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Patrons enjoying themselves while staying socially distanced last year at The Owl's Nest on the Esplanade.

Owl's Nest beer garden set to reopen on the Esplanade Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9

By Dan Murphy

The Owl's Nest - the beer garden that Everett's Night Shift Brewery operates in partnership with the Esplanade Association - is set to return to the Esplanade for a fourth season, with a target

opening date set for Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9, and with similar safety precautions in place as last year.

The beer garden will again offer a selection of craft beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages in a self-contained area at

Storrow Memorial Embankment Park (Fiedler Field), and its hours will eventually be Wednesday and Thursday from 4 to 10 p.m.; Friday from 2 to 10 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday noon to 8 p.m.

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Baker relaxes COVID-19 restrictions

Staff Report

On Tuesday, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that Massachusetts would reopen some outdoor Phase 4, Step 2 industries effective May 10, and put plans in place for further reopening on May 29 and Aug. 1.

"The light at the end of the tunnel, thanks to the hard work of so many, is getting closer," Gov. Charlie Baker said at the State House when announcing the news. "And we can start to look ahead with real optimism for the path forward."

The Administration continues to take steps to reopen the Commonwealth's economy with public health metrics continuing to

trend in a positive direction. This includes drops in average daily COVID cases and hospitalizations. Massachusetts remains first in the nation for first vaccine doses and total doses administered per capita, among states with more than 5 million people. The Administration will also relax the Face Coverings Order for some outdoor settings, effective this Friday, April 30.

•Face Coverings Order:

Effective April 30, the Face Coverings Order will be relaxed for some outdoor settings.

*Face coverings will only be required outside in public when it is not possible to socially distance, and at other times required by sec-

tor-specific guidance.

*Face coverings will still be required at all times in indoor public places. Face coverings will also continue to be required at all times at events, whether held indoors or outdoors and whether held in a public space or private home, except for when eating or drinking.

*At smaller gatherings in private homes, face coverings are recommended but not required. The \$300 fine as an enforcement mechanism will be eliminated.

•Phase IV, Step 2 Industries and Gathering Changes:

On March 22, Massachusetts loosened capacity restrictions and

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Hope springs eternal for Beacon Hill businesses

Special to the Times

The month of May has been designated Small Business Month, so, on Saturday, May 22, and Sunday, May 23, 35 Beacon Hill businesses will take part in a street-wide celebration to welcome the onset of spring, the hopeful days to come and to unite as one to showcase a family-business community dedicated to serving its neighbors.

This neighborhood event, "Spring Eternal," has been developed with hopes it will become an annual event similar to the Christmas Stroll. The Beacon Hill Business Association, The Beacon Hill Civic Association, The Beacon Hill Village have joined the effort in a unique partnership to highlight the importance of small businesses and why the health and vitality of the business community is directly related to the survival of the neighborhood itself.

"It has been a difficult year for many of our businesses," said

Stacy Sheehan-President of the Beacon Hill Business Association. "The 'Spring Eternal' event is another positive step forward that will showcase and celebrate the wide variety of our stores and restaurants and further attract new businesses to our wonderful neighborhood."

Additionally, working in concert with Beacon Hill Village, "Spring Eternal" aims to increase foot traffic on the street, and to highlight the status of and importance of area restaurants that have been hit particularly hard during the pandemic.

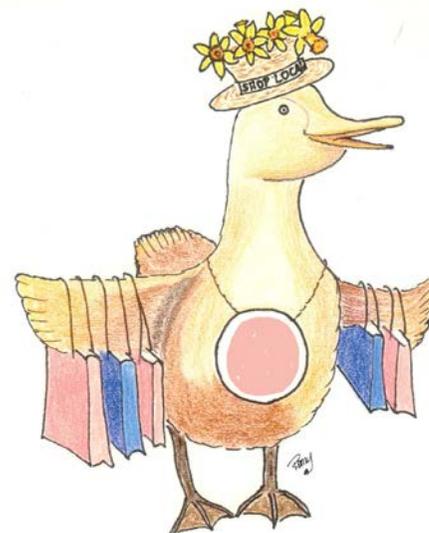
"As members of the Beacon Hill Village, we admire the endurance of the merchants and restaurants of Charles Street to sustain their businesses to serve the neighborhood," said Frank Mead of Beacon Hill Village.

"We are pleased to join the Beacon Hill Business Association

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EDITORIAL

BIDEN'S CLIMATE CHANGE BILL: TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE?

President Joe Biden's ambitious proposal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. by 50 percent (from their 2005 levels) by 2030 marks a dramatic moment in the environmental movement.

Those of us old enough to remember the first Earth Day -- 51 years ago this past week -- know how difficult it can be to induce American consumers and businesses to adopt environmentally-friendly habits.

The first Earth Day was inspired by the images a few months before of Cleveland's Cuyahoga River catching fire when the chemical pollutants which industries poured into the river (which in turn streamed into Lake Erie) were ignited by a spark from the shore.

The shocking river fire and the Earth Day movement in turn led to the creation of the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the full support of then-President Richard M. Nixon, a Republican.

The EPA soon initiated policies that began to improve America's air and waterways, most notably with the elimination of lead in gasoline.

However, despite the tangible accomplishments of the EPA over the past 50 years, our air and water -- the essentials of life for all living things -- have remained as harmful to our health as ever.

A recent study by the American Lung Association concluded that almost 50 percent of all Americans still breathe polluted air.

The 1967 movie, *The Graduate*, predicted the rise of plastics ("Benjamin...I have one word for you: 'Plastics.' There is a great future in plastics.") in everyday life. But what the movie did not anticipate was that within a few decades, micro-plastics not only would contaminate the oceans around the world, but also would be found in every major organ in our bodies.

And of course, there is the matter of global warming, which soon is set to reach a point that will make life as we know it unsustainable in many parts of the world, including our own, where rising sea levels will inundate the Massachusetts coastline.

