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Above, listeners enjoying a BHWF meeting at the Hampshire House in September 2021.



Right, ladies gathering for a cocktail hour at the Hampshire House during the March 2022 BHWF.

Join BHWF for the 2022-2023 Season

By Marianne Salza

The Beacon Hill Women's Forum (BHWF) has been uniting the community through entertaining and educational social functions since 2013, when Beacon Hill resident, Lisa Macalaster, founded the organization with the intention of encouraging the ladies of the neighborhood to "connect, inspire, and enjoy." Nearly a decade later, BHWF has flourished into a supportive circle of diverse, engaging women.

"It's been great getting to know the amazing women of BHWF and making lasting friendships," said Shaili Gupta, who will be serving as the co-president with Wendy Oleksiak during the upcoming 2022-2023 season, beginning in early September.

Gupta, a management consultant, joined BHWF on the first day that she moved to Beacon Hill, and hopes to continue building and nourishing the group of accomplished professionals.

"I was new to the area and looking to make friends and get to know my neighbors," described Gupta. "A friend of mine who was part of BHWF recommended it, and I can't thank her enough."

The Beacon Hill Women's Forum meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6-8pm, September - May at the Hampshire House, 84 Beacon Street. The evening includes a cocktail hour and cash bar; and highlights insightful locals who share their personal stories during the speaker series, when entrepreneurs, scientists, mothers, and civic leaders

discuss topics such as developing one's professional business, celebrating families, and following passions.

The first forum will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 6-8pm, featuring Leslie Adam's presentation, "Hey Park Lady - Why I Love These Three Parks and This Special Community."

"I love the forums," Gupta emphasized. "The forum is like an intimate conversation. The goal is to get to know the person and their struggles along with their accomplishments. This is where BHWF differentiates itself. Anyone can find a great talk about wins on YouTube, but it'll be tough to find a place where you can get to know the story behind the 10 years it

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City proposes zoning amendments for cannabis establishments

By Dan Murphy

With an eye on promoting equity in the industry, the city is recommending that zoning guidelines for cannabis establishments be amended to not only remove the required half-mile buffer zone between dispensaries, but also to change their designation from "Conditional Use" to "Allowed Use" in all non-residential districts.

The city's Zoning Commission had already enacted zoning that designated cannabis establishments as "conditional use" in commercial and industrial zoning sub-districts before the 2019 creation of the Boston Cannabis Board (BCB), which, according to the city, was "established to develop regulations and procedures for evaluating proposed cannabis

establishment licensing applications and ensuring the equitable regulation of the industry."

Today, 12 cannabis establishments are operating in the City of Boston after they all secured zoning relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals and were also licensed by the BCB – a two-part process that many believe has resulted in redundancies, and in some cases, has put the Zoning Board's determinations at odds with the BCB's rulings on the same applications.

"To remedy this situation, the City of Boston has recommended amending the Zoning Code to treat Cannabis Establishments in the same way that retail uses are treated, Allowed in commercial and business sub-districts but

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Tickets now on sale for BHCA Birthday Bash

Special to the Times

The Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA) has a very big birthday this year and is not at all shy saying so. It is turning 100!

That's quite a record. It's also quite a good reason to hold a very big celebration. Beacon Hillers are invited to join in a festive dinner on Saturday, September 17, as part of the Centennial Celebration Weekend. Tickets are \$160 per person and selling quickly (the evening is capped at 275) so neighbors should purchase them now at bhcivic.org.

The evening's attendees will be

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ENJOY A GREAT -- AND SAFE -- LABOR DAY WEEKEND

With the weatherman predicting a superb Labor Day weekend, we hope that all of our readers will have a chance to make the most of the final weekend of the summer season.

The Summer of '22 overall has been a great one that, we hope, has created memories that will last a lifetime for our families. The coming Labor Day weekend promises to give us one final opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in whatever way we choose.

However, as always, we urge our readers to do so safely, not only for ourselves, but also for our family members, friends, and loved ones, whether we are on land or on the water.

None of us wants to be a tragic statistic, and that means making sure that we ourselves and those around us do not overindulge in alcohol. Yes, accidents do happen even under the best of circumstances, but generally speaking, no one ever gets hurt by being sober. It's when two beers become four or more that the chances for a tragedy increase exponentially.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Labor Day weekend.

SCHOOL'S BACK -- DRIVE WITH CAUTION

With schools back in session this week after the summer vacation, morning rush-hour commuters need to readjust our driving habits to ensure that we take into account the thousands of children who will be filling our streets during our morning commute.

We'll be honest and admit that school buses, school crossing guards, etc. are a pain in the neck, especially if we're running a bit late on our way to work.

But that is no excuse for ANY sort of driving behavior that does not take into account the safety of the children in our communities.

Every morning commuter needs to be a patient and defensive driver, especially in the first few weeks of school, when youthful exuberance typically results in kids dashing out into the street to greet friends for the start of the new school year.

Each of us is responsible not only for our safety, but also for the safety of others when we are behind the wheel of a motor vehicle -- and that is doubly true when school is back in session.

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MBTA fall service cuts are yet another hit to mobility in Greater Boston and the region

By Jascha Franklin-Hodge

Wednesday's announcement by the MBTA that it would sustain and deepen service cuts on the rapid transit system and bus network puts the region's transportation future in jeopardy. Federal, state, and local officials must work together to restore critical services as quickly as possible. These service cuts will overlap with the unprecedented Orange and Green Line shutdowns, compounding significant challenges for riders and the region, and raising serious equity, mobility, environmental, and economic concerns. Magnifying the impact of chronic underinvestment in infrastructure, these cuts underscore the MBTA's continued inability to address critical systemic staffing issues.

Transit is essential to Boston and the consequences of diminished service are felt every day by riders. These cuts will ripple across our region this fall as students return to school, more workers return to the office, and the Orange Line resumes service with the expectation of major improvements. To

rebuild trust in transit, we call on Secretary Buttigieg and members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation to work with the MBTA and the FTA to restore safe, reliable service to Boston and the region. We must:

- Find accelerated solutions to the rail dispatcher shortage that has resulted in substantial reduction in rail service since June. As additional dispatchers enter service, the MBTA, with support from the FTA, must prioritize restoration of peak period service levels as quickly as possible.

- Immediately address the critical shortage of bus operators which has led to dwindling service for the most loyal and transit-dependent riders. The Department of Transportation and Department of Labor must work with the MBTA, state officials, and labor unions to understand and remove the barriers to attracting this essential workforce, financial or contractual.

- Support improved MBTA communication with riders in advance of any significant future service disruptions that may be necessary to address safety defi-

cencies identified by the FTA.

- Provide regular progress reports to the public on staffing levels and targets, headways, and ridership impacts in order to maintain transparency and rebuild trust.

