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GARDENS FOR CHARLESTOWN



Gardens For Charlestown inaugurated its Discovery Trail, an activity map that sets young visitors to the Gardens on a path of exploration to the many secrets within. Placards are set up along a path organized by a map and various forms of flora and fauna are revealed and explained.

Above, Ruby Murachver (right) shows her mom Lindsay what she found in the flowers. See Pages 14 and 15 for more photos.

Right, a flower grows in the Gardens.



Wu announces efforts to increase tree canopy

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu announced efforts to bolster the City of Boston's tree canopy to enhance livability and public health throughout Boston's neighborhoods. As part of today's announcement, Mayor Wu is launching a new Forestry Division within the Boston Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD) to expand Boston's ability to maintain existing and plant new trees. The Forestry Division will grow the City's tree-related workforce from 5 to 16, with dedicated leadership and resources to plant new trees as well as proactively inspect, maintain, and prune existing trees, focusing on under-canopied and environmental justice neighborhoods. This intentional focus on Boston's trees follows the recommendations of Boston's newly-released Urban Forest Plan (UFP), an assessment of Boston's urban forest with recommendations to improve the way trees are cared for and ensure the urban forest is available to the entire community.

Mayor Wu made the announcement today at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, a nonprofit partner that has gifted the City of Boston 10 dawn redwood trees – descended from the first such trees to grow in North America in over two million years, known as “living fossils” – to be planted in neighborhoods across Boston.

“Trees are our best green tech-

nology to fight climate change and build healthy, beautiful communities, especially as heat and storms intensify,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Dedicating staff and resources to our new Forestry Division will empower the City of Boston to strengthen our tree canopy city-wide so every community benefits from these treasured resources. I'm especially grateful for the partnership with the Arboretum in sharing the wonder of dawn redwoods citywide as a connection to our legacy of research, discovery, and global collaboration here in Boston.”

“Boston's trees beautify our communities, create oxygen, and mitigate the urban heat island effect while cleaning pollution from our air,” said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. “We know that Boston's history of disinvestment has led to inequitable access to trees. I am thrilled that the City's new Forestry Division will take proactive steps to correct these inequities by planting and protecting trees and creating good, green jobs.”

“Our new tree division will significantly expand the City's capacity to plant and care for trees in every neighborhood,” said Ryan Woods, Boston Parks and Recreation Department Commissioner. “We are committed to increasing the survival rate of our new plantings and support-

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Officials tell residents of city's programs to address rat problem

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Whether you live in East Boston, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, or Jamaica Plain, there is a common problem that all residents are facing -- and that is rats.

“It is a big issue,” Inspectional Service Director (ISD) Director John Ulrich told the members of the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association in East Boston last week.

Ulrich said that the 14 ISD

inspectors are on the city's streets starting at 4 a.m., ticketing residents and businesses for violations of the sanitary code, baiting sewers, and doing pest control at local parks.

However, the biggest driver of the rat explosion is food that is left uneaten.

“Food over everything,” is what needs to be controlled, Ulrich said. But it is not just food. Bird feeders overflowing and dog waste also needs to be picked up, not to mention trash should

be stored and placed in secure barrels.

Ward 1 Councilor Gabriella Coletta noted that she and the city council have earmarked extra money in the budget for the ISD to fight this problem.

“Residents are lucky that elected officials care about people,” Ulrich said, noting that these extra funds will go a long way to combating this problem with additional staff and tools. He also mentioned that the ISD is mapping all of their work and are constantly

EDITORIAL

GET THE NEW COVID SHOT NOW!

We realize that after two and one-half years of dealing with COVID-19, all of us just want to be done with COVID.

But the unfortunate reality is that COVID-19 is not done with us, despite what President Biden suggested in his interview on Sunday with 60 Minutes.

The number of Americans who still are contracting -- and dying from -- COVID each and every day continues to be staggering: The daily average of new COVID cases in the U.S. is more than 60,000 and the daily average for new deaths is almost 500. More Americans are dying from COVID every week than died on 9/11.

The toll that so-called long-COVID is wreaking on our population also is enormous. By some estimates, 20 percent of those who contract COVID, even if they have mild cases, will suffer from the effects of long-COVID, including many that are physically and mentally debilitating over the long term.

However, the availability of the new COVID-19 vaccine marks a huge step forward in our ability to reduce the ravages of the COVID pandemic. The new vaccine, which became available two weeks ago for all adults, is the only type of vaccine that can protect against the most dominant Omicron strains of COVID-19 in the US. The new booster is bivalent, which means it provides better protection against both the original strain of COVID-19 and the Omicron variants that are currently causing most infections (BA.4 and BA.5).

In addition, preliminary research suggests that the new vaccine offers significant protection not only against serious illness and death, but also against contracting long-COVID.

Health professionals are recommending that even if you have had COVID, you should get the new vaccine as soon as a month after your illness, and for those who have received all of the previous boosters, you should get the new vaccine two months after your last shot.

Those with compromised immune systems should consult with their doctor about getting the new vaccine.

We urge all of our readers not to walk, but to run, to a health care provider to get the new vaccine ASAP.

AMERICA NEEDS IMMIGRANTS MORE THAN EVER

For the first time in the history of the world, there are more people on the planet over the age of 65 than under five.

For industrial nations such as the U.S., this is a profound change from what has been the norm for the past 75 years, when the arrival of the Baby Boomer generation marked the beginning of just the opposite trend.

But with the Baby Boomers leaving the workforce in unprecedented numbers, we're seeing some of the effects of this new change in demographics. There simply are not enough Americans to fill jobs of all kinds -- reportedly there is just one worker for every two job openings -- and no matter how much the Fed raises interest rates, that is not going to change.

Moreover, as the majority of Baby Boomers begin to hit their 70s, the demand for service employees, ranging from healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, home health aides) to the travel industry (flight crews, airline ground staff) is going to increase exponentially.

Whether going to a hospital emergency room or an airport these days, it's already a nightmare, with the consequences ranging from life-and-death to inconvenience.

Japan has been the canary in the coal mine of this demographic shift. Its economy has been stagnant for a decade and even shrinking in comparison to other nations because of the decline in its birth rate and its aging population.

The industrialized world is facing the reality of simple arithmetic: There are fewer young people to take care of a lot more old people.

In 1970, the median age of the U.S. population was 28.1. Today it is 38.6. In other words, our population today is almost a full generation older (if you count a generation as being 15-20 years) than it has been in the past.

With the U.S. government stuck in gridlock, it is obvious that we as a nation are not going to be able to do anything to address this impending seismic shift in demographics over the long term.

America's greatness always has stemmed from those who have immigrated from other countries. Immigrants come to America to make a better life for themselves and their families. They work hard and possess an entrepreneurial spirit. In addition, they bring a diversity that has created the wonder that is the American melting pot.

More than ever, America needs immigrants to fill the jobs and pay the taxes that will support our aging population.

We realize that a lot of people may not want to hear that -- but that is the reality.

LETTER to the Editor

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE ILL-CONCEIVED BUNKER HILL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT? ANYTHING?

To the Editor,

Driving by the Bunker Hill Housing Development on Medford Street, one cannot miss the boarded up lumbered buildings that have been the status quo for over a year now. Asking around the neighborhood, there are few tangible answers as to why nothing is happening. There are rumors, such as material shortage, Covid, "do you know what's going on"?

It seems to me that our elected officials might shed some light or information that would be helpful to the community of Charlestown. If they don't have any answers, then why not?

