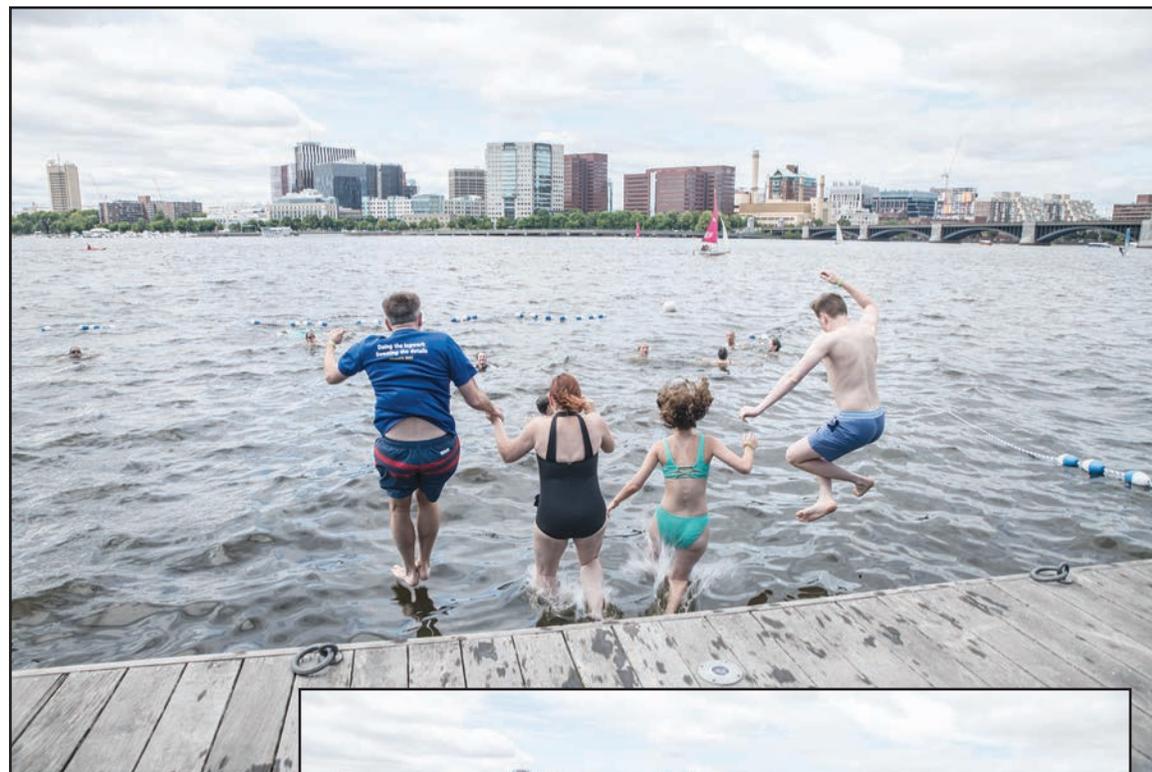




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## CITY SPLASH

Four friends take a plunge (above and right) into the Charles River together during the Charles River Conservancy's City Splash, as part of the Waterfront Wellness Week. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.



## MBTA service changes are another headache for commuters residents

By John Lynds

At every meeting leading up to the Sumner Tunnel restoration project that began earlier this month, MassDOT officials promised they were coordinating with the MBTA to ensure public transit options and that the T was committed to uninterrupted Blue Line service.

At a time when elected officials have been demanding increased Blue Line service during the Sumner Tunnel project the MBTA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) dropped a bombshell

last week.

Last Thursday, the MBTA announced weekday subway service changes that took effect Monday on the Blue Line as well as the Red and Orange Lines.

MBTA officials said these changes are the result of staffing challenges among the ranks of subway dispatchers in the MBTA's Operations Control Center. With a limited number of dispatchers, the service changes will allow the MBTA to schedule dispatchers in compliance with new FTA directives after an investigation into a recent spate of derailments, crash-

es and railroad crossing accidents.

On Monday, Blue Line weekday trains began operating every seven minutes until 9 a.m. and every eight to nine minutes for the rest of the day. Blue Line weekday summer service is typically five minutes between trains during morning and evening peak periods, every nine to 10 minutes between trains in the mid-day mornings, and every five to six minutes between trains in the mid-day afternoons.

Red Line weekday trains began operating every 14 to 15 minutes

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## BHAC approves application for new sign outside Charles Street Meeting House

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission unanimously approved as submitted an application for a new sign for a new community arts center for children outside the Charles Street Meeting at 70 Charles St. during its monthly public hearing on July 16, which took place virtually.

The square cedar sign, measuring 2-feet by 2-feet, would have "minni" – the arts center's name – emblazoned in white lowercase lettering on an orange circular background and would hang on an existing bracket, said Kelly Harris Smith, founder and cre-

ative director of the organization, which opened its first location in the South End four years ago.

Likewise, the commission unanimously approved as submitted an application for a new, two-sided hanging sign at 103 Charles St. for Le Svelte Spa, which be matte finished black and measure 2-feet by 3-feet, with the company's name in raised metallic lettering made of either copper or brass. The sign would be hung using existing hardware, according to the applicant.

In another matter, the commission unanimously denied without prejudice an application to con-

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# EDITORIAL

## AMERICA IS IN A MAELSTROM WITH NO WAY OUT

America and the world are in a bad place, with no easy way out.

Although the worst of the coronavirus is behind us, the unprecedented economic after-effects of the pandemic continue to afflict every aspect of our lives.

