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## Potential redevelopment of Linemann and Hurley buildings discussed at public meeting

By Dan Murphy

The potential future redevelopment of the state-owned, 5.5-acre site of the connected Linemann and Hurley buildings was the matter at hand during a public meeting held on Wednesday, June 4, at the West End Museum.

The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), together with the Department of Mental Health, will potentially offer the site of the massive, concrete complex located at 19 and 21 Staniford

St. to a private entity for redevelopment into a mixed-use project. The state is expected to offer a ground lease for up to 99 years to the designated developer, who would then be responsible for all aspects of the project, including its design, permitting, financing, construction, and operation.

The 222,000 gross square-foot Erich Lindemann Building, which is expected to require upwards of \$250 million in capital renewal costs, was completed in 1971 as part of the urban renewal effort to revitalize the Government Center area.



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*The Charles F. Hurley Building.*

Designed by renowned American architect Paul Rudolph, the building is now regarded as a significant example of the Brutalist style. “It’s considered to be one

of Rudolph’s masterpieces,” said Adam Baacke, DCAMM commissioner.

Noteworthy design elements of the Lindemann Building

include several ‘monumental,’ curving exterior staircases; an interior spiral stair that spans

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## Charlesgate Alliance dedicates 14 new trees, honors environmental advocate Fran Gershwin

Special to the Sun

The Charlesgate Alliance, in partnership with the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), hosted a tree dedication ceremony on Thursday, June 5, in Charlesgate Park to celebrate the planting of 14 new trees—seven of which were planted in memory of beloved environmental leader Fran Gershwin.

This event marked another milestone in the Charlesgate Revitalization Project, a long-term vision to restore and reimagine the parkland between the Massachusetts Turnpike and Storrow Drive. Over the past

three years, the Charlesgate Alliance has planted more than 30 trees throughout the park and continues to provide stewardship for dozens more.

The tree dedication brought together elected officials, community advocates, and partner organizations to recognize the contributions of Fran Gershwin, who served for many years as Chair of the Maintenance and Management Oversight Committee (MMOC) of the Muddy River Restoration Project. Her commitment to restoring the Boston area’s tree canopy left an indelible mark on the city’s land-

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COURTESY OF RANDALL ALBRIGHT  
*Parker James, co-founder of the Charlesgate Alliance, speaks at the dedication ceremony held June 5.*

## Orange Line service to be suspended from June 21 – 29

Special to the Sun

Between North Station and Forest Hills on Weekends, Between Back Bay and Forest Hills on Weekdays

This notice serves as a reminder of the upcoming Orange Line closure previously announced on May 20.

The MBTA is today reminding riders that Orange Line service will be suspended between North Station and Forest Hills on weekends and between Back Bay and Forest Hills on weekdays all day, every day, for nine days, June 21 to 29.

Riders can find complete information at [mbta.com/OrangeLine](http://mbta.com/OrangeLine). More information on these service changes and

alternate travel options is below:

During the weekends of June 21 – 22 and June 28 – 29, service will be suspended between North Station and Forest Hills:

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Forest Hills and Back Bay as well as Copley on the Green Line for parallel service through downtown to North Station.

The Green Line C Branch will also be extended to serve North Station during this time period.

An accessible van will directly serve stations between North Station and Back Bay as well as Copley on the Green Line. Riders should see onsite personnel to request this van service.

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# EDITORIAL

## OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS ON THE CRITICAL LIST

Anyone who has been to a hospital emergency room lately has seen firsthand the health care crisis that we are facing in this country.

ERs routinely are filled beyond capacity, with patients lying on their hospital beds in corridors while they wait for a room to open up -- sometimes for days.

And during the respiratory illness season, when seniors and young children flood the ERs, our overcrowded hospitals resemble something out of a developing country, rather than what is supposedly the most advanced healthcare system in the world.

The statistics tell a bleak tale: The U.S. has less than three hospital beds per 1,000 residents, while the European Union has more than five and Japan almost 13. On average, 75% of America's hospital beds are occupied on any given day, 11 points higher than in 2019.

In Boston's hospitals, the daily occupancy rate reportedly is 86%. According to some experts, the system becomes overloaded when the occupancy rate reaches 85%.

We grew up in a time (the 1960s-70s) when just about every city and town in Massachusetts had its own hospital, institutions that were the pride of their communities. But starting in the 1970s, thanks to a combination of declining reimbursement rates from state and federal governments and surging costs for modern-day equipment (such as MRI machines) and treatment, community hospitals one-by-one began to disappear, leaving us in our present predicament of too few hospitals serving too many people.

Another looming crisis in our healthcare system is a shortage of doctors. It is estimated that there are 1,010,892 active physicians in the U.S., of whom 851,282 are direct patient care physicians. (Physicians who do research or are administrators represent the difference between the two numbers.)

Anyone whose primary care doctor recently has retired knows how difficult it is today to find a new doctor. But this shortfall is only going to get worse over the next decade. By 2037, the United States is expected to face a shortage of 187,130 physicians, including 87,150 primary care physicians.

It is estimated that there already are 75 million Americans who live in areas where it is difficult to get access to primary care -- and the ratio of primary care providers is projected to decline to 76.8 per 100,000 people by 2037, from 81.6 per 100,000 in 2022.

To make matters worse, the present -- and future -- shortfalls in hospital beds and doctors do not take into account the effects of the policies in Washington that are threatening to cut back on Medicaid eligibility, to reduce Medicare reimbursements even further, to limit the loan programs available to medical school students, and to restrict (if not prevent) foreign-born doctors from coming into this country.

In short, all of the ingredients are in place to create the Perfect Storm for a healthcare crisis in our nation.

## THERE MUST BE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR VIOLENT PROTESTS

We completely understand the anger and frustration on the part of many Americans with the manner in which members of immigrant communities are being arrested and deported not only without any semblance of due process of law, but also in a deliberately cruel and inhumane manner.

But the urge to respond with acts of lawlessness, including throwing rocks and dangerous objects at police officers and other law enforcement personnel, burning vehicles in the street, smashing windows of businesses, and defacing property, is not the answer.

The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees the right "of the people peaceably to assemble" -- and we would emphasize the word "peaceably."

However, the protests that we have seen the past few days in Los Angeles have not been peaceful. They are creating a dangerous situation for everybody concerned -- and it is inevitable that if the protesters escalate their actions, the outcome will be a tragedy.

Those who are partaking in the protests should keep in mind the words of Winston Churchill during the height of WWII when England was facing a threat to its very existence:

"You do your worst and we will do our best."



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### SOWA ARTISTS GUILD TO HOLD JUNE EVENTS

SoWa Artists Guild will hold its SoWa Sundays on June 15, 22, and 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 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.

### BOSTON WARD 4 DEMS MEETING SET FOR JUNE 17 AT UNION CHURCH

The Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee will next meet on Tuesday, June 17, at 6 p.m. at Union

Church at 485 Columbus St. (Enter through side door on West Newton Street.)

Rep. John Moran will be the event's featured speaker, and the committee will also consider endorsements for the Boston Mayoral, at-Large City Council, District 2, District 7, and District 8 races.

### MAAH PLANS JUNETEENTH EVENTS FOR JUNE 19

The Museum of African American History (MAAH), in collaboration with the Boston Ujima Project, Heritage Marketplace, and Black-owned businesses, will celebrate Juneteenth with programs for visitors of all ages on Wednesday, June 19, beginning at noon at the

museum's Beacon Hill campus at 46 Joy St.

Programs will include two Underground Railroad tours in partnership with the National Park Service, will last approximately one hour and begin outside the museum at 1 and 3 p.m.; The Haus of Glitter Dance Company leading an Afro Latinx dance workshop; an

A MAAH Storyteller reading Juneteenth books for children including 'Juneteenth for Maize'; Cornell Coley, a respected educator and performer, presenting an Afro Latin drum circle; and the Boston Public Quartet performing a selection of songs from Black composers, including Julius Eastman, Jessie Montgomery, William Grant Still, and

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# Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool opens June 24

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu, Chief Climate Officer and Interim Boston Parks Commissioner Brian Swett, and The Skating Club of Boston invite children and their caregivers to kick off the 2025 summer wading season as the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool reopens on Tuesday, June 24.

The wading pool opening is made possible by title sponsor Bank of America and presenting sponsors H.P. Hood LLC and the New England Dairy Council. 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. Enjoy sparkling water from Polar Beverages, frozen treats from H.P. Hood LLC, as well as dairy product sampling from the New England Dairy Council's educational Mobile Dairy Experience. Residents can also try our instrument 'petting zoo' courtesy of the Boston Music Project and visit the teams from Laboratories of Cognitive Neuroscience at Boston Children's Hospital, Made 2 Clean MA, the University of Massachusetts Early Minds Lab, AT&T, as well

as IMPACT Melanoma for summer sun safety tips.