Everyone is perplexed and the residents are suffering. The residents of this housing complex are left in limbo. Decent living conditions are needed now, not years from now.

This new Boston Planning and Development Agency plan is not mixed income as promised. I had hoped the delay meant a possible redesign of the plan would eliminate the ill-conceived segregated, low income only towers.

Segregated, low-income towers do not work for equitable housing. This was so evident at the former Columbia Point in Dorchester. The similarities of Columbia Point and the proposed towers in Charlestown have strikingly similar narratives. Why is this so?

In the early fifties, Columbia Point was built on a peninsula, no adequate public transportation, isolated and was hailed as the largest public housing complex in New England with over 1500 residents, many housed in high towers. Today, there are renovated buildings, some new, with 1282 units on 50 tree-lined acres, with ample greenspace and two public pools.

The Bunker Hill Housing Development is basically considered part of the peninsula of Charlestown, little public transportation and is now the largest public housing complex in New England. With plans to develop segregat-

ed towers, this could eventually be the failure that Columbia Point once was. The Bunker Hill Housing Complex had up to 1100 units on 27 acres [almost half the size of Columbia Point] at one time. The new development with a proposal of 2699 units, with little greenspace is looking at a potential 7000 residents. [The Boston census of 2020 calculates 2.3 residents per unit].

In the mid- sixties, I literally walked the walk at Columbia Point and now feel I can talk the talk.

While a student nurse at the then Boston City Hospital, I had the privilege and duty to accompany the public health nurse as she made her rounds at the Columbia Point Housing complex. Working with the public health nurse we were tasked with the mission to walk the area and visit the apartments of people suspected of having a "contact" with someone with a communicable disease.

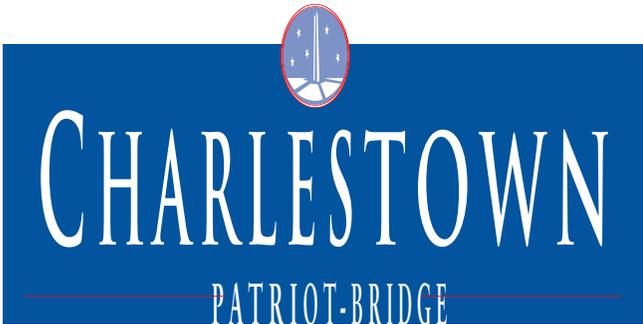
The residents were always considerate and agreeable to go to the hospital and get tested for whatever was necessary for the most part. I remember the sad living conditions, the blighted area and far too few areas for the children to play and the residents to just sit and enjoy the day, and treeless. Anyone could see it was a dangerous, desolate, and decaying place to live.

Now as I reflect on what had been touted as Columbia Point being a great place to live, I now wonder if the Bunker Hill Housing Development will fail just as Columbia Point did? What is the justification to build segregated housing? Where is the lesson from the disaster of Columbia Point?

Over the past few years, I've had the opportunity to spend some time at the Harbor Point Community which opened in 1991, replacing Columbia Point. Walking the walk again but in a beautiful, vibrant, diverse, and safe neighborhood., consisting of over 1200 mixed income apartments. This is what the residents of the Bunker Hill Housing Development deserve, nothing less.

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Cambridge Health Alliance launches state-of-the-art robotic surgery program



Cambridge Health Alliance has launched its robotic surgery program with the da Vinci® Xi surgical robot. The cutting-edge technology enables CHA to offer more minimally invasive procedures.

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston's metro-north communities, launched its robotic surgery program with the da Vinci® Xi surgical robot. CHA now offers many patients the most cutting-edge technology in surgeries ranging from hernia to lung cancer. This is a significant step in CHA's efforts to offer the finest specialty care for its patients and communities conveniently offered closer to home.

The da Vinci Xi allows highly trained surgeons to use tiny instruments mounted on robotic arms to do complex surgeries with a high degree of precision. It enables CHA to offer more minimally invasive procedures which often result in less pain and quicker recovery times.

Siva Vithianathan, MD, CHA's chief of surgery, has extensive experience with robotic surgery. During his time as chief of minimally invasive surgery and bariatric surgery at Miriam Hospital

in Providence, R.I., he performed hundreds of cases on the da Vinci system and believes this modern technology "has the opportunity to revolutionize surgical care, not only for CHA patients, but for patients throughout the country."

CHA is now using its da Vinci robot in general surgery and thoracic surgery, with the first procedures completed at CHA Cambridge Hospital on August 22. CHA plans to use the da Vinci robot for urology and OB/GYN surgeries in the near future.

"We know that surgery is a team sport," said Dr. Vithianathan. "Each robotic surgery relies on colleagues from surgery, anesthesiology, nursing, sterile processing, materials management, and others to be successful. I am thrilled that we have an excellent team in place at CHA in all these areas, and I cannot wait to offer surgical options for patients seeking up to date technology and high quality care in our patient-centered tradition at CHA."

LETTER (from pg. 2)

Jane Jacobs, in her book, "Eyes on the Street", has it right. People want to be able to look out their windows and see their children at play, see their neighbor's enjoying conversation, spending time with each other, viewing nature, the trees, and the good things in life.

The Boston Planning and Building Agency needs to do better planning and reading "Eyes on the Street" would be a good

start. Redevelopment means better development, not repeating the failures of our past. It is time to value people and our environment over private equity profiteering.

It is time for the BPDA and the Wu administration to reflect on the sage advice and words of Sir Winston Churchill, "Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it".

Ann Kelleher

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NEWS BRIEFS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCT. 2

The blessing of the animals will take place on Sunday, October 2, 2022 at the Training Field on Winthrop Street in Charlestown. All animals may attend and must be on a leash or in a container. The event will begin at noon and local clergy will conduct the service.

CATHOLIC FAITH CLASSES START OCT. 2

Classes at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish for those who want to know more about the Catholic faith and perhaps become Catholic or for those who were baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation begin on Monday, October 2nd at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish. For more information and to register, please contact Sr. Nancy at 617-242-4664 or ncnitro@stmarystcatherine.org

St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena's Women's Faith Sharing group resumes on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30. We will have a hybrid model of women who will join us in person and those who will join

via Zoom. For more information and to register, please contact Sr. Nancy at 617-242-4664 or ncnitro@stmarystcatherine.org

DETOUR ON MEDFORD STREET

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing temporary lane closures northbound on Medford Street at the intersection with Somerville Avenue in Somerville. A full-time (24/7) temporary detour will be installed.

The detour route is as follows:

- Drivers will be directed to take a left on South Street,
- Then take a right on Windsor Street.

- From Windsor Street, take a left on Windsor Place,
- Then take a right on Webster Avenue.

- Drivers will then take a right on Prospect Street to Washington Street to Route 28

These temporary traffic impacts are necessary to allow construction crews to install a City of Somerville 42-inch sewer main. The work is being conducted as part of a State Highway Access Permitted Utility Project

on Somerville Ave. and Medford Street.

Signs, traffic control devices, detours and law enforcement details will be used to guide drivers through or around the work zones.

MassDOT encourages drivers to reduce speed and use caution while approaching and traveling through or around the work zones and to allow for extra time through this area.

All work is weather dependent and is subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Visit www.mass511.com, a website that provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.
- Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road

Residents to participate in Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk

Seven residents from Charlestown will participate in the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai on Sunday, October 2.

