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Above, a volunteer with Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund, who organized the Memorial Day Flag Garden in Boston Common, replaces flags that broke.

Right, a young visitor looks at the vast garden of flags. See page 12 for more photos.



Gov. Baker recommends allocating \$15 million in state funds for design of Storrow Drive tunnel

By Dan Murphy

Gov. Charlie Baker recommended the allocation of \$15 million in state funds for the design of the more than 70-year-old Storrow Drive tunnel as part of a supplemental budget he filed last month.

The bill, called "An Act Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022 to Provide for Supplementing Certain Existing Appropriations and for Certain Other Activi-

ties and Projects," was filed May 18, and, according to Gov. Baker, "allocates approximately \$1.7 billion of the tax surplus into projects and programs that will create permanent value for the Commonwealth."

Regarding the proposed funding for the tunnel, Rep. Jay Livingstone wrote: "The Storrow Drive tunnel needs to be replaced, and I appreciate that the Governor is

taking this set towards that goal. I look forward to the public discussion that could start and am hopeful that MassDOT will not repeat its past proposal to cause significant negative impacts to the Esplanade as part of any plan."

Like Storrow Drive itself, the tunnel, which carries traffic through the parkway that runs alongside the Charles River Esplanade, was built in 1951.

A familiar face from the neighborhood returns to DeLuca's

By Dan Murphy

Amy Heffner joined DeLuca's Market on Charles Street as its wine cellar manager right around last Thanksgiving, although the job offer had been first broached to her several years prior following a chance encounter she had with one of the longstanding business's current owners at the Myrtle Street Playground.

That's where Heffner first met Caroline Aiello, who, with her sister, Victoria, now owns and operates DeLuca's, and also where Hef-

fner and Caroline struck up a fate-
ful conversation while their respec-
tive sons were playing together.

"We started talking about DeLuca's and how she and her sister planned on taking over the business," said Heffner, who lived on Bowdoin Street until the fall of 2019 when she relocated to Needham.

Caroline had even mentioned there might be a place for Heffner at DeLuca's down the line after the Aiello sisters assumed ownership

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Presentation on Gray Wolves at Beacon Hill Village series

By Suzanne Besser

Kevin Kenny of Wolf Hollow will talk about the positive impact of gray wolves at Beacon Hill Village's Conversations series to be held Monday, June 6 at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Kenny is operations manager for Wolf Hollow the state and federally licensed nonprofit gray wolf sanctuary and educational facility located in Ipswich. Though its presentations and tours, Wolf Hollow strives to debunk much of the misinformation surrounding wolves and to create advocates for their

protection in the wild.

The social bonding and care-giving behavior of gray wolves is considered second only to humans and a small number of other social primates, according to Kenny. They have a positive impact on almost every level of their local ecosystems. Despite this, they are one of the most embattled animals when it comes to its endangered species protections and public perception within the country.

As Wolf Hollow's manager, Kenny divides his time between caring for its resident wolves,

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EDITORIAL

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022

These have been difficult times for all of us, but particularly for our young people, who have sacrificed so many of their rites of passage to the demands of the pandemic during these past two years.

For older people such as ourselves, some of what we've lost -- such as a vacation or similar -- have only been postponed. We can make them up later.

But for our young people of high school and college age, their once-in-a-lifetime experiences, ranging from sports and extracurriculars, to class trips, to proms, to graduation days, either were canceled altogether or conducted in a truncated form.

We are only now beginning to recognize and understand the significant psychological and emotional impacts, not to mention the lost learning time and lack of contact with friends, that the pandemic has wrought upon this generation. The experts tell us that those adverse impacts will last well beyond the end of the pandemic (whenever that may be).

Still, life goes on, and it is with great pleasure and relief to see that the graduates of the Class of 2022 have been able to resume their lives to a level of near-normalcy, especially during this graduation season.

Graduation is a bittersweet time, both for the grads and their family members.

For the parents who will be watching their sons and daughters step to the podium when their name is called, no doubt they will be thinking of how fast time has gone by since they first brought their child by the hand to pre-school and kindergarten.

Such moments bring to mind the sentiments expressed in the lyrics of the song, Sunrise, Sunset, from the musical 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?
Sunrise, sunset
Sunrise, sunset
Swiftly flow the days
Seedlings turn overnight to sunflowers
Blossoming even as we gaze
Sunrise, sunset
Sunrise, sunset
Swiftly fly the years
One season following another
Laden with happiness and tears

A high school graduation is a singular event in the life of every community, where almost everybody knows one of the graduates or their families. All of us share the happiness and sense of achievement of our young people who will be receiving their diplomas. And for all of us, a high school graduation brings back our own fond memories from our long-gone youth.

For the grads, their high school graduation marks both an end and a beginning. The grads no longer are children, either in the eyes of the law or in reality. They are full-fledged adults who will be leaving the sheltered harbor, where they have been protected from the full fury of life's storms and vicissitudes by their families and teachers, and embarking on a journey which none of them will be able to anticipate, but which will be full of surprises, both joyful and tearful.

We congratulate the Class of 2022 for all of the accomplishments that have earned them the right to step onto that podium to receive their diplomas.

We know we join with all of the members of our community in wishing them fair weather, both for their Graduation Day and in the years ahead.

GUEST OP-ED

More mass killings, what is the answer?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Do parents in America want to spend every school day hoping and praying their children will not be heinously murdered? Do children want to spend their days constantly looking up to see who might be entering their room with an assault weapon? Do you want to walk the grocery store aisles wondering if someone has picked your store and this day to shoot at you? Do you enjoy sitting in a house of worship knowing that if a crazed gunman enters your location the exit doors are very few. Movie theatres are anticipating a major boost in attendance this summer. Can you go in peace knowing that your life could be in danger if someone enters with a semi-automatic weapon or an AR-15?