In addition to the direct impact on mobility and quality of life for the people of Metro Boston, the MBTA's inability to provide full service will increase some of the nation's worst congestion, further lock in unsustainable travel patterns, and make our decarbonization goals more difficult to reach. While safety must be the MBTA's number one priority, the MBTA needs the support of every level of government to urgently implement a plan to address safety and provide robust, reliable, and equitable transit options to support commuting and mobility within the region. We stand ready and eager to partner on these needs and accelerate the return of safe, reliable service that our communities deserve.

Jascha Franklin-Hodge is Mayor Michelle Wu's Chief of Streets, LivableStreets Alliance, A Better City, and Transit Matters.

LETTERS to the Editor

NORMALLY TRANQUIL NEIGHBORHOOD

To the Editor,

This past Sunday before 8 a.m., a walk in support of the Susan G. Komen Foundation took place down Mount Vernon Street. With all due respect to the charity, this unprecedented walk upset the normally tranquil neighborhood on the weekend. Hopefully, the permit which was granted to the organizers of this walk will not be issued to other charities but will restrict their route to the Bos-

ton Common as has been the case heretofore.

Bob Hodakowski

DOCTORS URGE VACCINATIONS FOR STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL

To the Editor,

As schools in the Commonwealth prepare to open for the new academic year, the physicians of the Massachusetts Medical

Society (MMS), the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MCAAP) and the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians (MassAFP) strongly encourage parents and guardians to ensure that their children are up to date on all vaccinations and boosters, including those that reduce the effects of and transmission of COVID-19 and those required to attend school.

The importance of in-person learning and its positive effect on

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Baker-Polito Administration recognizes Overdose Awareness Day and Recovery Month

In recognition of Overdose Awareness Day, an annual observance in Massachusetts and around the world, Gov. Charlie Baker, Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders, Department of Public Health Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Barrele, DPH Director of Bureau of Substance Addiction Services Deirdre Calvert, and other state and local officials today joined families, friends, and volunteers in planting 20,000 flags on Boston Common, signifying the Massachusetts residents who died as a result of drug overdose in the past 10 years. The Baker-Polito Administration also

issued a proclamation declaring Aug. 31st Overdose Awareness Day across the Commonwealth.

The purple flags were planted at the Common's Liberty Mall in front of the State House to honor and remember individuals who lost their lives to overdose, acknowledge the loss felt by family and friends, raise awareness, and remove the stigma of drug-related deaths. An information booth was set up to offer addiction prevention and recovery support resources.

Following the planting of the flags, a moment of silent reflection was observed. In addition to the flag display, several state bridges

and buildings are being lit up in purple.

Overdose Awareness Day is followed by Recovery Month, a national observance held in September to promote hope and recovery from addiction. Recovery Month celebrations and events will be held across the state. For information about these events, visit www.MOAR.org.

The Baker-Polito Administration remains focused on the opioid epidemic and continues to invest millions of dollars to expand a wide range of harm reduction, substance use awareness, treatment intervention, and recovery

services. The Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) budget passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Baker last month invests \$597.2 million in total funding for a wide range of services that support individuals struggling with substance addiction and programs that work to prevent substance addiction through education, prescription monitoring, and more. This historic investment represents a four-fold investment in state funding to tackle the addiction crisis since 2015.

DPH has also expanded harm reduction programs as part of its overall overdose prevention

efforts, including low-threshold housing (transitional and permanent), post-overdose support teams for overdose survivors, and mobile addiction services to improve access to treatment.

To learn more about Massachusetts' efforts to reduce addiction and prevent stigma, visit www.mass.gov/opioids.

If you or a friend or family member is struggling with substance use, please call the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline at 800-327-5050, or visit <https://helplinem.a.org/>.

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remain Forbidden in residential sub-districts," according to the Boston Planning & Development Agency's website. "The process for seeking zoning relief through the Zoning Board of Appeal has been made redundant by the Boston Cannabis Boards process and regulations so the time is right to phase out the ZBA requirement."

In an Aug. 29 letter to BPDA Director J. Arthur Jemison, District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok wrote that she supports the removal of the half-mile buffer zone rule from the zoning code because "as a specialized body considering the emergence of the cannabis industry across the whole city, the BCB is better positioned than the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to weigh the different factors in considering whether an exception to the half-mile buffer zone is appropriate or not."

Councilor Bok added that the addition of two new members with "relevant expertise" to the BCB (increasing the board's ranks from five to seven members) would "help it weigh these issues, and make location considerations more central to the BCB's grading rubric."

(The BCB uses a scoring sheet to rate applicants that takes into

account four criteria, including the business's diversity and inclusion plan; its employment plan; community feedback and public support; and location, safety, and security.)

"I believe this is an appropriate streamlining of the process, and I believe that we have seen the BCB's deliberations reflect an enhanced consideration of location dynamics over the past year," Councilor Bok wrote.

Regarding the second proposed change to the city's guidelines for cannabis establishments from "Conditional Use" to "Allowed Use" in all non-residential districts, Councilor Bok wrote, "I represent a number of parts of the City in which residential and business uses are extremely cheek-by-jowl; such areas of my district are in fact often home to many more residents than areas of the City commonly described as 'residential.' This mix of uses makes for dynamic, vibrant urban neighborhoods, but of course can also result in certain tensions."

One method developed for addressing tension in these neighborhoods is to designate all business uses as "Conditional," wrote Councilor Bok, to encourage businesses to meet with residents, as

well as to adopt certain "protocols" for "trash pickup, hours of operation, deliveries, curb management, etc."

Added Councilor Bok: "Throughout my district, there are numerous areas where resident and commercial stakeholders have gotten together and agreed on local business subdistrict zoning that applies 'conditional' status to nearly all uses – from cafés to liquor stores. In this situation, it would be strangely inconsistent to remove the 'conditional' status only for marijuana retail, as proposed in your petition. Since the BCB does not consider detailed good-neighbor restrictions to be appropriate for inclusion in Host Community Agreements, your petition would mean that the neighborhoods I represent would have standing to seek agreement on matters such as hours and trash pickup in advance of a ZBA vote for a café, but not for a cannabis shop."

At an Aug. 29 virtual meeting sponsored by the BPDA on the proposed zoning changes, City Councilor at-Large Michael Flaherty, who described himself as "one of the chief architects" of the half-mile buffer, said the ZBA should continue to uphold this guideline so as not to inundate any

one neighborhood with an abundance of cannabis establishments.

Councilor Flaherty also predicted that the city would only have a "limited window" to facilitate the opening of Boston's cannabis establishments before the industry is "reclassified" at the federal level.

"Stop & Shop and Walgreens – once they get into the business, it's going to completely change the trajectory of what we're discussing," said Councilor Flaherty.

Brian Keith, Chief Operating Officer of Rooted in Roxbury, said they intend to open an equity retail cannabis shop at 331 Newbury St. this November. Which comes after paying rent at the location for the past two years.