The Great Resignation has disrupted supply chains for goods of all kinds and made air travel, which formerly used to be a pleasure, a fraught experience, with thousands of flights cancelled every week because of a shortage of pilots and crew.

All of us are griping about the high cost of energy, but with oil refining capacity at an all-time low relative to demand, it is all but certain that gasoline prices will remain at record levels for the foreseeable future.

Electric cars are still a long way off from becoming practical for most Americans for a host of reasons.

The war in Ukraine, the largest in the world since WWII, is exacerbating shortages of commodities of all kinds, especially food.

Avian flu, the worst on record, continues to devastate both domesticated and wild bird populations.

Our health care system, which proved so inadequate during the pandemic, is completely incapable of handling the coming influx of aging Baby Boomers -- just visit any ER, anywhere and everywhere.

Our public educational system not only has fallen far behind because of the pandemic, but the looming teacher shortage means that catching up will be all but impossible.

Drug overdose deaths are at their highest rate ever, with no solution in sight.

Mass shootings are a routine occurrence with politicians too-cowed by the gun lobby to take even the simplest, most common-sense action.

Climate change continues unchecked and unabated. Life on the planet as we know it never will be the same.

And last but not least, it is apparent that a large percentage of Americans are committed to overthrowing our democracy. What happened on 1/6 is just a prelude to what is to come in the 2022 and 2024 elections.

Yes, the present is tough going -- but the future is even bleaker.

## BOATING AND DRINKING

### DON'T MIX

A national news headline caught our attention recently:

"Five people, including four from the same family, died in a boating collision on Saturday along a river popular with boaters outside Savannah, Ga., the authorities said. Four other people were injured, including one who was charged with operating a boat while under the influence."

This story, coming at the start of the summer season, should serve as a sober reminder (pun intended) that alcohol consumption on a boat is never a good idea.

For far too many boaters and their guests, heavy drinking and boating go hand-in-hand. Unfortunately however, the proverbial "booze cruise" all too often ends up with tragic consequences.

Boating under the influence -- BUI -- is every bit as dangerous as DUI (driving under the influence) and also is a criminal offense.

We urge all of our readers who are either boat owners or their guests to ensure that someone on board will be a designated "sober sailor" in order to avoid becoming another sad, grim statistic.

## MGH holds virtual Community Forum ahead of Cambridge Street campus expansion

By Dan Murphy

Mass General held a Community Forum meeting virtually on Tuesday, June 21, for the various stakeholders involved in the hospital's planned expansion of its Cambridge Street campus.

Nick Haney, public coordination and initiatives director for MGH, said the idea behind the ongoing Community Forum meetings is "to create a community dialogue or a place for community conversation," as well as to provide a place where stakeholders can share news on what their respective groups are currently working on, specifically in regard to the project.

Moreover, MGH has launched a website (<https://www.massgeneral.org/news/cambridge-street-project>) to apprise the public of news on the "logistics plan" for the project, which Haney said would be updated on at least a bi-weekly basis.

Jersey barriers are now set up around the project site, he said, with the goal of taking cars off North Anderson Street.

Additionally, the project team now hopes to relocate the existing bike-storage facility to allow for the extension of the fence along Parkman Street, added Haney.

In the coming weeks, staging will also be erected around the 1884 Winchell Elementary School (a.k.a. Ruth Sleeper Hall), he said.

Haney said MGH expects to finalize its Memorandum of Agreement related to project mitigation with the Massachusetts Historic Commission in the next two to four weeks.

Bricks won't begin to be salvaged from the Winchell building until after the signing of the MOA, said Haney, although the project team is currently in the process of removing some items that will be donated to the West End Museum.

By mid-July, the project team hopes to relocate Parkman Street,

which will be a two-way street through the middle of the site, added Haney, and they will also build a bridge at street level above where the tunnel would be located.

Then by mid-November, Parkman Street will be returned to its current traffic configuration to allow for excavation beneath the bridge, he said.

Regarding Mousey Park, signage went up a month before fencing was installed around its perimeter to inform people who frequent the park of the change, said Haney, along with additional outreach.

The next Community Forum is tentatively set for early January, said Haney, and it would likely be a hybrid meeting held at MGH's Paul S. Russell, MD Museum of Medical History and Innovation on North Grove Street, which will be advertised on the new project website.

### SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Times encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication. Items should e-mail news releases and photos to [deb@thebostonsun.com](mailto:deb@thebostonsun.com).

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## MEETING HOUSE (from pg. 1)

struct a new storage shed for tools at Old West Church at 131 Cambridge St., while instructing the applicant to install a mockup of the structure, as well as to provide additional architectural details.

The proposed new shed would have measured 8-by-12 feet and had a slanted roof, and it would have been located about 6 feet from the west wall of the bell-tower, said Michael Moehring, an Old West Church trustee. It was intended as a replacement for an existing, “flimsy” 4½-by-6-foot shed located on the east side of the bell tower, which is used to store tools for the church’s “food forest” and the pollinator garden on the front lawn, he added.

Similarly, the commission unanimously voted to deny without prejudice an application to rebuild the storefront at 18 Grove St. using double-glazed windows and asked the applicant to return with more detailed drawings; this came with the proviso that the application not specify the use of Low-E glass.

On an application for 44 Phillips St. to replace all the windows at the front façade, to restore the transom light, and to rebuild the garden-level openings, the commission voted unanimously to approve the proposed work, except for transom light above the door and the paint color for the door, which was remanded to staff.

