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The North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) 2024 Geraldine Marshall Scholarship Award recipients.

## NEMPAC ANNOUNCES MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) celebrates this year's recipients of the 2024 Geraldine Marshall Scholarship Awards from the North End. The following NEMPAC students were awarded scholarships:

Emilia Bruno, age 5, studying private piano instruction

Ferdinand Carangelo, age 15, studying private piano instruction  
Alexandru-Victor Cristescu, age 8, studying private piano instruction

Noah Mendes, age 11, studying private piano, voice, and guitar instruction

Alexandra Rosa Perrina, age 14, studying private guitar instruction

Parker Watson, age 11, studying private guitar instruction

The Geraldine Marshall Scholarship Fund is entering its 10th year and continues to preserve the legacy of a woman who loved children and the arts. The

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## Six residents win seats on NEWNC

By Phil Orlandella

Like many past North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) elections, history repeated itself with not enough candidates filing nomination papers to qualify for a spot on the ballot to conduct a competitive race for the six seats open in 2024.

Candidates needed to secure 25 signatures from residents 18 years or older to be placed on the ballot. Only six residents met those requirements, thus no election was held and all six candidates won

seats for a two-year-term on the 12-member Council.

Each year, six of twelve seats on the Council are up for election. Four incumbents and two new residents were elected. One of them Marie Simboli who has served on the civic group for 25 years. NEWNC President Joel Faller was also reelected.

Other candidates elected were: Rory Harrington, Kevin Fleming, Kristen Hoffman and Gail Salvati-Orenberg,

NEWNC is an all-volunteer community group, a non-profit civic organization that was estab-

lished many years ago to represent the community at City Hall.

Since their inception, NEWNC's goal is providing and protecting the quality of life in the North End/Waterfront neighborhood, dealing with issues, concerns and the development of the historic community.

The only long-standing and active body in the community, elected solely by residents, has continued to meet its goals.

NEWNC meets monthly and conducts several committee meetings periodically.

## Reimagined West End Museum reopens to public

By Dan Murphy

A thoroughly reimagined West End Museum welcomed the public back for the first time in more than two years on Thursday, May 24.

"We're so proud to have it open, and to be able to show this space, and to be able to bring these pieces of the old neighborhood out of the archives in a way we haven't been able to before," Sebastian Belfanti, the museum's executive director, told this reporter following the ribbon-cutting for the newly renovated museum last Wednesday and one day ahead of its reopening to the public. "If you saw the museum before, you haven't seen the space now."

The museum is now undergoing a \$1.4 million, two-phased transformation, following a sprinkler check-valve rupture on the fourth floor of West End Place on Jan.

15, 2022. Besides flooding around 30 units on that building's bottom four floors, the adjacent West End Museum and its office space was also inundated with water in the incident.

More than two dozen large images, which made up about half of the museum's main permanent exhibit, 'The Last Tenement,' were damaged to some extent. But in all, only around 50 items were lost in the flood - around 40 of which the museum had duplicates of - while some other documents had already been scanned. Just two or three photos were completely destroyed.

The erstwhile 'Last Tenement' exhibit has been completely reimagined and vastly expanded as 'Rise, Fall, Rebirth: Stories of the West End' during the \$1 million first phase of the project. This new

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Bob Potenza the West End Museum's archivist, curator, and historian (center), is seen with, left to right: Trivium Interactive's Maria Trias, Jill Domenicia, Kate LaPine, and Alex Beuscher.

## Beacon Hill Art Walk returns Sunday, June 2

The Beacon Hill Art Walk will take over the streets and alleys of the neighborhood on Sunday, June 2, from noon to 6 p.m., rain or shine, on the neighborhood's North Slope.

The one-of-a-kind Boston tradition turns Beacon Hill into an impromptu art gallery where walls and gardens are adorned with artwork while musicians will

be roving throughout the neighborhood and performing in various garden locations. Around 50 artists usually participate in this free event, with a variety of styles, media, and subject matter.

Visitors hoping to get the most out of the Art Walk are encouraged to start at either 135 Charles St. or the corner of Cambridge and West Cedar streets.

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# EDITORIAL

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2024

A high school graduation is a singular event in the life of every community, where almost everybody knows one of the graduates or their families. All of us share in the happiness and sense of achievement of our young people who will be receiving their diplomas. And for all of us, a high school graduation brings back our own fond memories from our long-gone youth.

For the graduates themselves, their high school graduation marks both an end and a beginning. They no longer are children, either in the eyes of the law or in reality. They are full-fledged adults who will be leaving the sheltered harbor of their families and communities and setting sail on a journey that none of them will be able to anticipate, but which will be full of surprises, bringing both stormy seas and smooth sailing.

Yes, graduation is a bittersweet time, both for the grads and their family members.

For the parents who will be watching their sons and daughters step to the podium when their name is called, no doubt they will be thinking of how fast time has gone by since they first brought their child by the hand to preschool and kindergarten.

Such moments bring to mind the sentiments expressed in the lyrics of the song, Sunrise, Sunset, from the musical Fiddler on the Roof:

Is this the little girl I carried  
Is this the little boy at play?  
I don't remember growing older  
When did they?  
When did she get to be a beauty  
When did he grow to be so tall?  
Wasn't it yesterday when they were small?

We congratulate the Class of 2024 for all of the accomplishments that have earned them the right to step onto that podium to receive their diplomas. We know we join with all of the members of our community in wishing them blue skies and sunny days, both on their Graduation Day and in the years ahead.

## DRIVERLESS CARS: WE CAN'T WAIT!

We recently returned from a trip to San Francisco to visit our daughter and got the chance to ride in the driverless taxis from Waymo, the company owned by Google, which has been operating in San Francisco and Phoenix for the past few years.

At first we were skeptical of taking a ride in the cars, which have received some bad press, but Kate (who has been using the service for a number of months) assured us it was perfectly fine.

The vehicles, which are electric Jaguar SUVs, make you feel as if you are riding with a luxury limo service. They are clean, quiet, and have leather seats. They also play soft, relaxing music, though you have the option to choose different genres.

Most importantly, the Waymos obey the speed limits, always signal when changing lanes, never rush through a yellow light, let alone a red light, and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. In other words, the Waymos are far safer than human-operated vehicles.

The experience made us realize that driverless vehicles, guided by AI, will be commonplace in the not-too-distant future -- a future that will make our roads far safer than the carnage that exists today in which more than 40,000 Americans are killed and countless tens of thousands more are severely injured every year thanks to human operators who either are texting-and-driving, under the influence, engaged in road rage, falling asleep at the wheel, inexperienced, too old, blinded by the sun, disobeying the traffic laws, or are just bad drivers.

Driverless cars also will have a huge positive financial impact on our society. Auto insurance rates will go down precipitously (especially for young drivers), car repairs caused by accidents will be minimal, health care costs will decline enormously because of the decrease in auto-related injuries, and senior citizens will retain their independence.

In short, we have seen the future of cars without human operators -- and we can't wait!

## Boston Lyric Opera's free outdoor 'Street Stage' series returns

Boston Lyric Opera's (BLO) popular mobile performance venue Street Stage returns for free live performances to locations throughout Boston this summer. Sponsored by HarborOne Bank and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, Street Stage brings opera and popular music performances to neighborhoods from Charlestown to South Boston; the series kicks off June 1 on the Rose Kennedy Greenway.

Conceived and created as a way to bring music to the public during COVID shutdowns, the 26-foot-long Street Stage vehicle is a semi-trailer engineered to open on three sides and offer a 270-degree view of performers. Audiences are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs to the open-air performances.

"There's no more exhilarating experience than hearing beautiful music on a gorgeous warm summer day," says BLO Artistic Director Nina Yoshida Nelsen. "The artists performing this summer season are some of the most accomplished performers in Greater Boston. Different programs and activities are planned at each site, so multiple visits are encouraged!"

Nelsen says support from HarborOne Bank and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture is crucial to make the series available for free across the city. "It's quite fitting that three of our concerts are

in places where the Harbor figures prominently."

Details on the performance listings below, and information on BLO's other summer events is available at [blo.org/events](http://blo.org/events).

