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City kicks off Fourth of July celebration at Boston Harborfest

Special to the Sun

Back for America's 250th birthday is Boston Harborfest presented by Citizens, one of the nation's largest 4th of July celebrations. From July 2-4, hundreds of thousands of attendees are expected to enjoy events and activities throughout Downtown Boston and along Boston Harbor, including Thursday's kickoff ceremony, access to historical sites, free live music, and fireworks.

Media will be provided on-site access for photography, interviews, and reporting at all Boston Harborfest events and activities, and full details can be found on the Boston Harborfest website, www.bostonharborfest.com. Interviews can be arranged upon request. For further information regarding this event, please contact Chandler Pettigrew at 617-204-4219 or cpettigrew@conventures.com.

WHAT: The 44th Boston Harborfest, presented by Citizens, is Fourth of July celebration in the City of Boston with cultural events, live music, and historical reenactments.

WHEN: Thursday, July 2 – Saturday, July 4

WHO: Open to the public, with performances from the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band, the 215th Army National Guard Band, The Pace Keepers, Michelle Brooks Thompson, the 198th Army Band, Houston Bernard, the U.S. Navy Band Northeast, the Middlesex County Volunteers Fifes and Drums, and more.

WHERE: Christopher Columbus Park, Downtown Crossing (Summer Street), Copley Square and Boston Harbor.

SPONSORS: This year's event is graciously supported by sponsors Citizens, Conventures, Downtown Boston Alliance, SugarBee Apples, Hamilton Watches, NRG, PHX Hydration Energy, Zespri Kiwi, Floor & Décor, Renewal by Andersen, Snapple, and Spot Hero.

See below for more information about key events and media opportunities at Boston Harborfest:

Thursday, July 2

• Boston Harborfest presented by Citizens Kickoff Ceremony

11:40 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Summer St. Stage (Downtown Crossing)

Public officials and hospitality leaders will help kick off Boston Harborfest 2026 with the ceremonial cake cutting and giveaway. The program features ceremonial remarks, the posting of the colors, and patriotic music performed by the 198th Army Band.

• Re-Enactors & Live Entertainment

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: The People's Stage at the Steps (Downtown Crossing)

An array of local performances across all musical genres will perform from a stage, while historical re-enactors and costumed entertainers will engage with visitors in the area.

• A City Woven Together, an Interactive Community Mural

2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.: Christopher Columbus Park

Boston Harborfest and presenting sponsor Citizens invite

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SOUTH END COURT NAMED IN HONOR OF WNBA HALL OF FAMER MICHELLE EDWARDS

MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTOS BY ISABEL LEON

Women's Basketball Hall of Famer Michelle Edwards (left) holds the official green dedication plaque for the newly named Michelle "Ice" Edwards Court alongside Boston Mayor Michelle Wu) at Titus Sparrow Park on Saturday. Shown right, community members, friends, and family gather on the lawn at Titus Sparrow Park to listen to remarks from city officials during the Saturday morning dedication ceremony honoring South End native Michelle Edwards. See more photos on Page 14.

Parking restrictions in effect for July 4 celebration on Esplanade

Special to Sun

Parking restrictions are now in place through Sunday, July 5, to accommodate the July Fourth celebration event on the Esplanade per the City of Boston.

Road closure should be anticipated, with Boston Police closing Beacon Street from Arlington Street to Hereford Street, usually around 7 p.m. Charles Street also closes for the dispersal, and the closure is from Charles Circle to Boylston Street.

Parking restrictions will be in effect through Sunday on the following streets: Beacon Street on the north side (even side), from David G. Mugar Way to the dual head meter in front of 120 Beacon St.; and Stuart Street on the north side (odd side, Transportation Building side), the last four metered parking spaces next to the MBTA Bus Stop, and several locations at the Charles Street South end

Parking restrictions will be in effect from Friday through Sunday on the following streets: Stuart Street on the north side (odd side, Transportation Building side), from Tremont Street to Charles Street South, unless otherwise posted.

Parking restrictions will be in effect throughout Friday and Saturday on the following streets: Arlington Street on both sides, from Beacon Street to Commonwealth Avenue; Berkeley Street on both sides, from Marlborough Street to Back Street; Clarendon Street on both sides, from Marlborough Street to Back Street; Dartmouth Street on both

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EDITORIAL

THE WORDS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD 250 YEARS AGO

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

When the members of the Second Continental Congress gathered in Philadelphia in June, 1776, it was not at all clear that they eventually would declare America's independence from England. Although the "shot heard round the world" had been fired at Concord more than a year earlier in April, 1775, and a de facto state of war existed in some regions of the colonies, many in America still held out hope that they could come to some sort of agreement with England regarding taxation and representation such that secession would not be inevitable.

However, with leading thinkers led by John Adams making the case to break free from England, the momentum to declare independence overcame even the most skeptical of the colonists.

On July 2, the delegations from 12 states voted to declare their independence (the delegation from New York did not do so until July 19) and on July 4, those delegations voted to adopt the Declaration of Independence. Massachusetts delegate John Hancock, in his role as President of the Congress, was the initial signer of the declaration, to be followed eventually by signatories from all 13 states.

Thomas Jefferson's words in the first sentence of the second paragraph of the Declaration are among the most famous in the English language and the most widely-quoted in any language (although we should note that Jefferson's use of the word "men" was quite literal, inasmuch as it did not include women, and it certainly did not include African slaves of either gender).

However, the use of the adjective "all" was the most revolutionary aspect of the Declaration. The signers themselves consisted mostly of America's aristocratic class — Jefferson himself was a plantation owner with many slaves — but the word "all" clearly was meant to include every American of even the humblest means.

That one sentence in the Declaration upended the world order at that time and forever after. It set the stage for the French Revolution 13 years later and eventually led to the demise of monarchies throughout the world. Our democracy as we know it today rests on the premise that every citizen should have an equal voice in the operation of our government.

So as we celebrate the holiday weekend with our friends and family, let's remember that the freedoms we enjoy today all began with a few novel words written 250 years ago -- and that we never should take for granted the legacy that the Founding Fathers bestowed upon us.

ENJOY A SAFE & SANE 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND

When Americans celebrated the Fourth of July at the turn of the 20th century, they did so in such rowdy fashion that vandalism and destruction of both public and private property were commonplace.

This rampant hooliganism was suppressed only when public officials and the public-at-large decided that the holiday should be observed in what they termed a "safe and sane" manner.

Our Fourth of July celebrations today are much more restrained compared to those days, but far too many of us go a bit overboard in our observance of the holiday.

Drunk driving, drunk boating, drunk swimming, and using fireworks (especially while under the influence) will result in thousands of deaths and injuries across our nation this weekend — all because too many among us will have had too much to drink.

We urge our readers to make sure that they and their loved ones do not become one of those sad statistics. It is up to each of us to be responsible not only for ourselves, but also for those we care about. If someone among us is drinking too much, take their keys and make sure they are safe — none of us wants to have the regret, "If only I had stopped them from getting behind the wheel..."

We wish all of our readers a happy, safe, and sane Fourth of July.

GUEST OP-ED

Fenway Forward releases statement on proposal for rent control legislation

Fenway Forward has released the following statement:

"[Last week], the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court removed the rent control ballot initiative from this year's ballot based on a technicality regarding exemptions for religious facilities. While this decision is disappointing, it does not erase the fact that more than 157,000 Massachusetts residents signed petitions calling for rent control, sending a clear message that skyrocketing rent increases are untenable amidst the current housing crisis.

"Furthermore, over the past several months, rent control proponents have had positive and generative conversations with real estate development partners who are open to a reasonable and nuanced legislative compromise. Housing developers, both nonprofit and for-profit, benefit from stability in the housing market as we look to make investments in our communities. The compromise rent stabilization proposal would deliver the predictability that developers and investors need to build more housing now, while protecting tenants.

"By limiting excessive year-over-year rent increases, adding reasonable safeguards against eviction, and allowing fair returns and market resets under appropriate circumstances, the compromise will help prevent displacement while maintaining the economic viability of housing production.

"We do not have to – and should not have to – wait two years for the next ballot opportunity. State legislators can pass the rent stabilization compromise bill now. While Fenway Forward remains committed to the principles of the ballot initiative, uncertainty regarding the future of rent control is unnecessarily destabilizing for both renters and developers. Predictability benefits everyone. This year's legislative session ends July 31. We have time.

"Fenway Forward calls on lawmakers, housing developers, housing advocates, and all those who were open to compromise before the state court's decision to stay committed to these conversations and help keep people rooted in their communities.

Expanding housing production and shielding residents from unsustainable rent increases are not mutually exclusive goals, and there is still time to achieve meaningful progress in this legislative session.

"Contact your legislators today and urge them to support the compromise."

Fenway Forward, formerly Fenway CDC is a neighborhood organization that works to preserve the Fenway as a vibrant and diverse neighborhood by developing affordable housing, providing programs that enrich lives, and strengthening community voices.

SEND YOUR NEWS

The Boston Sun encourages readers and residents to submit their local news! Engagements, weddings and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication. Submitting does not guarantee publication that week. Content will be printed on a space available basis. Items should be e-mailed to **stephen.quigley@thebostonsun.com** or **deb@thebostonsun.com**

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News in Brief

FREE THURSDAYS ARE BACK STARTING IN JULY AT ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM

The Gardner Museum's beloved Free First Thursdays are taking over—now every Thursday evening is free. Each week. All year. Starting in July.

Experience free admission from 5–9 pm every Thursday, featuring creative engagements and the chance to connect with the community. Whether you're looking for a date idea, a dose of culture, a bit of art making, or a home away from home, let Free Thursday Nights be part of your weekly itinerary.

Ticketing Details:

Set your alarms: Thursday evening tickets will be available online two days before your desired date.

Release time: Tickets drop beginning at 10 am on Tuesdays.

Free days are supported in part by the Wallace Minot Leonard Foundation, the Board of Advisors 2022 Fund for Access, and Thomas G. Stemberg Charitable Foundation. Studio activities are generously sponsored by the Polly Thayer Starr Charitable Trust.

SOWA ARTISTS GUILD OFFERS JULY EVENTS

SoWa First Friday will kick off Independence Day weekend on July 3, with the doors opening at 5 p.m.

SoWa Sundays will be held on July 5, 12, 19, and 26, beginning at 11 a.m. SoWa Artists Guild events, which are free and open to the public, are held at 450 Harrison Ave.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S SCHOOL SUMMER AND SCHOOL-YEAR ROLLING ADMISSIONS

The Boston Children's School is currently accepting students, ages 3-8, for both this summer and the 2026-'27 academic year. The Summer Fun Program runs from July 7 through Aug. 14, with field trips, weekly themed activities, daily trips to the pool at the Clubs at Charles River Park, and much more.

