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## SUMMER PICNIC IN HAYES PARK



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## BVHDC approves blade sign for Charles St. Dental

By Lauren Bennett

The Bay Village Historic District Commission (BVHDC) on July 12 approved the rest of the signage for Charles St. Dental, to be located at 121 Charles St. South.

The applicant came before the Commission last month with a proposal for a wall sign and a blade sign for the dental office. The Commission praised the design for the wall sign, but had some concerns about the proposed blade sign and wanted to see it better match the wall sign.

The applicant returned this month with a different option for the blade sign. "I believe this is more in keeping with the approved wall sign," said Joe Cornish, Director of Design

Review for the Boston Landmarks Commission.

"We're really happy with how it came out," said applicant Daniel Kim. The new sign is in the same font as the previously proposed sign, but it is now bolder and abbreviates "Street" to "St."

Commissioner Ruth Knopf said that the new sign "seems more condensed and more readable."

Commissioner Steve Dunwell agreed, saying he believes it's easier to read from farther away. "The 'Dental' word is more prominent," he said.

The Commission was pleased with the new blade sign and voted to approve it.

### REVIEW OF REVISED REGULATORY STANDARDS

Cornish also reported that he

is still working on getting the legislation amended that created the ordinance to establish the BVHDC so the Commission's purview can be expanded.

Revisions to the regulatory standards would allow the Commission to review paint color on wood and metal, which is currently outside of its jurisdiction, and the Commission would also be allowed to review rear elevations and all other elevations that are visible from a public way. Additionally, these revisions would allow the Commission to review entryway lighting as well.

The Commission went over some minor language changes to the proposal at this hearing, and at a future hearing public comment will be taken on these revised regulatory standards as well.

## Wu announces that Michael Cox will serve as next police commissioner

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Michelle Wu announced on July 13 that Boston native Michael Cox, who currently serves as the Chief of Police in Ann Arbor Michigan, will be the next and 44th commissioner of the Boston Police Department.

Wu was joined by members of the search committee, elected officials, and other leaders at the Gertrude Howes Playground, where Cox played as a young boy growing up in Roxbury. Cox also served in the Boston Police Department for 30 years prior to his role in Ann Arbor.

"It has taken us a while to get here, and I don't just mean the long seven months for our search committee hosting a thorough and diligent process grounded in community with hundreds of



Michael Cox.

Boston residents weighing in on this very important decision," Wu said. "It has taken us a long time to get here as a city."

Wu said that "the task of the

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## Free Summer Eats in full swing

By John Lynds

With school out and summer in full swing, children that receive free or reduced breakfast and lunches during the school year might have been out of a meal if it wasn't for the free summer food programs sponsored by the City of Boston and the Greater Boston YMCA.

Many children depend on school breakfast and lunches as their main source of nutrition. For many of these young kids it becomes more difficult to get the nutritious foods they need to grow healthy and strong during the summer.

Last Wednesday, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor's Office of Food Justice (OFJ) announced that 155 Boston Summer Eats Program meal sites opened July 5, 2022, running throughout the summer. Wu said Boston Summer Eats is an innovative effort to lessen the summer food gap by increasing the availability of non-traditional meal

sites that are open to all households. The program launched in 2017 with the goal to expand access to free and healthy meals for youth and teens in Boston.

"Boston's Summer Eats program and our Farmer's Market coupon program supports a food systems approach to provide residents with nutritious foods that also support our local economy and the health of our planet," said Mayor Wu. "I am excited to get out to some of our Summer Eats and Farmers Market sites and encourage residents to visit them as well."

In Back Bay Summer Eats food sites include Boloco Commons at 176 Boylston Street serving lunch from 11 am to 1 pm Monday through Friday and lunch from 11 am to 8 pm on Saturday; the Copley Square Farmers Market serving lunch from 12 pm to 1 pm and snacks from 3 pm to 4 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays; Trinity Boston Connects

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# EDITORIAL

## SUMMER IS HALF OVER -- MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT'S LEFT

We realize that most of the kids have been out of school for only a few weeks, but in terms of what we think of as the full summer season from Memorial Day to Labor Day, this coming weekend will mark the midpoint of the Summer of '22.

Thus far we have been blessed with generally perfect weather -- dry, with lots of sun; warm, but not too hot -- for outdoor activities of every kind.

Admittedly, for those among us who crave the heat and humidity (which is how we liked it when we were younger), the weather has been a bit on the cool side. But the flip part to that is that our electric bills have been low because we rarely have needed to use the air conditioning.

Those of us who are fortunate to live along the coast have been able to keep our windows open at night to bring in the cool sea breezes, which have been more prevalent this year than usual, to fill our homes.

In addition, the above-normal ocean temperature -- we noticed the warmer temps in the middle of May -- have allowed for the sort of refreshing dip for which we typically have to wait until late July and August.

Compared to much of the rest of the country, which has seen extreme weather with record-setting heat domes, wildfires, drought, and powerful winds, our corner of the world here in the Northeast has been idyllic.

But we know that Mother Nature is unpredictable and that in the end, things always even out, so to speak.

So we urge our readers to make the most of the second half of the Summer of '22 with our family, friends, and loved ones and to create memories that will last a lifetime.

The nice thing about summer is that in our experience, we've found the most memorable moments often are the simplest, such as getting an ice cream with the kids or just spending a day at the beach or going to a big summer movie, whether with the family or a date.

We will leave with these words from the song by the great Nat King Cole from the early 1960s that captures what summertime is all about:

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer  
Those days of soda and pretzels and beer  
Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer  
You'll wish that summer could always be here

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## GUEST OP-ED

## Airline travel woes, flying is frustrating

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Airline travelers have experienced frustration since the 2021 holidays as covered by national news. Travel delays and even trip cancellations have been aggravating experiences for travelers. If you only have a weekend and your trip includes a flight on Friday and a return flight on Sunday you are chancing a lost weekend. Being delayed from Friday to Saturday is surely to sour your trip.

My wife and I have flown a few times and it seems as if there is a new devil at every level. Last Spring, we hoped for a few days in Florida. We booked our flight from Indiana to change planes in Atlanta before going on to Florida. We checked our luggage and had minimum provisions in our backpacks. We arrived in Atlanta on a Saturday afternoon only to learn that our plane on to Florida was cancelled because of weather. We also heard from fellow disgruntled travelers and a TSA agent that the cancellation was really due to problems with air traffic controllers. We also heard that Delta was very short-staffed. After standing in line at a ticket counter for two hours I was told the next available flight was two nights later at 7PM. We were advised that our luggage was already on another plane to our

destination.

We had no choice but to find a hotel room. Thousands of other flights were delayed or had been cancelled that day. Hotel rooms were not easy to find. We finally found one. We were forced to get a taxi and stay two nights in Atlanta with minimal provisions. Needless to say, it was an extra unplanned expense.