Also offering giveaways and activities will be the Boston Public Library, the Boston Public Health Commission, Science for Scientists, Friends of the Public Garden, Boston Fire Department, and the Boston Water and Sewer Commission's popular water truck.

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.bostonfrogpond.com](http://www.bostonfrogpond.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, call the Frog Pond at (617) 635-2120.

For more information visit [www.boston.gov/frogpond](http://www.boston.gov/frogpond). To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks visit [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks), call (617) 635-4505, join the email list, and follow social channels @bostonparksdept on X, Facebook, Instagram, and @parks.boston.gov on Bluesky.

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from the ground floor to the plaza; and a chapel on the fourth and fifth floors, among other features.

The less architecturally significant, 347,000 gross square-foot Charles F. Hurley Building, which is expected to require around \$300 million in capital renewal costs, also opened in 1971. The building previously housed state offices but now sits vacant.

Among the noteworthy design elements of the Hurley Building are its two-story main lobby linking Staniford Street to the Central Courtyard, which features two-story frescoes created by the late artist, Costantino Nivola.

The selected developer would be charged with preserving some of the site's historically significant design elements, said Baacke, as well as with "softening" the existing exterior conditions of the site to better connect it with the surrounding neighborhood.

The Department of Mental Health intends to continue the operations of its existing on-site residential treatment programs, so the selected developer will be required to provide space there (or in very close proximity to the site) to accommodate these programs via a lease or condo arrangement with the state.

The Lindemann Building also has 80 parking spaces on the Merrimac Plaza while the Hurley Building has a shared, 200-space garage.

In a June 6 letter to DCAMM on the project, Carol Matyka, president of the West End Civic Association, wrote in part: "WECA applauds plans to redevelop the site in a manner that revitalizes a large, imposing, fortress-like and unfriendly 'super-block' and reconnects it to its home in Boston's historic West End. The project also provides an opportunity for the Commonwealth to atone for its role in the failed 'urban renewal' approach of the 1950s-'60s that destroyed a once vibrant and diverse community."

Pointing to the "critical" need for affordable housing around the West End, WECA is asking for the prioritization of creating "low and middle-income affordable family and workforce units directly on the site," wrote Matyka.

Baacke of DCAMM expressed optimism regarding the possibility of the redevelopment project containing a residential component, noting Gov. Maura

Healey's announcement just three days earlier that 450 acres of state-owned property would soon be made available for redevelopment into housing.

WECA also calls for the "immediate redesign" (or within the first project phase) of Merrimac Plaza into "a greenspace for the benefit of neighborhood residents," wrote Matyka, since the parcel, located at the intersection of Staniford and Merrimac streets, now serves as an unauthorized, fenced-in parking lot.

Furthermore, WECA requests that some space in the redeveloped property be designated for use by the West End Museum.

"Including Museum space in the complex would not only acknowledge the neighborhood's extensive historic heritage but also draw visitors to the area and foster a broadened public awareness and understanding of the City of Boston's urban culture," wrote Matyka.

Duane Lucia, a longtime West End resident, asked in the event that the Linemann-Hurley site were originally taken via eminent domain, if preference for any residential units created there could be given to displaced former West Enders, along with residents from other parts of the city who were also displaced due to urban renewal.

Additionally, Lucia requested that the sidewalk on Staniford Street be "activated" as part of the project.

Rep. Jay Livingstone told this reporter he's "excited about the possibility of the redevelopment," and that he "looks forward to working with local elected officials and stakeholders

to secure the best results for the community from this process."

Meanwhile, Katherine Kennedy, a Beacon Hill mother of two, made a compelling case during public testimony at the meeting for the creation of a new public elementary school on site as a component of any redevelopment plan.

"A school in this part of the city is desperately needed by families," said Kennedy, predicting that if a new public elementary school were built on the site "tomorrow," enrollment for students would be immediately filled.

A virtual public meeting of this matter was also held on Thursday, June 5, which included the same presentation seen at the in-person public meeting the previous evening at the West End Museum.

Written comments from the public regarding the potential redevelopment project were accepted by to DCAMM through the afternoon of Monday, June 9.

DCAMM is expected to recommend the redevelopment of the Lindemann-Hurley property at an Asset Management Board meeting scheduled for June 24.

Once a designated developer has been selected, it will trigger another community process for the project, allowing the public more opportunity to provide feedback, said Abigail Vladeck, DCAMM's director of asset management.

Permitting and financing for the project is then expected over 2027-28 while construction and occupancy is slated to follow in 2029-31, added Vladeck.

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# Project Bread welcomes Michele Carroll as Chief Operating Officer

Special to the Sun

A passionate advocate for equity and systems change, Michele Carroll steps into the role of Chief Operating Officer at Project Bread, bringing over 20 years of experience across corporate leadership, nonprofit innovation, and community empowerment. From leading startups to mentoring future leaders, Carroll has built a career focused on impact—and now joins Massachusetts' leading statewide food security organization to help drive bold, lasting solutions to hunger.

"My commitment to this work is grounded in both personal values and lived experience," says Carroll. "I was raised in a family where food was not just nourishment, but a way of life—my grandparents were farmers in Arkansas, and every

summer I spent time learning about the food system firsthand. Today, my mother continues that legacy by running a church food pantry, where I've gotten to see my own children help pack and distribute meals. I've seen how access to food builds dignity and opportunity, and I'm proud to now be part of an organization making that possible for every family in Massachusetts."

As COO, Carroll will lead cross-functional strategy and support infrastructure development to ensure the organization remains effective, inclusive, and nimble as it scales its impact. Before joining Project Bread, she held leadership roles at Duet and The Partnership, Inc., where she built systems, coached emerging leaders, and fostered inclusive workplace cultures. Earlier in her career, she spent a decade at Procter & Gamble, where she



COURTESY PHOTO

Michele Carroll.

developed foundational expertise in sales, coaching, and mentorship.

"Michele brings a powerful combination of heart and systems-thinking to Project Bread," says Erin McAleer, President and CEO. "She's joining us at a time when our mission has

never been more urgent, as we fight against federal attacks on critical nutrition programs and seek to uphold the autonomy of every Massachusetts resident. With her passion for equity, her operational insight, and her deep respect for the communities we serve, I know Michele will be instrumental in helping us end hunger for good in Massachusetts."

A graduate of Howard University with a degree in Communications, and Simmons University with a master's in Communications Management, Carroll is a proud third-generation college graduate and lifelong advocate for community empowerment. Outside of work, she serves on the board of the Alray Scholars Program, mentors emerging professionals, and enjoys spending time with her family—often driving between youth activities

for her two children, catching movies with her husband, and traveling.

"Hunger is not just about food—it's about access, equity, and opportunity," says Carroll. "When we remove the barrier of food insecurity, we unlock people's potential in every part of their lives. That's the kind of impact I want to help lead at Project Bread—practical, measurable, and deeply human."

People experiencing food insecurity should call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential, free assistance getting connected to a variety of food resources in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. Counselors can pre-screen families and help them to apply for SNAP. Learn more at [www.projectbread.org/get-help](http://www.projectbread.org/get-help).

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27, service will be suspended between Back Bay and Forest Hills:

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Back Bay and Forest Hills.

The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, and South Station during this service outage. Riders should note that regular fares should be purchased beyond Forest Hills.

Travel time between Forest Hills and Back Bay on the Franklin/Foxboro and Needham Commuter Rail Lines is approximately nine minutes. Trains operate approximately every 30 minutes during the weekday peak periods. Schedules are available at

[mbta.com](http://mbta.com).

Bus Route 39 will be fare-free and additional service will be provided.

Riders using shuttle buses should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to Downtown Crossing from Forest Hills should budget an additional 30–45 minutes of travel time in addition to their regular commute.

This service change is in place to accomplish signal upgrade work on the Orange Line. By upgrading its signals, the MBTA expects to significantly increase operational efficiency and improve scheduling reliability for all riders.