Visit website www.bostonchildrensschool.org to learn more, or call 617-367-6239 or email bostonchildrens@aol.com to discuss enrollment for the summer and/or fall.

FOSEL TO OFFER JAZZ & BLUES CONCERTS IN LIBRARY PARK

Friends of the South End

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visitors to stop by the interactive mural installation, Boston 250: A City Woven Together, and help create a community artwork celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States. Created in partnership with Artists for Humanity, the mural honors the history, culture, and community of Boston while looking toward the future. Guests of all ages are welcome.

• Pre-Fireworks Concert: US Air Force Heritage of America Band

6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.: Christopher Columbus Park

Join us for a concert from the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band to prepare yourself for the Boston Harborfest Fireworks Display. Patriotic music followed by spectacular fireworks make an unbeatable Fourth of July combination.

• Snapple World Record Attempt

7:30 p.m.: Christopher Columbus Park

Snapple looks to make history by entering the Guinness Book of World Records, as the company endeavors to set a record for the greatest number of people to drink Snapple at the same time. Registration opens at 6:00 p.m. for participants.

• Boston Harborfest Fireworks

9:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.: Long Wharf – Boston Inner Harbor

Visible from several vantage points along the Inner Harbor, the Harborfest Fireworks return to provide a spectacular display for all to enjoy. The fireworks will be launched from a barge off of Boston's Long Wharf.

Friday, July 3

• Live Entertainment at Summer Street

1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: Summer St. Stage (Downtown Crossing)

Musical acts Annie and the Fur Trappers, PK and the Mighty Seven, World Premier Band, and The MBT Music Experience featuring Michelle Brooks-Thompson will perform.

• Macy's Great American Fashion Show

1:40 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: Summer St. Stage (Downtown Crossing)

The Macy's Fashion Show in Boston, MA is an annual event showcasing the latest fashion trends from top designers. It features a vibrant atmosphere with music, lights, and runway presentations, attracting fashion enthusiasts, industry professionals, and shoppers.

• Boston Harborfest at Christopher Columbus Park

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Christopher Columbus Park

Enjoy an afternoon of performances by Sweet Harmony and DJ Christjawn, as well as children's activities within the breezy confines of Christopher Columbus Park.

• A City Woven Together, an Interactive Community Mural

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Christopher Columbus Park

Boston Harborfest and presenting sponsor Citizens invite visitors to stop by the interactive mural installation, Boston 250: A City Woven Together, and help complete a community artwork celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Saturday, July 4

• The City of Boston's Fourth of July Procession

9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.: Copley Square to Downtown Crossing

The brief ceremonial parade steps off from Copley Square to the Granary Burying Ground for a wreath laying on the graves of patriots and continues through Downtown Crossing to the Old State House, where the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company will continue its tradition of reading of the Declaration of Independence from the historic site's balcony.

Scan to view a detailed map of the parade route on your device.

• Annual Oration

11:00 a.m.: Faneuil Hall

The Annual Oration began in 1771 to commemorate the anniversary of the Boston Massacre but eventually evolved into an event to celebrate independence.

• Middlesex County Volunteers Fife and Drums Concert

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: Downtown Crossing

The historically inspired ensemble performs throughout the neighborhood, bringing authentic folk music and iconic patriotic hymns from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries.

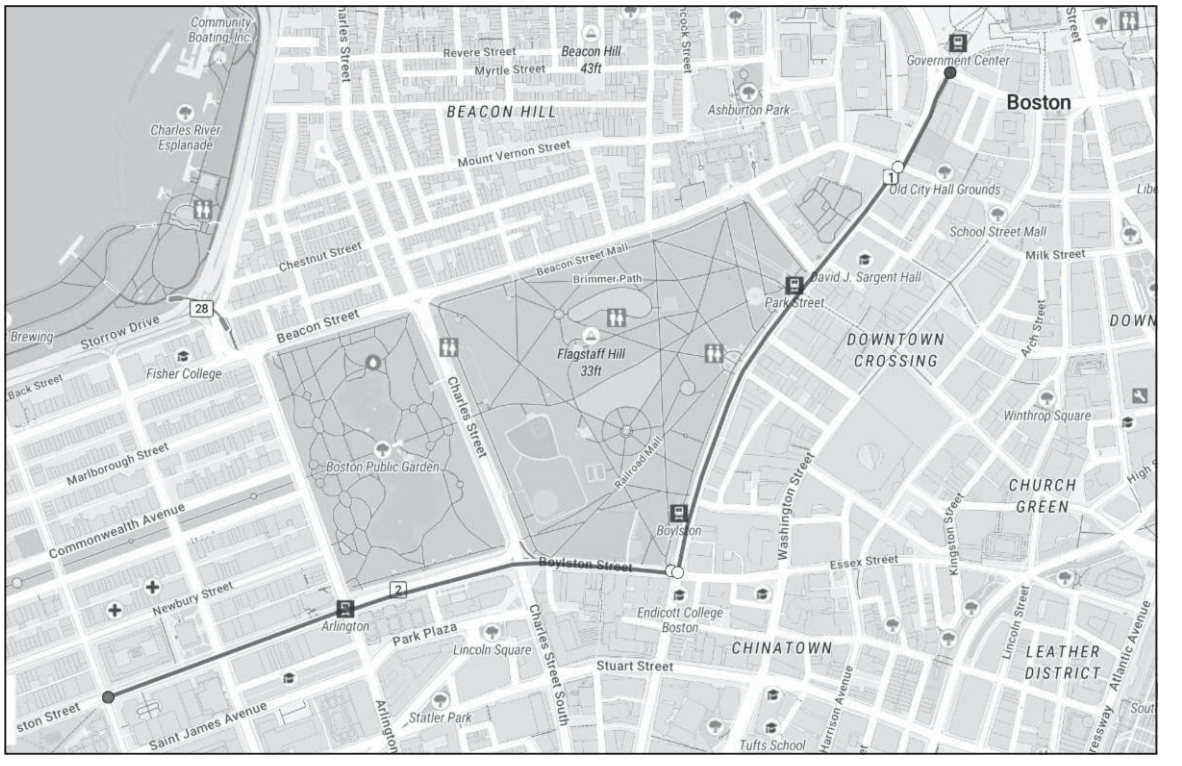
• Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.: Esplanade

An annual tradition, the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular will delight the masses with an evening concert and fireworks display.

For a full schedule of Boston Harborfest please refer to our website: https://www.bostonharborfest.com/schedule/

Boston Harborfest is produced and organized by Boston Celebrations, Inc., a non-profit organization operated by Boston-based Conventures. The 44th Boston Harborfest will take place from July 2-4 across Downtown Boston and Boston Harbor. The event has been a proud summer tradition of arts, culture, and entertainment for more than four decades, enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of guests from Boston and beyond. For the latest event details, schedules, and programming announcements please visit www.bostonharborfest.com, and follow event updates on the Harborfest Facebook page, @BOSHarborfest on X, @bostonharborfest on Instagram, or follow the conversation using #BostonHarborfest.



The parade route for the Fourth of July parade.

Mayor Wu signs city order to expand property tax relief for older homeowners

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu, this week, joined City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, Mass Senior Action, local elected officials, and residents to sign a city order that lets Boston adjust the senior property tax break each year to keep up with the cost of living. Under this change, the income and assets limits for the senior exemption will rise annually with inflation, based on the federal Consumer Price Index. The new limits will allow more older homeowners to qualify starting on July 1, 2026.

"Helping seniors age in place means keeping them connected to homes, neighborhoods, families, and support networks, and this order provides real relief to older homeowners at a time when costs keep rising," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm grateful to Councilor Louijeune for championing this effort and to the entire City Council for their partnership in supporting our older homeowners."

The City of Boston currently offers a senior property tax exemption under the 41C program, which provides property tax relief for older adults based on age, income and asset thresholds. These thresholds are fixed unless increased by local action and have become outdated for many municipalities across the state due to inflation and rising costs for residents and families.

"Investing in our seniors is more than a debt of gratitude, it's a commitment to Boston's future," said City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune. "I am proud to have led the effort to adopt Clause 41D, helping protect older homeowners today while strengthening the promise that future generations will also be able to age in place, remain rooted, and continue shaping the neighborhoods they call home."

Adopting Clause 41D will help preserve property tax relief for Boston's older adult homeowners who are at risk of losing eligibility as inflation affects their income and savings. This order was led and filed by City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, co-sponsored by City Councilors Brian Worrell and Ben Weber, and unanimously approved by the Boston City Council. This announcement builds on Mayor Wu and the City's work to address affordability, protect residents and families from rising costs, and provide much-needed relief and assistance to older residents across neighborhoods.

"Adding an annual cost of living increase will help people stay eligible for the 41C exemption as their Social Security adjusts with inflation," said Emily Shea, Boston's Age Strong Commissioner. "This is important because our older residents deserve the opportunity to age with dignity in the communities they helped build."

This new order will take effect on July 1, 2027 and applicants can begin to apply with the Taxpayer Referral Assistance Center. Income limits for residents will be posted on the City's Assessing Department website on July 1, 2027. Nearly half of Boston's senior homeowners are severely housing cost-burdened, paying more than 50 percent of their income to housing costs. Ultimately, the City of Boston will have the ability to determine the final rate for the fee, collection method, and any exemptions that may exist.

Specifically, this order would:

Increase the fixed income with social security amounts from $25,980 to $26,687 if single and from $38,970 to $40,031 if married and increase total assets from $40,000 to $41,080 if single and $55,000 to $56,485 if married; and broaden eligibility by replacing the fixed limits with a percentage increase of the CPI.

Since 2022, the City has also included an expansion of the senior tax exemption in multiple filed home rule petitions to improve quality of life and protect older Boston residents. Through these efforts, the City has worked to secure expanded property tax relief for low-income seniors by modifying the eligibility criteria for the 41C program and increasing the exemption. These changes, if they were implemented by the State, would provide the City with flexibility to modernize the criteria and provide much-needed and sustainable financial assistance to a vulnerable population.

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USS Constitution to get underway in honor of Independence Day, America's 250th Birthday

Special to the Sun

USS Constitution is scheduled to get underway from the Charlestown Navy Yard on July 4 at 10 a.m.

This underway honors Independence Day, commemorating the American Revolution and the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776, as well as the Freedom 250 celebrations taking place across the nation.

