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2020 MAYOR'S GARDEN CONTEST WINNER



Columbus Park Garden of Hope.



Garden of Hope volunteers.

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park win City's Golden Trowel Award

Special to the Regional Review

On Wednesday, August 5, Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods presented the Golden Trowel Award to Friends of Christopher Columbus Park's Horticultural Committee Co-Chairs Robyn

Reed and Terese O'Connell for the "Garden of Hope." Commissioner Woods noted that the garden earned First Place for its beauty and design and FOCCP's mission to cut and give flowers away to people in the neighborhood who could use some TLC.

The award recognizes that FOCCP won First Place in the Storefront, Organization or Main Street District Garden Category of Mayor Walsh's 2020 Garden Contest.

The idea for the "Garden of

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As COVID-19 cases start to rise in some neighborhoods, BPS eyes two school reopening models

By John Lynds

With the percentage of residents testing positive for COVID-19 on the rise in some Boston neighborhoods, Boston Public School Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius released an updated draft plan of BPS's reopening in the fall that rules out 'full' in-person learning.

As of today, BPS is eyeing two options-- reopening school remotely for all students or reopening school in a hybrid learning model through which students alternate between returning to school buildings and continuing to learn remotely.

However, with more and more surrounding communities that were hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic like Everett opening for remote learning for the first quarter of the school year, sources close to the BPS plan say remote learning will most likely be the plan for Boston schools in the fall

if COVID numbers keep rising in neighborhoods across the city.

In a letter to parents attached to BPS's updated draft plan, Dr. Cassellius said the upcoming school year will look and feel different than any Boston has previously experienced.

"Never before have we started a school year in the midst of a global health crisis," said Cassellius. "In less than ten months, the COVID-19 coronavirus has taken the lives of far too many and changed the very foundations of how we gather as a community. The new school year is also arriving in the midst of another profound change in our nation. In that spirit of community, we will continue to support each other, follow public health guidelines to keep each other safe, honor each other's dignity and treat each other with respect, always guided by the fact that we can accomplish anything

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Amid uptick in cases, Baker puts the brakes on state's reopening process

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker last Friday announced that Step Two of Phase Three of the state's reopening plan is postponed "indefinitely," after public health data showed an uptick in positive COVID-19 cases.

"We cannot say this enough— COVID-19 is highly contagious," Baker said at his press conference on Friday, adding that some people in the state have been "a bit too relaxed."

He cited several reports of big parties at various locations across the state, as well as illegal sports camps, private boat charters, and a 300 person wedding that is cur-

rently being investigated as a cluster and will "likely result in fines."

Baker announced that new initiatives would be put in place to slow the spread of the virus, some statewide and others targeted towards specific communities that are currently experiencing an increase in cases.

"In some respects, we're entering a new phase in our battle against COVID-19," Baker said. He said that additional town data will be reported starting this Wednesday, and will be posted on a weekly basis.

"An uptick in cases and reports of people not adhering to the guid-

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Mail-in ballots for upcoming elections on their way

By John Lynds

Despite President Donald Trump voting by mail during elections in 2017, 2018 and 2020, POTUS has spent the past week threatening to sue state's that will allow mail-in voting for this upcoming Presidential Election--falsely claiming it will lead to widespread election fraud.

While Trump has even suggested the November election should be postponed, Boston is going forward with sending residents 'vote by mail' applications.

At a press conference Mayor Martin Walsh said that registered voters in the North End and the rest of the city should have gotten a mail-in ballot application in the mail last week, if they haven't received one already.

"This year, everyone can vote by a mail-in ballot," said Walsh.

"In the past, Massachusetts residents had to show that they had a disability, that their religion prevented them from voting in-person, or that they would be out of town on election day. This year, Massachusetts passed legislation that waives these requirements, and anyone who requests a mail-in ballot will get one. This will help make sure everyone can exercise their right to vote during COVID-19."

The Mayor said that it's important for residents to note that they are getting an application in the mail, and they must fill it out and send it back to the Elections Department to get a mail-in ballot. As of last week the City had received 4,000 applications for mail-in ballots.

