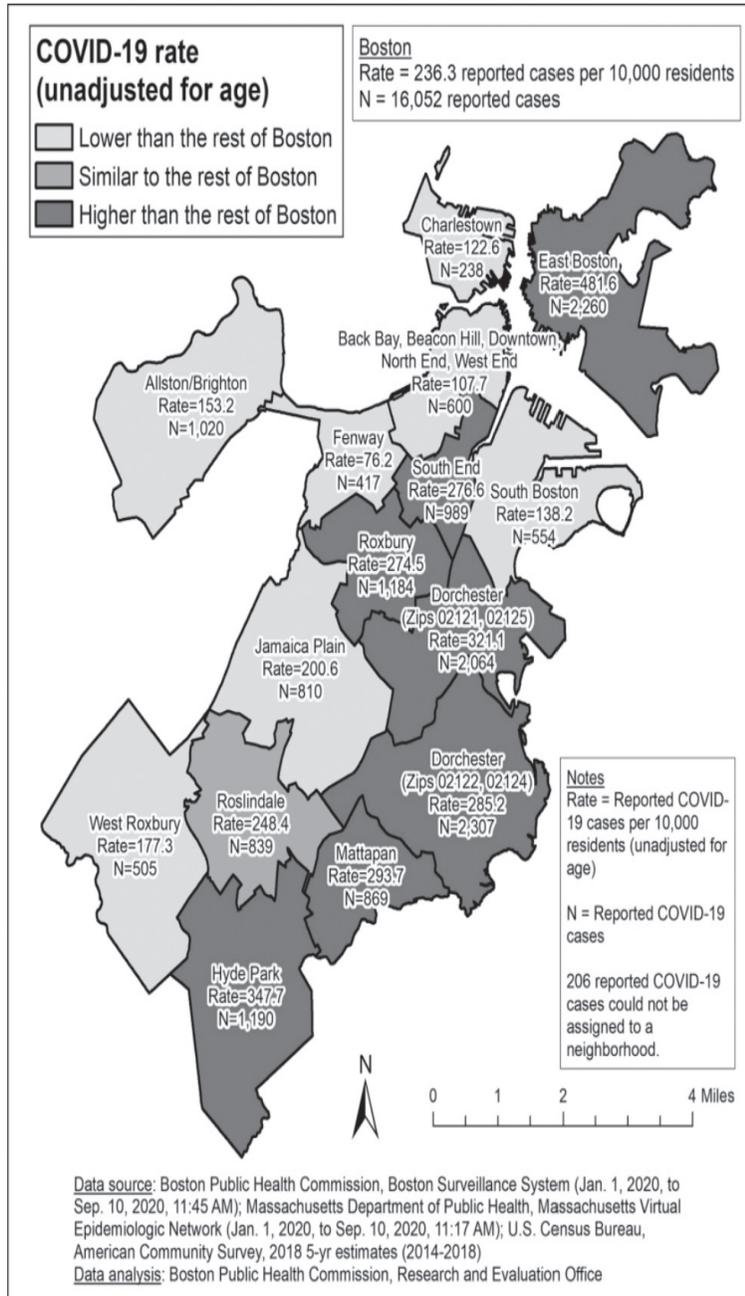
Overall since the pandemic began 3.2 percent of Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown residents were found to be COVID positive.

At his daily press briefing Tuesday Mayor Martin Walsh noted COVID-19 is still with us, and this is why the city will continue to put public health first and make equity a priority in its response, to help those who are hardest hit.

"We are working to build back stronger than before, and come out of this pandemic a healthier and more equitable city than we entered it," he said.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID-19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus rose only 1.2 percent last week from 16,106 cases to 16,310 cases. So far 12,827 Boston residents have fully recovered from the virus and five additional residents died last week bringing the total of fatalities in the city to 759.



On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.

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### WU (from pg. 1)

been impossible to dream when you're fighting to hold on. Fighting to afford to stay. Fighting for our kids. Fighting a system that wasn't built for us, doesn't speak our languages, doesn't hear our voices. That's why today I'm announcing my campaign for Mayor to make Boston a city for everyone. If you're ready for leadership that matches the scale and urgency of our challenges — that includes and empowers every community — please add your name to join the movement."

We, a daughter of immigrants, said she has lived her whole life knowing what it's like to feel unseen and unheard, even when you most need help.

"My parents came to America with no money and no connections, not speaking English," said Wu. "When my mom started struggling with mental illness, I became her caregiver and raised

my sisters. It's the struggles and dreams of my family and families across our neighborhoods that I've carried to City Hall for the last seven years. Together we've broken barriers on the Boston City Council, passed groundbreaking legislation, changed the face of government, and changed the conversation about what is just and what is possible. And we have so much more to do."