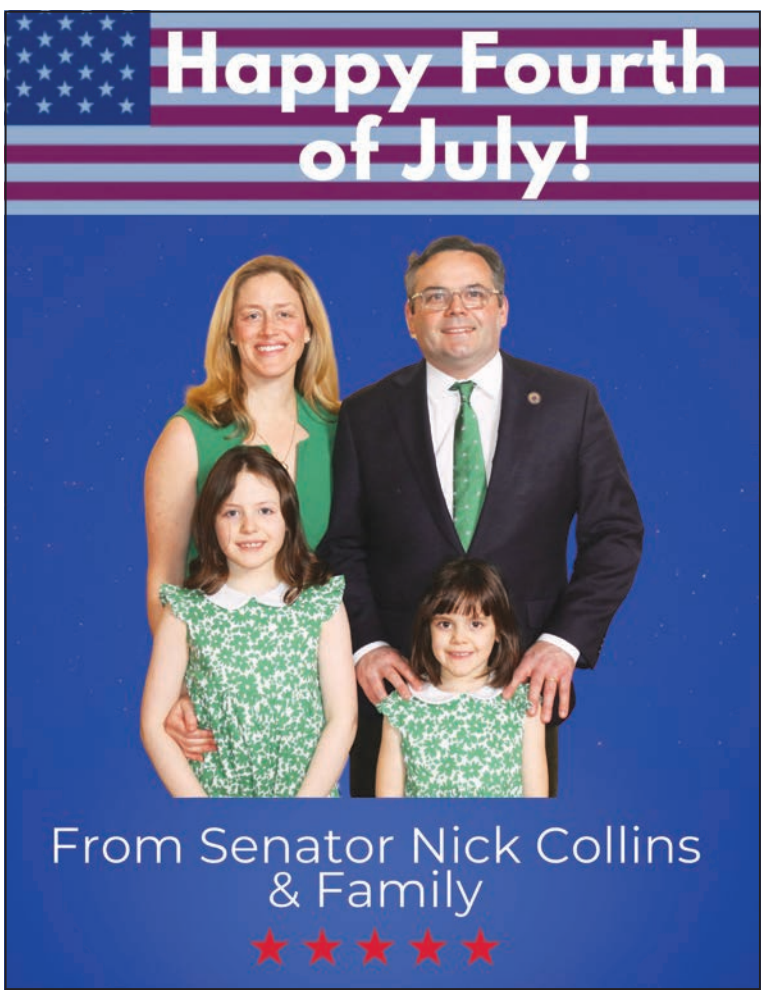
During the underway, USS Constitution will render a 21-gun salute off Fort Independence on Castle Island at approximately 11:30 a.m., followed by a 17-gun salute as she passes U.S. Coast Guard Base Boston, the former site of Edmund Hartt's shipyard, where the ship was built and launched Oct. 21, 1797.

As the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat and America's Ship of State, USS Constitution played a vital role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, safeguarding American sea lanes from 1797 to 1855.

The underway will be visible from the Boston Harborwalk, Castle Island and the Charlestown Navy Yard.

USS Constitution is open for free public visitation Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On July 4th, the ship will be closed to the public in the morning and will reopen for tours at approximately 3 p.m. following her return to port.

All guests age 18 and older must present a valid state- or federally issued photo identification card or passport to board the ship.



MBTA prepares for July 4 celebration with free rides after 8:30 pm, expanded service, staffing, and safety protocols

Special to the Sun

The MBTA has announced that fares will again be free this year on bus, subway, ferry, Commuter Rail, and the RIDE on Saturday, July 4, 2026, after 8:30 PM.

With this year's Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular as the signature July 4 event of the "MA250" initiative commemorating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the greater Boston region is expecting to welcome hundreds of thousands of attendees for one of the country's largest Independence Day celebrations. To accommodate the anticipated increase in ridership, the MBTA is encouraging travelers to plan their commute in advance and reminding riders of its holiday service schedules. The MBTA's July 3 (observed holiday) and July 4 service schedules are available at MBTA.com/holidays.

"The MBTA is excited and ready to welcome visitors from around the Commonwealth and the country as we celebrate the birth of our nation here in Boston where the beginning of the American Revolution took shape. Whether you're attending parties, barbeques, or other celebrations, leave the driving to us and take the T," said Interim Secretary of Transportation and MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "With other big events in the region taking place this summer like the World Cup and Sail Boston, the MBTA continues to prove that bold investments and careful planning make public transportation a vital and essential part of economic vitality of our region. Thank you to the Healey-Driscoll Administration, our Legislative partners, local and municipal leaders, and the work of our dedicated workforce for their preparations during special events like these. We're proud to provide extra service this Fourth of July to help the public celebrate safely this summer."

July 3 (Observed Holiday) Service Information

- Subway: The Red, Orange, Blue, and Green lines will operate a Saturday holiday schedule.
- Bus and Silver Line: All routes will operate a Saturday holiday schedule.
- The RIDE: All RIDE services will operate a Saturday schedule.
- Commuter Rail: All lines will operate a weekend schedule.
- Ferry: All ferry routes will operate regular weekday service.
- The Charlie Service Center will be closed on July 3.

July 4 Service Information

- Subway: The Red, Orange, Blue, and Green lines will operate a Saturday schedule with increased service from 3 PM through the end of service.
- Bus and Silver Line: All routes will operate a modified Sunday schedule with extended evening service.
- Commuter Rail: All lines will operate a weekend schedule.

Passengers should note that the majority of the last trains of the evening will leave North Station and South Station at their advertised times between 11:30 PM and midnight. If fireworks are delayed, trains will leave up to 30 minutes after the close of the fireworks.

Keolis Customer Service agents will be present at North, South, and Back Bay stations to support passengers.

Passengers are encouraged to purchase the MBTA's special $10 Holiday Weekend Pass for unlimited travel all three days of the long weekend.

Passengers should note that bikes are not allowed on board after 8:30 PM.

The RIDE: All RIDE services will operate a modified Sunday schedule.

Ferry:

- Harbor Loop ferries will have no service.
- Hingham/Hull/Logan to Boston ferries will operate a Saturday/Sunday schedule.
- East Boston, Charlestown, and Lynn ferries will operate a weekend schedule.
- Winthrop and Quincy ferries will operate on a weekend schedule on the combined Winthrop/Quincy route.

Enhanced Security Measures and Safety Tips for Riders

The MBTA encourages the public to help maintain a safe and family-friendly environment while riding the T. Additional MBTA staff, Transit Ambassadors, Keolis personnel, and Transit Police will be deployed throughout the system to assist with safety, wayfinding, boarding, paying for fares, and schedule information.

The MBTA Transit Police Department will have an enhanced presence throughout the system to respond to any incidents.

To report an emergency, dial 911 or call the MBTA Transit Police Department at 617-222-1212. Riders are reminded that emergencies can also be reported with the SeeSay app on iPhone or Android device. The SeeSay app is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and riders can expect a response within a few minutes of a report.

The MBTA stresses the importance of celebrating responsibly on public transit. Vandalism and disorderly conduct can create safety hazards, delays, and additional cleaning costs—which can divert valuable resources away from essential maintenance services and improvements that benefit all riders.

For more information, visit MBTA.com/Holidays or connect with the T on X @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

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Library (FOSEL) is again sponsoring free Jazz & Blues concerts with Pat Loomis & Friends every other Tuesday from July 7 to Aug. 18 starting at 6:30 p.m. in Library Park.

Concerts will include "The Sultans of Bebop," with Jeff Galindo (trombone), Joey Mazzarella (piano), Daniel Day (bass), and Zeke Martin (drums), on July 7; "Miles at 100: A Tribute To Miles Davis," with Scott Aruda (trumpet , Adonis Martin (keyboards), Daniel Day (bass), and Zeke Martin (drums) ,on July 21; "Saxophone Colossus: A Salute To Sonny Rollins," with Brett Walberg (tenor sax), Adonis Martin (piano), Daniel Day (bass), Zeke Martin (drums) on Aug. 4; and A Funky Dance Party with Ivory Jones and White Chocolate, featuring Joey Mazzarella (keyboards), Daniel Day (bass), and Zeke Martin (drums) on Aug. 18.

UNCOMMON SWAN

D. MURPHY

A 44-foot inflatable swan was spotted in the Frog Pond on Boston Common on Thursday, June 25, as part of a free, family-friendly event celebrating the global 'Summer of Soccer,' which includes FIFA's World Cup.

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West End Museum offers July programming

Special to the Sun

The West End Museum, located at 50 Staniford St., Suite 7 (on Lomasney Way), is kicking off its summer programming with a bang! We will be hosting five different events, including a film screening, walking tour, a second watch party, and more.

On July 8th at 6 p.m., the museum will offer 'Lost & Found: Historic Boston in Postcards,' Author Talk with Kathy Alpert. At this time, Alpert returns to the museum to discuss her newest work, 'Lost & Found: Historic Boston in Postcards.' This book features more than 200 hand-selected vintage postcards from Alpert's personal collection that provide a visual journey through the historic buildings, parks, and neighborhoods of Boston in the 1900s.

Alpert will take attendees from the old West End to Copley Square demonstrating how postcards - once dismissed as trivial - document cityscapes in a way no other media can.

Books will be available for purchase at this event.

On July 9 at 4 p.m., the museum presents a Quarter Final Watch Party at The Pennyweight Hotel at 155 Portland St. All ages are welcome, and snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. The bar opens at 3:30 p.m., and the game begins at 4 p.m.

On July 10 at 6 p.m., the museum presents 'Boston and the Declaration of Independence: 1776 Musical & Lecture.'

Want to celebrate our nation's 250th without the crazy Fourth of July crowds? Come to the museum for a screening of the musical, '1776,' which will be preceded by a mini-lecture on the Bostonians who signed the Declaration of Independence.

Learn about the lives of Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, Elbridge Gerry, and John Hancock while discussing the impact of their actions and signatures throughout the past two and a half centuries. See what it took to declare independence and how the ideals shaping our democracy have lingered, not quite fulfilled, since its inception in Boston's West End and beyond.

On July 19 at 1 p.m., the museum presents 'Displaced and Descendant West Enders Reunion.' Remember and celebrate "The greatest neighborhood this side of heaven" with friends, family, and neighbors.

Beginning in 1958 the diverse working-class neighborhood of The West End was destroyed through urban renewal projects. Once a year, WEM hosts a gathering for those displaced or otherwise impacted by this tragedy and their descendants.

On July 23 at 6 p.m., and on July 26 at 11 a.m., the museum will offer its Queer History West End Walking Tour.

Get outside and learn about the queer history of our neighborhood through a walking tour offered at two separate times as part of WEM's current special exhibition Queer History West End.

Attendees will explore the history of the LGBTQ+ community in the West End, primarily around the North Slope neighborhood, old Scollay Square, and Charles Street.