Street Stage Season Opener at Rose Kennedy Greenway

Date/Time: June 1, 2024 @ 3:00 PM (Rain Date: June 2)

Location: Rowes Wharf Plaza, Atlantic @ High Street, Boston

Details: The season opener at Rose Kennedy Greenway will feature a selection of beloved arias and popular opera repertoire, including exclusive previews of BLO's 2024/25 Season. Attendees can also enjoy free Greenway Carousel passes available at the BLO information table.

Street Stage Returns to the South End's Villa Victoria

Date/Time: June 13, 2024 @ 4:30 PM

Location: Plaza Betances, IBA's Villa Victoria, 100 W. Dedham Street, South End

Details: Street Stage makes its anticipated return to Villa Victoria. This family-friendly program will highlight Spanish-language arias, and poetry by local residents and youth program participants, all to celebrate the cultural heritage of the community.

Street Stage Debut at Charlestown Navy Yard

Date/Time: August 3, 2024 @ 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM

Location: Charlestown Navy Yard, 23 2nd Ave., Charlestown, Boston

Details: For the first time, Street Stage visits the historic Charlestown Navy Yard. In partnership with the National Parks of Boston, this event will feature operatic arias and music inspired by the sea, set against the backdrop of the Boston Harbor. Performances will take place on the lawn of the 1805 Commandant's House, with alternating musical sets at 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM. The program will also include meet-the-artist interviews and family-friendly educational content.

An Evening Concert at South Boston's Moakley Park

Date/Time: August 7, 2024, 5:30-7:30 PM

Location: Moakley Park Picnic Area, 450 Old Colony Ave., South Boston

Details: Street Stage brings a multicultural music program to historic Moakley Park for the first time. The event, perfect for a family-friendly evening, will feature food, games, and kid-centered art activities provided by Boston Harbor Now. Picnic tables and chairs will be available on a first-come basis, with attendees encouraged to bring their own seating. Registration is recommended at [blo.org/events](http://blo.org/events).

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## NEMPAC (from pg. 1)

Scholarship Fund was established by Geraldine's son, Representative Aaron Michlewitz. Ms. Marshall, who passed away ten years ago at the age of 68, was born in Dorchester in 1946, moved to the North End at the age of 21, and settled here for almost 50 years before her passing.

The fund also supported two youth music scholarships at the Community Music Center of Boston, including recipient Nikita Yang, and sponsored the annual merit-based NEMPAC Youth Music Competition.

Representative Michlewitz says, "Our family is once again excited to celebrate my mother's dedication to providing young people with access to the arts. We are extremely thankful for everyone's support of the Marshall Scholarship and congratulate this year's beneficiaries."

Marshall's love of the arts and passion for the North End has inspired \$45,000 in scholarships awarded to 42 youth students over the last 10 years to students seeking to participate in an arts enrichment program, such as private music lessons, enrollment in a group instrument program, or an after-school musical theatre.

"As an organization dedicated to fostering the growth and enrichment of young artists, we are grateful for the support orchestrated by this scholarship fund. It not only provides access to music and arts education but also cultivates deeper engagement in the arts in our entire communi-

## Coletta to host third Annual North End Pride Celebration

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta is hosting the third Annual North End Pride Celebration on Wednesday, June 5 at 5:30 PM on the Paul Revere Prado with musical performances by North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC).

"This is a beautiful and new-found tradition that we've crafted in the last three years and I am delighted to once again celebrate it at the Paul Revere Prado. All are welcome to join us in this celebration of love in honor of our LGBTQ+ neighbors and affirm that no matter who you love or your gender identity, you belong in this neighborhood," said Councilor Gabriela Coletta.

Councilor Coletta is hosting the Pride Celebration in partnership with State Senator Lydia Edwards, State Representative

ty," said Sherri Snow, Executive Director of NEMPAC.

On June 2nd, NEMPAC will host its 7th Annual North End Cornhole Classic, which continues to support the fund and the ability to make exceptional music programs more accessible to youth in the North End and City of Boston. More information on how to attend and participate as a spectator or player can be found here, or make a donation to the fund here.

The North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) is a 501(c)(3) community music school and a professional performing arts center with a strong focus on serving the North End/Waterfront and surrounding neighborhoods of Boston by making quality music and arts programming accessible for all.

As a music school, NEMPAC reaches over a thousand students per week, offering music education programs across several art disciplines, including dance, movement, and theatre. As a highly respected performing arts center, NEMPAC presents public concerts and professional performance projects each year involving hundreds of local Boston artists.

NEMPAC believes we are all musicians and performers and prepares individuals to be the best version of themselves through music education programs and transformative artistic experiences.

Aaron Michlewitz, the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement, and The Queer Neighborhood Council (TQNC). The celebration will begin at 5:30pm with a short program followed by refreshments.

"I'm proud to stand with our North End LGBTQ+ neighbors for the 3rd Annual North End Pride Flag Raising. This event is an excellent opportunity to recognize the LGBTQ+ community and the equal rights journey that Pride Month represents," said State Senator Lydia Edwards.

"This month, I'm honored to once again, celebrate with our North End LGBTQ+ community by raising the Pride Flag at the Prado, and by doing so, promoting love and inclusion." said State Representative Aaron Michlewitz.

## NEWRA opposes change of hours; defers vote on Beer and Wine transfer

By Phil Orlandella

At the May monthly meeting of the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) two items were on the agenda.

NEWRA voted 13-1 in opposition of a request by Fish Taco, 227 Hanover Street to change the hours of operation from 7am to

11pm to 10am to 1am.

A petition has been filed with the Boston Licensing Board that will make the final decision.

Frank Pellino of the newly proposed Pappare Restaurant, 358-364 Hanover Street, formerly Maurizio's Restaurant, and the adjacent doctor's office is applying for a transfer of a beer and wine

license, and a 70-84 seat restaurant with a bar.

NEWRA voted 14-1 to defer a vote, because there maybe a zoning issue that needs to be addressed.

The next NEWRA monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13 at 6:30pm at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

## FOCCP elects officers/directors At Large

By Phil Orlandella

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) at the community group's annual meeting in May held an election of officers and two Directors At Large positions to serve on the over 30-year-old civic organization.

Six incumbent candidates were elected to the community group that takes care of the two gardens located in the park and works

with the City of Boston Parks Department to continuously take care of the park by keeping it clean.

FOCCP for over 30 years has provided many activities and events, including special holiday activities for the community and general public to enjoy and have some family fun.

Joanne Hayes Rines was once again elected. She has been on FOCCP's board for 20 years, serv-

ing 15 years as President.

Other residents elected were:

Some of the many family activities, programs and events FOCCP puts together every year include, arts and crafts, outdoor films, lawn games, social events, a community harbor cruise, special holiday family-fun events and other activities for everyone to enjoy.

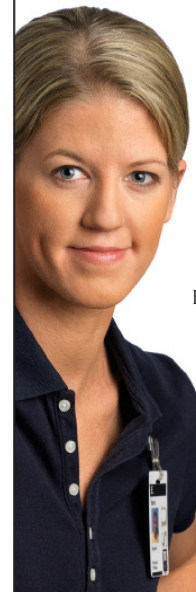
Recently FOCCP held their first successful Earth Day in the park.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A  
MOTORCYCLE.  
AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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## NEWS, NOTES AND WHATEVER By Phil Orlandella

### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT COLUMBUS PARK

Always a terrific and fun filled family event, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will once again hold its annual Independence Day Celebration at the park, a special event that shouldn't be missed.

The very popular and entertaining community event, that's a well-organized neighborhood celebration begins with a parade around the park, music, arts and crafts, cartoon characters and many other things to do during the event that has been highly successful over the years.

The special celebration will take place on Saturday June 29, weather permitting.

### TWO CARIBBEAN HERITAGE EVENTS ON THE GREENWAY

A Caribbean heritage event "Soca on the Square" will be held

on The Greenway on Sunday, June 30 followed by a Caribbean Fest on Saturday, July 6.

Both events will have live music performances, local artisan vendors providing great food and other activities for participants to enjoy.

### ANNUAL FOCCP SUNSET HARBOR CRUISE

Tickets are now on sale for the 2024 annual Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) popular sunset cruise on board the gorgeous Odyssey in partnership with the Boston Harbor City Cruises.

The popular and well attended Friends' harbor cruise will sail on Tuesday, July 20 with a boarding time of 5 to 6pm.