Steph Martin, Natalie Gallagher, Jack Gallagher, Juliette Steinkrauss, Stacy Rosenbloom, Alex Brussard, and Kelsey Doherty, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in the iconic annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$155 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 33-year history.

"Throughout the past 33 years, the Jimmy Fund Walk has continuously supported life-saving research and cancer care at Dana-Farber. And the pandemic didn't stop us," said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Jimmy Fund Walk. "Over the past two years, participants walked virtually and celebrated in their own unique ways. Now, we welcome them to walk the course in person. We are back, we are together, and we are stronger than ever."

Participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance

options: 5K Walk (3.1 miles from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute), 10K Walk (6.2 miles from Newton), Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles from Wellesley), or Marathon Walk (26.2 miles from Hopkinton). Participants can also choose to join the event virtually by "walking their way" from wherever they are most comfortable—in their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home. Virtual programming and supporting materials are available.

Along the course, walkers are treated to 12 refueling stations as well as poster-sized photographs of patients – Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes – displayed at each mile and half-mile marker as inspiration. All four routes of the Jimmy Fund Walk end at the Copley Square Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric with a celebration complete with food, music, and a speaking program.

To register for the Jimmy Fund Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

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Bryan's Pals	1	0	1
Halligan Club	1	0	1
Duce 2	0	0	1
A-1 Convenience	0	0	1

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OF 9/17/2022

- A-1 Convenience - Matthew Sheehan, Mac Lia
- Bryan's Pals - Will Savage, Archie Oughton
- Duce 2 - Will Farrell, Nolan Carucci.
- Halligan Club - Billy Nugent, Brady Dinsmore

We still have openings for players 3 to 10 years old.

Gym Hockey season runs September to January, starting with outside games, moving inside when it gets cold. Games are played at 9:30 am and 10:30 am on Saturday mornings. Some of our players, have gone on to play college and pro hockey. You do not have to live in Charlestown.

Anyone interested should call Debbie Lent at 617-241-0434.

Wu announces next steps for municipal energy efficiency upgrades

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that the City of Boston will begin an inventory of all its exterior lights as a part of Renew Boston Trust (RBT), a self-funding finance mechanism that uses the cost savings from efficiency projects to pay for themselves. The City of Boston plans to convert all electric lighting to efficient LED fixtures in alignment with its carbon neutrality goals. The City released a request for qualifications in July 2021 and selected the contractor Ameresco, Inc to move forward with the audit. Ameresco will be charged with auditing exterior lighting as well as recording its location, technology, condition, and other relevant data over the next six months.

The initial audit of the exterior lighting is being conducted as the first step in the process. Using the collected data, the City will develop energy conservation measures designed to reduce the amount of electricity and natural gas used by the City's streetlights, traffic lights, athletic field and park lights, and school department security lighting. The work to improve the efficiency of the fixtures will be

implemented in stages over several years. This stage of the Renew Boston Trust project has already been allocated \$10.0 million in capital funds.

This announcement builds off the progress of the RBT building energy efficiency program, including the most recent work on Phase III. This phase of the program is the most ambitious yet, conducting lighting improvements, water conservation, building envelope improvements, and pipe insulation upgrades in nine Boston Public Schools, one police station, and one property management facility. The selected properties include the Parkman House, the C-6 Police Station, City Hall, and the JFK Elementary, Condon K-8, Taylor Elementary, Russell Elementary, Tynan Elementary, Murphy K-8, Ohrenberger School (3-8), Otis Elementary, and the Boston Latin Academy schools. The schools were selected based on the Opportunity Index with schools prioritized that were not already scheduled for Capital improvements over the next five years. Mayor Wu's FY23 budget contains \$65 million in City capital funds for the continuation of Phase III of the RBT program.

"We have a unique opportunity to update our municipal buildings and exterior lighting in a way that preserves Boston's character and aligns with our broader environmental goals," said Mayor Wu. "I am excited to work on ensuring our city is saving energy and the associated costs while bringing us closer to our net zero goals."

"We're thrilled to partner with the City on their forward progress to become more energy efficient through LED lighting retrofits," said Pete Christakis, Senior Vice President, Ameresco. "This retrofit will not only reduce energy spend for the City but also result in a significant reduction of carbon emissions. We commend the City leadership for championing this project as another piece of the decarbonization puzzle."

The initial phase of exterior lighting retrofits is expected to focus on replacing electric streetlights that use conventional technology with LED technology. It is estimated that of the 80,000 streetlights, 14,000 are conventional. There are also 2,800 natural gas street lamps that account for 4 percent of streetlights across the city, but account for 37 percent of the emissions from all streetlights.

The retrofit of these gas lamps will occur in stages, after community engagement opportunities and input.

"We know that the Renew Boston Trust mechanism works for reducing our energy expenses and our carbon emissions," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "The first two phases of RBT have saved significant greenhouse gas emissions and nearly \$1.1 million in debt service. We are particularly excited that this phase has a green jobs component with a portion of our spending supporting residents flowing into the City's green transformation."

"In addition to substantial energy savings, upgrading our streetlights to LED will reduce maintenance costs, increase reliability, and allow our Street Lighting Division to optimize their operations planning," stated Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge. "We're excited this initiative will reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and serve as an important component of Mayor Wu's Green New Deal."

Phase I of the program completed energy conservation measures at

14 municipal sites including community centers, libraries, parks, and police and fire stations across the city. Phase II is nearly complete and includes \$20 million of energy conservation measures for 31 City-owned buildings. Renew Boston Trust uses performance contracts that ensure the City's Capital Budget allocations are repaid by the energy savings.

This announcement exemplifies the Wu administration's commitment to a Green New Deal and retrofitting municipal properties to align with the City's carbon neutrality goals. Mayor Wu's FY23 Budget includes investments that further support these objectives, including \$20 million of ARPA funding towards deep energy retrofits for affordable housing, \$2.5 million of ARPA funds to electrify Boston Public School buses, and \$2.5 million of Capital funding for a Climate Ready Streets initiative to support green infrastructure. Additionally, Mayor Wu recently filed legislation to give Boston the local option to set building standards eliminating the use of fossil fuels for new developments and major renovations in Boston.

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ing the growth and maturation of trees across Boston, particularly in communities that need more canopy."

The Forestry Division will include a Director of Urban Forestry, which is currently accepting applications, three arborists, three 3-person maintenance crews, and several support staff. The larger workforce will complement new investments in the City's FY23 Operating and Capital Budget, totalling about \$5.9 million. Increased staffing will empower the Parks and Recreation Department to respond more quickly to tree maintenance requests submitted by residents through 311, clearing the maintenance backlog, decreasing tree mortality, and focusing resources on under-canopied neighborhoods.

The creation of the Forestry Division executes on the first recommendation of the newly-released Urban Forest Plan, a product of years-long, extensive engagement driven by a Community Advisory Board. The Urban Forest Plan outlines seven major strategies for tree canopy management citywide:

Engaging in comprehensive, progressive, and proactive urban forestry work across City departments.

Conducting proactive care and protection for existing trees across public and private land, involving a cyclical care program, and a well-defined risk management approach.

Expanding the tree canopy in line with broader citywide goals of equity, resilience, public health, and community well-being.

Creating solutions to make space for trees in Boston, as well as improving the quality of planting sites to allow trees to thrive.

Improving communication between the multiple City departments, agencies, non-governmental organizations, and citizen groups that plant and care for trees within Boston.