The list of possibilities is almost endless as restaurants, sporting events, concerts, shopping malls and more are targets of those who plot evil rampages against innocent people.

Uvalde, Texas and Buffalo, New York are the recent locations of horrific killings of the very young and elderly American people doing everyday life – going to school and buying groceries.

When will this happen at your school, grocery store, house of worship or any place else? At one time, Americans never imagined such horrors as many of us have

lived to see. One mass shooting has led to another and another. Your school or church or whatever the event is must plan for an attack every time you gather. If we do not try to protect the people at such events and gatherings, then we are throwing caution to the wind and subjecting people we love to the possibilities of being killed.

What is the answer? The Buffalo grocery had an armed guard. This was not enough for a gunman who had strategized and outgunned the security guard who gave his life trying to save others. One major problem is such an evil person has the element of surprise. They have surveyed the location. Innocent people are caught off guard. People may even be carrying weapons but might not even have the time to draw their weapon because the rapid fire of the attacker's weapon takes that person's life before he or she can reach for their weapon. What is the answer? Do we equip every teacher in America with a semi-automatic weapon? Should teachers and grocery store shoppers and ministers carry assault weapons at all times? Do you want to put on your Sunday dress and then strap on your assault rifle so you might have a chance of defending yourself?

State and federal lawmakers continue to wrestle with what to do. One suggestion is to take away all the guns. This might be okay

until Russia or China invades us and we all have to fight.

The local villain may find a way to order all the parts he needs online to assemble an assault weapon and you have no way to defend yourself. This possibility must be made illegal.

Evil finds a way to release hate and fulfill deranged fantasies. This does not mean we give up. Limiting assault weapons to people 25 and older, strict background checks, waiting periods and licensings is possibilities. Limiting all gun purchases to people over 21 is another possibility. Eighteen-year-olds use guns in the military but are trained and strictly supervised.

Do Americans really need assault type weapons? Would we be willing to ban them if it would save an elementary school of children from a murderous rampage?

It's all too late for Uvalde, Texas families and so many more. State and federal government must make some real decisions. In the meantime, we have to protect ourselves.

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Beacon Hill weekly COVID positive test-rate drops slightly

By John Lynds

Beacon Hill and the surrounding area's weekly COVID positive test rate dropped last week but still remains above 12 percent as Boston health officials grapple with new, more contagious strains of the virus.

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) reported that COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to rise. Last week adult COVID-19 hospitalizations in Boston were 208.7 per day, 8.7 over the 200 per day threshold. This metric helps the

BPHC understand the burden of serious COVID-19 cases among adults resulting in inpatient care in Boston hospitals.

Last week, 1,353 Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, West End and Downtown residents were tested for the virus last week and 12.1 percent were positive--this was a 17 percent decrease from the 14.6 percent that tested positive as reported by the BPHC on May 23.

One hundred sixty four additional residents contracted the virus between May 23 and May 30 and there have now been

10,896 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate also decreased last week but remains above 11 percent.

According to the BPHC 18,277 residents were tested citywide last week and 11.1 percent were COVID positive--this was a 4 percent decrease from the 11.6 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on May 23.

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 1.1 percent last week and went from 186,446 to 188,509 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were three additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,469.

The Boston Public Health Commission strongly recommends residents:

Wear high-quality, well-fitting masks indoors and on public transportation;

Stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters;

Stay home if you feel sick;

Ensure proper indoor ventilation by opening windows when possible;

Gather outdoors as the weather warms, instead of indoors;

Test for COVID-19; and

Contact your health care provider about anti-viral treatment if diagnosed with COVID-19.

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of the business from their father, Virgil Aiello – a change that didn't become official until the beginning of this year. Heffner admits, though, she thought it was likely all just friendly chatter at the time.

A 1997 graduate of Emerson College, Heffner worked at Panificio Bistro & Café, formerly of Charles Street, while she was pursuing her degree there. She distinctly remembers visiting DeLuca's wine cellar, which was always bustling back then.

"DeLuca's was the place to go in the '90s," Heffner recalls. "It was hopping."

Heffner grew up on Cape Cod and has been working in the restaurant and hospitality industry since the age of 15. She started out at Giardino's in West Yarmouth, a restaurant owned by her friend's family, and where she worked throughout high school and during summers when she was in college.

Heffner has also worked at several venerable Boston restaurants over the years, including Bristol Lounge at the Four Seasons and Bar Mezzana in the South End. But it was her lengthy stint at Lineage, a now-shuttered restaurant once located in Brookline's Coolidge



D. MURPHY PHOTO

Amy Heffner, wine cellar manager at DeLuca's Market on Charles Street.

Corner, where Heffner said she was first educated on wine, spirits, and beer.

Working at Lineage, Heffner

befriended bartender Ryan Lotz, who now serves as beverage director for Traveler Street Hospitality, a self-described group of "South

End-centric restaurants," including Bar Mezzana and Shore Leave.

"He was really into cocktails, spirits, wine, and beer, so I felt like I really had to keep up," Heffner said of Lotz. "I knew the basics, but not enough to run a wine program."

During the more than six years that she worked at Lineage, Heffner said she "really got into wine" and earned a WSET (Wine & Spirit Education Trust) certification in 2012, as well as her Court of Master Sommelier certification the following year.

Heffner is now working part time at both Bin Ends, a Needham wine store, and at DeLuca's, where she now hopes to help return the wine cellar return to its former halcyon days.

"The hope is that it can get as busy as it used to be and can kind of be the go-to spot for wine for people who live in the neighborhood and for tourists," said Heffner. "We want people to come for something as simple as grabbing a bottle of wine to have with dinner, or to get a nice gift for someone. It can be as lowkey or fun as they want it to be – we have the whole range."

For Caroline, Heffner is a welcome addition to DeLuca's staff, as well as an old friend from the neighborhood.

