

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES BRACE FOR ELECTION DAY FALLOUT

Several Beacon Hill businesses had their storefronts boarded up Tuesday morning in anticipation of Election Day.



North River Outfitter at 126 Charles St.



Persona fine & custom jewelry at 62 Charles St.



Charles Street Supply at 54 Charles St.



Santander Bank (left) at 67 Beacon St.

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and to National Grid as well.

Halloween on the Hill

Because of Covid-19, the BHCA did not close the streets on Halloween as we have done in past years. Instead, we held virtual activities for kids with costumes and story reading, and a happy hour for adults with a spooky video about the Boston Strangler and his ties to Beacon Hill. We were glad that large groups did

not come to Beacon Hill this year, but we remain optimistic that next year we will again be able to celebrate Halloween on the Hill in a big way!

2019 Beacon Hill Community Fund Grant Awardee Testimonials

The Beacon Hill Civic Association administers and operates a Beacon Hill Community Fund that gives grants to communi-

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Happenings on Charles Street

December Thieves' sister-store opens in former Holiday Boutique space

By Dan Murphy

Thieves Next Door – the sister establishment to next-door neighbor December Thieves – became the latest addition to Charles Street's retail landscape after opening Monday, Nov. 2.

Like December Thieves at 51 Charles St., Thieves Next Door, which is located in the retail space formerly occupied by Holiday Boutique at 53 Charles St., will showcase independent and emerging brands from around the world, said Lana Barakat, the

proprietor of both businesses. But unlike December Thieves, which focuses primarily on clothing, the new store instead offers different homeware, jewelry, beauty and wellness products, and gifts.

"Favorite new brands include Karen Tinney- fiber and ceramic vases and bowls, Franca NYC's playful and modern mugs," Barakat added, "colorful and Paloma Wool, New Mexico based Los Poblanos apothecary, and a wide range of fashion and

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SOMERBY JONES

Thieves Next Door, the sister store and next-door neighbor of December Thieves (51 Charles St), opened at 53 Charles St in the former Holiday Boutique space on Nov. 2.

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EDITORIAL

THERE WAS ONLY ONE “BOND.... JAMES BOND”

The passing last weekend of Sean Connery, who became known to everyone throughout the world for his role as James Bond in the 1960s films, was a sad event for all of us who grew up mesmerized by his performances.

Although many other actors have played the role over the years in the subsequent Bond movies, none came even close to epitomizing the charm, strength, and sense of humor that Connery brought to the role. (We have enjoyed the most recent Bond films starring Daniel Craig, though his Bond is of an entirely different sort than Connery's.)

Sean Connery's performances in those iconic films have stood the test of time. They are every bit as much fun and enjoyable to watch, no matter how many times we see them, principally because of Sean Connery.

Beyond his Bond roles, Connery starred in countless other outstanding films over the next 40 years and earned an Academy Award. Off-camera he also was a larger-than-life figure. He was well-respected and beloved among his peers and was an outstanding professional actor in every sense of the word.

He overcame his hard-scrabble background as a youth growing up in Scotland through hard work and determination and never forgot where he came from.

Although he was named People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive -- at the age of 59 -- his off-screen persona was hardly the raconteur he portrayed as Bond. Sean Connery was married to the same woman (his second wife) for 45 years, quite a feat in the movie business.

We came across a quote from his wife, Micheline Roquebrune, which in our view epitomizes the ideal that all men -- real men -- should strive for:

“He was a model of a man,” she said.

Her words bring to mind the lines of Marc Antony from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar when Antony eulogizes Caesar:

His life was gentle, and the elements

So mixed in him that Nature might stand up

And say to all the world, “This was a man.”

Sean Connery brought fun and joy to hundreds of millions of people for generations.

May he rest in peace.



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The sun is shining

Dr. Glenn Mollette

The Sun is shining today and will rise tomorrow. For more years than we know the Sun has followed this same pattern.

The rising Sun is a good pattern for all of us. We know each day we can count on the Sun. Somedays the Sun is hidden by clouds but it's there. Too often we forget to notice the Sun. Often it feels too hot or we wish it would warm up. We are never completely satisfied with the job the Sun does. Too hot, not hot enough. Too bright. Through all of our life's discontents with the Sun's performance, the Sun keeps performing. Throughout my lifetime I don't know of a day that the Sun has let me down. It just keeps on glowing regardless of the day or world events.

I remember the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. His death was one of the darkest days I can remember as a child but the Sun never ceased to shine.

When Americans came home from Vietnam in boxes and thou-

sands of funerals were held around the country, we mourned but the Sun kept shining.

I've buried a wife and a baby and it seems like looking back that for a period of time I doubt that I even noticed the Sun was shining. Often life's traumas block the Sun from our eyes even if we are staring right into its rays.

Millions of Americans are unhappy with the election, and some aspects of American life. We don't like Covid-19, unemployment nor the unrest that is all over our country. We sadly have become alienated from good people who have different opinions than we do and this is tragic.

Today we need to look for the Sun. The Sun is not political. The Sun shines on the Democrats and the Republicans. The Sun shines on sinners and the righteous. The Sun takes care of the planet providing our warmth, growth and our very lives. We take the Sun for granted. So often we don't even pay attention to all the Sun does and provides. However, we need

the Sun. We do hear about the importance of clean water and air but are you grateful for the good air and water that you do have?

Take time to notice the Sun today. A clear day or a cloudy day will find the Sun shining. Another day of life means another day to enjoy all that God has created and made. I've never known a day of life without the Sun. I've never known a day that I couldn't find good people with whom to talk. I've never experienced a day that I didn't feel there were people to love and people who cared about me.

God has provided the Sun and as long as our creator wants it to shine it's going to shine. Today, let the Sun shine on you.

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Boston voters overwhelmingly support Biden in Presidential race

By Dan Murphy

While the final tally for the city's unofficial election results wasn't available on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 3, Boston voters overwhelmingly supported Democrat Joe Biden over Presidential Donald Trump on the road to the White House.

Nearly 83 percent of voters citywide cast a total of 225,368 ballots for the Democrat ticket of Biden and Vice President-hopeful Kamala Harris while President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence trailed with almost 16 percent of the ballot, or 42,707 votes cast.