However, what is encouraging about President Biden's plans is that for the first time, major U.S. companies are supportive of policies that are good for the environment. Although we would like to think that they are doing so for the right reasons, the reality is that these companies realize that climate change will have a catastrophic effect on their business interests.

The U.S. military has warned for the past decade that climate change poses a major threat to our national security and now private industry finally has jumped on the bandwagon. According to an article in the *New York Times* last week, "Rising temperatures are likely to reduce global wealth significantly by 2050, as crop yields fall, disease spreads, and rising seas consume coastal cities...The effects of climate change can be expected to shave 11 percent to 14 percent off global economic output by 2050 compared with growth levels without climate change, according to a report from Swiss Re, one of the world's largest providers of insurance to other insurance companies."

So we applaud President Joe Biden's dramatic pro-environment policies, which incorporate many aspects of the Green New Deal put forward by our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, in tandem with New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

And we are heartened that American business is fully on-board with the president's proposals.

Hopefully, the shift in our national policy will not be a case of too little, too late.

On the other hand, for those of us who celebrated the first Earth Day in 1970, we have to say, "Better late than never."

LETTER to the Editor

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To the Editor,

I enjoyed reading Dan Murphy's article, published April 22, 2021, on Joseph Bagley's wonder-

ful book "Boston's Oldest Buildings and Where to Find Them." Murphy's piece featured the Glapion-Middleton House at 5 Pinckney Street, built between 1786 and 1787. It appears, however, that in

his list of Boston's oldest standing buildings Bagley may have omitted the house at 1 Pinckney, constructed circa 1789.

Joshua P. Cohen

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advanced to Step 1 of Phase IV of the reopening plan. Since then, case rates dropped by 20%. The positivity rate has dropped to the lowest levels recorded since last summer.

Effective Monday, May 10:

*Large venues such as indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas and ballparks currently open as part of Phase 4, Step 1 at 12 percent will be permitted to increase capacity to 25 percent.

*The Commonwealth will reopen some outdoor Phase 4, Step 2 industries including amusement parks, theme parks and outdoor water parks that will be permitted to operate at a 50-percent capacity after submitting safety plans to the Department of Public Health.

*Road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events will be permitted to take place with staggered starts after submitting safety plans to a local board of health or the DPH.

*Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments will be allowed for moderate and high-risk sports.

*Singing will also be permitted indoors with strict distancing requirements at performance venues, restaurants, event venues and other businesses.

Effective May 29:

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, gathering limits will increase to 200 people indoors and 250 people outdoors for event venues, public settings and private settings.

•Subject to public health and vaccination data, additional Phase 4, Step 2 industries will be permitted to open including:

*Street festivals, parades and agricultural festivals, at 50 percent of their previous capacity and after submitting safety plans to the local board of health.

*Bars, beer gardens, breweries, wineries and distilleries, will be subject to restaurant rules with

seated service only, a 90-minute limit and no dance floors.

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, the restaurant guidance will be updated to eliminate the requirement that food be served with alcohol and to increase the maximum table size to 10.

Effective Aug. 1:

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, remaining industries will be permitted to open including:

*Dance clubs, and nightclubs

*Saunas, hot-tubs, steam rooms at fitness centers, health clubs and other facilities

*Indoor water parks

*Ball pits

*All industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100 percent for all industries, with businesses encouraged to continue following best practices. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

*Depending on vaccine distribution and public health data, the Administration may consider re-evaluating the August 1 date. The Department of Public Health

will also continue to issue guidance as needed, including guidance to still require masks indoors.

In Boston, however, acting Mayor Kim Janey's administration announced it would delay most of Gov. Baker's reopening plans by three weeks (i.e. public gathering of 200 people indoors or 250 outdoors won't be permitted in the city until June 19 while road races, indoor singing, and certain youth and adult sports tournaments can resume on June 1, as can street festivals and parades on June 19 at 50 percent of the events' 2019 capacity.)

"In every aspect of Boston's reopening, we will take the right measures, at the right time, to protect our people and businesses," Janey said. "As we look ahead to better days, we must remember that the COVID-19 pandemic is not over. Reopening our economy does not remove our personal and collective responsibility to remain vigilant."

For more information on the state's reopening plan, visit mass.gov/reopening.

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West End Museum launches spring and summer programs

The recently reopened West End Museum is launching an exciting schedule of spring and summer programs, which will be offered both in-person and online.

Beginning April 29, Wentworth University Professor Emeritus Lois Ascher will lead a free, three-part webinar on the importance of urban public space, exploring four of Boston's most treasured spots.

"Public space is democracy's front porch," Ascher said. "It promotes the interaction of diverse people who might not otherwise encounter each other. When you

interact in public space and with other people, a comfort level begins to emerge. Suddenly, you're all part of the same community."

The webinar includes "Public Space/Common Good," which examines the role of public space in our daily lives and its importance as a foundation of democratic principles, on April 29 at 6:30 p.m.; "Palaces for the People," which looks at Boston's Public Library and Public Garden, on May 13 at 6:30 p.m.; and "The Color of Water: A Civil Discourse," which explores Boston's role in providing

public access to clean water and includes a look at Chestnut Hill's Waterworks Museum, as well as its original role as a pumping station, on May 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Register for the Public Spaces webinars at <https://thewestendmuseum.org/events/talk/democracys-front-porch-webinar-series/>.

Additionally, other offerings include a series of in-person programs with West End Museum President Duane Lucia.

First up is Jane's Walk. On the annual celebration of the urbanist Jane Jacobs, Lucia will lead a

free walking tour exploring the remainders of the old West End, including the West Church, Massachusetts General Hospital, West End House, Winchell School, and Beacon Hill's North Slope. Discussion will focus on Jacobs' writing and work as an activist fighting urban renewal projects like the one that demolished the West End. The tour takes place on May 8 at 1 p.m. Register at <https://thewestendmuseum.org/events/walking-tour-events/janes-walk-2021>.