Rooted Roxbury also spent an estimated \$150,000 on attorneys, architects, and consultants before they even filed their application with the city, Keith said, while the ZBA process could double those costs and extend the timeframe – something that could cause the applicant to eventually run out of funds and fail as a business.

Elliott Laffer, who chairs the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, said while the time and cost issues that applicants face are legitimate concerns "so is the desire of the neighborhoods to be

heard."

Since residential and commercial uses are so inextricably linked in the Back Bay, Laffer said, "We need to work really hard so that business neighborhood can be viable, but that the residential neighborhood is viable, too."

Segun Idowu, the city's Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, said while it "made sense" to charge the ZBA with evaluating would-be cannabis establishments in the city prior to the formation of the BCB, now, the ZBA process is now nothing more than an "unnecessary barrier," which can take months to navigate and put an "unnecessary burden" on equity applicants.

As a result, some applicants have found themselves in the unenviable position of having to find another location for their proposed cannabis establishment, or having to sue the city instead, said Idowu.

The BPDA is accepting public comments on the proposed zoning amendments for Boston's cannabis establishments through Sept. 9 via email at bpdarpz@boston.gov.

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the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of children cannot be understated. Public health officials, school officials, school districts, and families must work collaboratively toward a shared goal of an academic year with as little disruption as possible. Vaccines are safe and remain our most effective public health tool to pre-

vent outbreaks of COVID-19 and interruption of day-to-day learning that will result from a significant increase of positive cases.

COVID-19 is still here, it is still a threat to public health, and there exists the likelihood of a surge in the fall and winter. Therefore, it is critically important that schools be prepared to shift quickly to pre-

ventive measures proven to reduce the spread of COVID-19 should community data suggest a significantly increased risk of contracting COVID-19 within the school or in the community.

Our organizations will work closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Massachusetts

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and continue to monitor key data and base real-time COVID-19 guidance on relevant and current public health data. We wish all students, school staff, and families a safe and productive school year.

Dr. Theodore Calianos,
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Positive covid tests continue to drop in Beacon Hill area

By Dan Murphy

The rate of residents from Beacon Hill and the surrounding neighborhoods testing positive for covid continues to drop.

According to data released by the Boston Public Health Commission, 614 residents of the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Downtown, the North End, and West End were tested for COVID-19 between Aug. 16 and Aug. 22, with around 6.3 percent, or 39 individuals, testing positive for the virus. This

was down from the prior week of Aug. 9-15, when 7.6 percent, or 46 individuals, of the 602 individuals tested positive for the virus.

Citywide, 8,750 residents were tested for covid between Aug. 16-23, with 7.8 percent, or 682 individuals, testing positive for the virus. This was a slight decrease from the prior week of Aug. 9-15, when 7.4 percent, or 664 individuals, of the 8,931 individuals city-wide tested positive for the virus.

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WEEKEND EVENTS IN THE AREA

With the end of summer (sadly) around the corner, Labor Day is too! Boston's top restaurants and bars are celebrating the holiday with not-to-miss festivities and fun. With a list of events like movie nights, Drag Shows, Monday Brunch and "all-you-can-bowl", there is something for everyone. Please see below for Labor Day Weekend specials at Alibi Bar and Lounge, Rochambeau Kings Dining and Entertainment, Sonsie, Lansdowne Pub, and Loretta's Last Call.

On Monday, September 5, Alibi Bar & Lounge will be kicking off its "Movie Mondays" series with an outdoor showing of JAWS on its patio. Kicking off at 5 p.m., the event is free to attend and will feature a specialty cocktail, the caramel popcorn old fashioned, as well as popcorn to snack on in addition to its regularly available menu. Movie Mondays will continue with a free movie showing every Monday throughout the fall.

Set in the old "drunk tank" of what was the Charles Street Jail, Alibi is a hot spot for cocktails and late-night snacking. Boasting a cavernous, moody feel adorned in celebrity mugshots, Alibi creates a fun environment for imbibing while nodding to its "criminal" past. With a robust beverage program and complimentary food offerings, Alibi is open seven days a week from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Rochambeau
900 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02115
www.rochambeauboston.com
Located in the heart of the Back

Bay, adjacent to the Prudential Center, Rochambeau will be kicking off brunch early on Monday, September 5th at 11 a.m. Serving up classic French cuisine, brunch favorites include Croque Monsieur with ham, brioche, béchamel, gruyère, pommes frites; Duck Confit Hash with harissa hollandaise poached eggs; and Moules Frites with sauce provencale, white wine, tomato, capers, grilled eggplant.

Kings Dining & Entertainment
All MA locations

<https://www.kings-de.com>

Making it Boston's ultimate gaming headquarters, Kings Back Bay, Seaport, Dedham, Burlington, and Lynnfield locations offer indoor fun for the whole family this Labor Day. Perfect for spending time out of the sun and in the AC, all Kings locations will be offering an "All You Can Play Pass" on Monday, September 5th, which offers guests unlimited bowling, billiards, and arcade games for only \$23- making where to spend one of the last days of summer an easy "gametime" decision.

Sonsie
327 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02115
(617) 351-0400
www.sonsieboston.com

Beloved Newbury Street eatery Sonsie will be opening its doors early for brunch guests on Monday, September 5th at 9:30 a.m. Serving up classic bistro fare and brunch favorites, the menu's most popular dishes include Tempura French Toast with Fruity Pebbles, Strawberry Compote, Cereal Milk Anglaise; the Brunch Pizza with

Bacon, Hen Egg, Home fries, Caramelized Onion, Roasted Tomatoes, Green Onion, Mozzarella, Tabasco, Hollandaise; and the Sonsie Burger with Calabrian Pepper Aioli, Aged Cheddar Cheese, Bread and Butter Pickles, Smoked Bacon.

Lansdowne Pub

1 Lansdowne Street, Boston, MA 02215
www.lansdownepubboston.com

(617) 247-1222

Lansdowne Pub is calling all the single ladies (and men!) to join for a Labor Day Weekend Drag Brunch featuring the Queen Bee herself, Beyonce. Taking place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Drag Tease is your answer for Sunday Funday! Performing along to Beyonce's biggest hits from DJ La Mega Beba, the talented cast of performers includes Chanel Thee Angel, Plane Jane, Doriann Blonch, Cici Crystál, and Arabella The Goddess.

Loretta's Last Call

1 Lansdowne Street, Boston, MA 02215
www.lorettaslastcall.com

(617) 421-9595

Boston's favorite country bar, Loretta's Last Call, will be two-stepping all day long on Sunday, September 4th this Labor Day Weekend at its annual 'Merica All Day Party! Alongside brunch served from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., a full lineup of great live music will keep the party going all day long from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Live music acts will include:

- Brunch | 10:30AM - 4PM
- Rob Joyce | 11AM-2PM
- Line Dancing | 7PM-10PM
- Nick Casey | 10PM-1AM

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three gourmet dinner boxes containing either sliced flank steak, sliced chicken or grilled tofu, accompanied by salad, grilled vegetables, and French rolls.

