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FOPG announces Henry Lee Fund for Boston Parks

By Dan Murphy

The Friends of the Public Garden announced the creation of a new fund named for its president emeritus, Henry Lee during a public launch event on Tuesday, June 11, at the Parkman Bandstand on the Boston Common.

The Henry Lee Fund for Boston Parks was established, according to the Friends group, to “provide small grants for tree and sculpture care and support special projects in public greenspaces in neighborhoods throughout Boston,” on an annual basis, with a panel group reviewing all applications.

Leslie Singleton Adam, chair of the Friends of the Public Garden board of directors, said the fund had already raised \$1 mil-

lion towards its \$2 million goal and thanked those in attendance at the event who had already contributed to the cause.

Adam added that since she had taken on her current role with the Friends about eight years ago, it could be daunting at times, “but the best part was that I knew I’d have time with Henry Lee.”

Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods pointed to the unique and symbiotic partnership that exists between the city and the Friends group, especially since they entered into a Memorandum of Agreement in January of 2020, which strengthened their then 50-year-old partnership.

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DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

The Ellis Neighborhood Association recently held a 60th anniversary celebration at Cós mica at the Revolution Hotel. Shown above, members and guests mingle throughout the event.

Shown to the right, Board member Carol Trust and her husband Barry Zaltmam perform a tango dance. See more photos on Pages 6 and 7.



District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan, who presented Henry Lee with an Official Resolution from the City Council in recognition of his support of its parks, is seen flanked by Rep. Jay Livingstone and District 2 City Councilor Ed Flynn (center).

Councilor Flynn sponsors licensing session on Boylston bike and bus lanes days ahead of project getting underway

By Dan Murphy

Four days ahead of the project’s scheduled start date, District 2 City Councilor Ed Flynn sponsored a virtual listening session on Wednesday, June 5. on the city’s controversial plan to add a bicycle lane on and bus lane connected to Boylston Street.

The Boylston Street Better Bus and Bike Lane project will create a one-way, separated bike lane on Boylston Street between

Arlington Street and Massachusetts Avenue, as well as a new bus lane from Ring Road to Arlington Street, according to the city.

Susan Collings, a South End resident who bikes as her primary mode of transportation, said she has felt unsafe while biking on Boylston Street and expressed her support for the project. “Go for it on the Boylston Street bike lanes because it’s going to make biking a lot safer in that area,” she said.

But Collings also urged the city to address the risk for bicyclists posed by mopeds and other delivery vehicles frequently crossing over into bike lanes.

Ryan Hatcher, an East Fens resident who primarily walks and doesn’t bike, said he too would “strongly” support the bike lane on Boylston Street, and added if implemented properly, he believes it could make a “big difference” when it comes to

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EDITORIAL

JUNE IS A MONTH OF FREEDOM

June marks the first month of the summer season, the period on the calendar when we take vacations from school and work to travel and enjoy the company of our friends and family members. It's our personal time, that sweet spot each year when we take a break from the humdrum of our daily schedules and we have the freedom to do whatever we want,

But June also uniquely celebrates a number of events that brought true freedom to Americans who had been unable to experience the promise of America -- "all men are created equal" -- that we take for granted today.

June 12 is known as Loving Day. It was on that day in 1967 that the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Virginia law that forbade interracial marriage and made it a criminal offense to do so. The Lovings, an interracial couple, were convicted under that Virginia law and, to avoid jail, they agreed to leave the state. Similar laws existed throughout all of the Southern states until the Supreme Court's ruling.

June is observed as Pride Month by the LGBTQIA+ community to mark the date of June 28, 1969, when gays protested arrests at the Stonewall Inn (a gay bar in New York City's Greenwich Village) at a time when police routinely arrested gay men on phony morals charges. The riots lasted for a number of days and are widely-recognized as the beginning of the modern gay rights movement that culminated more than 50 years later with the Supreme Court decision of Obergefell v. Hodges in 2015 that struck down state laws forbidding same-sex marriage.

June 14 is Flag Day, marking the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress, which read as follows: "Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day and in 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Ever since its inception in 1777, the American flag has been universally recognized as a symbol of freedom around the world.

Finally, Juneteenth, which is now a national holiday, marks the day when the Union army entered the city of Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, and freed the slaves in Texas pursuant to President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had gone into effect more than two years earlier on January 1, 1863. Texas had been the last state to be occupied by Union forces and where slavery still existed.

NEAR THE WATER? WATCH YOUR CHILDREN!

We recently were shocked to learn of two statistics that were noted at a recent meeting of the Revere Board of Health.

The first is that about 4500 Americans die from drowning each year. To put that into perspective, that figure is about 50 percent greater than the total number of victims who died on 9/11.

The second number, which was even more surprising -- and even sadder -- is that drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 1-4.

