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Fenway Porchest
set to return
Saturday, June 10

By Dan Murphy

Outdoor spaces throughout the Fenway neighborhood will again become impromptu concert stages hosting a variety of free music performances across a range of genres when Fenway Porchest returns for its fourth annual installment on Saturday, June 10. (rain date: Sunday, June 11).

The inaugural event in June of 2018 was a collaborative effort that included the Fenway Alliance, the Fenway CDC (Community Development Corporation), and the Fenway Civic Association. It featured about 70 musical acts performing hip-hop, folk, rock and classical, among other styles, at unique outdoor venues, including The Verb Hotel, the Massachusetts Histor-

ical Society, and on the Emerald Necklace.

Fenway Porchest returned the following year and expanded to 85 acts across 36 outdoor stages. But in 2020, the pandemic ruled out another in-person festival so event organizers instead produced a video featuring local musicians performing The Standells' classic tribute to the Charles River, "Dirty Water" (<https://youtu.be/Ss2QZXbtAEA>). The event was sidelined altogether by the pandemic in 2021, but it returned in person again last July and featured more than 85 acts performing at 31 outdoor locations throughout the neighborhood.

This year's event, jointly sponsored by the Fenway Alliance, the

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D. MURPHY PHOTO

Morningbird performing outside of The Verb Hotel during the inaugural Fenway Porchest in June of 2018.

DUCKLING DAY RETURNS FOR
MOTHER'S DAY IN BOSTON

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTO

For over 40 years, the Duckling Parade has been a Mother's Day tradition in Boston. Attendees enjoyed a party in Boston Common before the parade marched everyone over to the Public Garden. See more photos on Page 8.

Esplanade Community Day set to return May 20

By Sun staff

The Esplanade Association's third annual Esplanade Community Day is set to return on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hatch Shell.

This year's Esplanade Community will feature a full lineup of events and activities in

the park, kicking off with the Esplanade 5K, as well as featuring a GroundBeat Music Series concert curated by BAMS (Boston Art & Music Soul) Fest, a nonprofit dedicated to breaking down racial and social barriers in the arts across Greater Boston.

The annual Esplanade 5K will again be sponsored by Way-

fair, along with Polar Beverages and the Dashing Whippets running club. The first wave of 5K runners will take off from the Hatch Memorial Shell at 9 a.m. and loop around the park. Runners of all levels and abilities are encouraged to participate in

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Wu announces debut of digital pop-up library

Special to The Boston Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu today announced that riders at 20 bus stops across Boston are now able to access free digital content this spring and summer provided by a Boston Public Library (BPL) pilot program called "Browse, Borrow, Board." While waiting for the bus, riders can use a QR code to browse and borrow audiobooks, eBooks, e-news-

papers, and e-magazines for all ages before enjoying their reading materials on the go. Library cards are not required to use this service and readers don't need to download an app, as the City's primary goal with this pilot is to introduce riders to the Library's offerings, making resources through the BPL more accessible and convenient for families.

"Our investment in our city's public transit riders has taken a

variety of forms, from eliminating fares for three crucial bus routes to expanding the bus lane network," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This pilot program builds on our efforts to make public transportation more enjoyable, while also connecting our residents to the resources the Boston Public Library already offers. Thank you to the BPL and the

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EDITORIAL

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS WORKED

During the first days of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020 when bodies of the dead in our major cities were being stacked into freezer trucks and hospital ships were sailing into the harbors of New York and Los Angeles, forecasts by some experts that the virus could claim more than one million lives in the United States seemed to be in the nature of a doomsday prediction.

Yet here we are, more than three years later, and deaths attributed to COVID-19 now exceed 1.1 million Americans, and are still increasing by about 1000 per week.

What brought the pandemic's toll to mind was a recent map that showed the death rate per population for every county throughout the United States.

We had expected that the map would have indicated that the highest death rates would be in the major cities along the coasts.

But after more than three years of the virus hitting our shores, we were surprised to see that the places with the highest death rates, by a substantial margin, were not along the coasts or in the major cities that suffered so terribly in those first few months, but rather throughout the South and the country's heartland.

The places where there were strong mask mandates, adherence to social distancing, extended business and school closures, and vaccine uptake -- New England, the mid-Atlantic, and the West Coast -- have significantly outperformed states where there was opposition, both at the grass roots level and by government officials, to all of the measures that appear to have proven effective at reducing the spread of the virus.

The top 11 states for deaths per million of population are Arizona, West Virginia, Mississippi, New Mexico, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Michigan, Florida, Oklahoma, and Louisiana.

We realize that a lot of research still needs to be done in order to figure out whether other factors were involved in the significantly higher death toll in the south and midwest, such as age of the population, obesity, and lack of access to quality health care, all of which are determinative of the outcome from a COVID-19 infection.

But the reason we are pointing out these statistics is that there are "revisionists" who are trying to rewrite the history of the COVID-19 pandemic for what are obvious political reasons. Governors of some of these southern and midwestern states who are suggesting that they handled the crisis better than their counterparts on the coasts simply are ignoring the facts -- namely, that their states had far-higher death rates than the states that had stronger public health mandates.

To be sure, everyone has a right to live their lives as they see fit, but in a public health emergency, sometimes our personal choices have to give way to what is necessary to fight a threat -- and public officials need to be honest with their constituents, rather than pandering to a vocal minority.

For our part, it was heartening to see that we live in a part of the country where COVID-19 was taken seriously and where the sacrifices made by ourselves and others at the height of the pandemic appear to have made a real difference.

Or to put it another way, and to paraphrase the slogan on New Hampshire's license plate, we're glad we do not live in a place where people want to Live Free AND Die.

