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ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL GALA



The Esplanade Association held its annual Gala on site near the Hatch Shell. The organization's hallmark fundraising event sought to bring awareness to its efforts to not only maintain and revitalize the storied, riverside park and recreation resource but also to its children's programs and playground initiatives.

Above, The Esplanade Association Gala drew a formidable gathering of people interested in improving one of Boston's most important landmarks.

Right, Co-Chair for the Gala Jenn Nassour (right) with her date Jim Chadwick. See pages 6-8 for more photos.



DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

Area A-1 sees drop in Part One crime from last year

By Dan Murphy

With the summer of '22 on the books, Area A-1 had seen a 1-percent drop in Part One crime from the previous year, according to Boston Police.

Between Jan. 1 and Sept. 4 of this year, 1,352 incidents of Part One crime were reported in the district, which includes Beacon Hill, Chinatown Downtown, and the North End, as opposed to 1,363 Part One crime incidents during the same timeframe last year.

Part One crime includes violent crimes (homicide, rape and attempted rape, robbery and attempted robbery, and aggravated assault), as well as property crimes (burglary and attempted burglary, larceny and attempted larceny, and vehicle theft and

attempted vehicle theft).

The rate of homicides held steady, with two incidents this year, as well as two last year. (Two incidents is also the five-year average for the district in this category.)

Rapes and attempted rapes were down nearly 13 percent as the number dropped to 14 from 16 last year, while the five-year average fell was 15 incidents in this category.

Robberies and attempted robberies saw a more than 39-percent decrease, with 80 incidents this year, compared to 132 in 2021. (The five-year average in this category was 119 incidents.)

Incidents of domestic aggravated assault were down slightly as the number fell to 24 from 25 last year. (The five-average for this

category is 15 incidents in the district.)

In contrast, incidents of non-domestic aggravated assault were up 5 percent, with 147 incidents this year, compared to 140 in 2021. (The five-year average in this category is 166 incidents.)

Commercial burglaries saw a 15-percent decrease as the number dropped to 39 from 46 last year. (The five-year average in this category is 60 incidents.)

Residential burglaries saw a minor dip as the number fell to 28 from 29 in 2021. (The five-year average for this category is 36 incidents.)

Incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle were down about 16 percent as the number fell to 136 from 162 last year. (The five-

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BHCA Board asked to comment on proposed West End Branch Library redevelopment plan

By Dan Murphy

Beacon Hill Civic Association board member Colin Zick asked other directors on hand for the group's Sept. 12 meeting at 74 Joy St. to comment on a proposal to redevelop the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, which includes plans for a residential housing component.

Zick said the BHCA board should consider four matters regarding this proposal, including whether the development should have on-site residential parking; the height of the proposed building; the income mix of residents (i.e. should it all be one income level or mixed-income, and should it contain affordable housing); and funding sources for the project – a variable that, Zick said, could ultimately determine its housing mix.

How many residential units the project would contain is also another thing to consider, added Zick.

"In one sense, we think this a good thing," Zick said of the proposed development, which, he added, would not only address the current need for housing in the neighborhood, but also better utilize an "underused resource" (i.e. the library).

"This is going to happen is my overall sense," he said. "I wouldn't have said that a year ago."

Additionally Zick told this reporter: "I think this project is an exciting opportunity for the West End and Beacon Hill, and the Beacon Hill Civic Association looks

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The West End Branch Library.

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EDITORIAL

ALCOHOL ABUSE IS STILL PROBLEM #1

Two years ago the voters of Oregon approved a measure that decriminalized the possession of small amounts of even the most dangerous drugs, while also mandating that tax revenue from the sale of marijuana (which Oregon legalized in 2014) be used for addiction recovery programs.

Oregon voters recognized that the 50 year War on Drugs has been a total failure that has done nothing to reduce drug abuse and arguably has made the problem even worse, both in their state and nationwide.

However, the shortcoming of the Oregon law is that it ignored the most-abused and harmful drug of them all -- alcohol. And even more ironically, the state legislature in 2021 legalized to-go drinks for restaurant take-out and increased the amount of wine that can be shipped directly to consumers -- and this is a state that is second only to California for its number of wineries and has as many distilleries as Kentucky.

So it should not be surprising that Oregon ranks among the states with the highest prevalence of problem drinking in the country. Last year, 2153 residents died of causes attributed to alcohol, according to the Oregon Health Authority — more than twice the number of people who died from methamphetamines, heroin, and fentanyl combined. In addition, an Oregon business group estimates that the annual cost in lost productivity because of excessive drinking by state residents is \$5 billion per year.

However, alcohol abuse is a nationwide problem. There were more deaths attributed to alcohol (about 108,000) than to drugs (about 106,000) in 2021 in the United States. Here in Massachusetts, we have one of the highest rates of deaths from alcohol poisoning.

Indeed, alcohol abuse is a world-wide problem. Just this past week, a report published by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) that followed two years of research and a review of more than 5000 peer-reviewed studies concluded that alcohol in even small quantities can be harmful to our health. The CCSA report recommends that a safe amount of alcohol consumption for adults is no more than two drinks per week. (That's not a typo -- two drinks per week.) The CCSA report is confirmation of the World Health Organization's designation of alcohol as a Class A carcinogen a few years ago.

It has been well-known for many years that those who start drinking as teenagers are five times more likely to become victims of alcohol abuse disorder (what formerly was referred to as alcoholism) than those who don't start drinking until they are 21. In addition, it goes without saying that alcohol far exceeds any drug for the damage and tragedy it wreaks upon families, regardless of socioeconomic status.

The time has come for our public officials and our citizenry to recognize alcohol abuse as an immediate public health emergency and to take action to address this growing -- and largely-ignored -- problem.

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE COVERAGE OF THE BRITISH MONARCHY?

The passing last week of Queen Elizabeth II saddened all of us. She was a great woman who epitomized what used to be called noblesse oblige, the idea that nobility extends beyond mere entitlement, requiring people who hold such status to fulfill social responsibilities.

Queen Elizabeth understood this sense of duty from the very outset of her ascension to the throne at the age of 25 when she said, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong."

On another occasion, she said, "Our modern world places such heavy demands on our time and attention that the need to remember our responsibilities to others is greater than ever."