When we finally arrived in Florida, I knew we were good on transportation. I had paid in advance for a rental car. We got the car pretty fast. However, I wasn't told that our upfront payment was forfeited because we didn't pick up the car within a 24-hour time frame of the reservation date. I didn't realize I was paying a second time until I reviewed my bank statement later. Since I had paid for the car up front, I did not think that Budget would care if we were delayed. I thought wrong. According to Budget you have to let them know within 24 hours if your plans change. I learned something new. Education is always expensive. I disputed the charge but my bank stood with Budget.

All in all, my wife and I had a good time in Ft. Myer's Beach, Florida. Except, flying was miserable that time around. Delta Airlines made no offers to compensate us with any new or free tickets. They felt no obligation

to cover any of the additional expenses we incurred in Atlanta. Budget Rent A Car made double money for an old Camry they rented me. The car was a take it or leave it. They said it was all they had available when I arrived.

Are there any answers? Sure. Stay home. Or, try to find flights that are direct if possible. This seems harder and harder. Buy a small suitcase that fits the legal carry-on dimensions. Then you will have your bag with you. If you can handle your trip without a rental car, you might be happier. Sometimes this is impossible but not always. We recently traveled to Baltimore and stuck with Taxis. We saved quite a bit because we didn't pay for a rental car and we didn't have to pay parking fees at the hotel.

I don't like to fly in storms. I do want the airlines to make my safety a priority. I would rather arrive late than never. Just be aware that in the age we currently live in flying can be frustrating.

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## LETTER to the Editor

## TAX REBATE PROPOSAL MISSES THE MARK

To the Editor,

The Massachusetts Legislature's proposal to send \$250-\$500 checks to a particular income range (38-150k) is economically misguided and fails to meet the moment.

Under this proposal:

-A widowed mother of two kids making \$30,000 a year in the service industry gets \$0... but a dual-income, no kids married couple in their late 20s making \$135,000 a year gets \$500. (Why???)

-With a historic opportunity to invest in things we've long ignored, like our transportation system, crumbling public housing and a lack of affordable housing generally, a lack of affordable childcare, and our public higher education system that keeps increasing tuition on MA residents --- \$500 million will be sent out, without a penny going to the most needy, in a short-term way that will not make a lasting impact.

-During a period of inflation, money is given to the income range most likely to spend it on supply-constrained goods and services, thus making inflation

worse.

I 100% get trying to help families facing the crunch of inflation right now, but a short-term cash infusion increases demand, which increases inflation... what would actually fight inflation would be increasing the supply of things that are driving cost of living up - like housing and childcare.

If the Legislature feels the best use of the state's surplus is tax cuts rather than investing it in public goods, then let's do actual tax cuts that are permanent and promote long-run economic growth.

**COX** (from pg. 1)

Boston Police Department is to deliver public safety through the lens of public health and community trust, and it's not a simple one."

After about a half-year search, which Wu described as "rigorous," the committee and city has "found someone who's ready to take on this responsibility and serve all of Boston's communities," she said.

When speaking about the qualities of a Boston Police commissioner, Wu said, "they must be someone who understands intimately the consequences of inequity and injustice, and they must be ready and willing to do the work required to not only repair these harms where they exist, but root out the injustice that creates them."

Wu said that the search included speaking to police officers, community leaders, young people, and other residents about what they would like to see in the next police commissioner. The committee held community listening sessions prior to the

release of the job application and description, according to the City.

"The committee was impressed by the wealth of experience that Chief Cox brings with him to this role, in addition to his creativity and community-oriented approach to public safety," she said.

"Having grown up here, having served in all of the roles in the department and elsewhere, he is uniquely positioned to build the public safety infrastructure that Boston deserves and continue building on the community trust and community policing that our city has led on for decades. This infrastructure will focus on addressing the causes of crime, prioritizing the health and safety of all of our residents, and driven by and rooted in our community."

Wu also thanked Acting Commissioner Greg Long for his service in the role, and said that he will remain superintendent-in-chief of the department once Cox is sworn in.

"I do consider this a homecoming," Cox said during his remarks, and thanked Mayor Wu.

"Her vision for the city is very much how I see the vision for the police department. When we talk about things like diversity, equity, and inclusion, that's very important for the police department. The police department needs to look like the communities in which we serve."

He said that in 1995, he was a "victim of unconstitutional policing," and chose to work in public service "because I wanted to help the public."

He said that following this incident, he had a choice to stay or to go. "And I chose to stay, because I believe in policing in a community-friendly way and I know the men and women I work with believe in that same thing too."

Cox said his focus is to "grow and be a model for the police department," and over several decades, he has held multiple roles within the police department.

ment.

"We need to understand the people that we police and the communities that we police so that we never have any unintended consequences," Cox said. He also said that officers and others within the police department will be supported and provided with the resources they need to correctly do their jobs, but the department will also "hold you accountable for all the things we ask you to do."

Cox also said that some things within the department will be done differently, and the wellness of officers will be supported. "We're going to get feedback from our communities," he said, as well as acknowledge the department's history while moving forward.

Retired Justice Geraldine Hynes, who chaired the search committee, said that "I am so proud and honored to be here and to say that Michael Cox is the fruit of our labors to find the best possible person for this moment in time in our history in

the City of Boston. We have faith and trust in you, and we know that our faith and trust will be rewarded if you have the support of the department and the support of the City of Boston."

In a statement, District Attorney Kevin Hayden said, "Congratulations to Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox. His record of service is exemplary, and I'm grateful to have him as a partner in efforts to improve safety and wellbeing across Boston's neighborhoods. The journey of Michael Cox from being beaten by fellow Boston Police officers to his appointment as Commissioner of the Boston Police Department is emblematic of criminal legal reform. I'm grateful to have such a strong partner in building a safer, more equitable Boston."

Cox will return to Boston as the police commissioner beginning on August 15, Wu said.

**LETTER** (from pg. 2)

The state could increase the earned-income tax credit or the child tax credit, cut the sales tax, reduce filing fees and licensing fees on small businesses, or marginally reduce business taxation in general on small businesses... all kinds of things that have a long-term impact, rather than a sugar high that is only appropriate in a time of urgent need for short-run economic growth, which is not the situation we are in right now, as any economist left, right or center would attest to.

I disagree with Governor Baker's proposed suite of long-term tax reductions, many of which would predominantly help upper-income earners, but at least there's a logic to them, in terms of promoting the state's economic competitiveness in the long-term.

This proposal is deeply unseemly, short-term thinking, which wildly misses the opportunity we have to make investments in the state's future -- all to try to conveniently time checks around election time, even though more than

half of the Legislature doesn't even have an opponent. For the sake of thinking long term about MA's future, I hope it is sunk.

**Joe Gravellese**

**AN EXCITING DAY**

To the Editor:

Tuesday July 12 was an exciting day for the neighborhoods of the South End / Lower Roxbury in Boston. The proposed redevelopment of the Alexandra Hotel by Jas Bhogal and Thomas Calus on the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Washington St. was approved by Zoning Board Appeals in Boston.