Statewide, Biden garnered the support of nearly 66 percent of voters to best Trump, who trailed with around 33 percent.

State Rep. Jay Livingstone said Wednesday morning, "It wasn't surprising that Boston voted overwhelmingly to elect Vice President Biden to be the next President. I think Donald Trump has been incredibly unpopular with voters in Boston and Massachusetts,

and the results yesterday bore that out."

But Rep Livingstone added, "I just wish the rest of the country had agreed with us, and that their results were as definitive as Boston's and Massachusetts were for Vice President Biden."

Likewise, City Councilor Kenize Bok wrote Wednesday: "It's been hard to govern at the local level without a strong federal partner helping us handle this pandemic, and I think what you see from Bostonians is a clear rejection of the incompetence, bias, and cruelty we've seen coming out of the Trump Administration. I'm proud that Boston voted so decisively for Joe Biden, and I hope Pennsylvania — where I was knocking doors for the final four days — and with it the country follow suit to make Biden president."

Sharon Durkan, chair of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee wrote, "As expected, Massachusetts went solidly for Joe Biden! We have been waiting for this race for four years, so taking time to count every vote doesn't

phase us, and we are committed to every vote being counted. We are particularly proud of the win in New Hampshire and Maine given our proximity and political interconnectedness."

On Question 1, which allows car owners to access and share vehicle data with independent repair shops, nearly 75 percent of Boston voters cast a total 190,429 ballots to support it in contrast to the approximately 25 percent of the city's voters cast who cast 63,872 ballots in opposition.

Similarly, 75 percent of voters statewide voted "yes" on Question 1 while 25 percent opposed it.

"There were a lot of privacy concerns and questions about the ability to implement the law as written, and like any other law, that can be tweaked by the legislation," Rep. Livingstone said, "but the voters made it clear they want to be able to repair their cars everywhere and the legislature needs to respect that."

Ballot Question 2 — a binding referendum that enacts ranked-choice voting in primary and

general elections — was supported by nearly 62 percent of the city's voters (155,123 ballots cast) while around 38 percent (96,264 ballots cast) rejected it.

Ultimately, around 55 percent of voters statewide rejected Question 2 as opposed to the approximately 45 percent of voters who supported it.

"My district and the voters I represent in Boston and Cambridge where you've had multiple-candidate races where several of the candidates looked very much the same, like the DA's race from two years ago, overwhelmingly supported [Question 2]," Rep. Livingstone said. "Unfortunately, a lot of the state didn't have the same experience with ranked-choice voting."

Councilor Bok wrote: "I'm disappointed that Question 2 lost — I think it would have allowed for a better reflection of voter preferences, and I think the fact that organizers didn't get the opportunity to explain ranked-choice voting to people face to face, because of the pandemic, really hurt its chances

of success."

More optimistically, Durkan wrote, "I applaud the organizers of RCV (ranked-choice voting). Our committee supported the ballot initiative. We know that organizing and educating voters on this issue takes time. We believe that RCV would help establish more consensus and a more representative government. Our committee believes in the merits of this, and hope this is start of momentum on this issue."

Although the final tally was unavailable at the time of publication, Mayor Martin Walsh said Tuesday historic voter turnout in Boston was expected in the election — a milestone that can likely be attributed in part to early and mail-in voting in the election.

City Councilor Bok wrote, "I'm proud of everything the Boston Elections Department did to expand ballot access, with drop-boxes and early vote sites, and I think it's critical that across the country we ensure every vote is counted."

REI joins Esplanade Association to sponsor park cleanup days on Nov. 17 and 19

By Dan Murphy

REI is joining the Esplanade Association for two community volunteer days to clean up the park on Tuesday, Nov. 17, and Thursday, Nov. 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. as part of the national outdoor retailer's new Keep it Local, Keep it Clean campaign, which gets underway this fall.

Max Guerrieri, an REI marketing specialist, said the campaign is part of the company's overall effort to "recreate responsibly" (#RecreateResponsibly), and it includes one simple pledge — "to spend time outdoors and help keep these spaces clean while you're out there."

Said Guerrieri: "The program is really a way to showcase the different ways people can get outside to keep our public open spaces clean. It's so people can get outdoors during the pandemic and help out the public places that have meant so much to us this year in simple ways."

Volunteer opportunities may include trash pick-up, bench painting or planting, and participants

will be informed of their project before the event while each session will be limited to 10 participants in abiding with federal, state and local guidelines concerning social distancing and other public safety protocol.

Also, volunteers can pick up their free DIY Cleanup Kits, including recycling and trash bags; disposable gloves; hand warmers; and limited-edition REI "swag" (i.e. sunglasses, a bandana and a sticker) at any of the company's New England stores.

Michael Nichols, executive director of the Esplanade Association, called REI a "terrific corporate partner that continues to sponsor our programming."

In the spring just after the pandemic hit, REI provided a grant to the Esplanade Association, Nichols said, to help underwrite the group's volunteer efforts by paying for tools, equipment and supplies for volunteers (including gloves and hand sanitizer), as well as for costly inclement-weather gear for staff that allow them to work year-round in the park.

"I give REI a lot of credit for issuing a grant at a time of great uncertainty for us and likely for them as well," Nichols said. "That grant enabled us to bring volunteer programming back amidst the pandemic with social distancing and sanitation requirements."

In all, the grant allowed the Esplanade Association to sponsor 15 volunteer days (with seven to go) this year, including cleanup days scheduled in partnership with the Beacon Hill Garden Club and the Beacon Hill Civic Association (which also provided a grant to help defray its cost).

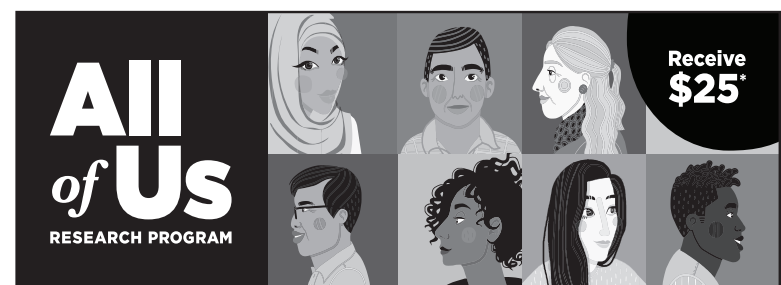
"It's really a great opportunity come out and engage in the park, and to help keep it clean," Nichols said.