More information is also

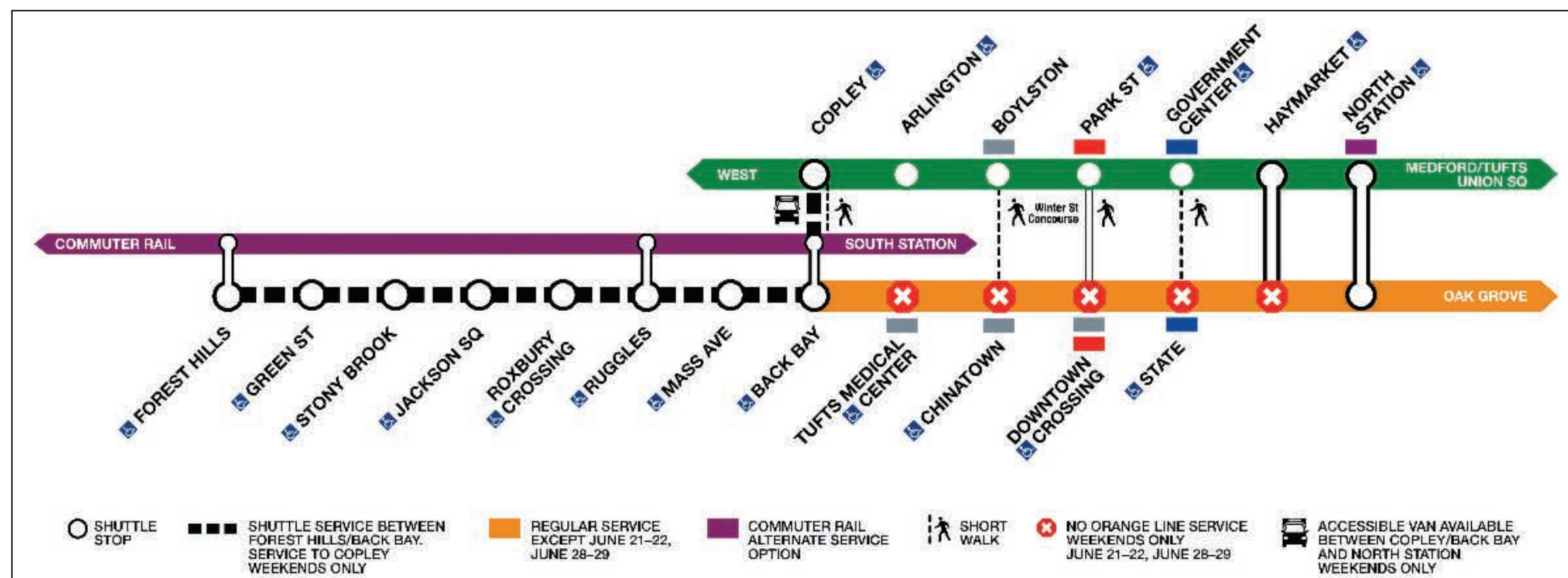
available through in-station signage and public announcements. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

For more information, please visit [mbta.com/OrangeLine](http://mbta.com/OrangeLine) or connect with the T on X @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) opened America's first subway tunnel in 1897, pioneering public transportation in the United

States. Today, the MBTA is one of the largest public transit systems in the country, operating an extensive network of subway, bus, Commuter Rail, ferry, and paratransit services across 176 cities and towns. The MBTA is undergoing a transformative period, focusing on cultivating a culture of safety and excellence, modernizing infrastructure, and improving reliability and accessibility. Current priorities include accelerating critical infrastructure repairs, expanding accessibility, and reducing emissions. The MBTA is committed to providing dependable, frequent, and accessible service that riders can rely on while supporting the region's economic vitality.

Through initiatives like the unprecedented Track Improvement Program, Bus Network Redesign, and Rail Vision, the MBTA aims to connect communities and improve riders' daily experiences and trips. For questions or assistance, riders are encouraged to contact the MBTA Customer Center at 617-222-3200. Members of the press are encouraged to contact [mediarelations@mbta.com](mailto:mediarelations@mbta.com). For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit [MBTA.com](http://MBTA.com) or follow @MBTA on social media.





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Florence Price.

The museum will also be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with free admission all day.

For information and a program schedule, visit [www.maah.org](http://www.maah.org).

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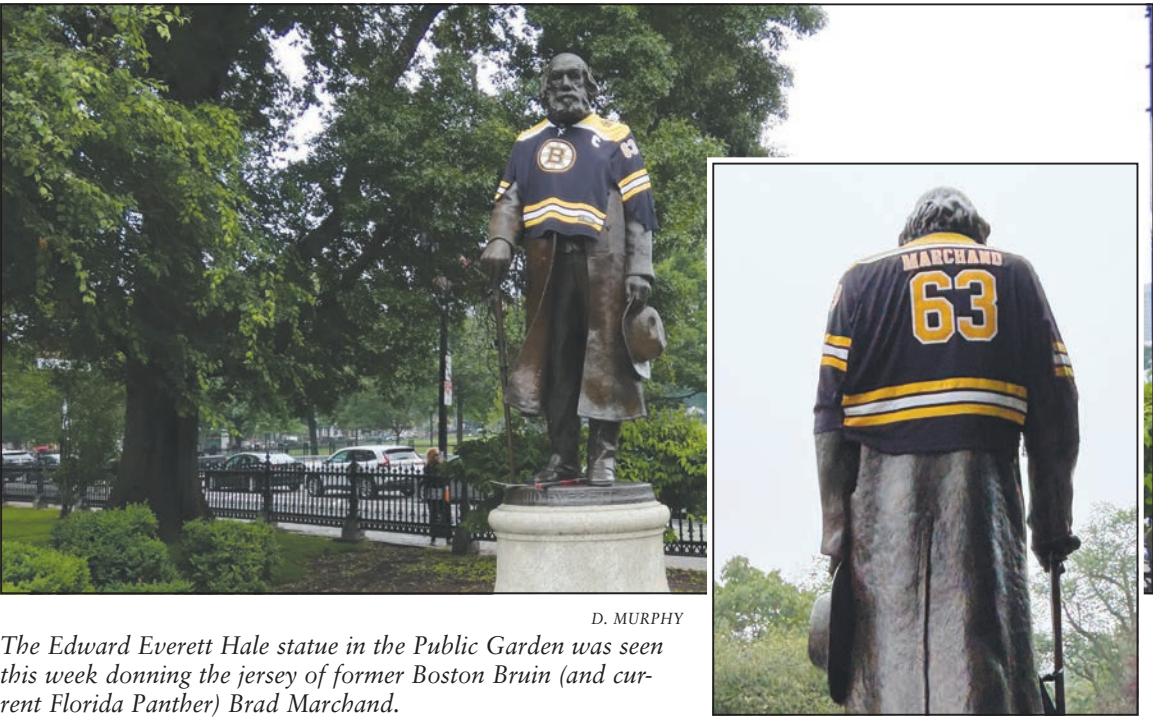
Boston will come alive with the sound of patriotism this June 17 as the city hosts “Echoes of Valor,” a powerful tribute to 250 years of American service and sacrifice. This free public event honors both the founding of the United States Army and the Battle of Bunker Hill, two defining moments in the nation’s history.

The evening features a rousing concert by the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers’ Chorus at the Hatch Memorial Shell, offering a moving program of patriotic music, ceremonial tributes, and military pageantry.

**Schedule of Events**

- 6 p.m. – Ceremonial Procession  
Begins at the Edward Everett Statue in the Boston Public Garden. The procession route includes Arlington Street and the Arthur Fiedler Footbridge, leading to the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade.
  - 7p.m. – Concert Begins  
The concert will include stirring musical selections, military flyovers, cannon salutes, and remarks by civic and military leaders—all honoring America’s enduring legacy of service.
- Presented in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Veterans Services, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Massachusetts National Guard, and State Police), the City of Boston (Veterans Services and Boston Police Department), and a wide coalition of federal officials, military personnel, and historic and patriotic organizations—including AHAC, MASSAR, MASSDAR, NSCAR, and Friends of Lafayette.
- This event is free and open to the public. All are warmly

FOREVER BLACK-AND-GOLD



*The Edward Everett Hale statue in the Public Garden was seen this week donning the jersey of former Boston Bruin (and current Florida Panther) Brad Marchand.*

encouraged to attend and take part in this evening of reflection, honor, and celebration.

**SUMMER CONCERT  
SERIES SET FOR SOUTH  
END LIBRARY PARK**

Friends of the South End Library are sponsoring a series of summer concerts, featuring Pat

Loomis & Friends playing jazz and blues, on Tuesdays, July 1, 15, and 29, and Aug. 12 and 26, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in South End Library Park.

**FENWAY PORCHFEST  
SET TO RETURN  
SATURDAY, JUNE 21**

The sixth annual Fenway

Porchfest is set to return from noon to 4 p.m., and will again transform open spaces throughout the neighborhood into impromptu concert stages for a range of genre-spanning performances.

Visit [linktr.ee/fenwayporchfest](http://linktr.ee/fenwayporchfest) for more information.



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# 2025 Boston Parks and Recreation Summer program guide now available

Special to the Sun

Looking for outdoor fun this summer? Check out the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Guide, a complete schedule of free events and activities for all ages. Visit [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks) to view the Summer Guide in a PDF version or visit our offices at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, to pick up your copy. Summer Guides are also available at Boston City Hall, Boston Public Libraries, and select BCYF center locations while supplies last. The guide features free activities throughout Boston's parks, including concerts, movies, fitness classes, sports centers, watercolor painting workshops, and fun children's activities.