But as much as the world will miss Queen Elizabeth, the reality is that the British monarchy is an anachronism that only serves as a reminder of the terrible oppression perpetrated by the British Empire through the ages.

And while a majority of Britons may be content to spend hundreds of millions of their tax dollars to support the royal family (and some say that the tourist dollars generated by Buckingham Palace actually are a net positive), it is undeniable that the majority of members of the royal family are unworthy heirs of Queen Elizabeth's legacy, especially most of her children.

But while Britain may still be enthralled with the vestiges of a long-gone era, what makes the major American media think that we are? The non-stop coverage of her death, funeral proceedings, and accession by Charles has been ridiculous. This is 2022, not 1772.

It's time to relegate (the term used in the English Premier Soccer League when the bottom three teams are dropped down to the minor league at the end of the season) the monarchy to what it really is -- an historical footnote that is irrelevant in the world today.

LETTER to the Editor

HOMELESS PROBLEM

To the Editor,

In case you are not aware we as citizens -who enjoy the Charles River every day for running, biking and walking - have roughly 12 homeless people living on the Charles between Mass Ave. bridge and the old State Police station. They have cell phones, plenty of cigarettes, (\$14 a pack) plenty of marijuana, plenty of heroin, one gas grill, tents and plenty of alcohol. Oh they have no problem having oral sex in broad daylight as well- I witnessed that this summer.

I watched them drink alcohol, smoke marijuana and shoot up heroin as I ran by at dinner time on September 8. At the same time roughly 20 kids with their parents walked by on their way probably to JP Licks after baseball practice. It was dinner time and hundreds of runners and walkers were out there as well. These homeless

are getting high before they settle in for the night because thats where they sleep. I also saw an unmarked state trooper and DCF office sitting in their cars doing nothing.

I counted 11 homeless sleeping out there at 7am as I biked including one tent with a gas grill by the Elliot Bridge.

I will never forget about this summer one night at dinner time -before the July 4 weekend- I watched three homeless people shoot heroin into their arms at the Hatch Shell while a state police detail sat in his car texting. Hundreds of tourists walking by on a picture perfect late afternoon.

We need to do something about this before it becomes 50 homeless out there and one night a young Beacon Hill resident gets attacked, raped, mugged etc. The Charles River is a jewel of the city.

A Concerned Resident

GUEST OP-ED

Will you own an electric car?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Will you own an electric car? If you live long enough and that's all that is being made, you probably will. Many of us we'll hold out for as long as possible.

I'm all for electric cars especially if someone else is buying them. If 20 percent of America's driving population goes to the electric vehicle, EV, then surely gasoline will become cheaper. Less people buying gasoline will reduce the demand and it should reduce the price. We hope.

California will not allow the sale of gasoline cars by 2035.

This same state told EV drivers not to charge their electric cars during the past Labor Day weekend when the temperatures were expected to hit triple digits for millions of residents putting a drain on the power grid.

This brings us to the same crisis every community will face. America's power grids aren't ready to accommodate millions of EVs plugging in a for a recharge. The prospects of city and regional blackouts are alarming. You can forget charging your car. You won't be able to charge your cell phone or have air conditioning or heat during a blackout.

I'm not opposed to electric cars. I am opposed to them being crammed down our throats. The manufacturers are being pushed to eventually eliminate all gasoline vehicles. We will see how this goes over the next ten years.

Plan to spend some money. A local salesman talked to me about an electric Mustang. Stickered at \$48,000 but they were asking \$58,000 because as he said, "We can get it." I didn't want the car to begin with but was curious about the car.

It sounds time consuming to recharge an EV, although some EVs are promising up to 150-mile charge in a short amount of time.

EVs could mean fewer people on America's Interstates. Currently in most American communities its much easier to go home to recharge at your own power station. Cross country driving will be out of the question or very difficult in an

EV for the next two or three years. Currently an EV will go about 250 to 350 miles on a charge. This means you will always be searching for the next power station. This will be a major lifestyle change.

There are reports that Pilot and Flying J will have charging stations installed by 2025 and are spending a billion dollars to upgrade their facilities. They will also want to recoup their costs.

The car will cost you more money. You will spend anywhere from \$2,000 (low minimum) to \$6,000 to install a station at your home and this is all variable. To keep your car charged at home will cost you about what you spend on your monthly electric bill now. So, figure your electric bill doubling, if you're lucky.

You may be wanting something different in your life and an EV may be just what you want. There is a lot to consider and on some level they will impact all our lives, eventually.

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Orange Line repair work is 82-percent complete

Special to the Times

With a planned re-opening of the Orange Line on Monday, MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak announced that 82% of the work taking place along the Orange Line is complete and track work taking place between Dana Bridge and North Station will allow for the removal of three more slow zones, which will bring the total number of slow zones removed to five.

Work taking place in this area includes track and tie replacement, rail installation, track alignment, and tamping. Crews have worked tirelessly to finish tie replacement work between the Dana Bridge and Community College station with current tie replacement work taking place at the North Station portal, which began on September 9. Tie replacement work involves crews operating hi-rail heavy equipment to remove old ties and install new ties. This critical tie replacement will remove three

of the six slow zones that the T aims to address during the shutdown. Crews have already completed work to remove slow zones at Jackson Square and between Downtown Crossing and State. Finishing this important work and removing these slow zones allows for faster, more reliable service for Orange Line riders.

Orange Line riders should note that, when Orange Line trains begin running again on Monday, September 19, slow zones will continue to be in place temporarily for about one week where the work was performed. In the rail industry, after new track and ballast installation, and due to the amount of track area disturbed during work, it is a given that slow zones need to temporarily remain in place. This is because it takes time for the new track and ballast to “settle” as trains repeatedly run over these areas.

Additionally, 64 new Orange Line cars are now available when service resumes, supporting riders

during peak commuting periods. This is up from 30 cars when the Orange Line shutdown first started. This is also over a full complement of new Orange Line cars ready to serve riders.

As of today’s reporting, 82% of the planned work has been completed.

Overall, teams have completed approximately 65% of rail replacement and 90% of track replacement. The full depth track replacement includes the ballast, ties, and rail.

About 99% of the special track work is complete. The special track renewal work includes replacing things like crossover areas.

