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The 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment Color Guard in a sea of flags.

Flag Garden on Common makes full return

By Dan Murphy

Volunteers planted more than 37,000 flags – one in honor of each of the Commonwealth’s fallen veterans - at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the Boston Common in honor of Memorial Day

weekend, marking a full return to the tribute, which was scaled back last year due to the pandemic.

Since 2010, Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund has been the driving force behind the Memorial Day Flag Garden, and this year, the nonprofit organization partnered

with staff and volunteers from Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program to create this tribute, with financial support from John Hancock.

(FLAG GARDEN Pg. 6)

BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Downtown Neighborhoods Mayoral Candidates Forum

The Downtown Neighborhoods Mayoral Candidates Forum will take place on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, from 6:00 to 7:30PM via Zoom, and is co-sponsored by the Alliance of Downtown Civic Organizations, Bay Village Neighborhood Association, Beacon Hill Civic Association, Downtown

Boston Residents’ Association, Ellis South End Neighborhood Association, Fenway Civic Association, Neighborhood Association of Back Bay, Saint Botolph Neighborhood Association, South End Forum, West End Civic Association, and other neighborhood groups.

The moderator for the Mayoral Candidates Forum will

be Montez Haywood, President of the West End Civic Association and former candidate for election to the Boston City Council to represent District 8.

Six mayoral candidates already have confirmed that they will be participating in the forum: John Barros; Andrea Campbell; Annis-

(BHCA Pg. 12)

Part One crime down 14 percent in Area A-1

By Dan Murphy

Approaching Memorial Day weekend, Area A-1 had seen around a 14-percent drop in Part One crime from last year, according to Boston Police.

Between Jan. 1 and May 23 of this year, 639 incidents of Part One crime, which includes violent and property crime, were reported in the district comprising Beacon

Hill, Chinatown and downtown, down from 740 during the same timeframe in 2020.

One homicide was reported in 2021, compared to none last year, while the number of rapes and attempted rapes were down 20 percent as the number fell to eight from 10 last year.

Robberies and attempted

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Shaw 54th Regiment Memorial reopens on Boston Common

Staff Report

The extensive restoration work, which was undertaken through a partnership between the Friends of the Public Garden, the City of Boston, the Museum of African American History and the National Park Service, entailed removing the brass memorial from its stonework encasing and transporting it to Skylight Studios in Woburn for

refurbishing, as well as installing supplemental steel within the monument itself and a protection system for the existing beams within the plaza. The monument was also be “retro-fitted seismically” to withstand earthquakes.

The bas-relief memorial that sits inside the Common on the corner of Beacon and Park streets

(SHAW MEMORIAL Pg. 3)



The Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial has reopened on the Boston Common after undergoing a \$ 3 million renovation.

EDITORIAL

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021

Graduation Day is one of the few occasions that brings a smile to the faces of everyone in a community, regardless of whether they have a personal connection to a graduate. It is an occasion when all of us share in the joy -- and pride -- that graduation day marks in the lives of our young people. For older folks, graduation day recalls a time when we too, were young and our entire future lay in front of us.

Graduation day marks a bittersweet moment for parents, friends, family, and teachers, as well for the grads themselves. As befits every turning point in our lives, it is a time of mixed emotions of joy, sadness, and reflection. Although the graduates and those close to them are looking forward to the exciting future that lies before them, they also will be looking back on the passing of their carefree youth and the experiences that have shaped their lives to this point.

The young women and men who will be receiving their diplomas no longer are considered "youths" in the eyes of the world. They are full-fledged adults who have been deemed ready to assume all of the rights -- and responsibilities -- that adulthood implies.

The graduates, most of whom have turned 18, can vote, run for public office, enter into contracts, be tried fully as adults in the criminal justice system, and fight and die for their country.

For the parents of the grads, watching their "little boy or girl" proceed to the podium to receive his or her diploma will be a poignant moment. No doubt every parent will be thinking of the sentiments expressed in the song, Sunrise, Sunset, from Fiddler On The Roof:

Is this the little girl I carried?
Is this the little boy at play?
I don't remember growing older
When - did - they?
When did she get to be a beauty?
When did he grow to be so tall?
Wasn't it yesterday when they - were - small?

Although economists these days tell us that the value of a high school diploma is not what it was a generation or more ago, the graduates should keep in mind, as they contemplate venturing out into an uncertain world, that their mere presence on the podium has proven that they have the ability and the determination to achieve whatever goals they may set for themselves.

We recently came across a news item that appeared in the Winthrop Sun on June 24, 1898. The article, which reprinted the Class Ode for the Winthrop High Class of 1898, is as timely today as it was 123 years ago, and sums up the feelings of all of us on Graduation Day.

The years pass by in swift array
We cannot check their onward flight;
The moments that were ours today,
Have passed forever from our sight.

Yet while the course of life moves by
We too, must never lag behind;
But work and strive as best we may
To aid and benefit all mankind.

This we must do, or soon too late
We think in sadness of our loss,
For "Each is Master of his Fate,"
Though some must bear a heavy cross.

And when the race of life is run,
This life that holds so much for each
Shall come the gentle words, "Well done!"
As we at last the goal have reached.

GUEST OP-ED

Your house and building financial security

Dr. Glenn Mollette

On Memorial Day, we give thanks for our soldiers who gave and are giving sacrificially for our freedom.

One of the freedoms we enjoy is the freedom to own a house. The greatest asset of most people is the roof over their heads. Your house may be worth more than all of your cash, savings accounts and in some cases retirement funds combined.

If your house is paid for then congratulations to you. You have achieved a beautiful piece of the American dream. When I was 26 years old, I bought a house on a land contract. The house cost \$80,000. Interest rates were 17% back then and a man sold it to me for no money down and 10% interest rate. The rate then was good and it was good for him. He was using the sale to fund his retirement for 20 years at about \$800 per month. It was great for me because I didn't have a nickel to put down on the house. If you can buy a house this way then

more power to you and the seller. Talk to an attorney and make sure the title is clear and the contract is solid before you enter into the agreement. A couple of years later I moved and sold the house and cleared \$10,000. It worked out okay for me. The man got his balance owed plus interest.