"Amy joining us at DeLuca's is an example of why the Hill is such a special place to operate a business," Caroline wrote in an email. "A friendship formed watching our boys play at the Myrtle Street Playground grew into a work relationship, where Amy combines her understanding of the neighborhood with her deep knowledge of wines. I love that Amy has curated a really interesting and welcoming cellar, and brought in a range of amazing craft beers. It's been really fun to see the process and learn from her."

And for Heffner, coming to work at DeLuca's has brought everything "full circle" for her in the neighborhood where she spent some of her most formative years.

"I really love Beacon Hill," said Heffner. "I went to college in the area and worked at Panificio for so many years and then had my son be born and lived there. I still see some of the same people so it's really fun. Now, I feel like I'm coming full circle."

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AG hopefuls square off in virtual, 'Visions for the Commonwealth,' debate

By Dan Murphy

The three candidates now vying to succeed Maura Healey as the state's attorney general squared off during a virtual debate sponsored jointly by Boston Ward 5 Democrats and Boston Ward 4 Democrats on Monday, May 23.

On hand for "Visions for the Commonwealth: Attorney General Debate" were Andrea Campbell, an attorney and former District 4 City Councilor from 2016 until 2022 and its president from January of 2018 until January of 2020, as well as an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor of Boston in 2021; Shannon Liss-Riordan, a labor attorney who was a Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate in the 2020 election, but withdrew before the primary; and Quentin Palfrey, who once led the health care division in the Attorney General's Office and served as general counsel in the U.S. Commerce Department under President Biden, and who lost in the 2018 lieutenant governor's race to incumbent Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito.

The event was moderated by Renée Loth, opinion columnist and former editor of The Boston Globe's editorial page.

Asked why he chose to enter the attorney general's race at this time, Palfrey said, "Democracy is literally under attack...and it's important to stand up for the most important rights."

Palfrey said the attorney general would need to be "independent," which he described as one of his personal strengths. "I have a bold, aggressive vision for this office, and I'll stand behind it," he added.

Liss-Riordan said she has spent the last 20 years acting as a "private attorney general" and has "made headlines taking on some of the largest corporations in the country," like FedEx, Starbucks, and Uber.

"I'm the only practicing lawyer in the race. I've won jury trials and won appeals...and helped shape laws to serve the people," said Liss-Riordan, who added that she has also received the endorsement from the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, which represents around 500,000 people across the state.

Liss-Riordan said she has "spent 23 years not just as a practicing lawyer, but as one of the top plaintiff lawyers in the country."

Her top priorities as attorney general would include protecting consumers' rights and the environment, as well as her commitment to race issues, according to Liss-Riordan.

Campbell said she hadn't "jumped into this race lightly" and

had first talked with employees in the attorney general's office and with past attorney generals before announcing her candidacy.

As for what distinguishes her from the other two candidates, Campbell said her legal background is "more comprehensive," and that she had started out doing pro bono work for children to ensure they have access to "high-level education."

Asked who should be "most afraid" of her candidacy, Campbell replied those "who accept the status quo," adding that she's in this race for "bold issues, and to always be a leader."

"I really believe in transparency and accountability," added Campbell.

Liss-Riordan said those who should fear her candidacy the most are "powerful interests who think they can skirt laws and take advantage of workers, consumers, and our environment."

To this end, Liss-Riordan said she intends to establish a fund to allow workers to immediately recover stolen wages, as well as a "green bank," which would use money won in environmental cases to fund clean energy projects and for environmental justice projects.

"People who violate laws and take advantage of regular people are those who should be afraid of me being attorney general," said Liss-Riordan.

Palfrey said he wants to "set a fair tone during a time of great conflict," pointing to what he describes as a "failure of leadership on an international level," an imbalanced Congress, and a "Supreme Court that has been hijacked by extremists."

"I want to have a tone of decency and respect so people who are willing to deal fairly have nothing to worry about," said Palfrey.

On the biggest challenges now facing Massachusetts, Campbell cited mental health issues not only for adults, but also for children, along with the need for more housing.

Liss-Riordan said Massachusetts residents are now most impacted by the high cost of living, so she wants to ensure that they all recover "every penny" of their lost wages.

Palfrey pointed to "structural racism" and "wealth inequality" as currently the most pressing issues for the Commonwealth's residents.

Regarding the possibility that the Supreme Court might now strike down Roe v. Wade, Campbell said there is "real fear and angst in Massachusetts related to these issues," especially since

many people don't realize that the case has already been codified in the state, which ensures the right to abortion and reproductive health care.

Liss-Riordan said, "With the failure of Roe, we now see a legal landscape unlike anything we've seen since the Civil War. It's going to take a creative legal strategy to keep that from happening."

Moreover, Liss-Riordan pledged that if a national ban on abortion comes to pass, as attorney general, she would never enforce it in Massachusetts" and would also introduce "litigation to ensure that other states can't reach into our borders to enforce their laws here."

Palfrey said he had seen the movement towards a national ban on abortion "coming for a long time," which, he added, has "clearly been the goal of a radical group of jurists."

As attorney general, Palfrey committed to do his part to reverse this trend by making the state's laws surrounding this issue as strong as possible, and to enforce them vigorously, as well as to create a "safe harbor" for those who are fleeing other states with more oppressive abortion laws.

All three candidates said they would strongly oppose a ballot question that would designate "gig" workers (e.g. Uber, Lyft) as independent contractors.

"We've got to fight like hell against this ballot initiative, but this is just the beginning," said Palfrey. "We're going to be in this fight for the long haul regardless of how this ballot initiative turns out."

Palfrey said he wants to see increased power for the attorney general to help combat the \$1 billion lost to wage theft annually throughout the Commonwealth. "There's a lot we can do with the tools we have," he added.

Liss-Riordan, who currently serves on the Coalition to Protect Workers' Rights board, said, "It was challenged even getting it on the ballot, so I think we have a fighting chance of keeping it off the ballot this year."