Bluegrass music will be provided by a trio led by Berklee College

of Music graduate Micah Nicol, a guitarist and singer based in Boston.

"This event promises to be one of the most special in our 100 year history," said BHCA Chair Meghan Awe. "A celebration like

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took to become a success."

The Beacon Hill Women's Forum also offers other monthly activities that strengthen bonds and deepen critical thinking. Architect, Richelle Gewertz, organizes Backyard Adventures, led by speakers or business owners during weekday evenings or weekends. Gewertz coordinates Sunday Funday brunches at the beginning or middle of each month from 11:30am-1:30pm, as well. She plans occasional Laughs & Libations, small get-togethers over drinks, from 7-9pm during unspecified weeknights. Additionally,

Gewertz holds Feast with Friends dinners on the last Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm.

Commercial real estate portfolio manager, Deb Schwartz, organizes Book Club discussions on the third Tuesday of every month from 7-9pm in the Liberty Hotel lobby.

"The Beacon Hill Women's Forum has a number of smaller connection events where you can enjoy an activity with women who have similar interests," Gupta explained. "For example, if you like painting, then in September we have a Paint Night at Rainbows Pottery Studio under our Backyard

this on the picture perfect and transformed street will be one for the ages, and we are honored to celebrate our incredible organization."

Adventures event roster."

The Beacon Hill Women's Forum is welcoming new and seasoned attendees to enlist in an annual membership, valid September 2022- June 2023, for access to social hours and monthly activities. A season pass is \$200 for those ages 35 and over; \$100 for individuals 34 and younger; and \$500 for the Friends of BHWF, which includes an invitation to a special appreciation cocktail event. Visit <https://beaconhillwomensforum.org/> to learn more.

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WEM, The Vilna partner for special walking tour, immigrant stories

The West End Museum and The Vilna are teaming up for a special tour of the historic synagogue and the West End neighborhood on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 10:30 a.m. The event begins with refreshments on the patio at Vilna Shul, 18 Phillips St.

The Vilna Shul was a bustling synagogue and hub for Jewish immigrants in the early 1900s. Inside, participants will see Jewish folk murals discovered under layers of paint during recent renovations. The synagogue closed in 1985 but reopened a decade later with a new vision.

"Through concerts, author talks, film screenings, art exhibits, museum tours, adult learning and more, The Vilna gives voice and meaning to the histories and experiences of Boston's immigrants and newcomers," Dalit Horn, executive director at The Vilna, said in a

press release.

Next, the tour will head outside and around the West End, which attracted thousands of Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe at the turn of the 20th century. Highlights will include the home of Annie Londonderry, a Jewish woman who cycled around the world, and the Old West Church, the former Boston Public Library branch that led Jewish programming.

"We'll talk about the neighborhood culture and why Jewish people came to the West End and why they ultimately left," West End Museum Director Sebastian Bellanti said in a press release.

To learn more about this event - and to register - visit <https://vilnashul.org/events/event/special-tour-of-the-vilna-followed-by-a-walking-tour-of-the-west-end>.



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The Vilna Shul at 18 Phillips St.

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West End Branch Library will be among sites features in 'Book It Around Boston' event

By Dan Murphy

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library will be one of five branch libraries included in "Book It Around Boston" - an event designed to incentivize movement across the city's neighborhoods.

BPL has partnered with Heartbreak Hill Running Co to offer guided routes from BPL locations at the four corners of the city for participants to walk, run, or bike from the start location to other BPL branches, concluding with a warm reception at the Roxbury branch. The event is the kickoff of the BPL Passport initiative, which will roll out in September during Library Card Signup Month, according to a press release.

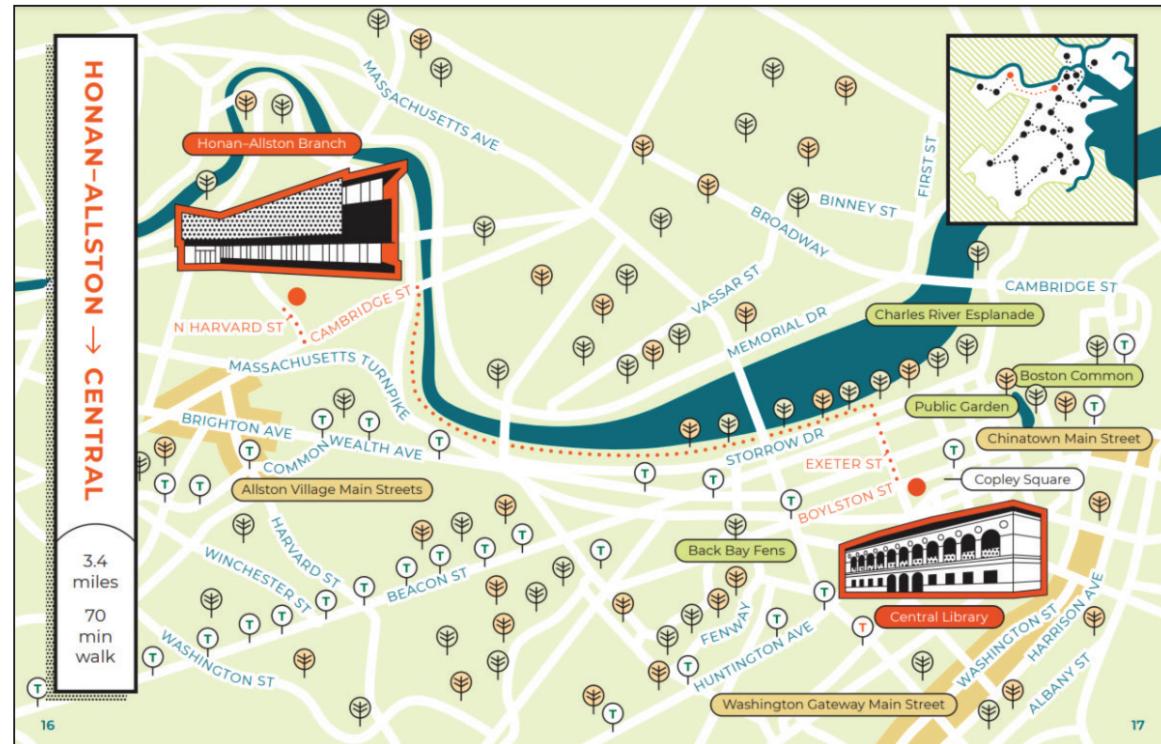
"We are thrilled to launch the BPL Passport and to host the Book it Around Boston event," BPL librarian Maggie Levine said in a statement. "The Passport is a fantastic way to see and experience the many neighborhoods of Boston through the lens of its treasured local libraries. Every branch of the BPL has its own unique personality and important role within the community it serves, and we hope this passport and Book it Around Boston will encourage

Bostonians to get out and explore our wonderful city."