You may not find a land contract deal and will have to go through a bank or other lender. The idea of entering into a 15, 20- or 30-year loan agreement is overwhelming. If you can handle a 15-year loan you will save tens of thousands of dollars. When you purchase a house on a 30-year loan the cost of the house depending on interest rates will almost double.

When you pay a few years on your house you develop equity. You could borrow against the house in case of an emergency. Once you have paid for your house it's yours and you have a place to live. In your golden years if you decide you don't want the hassle of taking care of property you can sell it and utilize the cash to rent

or buy something more economical. However, carefully assess if you really want to give up your space and be subjected to a landlord or rental association. You'll always be more independent in your own place if you can maintain what you have.

There are tax benefits to buying and owning property that you won't get when renting.

You will also come out better financially if you are planning on living at least five years in your house.

A man or woman's house is his or her castle. Invest in a place to live if and when you can and give thanks for a country where we have the freedom to build financial security.

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CRIME (from pg. 1)

robberies saw a more than 15-percent spike as the number climbed to 53 from 46 in 2020.

The rate of domestic aggravated assaults increased more than twofold as the number rose to 13 from six last year, whereas in contrast, incidents of non-domestic aggravated assault fell nearly 13 percent as the number dropped to 70 from 79 last year.

Commercial burglaries were down nearly 67 percent as the number fell to 18 from 54 in 2020, while residential burglaries saw a slight increase as the number rose

to 19 from 18 last year.

Incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle saw a nearly 28-percent decline as the number fell to 78 from 108 in 2020, while other larcenies were down more than 13-percent, with 340 incidents this year, compared to 392 in 2020.

Auto theft, on the other hand, was up more than 44 percent as the number climbed to 39 from 27 in 2020.

Citywide, Part One crime was down around 21 percent as the number of incidents fell to 4,899 from 6,233 last year.

SHAW MEMORIAL (from pg. 1)

was created by American sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens and installed in 1897. It was the first civic monument in the nation to pay tribute to the heroism of black soldiers, which captures a historic moment on May 28, 1863, when 1,007 black soldiers and 37 white soldiers from the 54th gathered on the Boston Common and marched down Beacon Street in front of

the State House. After boarding a steamship to South Carolina later that evening, the regiment went on to fight in Charleston, S.C., in the Battle of Grimball's Landing on July 16, 1863, and in the fateful Second Battle of Fort Wagner on July 18, 1863. About half the ranks of the 54th would end up dead, missing or later die of injuries sustained in those battles.

Burlington heads Circle for Charity

At its annual meeting held in April, Jeanne Fiol Burlington was elected president of the Beacon Hill Circle for Charity, a non-profit that supports organizations in the Boston metropolitan area that serve women and children in need. Founded in 1962, the Circle raises funds by giving tours of members' private homes to groups of paying guests.



Jeanne Fiol Burlington.

"I am honored and proud to be involved with an organization that works to support women and their children who are at risk and in need of food, shelter and programs that help them develop confidence and skills for survival and even success in the real world," she said.

ly at a time when tours could not be given. So Circle members, who number about 40, increased their own donations. As a result, the Circle was able to donate \$46,850, the largest amount ever, to twelve deserving charitable organizations.

Prior to the pandemic, the Circle hosted tours for groups coming from all over the nation and abroad. All proceeds, as well as dues and donations contributed by members, were distributed in the community. In recent years, that has averaged about \$35,000 to \$40,000 per year. During the pandemic the number of hungry and homeless individuals grew steady-

Burlingame succeeds Suzanne Besser, who served as president from 2019-2021. Also elected to the board of directors were Greer Candler, Jessica Vaule, Sharon Nolan, Sue Klein, Maggie Swift, Georgia Pearson, Keeta Gilmore,

Baker issues order rescinding COVID-19 restrictions

Staff Report

On Friday afternoon, Governor Charlie Baker joined Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy and Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders to sign an Executive Order terminating the Commonwealth's State of Emergency effective June 15.

The Order also rescinded most COVID-19 restrictions, including limitations placed on businesses, which went into effect on Saturday, May 29 as Massachusetts nears the goal of vaccinating four million residents. This week, the Commonwealth passed the 3.5 million mark for fully vaccinated residents.

"Today marks an important milestone in our fight against COVID-19 here in the Commonwealth," said Governor Baker. "Over the last 15 months, the residents of Massachusetts have

shown an incredible amount of strength and resiliency, and we are pleased to take this step forward towards a return to normal."

Effective May 29, all industries were permitted to open. With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for masks in public and private transportation systems, hospitals and other facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100 percent for all industries. All gathering limits were also rescinded.

To continue certain public health requirements, like requiring face coverings in certain settings, to remain effective past June 15, Governor Baker today issued a modified declaration of a public health emergency under the public health statute.

Under this order, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Health will be proposing to the Public Health Council the continuation of some public health orders in the coming weeks to maintain flexibilities and policies for vaccination, testing and other critical operations.

Earlier this week, Governor Baker filed legislation to extend certain emergency measures currently in place via executive orders that are set to expire on June 15 with the end of the State of Emergency. The bill would extend measures providing for a temporary suspension of certain open meeting law requirements, special permits for expanded outside dining at restaurants, and surprise billing protections for COVID-19 patients.

CORRECTION: Regarding a story published in the May 27 edition ("BHAC approves city's application for sidewalk work around State House") Alice Richmond was the only commissioner who had voted against an application for 34 Irving St. as submitted, although she was the only commissioner who voted against a motion that would have required the applicant to move a roofdeck back 6 inches from its current location.

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NEMPAC invites public to grand opening

North End Music & Performing Arts Center will open its new state-of-the-art community music center at 50 Tileston Street to the public on Saturday, June 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in celebration of its 20th anniversary. The grand opening of this 2,200 square foot facility, awarded to the 501(c)(3) by the City of Boston and Mayor Walsh in 2019, culminates a six-month transformation and triples the size of NEMPAC's campus.