There will be music, cocktails and an apps station for cruisers to enjoy.

The cruise also offers an oppor-

tunity for friends and neighbors to discuss the topics of the day and make new friends as well.

This is a terrific social event that shouldn't be missed.

### NEMPAC JAZZ CONCERT SERIES ON THE GREENWAY

Once again, in partnership with the Rose Kennedy Conservancy, the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) will perform a "Jazz in the Park" series at The Greenway's North End Park on Cross Street.

Performances will be held on Thursdays from July 11 to August 15, weather permitting.

NEMPAC performers will present an excellent jazz performance that has attracted local residents, people working in the area and others that have enjoyed the popular Jazz Concert series.

### FOCCP HOLDS FIRST EARTH DAY

For the first time, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) held a successful Earth Day Fair at the park.

Many environmental exhibitors presented a variety of earth friendly exhibits and reliable information to the general public.

During the fair, FOCCP collected items to donate to organizations ranging from gently used children's clothing and crayons that will be melted down and made into new crayons and eclipse glass.

### OVER 200 FITNESS CLASSES ON THE GREENWAY

Entering into its 10th season, The Greenway Fitness Program, presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts is offering over 200 free fitness classes.

The Conservancy, after last

year's successful inaugural Fall Fitness Series, is offering an extended season that starts on June 3 and will continue through November 12.

The series provides the public with essential opportunities to nurture mental and physical health as well as social well-being.

A full schedule of classes is posted on The Greenway website.

### PARKARTS AT LANGONE FIELD

Artists ages nine and up can participate in the 2024 Boston Parks and Recreation Department's ParkArts watercolor printing series in the North End at Langone Park on Commercial Street this June.

The free workshop welcomes artists of all skill levels to create their own watercolor master piece.

Materials and instructions will be provided by event sponsor Bank of America. Check the website for day and time.

# Boston Market annual farmers' market is moving to Greenway

Special to the Patriot Bridge

Boston Public Market outdoor seasonal farmers market is back, and better than ever, in a new location. Through October 24, the farmers market will be open on Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on The Rose Kennedy Greenway, between Milk Street and India Street, across the street from the Rings Fountain and the Harbor Towers.

The market will bring fresh local food and local artisanal specialties and retail products to residents, workers, and visitors on The Rose Kennedy Greenway. The Market is currently accepting applications for vendors selling products that have been grown and/or produced by local vendors, or made from locally grown ingredients.

On June 13, the Market had a kick-off party with live music, vendor giveaways, farm friends, and more for a festive start to the farmers market season.

"We're thrilled by the opportunity to be in the hub of The Greenway, which welcomes both tourists and our neighbors in the North End, close to East Boston, and still accessible for our long-time visitors from the financial district," said Cheryl Cronin, CEO of the Boston Public Market. "One of the fundamentals of this market is to increase accessibility to fresh, local food for all, and this new location fosters that community

goal."

This year the Market will feature an exciting, rotating assortment of all-new vendors including:

Building Audacity, a hydroponic produce company from Lynn, Mass.

Chocolaffee, is a company that offers roasted peanuts, almonds, and other nuts and ethnic sweets based in Revere, Mass.

Cini Coffee is a coffee company based in Cambridge, Mass. that offers roasted coffee and teas sourced from Ethiopia.

Craic Sauce is a Lowell, Massachusetts-based hot sauce company that uses locally sourced peppers.

Del's Coffee Roasters is a locally roasted coffee based in Somerville, Mass.

Forestopia, based in Mass., offers a variety of teas, powders, nuts, syrups, and more.

Fuful Bakery, based in Quincy, Mass. offers a variety of European-style breads, pretzels, and pastries featuring a wide variety of flavors highlighting Asian ingredients.

Hillside Herbals, a Jefferson, Mass.-based company offering teas, culinary herb blends, and herb-infused self-care products.

Inkasisa Farm, based in Salisbury N.H., offers Alpaca fiber products such as dryer balls, felted soaps, socks, knitwear, yarn & more.

Kettlebones, based in Danvers,



One of the farmer's wagon on the Greenway.

Mass, this company sells all-natural dog treats baked with a great deal of locally sourced ingredients, such as Teddie Peanut Butter and Essex Count Honey, along with award-winning Oat Flour, and no additives or preservatives. Ragged Hill Cider Company, based in West Brookfield, Mass., this company uses apples grown on the fami-

ly-owned orchard to create small-batch hard cider. Sudbury Bees, based in Sudbury, Mass. features wildflower raw honey, beeswax, and beeswax candles. We Grow Microgreens, based in Hyde Park, Mass. is an urban farm offering microgreens, plants & seedlings, herbs, vegetables, flowers & more from their greenhouse. As a supplement to the indoor, year-round

Boston Public Market, the outdoor market offers farm fresh produce; agricultural products; bread and baked goods; and an assortment of specialty and packaged foods from local farmers, food entrepreneurs and artisanal retailers. Boston Public Market vendors are proud to accept SNAP/EBT for all eligible market products.

# Sugar, spice & everything (n)ice from Boston Public Market

Just in time for spring, Boston Public Market announces its three newest vendors: Curio Spice Co., Parlott Chocolatier, and Oohjacquelina Jewelry. Together, these three women-owned and operated businesses contribute a spicy, sweet, and sparkling presence to Boston's preeminent collection of New England artisans and food producers under one roof. The warmer months have been an exciting time for the local marketplace, with the Boston Public Market named among the "10 Best Public Markets in America" by USA Today readers during its 2024 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

"We couldn't be more thrilled to welcome three new vendors to our family of local, small businesses," says Cheryl Cronin, CEO of Boston Public Market. "And there's something especially gratifying about becoming home to three women owned and operated businesses in the heart of Downtown Boston just in time for our most vibrant seasons."

## CURIO SPICE CO.

To the delight of Bostonians who love to cook, Curio Spice Co. is expanding its unparalleled collection of global flavors to the Boston Public Market from

its longtime flagship store in North Cambridge. Owner Claire Cheney launched Curio Spice in 2015 as a mission-driven B Corp, committed to sourcing ethical culinary ingredients from sustainable farms in New England and around the world that support women and communities. Curio Spice Co. offers an expert-guided experience that can awaken the senses while you discover Sri Lankan cinnamon, Turkish magic salt and Maine seaweed mixes alongside summer sangria spice mix, Chai teas, pickling kits and other familiar and rare spices. Neighboring vendor George Howell Coffee will offer a Rose Cardamom Latte in honor of Curio's opening, featuring spices from their shop.

Visit [curiospice.com](http://curiospice.com)  
**PARLOTT CHOCOLATIER**

Parlott Chocolatier owner Lu Parlott grew up in Brazil, helping her mom make chocolates from the cocoa beans farmed by her dad. Moving to the US, Lu continued the family tradition producing artisan chocolates to sell online and at a brick-and-mortar location in Westwood. Marking its big city debut, Parlott Chocolatier at the Boston Public Market creates the finest truffles, brigadeiros, bars, barks, and assorted chocolate candies, made from the finest

ingredients with passion and style. Visit [parlott.com](http://parlott.com)

## OOHJACQUELINA JEWELRY

Looking for a unique remembrance you will cherish forever? Oohjacquelina Jewelry is a jewelry atelier founded by Bostonian artist and musician Jacquelyn Wells. Emphasizing bridal and everyday jewelry using semi-precious stones, genuine pearls, and hypoallergenic-waterproof metals (either pure sterling silver or 14K gold fill), Oohjacquelina is known for its hand hammering, wire wrapping, thread earrings, and permanent jewelry pieces. Every item is "quality handcrafted to last" and priced for all budgets, and styles, and most days she offers customizations on the spot.

Visit [oohjacquelina.com](http://oohjacquelina.com)  
**THE BOSTON PUBLIC MARKET**

The Boston Public Market is an indoor, year-round marketplace featuring about 30 New England artisans and food producers housed under one roof offering fresh foods, prepared meals, crafts, and specialty items. Residents and visitors alike can find seasonal, locally sourced food from Massachusetts and New England, including fresh produce, meat and poultry, eggs, dairy, seafood, baked goods, specialty

items, crafts, and prepared breakfast, lunch, and dinner options. Everything sold at the Market is produced or originates in New England, as the seasons allow.