Beginning in the late 19th century, this neighborhood was a hub for Queer Bostonians. Encounter the sites of historic speakeasies, raids, Boston marriages, the early publication of queer literature, activism, famous gay bars, and AIDS epidemic protests. This tour will focus on queer faces and places in the West End while exploring how one small neighborhood made queer history.

The museum extends its gratitude to exclusive sponsors: MA250 and the Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce. This exhibition was made in partnership with Queer History Boston.

More information and links to purchase tickets can be found online at: www.westendmuseum.org/programs

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From left to right: Michael Welch portraying James Warren, Gary Gregory portraying Ezekiel Russell, State Representative Sean Garballey, State Representative Kate Donaghue, Michele Gabrielson portraying Mercy Otis Warren and Doug Ozelius portraying William Sever.

Revolution 250 distributes copies of the Declaration of Independence as part of Declaration Delivery Day

Special to the Sun

Revolution 250 Executive Director Jonathan Lane alongside historical reenactors and printer Gary Gregory met with state representatives at the Massachusetts State House on Thursday, June 25, to deliver hand-printed copies of the Declaration of Independence as part of Delcaration Delivery Day.

Historian and printer Gregory has printed hundreds of copies of the declaration at the Museum of Printing in Haverhill using 18th-century techniques, recreating a labor-intensive process similar to that used in 1776. The effort brings to life a lesser-known chapter of Revolutionary history, the distribution of the Declaration across all Massachusetts cities and towns just weeks after the Founding Fathers drafted the original document on July 4, 1776.

After its adoption, more than 300 printed copies of the Declaration were sent to parishes throughout the state, where they were read aloud to residents by their ministers, and recorded into official town records. Over one hundred of the original copies remain preserved today, with more still being discovered.

Lane, Gregory who portrayed Ezekiel Russell, and other historical reenactors portraying James Warren, Mercy Otis Warren, and William Sever, met with State Representatives Kate Donaghue and Sean Garballey at the House of Representatives Chamber.

Copies of the declaration were handed off to both representatives for distribution in each of their districts. Lane and the reenactors then entered into the House Chamber for photo opportunities and a tour of the State House afterwards.

As part of Declaration Delivery Day, the newly printed reproductions will be distributed to all 351 Massachusetts by July 4, echoing the original journey of the Declaration as it moved from town to town 250 years ago.

"250 years ago, copies of the Declaration of Independence carried a revolutionary message from town to town across Massachusetts, informing ordinary citizens about the birth of a new nation," said Executive Director Lane. "By recreating that journey today, we are not only honoring the people who first shared these historic words, but also reminding ourselves that the principles of liberty and civic-engagement remain as important now as they were in 1776. It was a privilege to place these reproductions into the hands of our state representatives and help continue this historic tradition."

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Animal Rescue League of Boston shares tips for keeping pets safe amid Fourth of July celebrations

Special to the Sun

Celebrating the Fourth of July can be a source of stress for some pets, and the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is reminding owners to keep an extra eye on their furry friends. Fireworks can be especially stressful for pets, as, unlike other loud noises, such as thunderstorms, animals cannot sense when fireworks will go off. ARL says it's important that pets have ID tags with current contact information, and recommends microchipping, which makes it easier to find your pooch in the event that they run off.

Dr. Hannah Donnelly, Lead Veterinarian at ARL's Boston Veterinary Care, and Laney Nee, Canine Behavior Manager at ARL, are available to speak on the subject.

Here are steps to keep pets safe during the festivities:

1. For pets that are easily spooked by bright flashes, owners can keep them in a room without windows. Setting up a quiet space for them and turning on a TV, soft music, or a white noise machine can drown out loud noises. While dogs are most easily affected by fireworks, keep an eye on cats and other small pets throughout the weekend.

2. Owners can prepare for a night of loud noise by taking their dog for a long walk or playing with them for an extended period. This helps burn off excess energy and calm nerves before the firework shows begin. It's best to leave them at home and ensure all gates, doors, and windows are closed.

3. Shelters across the country see an average of 30% more lost dogs from July 4-6. The month of July is the most dangerous for pet disappearances. ARL recommends microchipping your pets to ensure a higher likelihood of being reunited with your pet in the event that they go missing.

4. For questions about how to best handle your pet's anxiety, call ARL's free Pet Behavior Helpline at (617) 226-5666 or email behaviorhelpline@arlboston.org. ARL also offers several reduced-fee microchipping clinics through the Wellness Waggin® and microchipping services at their full-service veterinary clinic, Boston Veterinary Care.

Pets are family. This belief is at the heart of everything we do at the Animal Rescue League of Boston. ARL is the first female-founded animal welfare organization in Massachusetts and is proud to carry on a legacy of kindness and compassion, helping more than 20,000 animals annually since 1899. Recognized for innovative, award-winning programs that go beyond sheltering, ARL addresses the root causes of the issues facing animals and the people who love them. By partnering with communities, ARL helps animals heal and thrive, keeps pets and people together, and protects animals from harm. Because there is no government funding for this important work, animals must rely on people like you to get the care they need, when they need it most, 365 days a year. For more information, visit arlboston.org and follow ARL on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

Parking Restrictions *(from Page 1)*

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Parking restrictions will be in effect throughout Saturday on the following streets: Arlington Street on both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to St. James Avenue; Berkeley Street on both sides, from Marlborough Street to Boylston Street; Clarendon Street on both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to Marlborough Street; Dartmouth Street on both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to Marlborough Street; Exeter Street on both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to Marlborough Street; Fairfield Street on both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to Back Street; Gloucester Street on both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to Back Street; Hereford Street on both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to Back Street; Massachusetts Avenue on both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to Back Street; Beacon Street on both sides, from Dartmouth Street to Charlesgate East; and Boylston Street on both sides, from Berkeley Street to Arlington Street.

Tax Relief *(from Page 4)*

"Far too many seniors across Boston struggle with rising property taxes. We deeply appreciate Mayor Wu, Councilor Louijeune, and the City Council for doing all they can to expand relief," said Lillie Bryan, President of the Boston Chapter of the Massachusetts Senior Action Council. "Clause 41D will protect seniors from losing access to the help they need by raising the income and asset limits each year to reflect the cost of living. We must now build on this victory to reach more seniors who need help, and we call on the legislature to pass Boston's Home Rule petitions."

This action also builds on Mayor Wu and the City's long-standing efforts to amend state laws to address the housing crisis and provide predictability for residents. Earlier this year, Mayor Wu signed the City's Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition, a proposal to create a new local funding source for affordable housing. Passed by the Boston City Council on April 15, 2026, the petition is with the State Legislature for consideration. The proposal would allow Boston to apply a fee of up to 2% on real estate transactions over $2 million, with the first $2 million exempt to limit impacts on middle-class homeowners. The Mayor has advanced similar proposals in 2021 and 2023 and continues to pursue the transfer fee as a tool to help build more affordable housing across Boston. Last year, the City also refiled an expanded residential tax relief package that aimed at providing financial assistance to Boston residents impacted by sharp increases in their property tax bills.

Full listing of ship locations released for Sail Boston 2026

Special to the Sun

Sail Boston is proud to announce berthing locations for the July 11-16 festival, where ships from around the world will tie up in Charlestown, Downtown, and across Boston's Seaport. Following the Meet Boston Parade of Sail on July 11, ships will be led to the berths where they will be based for the remainder of the festival. A full listing is posted below, and the ship map is available for exploring both in the Sail Boston 2026 mobile app, and at www.sailboston.com.

Among the top locations are Seaport, where ships will be within walking distance of the Sail Boston Festival, located at 302 Northern Avenue. The Amerigo Vespucci of Italy and Libertad of Argentina will rest just steps from the Festival. A temporarily built "Wharf 8" will be accessible by the Boston Harborwalk behind the Leader Bank Pavilion, and host Ernestina Morrissey (the State Ship of Massachusetts), Juan Bautista Cambiaso of the Dominican Republic, Lynx from Nantucket and HMS Gladen from Sweden.

Class A ships Gorch Fock of Germany, Sudarshini of India, and Sagres from Portugal will be berthed at the historic Boston Fish Pier, while the two largest ships in the fleet, BAP Union of Peru and Esmerelda from Chile will highlight the ships berthed at the newly refurbished Commonwealth Pier. Charlestown will host 18 ships, including Mircea from Romania and Dar Młodzieży from Poland at Pier 4, and US Coast Guard Eagle behind the Constitution at Pier 1.

Rowes Wharf at the Boston Harbor Hotel will host Oosterschelde of the Netherlands and Kalmar Nyckel of Delaware, while the Moakley Courthouse will host nine ships from the East Coast, and mostly from Massachusetts. Fan Pier will host four ships, including the Mayflower II from Plymouth and Elissa from Texas. The gray-hulled USS Arlington will be located at Black Falcon Cruise Terminal and joined by TS Patriot State, the official training vessel of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

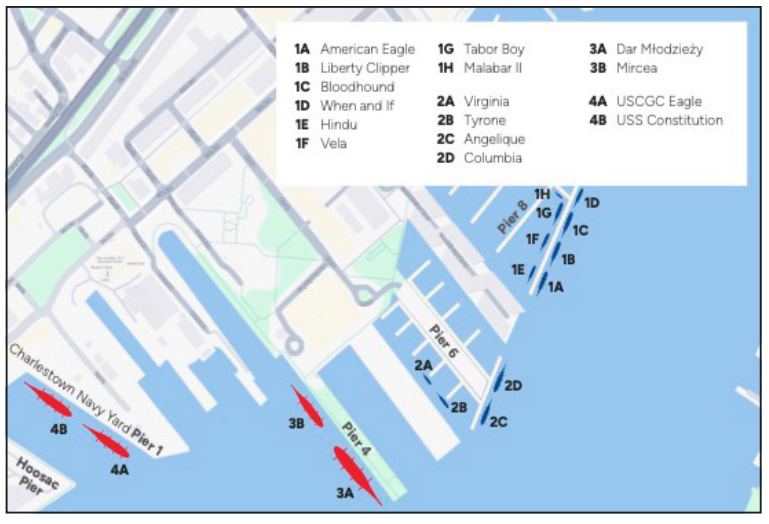
Ship viewing from the piers is open from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. from July 12-15, and ship boarding is widely welcomed within these windows and at the Captains' discretion. Ship viewing and boarding on July 11 will be dependent upon each ship's arrival time to the berth, and its ability to prepare to host guests. Most ships should be ready for visitation by 5:00 p.m. Boston Fish Pier opens for viewing and boarding at 12:00 p.m. on July 12 and 2:00 p.m. on July 13-15.