"Voters can choose which election they'd like a ballot for — the Primary Election on September

IMPORTANT 2020 ELECTION DATES

Voter registration deadline	→	Saturday, August 22 at 8:00 p.m.
Early voting period	→	Saturday, August 22 - Friday, August 28
Deadline to request vote-by-mail ballot	→	Wednesday, August 26
Deadline for in-person absentee voting	→	Monday, August 31 at 12:00 p.m.
State Primaries	→	Tuesday, September 1


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1st; the General Election on November 7th; or both," said Walsh. "Independent voters who want to vote in the primary must check a party box. They should then sign the form, and drop it in the mail. No postage is needed."

Applications to request a mail-in ballot must be received by Wednesday, August 26th for the

State Primaries, and October 28th for the General Election.

"Voters who would rather go to their polling place in-person can still do so," said Walsh. "The City of Boston Elections Department is adding COVID-19 protocols on social distancing, sanitizing procedures, and the proper use of PPE in their training for poll workers."

In addition, the City will hold Early Voting again this year. Early voting for the Primaries will happen August 22nd through August 28th; and for the General Election, it will run October 17th through October 30th.

To learn more about mail-in ballots and the upcoming elections, visit Boston.gov/elections.

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when we work collaboratively together."

According to Cassellius Executive Summary of the BPS reopening plan students will be going back to school either remotely for all students or reopening school in a hybrid learning model through which students alternate between returning to school buildings and continuing to learn remotely.

"We have not yet made a final decision regarding which of these options is best for the students of the Boston Public Schools," said Cassellius. "We continue to monitor local health data and will be guided by the advice of our public health officials. We have decided that BPS will not reopen this fall with all of our students gathered in our school buildings together at the same time."

As BPS continues to work to decide whether it is best to start the school year fully remote or with a hybrid learning option, there are several foundational decisions that will shape BPS's decision.

Cassellius said science will drive BPS decisions.

"BPS will only reopen our school buildings to students and staff if and when the Boston Public Health Commission determines it is safe to do so given its constant monitoring of public health metrics," she said. "Once made, the decision may change. As the virus continues to evolve, our decision-making will continue to evolve as well."

A final decision will not be

made until BPS partners weigh in and are heard.

"We have included school leaders, teachers, other staff and BPS families in the past several months of planning," said Cassellius. "The Reopening Task Forces are currently meeting to contribute their ideas in order to improve this draft plan. As new ideas are received and old ones are improved, updated versions of this plan will be released."

Cassellius admits the outlined hybrid model is not perfect and many have commented that the simultaneous teaching of students in person and online is impossible for BPS teachers to do, no matter what technology supports are provided.

"Now is the time to identify how BPS teachers can equitably teach all students - each of whom is legally entitled to structured instructional time, every day of the school year," said Cassellius. "That is the task before us; the time to complete that task is now."

In the end Cassellius said no matter how BPS starts school in the fall, students and staff will be back in school buildings in some manner, on some schedule, at some point during the 2020-2021 school year.

"As such, we are enriched by, and dependent on, the full community's continued commitment to working collaboratively to ensure that all of our students are safe and fully engaged in learning," she said.

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ance means we cannot move forward at this time," Baker said. He said that the state's contact tracing teams have identified large pool parties, birthday parties, and other gatherings as having "contributed significantly to community spread and new COVID clusters."

He said these gatherings are "too big, too crowded," and "people are not being responsible."

New guidelines statewide include reducing outdoor gatherings, on both public and private property, from a limit of 100 people to a limit of 50 people. Indoor gatherings remain at a limit of 25 people. People must remain six feet apart from one another and face coverings are required when "more than 10 people from different households will be mixing," the state said.

He also said that restaurant guidance now states that alcoholic beverages can only be served for on-premises consumption if food is also served as part of the order. He said that "bars masquerading as restaurants" will not be allowed to operate.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders said on Friday that the state's seven day average positive test rate was about 2.1 percent, about .4 percent higher than the past couple of weeks.

On August 11, Baker said that the most recent seven day positive test rate is now 1.8 percent, but an "uptick in various communities across Massachusetts" has been seen.