Meanwhile, Guerrieri, who, weather permitting, often commutes via Bluebike from his Wilmington home to REI's Boston office through the Esplanade, said: "This program was built off of the notion that our outdoor spaces have done

so much for us, so let's do something for them by helping to keep them clean. And, let's face it, we could all use a feel-good, give back moment right about now."

To volunteer for REI's Keep it

Local, Keep it Clean Days scheduled for Nov. 17 and 19 on the Esplanade, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/keep-it-local-keep-it-clean-volunteer-days-on-the-esplanade-tickets-126130753479>.



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BHCA (from pg. 1)

ty-based Beacon Hill, Cambridge Street and adjacent neighborhood non-profit organizations, community development corporations, and other civic groups dedicated to promoting and enhancing quality of life in the community. Last December, the Board of Directors of the BHCA awarded five grants from the Beacon Hill Community Fund to the Old West Church, the Beacon Hill Friends House, the Beacon Hill Artwalk, the Esplanade Association, and the Nichols House Museum.

Their testimonials tell the stories of how these funds were used.

From the Esplanade Association:

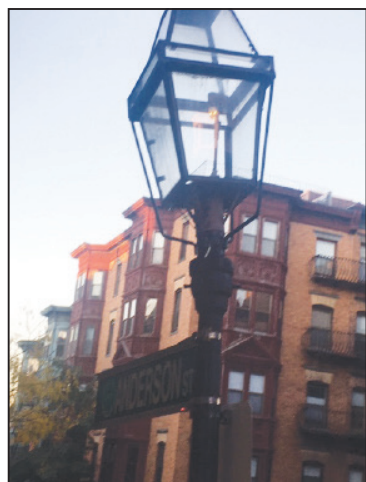
"Funding from the Beacon Hill Community Fund was always a generous and meaningful gift from a valued neighbor, but this spring that funding became even more critically important than usual.

COVID-19 has affected the Esplanade Association in many of the ways you might expect. Our free public programs in the park were all canceled or made virtual, including guided tours, musical offerings, and exercise classes. Our fundraising was also heavily impacted. And our award-winning Volunteer Program, a significant source of helpful labor in the park and income for EA, scheduled to start in mid-March, was canceled through August.

...We are delighted that the Community Fund grant means that BHCA members will be joining us for two volunteer days this fall. They will perform important park beautification work, including painting benches, removing litter, and doing some planting, all around the Fanny Appleton Bridge, and their experience will help us determine our approach for the 2021 volunteer season."

From the Beacon Hill Friends House:

"The Beacon Hill Civic Association Community Fund grant has been a key part in ensuring the



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success of the Financial Assistance program at Beacon Hill Friends House. This program was started in July 2019 in order to help support current and prospective lower-income Friends House residents. The generous funding from BHCA during the first year of the program has enabled us to provide financial assistance to 7 individuals, ensuring that these residents could make a home in our community without undue financial hardship. The grant has also enabled improvements to the Financial Assistance program itself; we are now able to guarantee some level of assistance for the full tenure of a resident's time at the Friends House, and have been able to raise both the income threshold to qualify for the program and the amount of funding available to an individual resident.

Offering reliable financial assistance has helped the Friends House maintain full resident occupancy throughout the Covid-19 pandemic - and we've even converted our two overnight guest rooms into housing for additional residents. We are proud to make residency in Beacon Hill affordable to community-minded individuals from a

variety of walks of life, and we're grateful for the support of the Civic Association as a fellow organization working toward greater intentional community on Beacon Hill. We look forward to further strengthening our capacity for financial inclusiveness in the coming years as we continue to deepen both our commitment to diversity and our relationships to others in the Beacon Hill community."

From the Old West Church:

"In 2019, Old West Church applied for and was granted an award from Beacon Hill Community Fund and what an incredible gift it has been and continues to be. Our application contained an ask to both support our 2020 work with the Monday Night Dinners and the planting out of our food forest. Obviously 2020 has thrown us all for a loop but this grant has been a steady boon for OWC and our initiative to lessen the injustice of food access and instability for our neighbors and our community.

When the impact of COVID19 first started to be felt in the States in March 2020, the Monday Night Dinner team was about to step up and increase their capacity rather than decrease or even shut down. We deemed this aspect of OWC to be truly essential. Thus, the dinner shifted from indoors to out, planted to takeaway. Additionally, we went from just Monday evening dinners to Saturday afternoon lunches as well.

Certainly, this is not the 2020 food justice we were anticipating, however, because of the generosity of the BHCA and their work through the Beacon Hill Community Fund, OWC has been able to ensure that our commitment to food justice not only remains steady but remains possible through their generosity..."

From Jack Burton:

"The Beacon Hill Community Fund has fundamentally and positively changed the way I understand and see our neighborhood. I've always been interested in interviews and their power to create meaningful connections with others; so, when I heard about this community fund, it stood out to me as an opportunity to explore my passion.

Hearing about my grant request approval was an exciting moment for me. I felt thrilled that the BHCA had decided to give me the chance



BHCA members help the Esplanade Association to care for the green area under the Fanny Appleton Bridge in October. The daffodils planted there will bloom next spring!

to explore and make a difference in our wonderful neighborhood. My mother and I attended the grant acceptance, and, although I was the only person who could not sip wine with the others, I engaged in interesting conversations with new, friendly faces. In a way, the project started at this moment; the Fund already had given me the opportunity to meet and converse with my neighbors with whom I had never spoken.

My project did not require an enormous amount of money to complete—however, the grant was very helpful in raising the quality of my video. I used a decent portion of the funding to hire a videographer and editor for my first few installments. Using my newfound knowledge gained from my experience with the first videos, I plan to purchase some of my own equipment for further interviews."