The commission unanimously approved as submitted an application for a new doorbell and camera unit at 32 Cedar Lane Way, with a proviso that the doorbell button not be constantly illuminated when not in use.

In another matter, the commission approved by a majority vote of 4-1 an application for 34 West Cedar St. to paint the front door using Benjamin Moore 319 Dalila high gloss.

On an application for 20 David G Mugar Way to replace the front door and frame in kind, as well as to reuse the existing door handle, lock, number, and kick plate, the commission unanimously approved the proposed work; this determination came with the proviso that the applicant make every effort to repair the existing door, and that it only be replaced after a qualified carpenter or craftsperson has determined it can’t be saved.

The commission unanimously approved an application to replace the existing steps with granite steps at 73 Hancock St., with a proviso that documentation

(photos or otherwise) be provided to staff that proves the necessity to replace, rather than repair, the steps.

In regard to an application to replace the canopy and awning at 15 River St., the commission unanimously approved the proposed work, with the provisos that the applicant make every effort to restore elements of the canopy and provides evidence of areas where replacement is necessary. The applicant was also asked to provide staff with documentation, including shop drawings, as well as material samples. As a further proviso, the applicant would also be required to remedy an outstanding violation for the security camera.

The commission voted unanimously to approve as submitted an application for 8 West Hill Place to install a new roof deck and cedar fence, and to modify and extend the chimney. Commissioner Mark Kiefer cited its minimal visible impact on a public way, as well as evidence of previous rooftop developments in the multi-unit condo building, in making the motion to approve the application.

On an application for 57 Hancock Street to replace existing door locksets with new a Baldwin Entry set, as well as to replace the existing intercoms with new video intercoms at the front and side doors, the commission unanimously approved the proposed work, with the proviso that the doorbell not be constantly illuminated when not in use, and that building elements surrounding the existing intercom units be preserved. A proposed mailbox didn’t appear on the application for 57 Hancock St.

Moreover, an application to install a mailbox at 141 Cambridge St. appeared on the hearing agenda, but was ultimately not heard due to the applicant’s failure to appear.

The commission also heard an advisory for 5 West Cedar St., with proposed work including the installation of helical supports to the façade; the application is expected to be heard at the commission’s next public hearing on Thursday, July 21.

Besides Commissioner Kiefer, Commissioners Arian Allen and Wen Wen were present for the July 16 hearing, while Commissioners Edward Fleck and Annette Given were both on hand for a portion of the hearing.

# City offers single-stream recycling, curbside food-waste collection beginning in August

By Times staff

The City of Boston provides residents with curbside collection for recycling of metal, glass, plastic, and paper, and since this is a single-stream service, there is no need for residents to sort their recyclables.

All recycling must be placed in a container with a lid. The city supplies large, 64-gallon recycling containers to residents of buildings with six units or less, which can be requested from Boston 311, or you can also use a smaller than 32-gallon trash can as a recycling bin with a sticker from Boston 311.

Items that don’t belong in bins include plastic bags (plastic shopping bags and black or white trash bags cannot be recycled); clothes and textiles; clothing hangers, ropes, hoses, and tangles; scrap metal; batteries; small items (anything smaller than 2-by-2 inches); food waste and liquids; and elec-

tronics.

Heavy-duty clear plastic bags are only allowed if you do not have enough space in specific neighborhoods, including Back Bay/ Bay Village, Beacon Hill, Charlestown, Fenway, Mission Hill, North End, Roxbury, South Boston, South End, and West End.

All City of Boston recycling is sent to the Casella recycling facility in Charlestown.

Additionally the city will begin offering curbside food-waste collection citywide in August, but space is limited, so residents are encouraged to sign up today at <https://www.bostoncomposts.com>. To qualify, residents must live in a building with six-units or less. Approximately 9,000 have signed up so far for the program, which will be capped at 10,000 households for the first year, with the goal of adding 10,000 or more every year, depending on demand.

In July, the city will deliver compost bin “starter kits” to residents who have enrolled in the program, which 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 scraps collected curbside will be used to make nutrient-rich soil and clean energy, according to the city, which is collaborating with Garbage to Garden and Save That Stuff to offer curbside food waste collection.

To learn more about the curbside food-waste collection program, visit <https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-works/curbside-food-waste-collection/#-sign-up>.

## Beacon Hill weekly COVID positive test drops

By John Lynds

Beacon Hill and the surrounding area’s weekly COVID positive test rate dropped once again according to the latest data by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

Last week, 1,029 Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, West End and Downtown residents were tested for the virus last week and 10.2 percent were positive--this was a 12 percent increase from the 11.6 percent that tested positive between June 6 and June 13.

One hundred five Eastie residents contracted the virus between June 13 and June 20 there have now been 11,247 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston’s citywide weekly positive test rate decreased last week

According to the BPHC, 14,523 Boston residents tested citywide and 7.7 percent were positive—a 19 percent decrease from the 9.5 percent that tested positive between June 6 and June 13.

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 0.4 percent last week and went from 191,740 to 192,591 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 1,478.

## MBTA (from pg. 1)

on both the Ashmont and Braintree branches and seven to eight minutes between trains on the “trunk” of the Red Line between Alewife and JFK/UMass stations.

According to the MBTA Red Line weekday summer service is typically nine to 10 minutes between trains during morning and evening peak periods, 10 to 12 minutes between trains during off-peak hours, and every five to six minutes between trains on the “trunk” of the Red Line between Alewife and JFK/UMass stations.