But regardless of the fate of the ballot question, Liss Riordan acknowledged that this issue isn't going away either.

"I've been in a chess match with these companies," said Liss-Riordan, "and we need an attorney general who can play the next round in this match. This is the future of employment in America that's at stake."

Campbell said it's now critical to inform Massachusetts voters of this ballot measure, as well as to

educate them about the repercussions of gig workers being "misclassified" as independent contractors.

Additionally, Campbell said this is in fact a broader issue, which also includes employers taking advantage of workers who are afraid to come forward with their grievances on account of their questionable immigration statuses.

Regarding climate concerns, Campbell said she doesn't think the state's goals for limiting emissions are "aggressive enough," and that the utility companies and corporations would merely adjust their business plans to meet these goals.

Campbell also said she would do her part to engage communities of color and rural communities on environmental issues, who thus far have been left out of the conversation.

Regarding climate concerns, Palfrey said, "What we do and what we fail to do will determine what kind of lives our children and our grandchildren face."

As attorney general, Palfrey said he would follow the example set by President Biden's executive order "to make climate a priority in everything we do in the state."

All three candidates agreed that using nuclear power to reduce the state's dependency on fossil fuels isn't a viable solution.

In response to Palfrey's question about Campbell allegedly receiving support from a Super PAC, she fired back that her campaign, which she describes as "grassroots, people-powered campaign," has been mischaracterized. She always holds [herself] accountable to the people" and isn't "beholden to special interests," added Campbell.

"There are no corporate interests in this race. There's no PAC in this race. It's all from individual donations," Campbell said of her \$800,000 war chest. "I'm really proud and honored that people have taken money out of their pockets to invest in my campaign."

While Liss-Riordan acknowledged that she had in part self-funded her campaign, she said this is a far different scenario from taking money from corporations or special interests.

"It's night and day about taking money from corporate entities and special interests and having the money to invest in one's own campaign," added Liss-Riordan.

"I've never been able to self-fund, so there are barriers to entry for some candidates," replied Campbell.)

Palfrey said his "loyalty is to the people," and that his campaign

"needs to be free from conflicts of interest or even the appearance of conflicts of interest."

Regarding the ongoing opioid epidemic now facing the Commonwealth, Palfrey said, "I do think safe injection sites need to be part of the solution."

Palfrey cited the failure of the War on Drugs and added that Massachusetts now needs to focus on providing treatment, rehabilitation, and stabilized housing for those afflicted by substance abuse.

Likewise, Liss-Riordan said she would support safe injection sites as one more tool necessary to combat the ongoing opioid crisis. "Saving a life in Worcester or Pittsfield is just as important as saving a life in Boston," she added.

In contrast, Campbell was more circumspect and said she would instead defer to individual cities and towns on this matter.

"I'd never stand in the way of a municipality starting safe injection sites, but as a statewide issue, there needs to be more conversations," said Campbell, particularly in regard to where they would be located.

Asked how he would address the Commonwealth's current need for more housing, Palfrey recommended building dense housing near public transit in an effort to not only address housing affordability, but also to help meet climate goals.

"I do believe rent control should be on the table as a solution," said Palfrey.

Likewise, Liss-Riordan pledged she would advocate for building more densely concentrated housing nearby public transit and said she would also establish an Office of Tenant Advocacy to represent tenants and to expand mediation in courts "so they're not just mills for evicting people."

Moreover, Liss-Riordan said she would take on banks to engage in discriminatory lending practices and agreed that "rent control is part of the answer."

Campbell pointed to the foreclosure crisis of 2008-09 when the attorney general's office adopted some "really innovative practices" to help keep people from losing their homes and said we should think about bringing back such measures.

Campbell also recommended using receivership to activate city-owned lots for the purpose of building new housing as another possible solution.

Regarding rent control, Campbell said, "Rent control is a conversation for the municipalities. I

Aspire's Home Run 20th Anniversary Celebration set for Fenway Park

Mass General for Children's Aspire program knocked it out of the park with a spectacular 20th anniversary celebration of its annual Aspire Spring Gala at Fenway Park. The evening raised over \$2.5 million for Aspire, the world-renowned Lexington, Mass.-based program that helps children, teens and adults with high cognitive autism spectrum disorder and related profiles develop the skills necessary to be successful in their communities and workplaces.

Fenway hosted around 800 guests, who enjoyed impressive access and views of the iconic park, photos with the Commissioner's Trophy, live music by The Elevators, and elevated gameday food like mini lobster rolls, oysters and Fenway franks.

Longtime gala co-chairs Stephanie and David Long, Tim Sweeney, and Terry and Tom Hamilton, along with gala committee members Ann Marie and Daniel Gross, and Kim and Eric Karofsky, as well as the Executive Director of

Aspire, D. Scott McLeod, PhD, were on-hand to celebrate this milestone and reflect on the impact of their unrelenting commitment to Aspire's mission.

Throughout the history of the gala, the generosity of supporters has helped raise more than \$24 million to support the Aspire program. These funds have enabled Aspire to develop more than 40 new programs for children, teens and adults on the autism spectrum and train thousands of people through the Aspire Works internship and neurodiversity training programs.

The memorable evening, impeccably designed by longtime partner Rafanelli Events, showcased a lively speaking program, poignant spotlight video, and an interactive luxury key game with one-of-a-kind prize packages, including a trip to Dublin, blue topaz earrings, and concert tickets to Kenny Chesney and Zac Brown Band.

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hosting school groups, managing volunteers, and performing other duties and responsibilities related to the management and growth of the school.

This virtual program is presented with support from Cambridge Trust as part of Beacon Hill Village's 'Conversations With...'

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DEBATE (from pg. 4)

have real concerns about whether it's an effective tool."