## Highlights include:

- Summer Fitness Series
- The opening celebration at the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool on June 24
- Arts & Craft Workshops for children ages 3 to 10
- Watercolor Workshops in June
- Movie Nights in parks citywide
- ParkARTS Neighborhood Concerts

• Sports Centers in East Boston, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Jamaica Plain

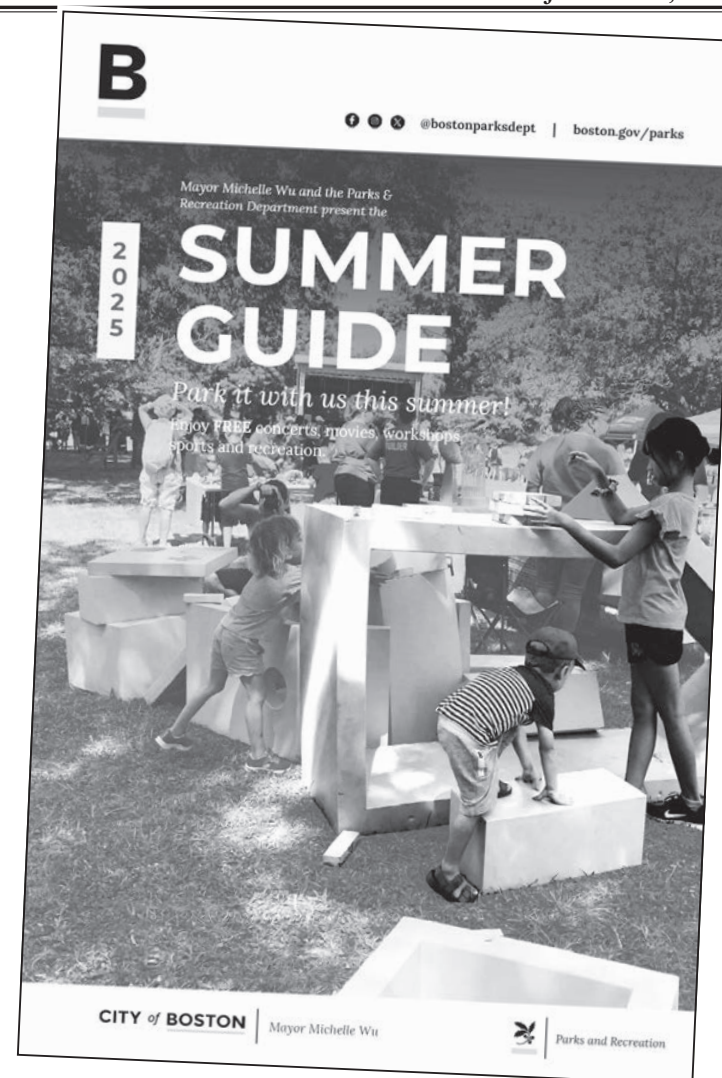
• Intimate concerts on our golf clubhouse patios

• The Tito Puente Latin Music Series in the South End, East Boston, Mission Hill, and Jamaica Plain

• Leagues and tournaments for basketball, baseball, softball, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, flag football, and street hockey

• And much more!

To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks visit [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks), call (617) 635-4505, join our email list, and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on X, Facebook, Instagram, and @parks.boston.gov on Bluesky.



## Four tips for preventing dog attacks on mail carriers

Special to the Sun

Can you picture a member of your family attacking a mail carrier? Of course not, but it happened over 6,000 times last year across the nation.

"I was bit by a dog on my leg recently and my mail satchel helped protect me," said Francisco Juarez, a letter carrier who delivers in Houston, TX. "The sound of a dog barking while on my route puts me on high alert and I try to be ready to protect myself."

Juarez recognizes the importance of the safety training he's received as a letter carrier to help protect himself from dog attacks while delivering the mail. Even though he diligently follows dog bite safety protocols while on his route, he was still attacked by a dog.

When a dog attacks a letter carrier, the dog owner could be held liable for all medical expenses, repayment of lost work hours, replacement of the uniform and other costs, which can run into thousands of dollars. The Postal Service makes the safety of its employees a top priority and dedicates time each year on Dog Bite Awareness.

Here are four simple tips to prevent dog bite injuries year-round:

**Door Delivery:** If a carrier delivers mail or packages to your front door, place your dog in a separate room and close that door before opening the front door. Some dogs push through screen doors or plate-glass windows to attack visitors. Dog owners must keep the family pet secured. Never let your child take mail directly from carriers in the presence of the family pet, as the dog may see this as a threatening gesture.

**Restrain Your Dog:** Carriers may assume that if they see no physical fence around a property that the property is animal-free. This can be a dangerous mistake. Postal Service officials request that you keep your dog restrained or inside when the mail is delivered. Although the electronic fence may keep your dog from wandering, it does not protect your carrier, who must enter your property to deliver the mail. Even homes with curbside mailboxes may have oversized packages or signature-needed

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## The Bridge Project expands to Boston, bringing groundbreaking support to moms and babies

Special to the Sun

The Bridge Project – the nation’s largest unconditional cash program focused exclusively on providing support to low-income mothers and their babies – is expanding to include the City of Boston.

With this launch, The Bridge Project extends its proven model to expectant and new moms in the Boston area. Participants will receive unconditional cash assistance from pregnancy through the first 1,000 days of their baby’s life—a crucial period with lasting effects on a child’s development. The support includes a one-time prenatal stipend of \$1,125, followed by monthly payments of \$750 for the first 15 months, and \$375 for the final 21 months. These payments can be used on whatever a baby needs, offering families the flex-

ibility, stability, and dignity to meet their needs.

In partnerships with leaders in philanthropy, the nonprofit has already secured over \$5 million in private contributions to support the Bridge Boston launch. Bridge Boston will accept program participant applications in partnership with nonprofit partners across the area.

“We are so encouraged by the response among local policy-makers, philanthropists, and nonprofit leaders. Supporters are excited about the potential for unconditional cash to provide flexible support for families dealing with Boston’s high cost of living, particularly housing costs,” said Holly Fogle, founder of The Bridge Project. “We believe that if you trust moms and provide them with consistent, no-strings-attached finan-

cial support, they will make the best decisions for their babies. This is about breathing room, stability, and the long-term well-being of children and families. For these new moms, being entrusted with decision-making fuels cycle-breaking behaviors and beliefs.”

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu said, “As the mom of a baby girl, the work of The Bridge Project has particular meaning for me. Those early years are crucial for a child’s development and we are delighted to welcome the energy and impact of The Bridge Project to Boston.”

“We’re so excited to see The Bridge Project launching here in Boston,” said Alison Carter Marlow, Executive Director of Jeremiah Program Boston. “As neighbors, coaches and advocates who walk alongside fam-

ilies every day, we understand just how much a little financial breathing room can mean—especially during pregnancy. Whether it’s helping moms get to their checkups, buy fresh groceries or make sure their baby has a safe place to sleep, direct cash support can make a real difference. We’re delighted to partner with The Bridge Project to uplift our communities and help Boston families thrive.”

Since launching in 2021, The Bridge Project has supported over 2,000 mothers across six states: New York, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. Now in Boston, the organization will work closely with local partners to ensure its support complements the city’s existing efforts to combat child poverty and support early childhood development.

Historically, the City of Boston has been home to some of the largest income inequality gaps in New England. Research from the program and other guaranteed income pilots shows that unconditional cash leads to better outcomes in maternal health, infant development, housing stability, and workforce participation. Unconditional cash support enables immediate and long-term benefits. On average, our moms:

- Saw a 242% increase in savings in the first 6 months.
- 80% are working full or part time within 18 months.
- 90% reported improved mental health or stress levels after just one payment.

To learn more about The Bridge Project or explore partnership opportunities in Boston, visit [bridgeproject.org](https://bridgeproject.org).

## Fetterman, McCormick discuss a range of issues at Edward Kennedy Institute

Special to the Sun

United States Senators John Fetterman (D-PA) and David McCormick (R-PA) embodied bipartisanship last week at the most recent installment of The Senate Project series at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate.

During a wide-ranging and collegial 35-minute discussion in the Institute’s full-sized replica of the US Senate Chamber, the Senators touched on — and mostly agreed on — a host of national and international issues. Moderated by FOX News anchor Shannon Bream, the event was the sixth installment of The Senate Project, a joint initiative by the Kennedy Institute and the Orrin G. Hatch Foundation of Utah sponsored by FOX News Media. The event further solidified the Kennedy Institute, with its mission to foster bipartisanship, as the premier forum for cross-aisle discussions about pressing national issues.

The discussion also gave Fet-



U.S. Senators John Fetterman and David McCormick.

terman the opportunity, in the wake of recent media coverage questioning his fitness to hold office, to display his engagement, focus, and cogency. Through a series of questions ranging from antisemitism on American campuses, to Israel’s right to defend itself and the threat posed by Iran, to Pennsylvania’s steel industry and President Trump’s economic bill, Fetterman revealed a bipartisan streak and

deep grasp of policy details.