From Beacon Hill Art Walk:

"...Thanks to the BHCA and the Community Fund Grant, we have been able to pay our fixed annual expenses (such as website hosting, P.O. Box, etc.), advertise the event on Facebook and Instagram all year long, update our website with the current participating artists' info, with their own page of photos, bio, links to social media and their websites, and pay our usual PR company to write and distribute the press release and professionally promote our online art sale that utilizes a professional sales platform. This will assist the artists in getting their work publi-

cized and generate sales, and allow our neighbors and fans to see what our artists have been creating during Covid, and also share their artwork with art patrons throughout the world."

Join the BHCA

If you haven't yet become a member of the BHCA, we invite you to join. Your input in quality of life issues on the Hill is important to us, and we rely on you our neighbors to bring your comments and concerns to our attention. By joining our membership, you add to the collective voice of the neighborhood and support our work in historic preservation, community development and civic engagement. 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 become a member.

Mark your calendar for these BHCA Meetings & Events!

Board of Directors, Monday, November 9th, 7pm via Zoom

Please note that our Holiday Decorating activity will be held virtually on Saturday, December 5th at 6:30pm. Watch your mail for our annual Holiday Fundraising brochure and donate to help spread holiday joy. Stay tuned for more details!

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

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Breaking and Entering - Commercial

10/24/20 - Police responded to an alarm at around 2 a.m., to a sandwich shop located at 1 Charles St. on the Boston Common.

On arrival witnesses observed a front window had been forced open with a sledgehammer, which was recovered on scene, as well as several male suspects breaking into and stealing a cash

register. The manager on the scene reported the register was empty, and that the building would be secured. The suspect fled on foot towards the Boston Common garage area.

Larceny - Shoplifting

10/28/20 - A male suspect stole various shampoo items from a Charles Street pharmacy at around 7:35 a.m., before fleeing on a Bluebike.

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A second air-carrier wants to join Cape Air in running a seaplane operation off Eastie's shores

By John Lynds

A second carrier wants to join Cape Air in running seaplanes from Boston Harbor, just off Eastie's shore, to New York City. Causing more noise for the residents of Beacon Hill.

Cape Air, who got approval from the FAA to fly seaplanes on a route from Boston to a pier on Manhattan's East Side, began trial runs of the new operation last year.

Now Tailwind Air has scheduled two public community meetings with Eastie residents regarding their proposed plan for seaplane service from Boston Harbor to New York City.

The meetings are sure to be contentious given the fact that Cape Air's CEO Dan Wolf and Senior Vice President Andrew Bonney repeatedly told the community at numerous meetings the takeoff and landing area in the water off Eastie would be restricted by the FAA to only Cape Air operations.

"This is a private, restricted sea base," said Bonney at a community meeting in 2018 trying to garner support for the seaplane plan. "So you wouldn't have to worry about other carriers using the area."

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 10 am to 12 pm with a second meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12 from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Both meetings will be held via ZOOM at <https://tinyurl.com/tailwindcommunitymeeting>.

To RSVP and submit questions beforehand, please email tailwindboston@gmail.com

"So let me get this straight...We are going from zero to two seaplane operations?", said a frustrated April Abenza of Jeffries Point.

It seems a look into FAA approvals for the water landing area shows Tailwind, as well as Cape Air, were both granted the right to use the harbor for seaplane operations. Something Wolf and Bonney were allegedly not up front about when pitching their own seaplane operation.

Also, when Cape Air began testing flights, Jeffries Point residents reported the planes seemed a lot louder than described by Wolf and Bonney.

The planes Cape Air would use are new Cessna Caravan nine-seat seaplanes.

"We did a sound study because we wanted to know what the acoustic impacts would be to the surrounding area," said Bonney at a community meeting. "The conclusion of the study was the impact would be minimal."

Bonney said the single engine Cessna is a relatively quiet seaplane.

"They are small aircraft that are pretty high performance so when they take off they climb to altitude

relatively quickly to mitigate sound impacts," he said at the time.

However, they proved to be anything but, they did not climb to high altitudes in the harbor quickly, and usually banked right and headed over Beacon Hill.

Residents in Jeffries Point, as well as Beacon Hill, expressed disappointment over the operations and wished the planes were as quiet as Cape Air initially led on.

Wolf said Cape Air's plans involve flying seaplanes in and out of Boston Harbor. Wolf explained that a lot of major cities like Seattle, San Francisco and Vancouver have been doing this for years now so it's not a new concept.

Cape Air's seaplanes will take off and land on the water just off Eastie's shores near the Hyatt Boston Hotel and land at an already

established seaplane dock on the East River in Manhattan near East 23th Street.

"It is relatively difficult to get from Downtown Boston to Midtown Manhattan," said Cape Air's Senior Vice President Andrew Bonney at a community meeting recently. "But with seaplanes from downtown to downtown you can reduce a three to four hour trip to just over an hour. So that's really the genesis for this. So people ask why seaplanes? Well, with this plan you remove all the other parts of flying except the flying part."

Bonney said commuters on seaplanes are not subjected to TSA security lines, ticket lines, luggage lines and other inconveniences that are usually part of flying. Seaplane passengers would simply arrive at a proposed dock in Southie's Sea-

port District, board the seaplane, taxi out to the takeoff area near the Hyatt and then be on their way to New York City.

"And on the other end in New York it's the same thing," said Bonney. "We would land at the existing seaplane dock in Manhattan that has existed since the 1930's."

Bonney said one key fact about seaplanes is that they can only operate in daylight because pilots must be able to see the surface of

the water and horizon.

"There really isn't the concern of aircraft waking you up at night... just not possible with seaplanes," said Bonney. The takeoff and landing base in the water off the Hyatt, explained Bonney, would be restricted by the FAA to only Cape Air operations.

"This is a private, restricted sea base," said Bonney. "So you wouldn't have to worry about other carriers using the area."



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Remembering Herbert M. Weiss, longtime Mount Vernon Street resident

By Dan Murphy

Herbert M. Weiss, an attorney who practiced law for more than 70 years, most recently at Burns & Levinson LLP, and called Mount Vernon Street home, died on Tuesday, Oct. 27. He was 92.

Born on Jan. 18, 1928 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Mr. Weiss was the middle of three children born to Aaron and Theresa Weiss. He earned an undergraduate degree in 1949 from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., and would go on to graduate from Harvard Law School in 1952.