About 99% of Cologne eggs and rail fastener work is finished near Tufts Medical Center station. Cologne eggs are the fasteners that allow crews to directly affix rail to the concrete pads, which are also utilized on certain parts of the Orange Line. The MBTA is in the process of installing the final five new eggs with 395 fully complete.



MBTA spokesperson holds a press conference on progress on Orange Line repairs and new train cars.

There has also been excellent progress on the ongoing signal testing at Oak Grove and Malden Center stations with about 84% of these signal upgrades complete.

For more information, visit

mbta.com/BBT2022 or Orange Line Track and Signal Upgrades, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram@theMBTA.

Waterfront Summit; activities planned for this weekend

This week, the Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront — an alliance of more than 50 organizations throughout Boston focused on access, inclusivity, resilience, and economic vitality on Boston’s harbor, islands, and rivers — will host a Waterfront Summit and Love your Waterfront Day of Service. The Summit, scheduled for Friday, September 16, will be hosted at Roxbury Community College as part of City Awake’s Fierce Urgency of Now Festival, and feature remarks by Boston Green New Deal Director Oliver Sellers-Garcia, as well as discussions with community leaders, experts, and advocates exploring the connection between public health, resilience, and inclusivity on the waterfront. The Love Your Waterfront Day of Service, scheduled for Saturday, September 17, will bring together community members and local organizations at various service sites along Boston’s waterfront for a day of clean up and supporting local waterfront parks and open spaces, in tandem

with City of Boston’s Love Your Block initiative.

Friday’s Summit will include two panel discussions, a “Waterside Chat”, and featured remarks that are open to the public, and explore the following topics and panelists. The first panel will focus on building a more resilient waterfront, and feature Alison Badrigian, Director of Projects and Planning at the Esplanade Association; Rebecca Block, City Awake Advisory Board; Sara McCammond, Executive Director at Harborfront Neighborhood Alliance; and John Walkey, Director of Waterfront & Climate Justice Initiatives at GreenRoots. It will be moderated by Latifa Turner Ziyad, Director of Community Engagement and Resilience for the Neighborhood of Affordable Housing.

The second panel will explore creating a more inclusive waterfront. It will be moderated by James Hills, host of Java with Jimmy, and feature Rev. Willie Bodrick, President & CEO of The American City Coalition; Alex

Davila, Executive Director of Sociedad Latina; Jenn Meakem, Community Engagement Specialist at Boston Harbor Now; and Dr. Jon Santiago, State Representative for 9th Suffolk District.

The Summit will also feature a Waterside Chat between Jackie Jenkins-Scott, Interim President at Roxbury Community College, and Maya Smith, Co-Founder of the Boston Harbor Women of Color Coalition. The Chat will be moderated by Courtney Boston, CEO of HerVision Media & Consulting. Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Boston’s new Green New Deal Director, will provide remarks on how he hopes to engage communities throughout the city in building a Green New Deal for the region.

Following the Summit, the Love Your Waterfront Day of Service will kick off on Saturday, bringing

together community members at service sites along Boston’s harbor, rivers, and islands for a day of clean up and supporting local waterfront parks. Service sites will be hosted by a number of the Coalition’s partner organizations, and include City Natives, hosted by the Trustees of Reservations; Moakley Park, hosted by Boston Harbor Now; Nightingale Community Garden, also hosted by the Trustees; and the Neponset River, hosted by the Neponset River Watershed Association.

The Summit and Day of Service follow this summer’s first ever Waterfront Wellness Week, and are the latest in a series of programs the Coalition has hosted in 2022 to forward conversations around building a more inclusive, accessible, resilient, and economically vibrant future for Boston’s

waterfront. To learn more about the Coalition’s work and planned 2022 programming, please visit bostonwaterfrontcoalition.org.

Local organizations participating in the Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront are shown below:

Museum of Science
Esplanade Association

The Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront is an alliance of diverse non-profit organizations focused on elevating the pressing issues facing Boston’s harbor, islands and rivers. Through community engagement and by serving as a convener of local events and forums, Coalition will work to advance a bold vision for the future of the city’s waterfront that prioritizes resilience, inclusivity, access, and economic vitality.

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Beacon Hill and surrounding neighborhoods see minor increase in positive COVID tests

By Dan Murphy

For the second consecutive week, Beacon Hill and surrounding neighborhoods have seen a minor increase in individuals testing positive for COVID from the previous week.

According to data released by the Boston Public Health Commission, 520 residents of the Back

Bay, Beacon Hill, Downtown, the North End, and West End were tested for COVID-19 between Aug. 30 and Sept. 5, with around 8.5 percent, or 44 individuals, testing positive for the virus. This was a slight uptick from the previous week of Aug. 23-29, when 6.5 percent, or 40 of the 619 residents tested in those neighborhoods

were positive for the virus.

Citywide, 7.4 percent, or 522 of the 7,0004 individuals tested between Aug. 30 and Sept. 5 were positive for the virus. This was a slight uptick from the previous week of Aug. 23-29, when 7.1 percent, or 599 of the 8,438 residents tested citywide were positive for the virus.

Mayo named Director for the Office of Returning Citizens

Mayor Michelle Wu announced David Mayo as Director for the Office of Returning Citizens (ORC). The mission of the Office of Returning Citizens is to help returning citizens recover from the trauma of incarceration, reclaim their dignity and purpose, and rebuild their lives through positive choices, incentives, and opportunities. The ORC aims to empower its clients to break the cycle of recidivism through hands-on case management and an extensive provider referral network. Mayo brings decades of experience in rehabilitative services and a deep-rooted passion for at-risk youth and adult populations. The ORC is housed within the Mayor's Office of Human Services, led by Chief José F. Massó.

"The Office of Returning Citizens plays a critical part in empowering our returning community members to rebuild their lives," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "David has shown an extensive commitment to advocating for residents and their families through his work with reintegration, workforce development and reentry, and we are excited to welcome him to this new role."

"It is with extreme pleasure and a sense of urgency that I accept this post understanding the responsibility and necessity of serving our Returning Citizens. It is my mis-



David Mayo.

sion to engage, equip and empower every returning citizen with the tools to create a stable and independent life for themselves while overcoming barriers and destroying recidivism," said David Mayo. "It is my goal to create the strongest returning citizens program in the country."