In 1895, the original Alexandra Hotel was named after Alexandra of Denmark and was an apartment building which had a steam powered elevator. It has been vacant since the late 1970's and had a disastrous fire in the 1990's.

As a long time resident of the South End since 1986, I look forward to see this historic building being restored and devel-

oped soon. This important site will have 70 new condos with 10 onsite affordable units with active ground floor retail. It will be such a positive addition to the neighborhood and have active uses. It is the last linchpin for that important corner.

This building is very important to me. In 1995, I had my photo taken by the Boston Globe in front of the vacant Alexandra Hotel. The front page of the Business Section announced the support of the late Mayor Thomas M. Menino, the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) with City agencies on improving and redeveloping this historic boulevard through Public / Private Partnerships with the City and the State. The study area was from the MA Turnpike to Melnea Cass Blvd from the South End to Lower Roxbury.

At that time, there were seven acres of vacant parcels, many boarded up buildings and lack of mixed use uses of housing & ground floor uses. I was appointed by the late Mayor Thomas Menino to chair the

Washington Street Task Force as an volunteer with 28 members. This task force was made of residents, public housing tenants, business owners, and non profits along with elected officials. It was the first time for the South End/ Lower Roxbury area worked together on a joint vision for the future development of this neighborhood. In 1997, recommendations by the Task Force were presented to the City and new zoning was adopted which allowed future development to go forward with neighborhood and City support.

Today, over 2,000 housing units have been rehabbed and built. Over 60 % of the units are affordable with 125 new ground floor businesses. These uses are retail, restaurants, fast casual food establishments, service businesses, and non profits. The street was redeveloped by Private/ Public partnerships with the City & the State with developers, nonprofits and property owners. It truly has been a real success.

Many thanks to Kim Cru-

cioli from The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, the Boston Planning & Development Agency staff, the South End Landmarks Commission, City Councilors Michael Flaherty, Frank Baker, and Tania Fernandes-Anderson, State Representative Jon Santiago, and shout out to South Enders Bob Minnoccio, Steve Fox, Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) and many others for supporting this project.

I can't wait to celebrate and look forward to the ribbon cutting and ground breaking for the Alexandra Hotel and see another building be redeveloped. Now let's get this built soon!

**Randi Grohe Lathrop**

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## News in Brief

### ELLIS SUMMER PATIO DINNER

The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association is organizing a summer patio dinner at Boston Chops on Monday, July 18 at 6:00pm. The cost is \$85 per Ellis South End Neighborhood Association member, or \$95 per non-member. This includes three courses of your choice accompanied by two glasses of wine or a non-alcoholic beverage. To register and see the menu, visit <https://www.ellisneighborhood.org/summer-patio-dinner-2022.html>. Space is limited; please RSVP by Friday, July 15.

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS LIVING HEALTHY-SATURDAY MORNING WALKS

Attend Saturday Morning Walks hosted every Saturday ending September 24. The group will be meeting at the Franklin Park Golf Course Clubhouse located on 1 Circuit Dr, Dorchester, MA at 9:15 AM and walking starts at 9:30 AM. This is a great way for people to get fit and build connections with others in the Greater Boston area.

### MAYOR WU ANNOUNCES CURBSIDE FOOD WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

Building on her commitment to make Boston a Green New Deal City, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Public Works Department announced that a curbside food waste collection program with rolling online enrollment is now available. Food waste collection will align with residents' scheduled trash and recycling collection days. This program will reduce the City's reliance

on landfills and incinerators, and make it more convenient for Boston residents to dispose of their household food waste. The food waste, which will be collected through a partnership between Garbage to Garden and Save That Stuff, will be sent to Save that Stuff's composting site in West Bridgewater to be turned into compost that will be made available to Boston parks, gardens, and schools, and sent to Waste Management's CORE Facility in Charlestown where it will be made into clean energy. Learn more on the city's website.

### MALDEN SUMMER FESTIVALS ADD THREE MORE PUB CRAWL DATES

The City of Malden is pleased to announce that with the continued success of the Murder at the Malden Bank Pub Crawls, the City has added three more dates. Can you solve the crime while having a great time with friends and family? Visit [www.MaldenGamingDistrict.com](http://www.MaldenGamingDistrict.com) for the additional dates and tickets.

Based upon the actual locations from the first bank robbery murder in the United States, the easy 17-minute walk takes you to multiple locations connected to the murder of a member of the esteemed Converse family. At each location you will encounter interesting characters who will present you with challenges and puzzles to unlock the mystery behind the 1863 murder.

Best of all, each location is now a great dining and drinking establishment, and the author of the book *Abel Bodied: Murder at the Malden Bank*, Michael Clougherty, will be at the final location for a book signing. These events are part of the Malden Summer Festivals and are sponsored by

the Office of Mayor Gary Christenson.

Located next to the Malden Center MBTA Orange Line station, the restaurant-filled area is also home to Malden's Gaming District. This is the place to go if you want to quest at Boda Borg, conduct a science experiment that is a lot like mini-golf, play and stock up on Magic cards, shoot some billiards, try a racing simulator or sing your heart out at Karaoke..

Easily accessible by Orange Line, but FREE Parking is available at both of the City's garages at 170 Centre Street or 7 Jackson Street. Please visit [www.MaldenGamingDistrict.com](http://www.MaldenGamingDistrict.com) to learn more.

### RMV ANNOUNCES LOW PLATE LOTTERY

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing that applications are now being accepted online for the 2022 Low Number Plate Lottery at [Mass.Gov/RMV](http://Mass.Gov/RMV) using the Online Service Center. To be eligible, applicants must apply for this year's lottery by 5 p.m., Friday, September 2. If selected for a low number plate, winners will be notified by mail.

This year, there are 199 plates available through the low plate lottery. Some of this year's low plates are F7, 36, 78K, X44, 1S, and 6666.

Applicants should note that there is no fee to apply. However, should the applicant be selected as a winner, there is a special plate fee that will be required, as well as a standard registration fee.

Customers are encouraged to visit the RMV's website or follow @MassRMV on Twitter for details on the lottery plate drawing to be announced later this summer, including the date, time, and location of the event. In addition, lottery plate applicants will be sent a notification from the RMV to the email address they provided with event details. The lottery results will be posted after the drawing on the RMV website.

Lottery Rules and Eligibility Requirements

- Only one entry per applicant will be accepted, regardless of the number of active registrations the applicant has.

- An applicant must be a Massachusetts resident with a

currently active, registered, and insured passenger vehicle.

- Companies/corporations may not apply.

- MassDOT (Registry of Motor Vehicles, Highway, Mass Transit, and Aeronautics) employees, including contract employees, and their immediate family members are not eligible. ("Immediate family member" refers to one's parents, spouse, children, and brothers & sisters.)