He said that there are about 33

communities in the state that have more than four cases per 100,000 people (a standard for measuring cases across several states) over the past few weeks.

"These communities require specific strategies," he said. He said that "every community is different" and will require different enforcement measures, as well as additional testing, tracing, and isolation measures.

"The good news is that the vast majority of communities are experiencing low case numbers," Baker said, adding that 318 communities have low numbers of new cases over the past two weeks.

He also said that a map with case counts for every town in the Commonwealth will be released and "will be updated on a regular basis going forward," he said. It will include a color-coded ranking system of "typical traffic light colors:" red, yellow, and green to indicate concentration of cases in a particular area.

But Baker warned residents: "regardless of where your community sits, COVID is not going away."

The Commonwealth's Stop the Spread Initiative, which includes free testing for communities that had a higher positive test rate as well as a lower overall test rate, began last month and has now expanded to 17 communities across the state. Sudders announced that the free testing for those communities will be expanded through September 12, and the administration is "prepared" to expand the program to other com-

munities should they need it.

"Last week, Stop the Spread communities tested 56 percent more residents than the week prior," Sudders said. "Some communities have experienced decreases in their positivity rates."

Baker said on Tuesday that MassPort employees will "serve as ambassadors" to incoming travelers at places like Logan Airport to help them access the state's traveler form and make them aware of the travel guidelines.

Baker also announced a new COVID Enforcement and Intervention Team, which will assist in statewide enforcement and "coordinating local intervention efforts at the local level in higher risk COVID-19 communities," according to the state. "Communities will be designated as higher risk COVID-19 communities based on public health data, including but not limited to rising trends for new cases and the percentage of positive COVID tests." Baker said on Tuesday that the team will help to provide resources in different communities as well as help towns access additional federal funds.

Some of the statewide enforcement will include road signs, PSAs, "potential restrictions or shutdowns for parks, playgrounds, businesses or other entities and locations believed to be contributing to the COVID-19 spread in higher risk COVID-19 communities," other public health support resources, including tracing, testing, and quarantining, among others.

OPINION By Phil Orlandella

HELP KEEP THE COMMUNITY CLEAN AND HEALTHIER

Now that the City of Boston has started mechanical street cleaning in the North End, residents, landlords and the business community should pitch in and

clean the curb area in front of their place of business or homes.

Lending a hand will help make a noticeable difference in the neighborhood, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It will only take 10 minutes to get the job done, resulting in a cleaner and healthier community.

WEST END MUSEUM NEWS AND NOTES

MGH Historic Preservation Public Meeting

On Wednesday August 19th the BPDA will be hosting a virtual meeting to discuss historic preservation and the MGH expansion that threatens the Winchell School and West End House building. If you are interested in attending you must pre-register.

Help the WEM by adding a FB donation button

As The West End Museum navigates the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand that many of you simply don't have the means to donate right now. Today we are requesting that you consider making a post about the WEM, or including a donation button on other Facebook posts you make, as a way of spreading the word about the West End Museum and helping us continue to tell the stories of West Enders and share the culture and diversity of the West End neighborhood.

To add the WEM to your post, just click the support nonprofit action on your post and select the West End Museum. We truly appreciate your support.

Step-by-step instructions:

On your Facebook Page, begin creating a post.

Scroll down the post actions and tap Support nonprofit

Select the nonprofit you want to raise money for.

Add a photo

Tap Continue to confirm you want to publicly post

Click Publish

most nights during the year.

Everyone at your address should be included on your Census form, including children (even newborns!), roommates that aren't related to you, and those without official immigration status.

All Census data is confidential and protected by federal law. Your personal information cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. In the event you misplaced or never received your census ID, you can still respond online without it. You can also respond over the phone: 844-330-2020. Phone assistance is in 13 languages.

Due to changes by the federal government, the last day to participate in the U.S. 2020 Census (regardless of response method) will be September 30.

Only 53.4% of Boston's households have responded to date.

The West End: 31.9%- 37.7%

The West End Museum is a neighborhood museum dedicated to the collection, preservation and interpretation of the history and culture of the West End of Boston.