As Director, Mayo will lead the department's efforts to expand resources and services for returning citizens and assist the City of Boston in addressing the inequitable harms of incarceration. Mayo will have the primary responsibility of driving the ORC's vision and managing the day-to-day operations of an office charged with engaging, serving, and advocating for individuals returning to Boston from

incarceration and impacted by CORI.

The ORC helps over 3,000 people who return to Boston each year from federal, state, and county prisons and jails take healthy steps in their lives through a variety of services. These services include in-person case management with program and intake coordinators, peer mentorships, and warm referrals to key programs and services, including transitional housing, employment, healthcare, education, and legal services. Between the Office's inception in 2017 and today, the number of yearly clients served by the Office has increased by more than 700%.

For Fiscal Year 2023, the Office of Returning Citizens has a \$2.67 million operating budget. This investment will enable the ORC to hire five additional staff members and build more robust support in the areas of housing, workforce development, and case management for returning citizens.

"I am very excited to welcome David to the Human Services team," said Chief of Human Services, José F. Massó. "His deep experience and commitment to successful reentry and building partnerships with community-based organizations will be critical to the success of a reinvigorated Office of Returning Citizens."

Prior to this appointment, Mayo served as the Director of Reintegration with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, where he oversaw the Family Matters Program, Workforce Development, and Discharge to Reentry Services. Mayo also formerly served as the Coordinator of the Nurturing Fathers' program at the Suffolk County House of Correction. He managed program services for inmates and the mothers of their children through the Family Matters Program.

Mayo is a native of Charleston, South Carolina and is a proud United States Coast Guard veteran. Having mentored over 200 at-risk youth, Mayo affectionately calls them his children. He has been a father to many.

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year average in this category is 207 incidents.)

Other larcenies, in contrast, were up nearly 8 percent as the number climbed to 793 from 736 in 2021. (The five-year average in this category is 862 incidents.)

Auto theft also saw a nearly 19-percent spike, with 89 incidents

so far in 2022, compared to 75 last year. (The five-year average is 64 incidents in this category.)

Citywide, Part One crime saw a 1-percent increase as the number climbed to 10,066 from 9,815 last year. (The five-year average for Part One crime was 11,048 incidents citywide.)

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forward to being a part of it."

Joshua Leffler, president of the BHCA board, said, "We have been invited to be very involved in this process....and it would be a missed opportunity to not give detailed input."

Eve Waterfall, a BHCA board member, said, "It will be more vibrant and interesting if it's mixed rather than one income."

Waterfall expressed concern with how the building's height would fit into the existing streetscape, however. "That block is fairly low," she said. "Our starting position should be that the building not dwarf any other building on the block."

Meghan Awe, chair of the BHCA board, said she believes the development should include residential parking to appeal to residents working low-income jobs who would likely have to drive to work.

While housing has been integrated into the redevelopment of public libraries in other cities and the Chinatown Branch of the BPL is also being eyed for redevelopment with a residential component, Jacob Werner, a liaison from District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok's office, said the redevelopment of the West End Branch Library is slated to be the first project of its kind in Boston.

Since Werner also said the West End Civic Association is now having "similar conversations" regarding the future of the West End Branch Library, BHCA board member Keeta Gilmore suggested reaching out to the group as a

"courtesy."

In May of 2021, the city unveiled several "test fits" for a reimagined West End Branch Library, including plans for five-story and 10-story buildings, both of which could accommodate either a single-story library or one that would occupy the first two floors instead. Besides creating an opportunity for several levels of housing above the library, the project team also identified the needs for a community room that could accommodate up to 100 guests, as well as for a multipurpose classroom; small study rooms; and open space for educational and reading purposes around the library, as part of the project.

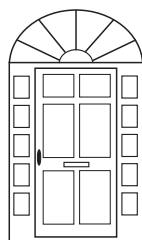
Maureen Anderson, a project manager with the city's Public Facilities Department, said then that no timelines for the project "were set in stone," but it would likely be a two- to three-year process before construction could even begin, and that process is expected to take between 20 to 36 months to complete.

This came on the heels of the completion of an approximately 12-month study by the Public Facilities Department, working in concert with the BPL and Boston-based Ann Beha Architects, that not only evaluated the existing conditions of the library branch which opened in the 1960s, but also looks ahead to its future over the next half-century.

The city completed its final report on the programming study for the West End Branch Library last October.

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Vandalism/Larceny

09/11/22 - Officers at the front desk were informed of vandalism/larceny that took place on Mt. Vernon Street. The victim stated that she had been parked on the street for

over a week and when she went to move her motor vehicle, she realized that the catalytic converter was missing. Area A-1 detectives are investigating the matter.

Boston residents to participate in Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk

More than 250 residents from Boston will participate in the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai on Sunday, October 2.

Beacon Hill and Back Bay residents Izabella Walsh, Sahand Hormoz, Radoslaw Nowak, John Concannon, Alexandra Shraybman, Wallace Bourgeois, Bill Lotter, Miriam Gale, Kimberly Perez, Maritza Nassif, will join 244 Boston residents along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in the iconic annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$155 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 33-year history.

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"Throughout the past 33 years, the Jimmy Fund Walk has continuously supported life-saving research and cancer care at Dana-Farber. And the pandemic didn't stop us," said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Jimmy Fund Walk. "Over the past two years, participants walked virtually and celebrated in their own unique ways. Now, we welcome them to walk the course in person. We are back, we are together, and we are stronger than ever."

Participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options: 5K Walk (3.1 miles from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute), 10K Walk (6.2 miles from Newton), Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles from Wellesley), or Marathon Walk (26.2 miles from Hopkinton). Participants can also

choose to join the event virtually by "walking their way" from wherever they are most comfortable—in their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home. Virtual programming and supporting materials are available.

Along the course, walkers are treated to 12 refueling stations as

well as poster-sized photographs of patients—Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes—displayed at each mile and half-mile marker as inspiration. All four routes of the Jimmy Fund Walk end at the Copley Square Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric with a celebration complete with food, music, and a speaking program.

To register for the Jimmy Fund Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

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ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL GALA

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Esplanade Association volunteers Nancy Goode, Steve Vumbaco, and Ingrid Calder.