Upon earning his law degree, Mr. Weiss went to work for Friedman & Atherton, a Boston law firm, before returning to his hometown of Wilkes-Barre to work for the family business, Triangle Shoe Company.

In 1959, Mr. Weiss returned to the Boston area and settled in Newton when he assumed the role of attorney and vice president of Kennedy's Department Store. He would then serve as an attorney at Burns & Levinson for around 30 years, practicing corporate law with a special expertise in retail commercial leasing.



Herbert Weiss, an attorney whose career spanned 70 years, as well as a former Mount Vernon Street resident, who died on Oct. 27 at age 92.

Mr. Weiss was also the founding counsel who incorporated the non-profit American Jewish World Service (AJWS), serving as a founding board member of the organization and as its first secretary and a board member from 1985 to 2010. He was also a founding member of the Newton Community Development Foundation (NCDF), and a dedi-

cated supporter of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, as well as the Massachusetts Civil Liberties Union. Additionally, he served as a board member and counsel of Harvard Musical Association, and was also involved in peace activities through the Congregational Church in Newton in the 1960s.

In addition, Mr. Weiss served for several decades as an elected member of the Ward 5 Democratic Committee, and was also a candidate for the Massachusetts House of Representatives seat to represent Beacon Hill/Back Bay in 1980.

Stephen Olesky, a longtime Boston attorney who was a Beacon Hill resident and activist from 1968 to 1985 before moving to Brookline, met Mr. Weiss during the latter's bid for state rep 40 years ago.

At that time, Mr. Weiss asked Olesky to endorse his candidacy, and while Olesky declined because he was already supporting another candidate in the race, it was also the beginning of a close and long-lasting friendship between the two men.

"I'll always remember how committed Herb was locally and internationally," Olesky said. "He led by what he did, and not

just what he said...including [traveling as an ambassador of AJWS] to Mozambique and elsewhere to deliver hope and tangible supplies to struggling nations."

Moreover, Mr. Weiss "was passionate about social justice work and encouraged the rest of us to do the same, Olesky said, and had "a great commitment to Beacon Hill and the world beyond Beacon Hill."

State Rep. Jay Livingstone said, "Herb was an incredibly influential activist who had a profound impact on local politics and I'll miss him greatly."

Rob Whitney, chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association, served alongside Mr. Weiss on the Ward 5 Democratic Committee and recalls them holding signs to support their candidates outside the State House one Election Day. When it started to rain, Whitney asked Mr. Weiss if he thought they should call it a day and head home, but Mr. Weiss insisted on staying put and told Whitney: "If we stay holding signs in the pouring rain, then the voters will think that we REALLY must love our candidates, and that will make them want to vote even MORE for our candidates!"

Whitney was persuaded by Mr. Weiss' rationale and stayed with him in the pouring rain, holding signs until the polls closed that night.

Mr. Weiss is survived by his children Dr. Jonathan Weiss, Rabbi Elisabeth Stern and her husband Rabbi Keith Stern, Dr. Noal Weiss and his wife, Caryn Weiss, and Anne Weiss and her husband, Dr. David Cash; and stepchildren Wendy Berenson, Cathy Seligson, Patricia Berenson, and Dana Berenson, as well as 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Nancy Klein, and was predeceased by his brother, Norman Weiss.

Funeral services for Mr. Weiss were private due to the ongoing public-health crisis, but can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVXf7xBjzxE>.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to American Jewish World Service, 10495 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025, www.ajws.org or Congregation Eitz Chayim, 136 Magazine St., Cambridge, MA 02139, www.eitz.org.



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Hutchinson honored with Rose Standish Nichols Award

By Suzanne Besser

B. June Hutchinson has been honored with the second annual Rose Standish Nichols Award by Beacon Hill's Nichols House Museum for her dedication to landscape design, her research and writings about 55 Mt Vernon Street and the Nichols family, and her service to the Museum and community at large.

The RSN award was created to recognize individuals of outstanding achievement who embody the spirit of Rose Nichols. A noted landscape designer and author, Nichols lived in the four-story Bulfinch Federal Period brick townhouse at 55 Mount Vernon Street from 1885 until her death in 1960. As specified in her will, her home has been open to the public as a museum since 1961.

Like Nichols, Hutchinson was a writer and landscape designer before her recent retirement. "Every morning when I woke up, I had a bevy of things to do to move forward a project that would better an institution or advance my writing," said Hutchinson recently. And those projects were many, all executed with thorough research into the past and a clear vision of



B. June Hutchinson
[Photo courtesy of the Nichols House Museum]

the future.

Unlike Rose Nichols, who was only 23 years old when she became a landscape designer, Hutchinson began at midlife. She enrolled in Radcliff's program in landscape architecture and, with Ann Steinberg, founded Private Gardens in Weston, a landscape design firm that specialized in creating period gardens, most often of the early Federal and Queen Anne Victorian styles.

Hutchinson designed these gardens only after thoughtful research into the historical and cultural periods they represent. It is the same approach she executed during her many years on the Museum's Board of Governors, including her stint as president from 2004-2007.

As she began her tenure, she recognized that the Museum's future success depended on the use of professional management tools. Therefore, she set out to learn as much as she could about the field of museum management in part by attending workshops sponsored by the New England Museum Association and other groups.

Consequently she was able to initiate many significant projects such as laying groundwork for the successful pursuit of grants for furniture treatment, collection cataloguing and interpretation. Under her guidance, the Museum received its first major preservation grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

It was Hutchinson who from the very beginning recognized the importance of the museum being accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. She took the lead with executive director Flavia

Cigliano to accomplish this and officially received the accreditation in February 2017.

Early on she also saw the importance of transcribing the Nichols family letters, which she did herself by spending hours over a period of several years. Her work enabled the Museum's staff to bring many aspects of the Nichols' lives into their exhibitions and interpretations.

For example Hutchinson learned that Rose and her sisters Marian and Margaret Nichols were suffragettes. Each had her own unique way of furthering the movement and subsequently the three devoted their lives to three distinct causes: pacifism, anti-corruption, and the defense of civil liberties.

So Hutchinson decided to stage a dinner party with a suffragette theme. The dining table was set with linens and the meal began with champagne and oysters, just as the family would have done. But this time 'Vote for Women' signs appeared throughout the Museum, even on the Christmas tree in the courtyard.