- Requests for specific plate numbers will not be honored. Eligible applicants will be considered for all plates listed. Plates will be awarded in the order in which they are listed on [Mass.Gov/RMV](http://Mass.Gov/RMV).

- An applicant's registration and license cannot be in a non-renewal, suspended, or revoked status at the time of entry, the time of the drawing, or the time of the plate swap. As such, an applicant must not have any outstanding excise taxes, parking tickets, child support, warrants, or unpaid E-Z Pass/Pay by Plate violations.

- Online entries will be accepted only and must be completed by 5 p.m., Friday, September 2.

- Lottery results will be available on the RMV website: [Mass.Gov/RMV](http://Mass.Gov/RMV). By law, lottery winners must be announced by September 15, 2022.

- All winners will be notified mail with instructions on how to transfer their current registration to their new lottery plate. Winners will have until Friday, December 30, 2022, to swap their plates. Unclaimed plates will be forfeited after Friday, December 30, 2022. Plates will be registered to the winning applicant only.

- All plates remain the property of the RMV even after registration.

- All information received, including names of all applicants and the list of winners, is subject to release in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Records law.

### ARROYO FILES A HEARING ORDER ON THE BPD AND BRIC RESPONSE TO THE RECENT ACTIONS OF WHITE SUPREMACIST GROUPS

Boston Councilor Ricardo Arroyo today announced he

has filed an order calling for a public hearing to discuss the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) and Boston Police Department's response to the growing presence of white supremacist hate groups in the City of Boston. The Council Order asks that representatives from the Boston Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Attorney General's Office, US Attorney's Office and other interested parties be invited to speak before the Council.

"These hate groups are reprehensible and pose real and serious threats to the safety of our communities here in Boston and nationally. They can never be allowed to freely terrorize our neighborhoods or assault individuals with impunity," Arroyo said. "BRIC was established in 2005 explicitly to target acts of terrorism, and Boston residents deserve answers about their response to recent incidents in Boston and what is being done to address the lack of actionable intelligence prior to the Patriot Front's march in Boston and the inadequate response that followed, leading to the assault of Charles Murrell III. The City of Boston must take significant steps to ensure the safety of our Black, Latinx, immigrant, Jewish, Muslim, LGBTQ+, and all communities targeted by organized white supremacist hate groups."

Boston has seen an uptick in public displays of white supremacist actions. On Saturday, July 2, approximately 100 white supremacists marched through Downtown Boston under the banner of the Patriot Front, and physically attacked artist and activist Charles Murrell III. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, Patriot Front is a white nationalist hate group that formed in the aftermath of the deadly 2017 "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In March, members of the Nationalist Socialist Club 131 (NSC-131) displayed the banner "Keep Boston Irish" along the route of the historic St. Patrick's Day Parade in Boston. And earlier this year, on January 22, two-dozen members of NSC-131 protested in front of Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston against efforts made by

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Folks enjoyed pizza provided by Nicole’s Pizza on Tremont St.



Kids enjoyed ice cream provided by the Boston Police Hoodsie Truck.



Friends and neighbors gathered at Hayes Park on July 7 for a picnic in the park.

BRIEFS (from pg. 4)

the hospital towards establishing greater equity in health care for communities of color.

According to a 2021 Anti-Defamation League (ADL) report, incidents of white supremacist propaganda has surged across the U.S. in the previous year to “alarming levels,” and concluded that NSC-131 is one of three groups responsible for 92% of the activity.

In the Council Order, Arroyo says: “The Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) under the authority of the Boston Police Department (BPD) was established in 2005 with the purported purpose to reduce crime and prevent acts of terrorism throughout the Metropolitan Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR)...to date, BPD and BRIC have had insufficient intelligence and inadequate responses to recent actions and demonstrations led by white supremacist hate groups, those actions are escalating, raising concerns about their ability to effectively monitor and track these domestic terrorist organizations as they are required.”

EXPLORE TIDEPOOLS WITH DCR AT SHORT BEACH

The Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, the DCR, and Save the

Harbor, Save the Bay are offering Tidepool Discovery outings with the DCR’s Matthew Nash. Tuesdays, July 5, from 10-11 a.m., and Aug. 2 and 16 from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Discover and learn about the fascinating plants and animals of

the tidepool and why we should care for both these fragile creatures and the tidepool that represents their home. Nets will be provided for brief capture and release of the tidepool creatures. Be prepared for slippery rocks and for getting your feet wet!”

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# Esplanade Association's free River Fit Fitness Series returns

By Dan Murphy

The Esplanade Association's free River Fit Summer Fitness Series returns this week.

"We are thrilled to bring back our River Fit series of free summer fitness classes for another season while expanding to offer more opportunities than ever before," said Samuel Englert, Programs and Partnerships Manager for the Esplanade Association. "This has annually been one of our most popular programs with thousands of annual participants. This year's eight week schedule will include options for many different fitness interests, from heart-pounding Zumba to senior-focused classes and sunrise stretches and more."

River Fit comprises a range of outdoor fitness classes, including dance classes, senior workouts, yoga and more, which are taught for a range of experience levels and abilities. People of all ages and fitness-levels are invited to get fit for free in the park while enjoying scenic riverfront views with instructors from Healthworks, 'Froca, B/SPOKE, Kick It by Eliza, and Cindy Sullivan Fitness.

Classes are regularly held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays until Friday, Sept. 2. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/river-fit-2022-669399>.

Zumba, led by Healthworks, takes place on Mondays through Aug. 29 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Hatch Shell Memorial. Using Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves, routines are led by Healthworks instructors and feature interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms are combined with resistance training. Register at [https://](https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/river-fit-2022-669399)

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'Froca takes place on Tuesdays through Aug. 30 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Hatch Shell Memorial. A celebration of songs and dances from across Africa and the Caribbean, 'Froca is set to popular African and Caribbean music and draws on movements and dances rooted in deep tradition, along with steps that have gained popularity in recent years. 'Froca was created by Sylver Rochelin Randrianantenaina, a professional dancer and choreographer from Madagascar. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/river-fit-2022-froca-registration-366826376567?aff=odcleoeven-tsincollection>.

Yoga with B/SPOKE takes place on Wednesdays through Aug. 31 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Fiedler Field. Each session will begin with guided breath work and end with a mindful moment that will allow each participant to take the intention of class outside the studio and into their own life. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/river-fit-2022-yoga-with-bspoke-registration-359534486327?aff=odcleoeven-tsincollection>.

Kick It By Eliza takes place on Fridays from July 15 through Sept. 2 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Fiedler Field. Kick It's a 13-round, music-driven and kickboxing-inspired fitness method, with no equipment needed except for a yoga mat, if desired. Some rounds target specific body parts (such as legs or arms), but most of the class is cardio focused. There are plenty of options to modify are provided along the way, so this class truly is for everyone. Register at <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox>.