Improving access to neighborhood tree data to give local groups the tools to make decisions and improvements for their own communities.

Utilizing and developing local talent to grow workforce opportunities in alignment with fulfilling the goals of this urban forest plan.

"As a member of the Urban Forest Plan's Equity Council, I was part of a group of community members who focused on creating a healthy environment for residents through equitable conservation and expansion of Boston's tree canopy," said Dr. Atyia Martin, Executive Director

of Next Leadership Development and Board Chair for Speak for the Trees. "The UFP was created with a community-inspired approach to equity that is headed in the right direction on the highway of justice. I would like to thank the Wu administration for facilitating this process and I am looking forward to their continued swift action to carry out the community's recommendations."

The UFP also includes neighborhood-specific strategies for tree planting, preservation, and care. Each neighborhood plan includes local information on canopy and land use trends, priority planting zones, and existing physical and environmental conditions. The new Forestry Division will use these neighborhood plans to develop specific planting and maintenance programs across Boston's neighborhoods.

These new investments in tree canopy create an opportunity to support biodiversity by planting a variety of tree species throughout our communities. The new Forestry Division will be charged with ensuring that a variety of trees are planted in strategic locations that support species diversity, while increasing resilience to climate change and urban conditions.

This announcement also recom-

mits to growing the City's forestry workforce. The new positions within the Forestry Division include opportunities for individuals who will soon graduate from PowerCorpsBOS, a City workforce development program that launched in the spring for youth aged 18 to 30 years old, funded with \$9 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Earlier this week, PowerCorpBOS began training students in several aspects of the tree industry, including tree physiology, soil science, and how trees heal from cuts and breaks. Students will be working with Boston Housing Authority and UMass Mount Ida Campus to learn valuable skills to protect trees, including pruning, felling, limbing, and bucking.

Tree canopy is a critical part of Boston's city infrastructure. A thriving urban forest reduces heat levels while removing pollutants from the air. It also supports water quality and reduces the impact of flooding by intercepting large quantities of stormwater during and after rain to reduce flooding. A 2020 study, which was included in the City's Heat Resilience Solutions for Boston report, examined more than 100 cities across the United States and found that redlined neighborhoods are on average 5°F hotter in the summer

than areas that weren't redlined. These neighborhoods, which are predominantly lower-income, are found to have fewer trees and parks and more dark pavement.

The ten Metasequoia glyptostroboides trees – or dawn redwoods – gifted to the City of Boston by the Arnold Arboretum are among the first of its kind to grow in North America in over two million years. Thought to be extinct for millions of years, in the early 1940s, Zhan Wang and Hsen Hsu Hu took samples from a stand of trees in the Hubei Province of central China and showed that Metasequoia were alive and well. Elmer Merrill, director of the Arnold Arboretum from 1936 to 1946, funded a collecting trip to China to bring seed to Boston. Since the first addition in 1948, the Arboretum has shared seeds with 600 other botanical institutions throughout the world. Dawn redwoods have been memorialized in the Arnold Arboretum's logo since 1995, symbolizing the non-profit institution's commitment to international conservation, education and research.

"Dawn redwoods symbolize so much about the Arnold Arboretum, including our deep love of biodiversity, particularly the trees

Details listed for return of \$2.941 billion in excess tax revenue to taxpayers

Following the State Auditor's certification last week that Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) net state tax revenues exceeded allowable revenues per Chapter 62F by \$2.941 billion, the Baker-Polito Administration has announced details regarding the return of this excess revenue to taxpayers.

"Stronger-than expected state tax revenues have led to a major surplus for Fiscal Year 2022, and we are pleased to be able to return nearly \$3 billion in excess revenue to the taxpayers," said Governor

Charlie Baker. "With families facing continued pressure from high prices and inflation, these returns will provide some needed relief. Even with nearly \$3 billion going back to taxpayers, significant state and federal resources remain, and we look forward to working with the Legislature to invest this funding into our economy, communities and families."

"Strong economic growth throughout our Commonwealth, combined with careful management of state tax dollars, has

resulted in a significant surplus this past fiscal year," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "In the coming months, our administration will work diligently to distribute these funds back to taxpayers, and we look forward to working with the Legislature to invest additional surplus dollars in local economies across our state."

In accordance with the statute, the \$2.941 billion will be returned to eligible taxpayers by the Department of Revenue in proportion to personal income tax

liability in Massachusetts incurred by taxpayers in the immediately preceding taxable year – Tax Year 2021. In general, eligible taxpayers will receive a credit in the form of a refund that is approximately 13% of their Massachusetts Tax Year 2021 personal income tax liability. This percentage is a preliminary estimate and will be finalized in late October, after all 2021 tax returns are filed. To be eligible, individuals must have filed a 2021 state tax return on or before October 17, 2022. An individual's credit may be reduced due to refund intercepts, including for unpaid taxes, unpaid child support, and certain other debts.

Individuals eligible for a refund will receive it automatically as a check sent through the mail or through direct deposit. Distribution of refunds is expected to begin in November 2022.

"While the exceptionally high tax collections we saw in FY22 are a testament to the strength and resilience of the Massachusetts economy, we are pleased to be in a position to return a substantial portion of this revenue back to taxpayers," said Administration and Finance Secretary Michael J. Heffernan. "With many feeling the strain of rising prices, these refunds will be a welcome source of relief for more than three million hardworking individuals across the state, and we look forward to executing on the delivery of the refunds in the coming months."

In total, \$41.812 billion was collected in FY22, representing overall revenue growth of more than 20% above Fiscal Year 2021. After accounting for the Chapter 62F refunds and the recently filed \$840 million final FY22 supplemental budget, a surplus of \$1.5 billion remains available

to support permanent tax relief measures and other critical investments pending in the FORWARD/ economic development bill, in combination with \$2.2 billion in remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Additional information about Chapter 62F taxpayer refunds including Frequently Asked Questions and a refund estimator, is available at www.mass.gov/62frefunds. This website will be updated as additional information becomes available in the coming months. A call center will also be available to answer questions about 62F refunds beginning Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 877-677-9727 and will be open Monday through Friday, 9am-4pm. The call center will not be able to provide exact refund amounts – however, the estimator on the FAQs page can help individuals calculate a preliminary estimate.

About Chapter 62F
Chapter 62F is a Massachusetts law enacted by voters in 1986 via a ballot question that requires the Department of Revenue to issue a credit to taxpayers if total tax revenues in a given fiscal year exceed an annual cap tied to wage and salary growth in the Commonwealth.

The law requires that the Department of Revenue submit a report to the State Auditor on the net state tax revenues and the allowable state tax revenues for each fiscal year by September 1st. The State Auditor then makes the determination of whether net state tax revenues exceed allowable state tax revenues – and, if so, by what amount – on or before the third Tuesday of September.

The Chapter 62F process has been triggered once before, in 1987.

MOH Income Restricted Rental Opportunity

Bartlett Place A
2505 Washington Street, Roxbury, MA 02119

40 Income-Restricted Units

# of Units	# of bedrooms	Estimated Square Feet	Rent	Maximum Income Limit	# built out for mobility impairments	# built out for Deaf/hard of hearing
1**	1 BR	664	\$1,578	60% AMI		
1**	1 BR	664	\$2,105	80% AMI		
5	2 BR	875	\$1,577	50% AMI		
1**	2 BR	875	\$1,577	50% AMI		
18	2 BR	875	\$1,893	60% AMI	2	1
3	2 BR	875	\$2,524	80% AMI	1	
1**	2 BR	875	\$2,524	80% AMI		
2	3 BR	1,154	\$1,823	50% AMI	1	
4	3 BR	1,154	\$2,187	60% AMI		
4	3 BR	1,154	\$2,917	80% AMI		

** These units have a preference for BPDA Certified Artists.

3 Homeless Set-aside units will be filled through direct referral from HomeStart. For more information please contact us at the email address or phone number below. For direct referrals, please visit <https://www.homestart.org/bostonhsh>.

*Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))					Maximum Incomes (set by HUD/MOH + based on household size + Area Median Income (AMI))				
# of bedrooms	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI	80% AMI	Household size	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI	80% AMI
1 BR	N/A	N/A	\$54,102	\$72,137	1	\$29,460	\$49,100	\$58,920	\$78,550
2 BR	N/A	\$54,085	\$64,902	\$86,537	2	\$33,660	\$56,100	\$67,320	\$89,750
3 BR	N/A	\$62,506	\$75,008	\$100,011	3	\$37,850	\$63,100	\$75,720	\$100,950
					4	\$42,050	\$70,100	\$84,120	\$112,150
					5	\$45,450	\$75,750	\$90,900	\$121,150
					6	\$48,810	\$81,350	\$97,620	\$130,100

* Minimum incomes **do not apply to households with housing assistance (Section 8, MRVP, VASH) or for the units in this development that include a project-based voucher.**

Applications are available during the application period for 42 days, from 8/19/2022 to 9/30/2022

To request an online application or to have one sent by email visit <https://bit.ly/BartlettApp> or call 617-442-8472

After careful consideration and an abundance of caution, the City of Boston has decided to cancel the in-person application distribution period. If you cannot complete the application online, please call us at 617-442-8472, to request that we mail you one and to ask us for any support or guidance you might need to complete the application.

We will be holding 2 virtual informational meetings on Zoom:

Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 6:00pm <https://zoom.us/j/97987013061?pwd=SnlyN0t4K1kzU3JhV0NmTWNYTU41dz09>

Meeting ID 979 8701 3061, Passcode bwMSFi, Dial In 1-929-205-6099

Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 6:00pm <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83655911386?pwd=YjhGZGNMU0UvWTJlZHVlK3NKSkVsZ09>

Meeting ID 836 5591 1386, Passcode xHkrBb, Dial In 1-929-205-6099

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than 4:00pm 9/30/2022

Mailed to: Bartlett A, 233 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119

- Selection by Lottery.
- Asset & Use Restrictions apply.
- Preferences Apply.



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Photos and Story by Marianne Salza

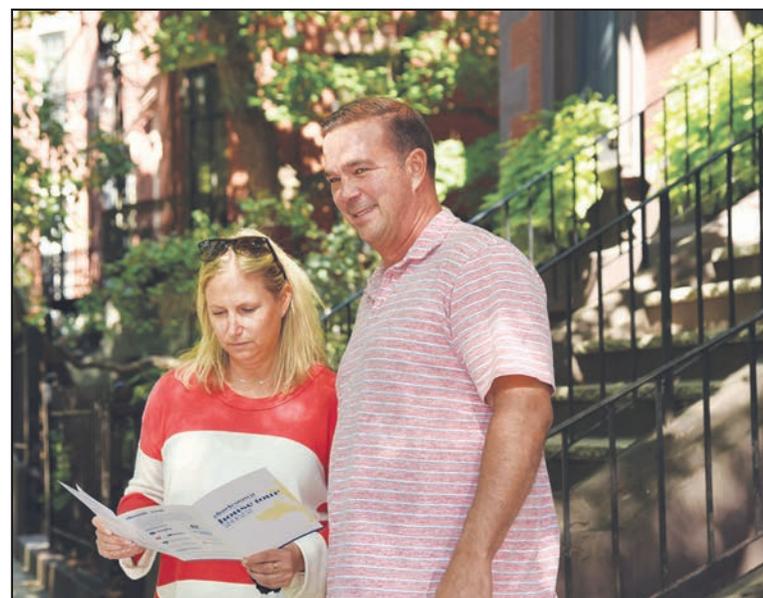
Visitors meandered on self-guided tours of six restored and renovated historical buildings during the Charlestown Preservation Society's House Tour on September 17. From a Colonial revival Fire Station on Winthrop Street, built in 1853, to an 1868 Italianate row house on Auburn Street, attendees learned about the significance of the residences, and the major efforts taken to protect them.

"For those new to the neighborhood, I hope this tours serves as a helpful introduction to the culturally rich and architecturally diverse neighborhood," welcomed President Amanda Zettel, in the House Tour map. "For those of

you who have lived here for some time, I hope you enjoy gaining another view into this very special place we call home."



One-year-old, Rowan Orlin, sitting in a firetruck at Engine 30 Fire Station at 34 Winthrop Street, built in 1853.



Charlestown resident, Lindsay Small, and Thorp Foster, reading the House Tour map in Monument Square.



Stacy and Megan Barrow, owners of 9 Mount Vernon Street, a Greek revival home built in 1847, with their children, Josh and Ava.



Raffi Berberian, a Monument Avenue resident for 43 years, with friends, Patsy Ostrander, of Brookline, and Susan Brennan, of New Jersey, standing outside 4 Monument Square, a mansard/Italianate home build in 1861.



Lisa Anderson and Liz Ehinger sitting in the breakfast nook at 9 Mount Vernon Street.

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Treehouse School is now offering fun, enriching and creative After school programs For ages 2.9 to 5!

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics Program (STEAM) on Mondays 4:30pm-5:30pm, Session running 11/7 - 12/12
Yoga, Dance & Movement Program on Wednesdays 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Session running 11/9 - 12/15

Classes are \$180 per 6 week session or \$30 drop in
 Please email katie@treehouseschoolma.com to sign up

TREEHOUSE SCHOOL - 142 BUNKER HILL ST. - CHARLESTOWN

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PRE-SCHOOL

The Advent School
15 Brimmer St.
Boston, MA 02108
617-742-0520 x 15
[adventschool.org/
 upcoming-events](http://adventschool.org/upcoming-events)

The Advent School is a Reggio Emilia-inspired elementary school for children from age four through Sixth Grade. In a diverse academic community founded on the principles of social justice and dedicated to respect and inclusion, Advent students learn to be critical thinkers, confident scholars, and compassionate citizens of the world.

Grades: Age 4 (pre-Kindergarten) - Sixth Grade
 Tuition: \$33,750
 Hours: 8:10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Application deadline: January
 Financial aid: Need-based aid is available.

**Beacon Hill
 Nursery School**
74 Joy Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-227-0822
www.bhns.net

Beacon Hill Nursery School was founded in 1955 and has been a vital part of the downtown community since its inception with a consistent commitment to high

quality early childhood education. Our primary mission is to create a nurturing community that instills a lifelong love of learning in its students. We cherish children's innate curiosity through purposeful play guided by exceptional early childhood educators.

Our school is warm and welcoming, with two onsite play-scapes, a library/community space, eight classrooms and an indoor gym. All of our programs have a strong emphasis on play, hands-on engagement, open-ended exploration and social/emotional development. Enriched by weekly yoga and music classes, our program nurtures and engages children in an environment that cultivates creativity and joy in learning. Our Junior Kindergarten program is designed to maintain the hallmarks of our play-based programs for young children while offering increased structure, exposure to academic readiness skills, leadership opportunities and preparation for the transition to next schools.