Our mission is not only to preserve this history for old West Enders and their families, but to invite members of the wider community to engage with this history, to learn from it and explore the wider culture and meaning of 'The Greatest Neighborhood This Side of Heaven'.

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FBI ARRESTS MAN ON FULTON STREET

Fulton Street residence were caught off guard when their street was closed by Boston Police on July 28 about noon.

When they inquired as to what was going on, they were told to "keep away" from the restricted area. They were provided no information.

Reportedly, Federal authorities armed with a court warrant to search a building at 143 Fulton Street, where they eventually arrested Treva Lucas, 31, for allegedly violating terms of his January 2019 release from prison, the Boston Globe reported.

Treva was placed in jail after he pleaded guilty in 2010 to using a firearm and a violent crime incident when he sought revenge on a Wisconsin teen he reportedly met through a game of "World Warcraft".

An FBI statement indicated it was "coordinating court authorization activity in connection with an ongoing investigation and there was no threat to the public safety".

Apparently, the FBI's search went on for several hours looking for weapons that could have been hidden by Lucas.

A tent was set up during the investigation on the sidewalk and the street was shut down.

Residents posted the scene on social media revealing an FBI

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IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

Violent Crimes Division and Hazardous Evidence Team on the site.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL ANNOUNCES THE WINNER OF THE FR. FREDERICK BAILEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Grand Knight, John Pagliuca of the North End's Ausonia Council Knights of Columbus #1553, is pleased to announce that Cameron Esposito, a 2020 graduate of St. John's School was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Knights of Columbus. This award is given to a North End student.

The scholarship award is named after Father Bailey who was the former Pastor of St. Mary's church and the longtime Chaplain of the Ausonia Council.

Cameron has been a student at St. John's School for nine years and will be attending Matignon High School in the Fall of 2020.

St. John's School is located in Boston's Historic North End We are a K3 through grade 8 faith-based school and celebrating 125 years of quality education To learn more about St. John's go to www.sjsne.com.

MAN ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTED BIKE SHOP THEFT ON ATLANTIC AVENUE

Boston Police quickly responded to an attempted theft of a bicycle from Urban Cycle AdvenTours on Atlantic Avenue in the North End.

The incident occurred on July 30 and at about 10:30 a.m.

Jared Collette, 25, reportedly walked into the shop claiming he wanted to test ride a bike, but when asked for an ID, he allegedly walked out the door with a bike.

After the shop mechanic pursued Collette and retrieved the bike, he reportedly turned violent, tossing pavers to the shops window. No injuries were reported.

He was eventually arrested near City Hall by Boston Police after he allegedly kicked and spit on the officers.

He was charged with an armed robbery, assault by means of a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on police officers, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and malicious destruction of property.

The incident was caught on camera.

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EDITORIAL

AMERICA IS CIRCLING THE DRAIN

On January 30 -- what seems like a lifetime ago -- the World Health Organization declared that COVID-19 was a world-wide pandemic. On that same fateful date, the United States' Centers for Disease Control issued a press release that stated as follows: "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today confirmed that the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) has spread between two people in the United States, representing the first instance of person-to-person spread with this new virus here."

One month later, on February 29, after the first confirmed coronavirus death in this country, President Donald J. Trump said as follows:

"We've taken the most aggressive actions to confront the coronavirus. They are the most aggressive taken by any country and we're the number one travel destination anywhere in the world, yet we have far fewer cases of the disease than even countries with much less travel or a much smaller population."

Given Trump's reassuring statement, who among us could have imagined that five months later, the United States would rank as the nation that has been the most-ravaged by the virus? With more than 160,000 of our fellow Americans victims of the virus -- and increasing by 1000 per day -- we have recorded 25 percent of the world's deaths, though we have just four percent of the world's population. And our five million confirmed cases -- an increase of one million in the past 17 days alone -- account for almost one-quarter of cases world-wide.

The daily life of every American has been affected by the virus, with no end in sight. Not only has the fabric of our society been shredded, but the very foundation of our democracy -- the ability to hold fair and free elections -- is in serious jeopardy.