To learn more about Sail Boston and the Sail 250 Regatta, visit www.SailBoston.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram and join the conversation using #SailBoston.

Since 1992, Sail Boston, Inc., a 501 (c)3 not-for-profit organization, has hosted more than 475 international tall ships and vessels of interest to Boston and many Massachusetts coastal communities. Sail Boston, Inc. endeavors to develop programs that provide economic development and cultural enrichment for citizens, businesses, and visitors in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. For more information on Sail Boston, Inc. and Sail Boston 2026, please visit SailBoston.com.

Sail250® is a global gathering of Tall Ships to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States. With stops in New Orleans, Norfolk, Baltimore, New York City, and Boston, each stop will gather crew, cadets, and visitors for an unforgettable experience in celebration of our nation's birthday.

NAME	CLASS	COUNTRY	HOME PORT	BERTHING LOCATION	LENGTH
USS Arlington (LPD 24)		United States	Norfolk, VA	Black Falcon	684'
TS Patriot State		United States	Buzzards Bay, MA	Black Falcon	525' 1"
Gorch Fock	A	Germany	Kiel	Boston Fish Pier	292'
Sagres	A	Portugal	Lisbon	Boston Fish Pier	293' 8"
INS Sudarshini	A	India	Kochi	Boston Fish Pier	177'
USS Constitution	A	United States	Boston, MA	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 1	305'
USCGC Eagle	A	United States	New London, CT	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 1	295'
Dar Młodzieży	A	Poland	Gdynia	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 4	357'
Mircea	A	Romania	Constanta	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 4	266' 4"
American Eagle	B	United States	Rockland, ME	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	123'
Angelique	B	United States	Camden, ME	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 6	130'
Bloodhound	B	United States	Provincetown, MA	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	98'
Hindu	B	United States	Provincetown, MA	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	80'
SSV Tabor Boy	B	United States	Marion, MA	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	115'
Tyrone	B	United States	Rockland, ME	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 6	73'
When And If	B	United States	Key West, FL/Salem, MA	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	80'
Columbia	A	United States		Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 6	171'
Liberty Clipper	B	United States	Boston, MA	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	125'
Malabar II	C	United States	Vineyard Haven, MA	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	42'
STV Vela	B	British Virgin Islands	Gorda Sound	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	112' 1"
Virginia	B	United States	Bath, ME	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 6	65'
ARC Gloria	A	Colombia	Cartagena	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 11	212' 3"
BAE Guayas	A	Ecuador	Guayaquil	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 11	257'
Capitán Miranda	A	Uruguay	Montevideo	Commonwealth Pier	210'
Esmeralda	A	Chile	Valparaíso	Commonwealth Pier	371'
BAP Unión	A	Peru	El Callao	Commonwealth Pier	378' 11"
Bluenose II	A	Canada	Lunenburg, Nova Scotia	Fan Pier	143'
Elissa	A	United States	Galveston, TX	Fan Pier	205'
Mayflower II	A	United States	Plymouth, MA	Fan Pier	106'
Spirit of Bermuda	B	Bermuda	Hamilton	Fan Pier	118'
Adventure	B	United States	Gloucester, MA	Moakley Courthouse	137'
Ardelle	B	United States	Gloucester, MA	Moakley Courthouse	72'
Bowdoin	B	United States	Castine, ME	Moakley Courthouse	88'
Denis Sullivan	B	United States	Milwaukee, WI	Moakley Courthouse	137'
Harvey Gamage	B	United States	Portland, ME	Moakley Courthouse	138'
Isabella	C	United States	Gloucester, MA	Moakley Courthouse	51'
Lewis H. Story	C	United States	Essex, MA	Moakley Courthouse	35'
Pride of Baltimore II	A	United States	Baltimore, MD	Moakley Courthouse	157'
Thomas E. Lannon	B	United States	Gloucester, MA	Moakley Courthouse	93'
Kalmar Nyckel	A	United States	Wilmington, DE	Rowes Wharf	141'
Oosterschelde	A	Netherlands	Rotterdam	Rowes Wharf	164'
Amerigo Vespucci	A	Italy	La Spezia	Seaport Pier 5	331'
ARA Libertad	A	Argentina	Buenos Aires	Seaport Pier 5	341' 3"
Ernestina-Morrissey	A	United States	New Bedford, MA	Seaport Wharf 8	156'
HMS Gladan	B	Sweden	Stockholm	Seaport Wharf 8	129'
Juan Bautista Cambiaso	A	Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Seaport Wharf 8	178' 6"
Lynx	B	United States	Nantucket, MA	Seaport Wharf 8	122'
Adirondack II	B	United States	Boston, MA	N/A	80'
Adirondack III	B	United States	Boston, MA	N/A	80'
Captiva	B	United States	Boston, MA	N/A	45'
Fame	B	United States	Salem, MA	N/A	72'
Liberty Star	C	United States	Boston, MA	N/A	67'



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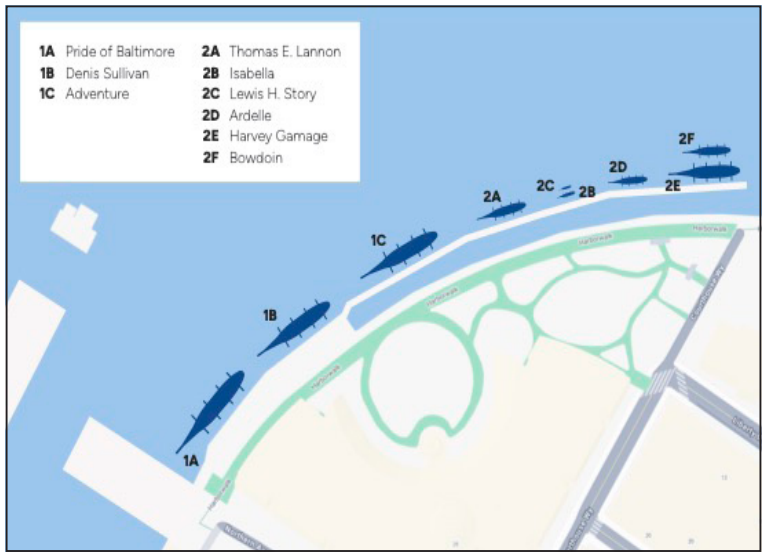
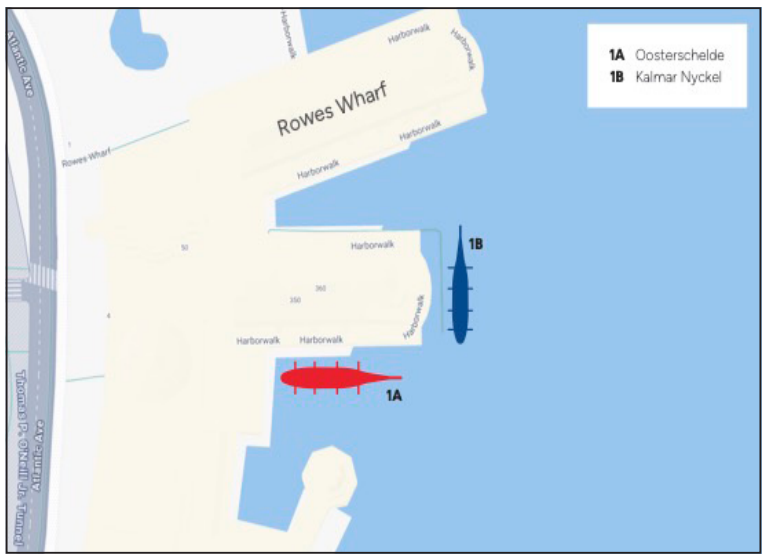
Charlestown Berths Pier 11



Berths at Moakley Courthouse.



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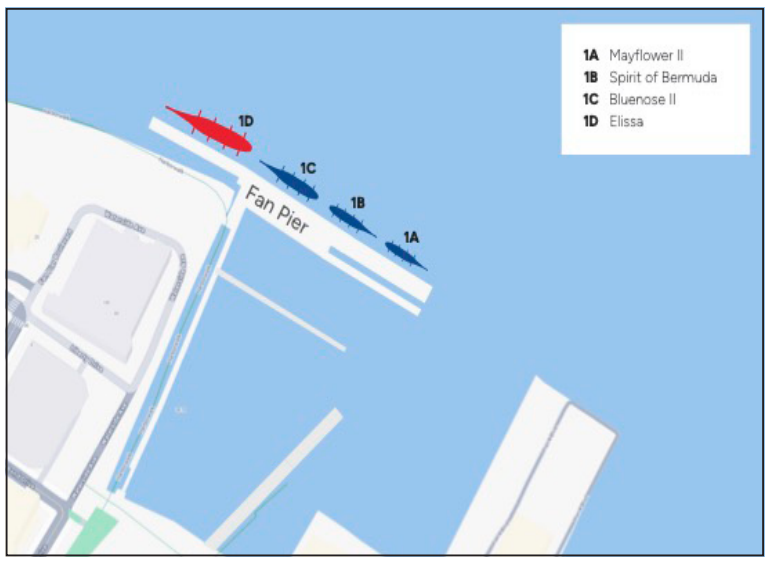
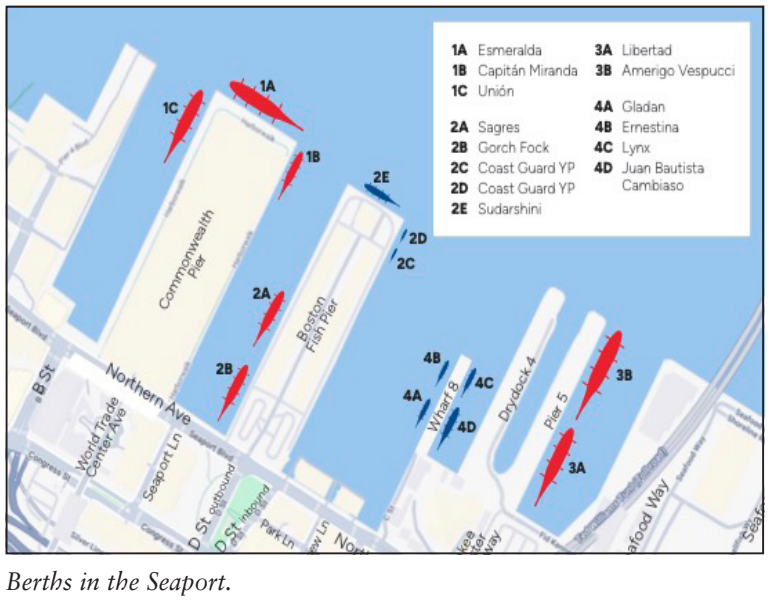


Berths at Fan Pier.