The second of two Fresh Air Fitness with Cindy pop-up sessions takes place on Tuesday,



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Participants taking part in River Fit yoga on the Esplanade.



Aug. 9, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Fiedler Field. (The first session took place on July 12.) This fun, outdoor class on the Esplanade will include a full-body workout that prioritizes the needs of seniors, with focused attention on efficient body mechanics and

injury prevention. It will also offer a variety of exercises to increase muscle strength, range of motion, and make participants more durable for daily activities. Fresh Air is hosted with Cindy in collaboration with Beacon Hill Village. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/river-fit-2022-fresh-air-fitness-with-cindy-tickets-372207080397?aff=odcleoeven-tsincollection>.

For more information on River Fit, visit <https://esplanade.org/fitness/>.

Additionally, the Esplanade Association is also offering its Music and Movement program in partnership with the nonprofit Boston Music Project, with two 45-minute sessions every Friday

from July 15 through Sept. 2 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., respectively, at the Stoneman Playground. During this interactive music program designed for children and their caregivers, kids will sing songs, dance to music, and enjoy storytime led by trained Boston Music Project teaching artists. Caregivers are encouraged to attend and take part in the music games with their children. When registering, caregivers should select tickets for both themselves and their child/children; register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/music-movement-on-the-esplanade-tickets-379839559347>.

To learn more about this program, visit <https://esplanade.org/musicandmovement/>.

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# Wu announces \$20 million investment to expand city's Universal Pre-K program

By John Lynds

Last week Mayor Michelle Wu announced an expansion of Boston's Universal Pre-K program to 992 total seats, which will greatly benefit working families in the Back Bay, Fenway, South End, Chinatown and beyond.

The \$20 million investment in early education through Boston's Universal Pre-K (UPK) program was done in partnership between BPS and the Office of Early Childhood.

Wu said this investment builds her Administration's commitment to universal, affordable, high-quality early education and care for all infants, toddlers, and children under five.

According to Wu, through this new investment, Boston will expand support for community-based classrooms, increase the number of seats available to 3 and 4-year-olds for the upcoming school year, and begin integrating family child care providers into the UPK system.

Local partner sites in the area include Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion, Inc. (IBA) on Tremont Street in the South End, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Cen-

ter on Ash Street in Chinatown, the Ellis Early Learning Center on Berkeley Street in the South End, the Roxbury Tenants of Harvard YMCA on Fenwood Road in Fenway and the Wang YMCA on Oak Street in Chinatown.

"The greatest investment we can make in our future is to support and center our young people," said Wu. "With this historic investment in early childhood education, we can kickstart an increase in high-quality Pre-K seats, bring family child care providers into the UPK network, and ensure all of our families have access to free and accessible early childcare and education."

Boston UPK is now accepting applications for Pre-K seats at community-based providers for the 2022-2023 school year on a rolling basis. Eligible students must be Boston residents and must turn three or four years old on or before September 1, 2022. More information on the Boston UPK program and the application can be found at [www.bostonpublicschools.org/upk](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/upk). A list of the current community providers can be found at <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/upk-sites>. Additional providers may

be added in the coming weeks for the 2022-23 school year.

In addition to expanding access, Boston UPK will increase developmental and behavioral health screenings, student support interventions, culturally relevant and challenging curriculum, and coaching to improve quality in classrooms.

"UPK makes it possible to pay excellent teachers a competitive salary, have regular, supportive coaching, and invest in our classrooms continually," said Chief Executive Officer at Ellis Early Learning Lauren Cook. "Our teachers appreciate the high-quality curriculum and are proud to be part of the UPK community. Our students are thriving, and parents are thrilled with our partnership with BPS. Our UPK classrooms set the bar internally and elevate our organization. We couldn't be happier or more grateful to partner with BPS in this vital work."

This upcoming school year, Boston UPK will also launch a new per-classroom funding formula, replacing a per-student formula, to ensure high quality learning environments for students. The new funding formula

and rate will provide financial and operational stability to child care providers, empower them to implement high quality programming, and ensure teachers at community sites receive pay commensurate with staff in district-run schools.

"Providing per-classroom instead of per-child funding will provide stability for child care providers who have been greatly impacted by COVID," said Director of the Office of Early Childhood Kristin McSwain. "It will also allow many of them to extend their service hours beyond the required 6.5 to better meet the needs of working families."

Boston UPK will also expand to include family child care providers, increasing the options available to prospective families. Family child care providers offer

families more flexible hours, multilingual or mixed-age settings, and sometimes more affordable services. Over the course of the next school year, BPS and the Office of Early Childhood will partner with 20 family child care providers, members of the UPK Advisory Board, and other experts to design Boston's family child care UPK program.

"We are grateful for the continued investment in Universal Pre-K from the City of Boston and Mayor Michelle Wu in collaboration with Boston Public Schools," said Boston Universal Pre-K Director TeeAra Dias. "Our mixed-delivery model ensures family choice and that there is no wrong door for families looking for a high-quality pre-K experience."

## Back Bay area COVID positive test-rate increases

By John Lynds

The Back Bay and the surrounding area's weekly positive test rate is back on the rise and jumped to nearly 13 percent last week as another summer surge of the COVID omicron sub variants takes hold across the country.

According to the latest data by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 677 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents were tested for the virus last week and 12.8 percent were positive--this was a whopping 31 percent increase from the 9.8 percent that tested positive between June 27 and July 4.

Eighty seven additional residents contracted the virus between July 4 and July 11 and there have now been 11,531 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate also increased last week

According to the BPHC, 9,604 Boston residents tested citywide and 8.1 percent were positive—a 7 percent increase from the 7.6 percent that tested positive

between June 27 and July 4.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.62 per-

cent last week and went from 194,604 to 195,825 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were 15 additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,493.

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# ZBA approves residential proposal for Hotel Alexandra building

By Lauren Bennett

The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) on July 12 approved the proposal for the Hotel Alexandra building, located at 1759-1763 Washington St. The proposal is to change the occupancy to a multifamily residential use with a commercial/restaurant use on the

ground floor and the restoration of the existing historic facade.

Attorney Marc LaCasse said that this project had been before the ZBA on April 26. The ZBA had “significant comments” regarding the layout of the proposed units and their design, according to ZBA Chair Christine Araujo.

LaCasse added that there were concerns around the number of compact units as well as the “arrangement and distribution of the [Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP)] units,” so the team consulted with staff at the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to come up with a new plan.

In this new plan, the team has done a “complete reworking of the core for the residential use,” said architect Dartagnan Brown, while “maintaining the exterior design approved by this board and Landmarks.”

At the previous hearing, the proposal included 76 residential units, but that has since been reduced to 70. There are now 19 compact units, down from 33, which includes a decrease in studio units and an increase in two bedroom units.