WILDFIRE SMOKE IS A SIGN OF THE TIMES

The eerie glow, especially at sunrise and sunset, being caused by the haze from the smoke of the wildfires in Western Canada over the past week or so is yet another sign that there is no escaping the effects of climate change.

The record heat wave for this time of year that has hit the Pacific Northwest is helping to spread these wildfires, which have been burning out of control for more than a week. Fortunately, the resulting smoke that has drifted thousands of miles on the jet stream to our part of the continent reportedly is high enough in the atmosphere that it does not pose a threat to our health at this time.

On the other hand, the smoke-induced haze, if prolonged, could have a profound effect on agricultural production and ultimately could pose a health hazard, especially for those of us who have lung issues such as asthma.

Climate change is happening everywhere all at once, from the impacts of tornado season in our South (which has become the new Tornado Alley) to the huge cyclone that intensified rapidly within just days in the Bay of Bengal to become the strongest-ever cyclone and that devastated Myanmar.

Climate change is not a future event. It's happening now -- and it is only getting worse.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TROUBLING

Dear Editor,

The observation Justice is blind dates back to Greek political thinkers. They are, however, silent on the blindness of the Judges themselves, instead lumping them with the rest of humanity, who are subject to faults and foibles. Recently disclosed, Justice Clarence Thomas indulged his human weakness for ego flattering gifts. His benefactor, Texas billionaire Harlan Crow lavished private jet trips, vacations and even tuition for a nephew ostensibly in the name of friendship. In effect, Crow bought his way into the Supreme Court, brazenly in the open.

To defend accepting undeclared gifts and favors, Thomas claimed he acted under advisement -- we do not know by whom, or on what basis advice was given. Thomas -- caught with his hand in the cookie jar -- subsequently agreed to comply with new disclosure rules.

Until recently, Thomas did not speak from the bench choosing reticence for his tenure, a troubling practice for a discerning judge. If he sought clarification on any matter before the court, he could-of/ should-of questioned from the bench unless he already made up his mind beforehand on just about everything.

Thomas is known to be a Constitutional Originalist, meaning if not explicitly stated in the Constitution, it was not meant to be, essentially blocking progress beyond the slave holding eighteenth century. Ginny Thomas, Thomas's wife, is a paid political advocate for extreme right wing causes, and is an election denier with access to the WH. Her calls to Mark Meadows, Trump's Chief Of Staff, on Jan 6 in support of insurrection are in the public record. In sum, neither Thomas nor his wife passes the smell test.

The Senate Judiciary Committee invited Chief

Justice Roberts to appear for a hearing to investigate ethics violations in the court. He refused citing the court and the behavior of appointed judges are not accountable to Congress; they are independent. Robert's appearance would have brought into discussion the inflated speaking fees Judges receive for appearances, book advances, gifts, political involvement, questionable perks and whether these activities involve conflicts of interest. All of which needs to be disclosed for any transparent, government body, including the Supreme Court. Presently, the Court's approval rating is the lowest in decades, for good reason.

The court enjoys unfettered secrecy and excessive power. Present behavior shows the court incapable of policing itself and - more troubling - unwilling. Time for Congress to do that for them.

Barry Zaltman

NEWS IN BRIEF

MAYOR WU TO HOST NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOURS

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2023 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in partnership with Dunkin' in parks citywide.

Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours are a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and their neighborhoods. Through these conversations, and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Wu looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon parks, public areas, and City services.

Participants will enjoy Dunkin' Iced Coffee and assorted Dunkin' Munchkins Donut Hole Treats along with fresh fruit from Star Market. Additional support is provided by City Express courier service. Each family in attendance will receive a free flowering plant from the Parks Department, while supplies last. Residents at each event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin'.

All coffee hours will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., weather permitting, including at City Hall Plaza, 1 City Hall Square, on Friday, May 19; Hayes Park, 158 Warren Ave. in the South End, on Thursday, May 25; Symphony Community Park, 30 Edgerly

Road for Fenway/Kenmore, on Tuesday, June 13; and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall (Arlington Street entrance), 15 Commonwealth Ave. for Back Bay/Beacon Hill, on Wednesday, June 21.

For more information and updates on possible rain locations, contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505 or @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, or by visiting boston.gov/parks.

MOZART AND HAYDN AT KING'S CHAPEL ON MAY 21

Crescendo Productions presents the music of Haydn

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BPPA PICTURES OF THE YEAR ON EXHIBIT IN THE COMMON



Shown above and to the right, the Boston Press Photographers' Association Pictures of the Year exhibit set up on the Boston Common.

PORCHFEST (from pg. 1)

Fenway CDC, and the Fenway Community Center, is expected to feature around 80 acts across around 30 stages, which has become “standard” for the festival, according to Genevieve Day, co-executive director of the Fenway Alliance.

One unique aspect of Fenway Porchfest is that since the beginning, the organizing committee has raised funds to provide small stipends for performers, said Day.

The first Porchfest event nationally was held in 2007 in Ithaca, N.Y. and featured about 20 music acts. Porchfests had reportedly spread to around 130 locations throughout the U.S. and Canada by 2019, including in Somerville, Jamaica Plain, and Brookline. But unlike these other local neighborhoods, the Fenway has a dearth of actual porches where musicians can perform, leaving other outdoor venues to serve as makeshift concert stages.

“We have a number of cultural, historical, and educational institutions in the Fenway, so we have fewer porches but access to community organizations, which are connected to the Fenway. We have access to very cool spaces, like the steps of the MFA; sites within the Back Bay Fens, including the Kelleher Rose Garden and the Shattuck Visitors Center, which is the Emerald Necklace Conservancy’s headquarters,” said Day, who pointed out that the Fenway Porchfest’s event tagline is ‘Music everywhere, porches

optional.’