Wu added that she plans to build wealth in all Boston communities, place a value on public education, plan for the future of Boston neighborhoods, invest in affordable housing and transportation that serves everyone, truly fund public health for safety and healing, and deliver on a city Green New Deal for clean air and water, healthy homes, and the brightest future for children.

"Now's the time to build on the activism of generations before,"

said Wu. "With the urgency of this moment and this movement, we're ready to go beyond fighting the system to hear us. Now's the time for us to lead."

Former City Councilor Tito Jackson was the last councilor to take on Walsh during Walsh's second term run. Walsh, a son of Irish immigrant parents, trounced Jackson citywide winning the election with 70 percent of the vote.

However, there is some speculation that Walsh's desire to run for a third term may hinge upon the upcoming Presidential election. If former Vice President Joe Biden wins, some suggest Walsh may be tapped by Biden for a position in his administration. Walsh may be prime to take over the US Ambassadorship to Ireland currently held by Trump appointee and Republican Party member Edward Francis Crawford.

# After 28 years, as determined as ever to bring Susan Taraskiewicz's killer or killers to justice

Twenty-eight years ago this week, the body of Susan Taraskiewicz was found in the trunk of her car, which had been left outside an auto repair shop on Route 1A in Revere.

So much time has passed since then.

But the determination of the Massachusetts State Police and Revere Police to bring Susan's killer or killers to justice is as fierce today as it ever was. Detectives have not retreated one inch, and never will, from their desire to close this case and find justice for Susan and her family.

Susan's body was found early on Sept. 14, 1992, a little more than a day after she left her job as a ramp crew chief at Logan Airport to pick up sandwiches for her co-workers. She never returned to her Logan shift or her home in Saugus.

After her murder, Susan's employer, Northwest Airlines, offered a \$250,000 reward for information leading to an arrest. In 2008, Northwest was absorbed into Delta Airlines in a merger. Delta has informed Susan's family that it stands by that reward offer. The money remains available to anyone who provides information that allows us to bring justice to Susan and her family.

Investigators certain there are people who have this information.



Susan Taraskiewicz.

Whatever reasons you have had not to come forward thus far do not matter anymore. Time passes, people and motivations change. Things that didn't seem important suddenly do, and vice versa. Fears and worries shrink away, and pale in comparison to the realization of what is right and just. It is long past time for anyone who can help this family, to bring some peace, and to do right by Susan, to step up and do just that.

The Massachusetts State Police urge anyone with information about Susan's murder to call the State Police Detective Unit for Suffolk County at (617) 727-8817.

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**Larceny from a Building**

09/11/20 - A West Cedar Street resident reported a delivery package containing clothing was stolen from the front hallway of their building between 5-6 p.m.

into on Beacon Street some time between 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 and 6:10 p.m. the next day. The victim stated he left the vehicle unlocked, and his wallet, which contained U.S. currency, bank/credit cards, passport, keys and personal IDs, were stolen from the car. Police advised the victim to cancel his bank cards.

**Breaking and Entering - Motor Vehicle**

09/11/20 - A victim reported his 2002 Honda Accord was broken

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# OBITUARIES

## John Schnapp

Longtime Beacon Hill resident



John Schnapp, a longtime resident of Beacon Hill and Acworth, NH, passed away peacefully on Sept. 2 at the age of 91.

Born in the South Bronx to first generation immigrant parents who had never been east of Rockaway, north of the Catskills, south of Washington or west of Cleveland, he significantly expanded those boundaries in a career that took him to 20 countries on four continents.

John was the first member of his family ever to graduate high school and also attained an undergraduate degree in English from the University of Pittsburgh, a masters in economics from the University of Rochester and attended the Harvard University Advanced Management Program. He also served as a Marine Corps tank platoon commander in Quantico, Virginia.

Two great enthusiasms marked his high school and university careers: a passion for track and field, and a passion for editorial writing and reporting. In the first case, he was a self-described "dedicated but untalented track athlete" winning only one hurdles race (against Slippery Rock State Teachers College) during five years of active participation in competitions; in the second, he went from contributing to and editing University of Pittsburgh student publications to, later in life, writing for some of nation's leading newspapers (see below).