Book it Around Boston will take place on Sep. 10, at 9:30am. Participants can choose one of five branches to start at, depending on how far they would like to walk, run or bike. Besides the West End Branch Library, which is easily accessible to the Chinatown Branch, Central Library in Copley Square, and South End Branch, with the 4-mile route ending at Roxbury Branch, other stops include: Honan-Allston Branch (6 miles): visit Central Library in Copley Square, South End Branch, end at Roxbury Branch; Roslindale Branch (5 miles): visit Grove Hall Branch, end at Roxbury Branch; Fields Corner (2.8 miles): visit Uphams Corner Branch, end at Roxbury Branch; and Parker Hill Branch (0.8 miles): end at Roxbury Branch - this route is recommended for families.

There will be a reception at 10:30 a.m. at the Roxbury Branch, the final stop on all the Book it Around Boston routes. There will be snacks and refreshments served, along with remarks from guest speakers. The first 100 participants to register for the event will also receive a free T-shirt.

"This event is about celebrating



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A page from the BPL Passport showing the route between the Honan-Allston Branch and the Central Library in Copley Square.

accessibility to me," Fitch Henry of Heartbreak Hill Running Company said in a press release. "We are celebrating the accessibility of exercising in a shared outdoor space as well as the accessibility of BPL and its staff: a historical public resource which goes beyond lending out books. I hope people will engage more with the resources their neighborhood library offers."

Added Dan Fitzgerald,

co-founder of Heartbreak Hill Running Company: "Being able to celebrate cross-community movement using our world-class library system as the guide is so exciting. BPL exists in every corner of our city offering free, democratic access to information and education. Running, for us, is always an opportunity to unite people and communities of all backgrounds in sport. I can't wait to bring both together on September 10th!"

All participants will receive a BPL Passport: a new booklet outlining routes to walk, run, or bike between each of the BPL's 26 locations, encouraging residents to get out and explore the city. For each branch participants visit, they will receive a branch stamp in their BPL Passport. BPL Passport booklets will be handed out at the Book it Around Boston starting locations, but can also be used anytime and will be available for patrons to pick up on a first-come-first-serve basis at all BPL locations.

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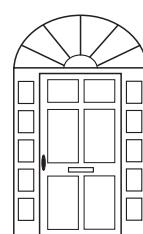
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FRESH AND LOCAL

Add a pinch of time

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

There's a difference between food that takes time to prepare and food that is time-consuming. Plenty of delicious recipes call for hours of preparation. However, they don't need your attention throughout the process. Sometimes adding a pinch of time means less work for the cook.

Autumn and the holiday season bring busier schedules and may need food that you want to make in larger batches. Traditional recipes and warming comfort food can fit nicely into meal planning for a busy cook. The bonus is that many of these oldies-but-goodies need few ingredients and use common pantry items.

Recipe Guidance

We love it when a recipe points out the time you'll need to make it and breaks it down into understandable segments. For example, Marc Bittman's recipe for gravlax lets you know that it will take "at least 24 hours, largely unattended." A recipe for Butternut Squash with Orange Oil and Caramelized Honey in the book "Ottolenghi Test Kitchen Shelf Love" notes: "Prep time: 15 minutes, Cook time: 40 minutes, Infusion time: 20 minutes to 1 hour."

In addition, recipe developers often include suggestions for what you can prepare ahead. Even if

they don't, as you hone your cooking skills, you'll learn that you can sauté aromatics and reheat them as needed.

Make Your Own Timeline

You can also create a do-it-yourself assessment of how much of your attentive time a recipe will take. Let's take Mina Stone's recipe for Revithia sto Fourno (Oven Chickpeas) from "Lemon, Love & Olive Oil." It begins by soaking dried chickpeas overnight. Soaking means planning ahead, but it won't take much of your time.

Next day you put the chickpeas in an ovenproof dish with a lid, add fresh water, quartered onions, unpeeled garlic cloves, bay leaves, salt and olive oil. That step only takes moments and pantry ingredients. You don't have to add shopping time to your day. Cover and bake for four hours.

Finally, add lemon juice, more olive oil, black pepper and correct the seasoning. With the addition of some cheese, bread, and olives you have a traditional Greek meal. You also have a pot of lovely chickpeas to use in other ways.

Again, this is a quick process for the cook. While this recipe in its printed form seems long and daunting and takes more than 16 hours to prepare, those are



A traditional beef stew requires some chopping of ingredients. However, once braising in the oven or simmering on a low burner, the cook is free to do other things.

not contiguous hours and your engaged time between each step is brief.

Other Slow Cook Methods

Braise, roast, poach, smoke, soak, marinate, slow cooker, dutch oven, simmer, and even sous vide are cooking words that might alert you to a cookbook or recipe where a pinch of time will result in a potful of flavor. Many of these

cooking steps are for food that is easy to make in large or small batches and can be made ahead.

Plan Ahead to Slow Down Your Food

The second paragraph of The Slow Food international manifesto reads, "We are enslaved by speed and have all succumbed to the same insidious virus: Fast Life, which disrupts our habits, pervades the privacy of our homes

and forces us to eat Fast Foods."

As you plan meals, remember that you might be able to prepare a healthier, more delicious, and less expensive meal in line with the Slow Food philosophy by adopting recipes that take a long time to create but very little time away from other activities.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

New Concept Spa in Beacon Hill

"The best skin of your life starts now". This is the promise made by Eliane Svelti with her Le Svelte Spa, a new concept opening at 103 Charles Street 2nd floor.



Thanks to Eliane's magic hands and innovative next generation equipment, the Beacon Hill community can have now access to lymphatic drainage and relaxing massages.

Eliane Svelti began a brand new journey as she arrived in the United States in 2015. Born in Rio de Janeiro, nurse by training and inspired by her father she decided to become an esthetician and spent years working in the medical spa industry closely with DRs and NPs.

What you will get at Le Svelte Spa? The best skin of your life plus, obviously plus a gentle Brazilian touch and smile.

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Baker-Polito administration highlights school safety initiatives

Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, joined by Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Jeff Riley, Acting Commissioner of Early Education and Care Amy Kershaw and public safety officials, announced plans to file legislation proposing significant investments in school safety initiatives to support programming, training and resources for schools and districts throughout the Commonwealth. The administration's proposed investments will expand its ongoing commitment to deliver a safe and secure learning environment for all Massachusetts students.

"As children return full-time to the classroom this fall, we want parents and educators to know that our administration is always working to improve and build on all the resources available to districts to make their schools as secure as possible," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Our administration has and will continue to provide critical resources for students, staff, families and first responders while making significant investments in training for first responders and school staff so they can

protect Massachusetts schools."

"Children, teachers and staff deserve to feel safe in the classroom, and our administration's funding proposal will invest in the resources and programming required to equip school communities and emergency personnel with the tools they need to keep schools safe," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "We look forward to working with our colleagues in the Legislature to provide critical funding for districts across the Commonwealth."