As a nonprofit organization, the Boston Public Market is a "Market on a Mission" to nurture local entrepreneurs who have barriers to fully participating in the Market, educate their visitors on the importance of a resilient and equitable food system, celebrate the bounty of all of New England, and cultivate a diverse community around food.

The Boston Public Market is a civic, community-building space for farmers, fishers, food entrepreneurs, neighbors, cus-

tomers, and partners who come together around the common culture of food. The Market creates opportunities for small businesses to thrive, and nourishes the community with experiences, conversation, and education about public health and the impact of buying local food. Year-round festivals, workshops, cooking classes, and tours create an engaging, educational experience and a vibrant environment for everyone.

The Boston Public Market, located at 100 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02108, is open Monday and Tuesday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Wednesday through Saturday 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, and Sunday 10:00 AM to 6:00PM.

# Freedom Trail Foundation launches Rainbow Revolutionaries Tours

The Freedom Trail Foundation announces the launch of a new, first of its kind official Freedom Trail tour entitled Rainbow Revolutionaries.

On June 2, the Foundation's Rainbow Revolutionaries Tours will step off to illuminate the lives, loves, and fights for liberty of Boston's LGBTQ+ community, while exploring how queer individuals have been making history for centuries. Led by 18th-century costumed guides, the tours will travel along the Freedom Trail and visit seven places featuring Boston's LGBTQ+ history, including official Freedom Trail historic sites as well as sites just steps off the Trail. Rainbow Revolutionaries will uncover the history of Boston Marriages, political milestones for LGBTQ+ rights, and the storied romances of some of Boston's most famous individuals, from literary giants to a world-renowned actress, and even a Revolutionary

war hero. Tour goers are invited to join in to bring this history to life and celebrate Pride by discovering the achievements of the queer people who have always been a part of and have helped shape Boston.


"Same-sex relationships and gender nonconforming people have always existed throughout history, but until recently, mentions of queer people in history have often gone overlooked," said the tours' creator Programs Manager Catherine Benjamin. "It's a privilege to bring these stories to light, and acknowledge the identities of people who may have felt hidden in the shadows during the time they lived in."

These special tours will be offered on Saturdays and Sundays throughout June (except June 8), departing at 10:45 a.m. on Boston Common behind the Robert Gould Shaw and Massachusetts 54th Regiment Memorial. Freedom Trail Foundation walking tours

are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students, and \$8 for children, and include a \$1 donation to the Freedom Trail Foundation's Preservation Fund. Tickets may be purchased at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center and The BOS Traveling Mobile Visitor Center (various locations) and online at [TheFreedomTrail.org](http://TheFreedomTrail.org).

All walking tours are available for group tours year-round by appointment and are perfect for tourist groups, family outings, birthday parties, company parties, corporate activities, team building, and more, and may be scheduled via phone reservation at (617) 357-8300.

For more information about the Rainbow Revolutionaries Tours or media inquiries, the Freedom Trail and Freedom Trail sites, please call (617) 357-8300 or email [info@thefreedomtrail.org](mailto:info@thefreedomtrail.org).



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## CITY PAWS

## Garden tips for pet people

Last summer, our block had a serious outbreak of Pokeweed, a highly toxic and invasive plant. It started in one neglected front garden and quickly spread up and down the street. We warned neighbors with dogs and showed them photos of the plant. This was crucial to help them avoid it as they walked their dogs along the fences it leaned over.

This issue reminded us that gardeners and homeowners with gardens are not the only ones who must be aware of toxic plants, mulch, and garden chemicals.

## What Are the Dangers?

The AARP outlined some of the dangers in an article on safe gardening for the whole family: "Pet owners who share their homes (and yards) with dachshunds that dig, corgis that chew, Dobermans that drink from the bird bath and Labrador retrievers that treat the compost like a buffet (in addition to adventurous cats and maybe even some chickens) often go to great lengths to create pet-friendly yards where their four-legged friends can hang out without getting sick."

The AARP list of "6 Tips for Planting a Pet-Safe Garden"

included some we've seen elsewhere, like learning about and removing toxic plants, reading directions and using garden chemicals and sprays with care, using safer options, and being cautious in your selection of mulch because some, like cocoa bean mulch, can be harmful to dogs.

They also added three tips that went beyond common knowledge. They suggested you do your best to discourage ticks and fleas and protect pets allowed in the garden with treatments for these parasites. If you have a compost heap or container, you should ensure your pets (and we would add rodents) are not attracted by it.

They pointed out the dangers to pets when using sharp garden tools or power equipment and suggested keeping curious animals out of the garden when you trim trees and hedges or mow the lawn.

With many reports of coyotes in urban areas, supervising your dogs when they are in the garden is a good idea.

## Safe and Fun

How safe a particular pet is in a garden depends on the age, breed, temperament, and how well-trained that animal happens



With many reports of coyotes in urban areas, supervising your dogs when they are in the garden is a good idea. (Photo by: Hiro Takashima)

to be. Like all other aspects of life with dogs and cats, training your companion to be a polite garden visitor will take some effort.

Sighthounds, like Greyhounds, tend to be couch potatoes outside their daily exercise routine. Like small breeds designed to be human companions, these guys

are typically easy on a garden. However, dogs with high energy and strong instincts to dig, guard, or hunt need careful monitoring and correction.

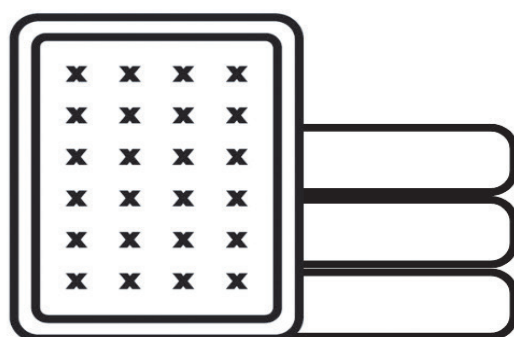
If you have a digger, consider building a sandbox and encouraging your pup to burrow there rather than dig up your plants. Some savvy gardeners have added a piddle post, perhaps a piece of driftwood, for male dogs to confine their marking instinct to one place.

Other dog-loving gardeners have added water features that are a favorite cooling-off spot for their companions. Providing sun and shade options lets your dog choose where to rest as the seasons change.

## The Pokeweed Vigilante!

Fortunately, our pokeweed problem disappeared overnight. It was there one day, and the plants were gone the next morning. A person or persons unknown removed the pokeweed. They did a great job, judging by the minor regrowth we've seen this spring. We hope they disposed of it safely, which is our final reminder. In addition to removing toxins and dangers from your garden, you must be careful about how you dispose of them.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your request.



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# Wu appoints former State Rep. Byron Rushing to city's Reparations Task Force

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston Reparations Task Force recently announced the appointment of former State Representative Byron Rushing to the Reparations Task Force. With this appointment, the task force members will continue to build and convene around Boston's work regarding research and community engagement around reparative solutions for the descendants of enslaved persons.

"Byron Rushing is a groundbreaking leader and legendary advocate for justice whose work has moved our city forward," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Throughout his life, he has always fought for voices who have gone unheard and uplifted communities across the state. I'm grateful for Byron's service on the Reparations Task Force and know that he will be an invaluable member guiding this critical work."

Rushing's appointment adds

a range of experience and strong understanding of Boston's communities that will build on the task force's composition and current work. The Reparations Task Force consists of community leaders in law, academia, community organizing, and education and represents diversity in age, gender, and discipline to fully encompass the Black experience in Boston. The task force is currently working with two teams of research partners who are studying and documenting the City's role in the transatlantic slave trade.

"As the Boston Reparations Task Force conducts our examination of the historical and present impacts of slavery in the City of Boston, we are pleased to welcome State Representative Byron Rushing (Ret.)," said Joseph D. Feaster, Jr., Chair of the Reparations Task Force. "We thank Mayor Wu for her leadership in appointing Representative Rushing. I am delighted with his appointment because of the thoughtful deliberations



State Rep. Byron Rushing

he will bring as we, in collaboration with the community, work towards presenting recommendations for a reparations plan for Boston."