The virus has reduced us to the status of a banana republic in every respect -- and we're continuing to spiral ever downward, day-by-day.

CAR REPOSSESSIONS ARE ON THE RISE

Although most of the attention of the financial crisis brought about by the coronavirus pandemic has focused on the evictions and foreclosures facing millions of out-of-work Americans, the number of repossessions of motor vehicles because of loan defaults is starting to increase dramatically.

With the expiration of a ban on debt collection actions having ended in Massachusetts on July 31, lenders have begun to repossess the motor vehicles whose owners have defaulted on their loans.

We are not taking issue with the lenders -- who only are seeking to protect the value of the motor vehicle for which they have the title -- but we are mentioning it to point out that this is yet another side effect of our nation's feeble national response to the pandemic.

The loss of an automobile will have catastrophic consequences for many families. But the sad reality is that some policymakers in Washington obviously do not care.



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER ARE HERE

GUEST OP-ED

Every American has troubles

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Everybody has troubles. If you don't believe it then ask any American living in the year 2020.

Most of us are accustomed to having troubles occasionally. Some have more than others. Some people think that "some people" never have a problem. All people on some level have troubles.

An old preacher friend of mine from Florida use to say "Glenn, on every level, there is a new devil." This is true. The poor have troubles. The rich have troubles. The famous have troubles. People in obscurity have troubles. Today, 2020 in almost every inch of the United States and with every person of the United States we have universal troubles. You've heard the plea for universal health care? Welcome to universal troubles in America.

Every American in some way is impacted by Covid-19. You have had or have the disease. You know someone. You have heard of someone. Because of Covid-19 you may be unemployed. Your education is impacted. Your sports participation is wrecked at least for the Fall and probably winter. Students wonder every day if they

will see the inside of a classroom in September or even longer.

Every college town in America is on the brink of financial disaster. Can you imagine what it's going to do to South Bend if Notre Dame doesn't come back to campus? What about Gainesville, Florida, Lexington, Kentucky, Columbia, Missouri and just name any town that survives on 20,000 college students and families spending money in their town every day. You can add more to the expanded economic misery of this nation.

So far America's Social Security and Government retirees financially have been okay due to the security of their checks. This pandemic does not have limitations or boundaries. Our nation continues to print off money that we do not have to keep afloat families, small businesses and state governments. I'm afraid the printer in the federal reserve is going to blow up about when it's time to print off my cash for my social security check later next year.

From tourism, restaurants, small businesses or just having to wear a mask or social distance we've all to some extent experienced troubles in 2020. We can

overcome many troubles in life. Some troubles are life changing. Dying or burying a loved one is forever.

I've had ups and downs and most of us have. They aren't fun. The pandemic for many of us has been a lifestyle change. A new normal. An inconvenience. We are having to do some things like wash our hands more, wear a mask and be a little distant from people. That's not killing us. It's when we take on the attitude, "I'm an American. I'm going to do what I want to do, when I want to do it and however, I feel like doing it," then, that attitude becomes part of our national trouble.

Covid-19 is trouble enough. Americans are all in some way sharing in the troubles of this virus. Please, let's all work together to be part of the solution and not to add to our national troubles.

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GARDENS *from pg. 1*

Hope” came to Robyn and Terese early this spring when they realized more than half of the hybrid tea roses hadn’t made it through the winter. They decided to transform the rose garden to a bed of annuals. “The zinnias turned out to be a wonderful riot of bee and butterfly magnets,” says Terese. “It really was a garden of hope. We were hoping the seedlings survived the lack of rain and our well-fed rabbits.” Robyn added, “Winning First Place was certainly not our mission in starting the Garden of Hope but a welcomed acknowledgement of all the love and hard work that went into it.”

the beautiful garden. A neighbor said, “The rose garden reminded me of the elegance of grandmother’s home. This colorful garden makes me think of the fun of Disney World.” The whimsical garden reflects the creativity, fun and commitment of the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park to the neighborhood and is a labor of love.

The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization comprised of North End and Waterfront neighbors and business owners who work together to maintain and enhance the Park and to sponsor special events in the Park.