Community members may reserve their complimentary tickets to the grand opening of 50 Tileston Street at www.nempac-boston.org. In response to the pandemic, NEMPAC reimagined this citywide celebration into a series of guided, socially-distanced walking tours. NEMPAC requires that all wear masks and adhere to Governor Baker and Mayor Janey's social distancing guidelines.

"I believe in the power of the arts to transform our city through equitable opportunities, healing and joy," said Mayor Janey. "The North End Music & Performing Arts Center is a longstanding partner to the City of Boston and I am so grateful to see the opening of their 50 Tileston Street building to better serve more Boston artists."

Against the backdrop of an outdoor festival party with live musical performances by NEMPAC's faculty and students, the walking tours will begin at the nonprofit's Prado Studios on the Paul Revere Mall and culminate at 50 Tileston Street. Tour guides, including NEMPAC's Board of Directors and Executive Director Sherri Snow, will lead community members along a North End pathway marked by a series of vine-inspired

murals by local artist Robyn Reed. The artistic plant murals will illustrate NEMPAC's growth over the past two decades from a 501(c)(3) offering piano lessons out of its founders' homes to a community music school and performing arts center operating from over 15 locations throughout the City of Boston.

"The grand opening of NEMPAC's new state-of-the-art community music center amid the reopening of the Commonwealth serves as an opportunity to commemorate the nonprofit's 20th anniversary and reflect on the role of the arts in society as we create a new normal," said Sherri Snow, Executive Director at North End Music & Performing Arts Center.

"NEMPAC remains committed to enriching the lives of all Bostonians through vibrant music, theatre, and dance programming that unites professional and rising artists through COVID-19 and beyond," added Snow. "The unwavering support from the City of Boston and NEMPAC's generous supporters of the Next Act capital campaign empowers us to open the doors of 50 Tileston Street to the public and continue to play a leading role in making the Boston arts scene more diverse and more inclusive."

50 Tileston Street will host artists hired through NEMPAC's performing arts center and house educational opportunities for adults and youth to study creative movement, music, performing arts, theatre, and voice. Programming slated for summer and fall 2021 includes:

- July and August 2021: New Music Lab Pilot Program – A series

of music classes in production and songwriting for youth and teens

- September 2021: Private Music Instruction, Group Music Instruction, Adult Keyboard Lab, and Music Technology Classes – A variety of programming for adults, teenagers, and youth to kick off the school year

- October 2021: Open Mic Nights, Community Events, and Jam Sessions - A robust offering of programs accessible to musicians and artists of all ages and abilities

- November 2021: NEMPAC Winter Concert Series – A series of recitals showcasing classical music programs performed by local, national, and international artists

"Arts are an incredible way for communities to come together and form close bonds, and we as a Boston community coming out of a pandemic need that restored closeness more than ever," said Doug Bowen-Flynn, President of NEMPAC's Board of Directors. "I am thrilled that NEMPAC now has a dedicated arts space where we can expand the number of students we serve and provide additional opportunities for our community to gather and watch performances. Tileston is our new home. It will be a place where people can gather to learn, foster friendships, realize the joy of creating art, and experience artistic events."

North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) is a 501(c)(3) community music school and performing arts center empowering artists of all ages and abilities. In 2001, five North End mothers created NEMPAC to meet a community need for children's instrument lessons. Twenty years of unwavering community



NEMPAC will open its new state-of-the-art community music center at 50 Tileston Street to the public on Saturday, June 5.

support fueled NEMPAC's growth from a 501(c)(3) offering piano lessons out of its founders' homes to a community music school and professional performing arts center operating from over 15 locations throughout the City of Boston.

Today, NEMPAC's community music school serves over 1,500 students per week through private and group music instruction, on-site arts programming at area schools, as well as in-house educational classes. NEMPAC credits the rigor and quality of its educational

programming to the distinguished team of 30-plus faculty members who mentor and teach the next generation of artists.

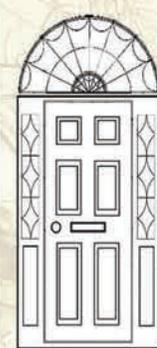
NEMPAC's performing arts center attracts regional, national, as well as international solo acts and professional music groups to stages in the greater-Boston area. From jazz to opera, NEMPAC's professional performances cater to all musical tastes and acquaint 7,500 audience members per year to the transformative quality of the arts.



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Sadness prevails among swan fans

By Suzanne Besser

The many neighbors who watched nature's drama unfold on the Charles River during the last few weeks received some troubling news this weekend.

For days, these nature followers had made almost daily visits to the site of an elegant white swan's nest in the lagoon near Dartmouth Street. They had watched her build a sturdy nest, lay good-sized eggs, swaddle them with fairy-like feathers, help them hatch, care for five much-loved cygnets and teach them how to swim – all with the support and protection of her handsome mate nearby.

From the beginning, the male

had been a partner to her. He helped by sitting on her eggs when she needed a break, chasing away potential threats like aggressive Canadian Geese, standing close by during the hatching, and spreading his wings to shade and protect the newborns. He was the type of dad every mom yearns for.

The many devoted onlookers came to photograph the family from every angle possible using every level of magnification their cameras would allow. Quickly, mom, dad and the five babies became social media sensations, as viewers shared a plethora of unarguably the cutest photos ever on Facebook, Instagram and more. Last week the family was even

featured on the back page of this newspaper.

But then tragedy struck and swan fans were saddened to learn that the female swan died on Sunday. And no one knows why. According to Boston's WCVB Channel 5, the Esplanade Association removed her body from the water and the cause of death has not yet been determined.

But there is some good news. Her trusty partner, the male swan who stood by her all along the way, has assumed her other responsibilities as well. Once her partner, he is now a full-time Dad who cuddles and cares for his cygnets on the nest by himself.

And everyone wishes him well.