The Esplanade Association held its annual Gala on site near the Hatch Shell. The organization's hallmark fundraising event sought to bring awareness to its efforts to not only maintain and revitalize the storied, riverside park and recreation resource but also to its children's programs and playground initiatives.



Mary Lou Seidner, the winner of the personal training experience with Rob Gronkowski, with co-organizer of the Esplanade Association Gala Hope Sidman.



Esplanade Association Executive Director Michael Nichols brings out an autographed jersey by famed New England Patriot Rob Gronkowski that comes along with a personal training experience with him.



Shane Early, Tom Campbell, and Mark Garabedian.



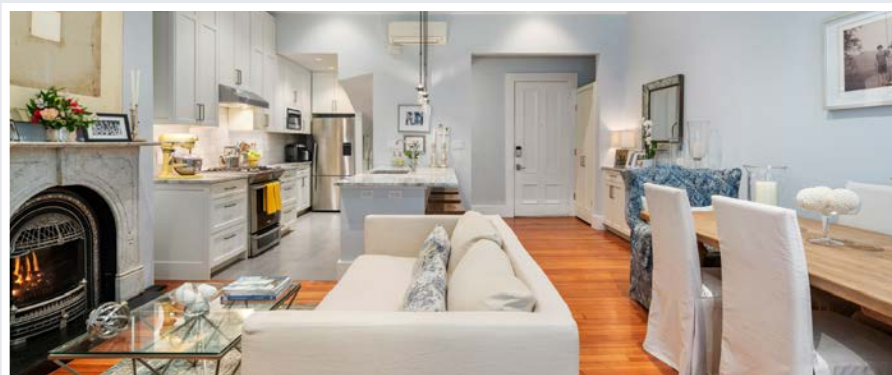
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Danielle and Nicholas Masciarelli with Adam and Claire Forkner.



Namrita Kapur and Tom DeWinter.



Creelia Pangaro, President of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy Karen Mauney-Brodek, and Boston City Councilor Kenzie Bok.



The Esplanade Association Gala drew a formidable gathering of people interested in improving one of Boston's most important landmarks.



Courtney Austermehele and Elyse Newman.



Jeryl Oristaglio, Pete Gori, and Lesley Cannon.

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Robert White, Deborah McIntyre, Lucy Rivera, Jennifer Poveromo, Allison Downey, Meredith and Lee Bonner.



Jordan and Hari Ravichandran, Daniela Visnjic, Mike Lamothe, Lauren Rampello, Rob Becotte.

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Co-founder of the Esplanade Association Jeryl Oristaglio with Executive Director Michael Nichols.



The winner of the personal training experience with Rob Gronkowski was Mary Lou Seidner (right) with her daughter Lexi. Mary Lou Seidner won the auction with a generous \$100,000 donation to the Esplanade Association.



Paul Howard and Billy Evans.

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Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Usechek, Daniel	Usechek, Daniel	255 Beacon St #3	\$337,500
8 Ucket LLC	AFY Investments Prop LLC	220-224 Clarendon St #12	\$705,000
Knaelmann, Matthias	Manganella, Luciano	135 Commonwealth Ave #7	\$5,700,000
Knaelmann, Matthias	Manganella, Luciano	135 Commonwealth Ave #8	\$5,700,000
Rich Colorful Inv LLC	Anderson Christine Est	167 Commonwealth Ave #5	\$1,528,000
Biondolillo, Madeleine	Crowley, Maggie D	197 Commonwealth Ave #1	\$875,000
136 Newbury LLC	Modern School Fashion	136 Newbury St	\$7,600,000
Usechek, Daniel	Usechek, Daniel	255 Beacon St #3	\$337,500
8 Ucket LLC	AFY Investments Prop LLC	220-224 Clarendon St #12	\$705,000
Hernandez, Fernando J	Yu, Kin T	7 Hereford St #7	\$450,000
Daghigh, Farzaneh	Haydon, Charles P	652 Massachusetts Ave #2	\$452,000
Duffy, Ryan	Berkey, Rachel	45 Milford St #1	\$1,750,000
Duffy, Ryan	Berkey, Rachel	45 Milford St #2	\$2,950,000
136 Newbury LLC	Modern School Fashion	136 Newbury St	\$7,600,000
BEACON HILL			
Ian David Connolly FT	Milbury, Corinne L	10 Bowdoin St #202	\$803,000
LCM Mount Vernon LLC	Wolff, James A	42 Mount Vernon St #3C	\$1,684,000
Daley, Holly M	Sass, Ugyen	58 Temple St #1	\$1,009,100
Martin, Brett F	Vince, Roger K	76 W Cedar St #3R	\$700,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Friend Shepard IRT	Medina, Elmer R	79 Chandler St #6	\$2,499,000
Verplancke, Peter A	Russ, Paul A	325 Columbus Ave #9	\$828,750
Schmahmann, David	132 Arlington LLC	3 Edgerly Pl #3	\$2,950,000
Mulvaney, Patrick M	132 Arlington LLC	5 Edgerly Pl	\$2,895,000
Howell, Jennifer	132 Arlington LLC	9 Edgerly Pl #9	\$2,950,000
Chang, Ailsa	Moss RT	8 Garrison St #201	\$555,000
Consalvo, Nicholas	Salvucci, Guido D	4 Lyndeboro Pl	\$2,100,000
Cook, William J	Melissa P White 2016 RET	400 Stuart St #17C	\$1,700,000
Lubrano, Michael C	Floyd Jr, Frederick P	57 Warren Ave #1	\$1,150,000
587 Albany Street RT	Pontian Socie Panagia	587 Albany St	\$2,700,000
Friend Shepard IRT	Medina, Elmer R	79 Chandler St #6	\$2,499,000
Verplancke, Peter A	Russ, Paul A	325 Columbus Ave #9	\$828,750
Admiralty LT	Heinel, Lori M	6 E Concord St	\$2,940,000
Thy-Nguyen, Ngoc A	Wong, Waihay	111 Gainsborough St #401	\$815,000
Samuels, Barry	Kwarciany John P Est	465 Park Dr #7	\$510,000
Clary, Betsy J	Bizar, David M	3 Rollins St #C102	\$1,375,000
Bahnam, Roy	Finn, Kasey M	427 Shawmut Ave #4	\$875,000
Notman, Hugh	Jacks Fenway Apartment	12 Stoneholm St #621	\$709,000
Cook, William J	Melissa P White 2016 RET	400 Stuart St #17C	\$1,700,000
Prokle, Michael	Macculloch, Brad	11-1/2 Union Park #3	\$2,925,000
Lubrano, Michael C	Floyd Jr, Frederick P	57 Warren Ave #1	\$1,150,000
Salvucci, Guido D	1313 Washington RT	1313 Washington St #704	\$1,895,000
Capachietti Parany FT	Curran, Gregory	9 Willow St #61	\$1,050,000
Brown, Liana J	Mcmahon, Brian	156 Worcester St #2	\$750,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Bertin, John	Cancel, David	50 Battery St #201	\$1,440,000
Charrier, Kilbourne C	Mccann, Corey M	55 Temple Pl #3	\$775,000
Huang, Annie W	Ambrose FT	151 Tremont St #27F	\$1,035,000
Mary M Tse RET	Juang, Jeremy T	580 Washington St #708	\$2,132,000