The MBTA said the Blue Line volume was about 44% below pre-Covid ridership levels according to

data collected last week and the Red Line remained approximately 50% below pre-pandemic levels.

Last week, Mayor Michelle Wu sent a letter to MassDOT that was signed by local elected officials in the area. The letter called for a plan to be put in place to increase capacity on the Blue Line when needed, especially during the full shutdown of the Sumner Tunnel in 2023.

In a statement last week the MBTA said it is exploring multiple options to add capacity at the Control Center, including an aggressive recruitment campaign, offering bonuses, and potentially

hiring back former dispatchers.

“If dispatch capacity permits, there may be days when the MBTA can increase the number of trains in service,” said the statement. “And as soon as sufficient dispatch capacity exists, the MBTA will revert to its previous level of service.”

There is one exception to the revised summer schedule. In the afternoon and evening of Monday, July 4, the MBTA will provide regular weekday service in order to accommodate people attending Independence Day festivities.

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# Mayor Wu announces completed audit of city-owned land

Special to Times

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the completion of the “Public Land for Public Good: Citywide Land Audit” of all city-owned property last Wednesday, June 15, at an event held in Charlestown at the six-acre Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)-owned parking lot adjacent to Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) and the Community College MBTA Orange Line station.

This report is the culmination of an effort to comprehensively inventory all City-owned property, identify vacant and underutilized properties, and set in motion accelerated efforts to best utilize this property to serve Boston’s communities, particularly through the development of affordable housing, according to the city.

The city will conduct thorough community engagement to ensure the future use of land reflects the wants and needs of Boston residents. As part of the new report, the city released a public mapping tool (available at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/3b721e-f32cce41338cd52a0a8c4a131f>) for exploring its land inventory, and will actively maintain this database to increase transparency and information access.

“In a city as dense and already developed as Boston, these parcels identified in the land audit repre-

sent rare opportunities to utilize public space for the public good,” said Mayor Wu. “Parking lots and vacant spaces across our City have the potential to be transformed into providing crucially needed affordable housing, green space, and community services. I look forward to a robust engagement process to ensure our planning process reflects the needs of our residents.”

Among the 1,238 City parcels identified in the audit as vacant or underutilized, most of which are modestly sized, the report identified a number of high opportunity sites to prioritize for community planning efforts. These priority sites include the Bunker Hill parking lots as well as the Boston Public Health Commission Mattapan Campus, the East Boston A-7 police station, the Boston Water & Sewer Commission parking lots in the South End, the BPS Campbell Resource Center in Dorchester, the BPDA-owned Sargent’s Wharf parking lot in the North End, the Boston Transportation Department-owned Sullivan Square parking lots in Charlestown, the BPDA-owned parking lot located at 290 Tremont Street in Chinatown, and 95-133 Magazine St. in the South End. Future planning will take into account the current uses of these sites and how the needs met by each can be addressed onsite or in another location, according to

the city.

“This audit presents us with real opportunities to address our city’s housing needs and build affordable housing across Boston,” Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon said in a press release. “With this information and transformative investments from the American Rescue Plan, we look forward to significant, community focused affordable housing investments in Boston.”

The city and its municipal agencies oversee 176.9 million square feet of land across Boston – representing 2,976 unique parcels with potential to fulfill the promise of transformative community development. The audit finds that most vacant and underutilized parcels are already in the pipeline to be developed as affordable housing or preserved as open space, but the City’s land portfolio does include

high-opportunity sites that have not yet been tapped for community-oriented development.

According to the city, of all the sites: 106 sites (9%) of vacant or underutilized parcels present high opportunity for development due to their size and/or transit oriented location, but are not yet in a pipeline for development; 345 sites (28%) of vacant or underutilized parcels are currently under an active, ongoing process to dispose of the land. The disposition process for the future of these properties have included significant community planning and visioning; 526 sites (42%) of vacant or underutilized parcels are already in a pipeline for potential future projects; and 261 sites (21%) of vacant or underutilized parcels present little opportunity for development or community use and should not be considered further for advancing

community-oriented development.

Like all BPDA and city-owned parcels in the City of Boston, any Request for Proposal (RFP) released for public land will be required to respond to the BPDA’s Diversity and Inclusion evaluation requirements, and outline commitments to include Minority and Women-owned business enterprises (M/WBEs) in all aspects of their development. The criteria is weighted at 25 percent of the total evaluation of each proposal.

The city welcomes residents to share suggestions for potential uses on the City’s vacant land via the feedback form found at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSehflvpwH53R\\_AKfym-wLPTTcbAmdK0eqO40gyr-ta6Y8ufndQw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSehflvpwH53R_AKfym-wLPTTcbAmdK0eqO40gyr-ta6Y8ufndQw/viewform).

To review the full land audit report, visit <https://www.boston.gov/housing/citywide-land-audit>.

## Aspire’s home run 20th anniversary celebration at Fenway Park

On May 25, 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

Eloators, 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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# “The Voice”’s Andrew Marshall shines at MGH CenterStage

Special to the Times

Last week, Andrew Marshall, finalist of NBC’s “The Voice” Season 20, and local singing group Voices of Hope performed at Mass General Cancer Center’s signature event, CenterStage, which raised more than \$2.2 million for cancer research and development.

Co-chairs Isabelle and Ian Loring gathered with about 300 guests at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, for a beautiful evening of storytelling and celebration to honor progress in the fight against cancer.