Former State Representative Byron Rushing has served as a vital advocate for

Black communities across Boston and Massachusetts. During his time in the State House, Rushing represented the 9th Suffolk District

in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1983-2018. Rushing rose to become Assistant Majority Leader, the highest-ranking leadership role ever held by a person of color in the Massachusetts State Legislature.

"The task of determining reparations is one of utmost importance in this moment as Boston and communities across the country take on helping people reconcile, move forward and recover," said Byron Rushing. "This work will not be easy because it begins with the history of Boston's involvement with slavery and the slave trade. I'm thankful to Mayor Wu and look forward to working closely with every member of the task force and community to ensure that we center this work on equity and justice and truth."

Before his service as a legislator, Rushing participated in the civil rights movement and worked in various capacities for the Congress of Racial Equity (CORE) and the Northern Student Move-

ment before becoming President of Boston's Museum of African American History. As State Representative, Rushing worked to pass a groundbreaking law to ban discrimination the basis of sexual orientation, led Massachusetts' fight against apartheid in South Africa, championed marriage equality, and worked to address racial disparities in our legal system.

In January, Mayor Wu and the City of Boston Reparations Task Force announced the selection of two teams of historians who will research and document the City of Boston's involvement in and historical connections to the transatlantic slave trade, as well as the institution and aftermaths of slavery. The research teams are in the process of conducting original historical research and a comprehensive review of major themes and findings on the City's history from 1620 to the present. For more information about the task force, visit [boston.gov/reparations](http://boston.gov/reparations).

## Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center holds ribbon cutting ceremony

North End Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center held a ribbon-cutting and open house event for its new hemodialysis unit at the skilled nursing facility in Boston's North End. Developed in partnership with DaVita Kidney Care, the dialysis den is led by an on-staff nephrologist and features five chairs to accommodate dialysis patients within the subacute setting. Research shows that patients who receive dialysis on-site during their stay in a nursing home – eliminating the need for transportation to and from daily appointments – have improved clinical outcomes, better recovery times and reduced risks of infection. The hemodialysis unit is part of the North End Rehab's comprehensive chronic kidney disease

management program designed to manage symptoms, increase quality of life and reduce adverse effects among patients with chronic kidney disease and related diagnoses.

North End Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center provides the North End neighborhood of Boston and surrounding communities with the highest levels of subacute short-term and comprehensive long-term care in a compassionate and caring environment. The 100-bed center is proudly serviced by Marquis Health Consulting Services, which provides administrative and consulting services to skilled nursing facilities and senior housing communities along the Eastern Seaboard. For more information, visit [www.northendrehab.com](http://www.northendrehab.com).

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# Boston places 14th on annual Trust for Public Land ParkScore Index, boosted by strong scores for park access

Special to the Times

Trust for Public Land announced Boston was rated the nation's 14th best big-city park system by the 2024 ParkScore® index, dipping slightly below last year's 10th place finish. Atop the ParkScore rankings, Washington, DC, retained the ParkScore title, outpacing Minneapolis (2nd), Saint Paul (3rd) and Irvine, California (4th). The ParkScore index evaluates park systems in the 100 largest U.S. cities.

Boston ranked highly on all ParkScore rating factors. According to Trust for Public Land, 100 percent of Boston residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park. Among all 100 ParkScore cities, only San Francisco matches Boston's park access marks. The city also scored highly for park amenities, leading the nation for splashpads and spraygrounds at parks. Boston provides 12.6 of the popular summertime amenity per 100,000 residents, far above the national ParkScore average of 1.5.

Boston invests an impressive \$175 per resident in its park system, comfortably above the national ParkScore average of \$124. However, per capita investment declined slightly compared to last year's \$176, contributing to the park system's dip in the rankings. Boston's ParkScore was also limited by below-average marks for park size. The median Boston park measures only 1.4 acres, below the national ParkScore average of 5.4.

Accompanying the annual ratings list, Trust for Public Land published new research reporting that residents of cities with high ParkScore rankings are, on average, more socially connected and engaged with their neighbors than are residents of cities with lower-ranking park systems.

The research report, *The Power of Parks to Strengthen Community*, found that residents of cities ranking in the top quarter of the ParkScore index are 60 percent more likely to volunteer than are residents of lower-ranking cities. Residents of higher-ranking cities are also 26 percent more likely to form friendships with people in different socio-economic groups. A strong body of research indicates that relationships crossing income divides increase economic mobility and reduce inequality. Social connections also lead to better physical and mental health.

The *Power of Parks to Strengthen Community* details many strategies used by civic leaders to facilitate social connection at parks. Some common tactics include hosting movie nights and other gatherings at public recreation centers, sponsoring arts and fitness classes, and supporting voter registration drives. The research is based on nearly 900 examples shared with Trust for Public Land by city park leaders.

"Park leaders are stepping up to promote community connection and address the national epidemic of loneliness and social isolation," says Diane Regas, President and CEO of Trust for Public Land. "By mixing tried and true strategies like fitness classes and sports leagues with innovative ideas like intergenerational storytime, where senior volunteers share their favorite books with children, cities are finding creative ways to bring people together and strengthen community bonds. We're impressed by what we've seen this year, and we will continue working with cities throughout the United States to support park access for all."

The ParkScore index reported significant increases in park investment for 2023. Across all ParkScore cities, average park spending

per resident increased to \$124, up from last year's \$108 and reaching a ParkScore-era high. ParkScore reports investment per resident as a three-year moving average, so totals for 2023 are based on 2021-2023 city budgets. Trust for Public Land attributes the increased investment to heightened awareness among policymakers and local residents about the many ways parks serve as vital community infrastructure, especially during emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic. Local governments are also taking advantage of federal stimulus funding to launch major park projects. Previous research found that virtually every city included in the ParkScore index leveraged parks as testing centers, personal protective equipment distribution hubs, or emergency food service centers at the height of the pandemic.

## PARKSCORE RANKINGS FOR 2024

Washington, DC, was rated the best big-city park system in the United States for the fourth consecutive year. The city scored well on all ParkScore rating factors. Twenty-four percent of land in the District of Columbia is reserved for parks, among the highest in the United States. The District also outperformed on ParkScore's park access and park equity metrics. Residents of Washington, DC, neighborhoods where most residents identify as Black, Latino, Indigenous and Native American, or Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have access to about the same amount of park space as residents of neighborhoods where most of the population identifies as white.

By contrast, among all ParkScore cities, neighborhoods where most residents identify as people of color have access to an average of 45 percent less park space than residents of predominately white neighborhoods. Similarly, ParkScore city residents in low-income neighborhoods have access to 45

percent less park space than residents in high-income neighborhoods, on average.

Irvine continues to climb the ParkScore index rankings, finishing fourth for the second consecutive year and matching its all-time high. Irvine ranked eighth in 2022. Irvine's surge is driven by significant increases in park investment, as the city continues progress toward creating its planned "Great Park" on the site of the former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station.

Other major ParkScore movers this year include Gilbert, Arizona (+33 to sixty-seventh); Arlington, TX (+27 to forty-seventh); Richmond, VA (+17 to twenty-second) and Nashville, TN, (+15 to seventy-eighth).

Boise defended its title as the best park system for dogs, with a nation-leading 7.6 dog parks per 100,000 residents, outscoring Portland, Oregon, and Henderson, Nevada. St. Paul received top marks for basketball hoops, Las Vegas scored best for playgrounds, and Boston earned top marks for splashpads and other water features.

## PARKSCORE METHODOLOGY AND RANKINGS

The annual ParkScore® index ranks park systems in the 100 most populous U.S. cities and is widely considered the gold standard for park evaluation. ParkScore rankings are based equally on five factors:

- Park access measures the percentage of residents living within a 10-minute walk of a park.
- Park equity compares per capita park space and 10-minute-walk park access in communities of color vs. white communities and in low-income neighborhoods versus high-income neighborhoods. Park systems score higher if disparities are minimal or non-existent.
- Park acreage is based on a city's median park size and the percentage of city area dedicated

to parks.

- Park investment measures park spending per resident.

- Park amenities assesses the availability of six popular park features: basketball hoops; off-leash dog parks; playgrounds; splashpads and other water-play structures; recreation and senior centers, and restrooms.