PHOTO BY BECKY MULZER

The popular male and female swans on the Esplanade, taken shortly before her death. The male, who has a larger knob on the end of his bill, is in the forefront.

R.I.P., REX



Rex, a German Shepherd who was born on May 8, 2015, died unexpectedly on Sunday, May 30. Rex's owner, Bruce Mitchell of Myrtle Street, described the dog as "his best friend," as well as a "gentle soul" loved by all. "Everyone knew him," Mitchell said. "He was a magnificent dog, inside and out."

Rescued sea turtles to be released into the wild

Staff Report

Following a historic season that saw hundreds of cold-stunned sea turtles wash ashore on Cape Cod, the New England Aquarium sent off 25 rehabilitated turtles to be released back into the wild from the North Carolina coast.

The turtles spent the past four to six months at the Aquarium's Sea Turtle Hospital in Quincy. Volunteer pilots with the non-profit organization Turtles Fly Too met animal care staff members at the Marshfield Airport to safely get the turtles onboard and en route to North Carolina's warmer waters off Fort Macon State Park. Three planes transported the rehabilitated turtles south, along with nine turtles from National Marine Life Center and Mystic Aquarium.

"It is so rewarding to see many of these turtles returning to their home," said Adam Kennedy, senior biologist at the Aquarium. "While I would love to be there to set the turtles down on the beach myself, knowing that this honor will go to others that have played such pivotal roles rescuing these animals over the years—especially this year—makes it just as special."

Aquarium biologists and veterinarians had treated the Kemp's ridley turtles, an endangered species, for a variety of life-threatening medical conditions that resulted from weeks of hypothermia and the inability to feed during stranding season, which occurs when New England waters quickly turn cold in the fall. The 2020 season, which began in October, required strict safety protocols and tight coordination with partner organizations amid the pandemic. The Aquarium worked closely with Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, National Marine Life Center,



Twenty-five rehabilitated turtles to be released back into the wild.



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the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Fisheries Service, and Turtles Fly Too to save hundreds of turtles. Over the course of the season, the Aquarium admitted 569 sea turtles for rehabilitation. There are currently 15 turtles remaining at the Quincy facility, which will be released off Cape Cod over the summer.

For more than 30 years, the New England Aquarium has helped rescue, rehabilitate, release, and research endangered and threatened sea turtles. The Aquarium's Sea Turtle Hospital functions similarly

to how a human patient would be admitted to a hospital. When they first arrive, the turtles are assigned a federal number to track their medical plan, acting as an identifier for prescriptions and other specialized care. The turtles then receive a physical exam, replacement fluids, heart rate and respiration assessment, wound care as needed, and a trial swim. The trial swim helps biologists and veterinarians determine the turtle's level of activity and alertness. Turtles also get X-rays to assess for fractured bones and lung condition, with many diagnosed with pneumonia.



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FLAG GARDEN (from pg. 1)

During a May 26 ceremony on the Common, Stephen Kerrigan, president and co-founder of the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund, expressed his gratitude to the organization's board and myriad supporters, as well as the volunteers who planted the Flag Garden, especially Joe Connell, who leads the effort.

"Literally, these flags wouldn't be here if he didn't drive them here," Kerrigan said of Connell.

While in past years, it took around 700 volunteers two hours to erect the Flag Garden, according to Kerrigan, this year, it took about 100 volunteers 10 hours to finish the job.

Gov. Charlie Baker, who was also on hand for the ceremony,

said he missed the event in 2020 when it was skipped due to the pandemic.

(Last year, the Flag Garden was limited to about 1,000 flags, spaced six-feet apart in keeping with social distancing, with no public events held.)

"The debt that's paid by the flags here and the folks they represent can never be repaid, but the one thing I have heard time and time again from Gold Star families in my conversations with them over the years, is through the tragedy, I hope you never forget and you always take time to honor those who have made possible through their sacrifices all that we hold dear," Gov. Baker said.

The flags were on display through Tuesday.



Gov. Charlie Baker flanked by the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment Color Guard.



Julie Rojee sings the National Anthem flanked by the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment Color Guard.



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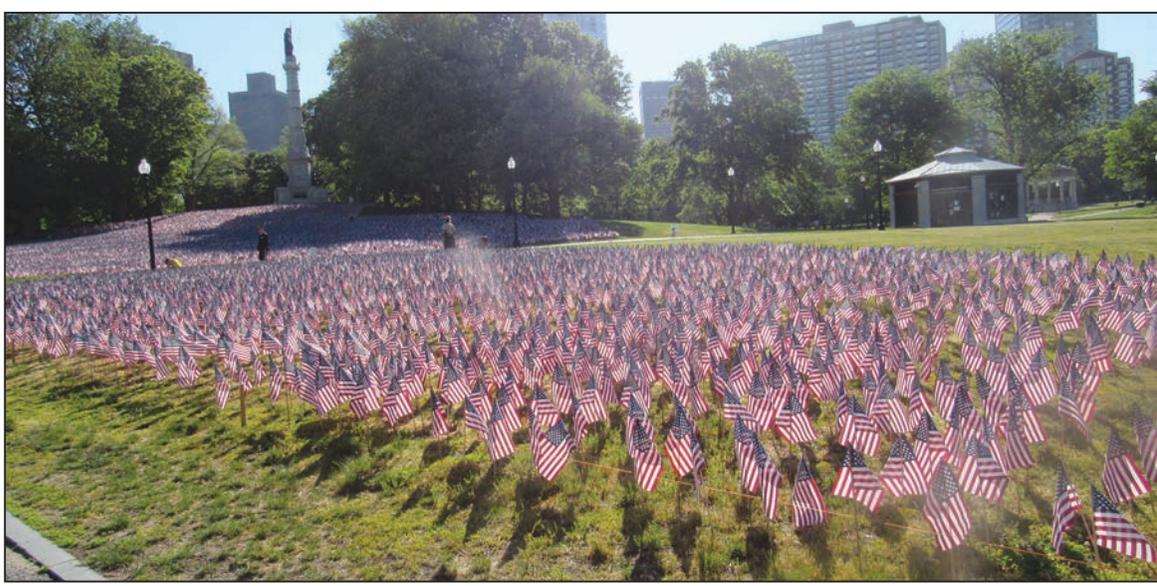
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Stephen Kerrigan, president and co-founder of the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund.