Andrew Marshall’s incredible story was one of many shared at the CenterStage event. Marshall is a Boxford native 23-year-old who underwent treatment for acute lymphocytic leukemia at MGH for almost four years. At the age of 16, Marshall came to MGH after he suddenly developed jaundiced eyes. He spent three days in the hospital being tested for a number of possible causes – tuberculosis, hepatitis, mononucleosis, and even leukemia. The tests all came back negative. It wasn’t until Alison Friedmann, MD, clinical director of the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Unit at Mass General for Children, insisted upon one further test that Marshall’s



MGH CenterStage Co-Chairs Ian and Isabelle Loring.

diagnosis was finally determined.

Throughout his treatment, music remained Marshall’s passion and got him through his darkest times. He used music therapy via the Mass General Cancer Center Katherine A. Gallagher Integrative Therapies Program to gain his strength and his confidence to play music again. Though there was a point he thought he would never sing again, he rose through the ranks as one of the favorites contestants on “The Voice” Sea-



Dr. Effi Hochberg, Dr. Claudia Hochberg, Isabelle Loring and Ian Loring at MGH CenterStage.

son 20 in 2021.

“I don’t know how my life will pan out,” said Marshall. “‘The Voice’ has opened so many doors for me in terms of music and my future – but if the time comes, I would go back to school to become a music therapist, really

because of the incredible people I encountered at Mass General and the kindness and passion they showed for their work.”

To learn more about Mass General Cancer Center and its extraordinary work, visit [www.massgeneral.org/cancer-center](http://www.massgeneral.org/cancer-center).

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The Voice finalist Andrew Marshall at MGH CenterStage.



Actors Marianne Leone and Chris Cooper at MGH CenterStage.



Andrew Marshall with Voices of Hope at MGH CenterStage.

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# CHARLES RIVER CONSERVANCY HOSTS CITY SPLASH

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

City Splash has been held since 2013 but has missed the past four years due to the Covid Pandemic and bad weather. Swimmers registered to participate and were able

to dive into a sectioned off area of the Charles River by Fiedler Field on The Esplanade. The event is organized by the Charles River Conservancy and is a part of

Waterfront Wellness Week, highlighting the importance of being able to utilize the various waterfront resources the City Of Boston offers.



City Splash made good waves with Bostonians.



Michelle Sparks flies into the Charles River.



Unable to join in due to a recently acquired tattoo, Jamie Carty takes a selfie with friends Ally MacLean and Michelle Sparks bobbing in the water.



Massachusetts State Senator Will Brownsburger (right) and his daughter, Louise, enjoy the swim.



Lifeguard Cheryl Cote (right) goes over safety rules with this round of swimmers.

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# CHARLES RIVER CONSERVANCY HOSTS CITY SPLASH

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Eden Weinflash savors the thrill of flight before contact with the water.



Ruthie Poole takes a plunge into the Charles River.



Ian Karby (above and below) picks a stylish approach for his plunge into the water.



Tarun Naidu and Alfonso Samano.



Ruthie Poole gives her review of City Splash with a thumbs-up and a quote of "It's a blast."



South Boston has the Polar Bear Swimmers so the Charles River has the "Canary Club" swimmers of which Mike Milan is a proud member.



Matt Drosselmeier emerges from the water to take another dive in.



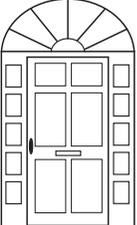
Reilly Kiernan jumps in.



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## MGFC HOSTS 23RD STORYBOOK BALL FUNDRAISER

On June 1, Mass General for Children (MGfC) hosted a lively cocktail party at the Boston Harbor Hotel to kick-off the 23rd season of its signature fundraiser, Storybook Ball. In the beautiful water-side terrace, co-chairs Fiona and James Benenson and Rachel and Bill Motley announced this

year's fundraising focus: Newborn Medicine. Cassandra Kelleher, MD, Surgical Director, Fetal Care Program and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and Emily Herzberg, MD, Assistant in Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology and Newborn Medicine, shared poignant stories with guests, showing how

MGfC provides individualized care for new mothers and their families before, during, and after childbirth.

Storybook Ball will be held at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston on Saturday, October 1st in the theme of Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, the bestselling children's

book where letters of the alphabet work together to climb a tree, with no shortage of bumps and bruises along the way. This highly anticipated black-tie event is designed by longtime partner Rafanelli Events and raises funds for the important research initiatives and vital patient care service programs at MGfC. Proceeds from Storybook Ball over the past decade

have allowed MGfC to provide extraordinary care to its youngest patients and their families, to recruit and support the best physicians, surgeons and researchers, and to speed the development of new technologies and cutting-edge research that can transform clinical approaches locally and globally. Visit [storybookballboston.org](http://storybookballboston.org) to learn more.

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From left to right: James Benenson III, Emily Herzberg, MD, Cassandra Kelleher, MD, Allan Goldstein, MD, Rachel Motley, and Ronald Kleinman, MD, at the Storybook Ball reception.

## Medical society urges water safety and training for swimmers

“Over the last few weeks, Massachusetts has seen several water-related tragedies and individuals running into trouble in the water.

“As the summer nears, the physicians of the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) strongly advise everyone to use caution and vigilance to avoid danger in and around the water. Many public and private settings in which swimming and other in-water activities occur have reported lifeguard positions are understaffed.

“Regardless of one’s proficiency as a swimmer or whether the lake, pool, or beach has a lifeguard on duty, adults should never swim alone and, importantly, never leave a child unsupervised in or around water. When watching children in the water, those supervising must dedicate 100 percent of their attention to keeping their eyes on those who are in or close to the water.