Attention to Detail

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The reclining woman bas-relief in the last clue is on 90 Chestnut Street. This detail is thanks to two members of the "Attention to Detail" community. First, Deborah Holt sent along the clue but didn't recall the address. Then Jan Geddes suggested it with the address and the added information that it was on the second floor.

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



Wu challenges 2020 US Census count of Boston

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that the City of Boston is challenging the United States Census Bureau's 2020 Census Population count of Boston's total population. Based on research by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), the population count of 675,647 for Boston undercounts significant segments of the City's college and university student and foreign-born population, and individuals in correctional facilities. Mayor Wu also announced that the City of Boston has applied for a review of the City's group quarters count through the Post-Census Group Quarters Review (PCGQR) program.

The City's challenge centers on population count concerns, count case coverage issues, and objections to the racial and ethnic classification changes for the 2020 census. An accurate count of Boston's population will help inform the needs of Boston's residents as well as guide the City's planning for allocation of resources across communities.

"Boston deserves an accurate census count across every neighborhood and community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This count

is the foundation to assess the needs of all of our communities, ensuring that Boston receives crucial federal resources, and it should reflect our full numbers."

"Our Census count is immensely consequential for determining the allocation of public resources, federal grants and assistance programs, and understanding the needs of our communities. I am appreciative of the administration's formal submission of a challenge to our 2020 Census results through Census Bureau programs because we must set the record straight," said Councilor Liz Breadon. "I am particularly concerned by Allston's reported 5.9 percent loss in total population and 40 percent decline in group quarters population, severely impacted by the early pandemic evacuation of colleges and universities. Correcting the count will help inform the needs of our communities and ensure every Bostonian is reflected."

"I'm relieved that we are challenging the 2020 Census results. My office met with the Administration early on to sound the alarm on how an undercount would unjustifiably lead to our

receipt of fewer federal dollars to tackle issues like housing & education. It is vitally important that we are getting accurate census data to help ensure we measure what matters, and what matters most is every person. Undercounting our immigrant population, our students, and our incarcerated residents is a civil rights issue that we must forcefully address. An accurate count of Boston residents will ensure that all our communities, especially our Black & Brown communities that have suffered from decades of disinvestment, get the resources and attention needed to thrive," said Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune. "Additionally, the U.S. Census Bureau must respect how people identify themselves racially and ethnically. The Census must consider simplifying categorization, particularly for Latino, Brazilian, Middle Eastern and North African respondents, to correctly capture our demographics."

The City's challenge centers on concerns related to the group quarters population count, household population count, and objections to the racial and ethnic classification of Boston's population in the 2020 census; all three of which heavily impacted an accurate and reflective count of Boston's population.

Group Quarters Population

The City of Boston's concerns regarding the group quarters population count from the April 1, 2020 Census are due to undercount issues amongst colleges and universities and with Boston's two correctional facilities.

The COVID-19 pandemic in mid-March 2020 led colleges and universities to evacuate their campuses and move to remote operations before the April count. Data collected from colleges and universities under the University Accountability Ordinance for Fall 2019 show that approximately 6,000 additional students were not accounted for by the 2020 Census redistricting data.

The Suffolk County Depart-

ment of Corrections records show that their two correctional facilities on April 1, 2020 housed approximately 500 additional residents than reported by the 2020 Census redistricting data.

With an undercount of the group quarters count by approximately 6,500 residents, the City has applied for a review of Boston's group quarters count through the Post-Census Group Quarters Review (PCGQR) program. Additionally, the City has provided the Census Bureau with administrative records from educational and correctional institutions to support these undercount issues.

Household Population

The City of Boston also has concerns related to the Household Population Count based on low self-response rates that were exacerbated by the pandemic disruptions, an issue that the Census' operation has failed to adequately address. In the 2010 census, all of Boston's census tracts' self-response rate exceeded 50 percent. However, in 2020, 29 census tracts – 15 percent of populated Boston tracts – had a self-response rate between 30.0 percent and 49.8 percent.

Some of these census tracts with lower response rates either have a large share of off-campus students or foreign-born residents. Off-campus students may have left the city due to universities shifting to remote operations, which would have led to them not being able to participate in the Census' Non-Response Follow-up activity. Other census tracts with lower response rates had larger shares of foreign born residents. Issues such as language barriers and government mistrust, in particular a citizenship question and prevalent anti-immigrant sentiment when count was administered, may have resulted in an undercount.

Currently, the Census Count Question Resolution Program (January 3, 2022 - June 30, 2023) only accepts 2020 census challenges for boundary issues and census

processing errors which exclude valid housing and associated population data. Additionally, the Census CQR operation provides no avenue to review an increase in apparent housing unit vacancies. Vacancy rates of housing units increased significantly in Allston Chinatown, Fenway, Longwood and South Boston Waterfront, neighborhoods that also have significantly lower Census self-response rates. Thus, pandemic disruptions could have led to many of Boston's housing units being incorrectly identified as vacant, resulting in an undercount of the City's population.