The general election for attorney general of the Commonwealth is set for Tuesday, Nov. 9. Healey announced in January she wouldn't seek a third term as the state's attorney general so she

could instead focus on her candidacy to succeed Gov. Charlie Baker in this November's gubernatorial race.

To view a video recording of the virtual debate, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZH-d6wdCNhI>.

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'MAKE WAY FOR DUMPLINGS' AT SOLID SOUND

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Ting Ting Dumplings of Warren Vt., one of the food vendors at this year's seventh Solid Sound - a three-day music festival headlined and curated by the Chicago rock band Wilco, which returned over Memorial Day weekend to Mass MoCA (the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art) in North Adams, Mass. - paid homage to Robert McCloskey's classic children's book "Make Way for Ducklings" with this whimsical marketing tagline.



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WEST END MUSEUM CELEBRATES NEW PRESIDENT

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

The West End Museum (WEM) celebrated its newly elected president, Lois Ascher, with a reception on May 25 in the courtyard of the First Harrison Gray Otis House. Ascher, Wentworth Institute of Technology's first female faculty member, has been involved with WEM for more than 10 years, when she began visiting the museum with her students.

"I've spent my life in Boston," said Ascher, who has presented lectures at WEM and has published several books regarding the West End. "Over a decade ago I developed a history-based, on site, urban culture studies class, which became very popular."

Ascher recalled when she initially entered the museum. She had planned on exploring for 10 minutes, and two hours later, Ascher realized she had discovered someplace special.



Jim Campano, WEM/Old West End Housing Corp, speaking with an Otis House tour guide.



Sebastian Belfanti, WEM Museum Director, and Kenzie Bok, City Council.

"I had found family. That's what the West End is," described Ascher. "The most important quality of the West End is community. That's why the West End's story keeps getting told."



Barbara Haley, Representative Jay Livingstone, Robin Scott, and Heather Campbell.



WEM President Lois Ascher with friends and family.



Suzy Buchanan, Executive Director of the Shirley-Eustis House, Kristen Hellwig Underwood, Otis House Museum Guide, and Bill Juttner, WEM.



WEM President Lois Ascher describing her connections to Boston.

CITY PAWS

Dogs in cars

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Summer brings more happy destinations to share with our furry companions. Some dogs quiver with excitement when their person says, "Car!" Others tremble and suffer carsickness. When dogs are along for the ride, we need to think of safety.

Car Training and Safety

To make driving safe for everyone requires some training. Start with short trips and work up to longer ones. Decide how you will secure your pet in the car and reward cooperation. If you need help with motion sickness, work with your veterinarian.

Crated or Harnessed in the Back Seat

Veterinarian Georgina Ushi Phillips wrote, "We seem to have a bit of a blind spot for canine seatbelts and car safety." She explained that in a 35-mile-per-hour crash, inertia sends everything in a car flying, a 60-pound dog becomes a 2,700-pound projectile.

Airbags pose a fatal risk for dogs in the front seat. A back-seat seat-belt-connected harness or secured crate keeps the animal from interfering with or distracting the driver and could save your dog in the event of an accident. The MSPCA reminds us, "In Massachusetts, it is against the law for an operator of a motor vehicle to allow anything in or on the vehicle that "may interfere with or impede the proper operation of the vehicle."

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Representative Jay Livingstone, Cate Carver, Tour Guide, Otis House Museum, and Jim Campano, WEM/ Old West End Housing Corp.



West End Museum members and friends gathering for a reception at the Otis House Museum on May.

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A restrained animal will not be able to break free and run away the second the car door is opened. An unrestrained dog can slow care delivery by first responders in an accident or emergency.

Heat Kills

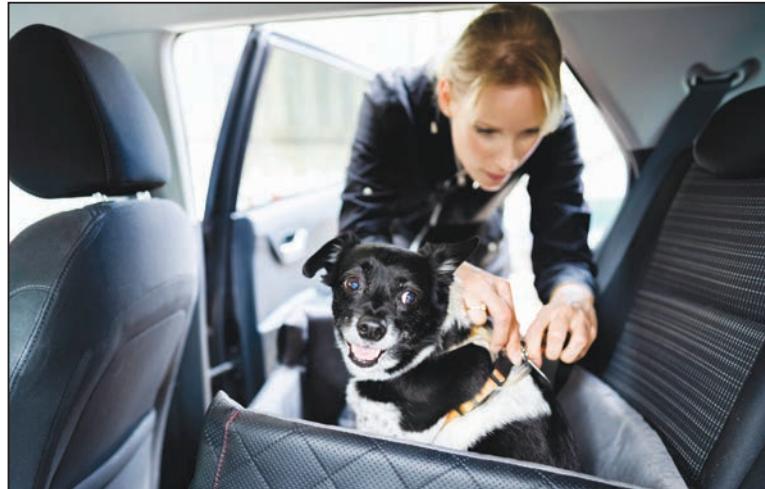
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than 40 degrees higher than the outside temperature at one hour. Even on a 70-degree day, that's 110 degrees inside your vehicle!" A dog can make the situation worse by jumping around and barking. This activity would further raise the animal's core body temperature.

Leaving a dog alone in a car can also risk damage to your vehicle by a good Samaritan or first responders trying to protect your animal.

Products Can Help

You'll find a good selection of pet restraint harnesses at local pet supply stores and online. You want



A seat-belt-connected harness keeps your dog from interfering with or distracting the driver and could save a life in an accident.

one that fits your dog comfortably and has a secure connection to the car's seat belt system.

There are car seat carriers and crates of various designs that you can use to keep your dog safe. We prefer a crate that we secure to the seat belts in the back seat. This option adds a level of security by restricting our Poppy's movement. We find that she settles right in and goes to sleep once we are underway.