After going back to the BPDA, there is a new proposed mix of IDP units, including two studios (down from four), and there will now be four one bedroom units instead of three. The two one bedroom plus units have remained, but the two bedroom units have increased to two, Brown said. Additionally there is now an “even distribution” of IDP units in the building so they are not all located together.

“As one of the people raising issues about number and size of the units, I appreciate the effort that’s been done to turn this into a very different project,” said ZBA member Mark Erlich. “I think this is going to be a really welcome addition to the cityscape.”

Jeff Hampton of the BPDA said that the “development team was very receptive to the changes that were brought to them by BPDA staff,” and the BPDA is in support of this project.

Kim Crucoli of the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services said that the office defers to the board’s judgment, but “the project has received over 130 letters of support from abutters within 300 feet of the property.”

She also said that 22 “directly abutting businesses” have also submitted letters of support, as have the Claremont Neighborhood Association, the Blackstone/Franklin Neighborhood Association, and the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association.

“This project has had an extensive public process with 39 public meetings, and has made

sure the wants and needs of the community are met,” Crucoli said. “This project will have a positive impact on the community and will bring much-needed life to the area.”

Also in support were State Rep. Jon Santiago, who said that “this project has the opportunity to revitalize this corner that has been dormant for decades,” along with City Councilors Frank Baker, Michael Flaherty, and Tania Fernandes Anderson.

The ZBA reported that they have received letters both in support and in opposition of the project.

Steve Fox, chair of the South End Forum, expressed his “unconditional support for this project. This will bring residential ownership opportunities to the South End which are really, really missing; which we desperately, desperately need. This project is an example of the best of how to engage the community in a process that ultimately results in a great project.”

Carol Streiff, a resident of Mass Ave., said that many residents on the Roxbury side of Mass. Ave. are opposed to the project. This has been an ongoing issue since this project was first proposed, as residents on the Roxbury side said that they were not properly included in the community process.

“We are now arguing that the ZBA should honor those residents who have indicated opposition and return this project to the BPDA for proper review,” Streiff said. “We do not oppose developing the corner; we support it. We simply do not support this particular project at this particular height and with the lack of parking and other issues.”

Connie Forbes of the Garrison-Trotter Neighborhood Association said that this building “needs to be developed with input of residents on both sides of the aisle,” and that she and others have concerns about the height of the building as well as the number of units proposed.

Araujo told the Roxbury residents that they “should take up the conversation with the BPDA and the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services about what is Roxbury and what is the South End and what is that middle area.

“This is not a conversation this board will get in the middle of,” Araujo said, “so we acknowledge all the voices that we’ve heard; we acknowledge all

the concerns that we’ve heard.”

The ZBA unanimously voted to approve the project with BPDA design review.

97-101 NEWBURY ST.

The ZBA also approved a proposal at 97-101 Newbury St., which is the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS).

Attorney Louis Miller said that the NEHGS is planning on renovating and improving its existing building, as well as the adjacent building on the corner of Newbury and Clarendon Streets.

It has been through a “lengthy public process,” he said.

A small cafe is proposed for the ground floor, which will not involve any cooking, but rather offer grab-and-go type options, Miller said. The cafe will be open to the public and will offer seating.

The architect said that the building is an existing nonconforming use, but by connecting 97 Newbury St. to the existing NEHGS building, the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is actually reduced.

The proposal also includes the reconstruction of the building at 97 Newbury St. and extending the lower level to the back alley so it meets the facade of the existing building.

Conor Newman of the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services said that the office defers to the board’s judgment on this proposal, but that an abutters meeting was held. One abutter did have concerns about the use of the alley, but the applicant was “encouraged” to communicate with said abutter about those concerns.

Conrad Armstrong of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) said that the “applicant met with us many times,” and “normally, NABB would oppose relief from rear yard setback, but we do feel this is a very unusual situation. All the other buildings next to it are already built out all the way to the alley.”

He added that NABB is also typically opposed to an increase in FAR, but “combining buildings actually lowers the FAR.” The organization is also not opposed to the addition of the small cafe, he said.

The carpenters’ union also expressed support for the project, and the ZBA approved the proposal.

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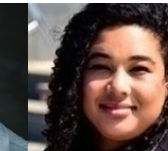
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# BLO brings free orchestral music to Hatch Shell

Staff Report

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, under the direction of Music Director Christopher Wilkins, brings its annual summer series of free, live orchestral concerts to the iconic DCR Hatch Memorial Shell on the Esplanade, with a special focus on concerts in East Boston, Chelsea, Roxbury, and Mattapan. Rooted in the mission “we build community through great music,” Landmarks Orchestra is thrilled to present a concert series of free events which showcase a diversity of music and cultures.

Programming this summer celebrates a dazzling array of composers and music. Highlights include the world premiere of “Many Mansions,” a new orchestral and choral work by Diane White-Clayton based on Roland Carter’s arrangement of “In Bright Mansions Above”; the Boston premiere of William Dawson’s “Negro Folk Symphony”; Beethoven’s 9th Symphony with the One City Choir, Coro Allegro, and vocal soloists; a new partnership with the Four Strings Academy; and the announcement of cuatrista Fabiola Méndez as Composer-In-Residence for 2022-23 to work with Boston students on composition and performance workshops.

Music Director Christopher Wilkins says “The 2022 season is filled with music the whole family will enjoy—works by Gershwin and Bernstein, the William Tell Overture, a performance of Pines of Rome in the series finale,

and much more. There are great monuments of the orchestral literature, including the Beethoven ‘Ninth’ and Berlioz’s Symphonie fantastique. And as always, performances fulfilling Landmarks Orchestra’s unique cultural mission, addressing Boston history, cultural diversity, and conflict and reconciliation. We are also thrilled to begin an exciting long-term collaboration with Puerto Rican cuatro virtuoso, Fabiola Méndez.

Following a strategic planning process led by Chair of the Board of Advisors, Jean Scarrow and Landmarks Orchestra Board Chair Emmett G. Price III, the organization is embarking on a 10-year strategic plan. Primary goals stemming from the plan are to increase the diversity of audiences, ensembles, and staff to be more representative of the residents of the City of Boston; bring more community-based programming into Boston neighborhoods; and develop deep and authentic partnerships with partner communities within the next decade.

New Partnerships and Community Outreach

At the heart of each Landmarks Orchestra season is the spirit of community and collaboration.

This year’s partnerships and collaborations include:

- A new relationship with Four Strings Academy, a music training institution founded by Mariana Hill. Students from the Academy will join Landmarks principal string players for a Prelude Performance on July 20.
- Partnering with the Hyde

Square Task Force and Ágora, founded by Elsa Mosquera Sterenberg, led to a grant from the Yawkey Foundation to fund our first Composer in Residence—cuatrista Fabiola Méndez. She will spend a year in residence, working with students to create a new work that will premiere on the Landmark’s 2023 summer season. A preview concert of the work will happen in January 2023 (details TBA).