Race Classification

In 2020, the Census reclassified the collection and processing of race and ethnicity data which led to large increases in the "some other race" and "two more races" categories independent of actual demographic or cultural changes. Following this self-reported data on the population's race and Hispanic origin, the Census Bureau recategorizes this information following prescribed definitions developed in 1997 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This recent race and ethnicity reclassification, paired with the Census's recategorization process, heavily impacted Boston's data.

As a result of this Census coding, 76 percent of Hispanics in Boston chose (or were assigned) the "some other race" category, either by itself or in addition to other racial categories, up from 45 percent of Hispanics in 2010. Additionally, respondents listing Brazilian or Cape Verdean origin were reassigned by the U.S. Census Bureau to the "some other race" and respondents that stated a Middle Eastern or North African origin were assigned to the White category respectively.

Implications of the Census's (Re)Classification include the following:

- Multiracial or "other" cate-

(CENSUS Pg. 11)

The Beacon Hill Times - beaconhilltimes.com

The North End Regional Review - northendregionalreview.com

The Boston Sun - thebostonsun.com

The Charlestown Patriot-Bridge - charlestownbridge.com

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Person
To the named Respondent and
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serve on the bond.
The petition asks the court
to determine that the Re-
spondent is incapacitated,
that the appointment of a
Guardian is necessary, and
that the proposed Guardian is
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file with this court and may
contain a request for certain
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10:00 A.M. on the return
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you have to file the written
appearance if you object to
the petition. If you fail to file
the written appearance by the
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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.

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First Justice of this Court.
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9/15/22
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Docket No.
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to serve without surety on
the bond.
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Representative under the
Massachusetts Uniform Pro-
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but interested parties are
entitled to notice regarding
the administration from the
Personal Representative and
can petition the Court in any
matter relating to the estate,
including distribution of assets
and expenses of administra-
tion. Interested parties are
entitled to petition the Court
to institute formal proceedings
and to obtain orders terminat-
ing or restricting the powers
of Personal Representatives
appointed under informal
procedure. A copy of the Pe-
tition and Will, if any, can be
obtained from the Petitioner.

9/15/22
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RETURN OF "BOSTON BLOOMS WITH DAFFODILS"

Mayor Michelle Wu announced
that the Boston Parks and Recre-
ation Department will once again
distribute over 15,000 daffodil
bulbs for planting on public ways
citywide through the "Boston
Blooms with Daffodils" beautifi-
cation initiative started in 2011.

Individuals, civic associations,
church groups, sports leagues,
scout troops, open space advo-
cates, and parks friends are encour-
aged to sign up to participate. Last
year, over 100 community groups
planted bulbs in neighborhoods
across the City.

Those interested in partici-
pating may fill out a form online
at boston.gov/boston-blooms.
The online application form will
remain open until late September
on a rolling basis. Due to limited
supply, groups are not guaranteed
bulbs, but the Parks Department
will strive to accommodate all
requests. The application deadline
is September 30.

The plantings will take place in
approved locations on the week-
ends of October 30 and Novem-
ber 6. The Parks Department will
contact interested groups and pro-
vide bulb pick-up instructions and
dates. Groups and individuals are
asked to use their own tools.

The Boston Parks and Rec-
reation Department encourag-

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es volunteers to take photos of
their groups on planting days and
share them via social media using
the hashtag #BostonBlooms. For
more information on "Boston
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635-4505 or email parks@boston.gov.
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book, and Instagram.

GROUNDWATER TRUST FORUM SET FOR SEPTEMBER 20

The Boston Groundwater Trust
will be hosting an important City-
Wide Forum on Tuesday, Sept. 20,
from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bos-
ton Public Library in Copley Place,
Downtown Boston, that will
examine how climate change over
the coming years may threaten
the very foundations upon which
Downtown Boston has been built.

The Honorable Mayor of Bos-
ton Michelle Wu will be giving the
opening remarks at the Forum,
along with other state and local
elected officials. Garrett Dash
Nelson, President & Head Cura-
tor Leventhal Map & Educa-
tion Center at the Boston Public
Library, will be giving remarks
concerning how the landfilling of
Back Bay and other areas came
to be. The Keynote Speaker will

be Wilko Koning, Senior Project
Leader, Waternet, Amsterdam,
The Netherlands, who will be
speaking about the experiences of
Amsterdam in dealing with climate
change and lowering groundwater
levels.

There will also be a panel of
experts on the state of groundwa-
ter levels under our own Boston
City streets, and a how a changing
climate including the potential for
long-term drought conditions may
drastically alter the Boston we all
now know. The panel includes:
John Sullivan, Chief Engineer,
BWSC; Former City Councilor
Matt O'Malley, Vicinity; Vandana
Rao, Director of Water Policy,
EOE&EA; Jayne F. Knott, Ph.D.,
Principal, JFK Environmental Ser-
vices; and Kate England, Boston
Director of Green Infrastructure.

According to Rob Whitney,
Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees
of the Boston Groundwater Trust:
"The potential impact of long-term
climate change and drought con-
ditions on the ground water levels
below large portions of our City
is just now being discussed. This
forum will explore how climate
change and rising temperatures in
the future may limit the amount
of water to replenish groundwa-
ter, and the adverse effect that this
could have on the wooden pilings
that underpin many of our Boston
buildings and homes."

To register for this free event,
visit bostongroundwater.org.

CENSUS (from pg. 10)

gories are too heterogeneous to be
lumped together for data analysis
or policy/program creation.

- Black and White populations
appear smaller while multiracial
and "other" populations appear
larger. Using single race alone
categories may underestimate the
number of people who identify as
White or Black.

- A false impression may result
that changes are a result of actual
demographic or cultural chang-
es in the population not, in great
part, a result of reclassification.

- Respondents who thought
their self-identification was record-
ed by the Census may have been
misled.

- "Origin" and "race" are con-
flated as respondents listing cer-
tain origins are assigned to certain
races. For example, Hispanic, Bra-

zilian, and Cape Verdean origins
are classified as some other race.

To address these implications,
an alternative combined single
race/ethnicity was created, test-
ed and recommended in 2015 by
the Census Bureau that allows for
"Hispanic" and "Middle East-
ern and North African" as dis-
tinct choices. In 2015, the Census
Bureau's National Content Test
Race and Ethnicity Report found
that 70% of Hispanics only chose
to mark the Hispanic box with
the combined question, however
this recommended change was not
approved by OMB. The City of
Boston agrees with the U.S Census
Bureau that an alternative single
race/ethnicity question would be
an overall improvement and will
advocate for its adoption in future
census and the American Commu-

nity Survey.