She added, “We like to say that we have sites that are parks, plazas, parking lots, and green spaces.”

Day said the Fenway boasts a number of parks where performances could be held, including Ramler Park, Symphony Community Park, and the Back Bay Fens, as well as neighborhood business that offer stage space, such as The Verb Hotel, Tasty Burger, and Time Out Market.

“We hope to keep it so that the sites are easily walkable in the Fenway,” said Day. “That’s important to us.”

Other “iconic locations” in the neighborhood that serve as stages for Fenway Porchfest have included the steps of the Museum of Fine Arts, Simmons University, and the Massachusetts Historical Society, said Day.

The Red Sox even permitted a concert stage on Jersey Street last year, although that isn’t happening again this time, since the team will be hosting a Jimmy Fund fundraiser there on the day of this year’s Fenway Porchfest.

For the first time this year, Fenway Porchfest will also offer a full roster of children’s and family-friendly programming at a site in the Back Bay Fens, next to Clemente Field. These offerings will include performances by Circus Up, a Boston-based nonprofit that provides social circus programs for youth, and Wheelock Children’s Theater; as well as a musical petting zoo,

arts and crafts, and a Hoodsie ice cream truck.

Meanwhile, event organizers are still seeking volunteers to work at each of the performance sites for the duration of the festival. (Visit <https://www.fenwayporchfest.org/signup/help/> to sign up for the event.)

All volunteers will receive training on the morning of the event and get a packed lunch before heading off to their respective assignments. The stages typically host three different musical acts between noon and 4:30 p.m., with each act allotted 90 minutes of stage time. Two or three volunteers will be assigned to each site, where they will be handing out brochures that include a map and a list of the festival’s performers.

“Volunteers will encourage attendees to walk around and experience all the different acts at different locations, and to answer questions,” said Day.

While attendance at an itinerant event like Fenway Porchfest is invariably difficult to pinpoint, Day estimates that around 5,000 guests have typically been on hand for the event each year.

“Attendance is hard to calculate because it’s all outdoors, and people walk from one place to the next,” she said.

A site map and information on this year’s performers is expected to go live on May 31. Visit fenwayporchfest.org to learn more about the event.

D. Murphy photos

Photographs from the Boston Press Photographers Association’s third annual Pictures of the Year (2022) contest are on display through May 28 near the Park Street T station on Boston Common. The exhibit is free and

open to the public. The images are displayed on separate 6-foot by 6-foot “photo cubes.”

After leaving the Common, the exhibit will be on display from May 29 through June 12 at Jamaica Pond.



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News in Brief

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and Mozart brought to life by renowned Viennese fortepianist Daniel Adam Maltz on Sunday, May 21, at 5 p.m. at King's Chapel at 58 Tremont St.

Maltz is in demand worldwide with 50 tour dates per year and hosts Classical Cake, the podcast about Viennese classical music and culture. He specializes in Wiener Klassik (Viennese Classicism), especially the works of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven, and performs on Viennese fortepianos typical of their time. He studied historical performance at the Royal Academy of Music in London and the Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst in Vienna.

The program will include Sonata in Bb Major, Hob. XVI:25 by Joseph Haydn; Sonata in F Major, K. 332 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Sonata in F

Major, Hob. XVI:23 by Haydn; and Sonata in C Major, K. 330 by Mozart.

The price of admission for the event is discretionary, but there are suggested donations for guests of \$10, \$15, and \$25, respectively. The price of admission for the event is discretionary, but there are suggested donations for guests of \$10, \$15, and \$25, respectively. Visit www.crescendoproductions-arts.com to reserve your spot at the event, or for more information on other upcoming events presented by Crescendo Productions.

OPEN NEWBURY SET TO RETURN SUNDAY, JULY 2

Newbury Street will again be closed to vehicle traffic every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. from

July 2 to Oct. 15 for the return of Open Newbury, according to the city.

The route will be the same as previous years, with Newbury Street closed to cars from Berkeley Street to Massachusetts Avenue. Parking will be restricted on Newbury Street and adjacent streets, with enforcement beginning at 5 a.m. Signs will be posted informing drivers of the change.

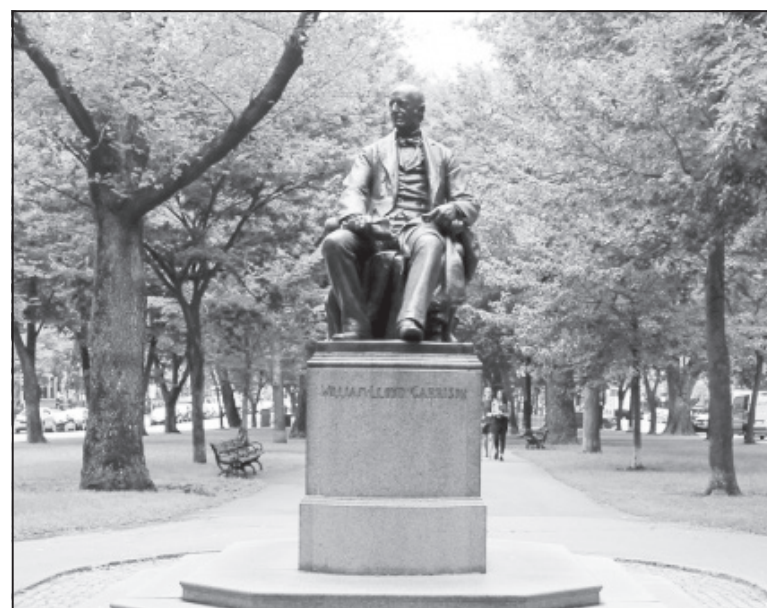
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REP. LIVINGSTONE'S COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Rep. Jay Livingstone will hold community office hours on Tuesday, June 6, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Fenway CDC; and on Thursday, June 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library at 700 Boylston St.