Berths in the Seaport.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

BOSTON'S FOURTH OF JULY PARADE – Saturday, July 4, 2026

The parade route is Copley Square, Boylston Street, left on Tremont Street, right on Court Street to State Street (reading from the old State House balcony), then a smaller group will follow Congress Street to Faneuil Hall. The parade will kick off at 9:00 AM.

Parking restrictions will be in place, and road closures should be expected on the following streets:

- **Boylston Street:** Both sides, from Exeter Street to Tremont Street
- **Tremont Street**: Both sides, from Boylston Street to Court Street
- **Court Street**: Both sides, from Tremont Street to State Street/Washington Street
- **State Street**: Both sides, from Congress Street to Court Street/Washington Street
- **Devonshire Street**: Both sides, from State Street to Quaker Lane

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION ON THE ESPLANADE – Monday June 29th – Sunday July 5th

Parking restrictions will be in place to accommodate the July 4th celebration event on the Esplanade. They will be in place between Monday, June 29th and Sunday, July 5th.

Road closures should be anticipated. BPD closes Beacon Street from Arlington Street to Hereford Street usually around 7:00 PM. Charles Street also closes for the dispersal, and the closure is from Charles Circle to Boylston Street.

Parking restrictions will be in effect from Monday through Sunday on the following streets:

- **Beacon Street**: North side (even side), from David G. Mugar Way to the dual-head meter in front of 120 Beacon Street (DC138, DC139)
- **Stuart Street:** North side (odd side, Transportation Building side), the last 4 metered parking spaces next to the MBTA Bus Stop, CC218, CC217, CC216, CC215 at Charles Street, South End

Parking restrictions will be in effect from Friday through Sunday on the following streets:

- **Stuart Street:** North side (odd side, Transportation Building side), from Tremont Street to Charles Street South, unless otherwise posted (see 4 metered spaces above)

Parking restrictions will be in effect throughout Friday and Saturday on the following streets:

- **Arlington Street:** Both sides, from Beacon Street to Commonwealth Avenue
- **Berkeley Street:** Both sides, from Marlborough Street to Back Street
- **Clarendon Street**: Both sides, from Marlborough Street to Back Street
- **Dartmouth Street:** Both sides, from Marlborough Street to Back Street
- **Exeter Street:** Both sides, from Marlborough Street to Back Street
- **Beacon Street:** Both sides, from Charles Street to Dartmouth Street (unless already posted)
- **Back Street:** Both sides, from Dartmouth Street to David G. Mugar Way
- **Chestnut Street:** Both sides, from David G. Mugar Way to Brimmer Street
- **Mount Vernon Street:** Both sides, from David G. Mugar Way to Brimmer Street
- **Pinckney Street**: Both sides, from David G. Mugar Way to Brimmer Street
- **Revere Street:** Both sides, from David G. Mugar Way to Charles Street

Parking restrictions will be in effect throughout Saturday on the following streets:

- **Arlington Street:** Both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to St. James Avenue
- **Berkeley Street:** Both sides, from Marlborough Street to Boylston Street
- **Clarendon Street:** Both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to Marlborough Street
- **Dartmouth Street:** Both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to Marlborough Street
- **Exeter Street:** Both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to Marlborough Street
- **Fairfield Street:** Both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to Back Street
- **Gloucester Street:** Both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to Back Street
- **Hereford Street:** Both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to Back Street
- **Massachusetts Avenue:** Both sides, from Commonwealth Avenue to Back Street
- **Beacon Street:** Both sides, from Dartmouth Street to Charlesgate East
- **Boylston Street:** Both sides, from Berkeley Street to Arlington Street

State Fire Marshal urges to leave fireworks to the professionals

Special to the Sun

Fires, explosions, and serious injuries related to illegal fireworks spike each summer in Massachusetts, and fire service leaders are hoping to reverse last year's increase over 2024.

"Here in Massachusetts, fireworks have caused nearly 500 fires and explosions, almost 200 serious injuries, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage over the past five years," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "Tragically, one man even lost his life last summer. Please don't risk a fire, an injury, or a day in court – leave fireworks to the professionals."

Of the 188 fireworks-related visits to Massachusetts emergency departments from 2021 to 2025, 121 took place in July. July also accounted for 253 of the 486 fires and explosions caused by fireworks during the same five-year period. Both injuries and fires increased by about 23% last year, with 43 ER visits and 112 fires and explosions – including one that claimed a 70-year-old man's life in Wareham.

Massachusetts law requires police to seize any illegal fireworks they encounter in the course of their duties. This includes fireworks that were purchased lawfully in another state and transported to Massachusetts. People who use or possess them illegally are also subject to a fine, while the unlawful sale of fireworks is an arrestable offense that carries potential jail time. The law is effective: the Massachusetts fireworks injury rate is about one-fifth the national average, and the rate of fires and explosions is about one-sixth the national average.

The Department of Fire Services posts a list of permitted fireworks displays and updates it each week through the summer. To view the list – and to learn more about the dangers of illegal fireworks – visit the DFS website.

ABCD's Free Tax Preparation Program yields over $7 million in tax refunds for Greater Boston residents

Special to the Sun

For the third consecutive year, ABCD's Free Tax Preparation Program secured more than $7 million in state and federal tax returns for residents of Greater Boston and the Mystic Valley during the 2026 tax season. Results of this year's tax season supported by 48 IRS-trained Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) preparers include completion of 3,545 federal/state completed returns totalling $7,268,505.

"These financial results are confirmation that community action is a driver of the Massachusetts economy," said ABCD President and CEO Sharon Scott-Chandler. Our Free Tax Preparation Program creates buoyancy for people that are struggling through additional discretionary income, and stimulates economic activity in the communities that we serve."

The program assists residents with tax preparation, financial education, economic stability opportunities and helps build wealth. ABCD IRS-certified tax volunteers are multilingual – fluent in eight languages including English, Spanish, French, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Cape Verdean Creole and Haitian Creole. In 2026, free tax preparation services were available to:

- People who generally earned $69,000 or less in 2025
- People with disabilities
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers.

The Internal Revenue Service VITA program partners with the Boston Tax Help Coalition, of which ABCD is a co-founder. A public-private collaboration with the City of Boston and other nonprofits, the Boston Tax Coalition seeks to ensure the full participation of all Boston residents in the City's economic vitality and future.

ABCD is also a member of the Massachusetts Association for Community Action (MASSCAP) VITA network and offers free tax preparation services in the Mystic Valley Area. Both the Boston and Mystic Valley coalitions fall under the federal VITA program.

COURTESY MBTA

Train tickets available for July 9 World Cup match

Special to the Sun

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) announced that tickets are on sale for roundtrip Boston Stadium Train tickets between South Station and Boston Stadium (Gillette Stadium) for the July 9 match. Tickets will be $80, sold exclusively on the MBTA mTicket app, and allows for travel on the entire Commuter Rail network the day of your Event Train ticket.

Riders are welcome to purchase tickets based on boarding groups, which are listed online. Full information can be found at MBTA.com/WorldCup. Fans are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance and to buffer in extra travel time on match days. Boston Stadium Train tickets are nonrefundable and nonexchangeable.

Boston Stadium Trains are the only MBTA public transit mode to Boston Stadium on match days, and they offer one of the most predictable and affordable options to get to the matches. There is no MBTA subway or bus service to Boston Stadium.

Tickets should be purchased by fans with a valid same-day match ticket. Passengers must register the email address used to purchase their match ticket on mTicket to complete their train ticket purchase. Passengers without a valid match ticket will not be allowed to board at South Station.

All passengers, including children 11 and under, must have a ticket to board the train. Train ticket sales will close once the maximum capacity is reached.

Regular Commuter Rail tickets, passes and summer promotions -- including the $10 Weekend Pass and the 5-day Flex Pass -- are not valid for travel on Boston Stadium Trains.

World Cup Impacts to MBTA Service

As previously announced, most regular peak-period Commuter Rail service will be preserved to minimize impacts to daily ridership. However, Commuter Rail lines are experiencing temporary schedule adjustments until July 12. On match days specifically, the southside of the Commuter Rail network will have adjusted schedules to support this unprecedented effort. More information on these schedule changes is available at MBTA.com/WorldCupChanges. Full Spring and Summer Commuter Rail schedules are available at MBTA.com/CR.

Commuter Rail Summer Discount Reminder

Governor Healey and Interim Secretary and General Manager Eng announced a series of summer fare promotions and discounts on the MBTA Commuter Rail to lower costs for riders, support regular commuters, and encourage more people to choose public transportation as Massachusetts prepares for a busy season of major events across the state. This includes four promotions that will run on the Commuter Rail through June, July, and August, including Free Fridays, a 50% discount on monthly passes, and more. Monthly passholders will save between $321 and $639 over the summer, depending on their route.

For more information, visit MBTA.com/WorldCup or connect with the T on X@MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

Fans bound for Boston Stadium during a prior World Cup match.

City issues excessive heat warning through July 3

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu issued an excessive heat warning for the City of Boston from Wednesday, July 1, through Friday, July 3, due to extreme weather forecasts. The highest heat indices for this period are expected to range from 105 degrees to 112 degrees without significant reprieve in the evening and overnight hours.

The City of Boston took immediate action to provide heat relief to residents and visitors. During a heat wave, Boston Emergency Medical Services typically experiences a 10-15% increase in calls to 9-1-1 for people of all ages. Anyone can feel the impacts of extreme heat, regardless of age or medical conditions. Resources available include AlertBoston, the City's opt-in emergency alert system that provides guidance during major emergencies; cooling resources across the city; educational materials focused on kids' safety; Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) locations operating as cooling centers; state-owned pools; and participating cultural institutions offering free admission to Boston residents. These institutions include the Museum of Science, the Institute of Contemporary Art, the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, and the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. All information about these and other City resources is available at boston.gov/heat.

"Boston has welcomed visitors and residents this summer with vibrant events, cultural celebrations, and community gatherings across our neighborhoods, and we are asking everyone to spread the word about the upcoming intense heat expected in our region. Symptoms of heat illness can occur quickly and affect people of all ages, so it's especially important to plan ahead. Please stay hydrated, use City cooling resources, and check in on family, friends, and neighbors, especially older adults, young children, and those with underlying health conditions," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Our priority is ensuring everyone can safely enjoy all the Summer activities, and I'm grateful to our City departments working around the clock to connect residents with the resources they need to stay safe and cool."