Programs: Toddler (2-2.9 years) - 2 or 3 mornings (8:30am-12pm)
 Preschool (2.9-4 years) - 5 mornings (8:30am-12pm)
 Junior Kindergarten (4-5 years) - M-Th (8:45am-2:30pm), F (8:45am-12pm)
 Extended Day: Early Drop-off 8:15-8:30am
 Extended Day until 3:30 or 5:45pm
 Deadlines: Sibling & Legacy Applications - November 15
 All other Applications - January 15

Meet us: HillFest (at Charles & Mt. Vernon) - September 18, 12-3pm

Open Houses - November 2 and 7, 6:45-8pm

Pre-register for our Open Houses online at www.bhns.net
 Financial Aid: Need-based

Boston Children's School
8 Whittier Place
Boston, MA 02114
617-367-6239

BostonChildrensSchool.org

Established in 1965, the Boston Children's School has been bringing the joy of learning to children between the ages of 2.9 and 7 years of age for over 57 years. Located in the historic West End section of Boston, at Charles River Park, the Boston Children's School attracts students from the greater Boston area and children from around the world.

The BCS curriculum is both cognitively and developmentally age appropriate. Children learn and play in small groups, in individual, intimate classroom settings, allowing the classroom teachers to know each child and their individual learning style. In addition to daily classroom activities, the Boston Children's School offers sign language and music as part of its curriculum. All children have daily access to the on-site playground. The Boston Children's School also offers a "Summer-Fun-Program" to children between the ages of 3

and 8 years old.

Detailed information about the Boston Children's School, its academic year and summer programs, are available on the BCS website at www.BostonChildrensSchool.Org or feel free to call BCS Director Judy Langer, at 617-367-6239 with any questions that you may have about the school.

Academic Year - September through June. Ages - 2.9 through 7 years old

Hours - 8:45 a.m. through 5 p.m., half day programs are available.

Early arrival at 8:15 a.m. and late stay until 5:30 p.m. also available.

Application Deadline: January 15

**Brookline Schools Staff
 Children's Center**
162 Goddard Avenue,
Brookline, MA 02445
Office: 617-651-2279

bsscattgoddard@gmail.com

BSSCC is an early childhood program bordering Lars Anderson Park that serves toddlers and preschoolers. Its professional teaching staff emphasize learning in nature, learning through play, and developing strong social/emotional skills.

For more information:
staffchildrenscenter.org or bsscattgoddard@gmail.com

**Charlestown
 Nursery School**
124 Main Street
Charlestown, MA
617-242-5169
[charlestown
 nurseryschool.com](http://charlestownnurseryschool.com)
[admissions@
 charlestownnursery
 school.org](mailto:admissions@charlestownnurseryschool.org)

Charlestown Nursery School (CNS) is an innovative program for children 20 months-5 years old that draws on the best research from Reggio Emilia, Montessori and other thoughtful approaches. Our curriculum is built around a series of explorations that grow out of the children's own interests and integrates individualized development - combining the power of the children's boundless curiosity with an expertly guided investigative approach that immerses the children in the process and joys of real discovery, with the goal of nurturing self-motivated, life-long learners. CNS has been recognized by educators from around the world and has been highlighted in many studies of high-quality early childhood. CNS is known for the teacher-researchers and experts.

The city's resources - including parks, museums, libraries and historic attractions - are considered part of the school's "campus," and our frequent visits foster the child's feeling of being at home in the wider world. In the last years, we have taken even more of our learning outside. See more on Instagram.

Ages: 2 - 5 years.

Tuition variable by program.

Early admission begins Nov.15 and is first come first serve. Applications on the website

**Park Street School -
 Preschool**
One Park Street
Boston, MA 02108
617-523-7577 [www.
 parkstreetschool.org](http://www.parkstreetschool.org)
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 December 6 at 9:00 AM

Evening:

November 7 at 6:00 PM



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vibrant and nurturing community where children thrive.

Grounded in Core Knowledge philosophy, children build strong foundations of knowledge in the early years - an approach foundational to developing critical thinking skills necessary for lifelong learning. Learning here is active! Creativity, imagination, and social development are fostered through lessons, learning centers and play. Whether collecting leaves, discovering animals' habitats in Ponds and Meadows, or bicycling in gym, children are "out of the chair" - making connections in and out of the classroom and between subjects. The learning is authentic and sets us apart. As a Christian school, we're committed to guiding students in the formation of character and an understanding of God's love for them. Connecting the mind and the heart - classroom learning and character education - is what makes Park Street School special.

Ages: 2-5 years Tuition: \$11,500-\$23,600; \$2,100-\$8,750 additional for afternoon programs
 Financial Assistance: Available for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6, with limited availability for Pre-school. Hours: 8:00 a.m.- noon for morning programs, Creative Afternoons noon-3:00 p.m. for ages 2.9 and up. Two, three, four and five-day programs available. Application deadline: Jan. 3 for priority for fall programs.

3143. School hours: drop off starts 7:30am, class starts 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuition 2022: PreK-3 \$11,900, PreK-4 \$7250, K5 \$6900 and Gr 1- 8 \$6600.

Spruce Street Nursery School
 5 Avery Street
 Boston, MA 02111
 (617) 482-5252
 sprucest.org

Spruce Street Nursery School offers a joyous early learning experience for children from 2 through 5 years of age. In four open classrooms designed to stimulate creativity and enhance development, dedicated teachers lovingly provide both individual and group instruction and support. Lessons are planned thematically, with ample opportunities for exploration and guided instruction. Physical development is enhanced through daily trips to our on-site playground.

Parent involvement is an integral element of the Spruce Street experience, and the communication between teachers, parents, and children ensures a strong community.

Ages: 2 - 5 years
 Tuition: \$12,700 - \$26,800
 Hours: Day Program 8:30am-1pm
 Acorns 2 - 2.9 years M, W, F or T, TH;
 Willows 2.10 - mid-threes 3, 4, and 5 day scheduling options;
 Maples late 3s-early fours, 3, 4, and 5 day scheduling options;
 Oaks 4 turning five during the school year, 5-day option only.
 Early Arrival 7:30 - 8:30 am, separate fees apply
 Enrichment & Extended Day 1-3:30 pm., separate fees apply
 Late Day 1-5:30 pm Application deadline for the 2023-2024 school year is January 13th

Financial aid: Need-based Admissions Open House: October 29th 9 am - 1 pm children are welcome!

Treehouse School (preschool)
 142 Bunker Hill Street
 Charlestown, MA 02129
 617-633-9163
 www.treehouseschoolnh.com

@treehouseschoolma

Hello and welcome to the Tree-

house School! Open since September 2019, we are a preschool located in Charlestown, MA, educating children ages 2.9-5 years old. Founded by Kristin Riciputi, a private school educator from New York City, The Treehouse School prides itself on its progressive teaching methods. Unlike any other school in the area, we believe

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MILTON ACADEMY



MIDDLE SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE
 October 29
 2-4 pm



LOWER SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE
 November 5
 2-4 pm

Families are invited to visit Milton Academy to learn about the curriculum, speak with teachers, meet with current students and parents, and tour classrooms. Please visit our website to register for the Open Houses and to see a full schedule of events.