Visitors to the Park have expressed their appreciation for



Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods presents the Golden Trowel Award to Friends of Christopher Columbus Park.



The Golden Trowel Award.

Fire regulations in the City of Boston PROHIBIT open fires and charcoal and gas grills on roofs, fire balconies and fire escapes.

Many topics on virtual meeting agenda/tonight August 13

By Phil Orlandella

There are several agenda items on the next virtual meeting being held by the North End/Waterfront Residents’ Association (NEWRA) at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 13.

Nikki Stewart, Executive Director of the Old North Church Foundation, will share details on the Foundation’s decision to suspend operations of the historic site.

She will also share the Foundation’s plans on connecting with North End neighbors during the closure.

Jesse Brackenbury, Executive Director of The Greenway Conservancy will provide an update on the upcoming 2020 fall schedule including new public art installations, programmatic changes due to COVID-19.

The owners of 210 Endicott Street, Robert and Marie Dello Russo, have applied to the Inspectional Services Department to extend the existing elevator stop in the building to provide ADA access to the existing roof deck.

North End resident, Tom Schiavoni will provide an update on 14 North Bennet Street.

Victor Brogna, Chair of the NEWRA Zoning, Licensing Committee will discuss the BPDA request to add “or variance” to the electronic billboard zoning (currently not allowed in the North End Waterfront).

The change could suggest to the Zoning Board of Appeals that they can grant a variance to allow electronic billboards.

NEWRA plans to send a letter to the BPDA and will ask members to vote to allow or not allow them to be installed in the community.

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Water dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

While dogs of many breeds and mixes love spending time in and around water, there are dogs that are specifically bred to work in and around water. They're often defined as dogs that take easily to the water and who are trained to hunt and retrieve waterfowl. These dogs often have retriever or sometimes spaniel in their breed names.

However, they are not the only dogs bred for or naturally suited to water work. For example, Newfoundlanders are considered natural water rescue dogs and were used to save people in coastline shipwrecks. Early in their breed history, "Nefies" also helped fishermen pull in their nets.

The Portuguese Water Dog once worked on fishing boats and performed jobs like herding fish into nets, retrieving equipment, and carrying items from boat-to-boat or boat-to-shore. Poodles are water dogs known for their ability to retrieve ducks for hunters.

The Otterhound was bred to hunt otters. Their drive to hunt is so strong that some experts suggest they may be unsuitable as a pet since, with no otters to hunt, they may choose to kill other prey.

You may not think of Border Collies as waterdogs, but we've watched the ones trained to move Canada Geese from our parks working in-and-around the water and they do seem to enjoy swimming. Since this breed needs an

exceptional amount of exercise, introducing water play at an early age and encouraging swimming can be a way to burn off that energy in hot weather.

Around Water

Our Westies have never been swimmers, but they have all loved the beach and walking in tidal pools. A friend's Greyhound likes to stand in the water at their lake house. We watched dogs happily run to a boat, paddleboard, or kayak to spend time on the water with their people. If you walk in parks with ponds, lagoons, or river banks, you'll see many dogs explore the shore or wade in for a cooling dip.

Water Warnings

Knowing your dog, its capabilities, as well as your own, has to be the first rule of allowing your canine companion around bodies of water. Is the dog a strong swimmer? Will the dog respond to voice control if recalled? Could you rescue a dog that needs help in the water?

We've used life jackets for our dogs on boats, piers, docks, or paths like the Boston Harbor walk where there is no easy access point for a dog to return to shore or it would be difficult to pull a dog out of the water without the handle on the life jacket.

Places like the Charles River can pose toxic dangers for dogs. Once again this summer, the Charles River Watershed Association has



One of the delights of a beachside vista is watching retrievers nag their humans for one more round of fetch.

had red flag warnings up on parts of the river due to the presence of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae). They explain, "Public health officials recommend that people and pets avoid contact in areas of algae concentration and rinse thoroughly in the event of contact."

Carrying fresh clean water to

offer your dog can help prevent him from drinking from ponds and streams. Drinking salt water or even just licking fur or paws encrusted with salty residue can also make a dog sick.