Governor Baker signed a supplemental budget with \$15 million for school safety initiatives in October 2018.

To date, as part of the Safe and Supportive Schools Initiative, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded \$15 million in grant funding, including \$7.5 million awarded to more than 150 districts statewide to invest in security-related infrastructure upgrades and \$7.5 million in grant funding to increase mental health support and to support schools' hiring of additional mental health and behavioral health specialists. Additionally, the Executive Office

of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) and the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) actively and frequently collaborate on training and best practices for emergency and active shooter responses in school settings. District superintendents are required each year to attest to that they have a multi-hazard evacuation plan in place, as well as that there is training provided to support that plan.

Public safety officials today also highlighted the Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) Program, an internationally recognized standard adopted by the Commonwealth as part of its ongoing commitment to emergency preparedness and community resilience to promote a statewide model for an integrated active shooter and hostile event response. Through cross-discipline collaboration among first responders and emergency personnel, ASHER is designed to protect communities and help them prepare, respond and recover from crisis events. The ASHER framework has already been implemented in state-run police and fire training academies, and parallel training is being finalized for current state police and fire personnel.

The Baker-Polito Administration will file a supplemental budget request in the coming weeks totaling nearly \$40 million to support critical school safety initiatives and equip students, staff and emergency responders with the training necessary to respond to better respond to threats within schools.

The proposal will include:

- Matching grants for security and communications upgrades in K-12 schools and public higher education institutes
- Grant funding for child care

providers to support safety measures and multi-hazard emergency planning

- Grant funding to support districts pilot an anonymous "tip line" to report potential threats
- Funding for a statewide "Say Something" public awareness campaign and corresponding training
- Support for ongoing emergency response training for school officials
- Creation of a comprehensive school safety website

"These safety proposals would support a huge range of children and students, from those in child care to those at public colleges and universities," said Education Secretary James Peyser. "The key to these proposals is collaboration among different state agencies and different local entities. When we invest in strengthening partnerships between school districts and first responders, we help ensure that schools are safe environments focused on learning and growing."

"These proposed supports would be a welcome addition to school districts' safety planning and infrastructure," Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley said. "The matching funds for equipment upgrades, plus funding for additional school staff to meet and collaborate with first responders are critical pieces that will help ensure our schools are places where students are safe, healthy, and ready to learn."

"Nearly 200,000 children are spending time in our early education and care programs across the Commonwealth each day," said Department of Early Education and Care Acting Commissioner Amy Kershaw. "These resources would provide our programs with the critical resources needed to not

only upgrade and modernize their safety and security systems but also to plan, prepare and practice for various emergency scenarios based on the unique needs of our young learners and the early educators who work with them."

"The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security remains deeply committed to working with our federal, state, and local partners to ensure that schools provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our children and educators," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "We continue to build on vital initiatives, including school resource officer training, security infrastructure investments and the implementation of standardized policies to advance our shared goal of achieving the highest safety standards in school districts across the Commonwealth."

"As the school year approaches, the Administration's action supports our students and teachers across the Commonwealth to have the resources they need to be and feel safe in the classroom," said Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders. "Today's proposed investment in the well-being of our children is crucial to the Commonwealth's commitment to protect students, teachers, staff and our future."

"As students and staff head back to school across the Commonwealth, we are proud to announce new measures that will proactively invest in student safety and the security of education facilities across all levels," said Secretary of Administration and Finance Michael J. Heffernan. "We look forward to filing for funding to support these important initiatives in the coming weeks."

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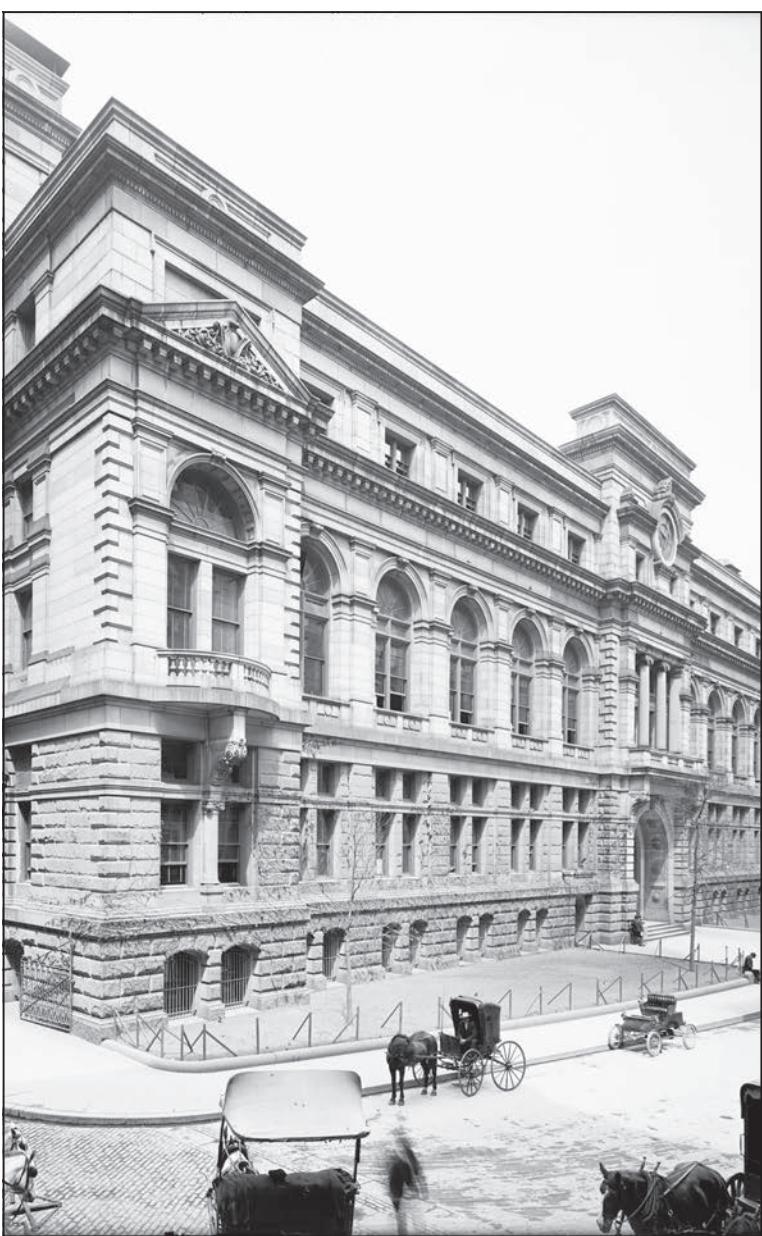
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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The clock in the last clue is above the entrance to the John Adams Courthouse in Pemberton Square. It was built in 1894 and designed by architect George A. Clough who also designed the 1909 addition to the structure. Today's answer is from a 1906 photo of the building from the Library of Congress collection.