What is stunning to us about that statistic is that we cannot imagine that whenever a parent is with a small child near the water -- whether it be the bathtub in their home or at the beach -- the parent is not watching over their child like a hawk without even a second's worth of distraction, including texting on a cell phone.

Young children are especially susceptible to drowning because of their small lung capacity, which means that once they slip under, their tiny lungs can fill with water almost instantly.

Even if a child is saved from death by drowning, the lack of oxygen to the brain can result in a serious brain injury that will have lifelong implications.

The bottom line is that a young child never should be left unattended for even a moment when near the water. And it goes without saying that every parent should be 100% sober whenever they are near water with their child, whether on a boat, at the beach, at a pool, or in their home.

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Friends of the Public Garden's seasonal public restrooms on the Boston Common are now open to the public.

FOPG's Common bathroom open to public for season

Special to the Sun

The Friends of the Public Garden's public restrooms on the Boston Common, are now fully open to the public for the season.

The restrooms are easily accessible for visitors to both the Boston Common and the Public Garden, found along MacArthur Mall, halfway between the Charles/Beacon entrance to the Common and the mid-block crossing of Charles Street.

The program has once again been recognized by the Massachusetts State Senate, who granted \$50,000 towards this pilot public restrooms initiative. The restrooms trailer includes three women's stalls and a sink,

two men's stalls, three urinals, and a sink, one ADA restroom, and a security person on-site during hours of operation. The restrooms are cleaned every four hours while open.

The trailer is also a unique site for public art. This season, the Friends are excited to introduce Dawn Spears, whose pieces titled, 'What It Was Before I & II,' 'Best Friends,' 'Strawberry Daughters,' 'Sequan Weesummis (Spring Sister), and 'Strawberry Matriarchy,' are installed on the seasonal trailer. This year's trailer also features an image of the ancient Indigenous landscape that became the Common and Garden, thanks to City Archaeologist Joe Bagley.

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HENRY LEE FUND (from pg. 1)

Woods also credited Lee for the transformation of the Boston Common (along with the Public Garden and Commonwealth Avenue Mall), since he helped form the Friends group in 1970.

District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan, who represents the Public Garden, the Commonwealth Mall, and the Common, presented Lee with an Official Resolution from the Boston City Council in recognition of his support of the city's parks over the years.

"It is a real honor and a treat to get to be here for the founding of the Henry Lee Fund for Boston Parks," Councilor Durkan said in part. "I have been a fan of the Friends of the Public Garden, and I've been an ally with you and now I'm excited to be an ally with the Henry Lee Fund, which is going to do so much good throughout the city for our parks. Thank you so much for your leadership, and we can't wait to partner with you for all of Boston's green spaces."

Upon taking the podium, Lee, now 99, thanked the group for honoring him with the creation of the new fund and reflected on how the Friends got its start with only \$200 in its coffers, including his donation of \$100.

Lee also pointed to the great partnership that now exists between the Friends and the Boston Parks Department, which he said, "today does a splendid job

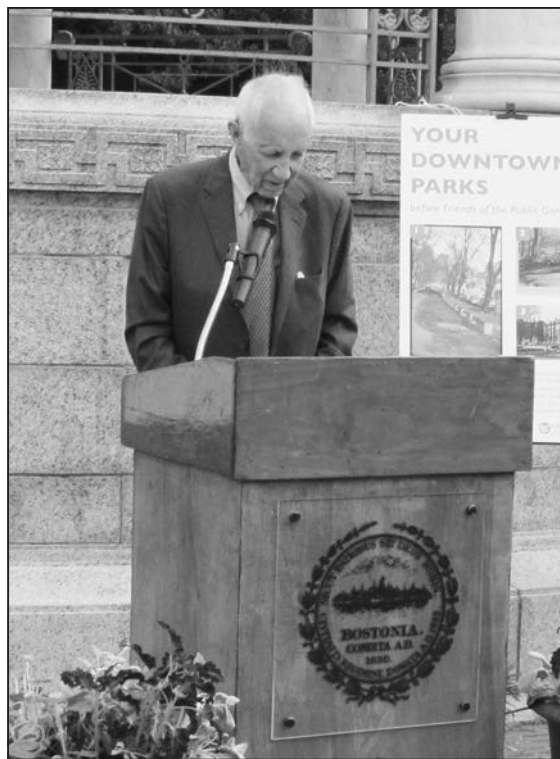


Henry Lee, president emeritus of the Friends of the Public Garden (third from right), is seen with, left to right: District 2 City Councilor Ed Flynn; Ryan Woods, Boston Parks commissioner; Leslie Singleton Adam, chair of the Friends of the Public Garden board of directors; Liz Vizza, president of the Friends group; District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan; and Rep. Jay Livingstone.

with these parks."