With a bit of thought and preparation, you and your dog can enjoy the cooling effects of water

this summer. Swimming, boating, or just walking along the shore can be a fun way to spend time with your favorite pup!

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

Baker-Polito administration launches online platform to enhance food system connections

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the launch of MassGrown Exchange, an online platform designed to facilitate business-to-business connections within the local food system for products and services. The platform was developed following recommendations from the Administration's Food Security Task Force, which promotes ongoing efforts to ensure that individuals and families throughout the Commonwealth have access to healthy, local food.

"Our Administration developed MassGrown Exchange to serve as an important tool for the Commonwealth's agricultural

and seafood industries to expand business opportunities and access new markets, and improve food security for the people of Massachusetts," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Through this new platform, a variety of businesses, including farmers, fisheries, restaurants and food banks, will be able to source locally caught and produced food more efficiently."

Developed by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), in collaboration with the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), this platform was originally established to address COVID-19 disruptions to the local food supply in order to assist

Massachusetts growers and producers in accessing markets. Given its broad applicability to the food sector in the Commonwealth, this platform will remain in place as a helpful tool and resource beyond the duration of the COVID-19 emergency.

"The MassGrown Exchange is designed to be a simple tool for buyers and suppliers with flexibility to meet the needs of the complex food system," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "Building on the recommendations of the Food Security Task Force, this platform will offer every region across the Commonwealth an

opportunity to develop their local food network."

The MassGrown Exchange platform will assist Massachusetts food businesses looking to sell and purchase products and services, including:

- Farmers, fishermen, specialty food producers with wholesale products to sell to restaurants, grocery stores, and other outlets, or searching for equipment or services, such as storage, distribution.

- Buyers (including supermarkets, institutions, schools, food banks, restaurants, and retail outlets) looking for local food products.

- Service and equipment provid-

ers working with businesses in the food system.

The platform offers a simple registration process for Massachusetts food businesses, which can operate as a buyer or supplier, depending on whether they are looking to acquire products or provide products or services. Potential sellers and buyers are encouraged to register their business and start listing products and services.

Please visit the MassGrown Exchange webpage for details on registering as well as a training video on using the platform.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW HEALTH PROVIDES FOOD ASSISTANCE

Beside the COVID-19 testing NEW Health is providing, in the Nazzaro Community Center parking lot, they are also providing support facing food insecurity.

Residents that are unable to purchase necessary groceries can receive supermarket gift certificates through NEW Health.

Call 617-643-8000 for testing and information on food assistance.

FRIENDS CANCEL REUNION

Girl Friends of the North End have canceled the of September 2020 Reunion and have scheduled for this September 2021.

NEW HEALTH OPERATORS VIRUS TESTING

COVID-19 testing is being provided by NEW Health on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Nazzaro Community Center parking lot on North Bennet Street. For appointments call 617-643-8000.

GREENWAY FITNESS PROGRAM

The 2020 Greenway fitness season, presented by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts includes in-person and virtual offerings from yoga to conditioning every Monday through Thursday and Saturday.

New safety precautions are in place for the park class

CITY HALL OPEN TWO DAYS

Boston City Hall is only open two days a week, Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 AM to 5 PM.

VIRTUAL TASTE OF NE

A virtual Taste of the North End will be held on Wednesday, September 9 from 7 to 8 p.m. The special event helps many benefit community organizations.

NEW HEALTH OFFERS FOOD ASSISTANCE

Located on Hanover Street, the NEW Health is providing support for people facing food insecurity. For more information call 617-643-8000.

BPL READERS CLUB

The Boston Public Library (BPL) has created the Future Readers Club, a program to help parents find simple, consistent and fun ways of reading to their babies, toddlers and pre-K children during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Once the twenty-five branches reopen the program will be expanded to each site.

For details visit bpl.org/future-readers-club.

MBTA EXPANDS FALL 2020 BUS SERVICE

Due to ridership demand and to prevent crowding, the MBTA has expanded its fall 2020 bus service on twenty-threes routes.

Charlie tickets and cash fares will be lowered to Charlie Card levels, effective September 1.