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



Esplanade Association commissions four new murals on the Charles River Esplanade

The Esplanade Association (EA), in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), has commissioned four artists to paint custom-designed murals on four DCR electrical boxes along the Charles River Esplanade. Installation of the murals was supported by volunteers from Volunteers Incorporating Black Excellence, Inc. (VIBE), and the work was funded in part through the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Fenway Community Benefits grant program.

The murals were installed as the latest in a growing array of public art exhibits on the Esplanade, in part designed to prevent recurrent graffiti vandalism while also giving visitors new reasons to visit the park. The electrical box murals promote the talents of a diverse group of four local artists: Massiel Grullon, Stephanie Li, Gina Latham, and Adric Giles. (See below for more on each artist.) Each piece playfully reflects the movement of people and animals through the Esplanade – the busiest state park in Massachusetts – while representing each artist's unique style and vision.

In 2017, the Esplanade Association commissioned its first contemporary art mural, Patterned Behavior at the Bowker Overpass on the Esplanade. Created by renowned local artist Silvia López Chavez and curated by Now + There, Patterned Behavior set the stage for future public art projects that brighten the park visitor experience.

rience and reduce graffiti. In 2019, the Esplanade Association commissioned three new murals for park utility structures called pump houses, which have continued to engage the park visitor community and local artists, while successfully discouraging graffiti on park infrastructure.

With the new mural installation project this summer, the Esplanade Association hopes to similarly eliminate graffiti on electrical boxes in the Fenway area of the Esplanade and bring family-friendly, fun, and colorful art for the public to enjoy. The murals will enhance the areas around them, offering new splashes of beauty and unexpected opportunities to experience art in the park. In keeping with the Esplanade's designation as a City of Boston Landmark, all four mural designs were reviewed and approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission.

These new murals will enhance the park experience for millions of annual visitors on the Esplanade's shared-use pathways, which are the busiest in the DCR state park system. The artworks will also be visible to thousands of cars passing daily on Storrow Drive, and will add a new, bright focal point for neighbors, students, and workers in buildings that overlook the park. Three of the four boxes are located near the Esplanade's popular Exercise Course, with the fourth at the western edge of the Esplanade near the BU Sailing Pavilion. All four murals can be

visited within a little over a ½ mile stretch along the Dr. Paul Dudley White Shared-Use Path.

Public art has become a core element of the Esplanade Association's mission to support the ongoing health and vitality of the 64-acre Charles River Esplanade through capital restoration work, park improvement projects, horticultural care, public programming, volunteer engagement, and much more. In total, the Esplanade Association has raised more than \$19 million towards this mission. In 2021, DCR and the Esplanade Association celebrated twenty years of public-private partnership, successful stewardship, and collaboration.

Learn more about the electrical box murals, and the Esplanade's other public art projects at esplanade.org/PublicArt.

How to Enjoy: On foot, by bike, or other people-powered transport, along the Esplanade's pathways. The Esplanade cannot be accessed by car. There is no site parking or rideshare drop off on site. Nearest MBTA stops include Arlington (Green Line, 0.6m), Charles/MGH (Red Line, 0.6m), and Charles Street at Beacon Street (43 bus, 0.5m). For more information on how to access the Esplanade, visit esplanade.org/the-esplanade/map-directions/

Commissioning Body: The Esplanade Association is a non-profit organization that works to revitalize and enhance the Charles River Esplanade, sustain its natural green space, and build com-

munity in the park by providing educational, cultural, and recreational programs for everyone. Working in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Esplanade Association is dedicated to improving the experiences of the millions of annual visitors who enjoy Boston's iconic riverside park.

Project Partners: The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) manages state parks and oversees more than 450,000 acres throughout Massachusetts. It protects, promotes, and enhances the state's natural, cultural, and recreational resources.

Volunteers Incorporating Black Excellence (VIBE), Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating volunteering experiences for volunteers who identify with the African Diaspora and volunteers that would like to volunteer alongside us.

About the Artists: Massiel Grullon was born in the Fenway neighborhood and is an alumna of the Boston Arts Academy. She received her bachelor's degree in painting & graphic design at Montserrat College of Art in 2014. She is currently a full-time artist and appreciator of the Esplanade.

"I've always wanted to have my art on an electrical box and what better way to have one than in the place where I spent most of my childhood and teen years... the Esplanade."

Stephanie Li is a Boston-area

native, born in Newton, MA. She enjoys watercolors, storytelling, and painting. She went to Tufts University and currently works as a graphic designer at the Broad Institute.

"Having grown up in Boston, I've always admired the beauty and majesty of the Esplanade. I would love to have the opportunity to give back to the Esplanade through art."

Gina Latham is a Boston-based interdisciplinary artist who discovered her true passion for the arts in 2020. She creates using a variety of mediums including resin, acrylic, spray paint, and hand-painted apparel.

"The Esplanade has been a part of my life since childhood. My grandmother, who worked at Symphony Hall, would take me to see the Pops and the fireworks display every 4th of July. I am overjoyed by the opportunity to contribute to this landscape."

Adric Giles is a Somerville resident, originally from New Hampshire. He has experience with public art murals in Massachusetts, having completed electrical box mural installation projects in Lexington and Arlington.

"I can only hope that this contribution is an inspiration to anyone who passes by... all while reminding us of the natural world."

Learn more about the Esplanade Association at esplanade.org.

Massachusetts unemployment and job estimates for July

The state's July total unemployment rate dropped by two-tenths of a percentage point at 3.5 percent over-the-month, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts gained 13,500 jobs in July. This follows last month's revised gain of 5,800 jobs. The largest over-the-month private sector job gains were in Professional and Business Services, Education and Health Services, and Other Services. Employment now stands at 3,680,100. Since the employment trough in April 2020, Massachusetts gained 629,100 jobs.

From July 2021 to July 2022, BLS estimates Massachusetts gained 134,500 jobs. The largest over-the-year gains occurred in

Professional, Scientific, and Business Services, Leisure and Hospitality, and Education and Health Services.

The July unemployment rate of 3.5 percent was the same as the national rate reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force decreased by an estimated 7,500 from 3,773,100 in June, as 800 more residents were employed, and 8,300 fewer residents were unemployed over-the-month.

Over-the-year, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was down by 2.2 percentage points.

The state's labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – was down two-tenths of

a percentage point at 65.8 percent. Compared to July 2021, the labor force participation rate was up 0.2 percentage points.

July 2022 Employment Overview

Government gained 12,800 jobs over the month. Over the year, 4,500 jobs were lost.

Professional and Business Services gained 5,500 jobs over the month. Over the year, 34,300 jobs were added.

Education and Health Services gained 5,200 jobs over the month. Over the year, 30,200 jobs were added.

Other Services gained 1,400 jobs over the month. Over the year, 6,900 jobs were added.