The ParkScore index uses advanced GIS (Geographic Information Systems) and spatial analysis to evaluate park accessibility. Instead of measuring distance to a local park, the rating system's GIS technology considers the location of park entrances and physical obstacles to access. For example, if residents are separated from a nearby park by a major highway, the ParkScore index does not count the park as accessible to those residents, unless there is a bridge, underpass, or easy access point across the highway.

Municipal leaders use ParkScore information to guide park improvement efforts, studying park access on a block-by-block basis and pinpointing the areas where new parks are needed most. The ParkScore website, [www.tpl.org/parkscore](http://www.tpl.org/parkscore), is free and available to the public, empowering residents to hold their elected leaders accountable for achieving equitable access to quality parks for all.

Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national nonprofit that works to connect everyone to the benefits and joys of the outdoors. As a leader in equitable access to the outdoors, TPL works with communities to create parks and protect public land where they are needed most. Since 1972, TPL has protected more than 4 million acres of public land, created more than 5,420 parks, trails, schoolyards, and iconic outdoor places, raised \$94 billion in public funding for parks and public lands, and connected nearly 9.7 million people to the outdoors. To learn more, visit [tpl.org](http://tpl.org).

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# Fire service leaders urge summer fire safety

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine and Foxborough Fire Chief Michael Kelleher, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, are reminding residents to practice fire safety this season.

“Memorial Day is the unofficial start of summer, and we want to remind everyone to play it safe as they enjoy the warm weather,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “Don’t let a fire or serious burn ruin your summer.”

“As we spend more time outside with friends and family, firefighters start to see more outdoor fires,” said Chief Kelleher. “Sadly, many of these fires cause serious injuries and property damage – but almost all of them can be prevented by using extra caution and care.”

## Grilling Safety

More than 75% of grilling fires in Massachusetts occur between May and September, and Memorial Day is a leading day for cookouts with family and friends. Stay safe when using your gas or charcoal grill:

- Always grill outdoors, never inside.
- A burning grill should always be attended by an adult.
- Never use a gas or charcoal

grill on a porch, balcony, or fire escape.

- Place grills at least 10 feet away from buildings and deck railings. Make sure grills are not under eaves or overhanging branches.

- Gas grills may be used on first floor decks or patios only if there is an outdoor stairway to the ground, or it is at ground level.

- Always keep matches, lighters, and lighter fluid away from children.

- Create a three-foot “circle of safety” around grills. Keep children and pets at least three feet away on all sides.

When using a gas grill, open the lid before you light it to avoid the ignition of built-up propane. If you smell gas while cooking, turn off the grill, move away, and call 9-1-1 from a safe location. Do not move the grill. Always turn off the burners and close the propane cylinder when you’re done cooking.

If using a charcoal grill, only use charcoal starter fluid. Do not use gasoline or kerosene to start a fire in a grill, and never add any flammable liquid to burning briquettes or hot coals. Allow the coals to burn out completely and then cool for 48 hours before disposal. If you must dispose of ashes before they are completely cooled,

thoroughly soak them in water before putting them in a metal container.

## Gasoline Safety

Serious gasoline-related burns peak in the summer months, with about 40% reported from June through August. Always be cautious when using gasoline, especially in the area of any heat source:

- Gasoline should only be used as fuel for an engine, not as a solvent.

- Never use gasoline to start a fire or add it to any fire.

- Store gasoline only outside the home, such as in a locked shed, and always in an approved container. Never store gasoline in the home or basement.

- Refuel lawnmowers, leaf blowers, mopeds, and other devices only when the engine is cool. Never refill while it is hot.

- Keep gasoline away from all heat sources, such as smoking materials, campfires, and grills.

## Smoking Safety

Smoking materials have been the leading cause of fire deaths in Massachusetts for decades, and there have been many fires this spring from improperly discarded smoking materials on porches and

in backyards. Mulch is especially prone to combustion caused by careless smoking. Smoking fires are particularly dangerous because they may smolder undetected and then erupt into flames that grow rapidly. A fire that starts on a porch, balcony, or exterior stairway can extend to the home before smoke alarms inside detect them and alert you to the danger.

“If you still smoke, or if you have guests who do, please do it responsibly,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “Always use a deep, sturdy ashtray or a can with sand or water. Don’t toss smoking materials into the mulch, leaves, grass, or planters, and don’t stub them out on the porch railing or stairs. Remember to put it out, all the way, every time.”

## Brush and Wildland Fire Safety

Almost all outdoor fires are caused by human activity. In the warm, sunny, dry weather expected this weekend these fires will spread to dangerous sizes quickly and require numerous firefighting resources to contain and extinguish. And because more than 50% of Massachusetts homes are in Wildland-Urban Interface or Intermix zones, outdoor fires can easily threaten people and property.

- Practice fire safety with grills, flammable liquids, smoking materials, and power equipment.

- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted by checking with the local fire department.

- Clear away dry leaves and sticks and overhanging low branches and shrubs.

- Keep campfires small so they are easier to control and attend to them at all times.

- Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire.

- Make sure your campfire is out cold before leaving.

- If using an ATV, dirt bike, or other off-road vehicle, be sure the spark arrestor is properly installed, as required by Massachusetts law.

- Don’t park a vehicle or power equipment such as a lawnmower on or near dry vegetation. A hot engine or exhaust can ignite dry grass, leaves, or debris.

“Brush and wildland fires can quickly grow to sizes that require a large response by local and regional fire departments,” said Chief Kelleher. “That level of response can strain our resources and make it harder to respond to other emergencies. If you see a fire, please call 9-1-1 to report it as soon as possible.”

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction look-ahead for the North Washington Street Bridge through June 8 is as follows:

### Scheduled Work

- South abutment concrete placements
- Drilled shaft installation
- Architectural trellis painting and lighting
- Steel touch-up painting
- Main bridge west sidewalk formwork and rebar installation
- Warehouse span barrier formwork and rebar installation
- Marine fender pile installation

### Work Hours

- Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Travel Tips

For everyone using the east sidewalk of the new bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right,

walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and

manage traffic impacts during events. For your awareness, the following TD Garden events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

- CELTICS: June 2 at 8 p.m.
- OTHER EVENTS: June 7 at 7 p.m.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

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Project website: [Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement](http://Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement)

Project email: [NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us)

## LEGAL NOTICES

### 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. SU22P2198EA Estate of: James F. Darcy

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## Department of Public Health report shows uptick in calls to State's Problem Gambling Helpline

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) released the Fiscal Year 2023 Problem Gambling Helpline report, which highlighted an increase in call volume to the line and included initiatives that served more than 2,000 individuals in communities across Massachusetts in prevention efforts.

DPH established the Office of Problem Gambling Services (OPGS) in 2016 to mitigate the potentially harmful effects of gambling, which can take a toll on individuals and communities in Massachusetts. Problem gambling can significantly impact an individual and their family, relationships, social interactions, and employment. It disproportionately impacts people of color and has a high level of comorbidity with substance use and mental health disorders.

Community-based initiatives funded by OPGS raise awareness about problem gambling and provide access to resources. Campaigns and programs have targeted youth and men of color – two

of the groups most likely to experience problem gambling – through community outreach, education through art, small group sessions, presentations, and events. Looking forward, OPGS will continue to target these populations through new initiatives, including youth peer-to-peer mentoring, telehealth services to improve access, and targeted public awareness campaigns.

“As access to gambling expands in Massachusetts, we remain focused on supporting and promoting prevention, referral, and treatment options to help those with a gambling problem,” said Public Health Commissioner Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD. “The Problem Gambling Helpline is a centerpiece of these efforts. We are committed to working with our state and community partners to connect Commonwealth residents to appropriate resources so that people get the care they need.”

From July 2022 through June 2023, the Problem Gambling Helpline saw an increase in overall call volume and referrals from

the previous year. The increase is likely the result of improvement in helpline services in coordination with public awareness campaigns, community efforts to provide individuals and families with education and resources, and sports wagering advertisements. There is currently no evidence to support that the increase in call volume and referrals is a direct result of an increase in problem gambling in the Commonwealth.

The helpline received 3,050 calls in Fiscal Year 2023, up from 1,378 calls in Fiscal Year 2022 for a 121 percent increase. Calls from those seeking support and information increased by 41 percent to 636 and calls resulting in referrals specifically for outpatient treatment increased by 96 percent – to 185 from 362.