In the family letters Hutchinson also discovered detailed descrip-

tions of the family's holiday traditions, prompting her to bring them back to the Nichols House. Each year she, Jim Borden and Anne Conner would spend months in preparation to assure the festive decorations and stories they told were authentic. It is a festive time still enjoyed by the Museum's many patrons and friends.

Rose's father, Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, was known for his dining enjoyment. In his day ladies would leave for the living room when the meal was complete while the gentlemen remained at the table enjoying their cigars and brandy. Following their lead, Hutchinson would stage similar dinner parties at the museum.

The information Hutchinson discovered through her years of research ultimately led her to author 'At Home on Beacon Hill: Rose Standish Nichols and her family', which was published by the Museum in 2011.

Last year's award went to Elizabeth 'Biddy' Owens at a formal celebratory event. This year due to the pandemic, the Museum has elected not to hold such an event to present Hutchinson the Rose Standish Nichols Award.



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BREAKFAST BURRITO.....	12
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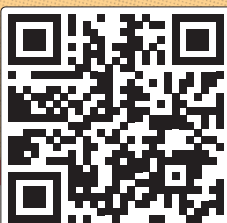
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Comprehensive measures to further promote diversity in state contracting announced

The Baker-Polito Administration today announced a series of measures to continue ongoing efforts to ensure equal opportunity and increase access for diverse companies in state contracting. As part of today's announcement, the Administration is filing legislation entitled, "An Act to Elevate the Supplier Diversity Office to Ensure Equal Opportunity in State Contracting." The bill would establish the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) as a separate state agency with tools and resources to ensure accountability and compliance with diversity goals, oversee agency diversity spending, and audit and review spending data.

The Administration also announced it will implement several other improvements in the supplier diversity space. These include a more active role for the SDO in engaging diverse and small businesses in public procurements, expanded reporting for spending between state contractors and their diverse business partners, the publication of minority-business-enterprise spending by race and ethnicity, the expansion of the Small Business Purchasing Program, increased bid evaluation percentages for certain procurements in order to promote more diversity (a component of the "Massport Model"), and the translation of SDO materials into multiple languages.

"Our administration is committed to continuing to promote growth and opportunity and ensure the Commonwealth takes every opportunity to support and benefit

from its diverse business community," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "In launching these new initiatives, we have worked closely with leaders in the minority business community, Black and Latino Caucus, and Black Advisory Commission and Latino Advisory Commission. We look forward to continuing our work with these partners to strengthen the state contracting process with greater diversity, transparency and accountability."

"We are committed to collaborating with diverse companies throughout Massachusetts and ensure equity within the public marketplace," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "Increasing economic development – for all businesses and communities – is a critical priority given the COVID-19 pandemic and its related impacts, and we are pleased to continue pursuing improvements that optimize our supplier diversity program."

Since taking office in 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has focused on expanding opportunities for diverse business enterprises to work with state government and has increased direct spending on minority-business-enterprises by the Executive Branch by nearly \$8 million. The Administration has consistently met and raised annual benchmarks, grown the supplier diversity program, and filed legislation in February 2020 to promote participation by minority and women-owned businesses in state construction projects. The Administration also included \$50.8 million in grants in its recently-launched eco-

nomic recovery plan to support small minority-owned businesses in Massachusetts, which have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Legislation Filed Today:

"An Act to Elevate the Supplier Diversity Office to Ensure Equal Opportunity in State Contracting" would establish the SDO as a separate state agency under the authority of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance. The SDO would oversee monitoring and reporting of agency diverse spending and the development of annual comprehensive diversity spending plans for agencies. The legislation would also create a Supplier Diversity Compliance Unit within the SDO, which will systematically audit and review direct and indirect spending data to ensure compliance and accuracy.

Additional Supplier Diversity Improvements:

Going forward, the SDO annual report will separate indirect spending between state contractors and their diverse business partners

by subcontracting and ancillary products and services and itemize minority-business-enterprise spending by race and ethnicity. The Administration will also raise the threshold for the Small Business Purchasing Program from \$150,000 for the total value of the contract to \$250,000 per year, which will help increase preference and access for minority businesses, as many are small businesses.

The SDO will align its supplier diversity program with a component of the "Massport Model" by expanding the percentage of bid evaluation scores dedicated to the supplier diversity plan from 10 percent to 25 percent, for procurements above a certain threshold. Additionally, the SDO will work with state and private sector partners to translate existing materials into foreign languages to further accommodate diverse businesses seeking to do business with the Commonwealth.

"The Baker-Polito Administration continues to implement creative reforms that empower diverse businesses across the Common-

wealth," said Secretary of Administration and Finance Michael J. Heffernan. "We look forward to continuing to work closely with the minority business community, our colleagues in the Legislature, and other key stakeholders to enact and implement these critical measures to support and promote any businesses seeking to work with the Commonwealth."

These new measures build upon the Administration's previous efforts to optimize the supplier diversity program such as expanding the categories of diverse businesses that participate in the supplier diversity program, streamlining and simplifying the certification process, upgrading systems to allow for electronic applications and to better manage records, entering into multi-year agreements with third party certification organizations to provide free certifications for Massachusetts businesses, increasing compliance with program guidelines, implementing new training, and hiring additional personnel to further improve the program.

THE BHOWF BUNCH

By Ariana Hanley

These unprecedented times haven't stopped The BHOWF Bunch from coming together to connect, inspire, and enjoy! Due to COVID-19 concerns, our monthly Speaker

Forums for the 2020-2021 season are being delivered virtually. It remains our number one priority to help women throughout the Beacon Hill neighborhood gather through Zoom to maintain friend-

ships, a sense of community, and hear fabulous success stories from our monthly speakers! We hope the entire Beacon Hill neighborhood is continuing to stay healthy and safe!