Above and below, Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund's Freedom Garden on the Boston Common.



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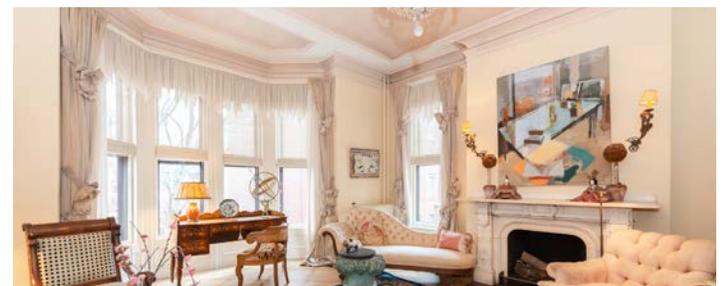
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Storybook Ball holds kickoff virtual reception

This month, MassGeneral Hospital for Children (MGHfC) kicked off Storybook Ball with a virtual reception on May 19 and announced the focus of this fall's event: pediatric infectious disease.

MGHfC's Pediatric Infectious Disease program is a highly specialized group of infectious disease clinicians, researchers, microbiologists, and pathologists who provide expert care to children with some of the rarest and most complex infections in the world. This team has actively supported the hospital's response to COVID-19 through research, testing, clinical care and treatment.

Guests remotely joined 2021 Co-Chairs Fiona and James Benenson and Rachel and Bill Motley; Ronald E. Kleinman, MD,

MGHfC Physician-In-Chief; Allan M. Goldstein, MD, MGHfC Surgeon-In-Chief; Vandana Madhavan, MD, MPH, Clinical Director, Pediatric Infectious Disease, MGHfC; and the Storybook Ball Committee for a social and informative hour to build anticipation for the fall event.

On Saturday, October 16, Storybook Ball will celebrate its 22nd year in the theme of Ferdinand, the beloved gentle bull who only wants to stop and smell the flowers. One of Boston's most highly anticipated events, Storybook Ball promotes awareness and raises funds for vital patient programs and important research initiatives that allow MGHfC to fulfill its mission of providing the highest quality care to Mass Gen-

eral's youngest patients.

Martha Kleinman will be spotlighted as Honorary Co-Chair, recognizing her dedication to the Storybook Ball committee for over two decades. In large part through the work of the Storybook Ball committee, the event has raised over \$32 million to support a full spectrum of pediatric programs and to transform care for children both locally and internationally.

Many local businesses, including Blank Label, PUMA, and Rue La La, will lend their generous in-kind support.

"We are so looking forward to kicking off Storybook Ball season," said Fiona Benenson, who



Co-Chairs James and Fiona Benenson.



Co-Chairs Bill and Rachel Motley.

is co-chairing Storybook Ball for a second time. "The generosity of our donors year after year allows MGHfC to be in an even stronger position to continue to provide exceptional care to the

patients and their families who seek its services, and for this, we are incredibly grateful."

Visit storybookballboston.org to learn more about the signature event on October 16.

NEWS BRIEFS

BOSTON GLORY TO HAVE FULL CAPACITY AT HOME GAMES

In accordance with state and local guidelines, Boston Glory will have full capacity at Hormel Stadium. Boston Glory is a professional ultimate team and member of the 22-team AUDL (American Ultimate Disc League). Featuring men's players from across New England, the team is poised to begin its inaugural season.

"This is what it is all about," team owner Peter Coltery said. "Going through this past winter and spring without the guarantee of fans in the building was tough, we're so excited to be able to share our product. We're going to create a really fun environment for fans of all ages. With an incredible product on the field, we're excited to get the stands packed. Even if you're not too familiar with ultimate, we're confident you'll fall in love after a couple hours at Hormel."

The AUDL has been gaining popularity across the country since 2012. Boston Glory's season will begin in Pittsburgh on June 5. Glory will make their home debut at Hormel Stadium in Medford on June 11 against Atlanta. Tickets are available now on the team website at <https://theaudl.com/glory>.

NATIONAL GUARD RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.

This week, 400 soldiers and airmen of the Massachusetts National Guard returned home from a 10-week public safety support mission in Washington, D.C. The deployment fell under Governor Charlie Baker's Jan. 25 activation

order, which made up to 700 Massachusetts National Guard personnel available to augment the security and logistics capabilities of various agencies in the region. With the Governor's consent, these service women and men undertook this second phase of the federally funded mission.

On Friday, May 14, Governor Baker had the chance to meet, address, and thank members of the Guard for their continued service while he was in Washington D.C. for a series of meetings with federal authorities.

Although the Massachusetts National Guard remains ready to assist when called, there are no current plans to deploy further personnel to support public safety in Washington, D.C., and all Guard personnel associated with this mission have returned to their home stations.

BILL TO HONOR VETERANS LOST TO SERVICE-RELATED ILLNESS REFILED

The Baker-Polito Administration has re-filed legislation to establish the Massachusetts Medal of Fidelity, which will be presented by the Massachusetts National Guard to the families of veterans who lost their lives to service-related illnesses and injuries.

"The Medal of Fidelity is an important opportunity to honor the brave men and women and their families who have served not just the Commonwealth, but the nation," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Service-related injuries and illnesses can persist long past service, and our administration is proud to offer legislation that, if

passed, will demonstrate our gratitude for the sacrifices of our veterans and their loved ones."

The bill, entitled "An Act Relative to Establishing the Massachusetts Medal of Fidelity," will authorize the Commonwealth to award the Medal of Fidelity to the next-of-kin of Massachusetts service members who "died as the result of service-connected diseases, conditions or injuries that are related to either exposure to harmful toxins, herbicides, agents, and materials or service-related post-traumatic stress disorder."