Of the 636 callers, 73 reported sports betting as their reason for seeking assistance – a 1,117 percent increase from FY22, when only six callers referred to treatment reported sports betting as their main concern.

Sports wagering in Massachu-

setts launched in casinos January 31, 2023; online sports wagering began March 10, 2023. Total call volume for the Problem Gambling Helpline was the highest from February through June 2023 with 2,069 calls, as sports wagering was launched and advertisement of the Problem Gambling Helpline that is required to accompany sports wagering ads increased.

The report also found:

- Calls from individuals seeking help increased to 380 in FY23 from 301 in FY22, while calls from loved ones of those with a gambling problem increased to 148 in FY23 from 106 in FY22.

- Calls from individuals in recovery increased to 89 in FY23, compared to 27 in FY22, an increase of 230 percent.

- Referrals by gambling type for casinos increased to 170 in FY23 from 45 in FY22, an increase of 278 percent.

- Male callers increased by 56 percent to 500 in FY23 from 321 in FY22 while the number of female callers remained about the same – 137 in FY23 compared to

131 in FY22.

- Calls seeking referrals for treatment increased across all age groups in FY23. Those 30-to-39-years-old represented a 293 percent increase – to 169 in FY23 from 43 in FY22.

- Referral calls increased across all regions. The state's Northeast region had the largest increase of 62 percent – to 123 in FY23 from 76 in FY22.

“The Problem Gambling Helpline provides an important connection between those who are experiencing problem gambling – including sports betting – and services that can help,” said Victor Ortiz, Director of the Office of Problem Gambling Services. “Expanded access to gambling in the Commonwealth poses risks, particularly to those in recovery, and highlights the need to provide responsive referrals to callers based on their needs. The OPGS is committed to monitoring the ongoing impacts of sports wagering and expanded access to gambling on individuals, families, and communities in the Commonwealth.”



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HIGHWAY DIVISION

### NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS — Project File No. 606476

Two Virtual Public Informational Meetings will be hosted on the MassDOT website below for the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project in Boston.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.      **WHERE:** [www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events](http://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events)  
Wednesday, June 12, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

**PURPOSE:** The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is hosting two virtual public information meetings to discuss the upcoming full closure of the Sumner Tunnel. The closure will impact abutters and regional traffic. These meetings will discuss steps the public can take to reduce the closure's impact on their commute. All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested commuters are invited to attend. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments. Both meetings will provide the same information. Holding two meetings is an effort by MassDOT to accommodate everyone's schedules as best as possible. Spanish and Arabic interpretation will be available at the meeting.

**PROPOSAL:** The full tunnel closure will begin July 5, 2024 and end August 5, 2024. There are periodic weekend closures of the tunnel leading up to the full closure. There will be periodic weekend closures of the Sumner Tunnel in summer/fall 2024. The number of weekend closures is dependent on work completed by the contractor during the July 5 to August 5 full closure.

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email ([MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us)). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the meeting.

This meeting will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

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CHIEF ENGINEER

## ParkARTS Summer Watercolor Painting Workshops return

Special to the Times

Budding artists ages nine and up are invited to join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department for its popular Summer series of ParkARTS Watercolor Painting Workshops during the month of June at six Boston locations. The series of free workshops is just one of the many offerings of the 2024 ParkARTS program. The Title Sponsor is Bank of America.

The workshops welcome artists of all skill levels to create their own water-inspired masterpieces. Materials and instruction by local artists are provided. This series is open to Boston residents. Registration is required. For more information, please visit [boston.gov/watercolor-workshops](http://boston.gov/watercolor-workshops).

Classes are held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., weather permitting. Dates and locations for the workshops are as follows:

Saturday, June 1  
LoPresti Park  
33 Sumner Street, East Boston  
Sunday, June 2  
Christopher Columbus Park  
110 Atlantic Avenue, North End  
Saturday, June 8  
Langone Park  
529-543 Commercial Street, North End  
Sunday, June 9  
Boston Public Garden (Lagoon)  
4 Charles Street, Downtown  
Saturday, June 15  
Chandler Pond  
98 Lake Shore Road, Brighton  
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# Wu announces City's plan for a safe, healthy and active summer

Special to the Regional Review

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the City of Boston's comprehensive plan for a safe, healthy, and active summer in all Boston neighborhoods. This year's summer safety plan will serve as the foundation for the City's ongoing, year-round efforts to address the root causes of violence through a public health lens, and create the conditions for community healing. Mayor Wu also announced the City's first Plan to End Violence, a long-term, sustainable, data-driven, and visionary approach aimed at ending violence holistically and year-round through revamped commitment to community engagement and centering lived experiences of residents most impacted by violence.

"This summer will be filled with opportunities for young people and families to stay active and engaged in community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This year's summer safety plan will serve as a critical step in moving forward for our work year-round to make sure our communities are safe, with coordinated activities across city departments for supports, resources, and fun."

In an effort to ensure the City's summer safety efforts across departments best reflect the needs of Boston residents, the Mayor's Community Safety Team prioritized community engagement by hosting three rounds of engagement sessions to design, refine, and preview this year's summer safety plan in partnership with neighborhoods. From February through May, the team hosted 27 meetings in BCYF community centers across nine neighborhoods, resulting in the most extensive community engagement strategy in the City's history that informed the creation of the summer safety plan.

"Preventing violence is a year round priority, but we have short term work to do and have Summer-specific challenges to strategize around," said Isaac Yablo, Senior Advisor for Community Safety. "This is why we worked hand-in-hand with the community to build this cross-departmental, data-driven, evidence-informed, humanity-centered plan that is truly, 'for community, by community.'"

This summer, the City is focused on scaling up programming in key areas, ensuring neighborhoods are supported, strengthening violence intervention and prevention efforts, and reinvesting into communities across Boston that are most impacted by violence. Additionally, City departments are working closely with the Boston Police Department (BPD) to identify and focus violence reduction efforts in "opportunity zones," areas that have historically

experienced a higher rate of violence. BPD will provide a positive police presence in locations where violence is concentrated and supplement the City's ongoing efforts to engage individuals at the highest risk for violence. To improve the quality of life in the neighborhoods, BPD will also coordinate closely with various agencies to address large-scale congregating and disturbances with a safe, preventative approach.

"Building Trust is the single most important piece of our overall strategy for public safety in Boston year-round. It's what Community Policing is based on and it is what addressing and solving criminal activity is built on. We are a data-driven Department, but we know that partnerships are crucial to reducing crime and bettering our ability to address crimes that occur," said Commissioner Michael Cox, Boston Police Department. "During the summer months there are more daylight hours, kids are out of school and there are more opportunities for encounters that in some cases lead to violence. We are focused on creating additional proactive, positive engagement opportunities for our officers in the Community. This includes working with our partners like the Mayor's Violence Reduction Team, as well as YouthConnect and our BEST clinicians, to address the needs of individuals who may be vulnerable in our communities. BPD also continues to focus considerable attention on addressing what we call revelers. Those on off-road vehicles and 'speaker cars' that create unsafe situations and seriously impact the lives of our residents. We are also actively engaged in a working group focused on moped activity across our City. We thank the public and the business community for their partnership and support of our efforts to address these issues."

## Youth and Summer Job Programs

In addition to scaling up programs to address root causes of violence, Mayor Wu remains committed to expanding career pathways and connecting young people across neighborhoods to opportunity. This commitment is highlighted by the Mayor's Youth Job Guarantee, a commitment by the City that every BPS student has access to a paid summer job.

The City is now accepting applications for futureBOS, the 2024 Summer Youth Employment Program, including all Successlink job opportunities for Boston youth and young adults ages 14-24. Young people that are interested can now find summer job opportunities through futureBOS, the newly redesigned webpage hub for all youth

employment opportunities throughout the City. There is a step-by-step guide available online to help youth navigate the application process and job applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Youth can also visit the office in person, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 1483 Tremont Street in Roxbury, or call 617-635-4202 for additional assistance. For more information, visit [boston.gov/futureBOS](http://boston.gov/futureBOS).

Boston Public Schools is also committed to ensuring that students have access to necessary resources throughout the summer, and provides a number of programs for BPS students and families across the city. For a full range of existing programs, visit [www.bostonpublicschools.org/summer](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/summer).