Next is "Tidal Power in Colonial Boston," when Lucia will

explore Boston's first industrialized power source, the Tidal Mills, in a talk that also examines early efforts to dam parts of the Charles River on May 21 at 6:30 p.m., with a walking tour on June 5 at 11 a.m. Register for the May 21 Tidal Power talk at <https://thewestendmuseum.org/events/talk-tidal-power-in-colonial-boston-talk-wem-630pm-may-21/>, and the June 5 walking tour at <https://thewestendmuseum.org/events/walking-tour-events/tidal-power-in-colonial-boston-walking-tour-wem-11am-june-5/>.

Owl's Nest (from pg. 1)

"We'll maybe have some truncated hours to start, but the goal is to get there by mid-May or the end of month," said Matt Eshelman, the brewery's quality manager.

And in accordance with state guidelines, the Owl's Nest will have a "similar model as last year," said Eshelman, in that all patrons must be seated with no more than six at a table, which can be reserved for up to 90 minutes, and food must be ordered along with beverages.

Capacity, he added, would be at about one-third to one-half of pre-pandemic rates.

Brato Brewhouse and Kitchen, which has operations in Allston and Brighton and has collaborated with Night Shift before for past pop-ups, will operate the Night Shift Eats food truck, said Eshelman, which would allow the Owl's Nest staff to focus solely on serving beverages.

"We're really excited to be back and welcome back our returning staff after a long and challenging time," Eshelman said. "It will be

great to be able to see people again, and to create that community space."

Michael Nichols, executive director of the Esplanade Association, is also looking forward to the return of the Owl's Nest.

"We're thrilled that the Owl's Nest is reopening," Nichols said. "Even through the pandemic last year, Night Shift operated the space in a safe manner that continued to make it an appealing destination on the Esplanade."

Visit <https://nightshiftbrewing.com/locations/owls-nest/> for more information.

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Michelle Wu surpasses \$1 million fundraising milestone

Staff Report

City Councilor and candidate for Mayor Michelle Wu announced that she raised over \$1 million in donations since the launch of her Mayoral campaign as Michelle for Mayor continues to organize and build significant momentum.

In a powerful demonstration of Wu's growing grassroots backing, the campaign has over 5,800 donors at an average contribution amount of under \$92 per donation. Wu has received thousands of small-donor donations from

Boston residents, and has more than double the number of donors residing in Boston than any other candidate in the race.

Hitting this important mark first, along with mobilizing thousands of volunteers, demonstrates that Wu's ongoing commitment to keeping families in Boston, education and childcare, free transportation and a Green New Deal is resonating with Bostonians. Over the weekend, Team Wu hosted nine events and saw 167 volunteers take action across the city on behalf of the campaign, and this past week reached 3,400 Bostonians.

"I'm inspired everyday to see the grassroots momentum for our campaign matching the energy for bold, urgent leadership across our neighborhoods. Whether it's chipping in five dollars, making phone calls, or joining our events, our supporters and volunteers share a powerful vision of what's possible for Boston to meet the moment. We are building a movement not just for Election Day, but to follow through on the charge to be bold and do more in office," said Michelle Wu.



Virtual Public Meeting

MGH Clinical Building

Tuesday, June 1
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3vpl2LN

Toll Free: (833) 568-8864

Meeting ID: 160 639 8023

Project Proponent:

Massachusetts General Hospital

Project Description:

This is the third of three topic-specific Public Meetings on the MGH Clinical Building project. The DPIP & IMP were submitted April 22, triggering a 75-day comment period. The Public Meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 PM.

MGH Public Meetings Schedule:

May 4th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM: Architecture & Preservation
May 18th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM: Transportation & Cambridge Street
June 1st, 6:00 - 8:00 PM: Public Realm

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and the Beacon Hill Civic Association in enthusiastic support of the Spring Eternal project.”

“Spring Eternal” is honored to have support and encouragement from our local officials. Kenzie Bok who represents our community on the Boston City Council, and Rep. Jay Livingstone of the Massachusetts House of Representatives will be making an appearance in front of the Charles Street Supply Hardware Store at noon on May 22 to kick off the event. They will be joined by store owners Jack and Cassie Gurnon.

“For residents of Beacon Hill, Charles Street is our open-air meeting place — where we come together in chance encounters or for regular events like the Holiday Stroll or HillFest,” said City Councilor Kenzie Bok. “It has been such a hard season for independent businesses. So, I’m excited to attend Spring Eternal, as a sign of hope that we’ll beat the pandemic soon, and as a continuation of the connection and community that Charles Street has always supported for residents and visitors alike. I look forward to seeing everyone there.”

In anticipation of the event, Rep. Livingstone said, “I am looking forward to the inaugural Beacon Hill Spring Stroll, a family friendly event to celebrate our essential local businesses while having fun. I hope you will join my family and I as we safely celebrate with our friends and neighbors.”

Event-goers will also have the

chance to win parts of a large basket of gifts donated by the 35 participating businesses.

Here is how it will work: Neighbors will be able to obtain an entry card at any of the participating stores a day or two before the event. Each business will be given a stack of 30-50 two-sided rectangular cards that will list every participating business participating in order by address. On the flip side of each will be instructions on what to do in order for a chance to win some of the many wonderful gifts donated by each business. There will be a place for their name and phone so they can be contacted later should they win. They’ll be instructed to bring their card to as many stores as they can or wish to and have their card validated. At the end of the two-day event, they will be instructed to where they can return their entry card to a central location. The event requests that people try to visit at least 13 stores to enter and win. Those adventurous souls who do the entire circuit will be entered in a special drawing. There will be multiple winners.

The location to return entries will be Upstairs Downstairs at 69 Charles St. All the donated gifts will be on display in their window a couple of days before the event.

Winners will be announced and notified the following Monday, and be able to collect their prizes a few days later at The Hampshire House in a special ceremony hosted by CEO Markus Ripperger.

“We look forward to coming

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together to support our neighborhood businesses and to welcome spring,” said Patricia Tully, Executive Director of the Beacon Hill Civic Association.

Special recognition must go to Geraldine O’Hagan and her assistant, Elizabeth Seghezzi at Rugg Road Paper Company. At the very beginning Geraldine and Elizabeth volunteered to help design the entry cards and posters for this event. Without such help “Spring Eternal” would not have been possible.