Complementing the Medal of Liberty, which is presented to the families of Massachusetts veterans who die of combat-related physical injuries, the Medal of Fidelity will recognize service-connected injuries related to exposure to harmful substances, such as Agent Orange, as well as death attributed to service-related mental illness.

"The brave men and women who serve in the military suffer visible and invisible trauma. Massachusetts is a leader in providing benefits and services to veterans, and helping veterans access mental health and other services," said Secretary of Veterans' Services Cheryl Lussier Poppe. "We can never express enough gratitude for those who have served, but we can take every opportunity to honor and pay our respects to those who give so much to us, and their families."

The bill will also authorize a commission to make Medal of Fidelity award recommendations to the Governor. The commission will be composed of The Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard and two field grade officers of the armed forces of the Commonwealth.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

VIRTUAL PROGRAM RECALLS ACTIVISM IN NEIGHBORHOOD

The Nichols House Museum presents "The Visual Culture of Activism in Beacon Hill through the Harriet Hayden Albums" - the first program in its summer lunchtime series - via Zoom on Thursday, June 10, from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

Harriet Bell Hayden (1816-1893) was a survivor of slavery and an anti-slavery activist living on Beacon Hill. Her set of 19th-century photo albums are clues to her direct involvement in the abolitionist movement and the societal status that yielded. Join Theo Tyson, Polly Thayer Starr Fellow in American Art and Culture at the Boston Athenaeum, as she shares her insights and inquiries on the albums. Using fashion and visual culture, Tyson will discuss ways of seeing that offer a glimpse into the lived experiences and connections of Hayden's multicultural and intergenerational Beacon Hill community.

Tickets are based on a sliding scale of \$7-15. Visit <https://www.nicholshousemuseum.org/programs-and-events/> for more information.

HIDDEN GARDEN OF BEACON HILL TOUR RETURNS VIRTUALLY BEGINNING JUNE 30

The Beacon Hill Garden Club's Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Tour will be held virtually this year and launches June 30.

Advance tickets are now available at the Beacon Hill Garden Club's website at beaconhillgardenclub.org for \$25 each, or you can buy a ticket and one of the Garden Club's books for \$45.

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.

IMAGINE VAN GOGH COMING DEC. 21 TO SOWA POWER STATION

"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.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through June 12

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

- Building the piers:
- * Pier 1 (closest to the North End): Column rebar installation and concrete placement.
- * Pier 2: V-arms formwork.
- * Pier 3: V-arms formwork.
- * Pier 4: Installing precast beams.
- * Pier 5 (closest to Charlestown): V-arms formwork, rebar installation, and concrete placement.

- Installing, moving, and maintaining silt curtains in the water.
- Installing permanent fender piles.
- Pavement line striping and expanding median at City Square intersection.

WORK HOURS

- Most work will be done during the daytime (6 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

- Prior to 5/30:
- * Pier 1 (closest to the North End): Mass-footing rebar installation.

- * Pier 2: Mass-footing rebar installation.

- * Pier 3: Curing column.

- * Pier 4: V Arm concrete placements.

TRAVEL TIPS

The Westerly sidewalk, Lovejoy Wharf stairs, near Converse are open to the public with the opening of the temporary bridge, the adjacent section of the Harborwalk passing under the bridge remains closed.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass.

BEACON HILL BEAT

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Larceny

5/25/21 - Police responded to the Bay Village area for the larceny of two motor scooters. On arrival officers stopped two individuals matching the description who were standing by two scooters. The officers noticed bolt-cutters and other tools lying next to the two heavily damaged scooters. When asked to whom the scooters belonged, the individuals stated that they fix scooters for a living and that one belonged to one of them and the other was owned by a friend whose name

he couldn't provide. The suspects also couldn't produce keys for either scooter, nor could they provide paperwork proving proof of ownership.

The individuals also admitted to "kick-starting" the scooters. After a query check, it was determined that both individuals had multiple active warrants.

The suspects were placed under arrest and also charged with possession of burglarious tools, as well as possession of Class A drugs, which were located during the search of the suspects.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNOUNCES MAY 2021 GRADUATES

The following students graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham over the weekend of Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23. Students who received the honor of summa cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-

3.84; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64. Students are only graduated after the Registrar's Office has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. A traditional, in-person commencement ceremony will be scheduled at a future date yet to be determined.

Maximillian Watson of Beacon Hill graduated with a BA degree in Economics

Allen Richards of Beacon Hill graduated with a BS degree in Kin:Outdoor Education

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CITY PAWS

It's tick season

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We've had a couple of alerts about an abundance of dog ticks this season. At Poppy's grooming appointment, Mike Maida, owner of Pawsh Dog Boutique, told us that his staff has removed a lot of ticks from dogs this spring.

City Paws reader Melissa DiFalco wrote to ask for advice on tick prevention in dogs. She has a long-haired Australian Shepherd and has found more ticks than usual this year especially on Cape Cod. With many new pandemic puppies around, this is a great topic.

Tick Bite Prevention

In reality, tick season is most of the year according to the American Humane Association (AHA). They describe tick behavior, "Ticks often hang onto blades of grass waiting for something, or someone, to brush by them that they can grab onto, which makes Fido and his wagging tail an appealing victim for these creatures. Most common in wooded or grassy areas, ticks can transmit microbes that cause diseases, including Lyme disease and babesiosis." Ask your veterinarian about the symptoms of tick-related diseases so you can

watch for them.

The number one way to keep ticks off your dog is to choose where you walk and how you maintain your property. Having your dog on a leash to control where they walk is a start. Remember, ticks also reside in urban areas. We try to keep our Poppy from walking along or under bushes that line city sidewalks.

Tick Prevention Treatment

There are products you can apply to your dog to kill ticks. Be sure to discuss this with your veterinarian since some breeds and specific dogs may not tolerate the insecticides used. What's more, while these products kill ticks in up to 48 hours, they don't prevent all ticks from attaching and transmitting disease.