Rep. Livingstone will also hold virtual office hours on Thursday,

FRIENDS TO ILLUMINATE COMMONWEALTH AVENUE MALL STATUES ON MAY 24



COURTESY OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN

On Wednesday, May 24, the Friends of the Public Garden will flip the switch and celebrate the installation of permanent lighting at the William Lloyd Garrison and Domingo Sarmiento statues on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall. While the ceremony will take place near the Garrison, attendees will be welcome to travel down to the Gloucester-Hereford block to view the newly lit Sarmiento as well. This lighting and landscape improvement work was made possible by the generosity of our neighbors during the Friends' 50th Anniversary Campaign.

June 15, from 10 to 11 a.m. via Zoom.

To receive the link for Rep. Livingstone's virtual office hours,

or to set an alternate time to meet with him, email Cassidy.Trabilla@mahouse.org.

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**CITY OF BOSTON/COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH &
FAMILIES (BCYF)**

Invitation for Bids

**Painting of Roche Community
Center Gym Walls & Ceilings
EV00012385**

Contact Information

Thanh Le

617-635-4920 x 2152

The City of Boston, Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF), (The Official) is seeking written quotations from qualified contractors for the procurement of the following services:

Painting of Roche Community Center Gym Wall and Ceilings at the City of Boston, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, (BCYF) The bid documents, including the Scope of Services will be accessible online from Tuesday, May 23, 2023 through Tuesday, June 6, 2023 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website

<http://www.cityofboston.gov/procurement/> and accessing the Event ID # EV00012385, or by calling Thanh Le.

Total Walls and Ceilings including door and window frame surfaces to be covered with paint: 11,480 sq. ft. Recommended walk-Through has been scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 11:30 AM. The contact person for this walk-through is David Curran at david.curran@boston.gov or 617-594-4468. The City of Boston, BCYF is located at 1716 Centre St, Boston (West Roxbury), MA 02132.

All written quotes shall be filed electronically no later than 4:00pm on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. The Written Quote Contract awarded pursuant to this invitation for bid will commence on or about Monday, June 5, 2023 and will end on June 30, 2023.

Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner

ESPLANADE (from pg. 1)

what has been dubbed 'Boston's Most Beautiful 5K.' All proceeds from the Esplanade 5K directly support the work of the Esplanade Association. Race entry fee, registration, and additional information for the Esplanade 5K is available at Esplanade.org/Esplanade5K.

"Esplanade Community Day has proven to be very popular with the Greater Boston community," Samuel Englert, programs and partnership manager of EA, said in a press release. "Since its inception three years ago, we have engaged thousands of runners, music lovers, friends, and families in a full day of fun that celebrates the park, warmer weather, and making everyone feel welcome on the Esplanade."

Esplanade Community Day will also include a wide range of family-friendly activities. Kids can enjoy interactive learning experiences focusing on the environment and conservation provided by Manomet, Bootstraps Compost, and Mass Audubon. Besides educational activities, families can play with lawn games and equipment supplied by the Esplanade Association and Knucklebones! Lastly, kids (and adults) can get their faces

painted during the festivities.

Vendors who will be on hand with tables for the Community Day will include Alterra Physical Therapy, Culture Pop, Mother Juice, Polar Beverages, and 261 Fearless Club New England. Free bike tune-ups will be available from 8 to 10 a.m. provided by REI, and later from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. provided by Bikes Not Bombs. Food trucks on site for the event will include Work Hard Eat Good, a local Jamaican food truck, and an ice cream truck, sponsored by Beacon Hill Village, will be offering free ice cream from noon to 2 p.m. near the Hatch Shell Lawn.

Meanwhile, a special edition concert of GroundBeat: The Esplanade's Free Riverfront Music Series produced by BAMS Fest will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hatch Memorial Shell. The Esplanade Association is bringing GroundBeat back to the Hatch Shell for a sixth year to showcase a wide range of musical styles from local artists and groups of different backgrounds, all curated and produced by BAMS Fest. This year's GroundBeat Music Concert will be hosted by Nancia. Performers include DJ Baby Indiglo (10-11 a.m.), New Legaxy (11 a.m.-noon),

Willie J Laws Band (noon-1p.m.), Safiya Leslie (1-2 p.m.), and Red Shaydez (2-3 p.m.).

GroundBeat: The Esplanade's Free Riverfront Music Series is supported through grants from The Boston Foundation, Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the Boston Cultural Council. Tickets for this FREE GroundBeat Music Concert are available at CommunityDay23.eventbrite.com.

Esplanade Community Day attendees are strongly encouraged to sign up for each individual Esplanade Community Day event (5K, Family-Friendly Activities, GroundBeat concert, etc.) to receive the latest information regarding each event. Any questions about Esplanade Community Day can be emailed to Samuel Englert, EA programs and partnerships manager, at senglert@esplanade.org.

The day will be made possible thanks to the generous support of Dashing Whippets, MeetBoston, Polar Beverages, The Coop, and Wayfair. Additionally, the Esplanade Association thanks the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation for their coordination and support for Community Day and throughout the year.

Friends’ annual Green & White makes return outing to The Newbury Boston

Special to The Boston Sun

Gray skies cleared in time to create a picture-perfect spring evening for the more than 200 guests who attended the Friends of the Public Garden’s signature event, The Green & White.

Held on Friday, May 5 at The Newbury Boston, the annual fundraiser was led by co-chairs Leslie and Alastair Adam of Beacon Hill, and Gloria Coleman and Kenda Coleman, both of the Back Bay.