“As a longtime Beacon Hill res-

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- _____ The Sevens | 77 Charles St
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- _____ Blessing Barn Beacon Hill | 122 | Charles St
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- _____ Crown Cleaners & Alterations | 127 Charles St
- _____ Crush Boutique | 131 Charles St
- _____ Charles Street Liquors | 143 Charles St
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- _____ Peregrine Restaurant | 170 Charles St
- _____ The Whitney Hotel Boston | 170 Charles St

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ident and business owner it is my pleasure to be a part of Spring Eternal. Rugg Road and Paws (opening soon) on Charles Street are my ways of contributing to the neighborhood - offering unique services that bring the locals together and make everyone’s day to day life more enjoyable,” said Geraldine O’Hagan, owner of Rugg Road Paper Company. “Working with other small business owners of Beacon Hill has been essential throughout the past year. I look forward to seeing everyone come together for this spring stroll and seeing the neighborhood as lively as it used to be.”

An honorable mention also goes to Remy Stressenger at the new store Remy’s. She volunteered to create a logo for the event, a shopping duck wearing a spring bon-

net. The logo pictured below has been sent to The Advent School and the Park Street School where students will be invited to provide a name for the duck.

“I think these dark times and the difficult passages we’ve all had to walk and endure demands we gather as one and each together welcome the spring at this fun ‘Spring Eternal’ event,” said volunteer Mark Duffield. “Together we will ‘safely’ rejuvenate, revitalize, reenergize, reward and promote the rebirth of our vital business community on which we all depend. Organizing and producing any event is difficult enough, but producing one during a pandemic offers many challenges. But we can say with certainty that in this neighborhood Hope Always Springs Eternal.”



Virtual Public Meeting

MGH Clinical Building

Tuesday, May 4
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3sBjjas
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 975 9456

Project Proponent:
Massachusetts General Hospital

Project Description:
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Duck Vader and her Stormtroopers on Sunday, April 25, in the Public Garden.

Local broadcasting legend does well by the neighborhood

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill community has found a true friend in local broadcasting luminary Jordan Rich.

Rich, who has enjoyed a highly successful career in broadcasting that spans nearly a half century, including a more than 20-year run on his eponymous late-night “The Jordan Rich Show” on Boston’s WBZ-AM 1030 AM, and is also the author of a “ON AIR: My 50-Year Love Affair with Radio,” his recently published memoir, credits Mark Duffield for helping him first make inroads into Beacon Hill.

Rich and Duffield met when Duffield came on Rich’s late-night show to promote his children’s book, “The Last Shepard & Tales of the Tenth Ornament,” shortly after its 2011 publication.

“I’ve interviewed thousands of authors over the course of my broadcasting career, but I particularly love to talk to creative people and writers like Mark certainly fit the bill,” Rich said, “and his book was so Boston-centric because it’s set right in the heart of Beacon Hill, which makes it so attractive.”

Rich called Framingham his home at this time, but he was still no stranger to Beacon Hill, albeit fleetingly.

When Rich was working at his first radio job at WRKO-AM 680 in the late 1970s and early ‘80s, Phillips Drug, which was located where CVS is today, said Rich, was open 24/7 and thus the only place around to buy a newspaper at odd hours of the night.

As a consequence, Rich said, “I probably spent more time than traveling to Charles Street than anyone else on Planet Earth.”

But besides his regular trips to Phillips Drug, Rich’s exposure to Beacon Hill was essentially limited back then to the typical tourist activities and what he calls the “flyover thing.”

Rich finally became a Boston resident in 2016 when he left the suburbs and he and his wife, Roberta, settled in Downtown Crossing, and it was around this time that Duffield became Rich’s “anchor guy,” as Rich describes him, when he visited Beacon Hill.

“He’s like an ambassador, and he loves to bring people together,” Rich said of Duffield.

And as Rich got to know Beacon Hill better, his appreciation for the neighborhood grew exponentially.

“I loved the vibe down there and the neighborhood feel that it has,” Rich said. “Boston is made



PHOTO BY ALLAN DINES

Local broadcasting luminary, Jordan Rich.

up of neighborhoods, and Beacon Hill is not what some people in the suburbs might think it is. It’s really a neighborhood, and I see it as the heartbeat of the city – it’s dead center and a beautiful place to start [exploring].”

In time, Rich’s personal and professional lives collided as he began to highlight Beacon Hill business owners on the air in an effort to promote the neighborhood.

Melissa Fetter, owner of Beacon Hill Books, which is coming soon to 71 Charles St., was guest for a two-part piece with Rich to promote local bookstores, and most recently, he spoke with Lana Baraket, owner of two Charles Street businesses - December Thieves and its sister store and next-door neighbor, Thieves Next Door, said Rich, to discuss “the state of retail and how it comes back.”

Rich is currently the host/producer for the daily feature “Connoisseur’s Corner” with the latest news about restaurants, food trends, cooking, wine and more, as well as host/producer of “The WBZ New England Weekend,” six prime-time segments promoting cultural events in the area. He is also WBZ’s official book reviewer, and his podcasts include “Now Streaming with Jordan” and “The Upside with Jordan,” which highlights positive stories in the news.

Today, Rich said he’s fortunate in that WBZ (WBZ1030.com) gives him “free reign” during his regular 90-second to two-minute segments as he continues to seek out positive news stories to promote Beacon Hill.

“I’m always looking for stories and for people who are saying or doing something positive in the community,” he said.

To pitch Jordan Rich a positive neighborhood news story, email him at jordan@chartproductions.com.



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Jesse Brackenbury bids farewell to Greenway Conservancy

By Dan Murphy

Jesse Brackenbury, outgoing executive director, bid farewell to the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Monday after serving with the nonprofit for more than a decade.