“Drownings can occur in just a matter of seconds. Victims often struggle silently and may not yell, scream, flail or otherwise physical-

ly signal that they are in distress.

“Supervisors should never leave the area, nor should they become distracted by things like phones or books. Do not consume alcohol or drugs when swimming or when responsible for watching others in or around water. When boating, all participants should wear US Coast Guard-approved life jackets.

“If you own a pool or are visiting a pool, please make sure that all local safety requirements are being met, including and especially measures designed to ensure that children cannot gain access to an unsupervised pool.

“We strongly recommend that parents and guardians look into swimming lessons for children through the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the YMCA or other local programs. Additionally, please consider taking a course in CPR or renewing your CPR certification.

“We wish you a safe and happy summer.”



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Nomicos, Nicholas G	Champlin, Kirsten	314 Beacon St #5	\$2,785,000
Nomicos, Nicholas G	Champlin, Kirsten	314 Beacon St #6	\$2,785,000
Truong, Duc	Bbreh LLC	371 Beacon St #7	\$715,000
Kotalik, Mia	Zohar, Daphne	2 Clarendon St #102	\$924,000
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27 Comm Ave LLC	Gmvmcomm LLC	25 Commonwealth Ave #27	\$12,000,000
Lucca, Mario	Destiny MA Properties LL	180 Commonwealth Ave #23	\$1,295,000
Pyle, Nye S	95 Beacon Capital LLC	197 Commonwealth Ave #4	\$1,762,500
Max J Brown RET	Gross, Paul	239 Commonwealth Ave #21	\$1,225,000
Russom, Morgan	Fernandez, Conor	46 Dartmouth St #3	\$1,550,000
Donovan, Carrie	Kelley, Megan	1 Marlborough St #4	\$2,155,000
Victoria, Teresa	HBP LLC	110 Marlborough St #3	\$3,350,000
Reed, Angel H	Jones, Michael	220 Marlborough St #6	\$4,225,000
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Sheilds, Anna B	Sung A Kim Park T	41-43 Phillips St #13	\$2,150,000
Kwon, Young-Min	Mckenna, Karen A	15 River St #603	\$700,000
Ciecko, Mariusz A	Wood, Ryan	8 Whittier Pl #22G	\$430,000
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Braga, David A	Kraft, Philip	71 Montgomery St	\$4,400,000
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## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The windows in the last clue are on 79 Charles Street. This is the home of Nino's Pizza. Since 1971, this family business has been serving pizzas, calzones, salads, and more to their customers from Beacon Hill and beyond.

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## THIS WEEK'S CLUE



# LEGALS

## LEGAL NOTICE

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Estate of:  
Yining Wang  
Date of Death: 01/09/2022

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Junliang Wang of Baoshan District, CN requesting that the court enter a formal Decree and Order

and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Junliang Wang of Baoshan District, CN be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/07/2022.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### MCCORMICK HAS BEEN NAMED TO THE DEAN'S LIST

Caroline McCormick of Beacon Hill has been named to the University of Delaware Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester.

To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

### MARTIN EARNS DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Chelton Martin of Beacon Hill graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Medical Radiation Sciences during commencement ceremonies in May, 2022.

This year's commencement at the University of Vermont-the 221st in its history-marked a

return to a traditional celebration outdoors on the University Green after two years of re-imagined ceremonies due to pandemic restrictions.

Erik Weihenmayer, one of the most renowned adventurers of the 21st century-best known as the first blind person to summit Mount Everest-urged graduates and family members to emulate a climber in their lives, not to quit or settle comfortably like a camper half-way up the peak. "Climbers understand life's an ongoing, never-ending process of reaching out into the darkness," he said, "reaching towards immense possibilities."

The ceremony was especially meaningful for UVM President Suresh Garimella-his third as president but the first one on the Green. Garimella conferred degrees on an estimated 3,332 graduates, including 2,558 bachelors, 515 masters, 131 doctoral and 118 medical

degree recipients. Degree recipients hail from 44 states; among the graduates were 122 international students from 27 foreign countries. Approximately 1,057 of the graduates are from Vermont. The graduating class includes approximately 415 students of color.

Since 1791, the University of Vermont has worked to move humankind forward. Committed to both research and teaching, UVM professors -- world-class researchers, scholars, and artists -- bring their discoveries into the classroom and their students into the field. Located in Burlington, Vermont, one of the nation's most vibrant small cities and top college towns, UVM is a Public Ivy and top 100 national research university educating 10,700 undergraduate students, 1,627 graduate students, 776 certificate and non-degree students, and 478 M.D. students in the Larner College of Medicine.

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## MGC releases May gross gaming revenue

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission reported today that the month of May 2022 at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC), MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor generated approximately \$91 million in Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR).

PPC, a category 2 slots facility, is taxed on 49% of GGR. Of that

total taxed amount, 82% is paid to Local Aid and 18% is allotted to the Race Horse Development Fund. MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor, category 1 resort-casinos, are taxed on 25% of GGR; those monies are allocated to several specific state funds as determined by the gaming statute.

To date, the Commonwealth

has collected approximately \$1.101 billion in total taxes and assessments from PPC, MGM and Encore since the respective openings of each gaming facility.

View comprehensive revenue reports for each gaming licensee here. MGC issues monthly revenue reports on the 15th of each month or next business day.