• A grant from The Cummings Foundation which will support Landmarks Orchestra’s Music & Memory program with performances in assisted living centers which specialize in care for patients with memory loss and dementia.

• In partnership with Carnegie Hall, Link Up introduces students grades 3-5 to an orchestra by helping them become part of it. Students are given the opportunity to join Boston Landmarks Orchestra in a highly participatory program in which they learn to sing or play an instrument in the classroom, with a culminating performance. Landmarks Orchestra is the only orchestra in the state to work with Link Up.

• Landmarks has partnered with longtime Performing Arts ASL Interpreter with the Orchestra, Christopher Robinson, who will lead a group of advisors to develop strategies which will make Landmarks events more accessible. This summer’s performances will include ASL interpreters at many performances, and SUBPAC’s will be available at select performances. SUBPAC

is a patented tactile audio system that provides a high-resolution immersive experience by quietly and accurately transferring deep bass frequencies to create an immersive, physical, full-body experience.

2022 Summer Concerts and Events

An ASL interpreter will be present at many performances; see the website for current details.

## TELLING TALES

Wednesday, July 20, 2022, 7pm ET | Hatch Shell

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Christopher Wilkins, conductor  
Prelude Concert: Four Strings Academy with Landmarks Orchestra Principal Strings

Bedich Smetana, “The Moldau” from Ma Vlast (My Fatherland)

Ethyl Smyth, The Wreckers Overture

Paul Dukas, The Sorcerer’s Apprentice

Hector Berlioz, Symphonie fantastique

## SWEET SORROW

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 7pm ET | Hatch Shell

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Christopher Wilkins, conductor  
Giuseppe Verdi, Nabucco Overture

Florence Price, Ethiopia’s Shadow in America

Boris Lyatoshinsky, Symphony No. 3 in B minor, Peace Shall Defeat War

Andante maestoso—Allegro impetuoso (1st movement)

Jan Sibelius, Finlandia

David Amram, Symphony: Songs of the Soul (Shiray Neshtama)

Freilekh (Dance of Joy) (3rd movement)

Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Romeo and Juliet Overture-Fantasy

## BEETHOVEN’S 9th SYMPHONY

Saturday, August 6, 2022, 7pm ET | Hatch Shell

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Christopher Wilkins, conductor  
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Johann Strauss, Jr., To America: Fair Columbia Waltzes

Diane White-Clayton, Many Mansions (world premiere performance)

Ludwig van Beethoven, Symphony No. 9 in D minor, op. 125

Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 7pm ET | Hatch Shell

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Christopher Wilkins, conductor  
Fabiola Méndez, cuatro  
George Gershwin, Cuban Overture

Georges Bizet, L’Arlésienne (excerpts from original version)

Carlos Chávez, Sinfonia india  
Florence Price, Folksongs in Counterpoint (selections)

Fabiola Méndez, Bomba pa’ la diaspora and other selections

Felix Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 4 in A major, “Italian”

## THE VIRTUOSO ORCHESTRA

Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 7pm ET | Hatch Shell

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Christopher Wilkins, conductor  
Leonard Bernstein, Candide Overture

William Dawson, Negro Folk Symphony (Boston premiere)

Georges Enesco, Romanian Rhapsody in A major, op. 11, No. 1

Ottorino Respighi, The Pines of Rome

## SUMMER EATS (from pg. 1)

at 206 Claredon Street serving breakfast from 9 am to 9:30 am and lunch from 12 pm to 1 pm Monday through Friday; and Castle Square Tenants Organization at 464 Tremont St. serving breakfast from 9 am to 10 am and lunch from 11 am to 12 pm Monday through Friday.

Residents who wish to access free meals for youth aged 18 and under can find additional sites at [www.boston.gov/summer-eats](http://www.boston.gov/summer-eats) or find additional locations across the state by texting “Food” or “Comida” to 304-304. Hours of operation vary depending on the site, and most meal sites are currently offering breakfast, lunch and snacks. No registration or identification is required. This year, there will be no “grab and go” options available at sites. Youth will be strongly encour-

aged to eat on site.

The Boston Summer Eats program is led by the OFJ and the Greater Boston YMCA, a sponsor for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The program is in partnership with Project Bread, the Shah Foundation as well as many community partners and City of Boston sites including Boston Public Library (BPL), Boston Housing Authority (BHA), and Boston Public Schools (BPS).

“Summer should be a joyous time where children and youth should not have to worry about food,” said President/CEO of the YMCA of Greater Boston James O’S. Morton, Esq. “Boston Summer Eats removes barriers for children and youth and makes it easy for them to access food

across the City. Through strong collaboration with partners, we are able to not only distribute meals, but culturally appropriate meals that children and youth want.”

Another resource that households with children can use together with Summer Eats is the Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) program. Pandemic EBT is also available for families when schools are closed. All students in Boston schools are eligible for P-EBT as well as infants and children 0-5 years old whose families get SNAP benefits. K-12 students will receive a total of \$391 in P-EBT benefits in two equal payments of \$195.50 this summer. The first payment was issued on July 3 and the second payment will be issued on August 3.

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# Beacon Hill Friends House's annual Summer Cookout returns Saturday, July 16

By Dan Murphy

Beacon Hill Friends House's longstanding annual Summer Cookout returns Saturday, July 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 8 Chestnut St., and unlike the past two years when it was limited to residents due to the pandemic, the event will again be open to the broader community.

"Since it's the summer, and with the pandemic slowing down, we can start having outdoor groups back into the space and also have our own events to get others back into the space," said Nils Klinkenberg, executive director of the Friends House, a self-described "independent Quaker nonprofit that provides opportunities for spiritual deepening, personal growth, and collective action," as well as a cooperative residence that is home to 20 residents.

Friends, family, board mem-

bers, and others connected to the Friends House are all welcome to join residents at this open house event, which will offer "food, fellowship, and even some ping-pong," according to the organization's website. All guests will be asked to show proof of vaccination upon entry, and masks, which will be available for guests, are required inside of the Friends House itself. Potluck contributions of non-refrigerated side dishes, desserts, and snacks are appreciated but not required. (Please note this is an alcohol-free event.)

The cookout is an opportunity for the Friends House to bring its message to the broader, as well as to bring the outside community into the house to join neighbors, past residents, and supporters, said Klinkenberg.

R.S.V.P. is requested but not required, and can be made at <https://lu.ma/bhfh-cookout-2022>.



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Community members gather at a past Beacon Hill Friends House Summer Cookout.

## CITY PAWS

### Pets are good for us

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Those of us who live with animals worry about friends when they tell us of the death of a furry family member. We know this loss can mean changes in their day-to-day activities, and that a lack of emotional support from their pet may endanger their well-being.

#### The Research

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says, "There are many health benefits of owning a pet. They can increase opportunities to exercise, get outside, and socialize. Regular walking or playing with pets can decrease blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and triglyceride levels. Pets can help manage loneliness and depression by giving us companionship."