Thanks to the RV industry, we now have access to various heat alarm products with apps that alert by text or email if the temperature in your car or RV is too high. The website Go Pet Friendly did a review of these products listing the pros and cons, in their article,

"Pet Temperature Monitor Roundup – Keep Pets Safe from the Heat."

Loving our dogs, we want to do what's best for them. Sometimes that means more work and giving up some old ways of doing things. Protect your dog by securing them and keeping them safe every time they ride in a car.

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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mass. rolls out 100 proud Bluebikes to celebrate Pride Month

In celebration of Pride Month, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts ("Blue Cross") is rolling out 100 Bluebikes wrapped in a rainbow pride-themed design through the month of June. Blue Cross Proud bikes will be integrated across the Bluebikes system's 11 municipalities (Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Newton, Revere, Salem, Somerville and Watertown). Blue Cross is the title sponsor of Bluebikes, which is owned by the municipalities and operated by Lyft.

To reflect its continued support

of the LGBTQ+ community, Blue Cross will donate \$1 for every ride taken on Blue Cross Proud bikes through the month of June to Fenway Health in Boston. Lyft will assume the \$1 donation after the 10,000th Proud bike ride of the month. Fenway Health, a long-time partner of BCBSMA, works to enhance the well-being of the LGBTQ+ community and beyond through access to the highest quality of health care, education, research, and advocacy.

"We're thrilled to once again celebrate Pride month by continuing our support of Fenway Health's

mission," said Jeff Bellows, Blue Cross' vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs. "Blue Cross is committed to creating more equitable communities and to making health care more accessible and affordable. We look forward to seeing the Proud bikes in the Bluebikes fleet and raising awareness of LGBTQ+ equality along the way."

The Blue Cross Proud bikes will be available within the more than 400 Bluebikes stations across the system's eleven municipalities through the end of June. Blue Cross is also a founding sponsor of the Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce and, for the fourth year in a row, received a perfect score on the 2022 Corporate Equality Index (CEI), a national benchmarking survey and report on corporate policies and practices related to LGBTQ workplace equality, as administered by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

"We appreciate the commitment Blue Cross continues to demon-

strate to the health and wellness of the LGBTQ+ community," said Fenway Health Chief Executive Officer Ellen LaPointe. "This initiative will once again support our critical care, education and advocacy efforts. We're thankful for our ongoing partnership with Blue Cross and hope that everyone takes a ride on a Pride-themed Bluebike during Pride month."

This is the third time Blue Cross has supported Fenway Health via Blue Cross Proud bikes. In 2019 and 2021, the company donated \$1 for every ride on a pride-themed Bluebike, in collaboration with Lyft, to the health center.

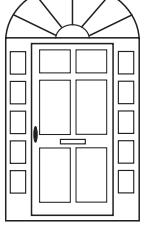
"We're proud to collaborate with Blue Cross on a Bluebikes Pride initiative that helps shine a spotlight on the need to improve access to health care for the LGBTQ+ community, especially queer and trans youth who are at a heightened risk for critical health issues," said Dom Tribone, Lyft General Manager for Bluebikes. "Through this effort, we celebrate

the diversity and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community and support the compassionate care provided by Fenway Health."

Blue Cross has been the title sponsor of Bluebikes since its launch in May 2018. Through its partnership with the municipal owners of Bluebikes, Blue Cross continues to support system growth and accessibility, including station expansions, upgrades and additional bikes.

Bluebikes is public transportation by bike. The system is jointly owned and managed by the Cities of Boston, Cambridge, Everett, Salem and Somerville and the Town of Brookline. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts is the system's title sponsor. Riders can find 400 stations and 4,000 bikes across 11 municipalities in Metro Boston. Since 2011, more than 14 million trips have been taken by bike share. For more information about Bluebikes, visit bluebikes.com.

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ance of LGBTQ+ Youth (BAGLY), a youth-led, adult-supported organization committed to social justice, and creating, sustaining and advocating for programs, policies and services for the LGBTQ+ youth community.

Notable figures in Boston's LGBTQ+ community, Dominic L'Heureux and TV Personality Derek Zagami will proudly serve as The Liberty Hotel's Pride Ambassadors—hosting, attending, and promoting this year's Pride Week festivities. Their signature "D&D Cocktail" will be available all week and a portion of the proceeds will go to BAGLY.

"We are so excited to be able to celebrate Pride at such an iconic Boston landmark, with events for everyone," said Zagami. "My mission in life is to bring light and fun to this world, this week of Pride celebrates everything I stand for. My motto is live your life to the fullest, be your most authentic self, and laugh along the way."

The Liberty Hotel is located at 215 Charles Street, Boston, MA 02114. For more information, or to make a reservation, please visit www.libertyhotel.com or contact (617) 224-4000.

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Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The roofline in the last clue is on the corner of Mount Vernon Street and Louisburg Square. Today's answer is from a 1915 photo and shows the dangerous working conditions men, like those repairing a roof, were exposed to at that time.

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



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead to June 11

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.

HOLIDAY

- There will be no work scheduled work on Monday, 5/30 in recognition of Memorial Day

SCHEDULED WORK

- North abutment (Charles-town side near Chelsea Street) – rebar repair and installation
- South abutment (North End side) - concrete repair

- Utility work on Charles River Avenue
- Forming and pouring concrete elements at City Square

WORK HOURS

- Most work will be done during weekday daytime hours (6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

TRAVEL TIPS

For everyone using the temporary bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, tem-

porary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

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. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

For your awareness, the following events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

- EVENTS: 6/4 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor's Garden Contest deadline July 13

Mayor Michelle Wu has announced the 26th annual Mayor's Garden Contest highlighting the hard work of Boston's urban gardeners. The competition provides the perfect opportunity to recognize the skills of all Boston residents who contribute to the beauty of the city's landscape.

Boston's green thumbs have until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, to submit their gardens for award contention. The contest recognizes gardeners who have landscaped, planted flowers, trees, shrubs, and, in the process, helped beautify Boston's neighborhoods.