Guests enjoyed a festive cocktail reception, followed by an elegant dinner, and dessert and dancing with DJ Dance with Lance. WBZ Chief Meteorologist Eric Fisher served as emcee for a brief program focused on the special partnerships that make the Friends’ work possible. Embrace Boston President and CEO Imari Paris Jefferies and



MEREDITH NIERMAN PHOTOS
Green & White Co-chair and Board Chair Leslie Adam.

his wife, Miriam Ortiz, served as honorary co-chairs with the Commissioner of the Boston Parks & Recreation Department, Ryan Woods, and his wife, Lauren.

“We are incredibly grateful

to our co-chairs, our honorary co-chairs, and our stellar committee,” said Friends President Liz Vizza. “The creativity and commitment shown by this group has allowed us to raise more than \$10 million since The Green & White began.”

Vizza noted a special thanks to the evening’s supporters, including Visionary sponsors Beth Johnson, Hope Sidman and Steve Wymer, and Victoria and Don Sullivan.

Event partners Marc Hall Atelier and Frost Productions dazzled guests with decor designed to recreate the magic of the three parks inside the ballrooms overlooking the Public Garden.

The Green & White is the Friends’ single largest source of funds to support the care of the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall. The Friends invests



President Liz Vizza, along with Honorary Co-Chair Ryan Woods and his wife, Lauren Woods.

more than \$2 million annually in the stewardship of these three iconic parks. With work focused on tree and turf care, conservation and maintenance for the largest collection of public art in

Boston, capital improvements, and ongoing advocacy for these public greenspaces, the Friends has served as a vital partner to the city and the Parks and Recreation Department since 1970.



Pictured left to right, are Green & White Co chair Gloria Coleman, Friends President Liz Vizza, Green & White Co chair Leslie Adam, Wayne Gaffield, and Green & White Co-chair Kenda Coleman.



Rep. Jay Livingstone, FOPG President Liz Vizza, and Board Member Julie Livingstone.



The Neckyfarrows share a dance during the annual Green & White.

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Public Works

DUCKLING DAY MAKES RETURN FOR MOTHER’S DAY

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Mother's Day brought a sea of yellow ducklings to Boston Common and the Public Garden.

Just over 2,500 children and their families enjoyed the festivities at the annual Duckling Day organized by the nonprofit Friends of the Public Garden. Attendees were excited to be outside in the sunshine and to participate in a variety of fun children's activities. A new addition this year, the Lion Dancers from the Woo Ching White Crane School in Chinatown, were a huge hit, and entranced everybody with their performance. WCVB's Rhondella Richardson returned as emcee and introduced Jed Meyer, son of the late Nina Meyer, founder of the original Duckling Day back in the 1970s. He was amazed to see how the event had grown. President Liz Vizza from the Friends of the Public Garden commented, "It was wonderful to see the joy on so many faces of children and their parents, delighting in the event and enjoying the parks. Another year of a heartwarming tradition!"

The Friends offered a huge thank you to all the ducklings and their families for a quacking good time, as well as thanks to the event sponsors and supporters of Playtime on the Common activities, especially Feast + Fettle, the Friends' giant Duck, Melissa K, and all the volunteers who made the day so wonderful. Proceeds from the event support the Friends' work to care for the Boston Common, the Public Garden, and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.



The Duckling Parade marches through the Public Garden.



Clara Dovrinski with mom Andrea and grandmother Jennifer pose on Mrs. Mallard.



Anna and Imara Hernandez.



Some of the kids in the Duckling Parade brave on while others take a nap.



The Harvard University Band provided the perfect music to have a Duckling Parade to.



The Duckling Parade crosses Charles Street as it mashes its way into the Public Garden.

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Brenna Evans with her kids Emme and Benji enjoy a picnic together.



Winter Walsh (right) with cousins Morgan and Liam Barron.

DUCKLING DAY MAKES RETURN FOR MOTHER’S DAY



The Duckling celebrations started at the Parkman Bandstand to get everyone ready for the Ducking Parade.



Boston legend Peter O'Malley preforms some magical fun for the kids.



Ellena and Lucija Grskovic.



Northerly Echo has an impressive duckling ride.



Channel 5 newscaster Rhondella Richardson with Helena Rouleau.



Umang Mehta gets into the duckling spirit with his daughter Twisha.



Jonathan (8) and Colin (5) Westford both get the crowd under control portraying Officer Michael from Make Way For Ducklings.



Ami Benway gets some help on the trek from her dad Chris.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF THE BACK BAY MEMBERSHIP SPRING RECEPTION

Photos by Marianne Salza

The Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB), which concentrates on sensitive, community issues, held a Membership Spring Reception on May 7 at The Newbury Hotel. Some 150 guests learned about various committees, such as architecture,



Mark Yessian enjoying conversation during the Membership Spring Reception.



Jen Nesta and Dave Wagner.

the homelessness task force, and development and transportation. “It’s great to see all the people coming out,” said NAAB Chair Elliott Laffer. “I think they’re thrilled to be with each other. That’s part of what we do. We find ways for neighbors to know neighbors.”



Willy Charleton, Jax Crerar, Gail and Elliott Laffer, and Councilor Kenzie Bok.



Paula Neckyfarow, Roberta Orlandino, Gail Laffer, Special Events Chair, Elliott Laffer, Chair, Jax Crerar, Representative Jay Livingstone, and Susan Richardson.



Sam Wallace, Catherine Bordon, Jennifer Hill, and Georg Schmieder.



Susan Florence Smith, Sharon Durkan, candidate for district 8 city council, Representative Jay Livingstone, and George Lewis.



Richard Snyder speaking with Dan and Brigit Townley.



Elaine Sullivan and Kathy Famiglietti.





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The signs like the one on the ground at Ashmont Station, will be at 20 bus stops around Boston to access free digital content.