Likewise, Lee lauded Liz Vizza, the outgoing president of the Friends group, for doing a "marvelous, wonderful job" and said in jest he loved taking credit for her work.

Meanwhile, Lee urged those in attendance to not just grow complacent with how far the city's parks have come, and to instead think of the future by committing themselves to continuing to care for these parks with diligence.



Henry Lee, president emeritus of the Friends of the Public Garden, at the podium.



Liz Vizza, the outgoing president of the Friends of the Public Garden, raises a toast to Henry Lee.



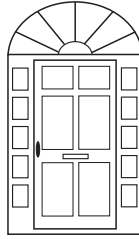
The Boston Park Rangers, which Henry Lee has long championed, made an appearance. The horse on the left was named after Lee in recognition of his unwavering support of the Park Rangers program over the years.



Leslie Singleton Adam, chair of the Friends of the Public Garden board of directors.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

FENWAY PORCHFEST RETURNS SATURDAY, JUNE 15

The fifth annual Fenway Porchfest, a collaboration between the Fenway Community Center and the Fenway Community Development Corporation, takes place on Saturday, June 15, from noon to 4:30 p.m.

This free festival, that transforms outdoor spaces throughout the neighborhood into impromptu concert stages, will feature musicians from across Fenway and beyond at locations .

PETERS PARK SUMMER CLEANUP SET FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 15

A cleanup of Peters Park is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to noon. (Rain date: Sunday, June 16).

Volunteers will be spreading mulch over beds, pruning, and planting flowers.

SOWA ARTISTS GUILD TO HOLD JUNE EVENTS

SoWa Artists Guild will hold its SoWa Sundays on June 16,

23, and 30 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All events will be held at 450 Harrison Ave.

Visit <http://sowaartists.com>, <http://facebook.com/SoWaArtistsGuild>, or <https://www.instagram.com/sowaartistsguild/> for more information.

BPDA TO HOLD VIRTUAL MEETING JUNE 18 ON 122 QUEENSBURY ST. PROJECT

The Boston Planning &

Development Agency will hold a virtual public meeting for the proposed project located at 112 Queensberry St. in the Fenway neighborhood on Tuesday, June 18, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Review Application (SPRA) that was filed and its potential impacts. The meeting will include a presentation from the development team followed by questions and comments from the public.

Fenway CDC plans to develop the 112-114 Queensberry site, located in the western section

of Boston's Fenway neighborhood, into 24 units of affordable housing. Fenway CDC proposes to construct a building with six stories above grade and one story partially below grade. One hundred percent of the units will be affordable in perpetuity. The units will be affordable to individuals and households at or below 30 percent and 60 percent of area median income. The building will include a mix of 11 studios and 13 one-bedrooms to provide housing for single peo-

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safety.

Hatcher echoed opening remarks made by Councilor Flynn, who asserted that the “reckless driving in the City of Boston has to end,” especially when it comes to mopeds and other delivery vehicles, along with the increasingly prevalent problem of drag-racing around the Back Bay and in other city neighborhoods.

Deborah Bulkeley, a longtime Back Bay resident who owns a car but walks as her primary transportation mode, said Boylston Street currently isn't safe for

bicyclists, and asserted that more enforcement is needed on roadways.

“Double-parking on Boylston is terrible,” she said. “If there's going to be a bike lane there, there has to be enforcement.”

Danielle Mooney, a Dorchester resident who manages a carpentry company and frequently works in the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and South End, said she would welcome the additional bike and bus infrastructure on Boylston Street because she believes improving access for other transportation modes

would free up the roads for those working in the trades, like herself, who rely on driving their own vehicles for work.

Mooney also predicted that drivers would adjust quickly to the reduction of one traffic lane needed to achieve the project.

Matt Sabel, a Back Bay resident for more than 30 years and father of two small children, said he's never seen conditions more dangerous for pedestrians in the neighborhood.

Sabel suggested that operators of motorized scooters, including delivery drivers, should have to

go through the same type of process to get a license as for a driver's license.

Regarding the proposed bike lane, Sabel expressed “a real sense of hopelessness that the decisions have been made with minimal thought.”

Meg Mainzer-Cohen, president and executive director of the Back Bay Association, said her “macro comment” was that her organization and the neighborhood businesses that make up its membership are “extremely concerned about what's going to happen to Boylston Street and much of the Back Bay,” once the project is implemented.

Mainzer-Cohen emphasized that the BBA's concerns with the project isn't about putting the interests of the neighborhoods' businesses above those of the residential community, since Boylston Street is a roadway that serves everyone.

“We don't think the city has quite the right balance,” said Mainzer-Cohen, who added that city needed to take the project area's close proximity to MBTA service more into account.