Brackenbury joined the Conservancy as its Chief Operating Officer in 2009 and had led the organization since 2013. His most notable achievements with the organization, which became a “leader in park management and placemaking” under his leadership, according to its website, include “negotiating an \$18-million landmark multi-party agreement that increased and diversified foundational funding for the Rose Kennedy Greenway and led to the establishment of the Greenway Business Improvement District (BID).” Moreover, Brackenbury marked his tenure with the nonprofit with the openings of the Greenway Carousel at The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Grove, the nationally recognized Greenway Mobile Eats Program, and the city’s first park beer garden.

“The Greenway has been so important for my family,” Brackenbury wrote in an official statement. “I’ve worked at the Conservancy longer than any other job I’ve ever had. When I joined in 2009, I had a 1-year-old son;



Jesse Brackenbury, the Greenway Conservancy’s outgoing executive director (at right), is seen at the organization’s 2019 Gala on The Greenway, with honoree Gov. Charlie Baker and co-chairs, Beacon Hill resident and Conservancy Board Member Alli Achtmeyer and her husband, Bill.

a year later, when my twins were born, I was the first person to take parental leave from the young nonprofit organization. I’ve been at the Conservancy for 11½ years; the park is 12; and my kids are 12, 10, and 10 – so we’ve all grown up together.”

Moreover, Brackenbury added: “Thank you to all of you who’ve made it a really special experience. I feel very lucky to have met and

worked with some incredibly talented people. I will miss all of the staff and Board and volunteers and community members who have given so much to make this a sustainable, vibrant, innovative park.”

Of the indelible impression Brackenbury made on the Conservancy over the years, Doug Husid, chair of its Board, said: “No goal was more central to the vision of



COURTESY OF THE GREENWAY CONSERVANCY

Jesse Brackenbury, the outgoing executive director of the Greenway Conservancy, at the nonprofit’s 2019 Gala on The Greenway.

the Big Dig than reuniting the core of the downtown to the neighborhoods, the neighborhoods to each other, and all to the waterfront. The creation of The Greenway was at the heart of that vision. Over the past eight years, through Jesse’s extraordinary leadership, the successful fulfillment of that vision has been enhanced as The Greenway continues to evolve into a multidimensional urban oasis. Jesse will leave an indelible mark on the City of Boston, and we are

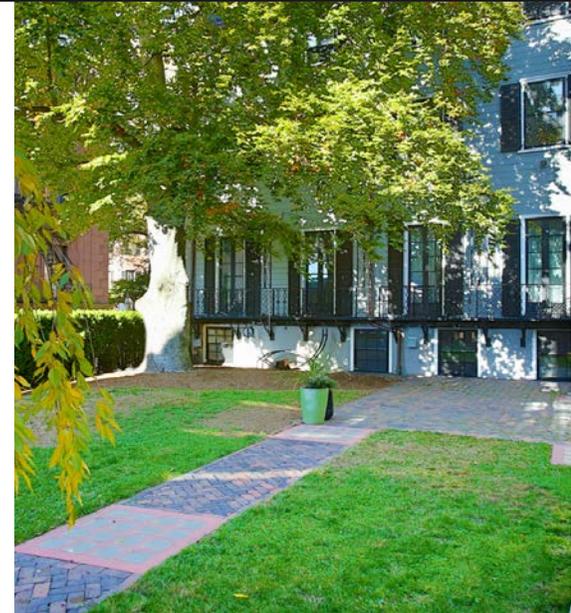
extremely grateful for his adroit stewardship of this regional treasure and national model of excellence in urban park management.”

Brackenbury has left the Conservancy to become President and CEO of The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation in New York, while his replacement will be Chris Cook, the city’s former environment, energy, and open space chief, who, according to The Boston Globe, is set to assume the position in May.

IPAD DONATION



On Wednesday the City of Boston Credit Union donated 31 iPads for use by pediatric oncology patients at Tufts Children’s Hospital. The iPads have been outfitted with age-appropriate games and apps for patients to use during their treatment. Pictured (left to right) City of Boston Credit Union (CBCU) Board of Director Steve Green, Boston Police Officers from District 4, Tufts Children’s Hospital Child Life Specialist Allison Butler, Bob the Resident Service Dog, CBCU Director Coleman Flaherty, CBCU Director Susan Connolly, City of Boston Credit Union President and CEO Neil Gordon, CBCU Director Brian Gill, and CBCU Director Cecil Jones.



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ONLINE PROGRAM EXPLORES 'RIVAL JEWISH DYNASTIES THAT HELPED CREATE MODERN CHINA'

The Vilna Shul, in partnership with the Falmouth Jewish Congregation, the Worcester JCC and Jewish Book Council, presents an online program called "Jonathan Reed Kaufman The Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish Dynasties That Helped Create Modern China" on Thursday, May 6, at 2 p.m.

Admission is free; visit <https://vilnashul.org/events/event/jonathan-reed-kaufman-the-last-kings-of-shanghai-the-rival-jewish-dynasties-that-helped-create-modern-china> to register for the virtual event.

NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM'S ANNUAL MEETING

The Nichols House Museum will hold its annual meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, May 11, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Join the museum for a review of its 2020 – 2021 highlights from an extraordinary year, followed by a final report on the Museum's Collections Conservation Project. Paul Kreitler, Project Engineer, Landmark Facilities Group, will present a visual tour of the Muse-

um's new climate control system at this time.

Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y5eG-JelSq-vuFHECja6EA.

FOPG'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

In lieu of its traditional Green & White Ball this year, the Friends of the Public Garden will present its 50th Anniversary Virtual Celebration via Zoom called "50 Years of Friends: Memories, Moments & Milestones" on Friday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$250 and sponsorships are also available for the event; visit friendsofthepublicgarden.org for more information.

READ THE ROOM BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

The Nichols House Museum's Read The Room Book Club will discuss "Work" (1873) by Louisa May Alcott on Wednesday, May 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

This semi-autobiographical story explores the changing experiences and expectations of women's work within the 19th-century backdrop of the Civil War, industrialization, Transcendentalism and the women's rights movement.