Fetterman acknowledged that his support of efforts to secure the border and of Israel have hurt his standing among some Democrats and left-leaning media. He said those positions are behind the “smear” leveled by critics who alleged he is not engaged in his job.

“The more, I started to ... be following Israel or the border, and now, really refusing to vote

to shut the government down, I’ve continued to get more and more kinds of incoming (criticism),” he said. “So the more left kind of media continues to have these kinds of attacks, and it’s just part of a smear and that’s just not accurate. I’m here. I’m doing that job ... I’ve always been there.”

“I’ll take the beating, because that’s I think what defines leadership,” Fetterman said.

The Senate Project series brings together sitting US Senators from opposing parties for civil dialogue about current political issues, with the goal of identifying solutions and bridging partisan divides. The series reflects the bipartisanship embodied by Senators Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and the shared mission of the Kennedy Institute and Hatch Foundation to advance cooperation between members of both major parties.

“The Senate Project continues to play an important role

facilitating dialogue between Democrat and Republican Senators who might not otherwise have the opportunity to discuss and debate critical matters of the day,” Kennedy Institute Chairman Bruce Percelay said. “Today’s event demonstrates the importance of bipartisan dialogue and we look forward to expanding our role as a convener of leaders from both parties.”

Hatch Foundation Executive Director Matt Sandgren added, “Senator Hatch believed the Senate was at its best when disagreement was met with respect and conviction was tempered by civility. The Senate Project continues to prove that principle can thrive even in these divided times. We’re grateful to FOX News for extending the conversation beyond the chamber, and to Senators Fetterman and McCormick for showing that serious, respectful debate still has a place in American politics.”

Fetterman and McCormick

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### DOG ATTACKS (from Page 1)

items that require the carrier to approach a doorstep and cross the boundaries of the electronic fence. This poses a serious risk to carrier safety.

Dog in the Yard: Make sure your dog is properly restrained on a leash and away from where

your mail carrier delivers the mail. If the carrier deems a residence unsafe because of an unrestrained dog, mail delivery service can be interrupted. When service is interrupted at an address or in a neighborhood, all parties involved will have to

pick up mail at their local Post Office. Service will be restored once assurance has been given that the animal will be confined during regular delivery hours.

Tracking: Dog owners who have access to postal notification features, such as Informed

Delivery ([informedelivery.usps.com](https://informedelivery.usps.com)) for letter mail and package tracking, are urged to use these features to determine when the carrier is on their way and to ensure their dog has been properly restrained. Expecting a postal package delivery on Sun-

day? Postal officials urge dog owners to restrain their animals on Sundays as well, since more residences now receive deliveries throughout the weekend.





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Attendees on hand for the Charlesgate Alliance's June 5 tree dedication ceremony.

**CHARLESGATE ALLIANCE** (from Page 1)

scape and spirit.

The new trees dedicated in Fran's memory were made possible through the generosity of Mass Parks for All, Betsy Shure Gross and Gary L. Gross, The Chestnut Hill Book Club, and the Gershwin family. Additional maintenance funds for the trees were provided by Boston University. In addition to the tree planting, attendees celebrated the recent removal of the north barrier wall, which once obstructed views of the park. The project was funded by a matching grant to the Charlesgate Alliance, with support from DCR and Emerald Necklace Conservancy.

Speakers included Sen. Will Brownsberger, Reps. Dan Ryan and Jay Livingstone, City Councilor Sharon Durkan, DCR's Ruth Helfeld, Emerald Necklace Conservancy President Karen Mauney-Brodek, and representatives from the MMOC and the Gershwin family. Councilor Durkan offered two official Boston City Council resolutions: one honoring the Charlesgate Alliance's environmental leadership and another commemorating Fran Gershwin's lifetime of

public service and advocacy for Boston's green spaces.

As a nod to the park's future, the Muddy Water Initiative announced the return of their seasonal Farmers Market to Charlesgate's North Field, running weekly from June 22 through Oct. 12.

The Charlesgate Alliance, established in 2017, is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to serving and improving Charlesgate Park and its surrounding neighborhoods in the Back Bay, Kenmore, and Fenway. Charlesgate Park, defined by Charlesgate East and West, Storror Drive, and the Massachusetts Turnpike, was once known as the Beacon Street Entrance to the Back Bay Fens, the starting point of the design for Frederick Law Olmsted's Emerald Necklace park system. Its function as an entrance to the parks and as a connector between neighborhoods was severely impacted by the construction of the Bowker Overpass in 1965.



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# Massachusetts Department of Public Health offers summer safety guidance

Special to the Sun

With summer approaching, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) reminds residents to take recommended common-sense precautions to keep everyone, especially young children, safe this summer.

"Summer is a time to make the most of being outdoors with family and friends," said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. "Whether that is spending time in the water, on a hike, at the park, or in the backyard, taking a few simple precautions can help make these seasonal activities as safe as they are fun."

## Prevent Tick Bites

Certain kinds of ticks can bite and make you sick with diseases like Lyme disease and Powassan virus. Ticks are most commonly found in damp, grassy, brushy, or wooded areas, including your own backyard. Follow these steps to help protect yourself from tick bites:

- Use tick repellents with an EPA-registered active ingredient; always follow the directions on the label.

- Weather permitting, wear long-sleeved, light-colored shirts and long pants tucked into socks. This will help keep ticks away from your skin and make it easier to spot ticks on your clothing.

- After spending time outdoors, a shower can help rinse off a tick before it becomes attached and putting your clothes in the dryer on high heat for 10 minutes can help kill ticks.

- Check yourself for ticks once a day; if you find an attached tick, remove it promptly using fine tweezers or a tick removal tool.

- Pets that spend time outdoors are exposed to ticks, too, and may bring ticks back inside. Talk to your veterinarian about the best ways to protect your animals from ticks and tick-borne disease.

## Prevent Mosquito Bites

There were four human cases

of the mosquito-borne disease Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) and 18 of West Nile virus (WNV) in Massachusetts last year. The risk for human infection of EEE or WNV starts to increase in mid to late summer and DPH posts updates about local risk throughout the season on the Massachusetts Arbovirus Update page.

To prepare for mosquito season:

- Drain standing water in and around your house or yard to prevent mosquito breeding.

- Repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.

- Use a mosquito repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient according to the directions.

- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks to reduce exposed skin when weather permits.

For more information about preventing mosquito and tick-borne illness, visit DPH's Mosquitoes and Ticks page.

## Preventing Rabies

### Exposures

All mammals (animals with fur) can get rabies and more than 100 rabid animals are usually found every year in Massachusetts. Most of these are wild animals like raccoons, skunks, bats, woodchucks, and foxes, but some pets (especially cats) and farm animals also get rabies.

People are most commonly exposed to the rabies virus when an infected animal bites them, or when the animal's saliva gets into a scratch or the person's eyes, nose, or mouth. People who are bitten or scratched by an animal, or who find a bat in a room where someone was sleeping, or with a young child or pet, should call their local board of health or the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800 for advice.

Other rabies prevention steps include:

- Teach children never to approach animals they don't know – even if they appear friendly.

- Report any animal that seems sick or injured to the local animal control official.

- Enjoy wild animals from a distance and do not keep wild animals as pets.

- Make sure pets are vaccinated against rabies. By law, all dogs, cats, and ferrets must be regularly vaccinated against rabies.

- Don't leave food or water for pets outside. Even empty bowls will attract wild and stray animals.

- Do not let pets roam freely. Keep them in a fenced yard or on a leash.

- Keep garbage securely covered. Open garbage will attract wild or stray animals.

- Keep chimneys capped and repair holes in attics, cellars, and porches to help keep wild animals like bats and raccoons out of the house.

## Water and Pool Safety

Drowning is a leading cause

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## THE SENATE PROJECT *(from Page 7)*

agreed on several issues, including:

- The need for sanctions against Russia;

- Stronger border security;

- The dismantling of Iran's nuclear program; and

- Provisions in Nippon Steel's acquisition of US Steel negotiated by the Trump Administration that made the purchase more palatable to the US steel industry.

McCormick noted that Republicans have "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" to enact their agenda with control of the White House and both legislative bodies. That agenda, he said, must center on tax cuts, a stronger national defense, and showing "we can begin to reduce the cost of government."

He noted the House's recent

passage of President Trump's economic bill and predicted the Senate will try to make further spending cuts in its version.

For his part, Fetterman said he supports parts of Trump's "big, beautiful bill," but does not support cuts to social programs like Medicaid and SNAP.

FOX News' Bream opened the discussion by referencing Sunday's alleged hate crime in Colorado directed against participants in a pro-Israel rally. The discussion quickly turned to instances of antisemitism on US college campuses and other common spaces.

"People follow me and scream 'free Palestine,' " Fetterman said. "The Jewish community is constantly under assault... That's not free speech. Building tent cities on campus and terrorizing

Jewish students, that's not free speech."