The city also needs to consider that pedestrians are now ‘underserved’ when it comes to signal timings at intersections, added Mainzer-Cohen, even without taking frequent vehicle loadings and unloadings into account. She also predicted that two vehicular lanes flanked by a bike lane on one side and a bus lane on the other wouldn't adequately serve the area's transportation needs.

Like Sabel, Mainzer-Cohen said she doesn't think the city had given the community suffi-

cient notification ahead of moving forward with the project.

Mainzer-Cohen suggested that the city should take a ‘phased’ approach to the project instead by installing the bike lane first and then the bus lane at a later date, once the impact of the bike lane is better understood. (Mainzer-Cohen said she had broached this idea with city officials, but they were unwilling to consider it.)

Martyn Roetter, chair of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, cited the “historic nature” of Back Bay streets, with multiple modes of transportation sharing “small spaces” on its streets and narrow sidewalks.

Roetter echoed Mainzer-Cohen's comments and pointed to the symbiotic relationship between Back Bay residents and businesses, which depend on neighborhood streets to provide and obtain goods and services.

Regarding the current plan, Roetter said NABB remains most concerned with pedestrians as “the most vulnerable constituency,” followed by cyclists.

“It is a complex problem, and what we're looking for is some reasonable compromise between all the alternatives,” said Roetter. “I hope we can arrive at a solution that's more balanced than the one that's being considered at the moment.”

In conclusion, Councilor Flynn emphasized that the listening session wasn't “the end of the conversation,” and said he hoped the city would work with the community in “good faith” to reach a compromise on the issue.



Virtual Public Meeting

Boston University IMP

JUNE

26

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/BUTFPUB

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 161 989 5551

Project Proponent: Boston University

Project Description: This is a Task Force/ Public Meeting for the proposed Institutional Master Plan for Boston University, located in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the overall Institutional Master Plan and the potential impacts.

The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the Task Force and the public.

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PHOTOGRAPHER DEBBY KRIM DELIVERS TALK AT COPLEY SOCIETY OF ART



Debby Krim's
Feathers & Petals
Shared Beauty in Organic Design

D. Murphy Photos
Debby Krim, whose photog-

raphy exhibit, 'Feathers & Petals' (shared in organic design), examines the symbiotic relation-

ship between birds and flowers and is on display at the Copley Society of Art now through June 29, gave a Gallery Talk there on Thursday, June 6.

Krim, who has nearly a half century of experience as a photographer and oil painter, became the first ColSo member to be awarded the distinction of Copley Master in the field of photography. She is a founding member of the SoWa Artists Guild and has been based out of SoWa Art + Design District in the South End for more than two decades.

The Copley Society of Art is located at 158 Newbury St. in the Back Bay. Visit copleysociety.org for more information.



Shown above, below and left, photographer Debby Krim, whose exhibit 'Feathers & Petals' is now display at the Copley Society of Art, visited there on Thursday, June 6, for a Gallery Talk and more.



Featured photographer Debby Krim (center) is seen with Nina Mollo, gallery coordinator (at left), and Suzan Weldon Redgate, executive director, of the Copley Society of Art.



Reception: May 23th 4 - 6 PM | Designer Night: May 24th 6 - 8 PM
The Copley Society of Art is proud to present *Feathers & Petals* by Copley Master, Debby Krim. In nearly a half century of experience as a photographer and oil painter, becoming the first member to be awarded the distinction of Copley Master in the field of photography. Drawn to the patterns, textures and even color variations of white flowers, she has captured their fundamental geometry for more than 20 years. Four years ago, Debby found herself drawn to the fundamental geometry of birds. The connection was clear: like flowers, the feathers' stunning natural patterns, sometimes random, sometimes exact.
Besides the visual connection, there is also the mutually beneficial relationship between survival. Both need flowers for nectar and fruit, and the flowers need the birds to help in the distribution of their seeds. With *Feathers & Petals*, Debby places these two natural conversations with one another to emphasize this relationship while drawing attention to the ways they make them so similar yet distinct.
"I am wowed by the sheer magnificence of nature; an emotion I feel on a regular basis. Debby's camera lens giving me a first new look!" -Debby Krim

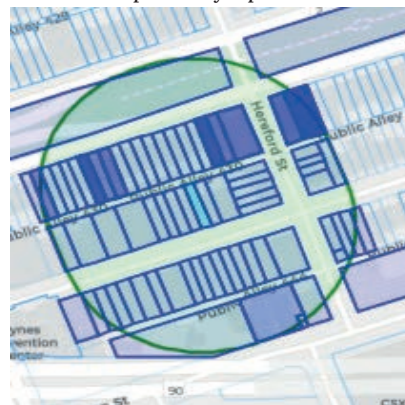
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Notice is hereby given that a Community Meeting for a Proposed Cannabis Establishment is scheduled for:

Application Name: Rooted In LLC

Application Address: 331 Newbury Street

License Type: Cannabis Delivery Courier License being added to existing retail dispensary operation.