# REVENUE REPORT

## MAY 2022

## GROSS GAMING REVENUE

## TAXES

Casino	Category	Gross Gaming Revenue	Taxes
MGM SPRINGFIELD SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	TABLE	\$4,039,067.85	
	SLOTS	\$17,113,181.60	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,152,249.45</b>	<b>\$5,288,062.36</b>
ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	TABLE	\$25,408,848.58	
	SLOTS	\$32,624,183.92	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,033,032.50</b>	<b>\$14,508,258.13</b>
PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO SUBJECT TO 49% TAXES	SLOTS	\$11,731,163.49	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,731,163.49</b>	<b>\$5,748,270.11</b>

TOTAL TAXES

**\$25,544,590.60**

# Massachusetts House passes comprehensive behavioral health legislation

The Massachusetts House of Representatives last week passed comprehensive legislation addressing longstanding issues with our behavioral health care delivery system. The bill focuses on acute psychiatric care and crisis response, youth behavioral health initiatives, community-based behavioral health services, investments in the workforce, and enforcement of existing behavioral health parity laws.

“I’m proud of the legislation passed by the House today that builds on our long-standing efforts to advance important reforms and substantial investments that are aimed at improving our behavioral health care delivery system,” said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “From addressing the behavioral health crisis that our young people are currently experiencing, to our efforts to alleviate emergency department boarding, to provisions that will bring us closer to treating mental and physical health equally, this legislation will benefit all residents in the Commonwealth when accessing critical health care. I would like to thank Chairman Adrian Madaro for his hard work, and for his commitment to producing a strong bill.”

“Everyone deserves access to quality mental health services, yet far too many people face unnecessary barriers to care. This bill reaffirms the House’s commitment to increasing access to behavioral health care across Massachusetts,” said Representative Adrian Madaro (D-East Boston), Chair of the Mental Health, Substance Use, and Recovery Committee. “For too long, the healthcare system has not treated behavioral health as equal to physical health,

creating obstacles in addressing the mental health crisis, which has on been exacerbated by the pandemic. That’s why this timely piece of legislation makes critical steps toward prioritizing mental health services for people across the Commonwealth, including our youth who have been acutely affected, and those who face challenges in getting the care they need. These policies reflect our strong belief that behavioral health care is essential.”

Highlights of the bill include:

Initiatives to address emergency department boarding:

- Creating online portals that provide access to real-time data on youth and adults seeking mental health and substance use services, including a function that allows health care providers to easily search and find open beds

- Requiring the Health Policy Commission (HPC) to prepare and publish a report every three years on the status of pediatric behavioral health

- Codifying an expedited psychiatric inpatient admissions (EPIA) advisory council to reduce hospital emergency department boarding, including a protocol to expedite placement into appropriate care settings for patients under the age of 18

988 implementation and 911 expansion:

This legislation seeks to increase behavioral health care access across the Commonwealth through the implementation of the nationwide 988 hotline to access 24/7 suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis services. This legislation also expands 911 to bridge the gap until 988 is implemented by increasing training, funding, and capacity for regional emergency responses to

behavioral health crises.

Red flag laws and Extreme Risk Protection Order:

This bill initiates a public awareness campaign on the Commonwealth’s red flag laws and Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs), passed by the Legislature in 2018, that limit access to guns for people at risk of hurting themselves or others.

Full-system accountability for parity:

This bill tackles disparities in mental health and other forms of health care by giving the state additional tools to enforce existing parity laws, such as:

- Requiring licensed mental health professionals to be available during all operating hours of an emergency department (including via telehealth)

- Codifying hospital clinical competencies and operational standards and directing the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to establish a complaint process for alleged violations

- Directing DMH to create a comprehensive plan to address access to continuing care beds, intensive residential treatment programs, and community-based programs for patients awaiting discharge from acute psychiatric hospital units

- Implementing mental health watch reforms in correctional settings, including changes to the referral to mental health process for those who are incarcerated or detained, and establishing a process for a person on mental health watch for longer than 72 hours to petition to be transferred

School-based behavioral health services and programming:

- Limiting the use of suspension and expulsion in all licensed early

education and care programs

- Requiring school districts to adopt a behavioral health crisis response plan which may be based on a cost-neutral model plan to be developed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

- Creating a statewide program to help schools implement school-based behavioral health services

Access points for youth for effective behavioral health treatment:

- Creating a complex care resolution panel to ensure children with complex behavioral health needs are assisted quickly and with cross-agency support and coordination

- Requiring behavioral health assessments and referrals for children entering the foster care system

- Empowering the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) to receive complaints from children and families and to assist them in resolving issues with access to behavioral health services

Expanded insurance coverage:

This legislation requires insurance coverage of critical behavioral health services, including:

- Emergency service programs
- Services provided under psychiatric collaborative care models

- Mental health acute treatment, community-based acute treatment, and intensive community-based acute treatment without prior authorization

- Annual mental health wellness exams

Workforce investments:

This proposal builds upon the Behavioral Health Trust Fund by carving out specific grant programs for health care providers, which would finance:

- Workforce Pipeline Investments: a scholarship program to support a culturally, ethnically, and linguistically diverse behavioral health workforce, with a focus on clinicians who commit to serving high-need populations.

- Integrated Care: a grant program to expand integrated care models that enable providers to expand their practices to provide behavioral health care in primary care settings

- Support for Providers: a grant program to promote the mental health and wellbeing of providers

Behavioral health parity implementation and enforcement:

This legislation tackles the disparity by health plans to reimburse mental health services at lower rates than other forms of health care by providing the Commonwealth additional tools to enforce existing parity laws and promote compliance.