This year, the City updated its heat preparedness categorization thresholds and language for hot weather events to align with partners and ensure resources are allocated efficiently. Instead of declaring a heat emergency, the City of Boston now issues an excessive heat warning for one day of a heat index of 105°F or above for two or more consecutive hours, or a temperature increase of at least 25°F within a 24-hour period with the high temperature reaching 90°F or above. Additionally, the City issues a heat advisory if there is a heat index of 95°F for two hours over two consecutive days, or one day with a heat index of 100°F for two consecutive hours.

The City's excessive heat warning leads to cooling centers being activated, additional support for residents, and a recommendation to reschedule most outdoor events. These updated thresholds, made in coordination with the Boston Public Health Commission and state partners, position the City to better respond to extreme heat events and ensure residents, visitors, and families are safe and connected to resources.

"Over the next few days, the City will experience extreme heat. We encourage everyone to take necessary precautions such as staying hydrated and to be on the lookout for individuals showing signs of heat-related illnesses," said Chief of Emergency Preparedness Adrian Jordan. "For more information regarding the symptoms of heat-related illnesses and tips on how to stay cool visit boston.gov/heat!"

STAY INFORMED

Residents can sign up to receive updates through AlertBoston, the City's emergency mass notification system, by phone, text, or email for information regarding extreme weather events. AlertBoston notifications are available in 11 languages. Residents, families, and visitors are encouraged to visit boston.gov/heat, a city webpage with resources and tips to prepare for and stay safe during heat events. The page also has specific information for parents, older adults, people with disabilities, unhoused individuals, and others.

PLACES TO COOL OFF

Splash pads are open at various parks and playgrounds throughout the city, and several city pools are available for swimming. An updated list of splash pads, pool locations, and their operating hours can be found at Boston.gov/pools.

To ensure residents have wider access to spaces to cool down, get relief from the heat, and have enjoyable cultural experiences, the following Boston cultural institutions are offering free admission to Boston residents:

- Museum of Science
- Institute of Contemporary Art
- Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate
- John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum (available starting Thursday, July 3 through the 5th)

HEAT SAFETY TIPS

The Mayor issued the following heat safety tips:

- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids regardless of activity level. Avoid alcoholic beverages and liquids high in sugar or caffeine.
- Keep cool with frequent cool showers, shade, and air conditioning or fans. More tips for cooling down at home can be found on boston.gov/heat.
- If you cannot avoid being outside, take breaks in the shade, drink water constantly—even if you are not thirsty—and watch for warning signs like dizziness, nausea, or confusion.
- Know the signs of heat exhaustion. Heavy sweating, cool and clammy skin, dizziness, nausea, and muscle aches could all be signs of heat exhaustion. If symptoms persist, call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not delay care. Heat is the leading cause of weather-related deaths in the U.S. and can exacerbate underlying illnesses.
- Adults and children should use sunscreen containing an SPF-30 or higher and wear protective, loose-fitting clothing including long-sleeve shirts and hats.
- Secure all window air conditioner units according to the manufacturer's specifications.
- To help prevent electrical fires, always plug air conditioners and fans directly into a wall outlet. Never use extension cords or overload power strips, as these can overheat and create a serious fire hazard.
- If you are heading to a beach, lake, or pool to beat the heat, swim where lifeguards are present. Always watch children near the water and make sure they are wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Please call or check on neighbors, especially older adults and people with disabilities.
- If you are an older adult and need help getting to a cooler space, the Age Strong Commission offers discounted taxi vouchers for seniors and people with disabilities. Call 617-635-4366 for more information.
- Please keep pets indoors, hydrated, and cool as asphalt and ground conditions are significantly hotter and unsafe during heat.

RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

- If you see a person experiencing homelessness or individuals out in the heat who appear immobile or disoriented, please call 911.
- The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) utilizes a city-wide network of emergency shelters, outreach providers, city agencies, and first responders to assist those in need of shelter.
- Boston Public Health Commission's emergency shelters have air conditioning and are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When temperatures are 90 degrees or above, amnesty is in place for those with non-violent restrictions. In anticipation of this extreme heat event, amnesty has been preemptively declared for Wednesday, July 1, through Saturday, July 4. Men can access shelter at the 112 Southampton Street Shelter, and women should go to the Woods Mullen Shelter at 794 Massachusetts Ave. BPHC and the City also work closely with other shelter providers to ensure that no client is without shelter, food, resources, and a cool respite from the heat. Shelters are available any time of day or night for those in need.
- Boston Public Health Commission's street outreach teams providing recovery services continue operating as normal from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays and 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends, transporting people to shelter, day spaces, treatment, home, or places of origin. During this stretch of extreme heat, outreach workers will be passing out water to those who need it.

YOUTH AND OUTDOOR SAFETY

- Hot weather affects infants and young children more than most adults because they heat up more quickly and sweat less. The potential impacts of heat on childhood health and development can be lifelong.
- Children and pets should never be left alone in vehicles, even for short periods of time.
- If you have a child under the age of 10 in your home, install child window guards in addition to screens on any open window that is more than 12 feet above ground. Falls are the leading cause of injury for children under the age of six.
- Parents, guardians, and educators can visit boston.gov/coolkids to make an action plan and review heat guides for children.
- Shoes should be worn outdoors, including on splash pads, spray decks, playgrounds, and turf athletic fields, as surfaces can become extremely hot and cause burns.

OUTDOOR FIRES AND GRILLING

- No outdoor fires are allowed in Boston, including fire pits, chimineas, and bonfires.
- Charcoal grills must be on the ground and away from buildings. Keep in mind the wind and never leave grills unattended. Dispose of the ash in a metal container once completely out.
- Propane tank grills are only allowed on first-floor porches with steps to the ground. Do not place propane tank grills near air conditioners or up against a building. Make sure all connections are tight and never carry propane tanks into a home.
- Grills should always be used in a well-ventilated area.

The City of Boston's work is guided by the Heat Resilience Solutions for Boston framework to prepare for hotter summers and more intense heat events. The Heat Plan presents 26 strategies that will help build a more just, equitable, and resilient Boston.

Scan this QR code to view the heat Heat Resilience Solutions for Boston webpage for more info.

Boston Groundwater Trust's walking tour focuses on lower Hill

Special to the Sun

As part of Boston Groundwater Trust's 40th anniversary year, Christian Simonelli, the BGwT's executive director, led more than 35 guests on a walking tour of lower Beacon Hill on Saturday, June 20.

"The neighborhood's familiar brick row houses and historic streets provided the perfect setting for a deeper look at something most people never see: the groundwater that helps protect many of Boston's buildings from below," said Simonelli.

Over the course of an hour, tour participants explored the history of the 'Flat of Beacon Hill,' including how parts of the neighborhood and nearby portions of the Public Garden were created by filling in former tidelands. That history helps explain why so many buildings in this area depend on wood-pile foundations driven into the filled land and capped with granite blocks, said Simonelli.

SCOTT METZGER/BGWT PHOTOS

Christian Simonelli, executive director of Boston Groundwater Trust, and Rep. Jay Livingstone.

Christian Simonelli, executive director of Boston Groundwater Trust, leading a groundwater walking tour of lower Beacon Hill on June 20.

"Those wood piles can remain strong for generations—but only if they remain submerged. When groundwater drops below the tops of the piles, exposure to air can allow decay to begin," added Simonelli. "Maintaining groundwater levels is therefore essential to protecting tens of millions of dollars' worth of some of Boston's most renowned real estate. It's our core mission at the Trust."

The tour also included a reminder of what can happen when groundwater levels drop. On Dec. 18, 1986, residents of an Otis Place home were jolted awake before dawn by what they feared was an earthquake. In reality, one side of the house had suddenly settled after lowered groundwater levels caused the wood piles beneath it to decay.

The incident made headlines, including the memorable 'Beacon Hill's Cracking Up,' and remains a powerful example of why groundwater monitoring matters in Boston's filled-land neighborhoods.

The tour concluded outside the Church of the Advent, where participants watched a groundwater reading on Brimmer Street. The demonstration showed how a monitoring well is opened, how a probe attached to a measuring tape is lowered into the well, and how the probe signals when it reaches water.

"It was a simple but revealing look at the daily work behind the Trust's monitoring program," said Simonelli. "Our field engineer performs this kind of measurement dozens of times each workday across Boston's filled lands."

Simonelli extended BGwT's gratitude to tour guests, who included Rep. Jay Livingstone and Beacon Hill Civic Association Executive Director Patricia Tully.

BGwT's next groundwater neighborhood tour focuses on Back Bay and is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, at 11 a.m., beginning on the steps of Trinity Church in Copley Square.

To R.S.V.P. for the July 18 walking tour and learn more about BGwT, visit bostongroundwater.org.

Christian Simonelli, executive director of Boston Groundwater Trust, demonstrates how to take a reading from a groundwater monitoring well.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Langton, John T	110 Stuart St 19F LLC	110 Stuart St #19F	$1,165,000
Kirkland, Kevin D	Gearhart, James I	19 Holyoke St #1	$950,000
298 Marlborough St LLC	Hartley, Lee Ann	298 Marlborough St #4	$1,911,000
Popescu, Mariana	Tang, Suet Ling Shirley	302 Commonwealth Ave #E	$798,000
Jeong, Hoscok	Powell, Adam C	466 Commonwealth Ave #205	$470,000
Tseng, Kristina	Melvin Klayman T	537 Massachusetts Ave #3	$900,000
Su, Elizabeth Y	Patriot Realty T	79 Gainsborough St #103	$989,000
Baker, Joshua R	Robinson, Walter M	1180-1200 Washington St #216	$970,000
Yi, Wilson Mark	1395-1405 Wa St LLC	1395-1405 Washington St #203	$188,032
Mullholand, Alfred David	Albert, Ben D	1724 Washington St #2	$1,370,000
Tremont Ct LLC	Jppf 18 Tremont LLC	18-32 Tremont St	$29,500,000
Okamoto, Martha	Fernandez, Ana	3531 Washington St #322	$777,000
BEACON HILL			
Croce Condo Ft	Mccarthy, Meghan	63 W Cedar St #3	$995,000
90 Mount Vernon St Nt	Debraganca, Miguel	90 Mount Vernon St	$6,700,000
DOWNTOWN/WATERFRONT			
Marian TheresaONeilRet	Louis J Trubiano Ret	28-32 Atlantic Ave #314	$1,025,000
Gerst 3rd, Carl W	Tessimond, Craig E	370-380 Harrison Ave #Ph2k	$2,975,000
Aminian, Justin	Davis, Landon	76 Batterymarch St #5	$1,523,000
Marr, Kieren	Mcaf Winthor LLC	240 Devonshire St #4208	$2,985,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Zhao, Huimin	L&B Tabrizi Rt	131 Park Dr #12	$489,000
150 Assistant Presidentple	Doig Ft	150 Appleton St #3F	$1,450,000
Salvucci, Derek	Bostrom, John	198 W Springfield St #2	$950,000
Lyman, Ames	Rutland Square 20 Nt	28 Rutland Sq #3	$2,455,000
Drohlich, David T	Sidore, James	40 Traveler St #802	$2,350,000
Lestz, Luisa	Ogawa, Peter	51 Park Dr #314	$550,000
All Hands Re-Waltham LLC	Ramsey, Ellen S	79 Waltham St #2	$835,000
Tzortzis, Anthony	Cindy A Weathers T	90 Wareham St #306	$770,000
Dale, Arnold	Steemburg, Charles T	92 Waltham St #1A	$1,825,000
Tazhigulov, Ruslan	Maxfield, David	14 Worcester Sq #14-5	$1,255,000
Chadda, Anshul	Somasundar, Sukanya	691 Massachusetts Ave #507	$720,000
Ohanian, Garry	Makhanreh, Khalid	70 Fenway #36	$990,000

Attention to Detail

Photos and Text By Penny Cherubino

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER

The paws in the last clue are on the lion statue outside 511 Columbus Avenue. The book "Boston's Notable Addresses" corrected the circus misinformation about this address. They found evidence that Dr. Orren Strong Sanders, "...designed and built his home for a cost of $100,000 and moved into the residence in 1872." They also say that the good doctor carved the lion himself.