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Hans, Marybeth	Hammond, Philip	44 Clarendon St #1	\$995,000
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Adcock, Cob Y	Copeland, Robin	195 Marlborough St #1	\$2,150,000
253 Back Bay T	Skok, Michael J	251-253 Marlborough St #8	\$5,350,000
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Winkler, Joanna L	Mcallister, Aengus	97 Mount Vernon St #3	\$790,000
Atkinson, Glen S	Roth, Rebecca	6 Walnut St #3	\$1,529,000

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Omalley, Francesca A	Martinance LLC	534 Beacon St #201	\$486,000
Millane, Patrick	Bailey, Raymond G	63 Burbank St #16	\$325,000
Wang, Jenny J	Heim, Thomas	17 Durham St #2	\$1,210,000
Nowrouzi, Navid	Hansen, Russell P	735 Harrison Ave #W403	\$358,000
Sirius Prop Holdings LLC	Busch, Susan	17 Savoy St #D110	\$1,678,000
Moody, Amy	Collard, Melanie	12 Stoneholm St #322	\$460,000
Lee A Coffin LT	Lee, Russell	43 Westland Ave #712	\$1,780,000
Piccirillo, Evan	Borger, Christopher L	27 Worcester Sq #2	\$640,000
North, Crystal M	JCG Investments LLC	33 Worcester St #3	\$669,900

WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN

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Pollinger, Andrea J	Moss, Alan	65 E India Row #29D	\$685,000
Doran, William J	Windsor Harborview LLC	65 E India Row #31F	\$1,610,000
Basili, Danielle S	Holian, Victoria A	5 Holden Ct #2	\$424,000

THIEVES (from pg. 1)

fine jewelry brands from around the globe.”

As for the new store’s interior, Baraket said: “The aesthetic is light and airy with high ceilings, white-washed brick walls and reclaimed wooden shelving.”

Meanwhile, Thieves Next Door

has arrived just in time for the holidays, and will provide bundled gift options and gift-wrapping, as well as ship gifts nationwide.

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into the street,” Baraket said. “It’s a complex time, and we hope that this cheerful store will be a fresh addition for our neighborhood to enjoy.”

Visit both Thieves Next Door and December Thieves at <https://decemberthieves.com>.

Attention to Detail

By PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The cupola in the last clue is on 73 Tremont Street originally designed by Winslow & Wetherell architects and completed in 1897. A total renovation by architects Childs Bertman Tseckares Inc was completed in 1991.

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



NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

Virtual meeting on proposed redevelopment of Hurley Building

The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) is hosting a virtual public meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the redevelopment of the Charles F. Hurley Building at 19 Staniford St. in Downtown Boston. This public meeting will allow you to provide input about the site's challenges and opportunities prior to DCAMM issuing an RFP to bring on a redevelopment partner.

To pre-register, click this link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/join/)

[register/tZckduCqjp4oE9cIeuX-ZcbcV34qntuuoqSyV](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/join/).

Hill House offering semi-private classes for family pods

Hill House, Inc., located at 127 Mount Vernon St., recognizes that many families have formed pods to keep groups smaller/reduce exposure.

To acknowledge that, Hill House is now offering semi-private classes and athletics for small cohorts of children. From art to science and Pre-K sports, there are open opportunities for you to

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Artists Reception, exhibit at Barry Group Real Estate

The Barry Group Real Estate office at 98 West Cedar St. pres-

ents "Memoirs" – an exhibit of paintings by Patrick Anderson and Zoe Arguello - from November through next January, with an Artists Reception scheduled for Nov. 7, from noon to 4 p.m.

Church on the Hill to present streaming concert Dec. 5

The Church on the Hill will present a streaming concert of vocal and keyboard music written by composers from Gilbert and Sullivan to Suzanne Sheppard on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/churchonthehillboston/>), and beginning Sunday, Dec. 6, on the church's website at <http://churchonthehillboston.org/music/>.

This concert will feature an original story line written by Lisa Sheppard Hadley and conceived by both herself and Suzanne Sheppard, with some original compositions by Sheppard. The concert will include: "The Flowers That Bloom In The Spring," "Down By The Sally Gardens," "Old Mother Hubbard," "Summertime," "Sweet Violets" and others. For more information, call 617-523-4575 or visit <http://churchonthehillboston.org>.

Targeted measures to curb rising COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations announced

The Baker-Polito Administration announced a series of targeted measures to disrupt the increasing trend of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Governor Charlie Baker announced these changes at a time where public health data has indicated that cases are rising, with cases up by 278% and hospitalizations up by 145% since Labor Day. These measures are meant to disrupt rising trends now, so the Commonwealth can keep the economy and schools open for residents and to prevent the need

to roll back to Phase I or Phase II of the reopening plan.

All orders and advisories will be effective Friday, Nov. 6 at 12:01 a.m.

New Orders & Advisories:

•Stay At Home Advisory: The Administration issued a revised Stay At Home Advisory to ensure residents avoid unnecessary activities that can lead to increased COVID-19 transmission. The revised Stay At Home Advisory instructs residents to stay home between 10 PM and 5 AM. The

Advisory allows for activities such as going to work, running critical errands to get groceries and address health needs, and taking a walk.

•Early Closure of Businesses and Activities: Governor Baker issued a new executive order that requires the early closure of certain businesses and activities each night at 9:30 PM. The 9:30 PM closure requirement is aligned with the Stay At Home Advisory and together the two new initiatives are designed to further limit activities that could lead to COVID-19 transmission.

Effective Nov. 6, the following businesses and activities must close to the public each day between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m.

*Restaurants (in-person dining must cease at 9:30 PM, although takeout and delivery may continue for food and non-alcoholic beverages, but not alcohol)

*Liquor stores and other retail establishments that sell alcohol must cease alcohol sales at 9:30 PM (but may continue to sell other products)

*Adult-use marijuana sales must cease at 9:30 PM (not including medical marijuana)

*Indoor & outdoor events

*Theaters/movie theaters

(including drive-in movie theaters), and performance venues (indoor and outdoor)

*Youth and adult amateur sports activities

*Golf facilities

*Recreational boating and boating businesses

*Outdoor recreational experiences

*Casinos and horse tracks/simulcast facilities

*Driving and flight schools

*Zoos, botanical gardens, wildlife reserves, nature centers

*Close contact personal services (such as hair and nail salons)

*Gyms, Fitness Centers and Health Clubs

*Indoor and outdoor pools

*Museums/cultural & historical facilities/guided tours

•Face Covering Order: Governor Baker also signed an updated order related to face-coverings. The revised order requires all persons to wear face-coverings in all public places, even where they are able to maintain 6 feet of distance from others. The revised order still allows for an exception for residents who cannot wear a face-covering due to a medical or disabling condition, but it allows employers to require employees to provide proof of such a condition. It also

allows schools to require that students participating in in-person learning provide proof of such a medical or disabling condition.