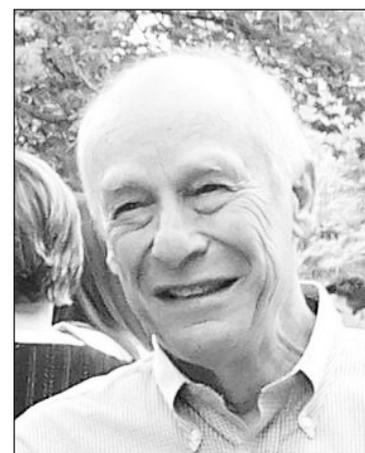
John's professional career included 13 years at Eastman Kodak, six spent at Kodak's Rochester headquarters and seven at its Mexico City subsidiary working in advertising. Perhaps the highlight of his early Kodak years was his central involvement in the writing and production of several of the 1960's editions of How

to Make Good Pictures: perhaps the best-selling how-to book in the history of photography. The editions in question include many photo sequences of family life shot by John himself.

After leaving Kodak, John served as a partner at management consulting firms: Harbridge House and Temple Barker & Sloane (later acquired by Mercer Management Consulting) where he specialized in the automobile sector. There he proved instrumental in bringing Hyundai Motors to the North American market and in planning for the Nissan Smyrna Vehicle Assembly Plant, the first Japanese auto manufacturing facility built in the Southeast. By the end of his career as a management consultant, John's clients included fully 17 of world's 20 largest vehicle manufacturers as well as leading parts makers such as Bendix and Federal Mogul.

After retiring, John established himself as a well-respected columnist on auto industry issues, contributing frequently to the editorial pages of the Detroit News and Wall Street Journal. Retirement also allowed him to dive enthusiastically into his role as a grandparent and he took his grandchildren on memorable adventures throughout their early lives. He felt that grandfathering was the best job in creation and his grandchildren were the beneficiaries of that conviction.

A lifelong pet enthusiast, John also played a role in raising many a naughty puppy who gave rise to



colorful family memories. His pets especially appreciated his penchant for feeding them waffles, allowing them to lick plates clean as soon as they left the dinner table, and warmly tolerating misbehavior.

John will be greatly missed by his wife, Rebecca Boyter, children Jeffrey, Scott, and Tom Schnapp, daughters in law, Heidi Almy and Maria Gough, grandchildren Ben and Alison Schnapp and Alexander Gough Schnapp and Gianriccardo Poli Schnapp, Gianriccardo's mother, Anna Poli, great grandchildren Holden and Adelaide Schnapp, first wife Betty Jean Robbins, sister in law, Margo Chipman, brothers-in-law, Hugh Boyter of Tallahassee, Florida, Tom Boyter of Columbus, Georgia, Bryan Hendrix and sister-in-law Lisa Boyter Hendrix of Atlanta, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and their children.

Due to COVID 19, a celebration of John's life will be held at a later date. [www.folsomfuneral.com](http://www.folsomfuneral.com).

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# Nichols House Museum re-opens September 19

On Saturday, September 19, the Nichols House Museum will re-open for the season on a Saturday only schedule. The Museum will be following state and federal guidelines for safe museum operations during COVID-19. Thirty-minute guided tours will be offered at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. for groups of up to 4 people from the same household. Mask wearing will be required and social distancing requirements will be in place throughout the tour.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and can be done through the Museum's website at [www.NicholsHouseMuseum.org](http://www.NicholsHouseMuseum.org). Tickets can also be purchased on the same day of the tour on the website only, up to 10 minutes prior to the start of the tour if there is availability. Due to the current space limitations it's recommend-

ed that tours be reserved at least 24 hours in advance.

The Nichols House Museum is located at 55 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, MA 02108. Call 617-227-6993 or visit [www.nicholshousemuseum.org](http://www.nicholshousemuseum.org) for further information.

The Nichols House Museum preserves and interprets the 1804 Federal townhouse that was home to landscape gardener, suffragist and pacifist Rose Standish Nichols and her family. Their home and its original art and furnishings provide a glimpse into life on historic Beacon Hill from the mid-19th to mid-20th century. The museum educates and inspires the public through innovative programs, and it continues the conversation on the social concerns the Nichols family embraced that are still relevant today.



One of the rooms in the Nichols House Museum.

## Learn to skate classes offered at 10 greater Boston rinks

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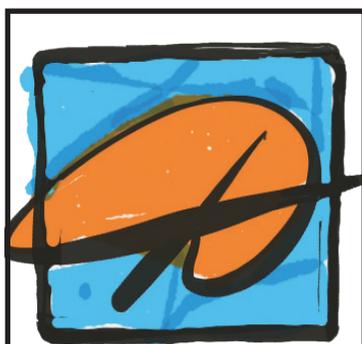
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