The Book Club's discussion will focus on Alcott's life in parallel to this story, including her residences on Beacon Hill (around the corner from the Nichols House) and comparisons to members of the Gibson and Nichols households, as well as touch on the filming of Greta Gerwig's 2019 "Little Women" at the Gibson House.

Register for the online event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/event/read-the-room-book-club-work-by-louisa-may-alcott-tickets-150818246435>.

HILL HOUSE 2021 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Hill House, Inc. located at 127 Mount Vernon S., has officially opened up Summer Camp registration for 2021 campers.

Now in its 22nd year, Hill House Camps (Kiddie Kamp for 3-5 year olds and Day Camp for 5- to 12-year-olds) feature: weekly Day Camp field trips; Kiddie Kamp onsite adventures; expanded enrichment opportunities; sailing, theatre, sports and film camp options; weekly themes; extended day options for Day Campers; and expanded LIT program for 13- to 15-year-olds.

Visit Hill House's Summer Camp website (www.hillhouse-boston.org/Camps.htm) to learn

more about all the fun. For more information on registering, contact Chelsea Evered at 617-227-5838 or cevered@hillhouseboston.org.

ONLINE PROGRAM ON LITHUANIAN, ISRAELI, AMERICAN AND JEWISH CULINARY HISTORIES

The Vilna Shul, in partnership with Lithuanian Culture Institute, General Consulate of Lithuania in New York and Embassy of Lithuania in Israel, presents a free online program called "Lithuanian, Israeli, American, Jewish: Which Food Are You?" on Sunday, May 23, at noon.

To register, visit <https://vilnashul.org/events/event/lithuanian-israeli-american-jewish-which-food-are-you>.

VIRTUAL DISCUSSION ON "THE EVOLUTION OF PRESERVATION"

The House Museum Alliance of Downtown Boston will host a virtual discussion on "The Evolution of Preservation: from Elitism to Equity" on Thursday, May 27, from 6 to 7 p.m.

At this time, Alison Frazee, assistant director of the Boston Preservation Alliance, will consider how historic sites continue to change their practices to be more inclusive, accessible, and intentional so that they can tell the story of everyone's history through preser-

vation.

Visit <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/thegibsonhouse/items/301563/calendar/2021/05/?-flow=468779&full-items=yes> to register for the online event.

IMAGINE VAN GOGH COMING DEC. 21 TO SOWA

"Imagine Van Gogh," more than 200 of the Dutch artist's paintings, is making its debut in Boston on Dec. 21 at the SoWa Power Station.

The exhibition is a contactless experience spanning over 24,000 square feet, with a limited number of guests allowed in on a timed-entry basis, and it will adhere to all safety guidelines established by the Commonwealth.

Tickets start at \$33.99 (plus service charges and fees) and are on sale now. For more information, visit www.imagine-vangogh.com.

TRIO OF JEWISH COMEDY WRITERS TO CONVENE FOR ONLINE PROGRAM

The Vilna Shul, in partnership with Boston Jewish Film and Jewish Book Council, presents a virtual program called "A Field Guide to Jewish Comedy Writers: An Evening with Dave Barry, Adam Mansbach, and Alan Zweibel" on Monday, May 3, at 7 p.m.

The cost to attend is \$10 per screen, and to register, visit <https://vilnashul.org/events/event/SNL-May2021>.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Docket No. SU19P0647EA
Estate of:
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A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by David K. Young of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to

object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 06/02/2021.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 21, 2021
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A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michelle M. Leffler of Tewksbury, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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Beacon Hill COVID update, Acting Mayor Janey announces updates reopening guidance

By John Lynds

Last week Beacon Hill's weekly COVID-19 positive test rate decreased after posting a 5.8 percent increase three weeks ago.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday, 2,145 residents were tested and 3.1 percent were positive--this was a 3 percent decrease from the 3.2 percent reported by the BPHC two Fridays ago. The area experienced a 17.2 percent and then a 5.8 percent increase week over week since the beginning of April.

Overall since the pandemic started 49,923 Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 6.8 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was the same percentage reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate decreased for another week and is now well below the 5 percent threshold.

With COVID numbers declining Acting Mayor Kim Janey announced Tuesday that the City of Boston will move into a modified version of the state's current phase of the Reopening Massachusetts plan, effective Friday, April 30.

However, according to Janey,

Boston will delay most of the state's reopening guidance by three weeks, in an effort to accommodate the unique preparations needed by the City.

In late March, the City announced that it would not move forward with additional reopening steps until the citywide positivity rate remained at or below 2.75 percent for two consecutive weeks. It is currently at 3.6 percent.

Janey said the latest modified update will support Boston's economic recovery as COVID-19 health metrics continue to improve.

"In every aspect of Boston's reopening, we will take the right measures, at the right time, to protect our people and businesses," said Janey. "As we look ahead to better days, we must remember that the COVID-19 pandemic is not over. Reopening our economy does not remove our personal and collective responsibility to remain vigilant. Thank you to all Bostonians for your continued efforts and cooperation as we reopen our city."