Gatherings Order: Governor Baker also signed an updated order restricting gatherings. The new gatherings order reduces the gathering size limit for gatherings at private residences: indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people. The limit on gatherings held in public spaces and at event venues (e.g. wedding venues) remains the same. The new order also requires that all gatherings (regardless of size or location) must end and disperse by 9:30 PM.

The new gatherings order also requires that organizers of gatherings report known positive COVID-19 cases to the local health department in that community and requires organizers to cooperate with contact tracing. The gatherings order authorizes continued enforcement by local health and police departments and specifies that fines for violating the gathering order will be \$500 for each person above the limit at a particular gathering.

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Positive test rates dramatically spike in Beacon Hill and surrounding area

By John Lynds

As Boston tries to get a handle on the city's COVID-19 spike the positive test rate in Beacon Hill and surrounding neighborhoods spiked dramatically according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

While Beacon Hill's COVID-19 positive test rate was decreasing steadily for the past few weeks the numbers jumped slightly two weeks ago but exploded last week.

Last week the BPHC reported that 28,161 Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 5 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a 138 percent increase from the 2.1 percent testing positive as reported two weeks ago. The citywide average was 7.8 percent, up 13 percent from the 5.9 percent that tested positive two weeks ago.

Overall since the pandemic began 2.7 percent of Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown residents were found to be COVID positive.

The infection rate in Beacon Hill and surrounding neighborhoods increased 7.2 percent in one week according to the latest city statistics.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown had an infection rate of 139.9 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 130.5 cases per 10,000 residents.

Fifty-four more residents became infected with the virus and

the total number of cases in the area increased from 726 cases to 780 cases as of last Friday.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 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 last week were set at 21,275 cases and deaths from the virus were totaled at 871. This seems like a huge jump from last week's numbers but the BPHC explained the numbers posted Tuesday, "include a one-time increase that is part of an ongoing effort to ensure data accuracy in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The additional cases are no longer active and were contacted appropriately when the individual tested positive. The additional deaths are spread out over the last 3 to 6 months."

In response to the spikes here and across the city, Mayor Martin Walsh is urging everyone to get tested in order to stop the spread.

The philosophy of Walsh's administration is now, 'the more people who know they have COVID, the more we can isolate the sick from the healthy'.

In order to ensure more people get tested Walsh said Tuesday the city has continued to add free testing resources, especially in neighborhoods with higher case rates.

The Mayor noted that the City has passed the 20,000 case mark, or 2.9 percent of Boston's population, a clear indicator of the reach of the virus and the work needed

to prevent further spread.

Last week Walsh unveiled the city's "Get the Test, Boston" pledge, campaign, and social media toolkit. The new initiative to encourage everyone to get tested regularly for COVID-19.

He discussed the importance of getting tested as part of keeping yourself and your family safe, and helping the City track the presence of the virus and respond effectively.

"The City is currently investing in more testing resources, more contact tracing capacity, and more ability to support people who need to quarantine," said Walsh. "But, despite increased access, we've seen our daily testing numbers fall off in recent weeks."

The Mayor said we need to get more people tested, and asked for everyone's help.

"Reasons to get tested immediately include having COVID-like symptoms, having been exposed to someone with a confirmed case, having been part of a large gathering, or having recently traveled," he said. "In addition the virus is spreading among people who don't have symptoms who may not know they've been exposed. So we want everyone to be proactive and get tested if you are leaving your house for any reason."

The Mayor said that he gets tested regularly and that it's a quick and painless experience. He also called it an opportunity to arm yourself with knowledge and be part of our community's defense against this virus.

"We will soon have stickers available at our mobile testing sites that say "I got the test" to help

raise awareness and show there is no stigma to getting tested," he said. "We also have a social media toolkit available and we're asking everyone to promote the importance of getting tested throughout their networks."


The Mayor recognized that work hours can make it harder to find time to get tested, so he is asking employers to make it easier for workers to get tested.

"The "Get the Test, Boston" Pledge is a commitment that employers and individuals can make to support testing access," said Walsh. "It keeps your workforce healthy and productive, it prevents an outbreak that could hurt business, and it's a way to help our city avoid having to roll

back reopening. The City of Boston is taking the Pledge and offering eligible City employees one paid hour every 14 days to get tested during work hours. Employees will receive regular compensation for their time spent testing, and will not be required to use sick or personal time for that hour."

Other employers can fulfill the Pledge in ways that work for them and their industry.

"All you have to do is encourage your employees to get tested and provide them with information about how and where to get tested," said Walsh. "You can also consider giving paid time off, or other forms of flexibility, for workers to get tested during work hours."



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Join Us for a Virtual Public Meeting
on
Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM

We Want to Hear from You!

The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) is hosting a virtual public meeting to discuss the redevelopment of the Charles F. Hurley Building at 19 Staniford Street in Downtown Boston. This public meeting will allow you to provide input about the site's challenges and opportunities prior to DCAMM issuing an RFP to bring on a redevelopment partner.

The meeting will be held online, via Zoom. To pre-register visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/y53jdjve>

For more information, please visit the project website:
mass.gov/hurley-redevelopment

Accommodations

The public meeting is accessible to people with disabilities and those with limited proficiency in English. Live interpretation will be available in Spanish. Accessibility accommodations and language services will be provided free of charge, upon request, as available. Such services include documents in alternate formats, translated documents, closed captioning, and interpreters. For more information, to request a reasonable accommodation and/or language services, or if you need assistance accessing the Zoom registration link, please email apoggenburg@reginavilla.com or call 617-357-5772 x 26 by no later than Friday, November 13, 2020.

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Docket No.

SU20P1266PM

In the matter of:
Magdalena Goode
Pierce

Of: Boston, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Magdalena Goode Pierce is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is

necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/08/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within

30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 27, 2020
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