"We are thrilled to support Mayor Wu's vision for a fun, vibrant and safe summer in the City," said Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper. "Our schools are committed to providing students with enriching summer programs and resources that foster learning, engagement, and community connection. By collaborating closely with city departments and community partners, we aim to ensure that our students have access to meaningful opportunities that contribute to their continued growth during the summer months."

Each summer, departments within the Human Services cabinet, including Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) and the Office of Youth Engagement & Advancement (OYEA), serve thousands of youth and families, engaging young people in a variety of programs, community events, and employment opportunities. This summer, Human Services is adding three new strategies to offer additional event programming and resources to youth, addressing gaps in its current framework.

First is a Boston After Dark Friday evening series held in collaboration with partner organizations, with events on Friday nights, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., from June 21 through August 30. Secondly, Human Services will add programming and activities for teens in the weeks between school and summer jobs, at the beginning and end of summer break. Finally, new this summer, BCYF is partnering with the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) to bring Franciscan Children's counselors into a select number of BCYF community centers over the summer to provide behavioral health therapy groups for youth starting in July. In addition, OYEA will be relaunching the YouthLine, a comprehensive set of resources for youth.

This additional programming builds on BCYF's existing summer programming, OYEA's summer

events, and BCYF's teen engagement. More information can be found at [www.boston.gov/youth](http://www.boston.gov/youth).

## Adopt A Block

Building on the Mayor's commitment to address the root causes of violence, the City is also ramping up the "Adopt A Block" initiative, a partnership between the City of Boston and various faith communities to serve residents and families in neighborhoods that have historically experienced an increase in violence during the summer months. This initiative will also feature Unity Walks starting in June and ending in August. These walks will bring residents of all faiths together to walk their neighborhood, connect with neighbors, and serve as an opportunity to ensure communities are safe through connection and solidarity.

This initiative aims to build trust between the City and residents, strengthen relationships between the City and critical faith organizations, provide opportunities for community engagement, and improve delivery of City services to families most impacted by violence.

"Adopt the block unity summer walks is a great program under the City of Boston led by Will Dickerson," said Bishop William E. Dickerson II, Greater Love Tabernacle. "It's a great time for the clergy, residents, community stakeholders and the police to show unity in regards to peace in the community. It is very encouraging and inspirational to see such unity displayed in regards to peace."

BPHC also offers a variety of violence intervention and prevention initiatives aimed at supporting residents impacted by violence and fostering community healing, including the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI). SSYI works with teens and young adults between the ages of 17 and 24 who are most at risk from community gun violence to connect them with mental health services, educational opportunities, and workforce programs. By providing more intensive support and services to those individuals more regularly impacted by or engaged in violence, this is a program designed to address entrenched issues at the root of violence. SSYI is an ongoing program that will continue throughout the summer.

To meet Bostonians' growing health needs, address longstanding gaps in access, and elevate mental and behavioral health, BPHC's Center for Behavioral Health and Wellness will continue to promote and improve mental health and wellness for everyone in Boston this summer by removing the stigma associated with finding support and treatment

for mental health issues. Additionally, the Center will help residents get the mental health support they need through collaborating with external partners to provide population-specific external resources.

## Block Party Grants

Earlier this month, Mayor Wu announced applications are now open for the second year of block party grants. New this year, the City of Boston has streamlined the summer block party permit application process to improve constituents' experience and speed up approvals. This funding effort is to encourage residents to connect with their neighbors and experience the joy of building a stronger community. Residents and community groups who apply for the mini-grants can receive up to \$750 to purchase food, party supplies, lawn games, and other items for summer block parties to make it easier and more affordable for neighborhoods to hold community gatherings.

The block party grant builds on the Mayor's commitment to fostering a fun, safe, and healthy summer in Boston. Last year, the Office of Civic Organizing (OCO) provided 52 grants to residents and community groups totalling \$30,000 across 14 neighborhoods in Boston.

## Summer Activation Grants

Building on the City's commitment to expand resident opportunities to connect and build community, Mayor Wu also today announced the second iteration of the City's Summer Activation Mini-Grants. These mini-grants, administered by the Mayor's Community Safety team, represent a \$100,000 investment focused on empowering organizations' efforts to activate social spaces and build community with residents throughout the summer months. The City will be awarding grants to various neighborhood associations, tenant task force organizations, and grassroots community-based organizations across Boston in the near future.

This announcement builds on Mayor Wu's commitment to build strong, healthy communities where every resident feels safe and is connected to opportunity and city services. Additionally, Mayor Wu has worked to expand programming and employment opportunities for Boston residents, including a new streamlined youth summer jobs program. This month, Mayor Wu also took steps to build up public safety infrastructure, appointing Evandro Carvalho as the new Executive Director of the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT).



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## MUSEUM (from pg. 9)

permanent exhibit tells the West End's story from when the neighborhood first comprised fields, farms, factories, and a few mansions around Bowdoin Square, though the immigrant era and the demolition that came with urban renewal, and up until the modern age (and beyond).

But Belfanti added that he's proud to be involved with a museum that tells the story of not only the West End neighborhood but also of the city itself.

The newly designed space is laid out in a such way that makes it easy for visitors to move easily through the exhibits as they trace the evolution of the neighborhood.

On display now, Belfanti said are "little things" from the old neighborhood, including "very personal items," such as naturalization documents and archives from the West End House, along with arts and crafts that children made in school. "They show you what a neighborhood it was," he added.

The new exhibit was also designed specifically for the space of this museum space, said Belfanti, as opposed to old exhibit, which was designed for a different space before moving to the West End Museum.

("The Last Tenement" exhibit was originally installed in 1992 at the Old State House by the Bostonian Society through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. It was relocated to the West End Museum in 2006.)

The \$400,00 second phase of the museum's renovation will include the development of two new films - one focusing on abolitionists in the old West End (and now Beacon Hill) and another exploring the experience of displacement from the West End. An interactive map will also be developed as part of this second phase.

Asked about the reimagined museum welcoming the public back again after such a lengthy closure, Duane Lucia, a longtime West End Museum board member, quoted Bob Potenza the museum's full-time archivist, curator, and historian, who said, "It's been a long road."

Lucia has watched the museum evolve from he described as originally not much more than a "collection of sandwich boards"; through to the reinstallation of the original 'Last Tenement' exhibit and the rotating exhibits, which he helped curate for about 11 years; through to today following its extensive renovation.

From the very beginning, though, Lucia said he expected the museum would grow into what it has become today. "I always knew that every time a new director came in, there was going to be a transformation," he added.

Lucia said the work that Belfanti and Potenza have done to reimagine the museum and tell the history of the neighborhood is "just another chapter in the West End saga."

In described the old West End, Lucia called it a "working-class community," where some residents strove to reach the middle class while others were just content to live in a neighborhood "where people got along and helped each other."

"Things weren't presented to them on a silver platter," he said. "They had to work for things."

Of the old West End, Lucia added: "It created a lot of great institutions like the West End House, the Elizabeth Peabody House, or some of the schools that were here, churches that were here, or the community group as well. It takes community to do that."

Lucia said he now wants to see the West End Museum become an institution that will still be around in another 100 years, like the West End House.

"This chapter still isn't done so we're working on strategic planning to make sure this particular location and what we're going to be doing here sustains itself into the future and for future generations," said Lucia. "We want the story to perpetuate itself, and who knows - there's a story unfolding right now in the West End. There's a community that's developing. We're now going to have a community center location. We're now going to have a neighborhood center that has a permanent home for the West End Civic Association, so that's a big part of the story as well."

Lucia also acknowledges that he now has his eye set on the Last Tenement building at 42 Lomasney Way, located directly across from the museum, when it comes to expansion. He points to the success of the Tenement Museum in New York City, which could serve as a model for Boston's own tenement museum.

"It would be an incredible acquisition," said Lucia.

While he believes further expansion of the museum is inevitable, Lucia cautions that it has to be done in a "fiscally responsible way."

"This chapter still isn't done so we're working on strategic planning to make sure this particular location and what we're going to be doing here sustains itself into the future and for future generations," he said.

The West End Museum is located at 150 Staniford St., Suite 7. For more information on the museum, and to contribute to its ongoing renovation costs, visit [thewestend-museum.org](https://thewestend-museum.org).