Examine for Ticks

When you do walk in an area with known tick activity, you should end each walk with a thorough examination of your dog to remove any loose ticks before they attach. Do this outside, if possible, since you don't want your home infested with ticks. The CDC has an illustration pointing out key places to look such as inside ears,

between toes, on paws, under tails, in arm creases, on stomachs, and under collars.

Brushing or combing your dog can remove ticks that have not attached. Running your hands through the fur, feeling the skin for tell-tale bumps, and systematically checking the areas where ticks are commonly found will help.

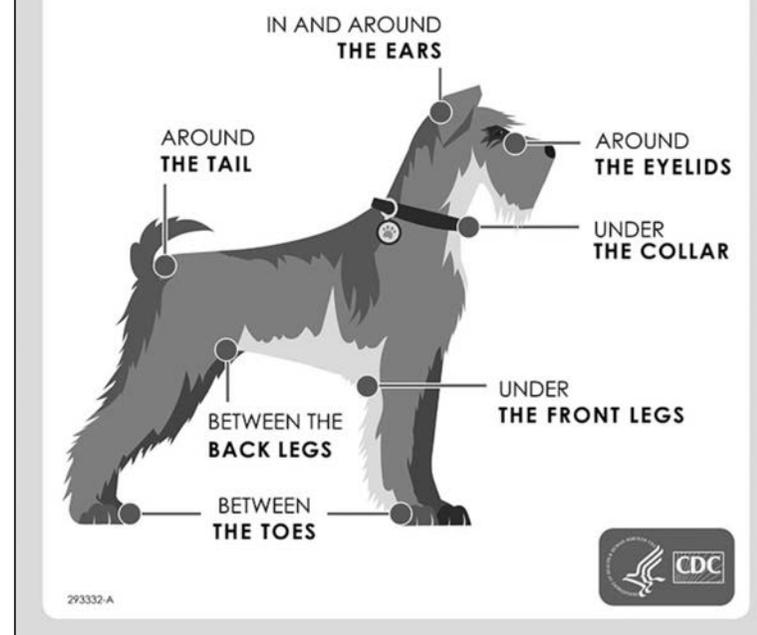
Removing Ticks

You should not handle ticks if you can possibly help it. If you find one attached to your dog you should use tweezers or a tick remover to deal with it. The AHA writes, "To use tweezers, grab the tick with clean tweezers as close to your pet's skin as possible without pinching them. Pull the tick out slowly and steadily, ensuring that all parts of the tick are removed."

There are many good tick removal tools and you should follow the instructions for the one you choose. We suggest you add one of these to your keyring if you frequent high tick areas.

Once you've removed the tick, the AHA says you should not crush it but rather flush it down the toilet. Finally, clean the wound with antiseptic and the tool with isopropyl alcohol.

WHERE TO CHECK YOUR PET FOR TICKS



The CDC created this illustration of places you might not think to look for ticks on your dog.

If you are a recent dog guardian this may all be news to you. The Internet offers authoritative videos and articles on this topic as well as misinformation and old-wives-tales. Choose your education

sources wisely and you'll be ready when a tick makes an appearance.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

Boston Public Library to welcome patrons back into buildings

The Boston Public Library (BPL) last week announced its plans to reopen its spaces to the public. On Tuesday, the Central Library in Copley Square reopened for limited in-person services, and June 14, those services will be expanded, and all branch libraries not currently under reconstruction are planned to reopen. All reopening plans follow the latest city and state public health guidance.

"We are thrilled to have libraries across the city opening their doors next month," said Mayor Kim Janey. "Equitable access is a foundation for my administration and we are focused on providing services that bring residents joy and improve their quality of life. These are both qualities the library offers our citizens, and I hope in the coming weeks Bostonians will visit their local libraries, explore the spaces we've all missed, and take advantage of all the free resources the library provides."

"We are very much looking for-

ward to welcoming patrons back into our buildings, including soon to the newly renovated Roxbury and Adams Street Branches," said BPL President David Leonard. "As difficult as it was to close our doors last March, I am proud of the innovative programming and critical resources we were able to provide Bostonians over the last year, both virtually and on a limited basis in-person. Now that it's safe to begin reopening, we are getting ready to welcome you back and look forward to continuing the library's mission to provide services free to all. Our top priorities in the months ahead are aiding residents in equitable economic recovery and educational advancement, along with providing summer programming for all ages."

Central Library in Copley Square

Walk up services:

Beginning on June 1, patrons will be able to browse select books in the building, while other books

will be available to be pulled on demand by staff. In addition, patrons will be able to pick up holds and check out books and DVDs; spend time in the courtyard; renew their library cards; and use public computers, print, and make photocopies.

On June 14, all remaining public floors will be open for browsing; the Children's Library and Teen Central will open; and the Book Delivery Desk in the McKim Building will be accessible to the public.

Services by appointment:

Starting on June 1, patrons will be able to make appointments to use the research collections, use the Kirstein Business Library & Innovation Center resources, or to request one-on-one computer assistance. Appointments can be made at bpl.org/reopening or by calling 617-859-5400.

Hours of operation:

Starting on June 1, the Central Library will be open Mondays: 10

a.m. – 6 p.m.; Tuesdays: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Fridays: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sundays: Closed.

Branch Libraries

The library intends to open all branches not currently under construction on June 14. Visitors will be able to pick up holds and check out books; spend time browsing; use the library's computers for limited time slots, and print and make photocopies. Additionally, branch exterior spaces such as courtyards or reading gardens will be accessible to the public as well.

Until branches reopen, patrons can continue to rely on the BPL To Go program to check out items from their preferred location. Once the branches have reopened, patrons will no longer need to make an appointment to retrieve their holds, and can pick up their items during open hours as normal.

The adjusted branch hours will

be made available shortly.

Safety Requirements

Patrons visiting any library location will be required to wear a mask over their nose and mouth at all times, and abide by all staff instructions regarding safety.