THIS IS AN IN PERSON MEETING

Date: Thursday, June 20th, 2024

Time: 6:00PM

Meet At: Rooted In, 331 Newbury St, Boston MA 02115

There will be an opportunity for the public to raise comments, questions, and concerns. **If you any questions or comments about this proposal, please contact:**

Conor Newman
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Please note, the City does not represent the owner(s)/developer(s)/attorney(s)/applicant(s). The purpose of this notice is to notify area abutters to this project proposal. This flier has been dropped off by the proponents per the city's request.



Photographer Debby Krim (at right) is seen with Tracy Campion, principal and owner of Campion and Company real estate agency (center), and Campion's sales assistant, Olivia Lehane (at left).

ELLIS SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNIVERSARY PARTY



Boston City Hall Liason for the South End and Back Bay Sarah Sharpe, Ellis Association Chairperson Julie Arnheiter, Board member Trea LaRaia, and Wendy Hamm.

Derek Kouyoumjian Photos

The Ellis Neighborhood Association celebrated 60 years of service to the South End at Cós mica at the Revolution Hotel. It was the first event since Covid struck back in 2020 and the neighborhood was more than ready to join in the festivities and show its gratitude to an important institution.



A South End baseball cap represented the dry cleaning package offered in the silent auction from local business Sault.



Beth Harris and Jerry Howard.



Lecolion Washington, Lauren Cook, Patti Keenan, and Julie Arnheiter.



Lecolion Washington, Massachusetts State Rep John Moran, and David Lapin.



Cassie and Kyle Veatch.



Down Under Yoga instructors Emma Ayotte and Celia Tiberi.



Bob Bryant and Carol Trust.

ELLIS SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNIVERSARY PARTY



Ellis Association Treasurer Kate Vasinda and Board member Hope Blanchette.



Grace and Bill Gregor .



Kathy and Mike Worbach look through the silent auction items. .



Manish Shah and Alissa Weaver.



Massachusetts State Rep Aaron Michlewitz with Ellis Association Chairperson Julie Arnheiter.



Michelle Isherwood, Alex Perlini, and Barry Zaltman.



Massachusetts State Rep Aaron Michlewitz with Ellis Early Learning Center CEO Lauren Cook.



Past president John Alekna speaks about history, achievements, and future efforts of Ellis Association.



Ellis Association Chairperson Julie Arnheiter and Massachusetts State Rep Aaron Michlewitz with board members Carol and Phil Caporizo. .

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CITY PAWS

Hot Town, Summer in the City

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We may be in the Northeast, but summers in Greater Boston are growing hotter by the year. As pet guardians, we must be aware of the dangers to our critters when the temperatures rise.

“Walkin’ On The Sidewalk, Hotter Than a Match Head”

Anyone who has walked bare-foot to a car in a beach parking lot can attest to just how hot asphalt can be. Think of this when you’re walking your dog. Put your hand palm down on the surface and decide if it’s safe for your dog. Also, consider how close a small dog’s body is to that heat source. And be sure to check paws for burns if your dog is licking or limping this time of year.

“Cool Town, Evening in The City”

Some dogs need a lot of exercise, even in the heat. If you have

one of these athletes on the end of your leash, take those long walks or runs early in the morning or after dark. Mid-day heat may be too much for even a healthy dog. Canine companions can push themselves into the danger zone to please us. Dogs are stoic and may not show distress until it’s too late.

“Doesn’t Seem to Be a Shadow in The City”

A park bench under a shady tree is the perfect place to take a break on your daily walk. After sitting in the shade and drinking water, you’ll hear a difference in your dog’s panting. Our Westie, Poppy, is now a senior dog. In summer, this may call for shorter walks and longer rests. She still needs daily exercise, but we must ensure she does not become overheated.

Overheated Danger Signs!

The MSPCA experts list the signs you can use to determine



Dogs with flat faces, like this Frenchie, are in greater danger in the heat due to their respiratory structure.

if a dog or cat is in danger from heat, such as heavy panting, rapid breathing, staggering, and weakness. They remind us that “A heat-stricken animal can die in minutes, but proper care may save its life.”

They outline what to do for first aid, “Immediately bring the animal to a shady spot. Cool the animal by dousing them completely with water or placing them in cool water. Take the distressed pet to a veterinarian as soon as possible. Treatment for dehydration and other serious problems will be necessary.”

Meanwhile, the ASPCA warned about animals, especially cats, falling from windows this time of year. “Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed and make sure adjustable screens are tightly secured.” Safety grates designed for children’s rooms might work to protect your pet.

Other Warnings!

A stop for a quick errand could result in a dog in trouble. Or, you could find your car window broken by a first responder or good Samaritan trying to save your pup.