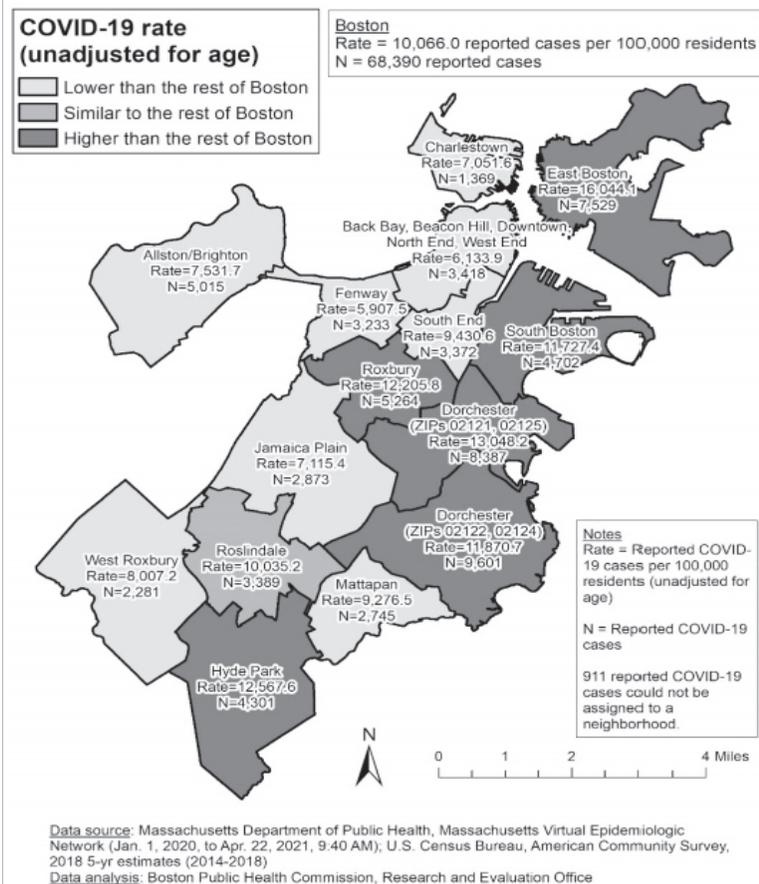
Below are the modified plans that go into effect this week:

Effective Friday, April 30, the City of Boston will align with Commonwealth's updated Face Coverings Order. This states that face coverings will be required at

all times at indoor and outdoor venues and events, except when eating or drinking. Face coverings are recommended to be worn both inside and outside during small gatherings at private homes. Face coverings are not required outside in public spaces when individuals are able to remain at a safe distance from others.

Also effective April 30, public gatherings in Boston may increase to 100 people indoors and 150 people outdoors, in alignment with the Commonwealth's previously announced limits. In Boston, all private gatherings and events in private residences will remain subject to current capacity limits of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors. However, public and private gathering limits will increase to 200 people indoors and 250 people outdoors on June 19 in Boston, three weeks after the higher limits go into effect in other parts of the Commonwealth. The City of Boston and the Boston Public Health Commission will continue to closely monitor public health data and adjust reopening plans as necessary.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 613.3 cases per 10,000 residents, up 2 percent from the 601



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

cases per 10,000 residents reported two weeks ago.

An additional 69 residents became infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area increased from 3,349 cases to 3418 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 increased 1.7 percent last week and went from 67,685 cases to 68,885 confirmed cases in a week. Four additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,364 total deaths in the city from COVID.

Vaccine Equity Grant Initiative awardees announced

Staff Report

Mayor Kim Janey, the Boston Public Health Commission and the Office of Health and Human Services today announced the awardees of the Vaccine Equity Grant Initiative, which was launched in March to ensure equitable availability to the COVID-19 vaccine. A total of \$1.5 million has been distributed to 11 organizations working to increase vaccine access and awareness in communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applicants were charged with developing strategies to enhance and ensure equitable vaccine access for specific communities, neighborhoods and groups experiencing higher rates of COVID-19 positivity or to target outreach for communities facing barriers in obtaining the vaccine. These include Black/African American, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, and immigrant communities; persons with disabilities; individuals over the age of 65; and the neighborhoods of East Boston, Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, Roslindale and

Chinatown, where positivity rates have consistently been higher and vaccination rates have been lower than the citywide average.

As of April 13, 2021, 168,145 individuals who are 16 years of age or older have been fully vaccinated in the City of Boston. 47 percent of fully vaccinated Bostonians are people of color. 16,498 Asian/Pacific Islander residents are fully vaccinated; 31,243 Black residents are fully vaccinated; 19,073 Latinx residents are fully vaccinated; and 214 American Indian/Alaskan Native residents are fully vaccinated. In comparison, 81,844 White residents are fully vaccinated.

Grantees awarded have created strategies to engage the community in four ways. Access and awareness strategies include:

- Direct, in-person outreach: This will target populations and scheduling individuals for vaccine appointments.

- Public awareness efforts: This will target specific populations or neighborhoods to build confidence in vaccines and their effectiveness.

- Wrap around supports: This will help to create equitable access

to vaccines appointments through methods including transportation support, interpretation services, companion programs, dedicated staff to get residents into vaccine appointments.

- Direct clinic support: This will include expanded staffing, outreach or on-site services to support access to vaccines people, including access during non-traditional hours or located at non-traditional locations.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Boston has prioritized access to COVID-19 testing and vaccination for communities most impacted. The current community positivity rate is 4.0 percent for the week of April 9-15, 2021, with the neighborhoods of East Boston, Dorchester, South Boston, and Roslindale experiencing the highest rates. Since the beginning of the pandemic, 24 percent of known cases have been among Black/African American residents, 30 percent of known cases have been among Hispanic/Latinx residents, and 6 percent of known cases have been among Asian/Pacific Islander residents.

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Rockland Trust will acquire East Boston Savings Bank

By John Lynds

East Boston Savings Bank and Rockland Trust announced last week that the two banks have inked a merger agreement for Rockland to acquire EBSB's parent company, Meridian Bancorp., thus acquiring EBSB in a \$1.15 billion deal.

Under the agreement each Meridian stockholder will receive 0.275 of Rockland common stock for each share of Meridian common stock.

According to the two banks the merger is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2021.

EBSB President and CEO Richard Gavegnano said last week this transaction brings together two strong banks with a long and rich history serving and investing in local communities.

"We are excited to join a like-minded organization dedicated to creating exceptional customer experiences, built on trust and quality service, while also providing an attractive return to our stockholders," said Gavegnano.

Rockland President and CEO

Christopher Oddleifson added this merger is consistent with Rockland's strategy of acquiring banks in overlapping and adjacent markets who share his bank's "relationship-focused style of banking".

"East Boston Savings Bank has been committed to building meaningful connections with their customers since 1848 and we are excited to work alongside them to deepen those relationships with expanded products, services, and technology," said Oddleifson. "At the same time, we look forward to increasing our presence in and around the city and reinforcing our position as the Boston area's premier community-focused commercial bank."