POP UP LIBRARY (from pg. 1)

MBTA for their continued partnership.”

“We share in the value that knowledge and transportation could both be ‘Free to All.’ This opportunity connects public library and public transit offerings around learning and movement in our city, allowing us to better serve our residents,” said President of the Boston Public Library David Leonard.

“The MBTA continues to seek out innovative ways to improve our riders’ experience on the T, and we’re proud to partner with the BPL and the City on this exciting initiative that expands the digital reach of the Library’s offerings to our riders,” said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng.

From now through the end of August, blue slip-proof decals are on sidewalks at 20 bus stops and MBTA-owned busways throughout the city, including at eight stops serving the fare-free bus routes. The decals, installed this week, have a QR code for riders to scan, bringing them to the digital pop-up library website. For a full list of digital pop-up library locations, visit this map.

“The ‘Browse, Borrow, Board’ initiative is a wonderful customer amenity which will bring books to where people are, giving many MBTA riders a free and convenient way to take books out,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Gina Fiandaca. “We are grateful to officials with the City of Boston and the Boston Public Library for working with

the MBTA to identify locations where people will benefit by the pilot, especially those residents who travel in environmental justice communities.”

“Browse, Borrow, Board came about as a result of a survey one of our summer fellows conducted with public transit riders last year,” said Maddie Webster, Program Manager in the Mayor’s Office of New Urban Mechanics. “Bus riders in particular indicated that access to the BPL’s digital offerings would be ‘very likely’ to bring delight to their commutes, and we are so pleased to see the pilot come together to serve them this summer.”

Today’s announcement, made in partnership with the MBTA, builds on Mayor Wu’s commitment to making Boston the best city in the country to raise a family. During this pilot initiative, patrons will find offerings in English and Spanish primarily. In the pilot program, the Library has focused on items that are easy to browse for riders on the go, including poetry, short stories, and short audiobooks, as well as a selection of best sellers, and titles for children and teens. The newspaper and magazine content includes 7,000 titles from over 125 countries.

Patrons may check out up to five titles at a time for two-week durations. After two weeks, patrons can scan the QR code again to re-register and checkout new materials. The BPL will be adding new offerings to the site throughout the summer.

Michlewitz endorses Durkan for District 8

Special to The Boston Sun

Ways & Means Chairman and State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz has endorsed Sharon Durkan for Boston City Council District 8

“I am proud to endorse our next City Councilor Sharon Durkan,” said Rep. Michlewitz. “Sharon’s strong advocacy for safer streets, improved infrastructure, and reliable public transit will make her an invaluable asset in the Council and a strong partner of the State House. With Sharon’s passion and unwavering dedication to enhancing the quality of life in District 8, I have full confidence that she will be an outstanding councilor and collaborator.”

Of earning Rep. Michlewitz’s endorsement, Durkan said, “I’m honored to have the support of Chairman Aaron Michlewitz. Rep. Michlewitz has been a fierce leader for our communities and champion for affordable housing, accessibility, quality of life, and issues that matter to all our neighborhoods. I would be honored to get the chance to partner

with him and the State House to ensure District 8 and our shared communities are aligned on a vision for a more affordable, resilient, and green District 8!”

Added Durkan: “I’m running for Boston City Council, District 8, because I want to make a real impact on the issues that matter most to Beacon Hill, Back Bay,

Mission Hill, the West End and Fenway. Since I moved to Boston, I have found my passion in building relationships across my community, listening to my neighbors, and advocating for all residents. I am running for City Council because it will allow me to apply these skills and make a real difference.”



COURTESY OF SHARON DURKAN

State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and Sharon Durkan.



Virtual Public Meeting

1033-1055 Washington Street

May 31, 2023
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3BtaH6w
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 622 5168



Project Proponent:
The Druker Company, Ltd

Project Description:

The BPDA is hosting a virtual Public Meeting in connection with the Draft Planned Development Area (PDA) Development Plan for the 1033-1055 Washington Street Project located at 1033-1055 Washington Street in the South End.

The information at this meeting is crucial to you as a Boston resident, and stakeholder. Language Access services are available at no cost to you. If you require these services, please contact (Sarah.Black@boston.gov) no later than: May 24, 2023.

La información de esta reunión es fundamental para usted como residente de Boston y parte interesada. Dispone de servicios de idiomas de forma gratuita. Si los requiere, comuníquese con (Sarah.Black@boston.gov) antes de la siguiente fecha: May 24, 2023.

对于您作为波士顿的居民和利益相关者，本次会议的信息至关重要。与会的语言服务免费。如果您需要这些语言翻译服务，请在05/24/2023之前联系 (Sarah.Black@boston.gov).

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Garden Club of the Back Bay revives its Tree Fence Project

Staff Report

These are beautifully designed, very sturdy, and approved by the Back Bay Architectural Commission. They help protect the trees from dog waste, compaction of the soil, and other damage. They also look great with many being planted as miniature gardens.

Wovensteel has fabricated the existing tree fences. This vendor will fabricate new tree fences. The quote for a basic 4-by-6-foot tree fence is \$2,500. Larger tree fences cost an additional \$95 per linear foot. This price includes custom manufacture for each tree

location, painting, delivery to the tree location, and installation. To order a new tree fence, send an email to anneswanson02116@gmail.com; place your order by June 15.

In addition, the Garden Club plans to repair and repaint as many of the older tree fences as possible. Wovensteel workers will repair the existing tree fences when they are in Back Bay to install new tree fences. The Garden Club Tree Fence Project committee has documented the condition of all tree fences in the district. Wovensteel has a complete list of all the necessary

repairs.

Send an email to anneswanson02116@gmail.com if you would like a quote for an existing tree fence repair with the location.