Gardeners or those nominating their favorite gardeners may find printable and online nomination forms at www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest. The preferred method of entry is to submit pho-

tos through the online application. Alternatively, contestants may request an application by emailing their name and address to gardencontest@boston.gov. Paper applications are also available in English and ten additional languages.

Judges will fan out across the city visiting finalists the week of July 25. Once the votes are tallied, first place winners will receive the coveted "Golden Trowel" award from Mayor Wu while second and third place winners will be awarded certificates. The traditional awards ceremony is scheduled to take place in the Boston Public Garden on Monday, August 15.

Gardeners who have won three or more times in the last ten years will be automatically entered into the Hall of Fame. These distin-

guished Hall-of-Famers are not eligible to enter as contestants but are invited to return as judges.

First place winners are eligible for a drawing for a JetBlue Grand Prize consisting of roundtrip flights for two to any nonstop destination from Boston. Terms, conditions, and blackout dates apply. In addition, Mahoney's Garden Centers will provide gardener's gift bags to the top three winners in each category, as well as gift certificates for the 2022 Hall of Fame winners.

For more information please call (617) 635-4505. Stay up to date with news, events, and design and construction work in Boston parks by signing up for our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and following our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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Investigation

On Sunday, May 29, at around 5 a.m., police received a call for an ongoing larceny in the area of Chestnut Street.

While en route, the officers stopped an individual who matched the description of the suspect given out by the dispatcher. This individual had multiple unopened packages in his possession that all appeared to be new and in good condition. The individual stated to the officers that he had found them in the trash, and that he had been trash picking along the way from the Copley Square area. The items were confiscated and logged into evidence at the local district. Area detectives were going to further investigate the matter.

Investigation

On Friday, May 27, at about 10 a.m., officers responded to

a radio call for a breaking and entering at the Luxor Hair Studio on Charles Street.

When the officers arrived, they were informed by the business owner that she had showed up to open the studio and an individual was inside. At this time, she exited, locked the suspect inside and called 9-1-1.

As the officers looked through the window to the business, they did observe an individual inside, sitting in a chair. When the officers approached him, the suspect stated that the door was ajar, and that he entered to use a beard trimmer.

The officers observed no other employees to be in the studio and all the lights were off, finding it reasonable to believe that the store was not "open" at the time. The suspect was placed under arrest and charged with breaking and entering (misdemeanor).

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Wu announces curbside food-waste collection program

Building on her commitment to make Boston a Green New Deal City, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Public Works Department announced that a curbside food waste collection program with rolling online enrollment is now available.

Food waste collection will align with residents' scheduled trash and recycling collection days. This program will reduce the City's reliance on landfills and incinerators, and make it more convenient for Boston residents to dispose of their household food waste. The food waste, which will be collected through a partnership between Garbage to Garden and Save That Stuff, will be sent to Save that Stuff's composting site in West Bridgewater to be turned into compost that will be made available to Boston parks, gardens, and schools, and sent to Waste Management's CORe Facility in Charlestown where it will be made into clean energy.

"In Boston we do big things by getting the small things right, and curbside food waste collection is an important example of how we can each have an impact in moving our city toward sustainability with how we dispose of our food scraps," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Making it easier and more accessible for residents to compost diverts our City's waste from land-

fills and incineration, so Boston can be a Green New Deal city. I encourage everyone interested to sign up, and I'm excited to see how the program grows in the years to come."

Any Boston resident who lives in a residential building with six units or less is eligible to enroll in the program. The City is prioritizing enrollment in the program to residents in vulnerable communities, based on the state's criteria for environmental justice communities coupled with proximity to a Project Oscar compost drop-off site. This year's curbside collection program will have a cap of 10,000 households for the first year, with the goal of adding 10,000 or more every year, depending on demand.

Service begins August 1, 2022. In July, compost bin "starter kits" will be delivered to residents who have enrolled in the program. The "starter kits" include an onboarding manual, a roll of liners, kitchen bin, collection bin, and a magnet outlining what food scraps are and are not accepted in the program. Accepted materials include common household food scraps such as coffee grounds, fruits and vegetables, meat and seafood, and eggs.

"Food waste constitutes one-third of the current waste stream, and we're excited to introduce this

program to Boston residents to help meet our zero waste goals," said Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge. "Our goal is to educate residents on ways to reduce the amount of food waste they generate and give them ways to responsibly dispose of what they can't use or donate."

"Expanded composting opportunities for Boston residents is critical to meet our zero-waste goals," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "By centering environmental justice communities in this process, we are placing equity at the forefront of our work and helping the residents that are most impacted by the effects of climate change."

Today's announcement aligns with Boston's Zero Waste Plan, outlining the City's strategy to reduce its waste by 2035. Mass-DEP estimates that food waste accounts for more than 25 percent of the waste stream in Massachusetts after recycling. When sent to landfills or incinerators, food waste can generate harmful greenhouse gasses, lose potential energy, cause pollution, and lose its agricultural benefits.

The City's collection team will transform Boston's food waste by utilizing two methods:

- Save that Stuff's Composting

Facility in West Bridgewater, MA: Food scraps will be turned into compost at Save that Stuff's composting facility in West Bridgewater, MA. In the composting process, organic material is made into nutrient-rich fertilizer that helps produce more plants and food. The finished compost will be made available to Boston parks, community gardens, and schools.

- Waste Management's CORe Facility in Charlestown: At the Waste Management's CORe Facility food waste is made into a slurry for easier combustion. The slurry is then hauled to North Andover's Greater Lawrence Sanitary District (GLSD) where it is produced into biogas and renewable electricity which is sent to the grid.