Information gained 1,300 jobs over the month. Over the year, 5,200 jobs were added.

Manufacturing gained 900 over

the month. Over the year, 8,400 jobs were added.

Financial Activities gained 500 jobs over the month. Over the year, 2,600 were lost.

Construction lost 600 jobs over the month. Over the year, 9,500 jobs were added.

Trade, Transportation, And Utilities lost 1,200 jobs over the month. Over the year, 16,400 jobs were added.

Leisure And Hospitality lost 12,300 jobs over the month. Over the year, 30,700 jobs were added.

Labor Force Overview

The July estimates show 3,634,600 Massachusetts residents were employed and 130,900 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,765,600. The unemployment rate was down 0.2 percentage points at 3.5 percent from the June rate of 3.7 percent. Over-the-

month, the July labor force was down by 7,500 from 3,773,100 in June, with 800 more residents employed and 8,300 fewer residents unemployed. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, dropped at 65.8 percent. The labor force was up 8,300 from the July 2021 estimate of 3,757,200, as 90,000 more residents were employed, and 81,700 fewer residents were unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sample of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

VILNA SHUL HAPPENINGS

The Vilna Shul is offering a Welcome Back Game Night Shabbat for Young Adults on Friday, Sept. 16, from 6-9 p.m. at 18 Phillips St. Admission is \$18 per person. R.S.V.P. to <https://dinners.onetable.org/events/339a7e57-4f7d-402a-b2d8-830fc74a3d03>.

The Vilna will also be offering "Breaking Breads with Israeli Culinary Icon Uri Scheft" on Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at 18 Phillips St. This event will begin with an exciting sampling of freshly baked breads, babkas, and bourekas from his newest bakery, located on Tremont Street. The conversation with Uri will begin at 7 p.m. and be livestreamed. Tick-

ets to the event are \$18 each; register at <https://app.donorview.com/AVYDNN>.

Finally, The Vilna will hold a Rosh Hashanah Celebration for Families with Young Children on Sunday, Sept. 25, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at 18 Phillips St. Sing, dance, and play your way into the new year with musician and song leader extraordinaire, Evan Haller at this upbeat and entertaining musical program geared towards families with children with young children. Older siblings and grandparents are welcome to attend, and a bagel brunch will be served. This program is the first of many wonderful collaborations between The Vilna and the JCC of Greater Boston. Tickets are \$25 per family;

register at <https://app.donorview.com/G9gQ9>.

BEACON HILL SEMINARS' KICKOFF

Beacon Hill Seminars is offering 19 in-person and online courses this fall on a range of topics including art, history, literature, music, politics, religion, science, and more. To learn more, attend their virtual Fall Semester Kickoff via Zoom on Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 2-3 p.m. BHS course leaders will briefly introduce their courses and participants will be able to ask questions after the presentation. For more information, visit beaconhillseminars.org or email info@beaconhillseminars.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

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COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
A GUARDIAN FOR
INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT

TO G.L. c. 190B,
§5-304
Docket No.
SU22P1611GD
Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and
Family Court
Suffolk Probate and
Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
In the matter of:
Miguel Adames
Of: Chelsea, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated
Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Miguel Adames in need of a Guardian and requesting that Melbisia Alvarez of Chelsea, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/15/2022. This

day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

Date: August 16, 2022

Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate
and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300

CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

Docket No.
SU22P1681EA
Estate of:

Robert I. Owens
Also known as:
Robert Ignatius
Owens

Date of Death
02/04/2022
To all interested persons:

MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so,

you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:30 a.m. on the return day of 09/20/2022. 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 written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: August 16, 2022

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CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL

ADJUDICATION

Docket No.

SU18P1309GD
Estate of:

Mildred D.
Reavey

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Karen C. Walker of Canton,

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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.

Date: August 23, 2022

Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate

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BPHC reminds eligible residents to get vaccinated against monkeypox to slow virus's spread

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is reminding Boston residents that vaccines can help protect against monkeypox illness when given before or soon after being exposed and are encouraging eligible residents to get vaccinated. This guidance comes after the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced 41 new cases of monkeypox and new protocols for administering the JYNNEOS vaccine that will expand the state's supply, enabling more residents to get vaccinated.

To increase the number of vaccine doses available, the JYNNEOS vaccine is now being administered intradermally (into the skin), as opposed to in the muscle, at a lower dose that still provides the same immune response, following guidance from the CDC and FDA. The intradermal regimen includes two doses of the vaccine. Vaccination before or soon after exposure is highly effective at preventing monkeypox infection or reducing the severity of infection. Monkeypox most commonly spreads through direct skin to skin contact with a monkeypox rash, sores, or scabs. It can also spread through contact with surfaces that have been exposed to the monkeypox virus. Anyone who comes in close contact with someone who has monkeypox is at risk for becoming infected.

"I'm optimistic that the new approach to monkeypox vaccination will allow us to vaccinate more people, help ensure vaccines are distributed equitably, and ultimately support our efforts to control this outbreak," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "Getting vaccinated against monkeypox is an effective way to prevent disease. I strongly encourage all residents who are eligible for vaccination to schedule an appointment as soon as possible."

Currently, the following individuals who live or work in Massachusetts are eligible to receive the vaccine:

- Known contacts identified by public health via case investigation, contact tracing, and risk exposure assessments (this may

include sexual partners, household contacts, and healthcare workers); as well as

- Presumed contacts who meet the following criteria:

- Know that a sexual partner in the past 14 days was diagnosed with monkeypox or
- Had multiple sexual partners in the past 14 days in a jurisdiction with known monkeypox.

It is particularly important that education and vaccination efforts support men who have sex with men (MSM) and the broader population of people they may be in close intimate contact with. While anyone can get monkeypox, the current outbreak's spread among networks of MSM poses a threat to BIPOC LGBTQ+ individuals, a group that faces high barriers to care and poorer health outcomes due to centuries of oppression and marginalization. As BPHC responds to this unprecedented outbreak, supporting Boston's BIPOC LGBTQ+ residents by improving access to care and pushing back against anti-LGBTQ+ stigma will remain a top priority.

Infections with the type of monkeypox virus identified in this outbreak are rarely fatal. However, people with weakened immune systems, children under 8 years of age, people with a history of eczema, and people who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be more likely to get seriously ill or die. People infected with monkeypox virus are also required to self-isolate until the rash fully scabs and skin heals over, which can require anywhere between 2-4 weeks of isolation.

The JYNNEOS vaccine is currently available at the following locations in Boston by appointment only:

- Boston Medical Center: Register for an appointment directly at www.bmc.org/monkeypox. Appointments can be made by calling 617-414-2803 Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM.

Additional locations offering the vaccine in Massachusetts can be found at mass.gov/monkeypoxvaccine.

For the latest information on monkeypox, including prevention, how to identify symptoms, and resources available to residents, visit boston.gov/monkeypox.

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