Visitors will not be allowed to eat or drink inside the libraries or to use meeting rooms during this initial reopening phase.

Future Services

The library will be reopening additional services and spaces at the Central Library in the coming weeks, such as public meeting rooms, Art and Architecture Tours, and in-person programming, as staffing levels and staffing capacity return to normal.

Throughout the summer, programs for all ages will be available outdoors at many branch locations, from storytimes to ESL Conversation Circles.

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Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The windows in the last clue are on 6-8 Chestnut Street. These side-by-side houses are two of six houses on the street attributed to architect Charles Bulfinch. Walk uphill from Charles St., towards the Bulfinch dome on the statehouse, and you'll pass four other Bulfinch designs at 13, 15, 17, and 29A.

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



Longfellow Bridge to receive Palladio Award for restoration work

By Dan Murphy

Rosales + Partners has been named a winner in the 20th annual Palladio Awards honoring outstanding achievement in traditional design in a three-way tie in the category of restoration and renovation for its work on the Longfellow Bridge.

“As bridge and lighting designer for the Longfellow Bridge historic restoration effort, I am very pleased and proud to receive a prestigious 2021 Palladio Award,” wrote Miguel Rosales, president and principal of Rosales + Partners. “The national award is named after Andrea Palladio, con-

sidered one of the most influential designers in the history of architecture. Palladian style, named after him influenced significant buildings in the United States and beyond”.

Rosales + Partners served as lead architect on the \$300-million-plus restoration of the 113-year-old, steel-rib arch bridge spanning the Charles River to connect Boston with Cambridge, which wrapped up in 2018 after five years of construction and was the first major facelift the structure had undergone since the 1950s.

Rosales will be traveling to Coral Gables, Fla., on Dec. 1 to accept the Palladio Award, which

Rosales + Partners will be receiving in the category of restoration and renovation alongside David Scott Parker Architects for its work on the Mark Twain Mahogany Suite at the Mark Twain House and Museum in Hartford, Conn., and Anderson Hallas Architects, PC for its renovation of the Sperry Chalet in Montana.

The Commercial/Institutional Category Jury that selected award winners in this category included William Young, former Director of Design Review at the Boston Landmarks Commission, among other national preservation experts.

The Palladio Awards, co-pro-

duced by Traditional Building and the Traditional Building Conference Series, is the first and only national awards program for residential and commercial/institutional projects that demonstrate excellence in traditional design.

Peter H. Miller, the producer of the Traditional Building Conference in announcing the awards expressed how the winning projects “exemplify excellence in the classical tradition and are among the best work in our field”.

Besides the latest accolade, the landmark Longfellow Bridge has been recognized with numerous other awards – both national and international – since the comple-

tion of its restoration, including the prestigious Abba G. Lichtenstein Medal, a 2019 National Trust for Historic Preservation Richard H. Driehaus award and a 2020 Bulfinch Award from the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art, among others.

“The Longfellow Bridge is the most important historic bridge in the Boston area and its careful and thoughtful restoration continues to garner widespread acclaim. The iconic bridge, serves as a role model and source of inspiration for the restoration of other historic bridges across the nation.” Rosales added.

BHCA (from pg. 1)

sa Essaibi George; Acting Mayor Kim Janey; Jon Santiago; and Michelle Wu.

For more details about the Mayoral Candidates Forum and for instructions on how to register for this free event, please go to the Beacon Hill Civic Association’s website at BHCIVIC.ORG and click on the EventBrite registration link for the Mayoral Candidates Forum on our home page.

Fun in the Sun (while being kind to the environment!)

By Janine Jay, BHCA Streets & Sidewalks Green Initiative

The sun is shining, the swimsuits are coming out, oh yes it’s summer! But before you step out the door, make sure to cover any skin with a reef-safe sunscreen.

What is reef-safe sunscreen? Why do we need it?

Reef-safe sunscreens are non-toxic sunscreens that are safe for ourselves as well as marine life. The key ingredients used by most sunscreens are harmful to marine



Boston’s mayoral candidates, from left, Kim Janey, Michelle Wu, Andrea Campbell, Anissa Essaibi George, John Barros, and Jon Santiago. Photo from the Boston Globe

life, particularly coral reefs. Over 14,000 tons of sunscreen wind up in coral reef areas every year and damage those eco systems. It’s not only important to preserve coral reefs to pass on their beauty for generations, but also coral reefs are known as the ‘rainforests of

the sea’, being home to the most biodiverse and productive eco systems on the planet, producing loads of oxygen and absorbing lots of carbon from the atmosphere.

But hey we don’t live anywhere near a coral reef!

Even still, the amount of sun-

screen entering any part of our ecosystem (including bays, rivers, road run off) is enough to change the environment of our oceans, not to mention that reef-safe sunscreens that are safer for our bodies too!

So what should I be looking for? The key is to avoid sunscreens with Oxybenzone, Butylparaben, and Octinoxate. These chemicals are widely known to be bad for the oceans, to the point where Hawai’i and Key West have banned any sunscreens containing them. What you’re going to want to look for are sunscreens where the active ingredients are Zinc Oxide or Titanium Dioxide in, and this is important, non-nano particle form. The non-nano form means that the particle size of the sunscreens is large enough to not penetrate the coral reefs but will still protect your skin! I also recommend opting for sunscreen lotion instead of the spray. Studies have shown that only about 30%

of the aerosols sunscreen ends up on your body while 70% ends up in the air or on the sand.

All my sunscreens have these bad ingredients! Where can I find something good?

The good news is I didn’t have to walk far at all to find a good reef-safe sunscreen. Head on down to Follain on Charles St for an excellent selection, or to Gary Drug, Whole Foods or CVS!

Upcoming Meetings and Events
BHCA Board of Directors – Monday, June 14th, 7pm

BHCA Architecture Committee – Monday, June 14th, TBD

BHCA Traffic & Parking – Tuesday, June 15th

Downtown Neighborhoods Mayoral Candidates Forum – Tuesday, June 22nd, 6pm (register on our website at bhccivic.org)

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