"The benefits of food scrap recycling are undeniable," said Garbage to Garden President and Founder Tyler Frank. "We have offered private subscription curbside composting for ten years, but this municipally-funded program is a major milestone for New England. We're excited to be a part of this unique program, and look forward to seeing this model replicated as other communities follow Boston's lead in the next few years."

"We look forward to recovering this important segment of the waste stream and are encour-

aged by the steps Boston is taking towards our One Goal. Zero Waste!" said Save That Stuff President Erik Levy.

The link to sign up for the curbside food waste collection program, as well as more information about the City's composting efforts, can be found here.

In addition to this program, the City is expanding Project Oscar, its food waste drop-off program. Launching this summer, the City will be partnering with farmers markets and community gardens to roll out nearly 25 new sites across the City. To find a drop-off nearest to you, please click here.

"As an organization that makes compost, distributes compost to neighborhood gardeners and buys in compost from regional companies, we know how important this resource is and how our local food system can be strengthened by producing more of it," said Danielle Andrews, the Boston Farmer Manager for The Food Project. "We are thrilled to partner with the City to offer a comprehensive composting program to residents, using both our West Cottage farm and Dudley Common farmers' market as drop off locations for food scraps and other organic matter."

City of Boston kicks off free Summer Fitness Series

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) are pleased to announce the 2022 Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. The series will offer free weekly classes both virtually and in 18 City of Boston parks from June 5 to October 1.

The 2022 Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series is being launched with a kick-off event at Copley Square on Thursday, June 2, at 5:30 p.m. featuring free class demos from Z-Spot and Movestudios along with fun giveaways.

"We're thrilled to partner with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department to bring the Summer Park Fitness classes back to Boston this summer," said Jeff Bellows, Vice President of Corporate Citizenship and Public Affairs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. "Being active is critical for our physical and mental health and what better way to get moving than coming together as a commu-

nity in the beautiful parks across the City of Boston for fun fitness classes."

The series offers Bostonians healthy activities including Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Chair Yoga, Barre, Pre- and Postnatal Friendly Barre, Dance Fit, HIIT, Family Fitness, ZUMBA, Family ZUMBA, Strength Training, Afrobeats, POUND, Walking Group, and Strength Training. The program is tailored to the interests of residents and participants, including age-friendly classes for families and older adults as well as those new to fitness classes. For more information and a link to the full schedule, please visit boston.gov/fitness.

By engaging in a citywide effort to increase opportunities for physical activity, the Parks Department and BPHC aim to further reduce barriers to active living and achieve the goal of ensuring that Bostonians have ample opportunities to be active. For many residents, the past two years of the pandemic have reduced physical activity

levels and community connectedness. The Summer Fitness Series provides an opportunity for Boston residents to exercise together, get moving outside in their local parks, and supports people to reconnect with each other. The continued virtual options will give those that are not comfortable or cannot easily get to a class a way to join the series.

"The Summer Fitness Series is a wonderful way for residents and visitors to be active and healthy. Exercise provides many physical and mental health benefits, and opportunities for physical activity should be accessible to all, which is why all of these classes are free and open to the public," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission, "BPHC is pleased to partner with Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Parks and Recreation Department to provide this fun and vital service to help build a healthier Boston."

Beacon Hill Art Walk is June 5

The Beacon Hill Art Walk will take place the first Sunday of June from Noon – 6pm, throughout the nooks and crannies of Beacon Hill's North Slope.

Residents open up their private gardens, alleyways, and courtyards and allow artists to display and sell their artwork. It is a chance for visitors to tour the private spaces of Beacon Hill while viewing original, handmade artwork. Thousands of people attend each year. It is a free popular event in the neighborhood, with a festive atmosphere and volunteer musicians playing in various gardens throughout the day.

Typically 50 – 75 artists participate, with a variety of styles, media, and subject matter. As a visitor you will enjoy a unique atmosphere boasting bursts of colors at the background sound of live classical, klezmer, and folk music playing in various gardens throughout the

day. Artists display a variety of styles, media, and subject matter.

Enjoy beautiful music as it resonates off the bricks in the gardens and courtyards of Beacon Hill during the Art Walk. Music has become an integral part of the Art Walk, and each year dozens of talented musicians donate their time to play at the event. Visitors enjoy a unique atmosphere boasting bursts of colors and the background sound of live Volunteer Musicians. Groups have included Klezmer Ensembles, String Quartets, Folk Groups, Fiddle Groups, Native American Flute and more, which play in various gardens and spaces throughout the day.

Starting Points: 135 1/2 Charles Street, and the corner of Cambridge Street and West Cedar Street.

Please Volunteer to help and take part in this great event! It's fun and a great way to meet the neighbors.

MEMORIAL DAY 'FLAG GARDEN' RETURNS TO THE COMMON

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For the 13th consecutive year, 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 to commemorate Memorial Day.

Every year since 2010, the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund

has led the effort behind the annual Memorial Day Flag Garden.

In 2020, the Flag Garden was limited to about 1,000 flags, spaced six-feet apart in keeping with social distancing, and with no public events held, in deference to public safety precautions amid the pandemic. But last year marked the return of the full Flag Garden.



A visitor to the Boston Common walks on the path going between sections of the Memorial Day Flag Garden in Boston Common.



Retired State Trooper Lisa Mula performed Taps at 3pm at the Soldiers And Sailors Monument in Boston Common in coordination with Taps Across America. The organization seeks to remind Americans to take a moment of silence and remember the many fallen members of the military.



The Memorial Day Flag Garden in Boston Common brought over 37,000 flags on display, each representing a member of the military from Massachusetts who had died while serving our nation from the Revolutionary War to today.



BU2 Petty Officer Navy Seabees Jorge Gaitan stands vigil over the Memorial Day Flag Garden in Boston Common.



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Dr. Brittany Potz-Weaver (Cardiothoracic Fellow MGH) with her sons Hudson (2 years) and Brant Weaver (11 months) and dog Woodstock.