EBSB currently has 42 full-service locations, one mobile branch and three loan centers in the greater Boston metropolitan area.

As of March 31, 2021 Meridian had \$6.5 billion in total assets, \$5.3 billion in loans, and \$5.1 billion in deposits.

"Following this merger, Rockland will have approximately \$20 billion in assets," said Oddleifson.



EBSB and Rockland Trust announced last week that the two banks have signed a merger agreement that will allow for Rockland to acquire EBSB in a \$1.15 billion deal.

"In addition to the market leading commercial lending capabilities, this acquisition will further enhance our core deposit franchise value and allow for the expansion of Rockland's broad finan-

cial product set to an expanded business and consumer customer base."

The boards of directors of each company have unanimously approved the transaction. The

transaction is subject to certain conditions, including the receipt of required regulatory approvals, approval by the stockholders of both EBSB and Rockland and other customary conditions.

City duties keep Acting Mayor Janey from mayoral forum

By Seth Daniel

Acting Mayor Kim Janey was the only missing candidate for mayor of the six major candidates who have declared during last week's lively Ward 4 and 5 Democratic Committee.

Janey had been committed and confirmed to the 6:30 p.m. Forum earlier in the day, but cancelled last minute in order to speak at a 6 p.m. press conference regarding the verdict rendered in the Derek Chauvin case in Minnesota.

There was no official announcement made about Janey's absence at the Forum, which began around 6:45 p.m., but Moderator Callie Crossley did mention that she was not able to make it due to the breaking news on the Chauvin verdict.

Janey's campaign told the Beacon Hill Times that the acting mayor had put a stop to all political activities on Tuesday night in light of the verdict.

"In light of the verdict in the trial of the murder of George Floyd, Mayor Janey has pulled down all her political activities this evening to focus on the needs of the City of Boston," read a statement. "The Mayor will be addressing the City, meeting with her City Hall team and connecting with community leaders throughout the evening."

Many had wondered about Janey not taking out Nomination Papers yet, but the campaign reported she did so on Wednesday afternoon.

Of the six candidates, until Wednesday, she had been the only one not to have taken out Nomination Papers — though the campaigns have until May 11 to do so. All five of the other



Acting Mayor Kim Janey took out her Nomination Papers on Wednesday afternoon, the last of the major declared candidates to do so. Janey wasn't present at Tuesday's Mayoral Forum due to the verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial, though the other five candidates were present for the two-hour forum.

major, declared candidates took out Papers last week, on April 12.

"The work ahead of us requires bold leadership — and we're just getting started," stated Janey on her social media page.



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Hundred State Street LLC	Devonshire RE LLC	185 Devonshire St #700	\$1,000,00
Hickey, Charlotte	Moushegian Eleanor R	75 Fulton St #22	\$838,000

Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The windows and decorative balcony in the last clue are on 69 Charles Street. This is the new home of Upstairs Downstairs Antiques. This business has been part of the community since 1992 and the new location is, as they say, "just steps away" from where they had been for 29 years.

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



The salmon family

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Fish from the salmon family can be one of the best choices for your health, the environment, and the sustainability of the species. Unfortunately, it can also be the worst choice for all of these crucial factors. It all depends on how the fish lived its life, was harvested, and the method if farmed. It's up to us to educate ourselves and ask the right questions before purchasing this fish – whether fresh, frozen, or canned.

Who Are the Salmon Family Members?

Wikipedia tells us, “Salmonidae /sæl'mɒnɪdi/ is a family of ray-finned fish, the only living family currently placed in the order Salmoniformes /sæl'mɒnɪfɔːrmɪz/.

It includes salmon, trout, charrs, freshwater whitefishes, and graylings, which collectively are known as the salmonids.”

We recommend the www.seafoodwatch.org site or their phone app as the best way to make decisions about purchasing any seafood item. It is essential for something as popular and variable as salmon. You can put salmon into the search box, and the result will tell you what is safe to buy and what you should avoid. This site is updated when conditions change.

If you'd like a short answer, consider this advice from chef, author, and sustainable seafood expert Barton Sever, “When it comes to taste, fresh wild salmon is the way to go, no doubt, and Alaskan salmon is the best choice.

FRESH AND LOCAL



Salmon cakes made from a can of wild-caught Alaskan salmon have been a welcome addition to our protein supply during the pandemic.

There are five types commonly available: King Salmon is the richest, sockeye the gamiest, coho the most balanced in flavor, pink the lightest in flavor, and keta the most similar to good-quality farmed Atlantic salmon.”

So Many Ways to Cook Salmon & Kin

You see salmon on so many menus because this family of flavorful fish is adaptable to cook-

ing methods and styles. It's there because people like it and will order it. In some cases, it is an inexpensive alternative to other seafood. When dining out, you don't know if that salmon was farmed, frozen, or imported unless the menu is specific. We see more Arctic char offered by chefs who want to set their menu apart while still keeping a salmon-like option.

Penny long ago decided that we should enjoy perfectly grilled

or seared salmon dishes when we dine out rather than in our tiny home with its wimpy kitchen exhaust fan. That said, salmon and its kin are often on our dinner table.

We like to cook our selection in an oven, steamer, or parchment package. All three methods can result in one-pan meals where you cook the fish with vegetables. We might put shredded carrots, thinly sliced leeks, and julienned ginger under pieces of salmon or char fillet in a baking dish, cover it, and pop it in the oven for 10-15 minutes or until the salmon is cooked to our taste. After that first meal, we still have the makings of a salmon curry or green salad with flaked salmon for a day later.

Often we buy and cook salmon for more than one meal. Besides health benefits from its abundant supply of long-chain omega-3 fatty acids, it can save time because leftovers can be served hot or cold and added to salads, stir-fries, and other dishes in need of protein.

Canned salmon is always in our pantry. We can turn that into our favorite salmon cakes, salmon hash, or a salmon pate to serve to guests at a moment's notice. Choose canned salmon with care as you would for fresh or frozen. Keep your health, the environment, and the sustainability of this favorite food in mind.

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