NEW ENGLAND CHEF FEATURED

American Heritage Park will present New England Cuisine Chef Annie Copps via Zoom on Wednesday, August 26 at 10 a.m..

Copps is the author of The Little Local Main cookbook and a Little Taste of Cape Cod.

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Free Boston Center for Youth and Families is providing summer programs for youth ages seven and above.

Programs include: arts and computer activities, recreational programs, virtual field trips, workshops and other things to do.

Register at Boston.GOV/BCYF.

OUTDOOR WINERY ON THE GREENWAY

Boston's first outdoor wine garden, City Winery on The Greenway has opened for another season.

The regular hours of operation are Wednesdays and Fridays from 4-9 p.m., Saturdays from 1-9 p.m. and Sundays from 12-8 p.m. into the fall at Dewey Square.

PLASTIC BAG EXTENSION

The City of Boston executive order to exempt all establishments from the plastic being an ordinance will stay in place until September 30.

FREE VIRTUAL EXERCISE CLASSES

Boston Parks and Recreation Department is hosting virtual dance party classes on Monday and Thursday evenings. Contact Jennifer.Widener@boston.gov.

BCYF SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) including the Nazzaro Center is offering teens some virtual programming.

Registration has opened for a variety of programs, designed and operated in accordance with the current public health guidelines.

Apply at Boston.Gov/BCYF.

DOGS NEED TO GET OUT

A reminder from Responsible Urbanites for Fido (RUFF).

Dogs just like humans need to

get out the house, get some exercise and fresh you.

Keeping canines active during the stay at home advisory is important to their health.

There are many walking areas in the North End on nearby that owners can venture to with their pets.

NEW ARTWORK ON THE GREENWAY

New artwork has been recently installed on The Greenway by the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, featuring works by Mexican American Master Folk Artist Calalina Delgrade-Trurk and British Artist Yirka Shonihare.

Artwork will be on display for one-year and will join 3 others already on display.

THE GREENWAY OPEN MARKET OPERATING

The Greenway Open Market,

operated by New England Open Markets, is currently in operation taking place every Saturday of the month and the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Market is a vibrant open-air artisan market.

PUBLIC MARKET OPEN ON THE GREENWAY

Boston Public Market at Dewey Square on The Greenway is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. throughout mid-November as a resource for fresh and local foods.

FOCCP CANCELS EVENTS FOR SUMMER

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park have canceled several events: July 18-September 12 lawn games, July 19-August 23 Sunday Night Movies and August 18 Sunset Harbor Cruise.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF

COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

Docket No. SU18P2489EA

Estate of: Salvatore A. Balsamo

Date of Death: 12/28/2017

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Yvonne L. Balsamo of Marco Island, FL requesting

that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you

or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/20/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by

an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 29, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate

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SAVE THE DATE!

Taste of the North End 2020



We're very excited to announce the

2020 Taste of the North End

will take place virtually on Wednesday, September 9th, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.!

We're taking the annual festival virtual this year, but it will certainly remain a celebration of North End culture, food and restaurants, all while benefiting neighborhood organizations and charities, including NEW Health, Eliot School, St. John School, Harvard-Kent School, North End Against Drugs, North End Athletic Association, and North End Music and Performing Arts Center.

Due to the immense challenges our longstanding restaurant partners have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, a portion of this year's ticket, raffle and auction proceeds will support our local restaurateurs as they safely reopen, covering critical costs including bringing staff back to work, PPE and cleaning supplies.

Stay tuned as we share details and ticket information on the new event. In the meantime, we hope you're enjoying the indoor and outdoor dining experience with our partnering restaurants throughout the North End.

Aqua Pazzo

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Lucca Restaurant

Modern Pastry

Rocco's Cucina

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Domenic's

& Bar

Neptune Oyster

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Forcella

Massimino's Cucina

Pagliuca's

Strega North End

Bencotto

La Summa Cucina

Italiana

Pauli's (takeout)

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Bricco Ristorante

Italiana

Mamma Maria

Prezza

Taranta

Carmelina's

Mike's Pastry

Ristorante Limoncello

The Sail Loft

If you're interested in sponsorship opportunities for the event, please email us at info@totne.org.