Milton Academy is an independent College preparatory K-12 school, boarding and day in grades 9-12, located 8 miles South of Boston. **BOSTON BUS AVAILABLE!**

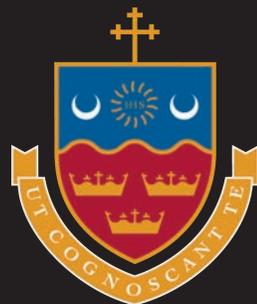


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Please join us at our
Admissions Open House

Saturday, October 29th 9-1:00 PM

Scan to RSVP!



Tour the school with current parents, meet teachers, and administrators
 Children are welcome!

The application deadline for the 2023-2024 school year is
 January 13, 2023
 Tuition Assistance is Available

Nestled in the heart of Boston's historic North End, St. John School has educated children since 1895. Welcoming students in PreK-3 through Gr 8, we provide a Catholic education that focuses on Faith and academic excellence. We utilize standards-based curriculum and innovative programs to educate the whole child. Our dedicated teachers and small class sizes ensure that each student's unique progress is celebrated. Students enjoy a rigorous academic curriculum enriched by integrated STEM programming, Italian language instruction, our own in-house hydroponic garden and much more. After school care is available 2:30pm- 6:00pm for \$400 per month. An extensive summer camp is also available. Boston residents may be eligible for free bus transportation. Rolling admissions available across all grades. Please contact Mrs. Becca Griffin, our Director of Development and Enrollment to set up a tour bgriffin@sjsne.com 617-227-

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that there isn't just ONE approach to learning. That's why we have a hybrid philosophy.

We have found that children learn best through imaginative play, as exploration and peer interaction lay the foundation for a successful student. However, The Treehouse also believes that a child must have direct instruction in literacy and mathematics for his or her academic future.

Incorporating our philosophy is at the roots of this treehouse, yet we NEVER lose sight of our #1 goal: Always have fun!

Our community is a huge part of our curriculum and we embrace the close-knit neighborhood of Charlestown by taking monthly field trips to local businesses!

ELEMENTARY - MIDDLE.

The Advent School 15 Brimmer St.

Boston, MA 02108
617-742-0520 x 15
**adventschool.org/
upcoming-events**

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Grades: Age 4 (pre-Kindergar-

ten) - Sixth Grade

Tuition: \$33,750

Hours: 8:10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Application deadline: January

Financial aid: Need-based aid is available.

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Application Deadline: January 15

Milton Academy
170 Centre Street
Milton, MA 02186
617-898-2509

Milton.edu

K - 12th grade

Milton Academy cultivates in its students a passion for learning and a respect for others. Embracing diversity and the pursuit of excellence, we create a community in which individuals develop competence, confidence, and character. Our active learning environment, in and out of the classroom, develops creative and critical thinkers, unafraid to express their ideas, prepared to seek meaningful lifetime success, and to live by our motto, "Dare to be true."

Milton's Lower and Middle School students enjoy the best of both worlds. They learn and

grow in developmentally appropriate groups and spend their time in comfortable and manageable spaces. At the same time, students in our Lower and Middle Schools enjoy the resources of the larger K-12 community. Students become leaders in their classrooms and divisions, and form meaningful and long-lasting relationships with peers and faculty. Familiarity with Milton's Upper School helps Lower and Middle School students reach high and prepare for the next step.

During the six-year span from Kindergarten to Grade 5, children engage in a purposeful, challenging, and joyful academic and co-curricular program. Our students are young mathematicians, authors, activists, and more. Our classrooms are much more than classrooms: they are workshops, communities, and studios. Our faculty are experts in connecting research-based approaches with the individual learners in their classes. We take children's work seriously, including one of its most important forms: play.

In our Middle School, classes of 10-15 bright, curious, and motivated students allow for personalization, attention, and individualized learning opportunities. Classes are often taught in the Harkness style to encourage open discussion. Detailed comments, rather than grades, describe students' intellectual and personal growth. Absent the typical labels or grades, Middle School students take intellectual risks in the classroom and learn from mistakes.

Milton is committed to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice and hosts identity and affinity groups,

curricular programming related to racial literacy and social justice, and empowers students to disrupt norms and build a more inclusive and just community. 48% of students in the K-8 division identify as BIPOC.

Milton Academy runs bus routes from Brookline, Newton/Wellesley, Dover, Boston and Cambridge. Open houses for the Lower and Middle School will be held October 29 and November 5, respectively; both events will run from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

To register, please visit our website at lmsadmission@milton.edu.

The Newman School
247 Marlborough Street
Boston MA 02116
617-267-4530

Newmanboston.org

Founded in 1945, The Newman School, an independent day school offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma in Boston's beautiful Back Bay neighborhood, prepares young women and men in grades 7 through 12 from Greater Boston and around the world for success in university studies and in life. With a school culture that is uniquely welcoming and supportive, The Newman School provides students from broadly diverse backgrounds an opportunity to pursue serious studies in the company of like-minded peers and instructors. Studies are organized around the principles of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, and students have the option of pursuing the entire IB Diploma or those portions of it that meet their needs and aspirations. Newman's IB graduates have matriculated at such schools as Columbia, Oberlin, the University of Virginia, Duke, and the University of Michigan. Guided by Cardinal Newman's motto, "Cor ad Cor loquitur" - "Heart speaks to Heart" - the school believes that students are able to achieve their potential when pursuing their studies in an environment of mutual respect, integrity, seriousness of purpose, and civic responsibility. A vibrant program of activities and sports provides students with opportunities for personal growth beyond the classroom.

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K3 - 8th Grade

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and sunny facilities in Beacon Hill! While our location is ideal, it's our remarkable students, faculty and families working together, forming close relationships that creates a vibrant community where children thrive.

Grounded in Core Knowledge philosophy, children build strong foundations of knowledge in the early years - an approach foundational to developing critical thinking skills necessary for lifelong learning. Learning here is active! Whether it's collecting field research in tidal pools, celebrating medieval festivals or bringing Shakespeare to life on stage, children are "out of the chair" - making connections in and out of the classroom and between subjects. The learning is authentic and sets us apart. As a Christian school, we're committed to guiding students in the formation of character and an understanding of God's love for them. Connecting the mind and the heart - classroom learning and character education - is what makes Park Street School special.

Grades: Kindergarten-Grade 6
Tuition: \$32,300-\$34,500; \$1,500-\$6,000 additional for afternoon programs. Financial Assistance: Available for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6, with limited availability for Preschool.

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Register and join us for Open House on November 6 at bchigh.edu to learn more about BC High and our exciting new offerings - from an innovative House System radically reinforcing student care - to our new \$49 million-dollar wellness center set to break ground this winter.

Milton Academy
170 Centre Street
Milton, MA 02186
617-898-2509
Milton.edu
K - 12th grade

Milton Academy cultivates in its students a passion for learning and a respect for others. Embracing diversity and the pursuit of excellence, we create a community in which individuals develop competence, confidence, and character. Our active learning environment, in and out of the classroom, develops creative and critical thinkers, unafraid to express their ideas, prepared to seek meaningful lifetime success, and to live by our motto, "Dare to be true."

Milton's Lower and Middle School students enjoy the best of both worlds. They learn and grow in developmentally appropriate groups and spend their time in comfortable and manageable spaces. At the same time, students in our Lower and Middle Schools enjoy the resources of the larger K-12 community. Students become leaders in their classrooms and divisions, and form meaningful and long-lasting relationships with peers and faculty. Familiarity with Milton's Upper School helps Lower and Middle School students reach high and prepare for the next step.