The National Institutes for Health (NIH) sponsors research to learn more about ways animals can help specific people in specific ways. For example,

one study examined how therapy dogs working in hospitals or nursing homes help reduce patients' stress and anxiety. Another study found, "... caring for fish helped teens with diabetes better manage their disease." The routine of feeding the fish and cleaning the tank made them more responsible for checking their blood sugar levels.

The day may come when medical professionals prescribe watching fish swim about, walking a dog, or playing with a cat as readily as they now prescribe pills or physical therapy.

#### Seniors and Pets

The CDC has found that loneliness and social isolation put older adults at risk for dementia and other medical conditions. Research tells us that pets reduce these risks. Those of us with dogs know how many friends and acquaintances were introduced to us by our dogs.

A friend who had lived alone adopted a cat. We can see the positive change in her attitude

and mood. She connects with the dog people in her life by showing cat pictures. She likes having a reason to go home and being responsible for another creature.

At any age, we should carefully consider the type of animal that is best for us. Think about your likes and dislikes, lifestyle, and budgetary and physical limitations. Another friend of ours adopted a cat after she lost a large dog. The cat is good company. She doesn't have to take it out for walks on snowy winter days. It is easier for her to travel and have a pet sitter come in and take care of the kitty on a daily visit.

We all should consider our animals' futures and have a plan to care for them if we are unable to do so. Some seniors see this as a reason they can't add an animal to their lives. Sometimes this is a wise decision. However, that does not mean they can't enjoy the benefits animals provide. Perhaps they can help a friend, family member, or neighbor care for a pet.



Trudy (on a squirrel hunt) is a star in our album of dogs who make us smile.

#### Community Benefits

Penny takes a lot of photos of dogs on her morning walk. We have an album of dog photos that make us smile. Our neighbor's silly puppy, Trudy, made Penny laugh when she posed full-length up a tree chasing a squirrel. We also laugh when that photo pops up on a computer screen.

On our dog walks, we connect with neighbors, exchange information, and share a few minutes of our dog's time with those who

miss their pets. We file reports on the Boston 311 app for items that require city action. We've called 911 to report a person needing help, an auto accident, or to report needles and other drug paraphernalia. Dog walkers can be the eyes and ears of their neighborhood.

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## Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Peterson, Kevin	GK 7 RT	220 Boylston St #1415	\$6,700,000
Rossey, Jacqueline	RDB Clarendon St LLC	46 Clarendon St #1	\$2,650,000
Binnie, Dylan	Pfieffer Beth K Est	75 Clarendon St #16	\$160,000
Jian, Lubin	Kane, Michael	186 Commonwealth Ave #24	\$690,000
Whitson, Jonathan	Dewilde, Michel	81 Dartmouth St #2	\$845,000
Smith, Barry	Hansen, Eric J	21 Fairfield St #4	\$2,025,000
Narvaez, Ana J	Wynlea Close LLC	400 Stuart St #21C	\$1,750,000
Cronin, Douglas J	Trautman, Courtney L	505 Tremont St #424	\$2,755,000
Heim, Andrew D	Blinn, Willia H	215 W Canton St #1	\$1,915,000
Nowtash, Ashkan	Carpenter, Gail	298 Commonwealth Ave #201	\$640,000

### BEACON HILL

Virish&Lakshmi Juneja	Peltz, Benjamin	10 Bowdoin St #512	\$1,220,000
Gay, Courtney	Maloney, Edward M	22 Charles River Sq	\$5,250,000
XG 51 Hancock St LLC	Coleman, Gloria	51 Hancock St #11	\$640,000
Milbury, Corinne L	Glover, John	43 Mount Vernon St #5	\$1,515,250
Constantin, Linda	Barry, John	15 River St #501	\$990,000

### BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE

Porter, Mark	Paul S Moore RET	17 Braddock Park #1	\$1,862,000
Agnieszka-Dorata, Kierner	Glazman, Lev	27 Isabella St #4	\$2,085,000
Bhat, Sujata	1091 Boylston 37 LLC	1091 Boylston St #37	\$370,000
Hurley, Frederick J	Brook, Christopher D	521 Columbus Ave #6	\$926,000
Gitschier, Brian M	Cormier, Timothy	58 E Springfield St #5	\$646,500
Levell, Julian R	79 Gainsborough T	79 Gainsborough St #408	\$868,000
Reitz, Leslie	Ehrsam-Gatica, Robert M	700 Harrison Ave #412	\$341,359
V M&K K Gaxiola RET	Pasquariello, Joseph W	82 Jersey St #2	\$510,00
Chen, Zhiyuan	Zhou, Jing	702 Massachusetts Ave #7	\$373,000
Popa, Mihai T	Kocon, Lori B	85 Park Dr #9	\$530,000
Ryan, Trisha K	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #607	\$1,611,000
Wall, Ashley	Moshkevich, Solomon	441 Shawmut Ave #3	\$735,000
Andler, Samuel	Schnitzer, Thomas M	140 W Concord St #1	\$2,737,500
Anderson, Ryan T	Barnwell, Ilene	196 W Springfield St #1	\$3,600,000
20 Wellington LLC	Dedousis, Anthony L	20 Wellington St	\$3,363,000

### WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN

Ricke, Sadia	Stein, Robert	99-105 Broad St #8A	\$1,060,000
Formichella, Alyson	Estia Properties LLC	85 E India Row #8A	\$705,000
Gelman, Susan B	Beame LLC	580 Washington St #212	\$980,000
T D Gaillard RET 2012	Handart T	151 Tremont St #18E	\$2,550,000
Parrish, Susan B	Monaghan, Matthew	134 Beach St #2A	\$1,415,000
Canesi, Jennifer	Mugherini Jr, Richard	51 Commercial Wharf #7	\$2,699,000
Brochetti, Wendy	Tsolakis, Nicholas G	85 E India Row #14G	\$1,025,000
Hanxon FT	Estia Properties LLC	85 E India Row #8B	\$1,800,000
Dotsias, Georgia	Yatata 1 LLC	1 Franklin St #2011	\$1,395,000
Hu, Yangming	Tower Realty 3107 LLC	1 Franklin St #3107	\$2,125,000
Porter, Mark	Williamson 3rd, William	300 Pier 4 Blvd #3K	\$2,100,000
Salsburg, Payal	Crik Tremont LLC	151 Tremont St #11H	\$725,000
Tan Tan 2018 RET	Margaret S Gaillard RET	151 Tremont St #15F	\$1,690,000

## ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The window in the last clue is on 14 Braddock Park. In searching atlases for information on when this residence was built, I discovered that this street was formerly named Berwick up to a 1917 atlas. In the 1928 edition, it became Braddock Park. Buildings appear on the street back to the 1874 edition.

You'll find the next clue in the Back Bay.

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### THIS WEEK'S CLUE





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