The process will be similar to sponsoring a new fence. Many existing tree fences need repainting. Angela and David Field of Field's Painting will paint existing tree fences for a base price of \$150. The tree fence will be hand scraped, sanded, and wire brushed to remove rust and failing paint, and painted with a full prime coat of RD Coatings RD-Elastometal and two coats



COURTESY OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF THE BACK BAY

The Garden Club of the Back Bay is coordinating sponsorship of new street tree fences for residents and property owners of the Back Bay.

of RD Coatings RD-Monoguard gloss black. To arrange for painting of an existing tree fence by

Field's Painting, send an email to anneswanson02116@gmail.com.

Wu announces new program to support tree canopy growth

Special to The Boston Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu joined Mass Audubon at the Boston Nature Center to announce a new City program to expand tree planting and maintenance on private land. The City has selected Mass Audubon to design and operate a program to support tree canopy growth on private property in Boston. Mass Audubon will serve as the convener of the Tree Alliance, which will include a larger group of non-profits who will collaborate on an annual plan for tree planting, maintenance, and public education activities for participating groups such as community centers, houses of worship, and non-profit organizations. The Tree Alliance will bolster Boston's tree canopy to enhance livability and public health throughout Boston's neighborhoods, with a particular focus on Environmental Justice communities. This program follows the recommendations of Boston's first Urban Forest Plan (UFP), an assessment of Boston's urban forest with suggestions to improve the way trees are cared for and ensure the urban forest is available to the entire community.

Mayor Wu made the announcement during a microforest planting event at the Boston Nature Center, a 67-acre wildlife refuge owned by the Massachusetts Audubon Society in Mattapan. The microforest will transform an unused parking area with a high-density planting

to mitigate the urban heat island effect, support biodiversity, and buffer against flooding and erosion. Mass Audubon staff and volunteers, as well as a team of PowerCorpsBOS members, the City's youth green jobs program, will plant 200 native trees and shrubs and an additional 180 perennial plants at the Boston Nature Center.

"Increasing the number of trees in Boston will enhance our neighborhoods' livability, health and resilience benefiting both our climate and our residents," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm grateful to our partners at Mass Audubon and Speak for the Trees for their support in bringing and maintaining trees on private land to complement the city's efforts to have a robust density of trees on our streets, in our parks and across our city-owned properties."

Boston's urban forest includes all of the trees within City boundaries, a portion of which is located on public land, particularly on sidewalks and in public parks. Over 60% of the tree canopy in Boston is privately owned and controlled. The efforts through the City's new Urban Forestry Division are designed to support trees on public land. In order to make an impact on the whole urban forest, the City's efforts on public land must be matched by work on private land, requiring collaboration with landowners and other stakeholders. The Tree Alliance partnership will oversee the development and administration of a tree planting and main-

tenance program for trees on privately-owned land. Mass Audubon is charged with distributing resources to the program participants while developing a long-term tree planting and maintenance program. This collaboration will help to support growth of the urban forest in partnership with landowners and provide public education opportunities to build awareness around tree care and other topics.

"Having a healthy urban tree canopy is critically important to our environment and quality of life, as trees not only beautify our surroundings, but they also provide many environmental benefits," said City Council President Ed Flynn. "I applaud the work that the City of Boston and the Tree Alliance will be doing to expand and protect our urban canopies, and I look forward to working with them."

"I applaud the Administration for their deep commitment to growing and maintaining our City's tree canopy," said Councilor Kendra Lara, Chair of the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks. "The unified private, nonprofit, and government efforts show that all sectors are critical partners in our efforts toward a more resilient Boston."

"Trees play a vital role in our communities and are necessary in combating the impacts of climate change," said Councilor Ricardo Arroyo. "I applaud Mayor Michelle Wu for her leadership and all the stakeholders whose participation in the Tree Alliance

will ensure Boston is a leader in access to, and protection of, trees."

In 2022, the City released the Urban Forest Plan (UFP), to equitably chart the growth of Boston's urban forest and the Heat Plan to address the impacts of extreme heat driven by climate change. Together, these plans provide an approach to build a safe, healthy, and resilient city for all residents. Maintaining and planting trees in alignment with the UFP is one strategy to support the long-term health and safety of residents, particularly in Boston's Environmental Justice neighborhoods. The data produced by the Heat Plan and the UFP provide a foundation for where tree planting and maintenance efforts are needed to equitably expand tree canopy and address the long-term impacts of extreme heat. To grow a strong urban forest, partnership and coordination across the public agencies, community groups, and private organizations who steward urban trees is critical.

"Boston's history of disinvestment and redlining has led to inequitable access to trees," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "Trees are a crucial component of Boston's work to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change. I am thrilled that the Tree Alliance will support our goals of creating healthy, resilient and beautiful communities."

Last September, Mayor Wu launched a new Urban Forest-

ry Division within the Boston Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD) to expand Boston's ability to maintain existing and plant new trees. The Forestry Division has since hired a Director of Urban Forestry, three new Arborists, an Administrative Assistant, and is still in the process of hiring new field labor crews. The City of Boston's tree related workforce has expanded from five to 16 positions.