Massachusetts law “Enables animal control officers, firefighters, and law enforcement to remove animals kept in vehicles in a manner reasonably expected to threaten the health of the animal due to extreme heat or cold.” It also “... allows individuals to remove an animal when in immediate danger in a vehicle and no other options exist.”

“Take It Easy!”

Summer is a time to take it easy. Bring a book, some water, and snacks for the two of you, and try a quiet, relaxing afternoon enjoying the slower pace of summer in the city. Pick a spot in a beautiful park, or drive to a favorite beach or rural destination. Learning to relax and remain quiet can be good for both of you.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

JUNETEENTH TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Delayed pick-up service begins on Wednesday 6/19.

Neighborhoods on a Regular Pick-Up Schedule:

- Back Bay
- Bay Village
- Beacon Hill
- Charlestown
- Chinatown
- Downtown Boston
- Fenway-Kenmore
- Mission Hill
- Wharf District
- North End
- Roxbury
- South End
- West End

Neighborhoods on a Delayed Pick-Up Schedule:

- Allston
- Brighton
- Dorchester
- East Boston
- Hyde Park
- Jamaica Plain
- Mattapan
- Roslindale
- South Boston
- West Roxbury

Please note that all neighborhoods will run on a regular collection schedule on Monday & Tuesday.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Sun encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication.

Items should be e-mailed to deb@thebostonsun.com.

Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool opens June 25

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu, Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods, and The Skating Club of Boston will welcome children and their caregivers to kick off the 2024 summer wading season as the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool reopens on Tuesday, June 25.

The wading pool opening is made possible by title sponsor Bank of America and presenting sponsor H.P. Hood LLC. The event will include an exciting celebration at 11 a.m. followed by the opening of the spray pool.

In addition to activities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., residents can enjoy tasty treats and a visit from official mascot Frog Pond Freddie. LEGO® Discovery Center Boston will be on site with giveaways and a LEGO brick pit for free building with LEGO experts.

Enjoy sparkling water from Polar Beverages, local farm fresh milk from the New England Dairy Council, frozen treats from H.P. Hood LLC, and sample water flavoring packets from Cirkul. Residents can also try our instrument ‘petting zoo’ courtesy of the Boston Music Project and visit the team from PROJECT Melanoma for summer sun safe-

ty tips.

Also offering giveaways and activities will be Mass Audubon, the Boston Public Library Chinatown Branch, the Boston Public Health Commission, Science for Scientists, and the Boston Water and Sewer Commission’s popular water truck. For more information visit www.boston.gov/frogpond.

A year-round recreational facility, the Frog Pond offers ice skating in the winter, a spray pool and supervised wading for youth in the summer, and the Carousel from spring through fall. Information on additional activities offered at the Frog Pond can be found by visiting www.boston-frogpond.com.

The Frog Pond spray pool is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Labor Day. The facility is managed by The Skating Club of Boston and staffed by youth workers from the Boston Youth Fund. For further information, please call the Frog Pond at 617-635-2120.

To stay up to date with news, events, and design and construction work in Boston Parks, sign up for our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Council invests in city services, community safety, housing in recommended operating budget

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Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata joined her colleagues in voting for an omnibus amendment package on the FY 25 Operating budget. Following the Council’s first of two votes on the amended budget, it goes to Mayor Michelle Wu for acceptance, rejection, or amendments. The Council will then vote again later in the month on a final FY25 Operating budget which will commence July 1, 2024. Additionally, the Council may only reject or pass the Boston Public Schools and the Capital budget without amendment power.

Boston City Council has maximized its new budgetary authority, diligently and in a fiscally responsible manner, by only utilizing unspent funding sources. We have spent countless meetings analyzing every dollar of taxpayer money. The resulting amendments invest in basic city services and quality of life issues, community safety, housing, youth career and college readiness, and more,” said Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata. “I stand by the prudent process put forth by the Chair of the Ways and Means. The Council is utilizing its newfound authority to provide an independent check on the Mayor and invest directly in

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ple, couples, and small families. The project will also include 24 bicycle parking spaces. No Vehicle parking will be provided onsite.

Register in advance for this meeting at bit.ly/4aFGznH.

LIBRARY SUMMER POP-UP EVENT SET FOR JUNE 18 AT SOUTH END LIBRARY PARK

The South End Branch of the Boston Public Library will sponsor a Summer Pop-up Event on Tuesday, June 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South End Library Park, located at 685 Tremont St.

The event will feature free books; Drag Queen Story Hour

to celebrate Pride Month featuring Ms. Patty starting at 11 a.m.; and special guest More Than Words.

For more information, email southend@bpl.org or call 617-655-2441.

CHARLESGATE FARMERS MARKET KICKS OFF SUNDAY, JUNE 23

The Muddy Water Initiative will host its Charlesgate Farmers Market every Sunday between June 23 and Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in DCR Charlesgate Park at Commonwealth Avenue between Charlesgate East and West. (Berklee students will be performing at the opening event on June 23.)