McCormick agreed that the federal government is right to press universities to combat anti-Jewish attitudes. "We have to require that our institutions extricate themselves from antisemitism," he said.

Both Senators credited Israel for degrading the military capabilities of Hamas and Hezbollah and taking actions to counter Iran's efforts to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons. They also concurred on the need for stiff sanctions against Russia for its continued aggression against Ukraine.

"When I grew up, Russia was always the Evil Empire and that hasn't changed, Fetterman said. He added that the triumvirate of Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan,

which is facing its own existential threat from China "stand for global democracy. And that's always going to be the side where I'm going to remain."

The Senators said they have built a great relationship as they represent what Fetterman called one of the "most purple" states in the country.

"The same people that elected me elected him for the most part. We've got a lot of overlap," Senator McCormick said, saying both of them care deeply about

Pennsylvania and the country.

Previous Senate Project installments at the Kennedy Institute have featured Senators Lindsey Graham, Republican of South Carolina, and Bernie Sanders, the liberal Vermont Independent; Jeanne Shaheen, Democrat of New Hampshire, and Joni Ernst, Republican of Iowa; and Marco Rubio, then a Republican Senator from Florida, and Chris Coons, Democrat of Delaware.

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## SUMMER SAFETY (from Page 9)

of death among young children, nationally and in Massachusetts. To help prevent water-related injury and drowning:

- Only swim at or within designated swimming areas. Swimming outside of the designated swimming areas, or at waterfronts where swimming is prohibited, can be dangerous.

- Keep a close eye on children near the water. Parents and other guardians serve as the first and primary line of safety for their children.

- Use the buddy system and always tell someone where you are going.

- Teach children to always ask permission before going near the water.

- Do not dive headfirst into the water.

- Do not swim during a storm or when there is lightning.

- Do not swim beyond your skillset.

- For those who cannot swim, keep to shallow areas or use a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket. DPH, in cooperation with the USCG, has created a fit test video that can assist with proper fit testing of life jackets: <https://youtu.be/1I3VZf-NqPc>.

- Do not use toys such as “water wings” or “noodles” in place of life jackets. These are not designed to keep swimmers safe.

- Enroll children in swimming lessons. Each year, the Depart-

ment of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) provides free swimming lessons to children at select pools across the state in July and August through the Learn to Swim program. DCR will open registration for its Learn to Swim program on June 14, 2025.

In public swimming areas:

- If caught in a rip current, do not swim against it. Swim parallel to the shoreline to escape it and then at an angle toward the beach.

- If a person in your group goes missing, check the water and notify lifeguards and park staff immediately.

- Look for signage at beaches. DPH collects beach water quality data and notifies the public about bacteria levels to minimize swimming-associated illness and injury.

Consider becoming a lifeguard: DCR is recruiting lifeguards to work at agency-managed inland and coastal beaches, as well as swimming pools. Candidates can earn up to \$27/hr and can still earn up to \$750 in bonuses. For more information, visit DCR's lifeguarding website.

### Helmet Safety

A helmet can protect you from serious injury, like concussions and skull fractures, and death when biking, rollerblading, skateboarding, using a scooter, or an all-terrain vehicle (ATV).

Helmets should be worn at all times by all riders, regardless of age, ability, purpose, or duration of activity.

- A helmet should fit properly and be worn consistently, be well-maintained, age-appropriate, and appropriately certified for use. All helmets should have a secure buckle to keep them from falling off on impact.

- It is important to avoid hits to the head, even while wearing a helmet.

### Window Safety

Falls are the leading cause of injury to children. Falls from windows involving young children are especially serious – and preventable. Screens are not strong enough to protect children from falling out of windows. To prevent window falls, parents and caregivers should:

- Keep furniture – and anything a child can climb on – away from windows.

- Open windows from the top, not the bottom, when possible and lock all unopened doors and windows.

- Be sure children are always supervised.

- Install quick-release window guards which can be found in most hardware stores.

To learn more about childhood injury prevention, visit the DPH Injury Prevention and Control Program website.

### Car Safety

Leaving children and animals inside of a vehicle can be very dangerous. In the summer months in New England, the temperature in a closed car can rise quickly, and the vehicle can become a deadly place for a child or animal left in it, even for just a moment.

To keep young children and animals safe in and around cars:

- Never leave children or animals alone in a parked vehicle, even when they are asleep or restrained, and even if the windows are open.

- Always check inside the vehicle – front and back – before locking the door and walking away.

- If a child is missing, check your vehicle first, including the trunk.

- Do things to remind yourself that a child or animal is in the vehicle, such as placing your

purse or briefcase in the back seat so you will check there when you leave the vehicle.

- Always lock your car and keep the keys out of children's reach.

- Ensure adequate supervision when children are playing in areas near parked motor vehicles.

If you see a child or animal alone in a hot vehicle, call the police. If they are in distress due to heat, get them out as quickly as possible and call 911 immediately.

All children ages 12 and under should ride in the back seat, properly restrained, even during quick errand trips. Infants and toddlers should remain in rear-facing car seats until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their car safety seat manufacturer. More information on child passenger safety is available on the DPH website.

### Sun and Heat Protection

Climate change is increasing the number, as well as the intensity, of extreme heat events in Massachusetts. High temperatures and increased sun exposure mean that additional precautions should be taken when spending time outside, either recreationally or on the job, to reduce the risk of heat-related illnesses, such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.

- Seek shade and take breaks from the sun throughout the day. Use air conditioning if available – otherwise, use fans, take cool showers, or visit public cooling centers.

- Make sure to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Drinks like coffee and soda that contain caffeine may dehydrate, so they should be followed with water.

- Wear sunglasses, sunscreen (SPF of at least 30) 15-20 minutes before going outside and reapply every two hours, and wear protective clothing to avoid sunburn.

- When possible, limit outdoor activities during the hottest hours (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.), seek shade and wear light, breathable clothing.

- Check for Heat-Related Symptoms, including unusually heavy sweating, shortness of breath, dizziness, and more.

- Avoid outdoor activity when air quality is low. An air quality monitoring map is available on the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection page.

To stay informed with real-time heat forecasts and community resources to help you plan, prepare, and respond to unhealthy heat in Massachusetts visit the Unhealthy Heat Forecast Website.

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## CITY PAWS

## Boarding Pets

By Penny &amp; Ed Cherubino

This week, we'll cover two aspects of pet boarding. First, planning for a safe and happy experience for you and your pet when you board them at an established kennel, or as some are called, a pet hotel. Second, the alternatives to boarding. These include engaging a pet and house sitter for the time you are away or leaving your pet with a trusted friend or family member.

## Begin with Your Pet

What option would be a good fit for your pet? Several factors influence this decision, including age, health, exercise requirements, and personality. Does your dog get along with other dogs? Does your cat interact with humans other than family? What specific tasks would the care provider have to perform? Some animals may need medications multiple times a day. Others could need intravenous fluids for kidney disease.

## Investigate the Facilities

We are firm believers in recommendations from other pet guardians who show the same standards of care that you have. Even then, we would check on how that specific kennel would work for our dog, who is anxious and an escape artist.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston offers a "Board Safely Checklist" on the website [www.arlboston.org](http://www.arlboston.org). It leads you, step-by-step, from "See it for Yourself" to "Get it in Writing. The Whole Dog Journal has its own



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Some facilities may offer training services in addition to boarding.

checklist that takes a different approach, asking questions like

Is the facility staffed at all times? How do they handle health emergencies? Is drinking water always available to your pet?

Once you have one or two places in mind, recheck your referrals by asking as many pet people as you can about specific places. Should you come across someone who used to leave their animal there but switched to another place, ask why.

**Stay at a Home Options**  
A pet sitter is one option if you

prefer to allow your pet to stay in your home or theirs. Begin with the service providers you already trust. Your dog-walker may be willing to board your dog.

Ask your veterinarian. Some clinics provide boarding services, and some vet techs make extra

income by pet sitting. This may be a good option if you have a dog or cat who has a medical issue, must be monitored and medicated, or is frail. Groomers or the staff at your grooming facility may be another source of pet sitters.

A few people in every neighborhood make a little extra income by caring for pets. If you ask neighbors for recommendations, you may find a gem in your area. Some dog breeders will board dogs in their line.

A dog lover who hasn't found a way to have a dog in their life might jump at the opportunity to enjoy your pup. A friend who shares a home with roommates may be pleased to move into your place for a weekend or longer in exchange for pet sitting.

Family, friends and neighbors might be willing to host your dog or provide care for your cat as a part of a reciprocal agreement.

Finally, do a test run if it is a new adventure for your pet or a new person. Let the dog or cat experience the boarding option you choose for a day or two before you embark on a longer trip.

It's better to make any necessary changes while you're nearby than when you are hundreds of miles away on your own adventure.