The concept for a tree planting and maintenance program was inspired by similar programs in other cities, namely L'Alliance Forêt Urbaine in Montreal. In this model, the municipality developed an official contractual relationship with one organization, which serves as the central convener for the L'Alliance and Fiscal Agent to distribute public funding for planting and maintenance projects. Together, the Alliance created a governance structure to allow organizations of all capacities to participate in decision-making and access public funding resources for projects. The L'Alliance works together to create and coordinate tree planting and maintenance efforts. Public funds, issued as grants, are provided to collaborating partners within the L'Alliance for projects, working in coordination with private property owners. The Tree Alliance in Boston will have a strong focus on the needs of Boston's communities that are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Janigro, Mattia	Delaney, William F	184 Commonwealth Ave #12	\$807,000
223 Comm Owner LLC	223 Comm Avenue LLC	223 Commonwealth Ave	\$22,500,000
Nevins, Michael	271 Dartmouth St Unit 2a	265-275 Dartmouth St #2A	\$646,000
Luchini, Michael A	King, Amanda	534 Beacon St #602	\$589,875
Giglio, Anthony	Morris, Keith	15 Gloucester St #4	\$1,150,000

BEACON HILL			
73 Charles Street 1a LLC	Codman Properties LLC	73 Charles St #1A	\$643,000
73 Charles Street 1a LLC	Codman Properties LLC	73 Charles St #1C	\$643,000
9-2h Hawthorne Place Nt	Mcgrath Joseph T Est	9 Hawthorne Pl #2H	\$440,000
Comendul, Arianna	Burmeister, Paul A	112 Pinckney St #3	\$510,000
Kohler, Edward	Page, Stephen W	40 S Russell St #1	\$1,400,000
Evans, Christopher J	332 Shawmut Avenue Rt	332 Shawmut Ave	\$3,895,000
Shapovalov, Vyacheslav	Patricia A Kane RET	6 Whittier Pl #10G	\$355,000

BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Armstrong, John	Nelson, Nicholas N	11-A Appleton St #8	\$985,000
Sullivan, Matthew M	Liesenfeld, Kerstin	96 Appleton St #3	\$1,625,000
Duval, Michel C	Roy, Christopher B	113 Chandler St #1	\$840,000
Witham, Zachary	Wallace, George W	15 Fayette St #7	\$875,000
1 Huntington LLC	Lack, James A	1 Huntington Ave #1104	\$2,800,000
Connors, Travis D	Mag Rt	15 Melrose St #2	\$2,230,000
Ranaldi, Robert D	Gfy Rt	43 Saint Botolph St #102	\$950,000
Kadiyala, Madhavi	Haliday Realty Inc	69 Saint Botolph St #2	\$1,350,000
Lowenthal, Justin	Kupp, Robert E	10 Taber St #208	\$449,000
Knaian, Christopher	Sawyer 3rd, Richard F	16 Concord Sq #4	\$820,000
Van Gijel, Sofie	Desimone, Dana	19 E Concord St #2	\$680,000
Anmahian, Alex	Mantagos, Iason	21 Father Francis Gilday St #303	\$1,010,000
Kantar, Alp	Moy, Kerwin	90 Gainsborough St #102E	\$835,000
Chung, John	Tsai Ernest Est	103 Gainsborough St #108	\$884,000
Brodsky, Jason M	Quinn South End LLC	370 Harrison Ave #1002	\$998,000
Dicicco, David	Quinn South End LLC	370 Harrison Ave #1102	\$1,029,800
Tinga, Wiebe	Quinn South End LLC	370 Harrison Ave #12L1	\$1,249,000
Fix, Alessandra	Myrick, Shannon L	552 Massachusetts Ave #1B	\$768,000
Klapcik, John	Berdecki Rt	664 Massachusetts Ave #7	\$602,500
Baral, Bora	Wang Yining Est	120 Mountfort St #301	\$930,000
Shuman, Jacob	Whitney, Brittney A	53 Rutland St #3	\$1,725,000
Kumar, Anand	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #404	\$1,850,000
Tsenguun, Amina	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #409	\$1,489,900
45 Temple St Unit 102 Rt	Jdmd Owner LLC	45 Temple St #102	\$1,625,000
Serpa, Michael P	Moodley, Sagraan S	40 Traveler St #703	\$1,285,000
Cohen, William E	Kokkodis, Marios	662 Tremont St #4	\$1,128,000
Clark, Benjamin	Tet Boston LLC	7 Upton St #4	\$1,775,000
Keilty, John J	Del Mazano, Jaime	27 Wareham St #105	\$1,000,000
144 Worcester Street LLC	Waters And Co Inc	144 Worcester St	\$5,800,000

WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Janet M Casey T	Two Avery 22 LLC	2 Avery St #22G	\$1,630,000
Jordan FT	Dt Brothers LLC	2 Avery St #26A	\$990,000
Sun, Homer	Stent-Torriani, Jonathan	2 Avery St #35H	\$2,120,000
Whitaker, Nubia	Amy M Tsuen Yu Dynasty	3 Avery St #905	\$800,000
Brozowaki, Derek T	Moscarelli, William J	540 Commercial St #2	\$1,400,000
Mcgovern, Matthew E	63-5 & 7 Com Wharf T	63 Commercial Wharf #5	\$2,275,000
Mcgovern, Matthew E	63-5 & 7 Com Wharf T	63 Commercial Wharf #7	\$2,275,000
Chan, Patrick K	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #3707	\$1,484,275
Schiffman, John R	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #4603	\$2,750,000
Macdonald Boston Hbr T	Boston Harbor RET	10 Rowes Wharf #PH4	\$4,750,000
Alhojerry, Keenan	Juang, Jeremy	580 Washington St #709	\$1,335,000
Lim, Yak H	Helian, Yizhou	1 Franklin St #1408	\$1,750,000
Pan, Lixing A	Nearhos, Stephanie M	100 Fulton St #4T	\$1,125,000
200 Lincoln St Realty LLC	Fiore Holdings LLC	200 Lincoln St #203	\$540,000

Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The decorative fleur-de-lis in the last clue is in front of 121-125 Bay State Road, built in 1899. The double mansion was designed in the Italian Renaissance style by architects Winslow, Wetherell, and Bigelow for two sisters, Sophie Moen, and Alice Moen Child.

You'll find the next clue in the South End.
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