However, the City also urges
the Census Bureau to implement
two changes on top of adopting a
recommended single race/ethnicity
question with the aim of improved
data collection. First, the City
believes that the Census needs to
commit to respecting self-identi-
fication of respondents since the
currently proposed change of a
combined alternative would not
alter the OMB's prescribed defi-
nition classification. Secondly, the
City encourages the Census to
facilitate discussion regarding the
Bureau's recategorization, which is
rooted in OMB's prescribed defi-
nitions from 1997, with the goal of
reflecting real demographic pro-
cesses.

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Remembering former Garden St. resident who died on 9/11

By Times staff

Each year on Sept. 11, neighbors and friends adorn the doorway of 51 Garden St. with flowers, candles, and cards in memory of one-time resident, Sara Elizabeth Low, a flight attendant who went to work as usual and boarded American Airlines Flight 11 from Boston to Los Angeles that fateful day in 2001.

Sara, who hailed from a close-knit Arkansas family, loved to fly and was following in the tradition of her father, Mike Low, a pilot. She joined American Airlines in the spring of 1999 in New York before transferring to Boston in the fall of 2000.

Sara was among those on board on AA Flight 11, the first plane to crash into the north tower of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, and after witnessing the carnage aboard the flight, she relayed crucial information to those on the ground, which sounded the first alarm for both the airlines and the government.

The hijackers had quickly gained control of the flight early that morning and released pepper spray or some other irritant in the first-class cabin, forcing the passengers and flight attendants toward the rear of the plane.

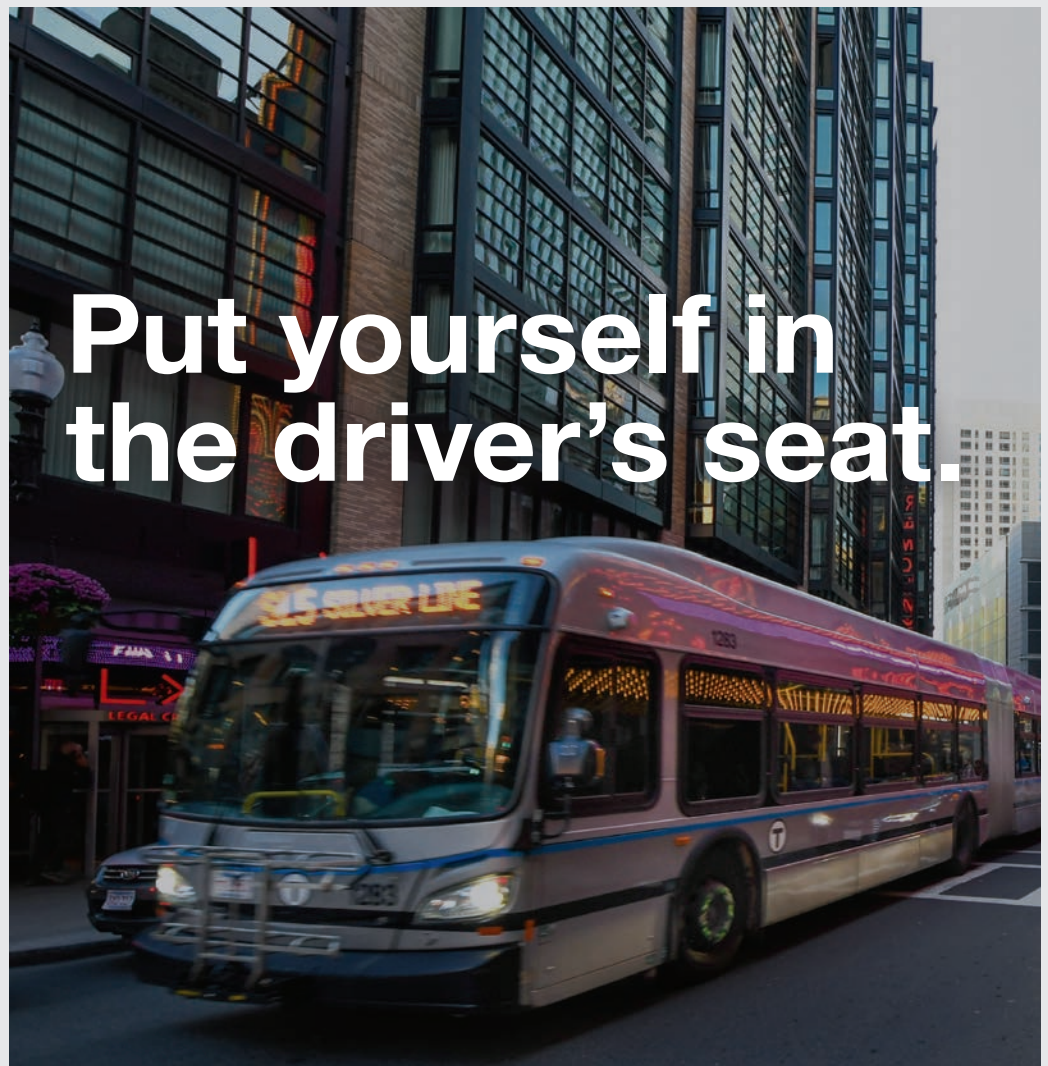
The hijackers claimed they had a bomb.

In the moments just after the first hijacking, Sara gave her calling card information to her fellow flight attendant so she could place calls from the on-board phone on AA Flight 11. Minutes later, Sara and the rest of the crew contacted the American Airlines office in Boston via an AT&T Airfone to report an emergency aboard the flight.

The first emergency call lasted approximately 25 minutes as Sara calmly relayed real-time information about events taking place aboard the airplane to authorities on the ground while tending to passengers and co-workers at the same time.

According to the information relayed by Sara and the Flight 11 crew, the passengers in coach were under the impression that there was a routine medical emergency in first class. Because of these swift actions and the exchange of crucial information, ground control was able to confirm the hijacking and moved all the traffic out of this aircraft's way as a result.

For her heroism, Sara Elizabeth Low posthumously received the Association of Flight Attendants' highest award for safety



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