Some of the 30 vendors on hand will be Dicks Market Garden for fresh produce; Captain Madden’s Seafood; and Cape Ann Fresh Catch for fresh fish; Too Shelf Cookies for their renowned cookies; Azuluna Foods for meat, chicken and eggs; and prepared and cooked foods from Samosa Man and Dumpling Daughters.

SUMMER JAZZ CONCERTS AT SOUTH END LIBRARY PARK

The Boston Public Library and Friends of the South End Library present

Jazz and Blues with Pat Loomis and Friends on Wednesdays, July 17 and 31; Aug. 14 and 28; Sept. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at South End Library Park.

MASS. DELEGATES SHOW SUPPORT FOR BIDEN IN WORCESTER



Seen, left to right, are Mass. Delegates Pat Amend (Back Bay); Kate Gallivan (Back Bay); Mark Mantell (Beacon Hill); Rob Whitney (Beacon Hill); and Pat McDonough (Beacon Hill) showing their support for President Biden’s reelection at the 2024 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention held at the DCU Center in Worcester on Saturday morning, June 1.

COURTESY PHOTO

NeighborHealth unites community for health and fitness at annual 5K Event

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NeighborHealth, formerly East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Let's Get Movin' program, in partnership with the New Balance Foundation, hosted its annual 5K for Fitness event on Saturday, June 8th, 2024, at East Boston's Memorial Park. The event – the first to take place under the health center's new name - brought together more than 700 people, including over 570 runners, to celebrate and promote healthy living through physical activity and nutrition education.

“I love seeing our community come together to celebrate fitness,

physical activity and healthy eating at the Let's Get Movin' 5K,” said NeighborHealth President and CEO Greg Wilmot. “Staying healthy is more than not feeling sick, it's about feeling well, and I can't think of a better example of an event that keeps our community connected and supported in living a full and flourishing life.”

The race day schedule included "day of" registration followed by a warmup led by the Let's Get Movin' team with refreshments and live music following the event.

The first 200 registrants received free t-shirts, and all finishers were awarded medals. The top finishers in each age category



Dozens of NeighborHealth staff participated in the event, both as volunteers and race participants at East Boston's Memorial Park.

were also recognized with special awards concluding the event. More than a dozen community organizations joined the festivities to share resources.

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Bostonians.”

“These amendments invest in top city departments and ensure there will be no personnel cuts to community safety. The Council maintained the collective bargaining reserve hike while also calling attention to the numer-

ous job vacancies across the city. Hundreds of job vacancies across City departments provide hundreds of millions of dollars to reallocate without any anticipated job or service losses.”

A portion of the Council's amended FY25 budget omnibus

package includes:

- \$200,000 within the Inspectional Services Department (Personnel Services) to increase overtime for pest control inspections
- \$65,000 within the Inspectional Services Department (Personnel Services) to increase Building Inspectors by 1 FTE to proactively prevent building collapses and hold short-term rentals accountable
- \$700,000 within Boston Police Department (Personnel Services) to the Boston Police Crime Lab to increase the number of lab techs and to fill the director vacancy
- \$300,000 within Boston Police Department (Equipment) to Boston Police Crime Lab to purchase new sexual assault testing equipment
- \$230,000 within the Inspectional Services Department (Personnel Services) to increase Plans Examiners by 2 FTE to relieve a backlog of plans.
- \$100,000 increase for trash containerization for rodent mitigation in Inspectional Services Department's Supplies & Materials
- \$50,000 increase for youth programming in district one Boston Centers for Youth & Families
- \$125,000 increase for 2 additional housing crisis coordinator positions in Mayor's Office of Housing
- \$300,000 increase to support ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) parent classes across the city in Office of Immigrant Advancement Con-

tractual Services

- \$100,000 increase for route optimization - street sweepers in the Department of Innovation & Technology Equipment
- \$9,999 increase for clean water pilot in East Boston and Mattapan in the Office of Food Justice Contractual Services
- \$750,000 increase for Community Land Trust in the Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriations
- \$1,500,000 increase for City Housing Vouchers in the Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriations
- \$100,000 increase to provide seed money to create an emergency relief fund for residents impacted by disasters in Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation
- \$500,000, within Boston Public Health Commission (Special Appropriation) to the Family Justice Center to support survivors of sexual assault
- \$500,000 increase for Right to Counsel in the Fair Housing & Equity's Contractual Services
- \$75,000 increase for a Parks Administrator at the Christopher Columbus Park in the Parks & Recreation Department's Contractual Services
- \$50,000 increase for landmarks personnel in the Office of Historic Preservation Personnel Services
- \$1,500,000 increase for Down Payment Assistance in the Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriations
- \$75,000 increase for a neighborhood traffic study in Office of