You'll find the next clue in the Fenway.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE

Tanabata Celebration 2026: Japanese Cultural Performances and Wishes

Special to the Sun

Kaji Aso Studio celebrates the beloved TANABATA summer celebration outside at Symphony Park, 39 Edgerly Road, on Tuesday, July 7th starting at 12:00pm. Throughout the afternoon visitors can write wishes to tie to bamboo branches in the Tanabata tradition. There will be a series of Japanese Cultural performances including a poetry reading inspired by Tanabata (12:15pm); a flower arranging demonstration by Jonette Nagai (1:00pm), a tea ceremony demonstration by Kaji Aso Studio (2:00pm); a koto music performance by Sumie Kaneko (3:00pm); and a Japanese calligraphy demonstration by Michiko Imai (4:00pm). This program is free and open to the public.

This program is supported in part by a Berklee Fenway Neighborhood Improvement Grant; and in partnership with Friends of Symphony Park. Special thanks to the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. Kaji Aso Studio general programming is also supported in part by a grant from the Boston Cultural Council, administered by the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture.

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SOUTH END COURT NAMED IN HONOR OF WNBA HALL OF FAMER MICHELLE EDWARDS

Mayor's Office Photos by Isabel Leon

The basketball court at Titus Sparrow Park in the South End has officially been named in honor of neighborhood native and Women's Basketball Hall of Famer Michelle "Ice" Edwards. A dedication ceremony was held on Saturday, June 27, drawing community members, family, and local officials to celebrate the hometown hero.

Growing up in the South End, Edwards honed her skills on the very court that now bears her name. She went on to build a legendary basketball resume. Her storied career features several historic milestones:

- Became the first girl in Massachusetts history to score 2,000 points in a high school career.
- Had the first number ever retired by the Iowa Hawkeyes.
- Earned a spot in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame after playing professionally in Cleveland and Seattle.

Following the 11 a.m. dedication ceremony, Edwards hosted a youth basketball clinic from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., giving back to the community where her basketball journey began.

During the dedication, Mayor Michelle Wu praised Edwards as a "Boston girl through-and-through," highlighting her return home to help a new generation of young people build their skills and chase their dreams.

"Every young person deserves the opportunity to discover their passions, tap into their talent, and find out where hard work can take them," Wu said. "I can think of no better role model for our kids than her."

The morning's celebration was also attended by State Rep. John Moran, City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, the Friends of Titus Sparrow Park, and members of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department.

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(submit notices to legals@thebostonsun.com)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Trunk Space Storage - Boston located at 235 N. Beacon Street, Boston, MA, 02135 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 7/16/2026 at 11:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Kani Young; Peilin He. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.
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Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
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BACK BAY ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION UPCOMING AGENDA

The Back Bay Architectural Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on July 8, at 4:30 p.m. Attention: this meeting will only be held virtually and not in person.

You can participate in the meeting by going to https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1659077017 or calling 646-828-7666 and entering meeting ID #165 907 7017.

You can also submit written comments or questions to backbayac@boston.gov.

I. Violations Subcommittee - 4:30 PM

• VIO.26.1074 | 251 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE: Violation: Unapproved alteration to rooftop balustrade.

• VIO.26.1079 | 274 MARLBOROUGH STREET: Violation: Unapproved masonry work at front garden end entry.

II. Design Review Public Hearing - 5:00 PM

• RATIFICATION OF 6-10-2026 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

• APP # 26.1089 BB | 169 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE: Applicant: Zachary Millay. Proposed Work: At roof replace existing rubber membrane roofing, remove existing headhouse and erect a penthouse, and install a roof deck.

• APP # 26.1005 BB | 273 BEACON STREET: Applicant: Nick Beasley. Proposed Work: At roof rebuild existing roof decks and install code compliant railings.

• APP # 26.1098 BB & APP # 26.1092 BB | 199 MARLBOROUGH STREET: Applicant: Yasmin Maura-Orihuela. Proposed Work: At roof remove three and rebuild three decks, relocate two HVAC condensers, and replace roofing, flashing and gutters in-kind.

• APP # 26.1098 BB & APP # 26.1092 BB | 126 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE: Applicant: Mark Van Brocklin. Proposed Work: At front facade repair and replace in-kind slate roofing in mansard as needed, install new 1-over-1 window in center of mansard bay to match existing adjacent windows, repair and replace painted wood trim at mansard bay, and replicate missing elements; and at rear elevation repair and replace in-kind slate roofing in mansard as needed, and install new black metal railing, approximately 10" in height, on top of the existing parapet. Top of railing to be 42" above existing deck surface.

III. Administrative Review / Approval

In order to expedite the review process, the commission has delegated the approval of certain work items, such as those involving ordinary maintenance and repair, restoration or replacement, or which otherwise have a minimal impact on a building's appearance, to commission staff pending ratification at its monthly public hearing. Having been identified as meeting these eligibility criteria and all applicable guidelines, the following applications will be approved at this hearing:

Applicants whose projects are listed under this heading NEED NOT APPEAR at the hearing.

Following the hearing, you will be issued a Determination Sheet to present at the Inspectional Services Department (1010 Massachusetts Avenue) as proof of project approval when applying for permits.

ISD personnel will send an electronic copy of your building-permit application to the commission staff for review.

(To avoid potential confusion, the text of your building-permit application should be consistent with the project description given below.)

Commission staff will accordingly authorize the execution of the work, attaching any applicable provisos, reflecting the relevant guidelines and precedents.

Please note that following issuance of the determination sheet no further correspondence will be issued for the applications listed below.

The electronic building-permit application as annotated by commission staff will constitute your Certificate of Appropriateness; this will be valid for one year from the date of the hearing.

The applicant is required to notify the commission of any project changes; failure to do so may affect the status of the approval.

If you have any questions not addressed by the above information, please contact staff at 617.635.1935 or BackBayAC@boston.gov. Thank you.

• APP # 26.1059 BB | 118 BEACON STREET: At roof replace rubber membrane roofing in-kind.

• APP # 26.1110 BB | 226 BEACON STREET: At rear garage replace rubber membrane roof in-kind.

• APP # 26.1060 BB | 255 BEACON STREET: Replace thirteen non-historic windows with historically appropriate wood windows.

• APP # 26.1087 BB | 348 BEACON STREET: Replace ten non-historic windows with historically appropriate wood windows.

• APP # 26.1084 BB | 478 BEACON STREET: Replace three one-over-one wood windows in-kind.

• APP # 26.1096 BB | 501 BOYLSTON STREET: At front facade install wall sign and blade sign.

• APP # 26.0851 BB | 777 BOYLSTON STREET: At front facade install roll away menu board at existing dining patio.

• APP # 26.1010 BB | 40 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE: At roof replace rubber membrane roofing in-kind and remove skylight at machine room, replace asphalt shingles at rear Mansard roof with natural slate and replace existing roof deck in-kind; at rear elevation replace deteriorated trim in-kind and repaint trim and windows, remove air-conditioning units and piping, repair fire escapes, and repair and repoint masonry.

• APP # 26.1068 BB | 63 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE: At third-story replace seven non-historic windows with historically appropriate wood windows.

• APP # 26.1077 BB | 124 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE: Repair rear garden walls.

• APP # 26.1045 BB | 177 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE: Repoint masonry, repair terra cotta, replace missing terra cotta mullion, repaint trim and caulk windows.

• APP # 26.1066 BB | 233 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE: At second-story replace four non-historic windows with historically appropriate wood windows.

• APP # 26.1095 BB | 284 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE: Replace 71 non-historic windows with historically appropriate wood windows, and replace three wood doors in-kind.

• APP # 26.1091 BB | 29 FAIRFIELD: Replace three one-over-one windows with historically appropriate wood windows.

• APP # 26.1083 BB | 11 HEREFORD STREET: At rear elevation replace three non-historic windows with historically appropriate wood windows, and replace a non-historic metal door with a single-light wood door.

• APP # 26.1078 BB | 137 MARLBOROUGH STREET: At seventh-floor replace non-historic windows with historically appropriate wood windows.

• APP # 26.1034 BB | 140 MARLBOROUGH STREET: Replace rear wooden fence in-kind.

• APP # 26.0845 BB | 432 MARLBOROUGH STREET: At rear elevation replace three non-historic windows with historically appropriate wood windows.

• APP # 26.1085 BB | 441 MARLBOROUGH STREET: Replace five non-historic windows with historically appropriate wood windows, and at rear elevation replace a non-historic wood door in-kind.

• APP # 26.1015 BB | 449 MARLBOROUGH STREET: Replace rubber membrane roofing and existing roof deck in-kind.

• APP # 26.1035 BB | 15 NEWBURY STREET: Repair slate roof, repair snow guards and reattach downspout.

• APP # 26.1013 BB | 168 NEWBURY STREET: At front facade install wall sign and repaint storefront.

• APP # 26.1114 BB | 223 NEWBURY STREET: At front facade replace fabric at three existing awnings.

• APP # 26.1052 BB | 326 NEWBURY STREET: At roof replace rubber membrane roofing in-kind.

• APP # 26.1082 BB | 326 NEWBURY STREET: At front facade replace existing wall sign and blade sign.

IV. Staff Updates

V. Projected Adjournment: 6:30 p.m.

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