This legislation enhances oversight of parity compliance by:

- Requiring carriers to comply with annual reporting requirements

- Directing the Division of Insurance (DOI) to review and ensure insurer compliance with parity laws

- Authorizing the Office of Patient Protection (OPP) to identify and refer potential parity violations that arise during OPP grievance reviews to the DOI and the AG’s office

“An Act addressing barriers to care for mental health” (H.4879) passed the House of Representatives 155-0 after a similar version of this legislation passed in the Massachusetts State Senate. The legislation moves back to the Senate for further consideration.

## Treasurer Goldberg announces formation of Baby Bonds Task Force

State Treasurer Goldberg announced last week a group of experts, leaders, and community members to spearhead the Baby Bonds Task Force. This Task Force is charged with providing the Treasurer, the Office of Economic Empowerment, and the Economic Empowerment Trust Fund with recommendations on creating a Baby Bonds initiative in Massachusetts. The Task Force will meet monthly and will provide their final recommendations by November, ahead of the legislative filing deadline.

Baby Bonds is an initiative that provides government-supported trust funds for children. When account holders reach adulthood,

they can access their funds and spend it on assets that can grow over time or generate wealth (e.g., higher education, buying a home, starting a business, etc.). Studies show Baby Bonds can help close the racial wealth gap.

The Task Force’s diverse cross-sectoral group is filled with people who have expertise and lived experience in racial wealth equity, community engagement, child welfare, and asset-growth initiatives. The members’ personal experiences and professional backgrounds will help the Task Force design a Baby Bonds program that is feasible, impactful, lasting, and tailored specifically to Massachusetts. The Task Force will be

chaired by former Massachusetts State Treasurer Shannon O’Brien. A full list of Task Force members can be found on our website, [www.mass.gov/babybonds](http://www.mass.gov/babybonds).

“Baby Bonds has the potential to narrow the racial wealth gap and provide our youngest generation with a foundation for success in adulthood,” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “Our task force members have multiple and diverse experiences in developing impactful programs that make a difference for Massachusetts residents of all backgrounds.”

“As a former Massachusetts State Treasurer, I am so thrilled to work alongside Treasurer Goldberg to improve the lives of all

children and set up our economy for continued success,” said former State Treasurer and Baby Bonds Task Force Chair Shannon O’Brien. “Baby Bonds presents Massachusetts with an opportunity to close the racial wealth gap and create a bright future for all newborn Bay Staters.”

Several policy proposals on Baby Bonds have been introduced on the federal level, including Massachusetts Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley’s American Opportunity Accounts Act, which would establish federally funded savings accounts for all children in the United States. Multiple cities and states are exploring or have launched these wealth-generating

programs as well, including Washington, D.C. and Connecticut.

Treasurer Goldberg created the Office of Economic Empowerment (OEE) with the goal of increasing financial stability for everyone in Massachusetts. The office works to promote programs that serve women, families, high school students, Veterans, and seniors. Its initiatives focus on closing the race and gender wage gap, racial equity, increasing access to financial education, improving college affordability, and investing in STEM careers and education.

## FRESH AND LOCAL

# Support those who feed us

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

There are ways you can support the restaurants and local farmers who have dealt with so many difficulties since the beginning of the pandemic. We were very aware of the problems our friends in the hospitality industry have overcome and are still working around. These range from supply chain disruptions, inflationary prices for food and supplies, the cost of outdoor seating, and staff shortages. They deal with customers who are angry about regulations, price increases, and missing menu items.

### Local Farmers Too!

It should have been evident that our local farms and farmers' market staff were dealing with similar problems. We stopped to say hello to a favorite farmer at our local market recently while she was having lunch. You could see the stress in her expression as she told us about customers criticizing her and her staff about price increases.

She and her family have had to work longer hours because they

can't get the help they need. The price they pay for supplies and equipment has skyrocketed. For example, the cost of diesel fuel for their farm equipment and the trucks they drive to markets has more than doubled.

Another market vendor with prepared foods could not get the aluminum containers for one of her most popular items and lost sales and disappointed her customers.

What's more, there is no immediate hope in sight. A New York Times report did not see any improvement in the supply chain issues in 2022. While a headline in The Guardian read, "Global supply chain crisis could last another two years, warn experts."

### How to Help

You can start by being more patient and understanding. Local restaurant owners and farmers operate on tiny profit margins and have very stressful businesses.

Try a new menu item or a daily special instead of complaining that your favorite lobster roll is

unavailable or too expensive. Go to your favorite restaurants during off-hours and days. Bring containers for any food you want to take home. Finally, tip well and try to be kind to the staff.

Stop whining about the price of eggs at the farm stand. Instead, buy some produce to make a frittata instead of eggs-over-easy for breakfast. Continue to purchase the excellent quality that local farms provide. However, don't waste any of the food you do buy. Visit the markets more often. Buy what you need and use all of it.

Choose what's in season and what the farm has in abundance. These items represent the best value at the stand. Feel free to ask for guidance on what is a good buy that day.

Join their Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program if you want a farm to succeed. The money you give them upfront at the beginning of each season means they can borrow less from their bank at ever-increasing interest rates.



Local farms and farmers' market staff face the same problems as restaurants, with customers complaining about prices and shortages.

### Face Reality

We have lost so many restaurants, and that hurts. We miss many professionals who have left the hospitality business because of the stress, danger, and lost income from the pandemic. Those who remain need to be treated respectfully by customers and feel that they are valued, or they too may move on to other fields.

If we begin to lose local farms

and use agricultural land for other purposes, we jeopardize our regional food security. And this will happen just as more of us turn to local food producers for healthier and more environmentally-friendly meals.

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