Streets Contractual Services

- \$200,000 increase to support workforce language training programs in the Office of Workforce Development Contractual Services
 - \$50,000 increase to create hybrid meeting locations throughout the city in the Department of Innovation & Technology Equipment
 - \$100,000 increase for small business mini-grants in the Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion Contractual Services
 - \$200,000 increase to support workforce training nonprofits for newcomers in the Office of Workforce Development Contractual Services
 - \$150,000 increase to support burial services for homicide victims in the Parks & Recreation Department Contractual Services
- The Boston City Council commenced its budget hearings on April 22, 2024, and all hearings were led by Councilor Brian Worrel (D4), chair of the Committee on Ways and Means. This cycle is the third time the Boston City Council can reject, reduce, pass, or amend line items (i.e., accounts such as personnel, contracted services, equipment, etc.) in the City's Operating Budget.
- To prepare for the budget cycle, Coletta Zapata hosted a round of listening sessions and budget town halls across the district to gather feedback from residents about their priorities for the fiscal year operating and capital budget.

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Lin, Hsuan-Yu	Ivie Properties LLC	167 Commonwealth Ave #6	\$869,000
Man, Howard	Multirich Property LLC	188 Brookline Ave #22C	\$1,380,000
TMelvin, Jeffrey A	Naughton, Elise D	3 Hanson St #1	\$1,100,000
Davis, Craig	Caprio, Ralph	126 Jersey St #302	\$755,000
Chesney, Alexander	Raymond J Tesi T	476 Massachusetts Ave #2	\$1,155,000
Kandarpa, Maanasa L	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #705	\$884,900
Bramante, Michael	White, Peter	411 Shawmut Ave #1	\$765,000
19 Union Park Rt	Warshauer, Susan	19 Union Park St #2	\$1,325,000

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BEACON HILL			
94 Beacon St Unit 4 Rt	Burns, Brett A	94 Beacon St #4	\$3,125,000
Lynch Jr, John	Doyno, David	70 Brimmer St #314	\$525,000
Lynch Jr, John	Doyno, David G	102 Chestnut St	\$7,350,000
hiim, Michael	34grove1 LLC	34 Grove St #1	\$439,000
Mcgaughey, Gina	Chen, Galen	10-1/2 Hancock St #4	\$810,000
Franklin Cap Partners Inc	Manzi, Stephen	14 Hancock St	\$3,150,000
Lapiello, Emilio A	Cimino, Joseph	34 Hancock St #8	\$1,550,000
Deslauriers, Louis	Young, Amy J	80 Mount Vernon St #2	\$650,000
Tredennick, Page	Jolly Fox LLC	58 Temple St #3	\$1,200,000
Yang, Jiahui	20 Jway LLC	6 Whittier Pl #2B	\$388,000

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Roseman, Richard	Wong, Kenneth W	88 Berkeley St #3	\$715,000
Gannon, Sean	Harmstone, Elizabeth	116 Chandler St #1	\$2,200,000
Wilson, Jonathan F	Wezniak, Frank J	1 Charles St S #14G	\$2,587,500
Clinton Jr, James P	Judson, Julie A	300 Columbus Ave #3	\$900,000
Hojlo, Patrick	32 Lawrence Street LLC	32 Lawrence St	\$2,115,000
Knott, Thomas A	Ts Residences Hld LLC	430 Stuart St #25A	\$4,990,000
Tamagini, Jeffrey	Wilson, Mark L	216 W Canton St #1	\$2,250,000
Savol, Andrej	Good Jr, William E	551 Columbus Ave	\$3,250,000
Royer, Philip	Caton, Steven C	553 Columbus Ave #1	\$1,470,000
Piekarsa, Val	Li, Kaidi	362 Commonwealth Ave #4C	\$630,000

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Carrillo-Rivas, Maria B	Lainer, Boris	1 Avery St #12F	\$1,150,000
Griffith, Loredana P	Albert Realty Hldg LLC	343 Commercial St #502	\$2,150,000
Guan, Yunping	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #4801	\$4,660,000
Franklin Cap Partners Inc	Manzi, Stephen	50 Franklin St #3	\$1,100,000
Noel, Nikolas J	Loucks, Michael	100 Fulton St #5V	\$1,575,000
Boston 147 Mp Rk6 LLC	Lci 147 Milk Street LLC	147-149 Milk St	\$36,350,000
Fasrid Barsoum Ft	Nuqul, Marwan	45 Province St #1203	\$1,290,000



The fierce lion door knocker is on 203 Commonwealth Avenue, built in 1884 and designed by architect Louis Weissbein. The website www.backbayhouses.org noted that from 1949 until 1969, Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals used the building as medical offices.

The next clue is in the Fenway Neighborhood. Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

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