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# Attention to Detail

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## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The foot in the last clue is on a replica of Josep Llimona’s statue, Desolation. It was presented to Boston by our sister city, Barcelona, Spain, in 1986. It is located in the Kelleher Rose Garden in the Back Bay Fens.

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

Do you have a favorite building or detail that you would like to be featured? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

## THIS WEEK'S CLUE



# Real Estate Transfers

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Merchia, Shikha	Hsieh, Chih F	180 Commonwealth Ave #16	\$950,000
Robinson, Michael K	Donovan, Peter F	190 Commonwealth Ave #6	\$725,000
Holtz, Owen	Big Time Properties LLC	247 Beacon St #1	\$605,000
Mcginley, Caitlin E	362 Commonwealth 2h Rt	362 Commonwealth Ave #2H	\$810,000
Pellegrino, Mia N	Sunflower Bay LLC	416 Commonwealth Ave #217	\$1,250,000
Pellegrino, Mia N	Sunflower Bay LLC	425 Newbury St #PS180	\$1,250,000
Pb Nt	Ts Residences Hld LLC	430 Stuart St #32C	\$8,000,000
Huang, Yan	62 Comm Avenue Realty LL	62 Commonwealth Ave #8	\$1,835,000
BEACON HILL			
Nevers, Peter O	Van De Velde, Frans J	2 Hawthorne Pl #20	\$490,000
Khotani, Maryam	Camhi, Alex W	45 Temple St #104	\$1,185,000
Boca, Ruthann	Mccoy, Dennis	8 Lindall Pl #1	\$575,000
Clendaniel, William C	Dong, Ruiping	8 Whittier Pl #18E8	\$745,000
Connie C Mcelwee 2012 T	Busch, Susan	95 Beacon St #5	\$2,340,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Hassan, Mohammed K	Jaganathan, Arun M	1 Charles St S #1410	\$1,210,000
Foody, Paul J	Channtal Associates LLC	1 Huntington Ave #901	\$3,465,000
Susie S Duggal RET	Carolyn O Carlson T	100 Belvidere St #7D	\$2,495,000
Jankowski, Ashley	Newton, Alex	11 Follen St #2F	\$525,000
Gloria, Lucyna	Eckel, John W	1180-1200 Washington St #106	\$1,675,000
Friedewald, Sarah	Yarmouth Street T	1280-1284 Washington St #401	\$2,447,500
130 Fulton Street LLC	Nappi Rt	130-132 Fulton St #19	\$660,000
Wells 2016 Ft	Burwick, Jerald D	165 Tremont St #601	\$2,050,000
Rumsey, Charles S	Patten, William S	19 Cortes St #11	\$710,000
Becker, Andrew M	Hallerstrom, Nils	220 W Springfield St #4	\$1,625,000
Movsesian, Eric	Kanji, Zahra	234 Causeway St #801	\$1,165,000
Deng, Wenlan	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #5006	\$4,640,000
Winthrop Tower 7 LLC	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #5901	\$6,693,000
Titanium Boulder Irret	Hammond, Matthew D	28 Fayette St	\$2,730,000
Kertyzak, Michael J	Amanda Yi Pei Xu RET	3 Avery St #306	\$764,500
Belliardi, Alexa	Thr Acquistion Northampt	373 Northampton St #104	\$293,140
Zhao, Richard	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #106	\$293,140
Jaen, Giovana	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #202	\$338,290
Vergara, Alvaro M	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #204	\$293,410
Yao, Katie Q	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #205	\$338,290
Gedeon, Michel	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #208	\$338,290
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Karr, Julia	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #303	\$293,140
Morejon, Anthony B	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #304	\$293,140
Lee, Jaein	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #305	\$338,290
Towle, Hilary	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #306	\$293,140
Sobolina, Anastasia	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #308	\$338,290
Rosado, Bianca	Thr Acquistion Northampt	373 Northampton St #402	\$338,290
Hom, Wendy	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #403	\$293,140
Beasley, Kate L	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #405	\$338,290
Scheuerell, Cooper	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #409	\$338,290
Shi, Xiaoying	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #504	\$293,140
Pham, Frank	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #505	\$338,290
Pratt, Stephen	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #506	\$293,140
Li, Yan	The Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #507	\$428,430
Franco, William	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #508	\$338,290
Quinn, Emma H	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #509	\$338,290
Davis, Wendi	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #601	\$383,440
Jonson, Sigurgeir	Thr Acqui Northampton LL	373 Northampton St #603	\$293,140
Forbes, Sherry	Julie Anne Okamura T	377 Commonwealth Ave #8	\$565,000
Lord, Victor	Aaia Rml LLC	40 Traveler St #506	\$685,000





Guests enjoy a concert in the meeting room in the 1921 ballroom at Beacon Hill Friends House on Chestnut Street.



The historic 1805 Charles Bulfinch-designed double-townhouse at 6 and 8 Chestnut St., which is home to Beacon Hill Friends House.

COURTESY OF BEACON HILL FRIENDS HOUSE

# Beacon Hill Friends House endures amid little fanfare

By Dan Murphy

Beacon Hill Friends House has fostered a cooperative residential community rooted in Quaker values in the neighborhood since 1957, even though many residents of that neighborhood likely aren't even aware that this unique, independent nonprofit has been operating in their midst for many decades.

The organization operates out of a historic 1805 Charles Bulfinch-designed double-townhouse at 6 and 8 Chestnut St., which provides a cooperative living space for between 18 and 22 people each year.

Jennifer Newman, executive director of BHFH, discovered the organization soon after moving to Boston in the summer of 2017 as a then 23-year-old recent graduate from a master's program in theological studies degree at Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, Tenn.

"I felt really drawn to Quaker

practices and knew I wanted to make it my religious life, so I sought out Quaker opportunities in Boston," recalled the native Californian during a recent phone call.

Newman, who was then working in the field of non-profit outreach and advocacy for The Public Interest Network, went to her first BHFH meeting. She was intrigued hearing about the group's Strategic Master Plan, which was then underway. Newman was soon enlisted as the clerk of the BHFH's Quaker Learning Committee in July 2017 and later became its chair. She also served on the BHFH board.

In mid-2018, Newman became a BHFH resident as well, when a space opened up there.

BHFH offers rolling admissions, so new residents come on board as others leave. Residential openings are promoted via the Foundation for International Community website, as well as

marketed to students through social media. Other applicants hear directly about BHFH from former residents themselves.

After receiving a pool of applications for its residential openings, they are reviewed by an internal board, and applicants who are expected to be the best fit for the community, are then selected through the process.

The residents share Quaker values and want to live 'communally' and 'intentionally,' although they don't necessarily all practice Quakerism as their religious faith. They live in a mix of single and double rooms and share use of two kitchens, as well as the use of many common areas.

Residents share meals together, including five house dinners cooked each week by the resident staff and provided as part of their monthly rent. They also share chores and work together to maintain the residence, as well as enjoy activities, educational

programs, and retreats together.

Residents can live at BHFH for up to four years, but most stay there for two years on average. They are a multi-cultural group, as well as multi-generational, although most residents are generally between their early 20s and their 70s.

Many residents come to live at BHFH during transitional times in their lives, said Newman. In addition to recent graduates from master's programs like herself, they also often include recent retirees, along with others who've relocated to Boston for work.

"It was such a unique experience living with so many people across different ages and race and with different religious and cultural experience," said Newman of her experience as a BHFH resident. (Newman and the organization's assistant director both now live on site in staff housing.)

Besides its residential community, BHFH is also home to Beacon Hill Friends Meeting – a self-described "inclusive Quaker religious community in Boston."

Beacon Hill Friends Meeting and BHFH are "intertwined," said Newman, with many former BHFH residents going on to serve on the Friends Meeting board.

BHFH also rents space in its 1921 ballroom, which has a meeting room that holds 75 occupants, to a number of community organizations, including Beacon Hill Seminars, as well as for Boston Early Music Festival concerts.

While BHFH may not be that well known in the neighborhood, the organization has still managed to attract the largesse

of some high-profile benefactors.

BHFH received a \$500,000 Community Preservation Act grant from the city in 2023, as well as another \$9,680 CPA grant the following year. This year, BHFH was the recipient of a \$491,018 CPA grant.

BHFH also recently awarded a generous grant from the Legacy Fund for Boston - a public charity which uses contributions and grants from private developers and city agencies for the mitigation of private development projects built in Boston.

Moreover, BHFH received a grant from the Beacon Hill Civic Association per its 2023 Community Grants program, which supports community-based program that enhance the quality of life for residents in the neighborhood through various projects and programs.

The grant money BHFH has received to date has been used to help underwrite the cost of replacing the severely deteriorated roof and decking on the building's rear ell, which had last been renovated in 1995, as well as for myriad structural improvements to the property.

"We see ourselves as both stewards of the past and builders of the future," said Newman. "The repairs we've completed with support from the Boston Community Preservation Act [among other funding sources] aren't just about stabilizing historic wood and masonry. They're about keeping this deeply lived-in space open, safe, and welcoming to the public for years to come."

For more information on Beacon Hill Friends House visit [bhfh.org](http://bhfh.org)

## Real Estate Transfers

Soffer, Hayley L	Conte, Daniel	40 Traveler St #705	\$1,610,000
Henley, Robert W	Crumb, Alexander R	48 E Springfield St #4	\$747,000
Dindar, Kadir E	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	55 Lagrange St #1207	\$810,000
Morell, Maritza	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	55 Lagrange St #2205	\$1,357,000
Yang, Julia	Griffin, Gearold P	70 E Brookline St #1	\$1,028,000
Martin, Timothy	Corbin Jr, William E	76-82 W Rutland Sq #104	\$1,425,000
Chai-Zhang, Thalia C	Xu, Teng	80-82 Fenwood Rd #904	\$970,000
Dandrea, Leigh	Cohen, David	87 Gainsborough St #104	\$1,050,000

### WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN

Venditti, Christian	S H & M C Krikorian Jret	45-63 Atlantic Ave #5E	\$653,000
Chadha, Mona	Alpha Echo 85ei31ef LLC	85 E India Row #31E	\$2,620,000



# The Museum of African American History marks Juneteenth with free music, dance, tours, and family friendly offerings

Special to the Sun

The Museum of African American History I Boston & Nantucket (MAAH), in collaboration with the Boston Ujima Project, Heritage Marketplace, and Black-owned businesses, will celebrate Juneteenth with programs for visitors of all ages. On June 19 beginning at 12 p.m., MAAH will host musical and

dance performances, walking tours, facepainting, and story times that are free and open to the public.

The museum will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and admission is free all day.

Programs include:

- Underground Railroad tours will be offered in partnership with the National Park Service at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Tours, which last approximately one hour, will begin outside the Museum which is located at 46 Joy Street on Beacon Hill.

- The Haus of Glitter Dance Company will lead an Afro Latinx dance workshop.

- A MAAH Storyteller will read Juneteenth books for children including, "Juneteenth for Maize."

- Cornell Coley, a respected educator and performer, will present an Afro Latin drum circle.

- The Boston Public Quartet will perform a selection of songs from Black composers including Julius Eastman, Jessie Montgomery, William Grant Still, and Florence Price.

For information and a pro-

gram schedule visit [www.maah.org](http://www.maah.org).

A not-for-profit institution designated an Historic Site by the National Park Service, the Museum of African American History (MAAH) began developing and presenting exhibitions and public gatherings in 1963. It is nationally and internationally known for its collection of historic sites on Joy Street in Boston and York Street on Nantucket. These locations anchor the Black Heritage Trails® in Boston and Nantucket and span the Colonial Period through Reconstruction. MAAH and its portfolio of properties are closely linked to historical leaders, institutions, campaigns and events during the 18th and 19th centuries, such as the

Massachusetts General Colored Association which was established in 1826 to combat slavery and racism, the New England Antislavery Society founded in 1832 and led by William Lloyd Garrison, and the voyages of the African American whaling captain, Absalom Boston. Home to four original African American buildings constructed between 1774 and 1835, MAAH sites include two African Meeting Houses, the Abiel Smith School, and the Seneca Boston-Florence Higginbotham House. Through programs, curricula, tours, and exhibits the museum illuminates, interprets, and preserves the birthplace of the abolitionist movement and the continuing struggle for human rights.

## Council votes to permanently establish the Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement

Special to the Sun

The Council has officially passed an ordinance establishing the Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement as a permanent part of city government.

The newly codified office, originally launched by the Mayor in 2022, will continue its mission to advocate for the rights, safety, and well-being of Boston's LGBTQIA2S+ community — including those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, aromantic, agender, two-spirit, non-binary, and others whose sexual orientations or gender identities have historically faced marginalization.

City leaders emphasized that while Boston has long stood at the forefront of LGBTQIA2S+ rights, recent national trends — including rising legislative attacks on LGBTQIA2S+ individuals — underscore the urgent need to institutionalize local protections and support systems.

"Our city's strength lies in its diversity," the ordinance reads. "The well-being and safety of the City are significantly enhanced when all residents and visitors, including LGBTQIA2S+ individuals, can fully participate in and benefit from City services, programs, and opportunities."

The Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement will continue to address critical issues such as housing and employment discrimination, health disparities, and barriers to services. It will also serve as a platform to elevate the voices and experiences of LGBTQIA2S+ residents, with an emphasis on intersectionality — recognizing that experiences of discrimination are often shaped by the intersections of race, gender, age, ability, and socioeconomic status.

By passing this ordinance, the City Council affirms its commitment to fostering a Boston where every resident — regardless of identity — is treated with dignity, respect, and fairness.

## Boston Saves provides financial boost to BPS students, setting them up future success

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During the 2024-2025 school year, Boston Saves, City of Boston's children's savings account (CSA) program, offered two promotions to give families a financial boost for their child's future. These incentives were created to increase awareness and encourage families to participate in the program. A joint program of the Center for Working Families and Boston Public Schools (BPS), Boston Saves is the provides every BPS K2 kindergarten with a CSA seeded with \$50. This money can be used to pay for the child's future college or career training, after high school graduation. In addition, Boston Saves motivates families to earn more money for their child(ren) through regular incentives and provides financial education and resources that make saving easier and help families get ahead. Since its launch in 2016, the program has set aside approximately \$1,450,000 in seed funding to more than 28,996 students and an additional \$352,500 in family-earned incentives.

At the beginning of 2025, the program ran its January promotion for the fourth year, encouraging families of BPS K2 - 5th graders to log in to the online savings platform. Families who logged in for the first time by

month's end earned an extra \$25 for their child's account. Boston Saves created this incentive to motivate families to take a crucial first step toward unlocking the program's many benefits. This money, plus the \$50 provided in every Boston Saves account and any additional incentives families earn, provides a financial boost to their child's future. This year, 888 BPS families earned a total of \$22,200 for their children's futures through the January promotional offer from Boston Saves.

In the Fall 2024, Boston Saves collaborated with the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) to support eligible BPS students living in BHA housing through a special incentive. Together, they conducted a lottery offering eligible families an additional \$500 for their Boston Saves accounts. This incentive was created to encourage students who are living in BHA properties and are also eligible for Boston Saves to further engage in the program. Through this partnership, 268 students earned a total of \$134,000 in incentives to use for college or career training programs after graduation. A second lottery was held in Spring 2025 resulting in an additional 232 students receiving the incentive for a total of \$250,000 in

family-earned incentives.

Though these promotions have ended, families are still encouraged to log into their accounts and take advantage of the program and future incentives. All K2 - 5th grade students in BPS have Boston Saves accounts. When families log into the Savings Center, they can:

- See the money in their child's Boston Saves account

- Link their financial account to the Savings Center to track all their savings for their child in one place

- Earn more money for their child's Boston Saves account by taking simple steps like reading with their child, or saving regularly in their own account

Families of students in select older grades may also have accounts if they were part of the Boston Saves pilot program or joined a pilot cohort. Families with eligible children should have received an email from [bostonsaves@boston.gov](mailto:bostonsaves@boston.gov) with a direct link to log into their child's account. Parents/guardians who believe their child is eligible but did not receive an email can contact the Boston Saves team at [bostonsaves@boston.gov](mailto:bostonsaves@boston.gov) with their child's name, grade, and school. To learn more about the program, visit [boston.gov/boston-saves](http://boston.gov/boston-saves).



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BEACON HILL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SIDEWALK SALE

Photos by Marianne Salza

The Beacon Hill Business Association (BHBA) presented its annual Sidewalk Sale on June

7 and 8, enticing curious passersby with outdoor displays of seasonal items, from home furnishings and tableware to infant clothes and antiques.



Back Bay resident, Bobbi Moran, shopping for sleepwear at Linens on the Hill.



Shop dog, Finn, 12-years-old, relaxing on the Charles Street sidewalk outside J. Grady Home.



Leila Bahrami, Vintage Fashion Curator, and Cecilia Hermawan, Founder of Vico Style, a micro vintage department store



Rebecca Hackler, Owner of Fabled Antiques, and Peggy Glynn, long-time Sales Associate.



Grace Flanagan and Meghan McConnell shopping for vintage post cards at Fabled Antiques.



Soon-to-be Beacon Hill resident, Rachel Ziff, shopping at Gus and Ruby Letterpress for baby clothes for her first nephew with Gracie Guidotti and Renée Pinero.



Faye Strain and Laura Cousineau, Owner of Upstairs/Downstairs, where furniture and cocktail napkins were popular items during the BHBA Sidewalk Sale.



Angela Spike and Jennifer Hill, Owner of Blackstones, where holiday decorations were big sellers during the BHBA Sidewalk Sale.



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