Milton is committed to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice and hosts identity and affinity groups, curricular programming related to racial literacy and social justice, and empowers students to disrupt norms and build a more inclusive and just community. 48% of students in the K-8 division identify as BIPOC.

Milton Academy runs bus routes from Brookline, Newton/Wellesley, Dover, Boston and Cambridge. Open houses for the Lower and Middle School will be held October 29 and November 5, respectively; both events will run from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

To register, please visit our website at lmsadmission@milton.edu.

The Newman School
247 Marlborough Street
Boston MA 02116
617-267-4530
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Founded in 1945, The Newman School, an independent day school offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma in Boston's beautiful Back Bay neighborhood, prepares young women and men in grades 7 through 12 from Greater Boston and around the world for success in university studies and in life. With a school culture that is uniquely wel-

coming and supportive, The Newman School provides students from broadly diverse backgrounds an opportunity to pursue serious studies in the company of like-minded peers and instructors. Studies are organized around the principles of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, and students have the option of pursuing the entire IB Diploma or those portions of it that meet their needs and aspirations. Newman's IB graduate have matriculated at such schools as Columbia, Oberlin, the University of Virginia, Duke, and the University of Michigan. Guided by Cardinal Newman's motto, "Cor ad Cor loquitur" - "Heart speaks to Heart" - the school believes that students are able to achieve their potential when pursuing their studies in an environment of mutual respect, integrity, seriousness of purpose, and civic responsibility. A vibrant program of activities and sports provides students with opportunities for personal growth beyond the classroom.



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Motor Vehicle - Involving Pedestrian

09/04/2022 - At about 02:45 a.m., police responded to a radio call for a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian struck at 32 Cambridge St.

Upon arrival, the officer was met by the victim, who stated she was leaving from the aforementioned address when she was struck by a motor vehicle that proceeded to leave the scene. The victim further said she had the walk symbol to cross on Cambridge Street heading towards the Sullivan Square T station.

The victim was walking with a limp but declined medical attention at this time. The officer informed the victim that a report would be filed and advised her to seek medical attention if needed in the future.

Harbor Incident

09/04/2022 - At approximately 5:15 p.m., officers assigned to the Harbor Unit, while on patrol in the Charlestown Navy Yard, observed two males swimming inside near the commuter ferry

dock off Pier 4.

Officers observed the Passenger Ferry ROOKIE was making way to the dock at Pier 4. Officers fearing for the safety of people in the water, contacted the ferry via the marine radio to ask if the ferry could not proceed to the dock until the persons were cleared from the water. Both parties exited the water without incident. Officer advised the ferry that it was clear to proceed to the ferry dock.

Fire Report

09/05/2022 - At around 6:45p.m., police responded to a radio call for a struck box (fire) at 341 Bunker Hill St.

Upon arrival, the officer was informed by the occupant that there was a smell of wires burning on the third floor. Boston Fire Department responded, closing the street in both directions. BFD was able to shut down the breaker to the house. The BFD supervisor advised the owner on what further actions to take. A short time later, apparatuses were cleared, and the street was reopened.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead to October 1

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

Scheduled Work

- Temporary Bridge asphalt repair will occur from Monday through Friday, September 23

Work Hours

- Most work will be done during weekday daytime hours (6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Travel Tips

For everyone using the temporary 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:

- CONCERT: September 23 at 7:00 p.m., 9/24 at 7:00 p.m., 9/28 at 7:00 p.m., and 9/30 at 8:00 p.m.

- BRUINS: September 27 at 7:00 p.m.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following the @MassDOT twitter account and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

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John F. Kennedy Family Service Center to host Continuing Our Legacy Gala Sept. 30

The John F. Kennedy Family Service Center, (www.kennedy-center.org), a nonprofit organization with the mission to improve the lives of individuals and families in need, is honoring change makers and community heroes that share its commitment to serving Charlestown. Honorees include Senator Sal DiDomenico, Senator Lydia Edwards, Representative Dan Ryan, and John Drew, former President and CEO of ABCD Boston. In recognition of their dedication, and many contributions to the Center, and the Commonwealth, the Board of Directors is hosting the "Continuing Our Legacy Gala" on Friday, September 30, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus (545 Medford St. Charlestown).

This in-person event will feature a dynamic program, live music, dinner, and dancing. The gala will also raise much-needed funds to further our mission of

reducing poverty, educating young children, and supporting seniors' ability to live independently in the community. For nearly six decades, the Kennedy Center has consistently and successfully educated and stabilized the lives of thousands of Charlestown residents. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Center provided critical services and distributed over \$200,000 of direct relief back into the community!

"We are immensely proud of what we have accomplished thus far, but there is still so much more to be done. The Continuing Our Legacy Gala is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our legacy of service and look forward to a bright future", said Crystal Galvin, Director of Community Services. "We are grateful for the support of our honorees, as well as our Board of Directors and staff who remain deeply committed to making a difference in the daily lives of individuals and families in

need in Charlestown".

Individual tickets are \$100. A limited number of sponsorship opportunities are still available. Companies or individuals interested in participating in the event can learn more, purchase tickets, or make a donation by calling (617) 241-8866 x.1352 or by visiting www.kennedycenter.org/legacy for more details.

About the John F. Kennedy Family Service Center, Inc. (Kennedy Center): The Kennedy Center is a 501 (c) (3) multi-service nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the availability, accessibility, and effectiveness of services for children, families, and seniors. For over fifty-six years, the Kennedy Center has established a reputation for the delivery of high-quality human service programming for residents of Charlestown, MA. For more information, visit www.kennedy-center.org.

READY TO FIGHT FIRES



City Councilor Erin Murphy and State Rep. Dan Ryan were on the Boston Common with Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts and Boston Fire Department earlier in the week..

October is Bullying Prevention Month

We have all heard the stories of bullied teens taking their own lives. Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for youth ages 10-18 and in many cases bullying can be a catalyst. Studies have shown that bullying aggravates depression and increases suicide risk for both the victim and the perpetrator. When kids who are at risk for suicide because of depression or other mental health issues are bullied, the results can be disastrous.

According to a Washington State Healthy Youth Survey, nearly 25% of tenth graders who reported being bullied also reported having made a suicide attempt in the past twelve months. An article by JAMA pediatrics reported that cyberbullying cause kids to consider suicide more than traditional bullying.

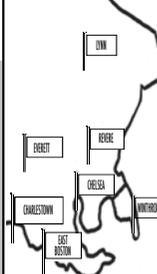
Cyberbullying happens via technology and can be just as devastating as in-person bullying and can lead a victim to low self-esteem, a feeling of loneliness, and a drop in school grades. Parents can help prevent cyberbullying by talking about it, limiting data access, knowing your child's passwords, and enforcing internet rules. New research done by The Journal of Child and Family Studies identifies that certain positive parenting practices have a strong effect on both school bul-

lying and cyberbullying. Those are a surplus of warmth, autonomy/support, and structure.

If your child has been the victim of bullying and you have noticed a change in his or her mental health as a result, get help now. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or 988, is a free resource, available 24 hours a day. Or you can text "Jason" to 741741 where trained counselors can offer you support.

The Jason Foundation is another valuable resource. JFI is dedicated to the awareness and prevention of youth suicide through educational programs that equip youth, parents, educators, and the community with the tools and resources to identify and assist at-risk youth. Visit www.jason-foundation.com to learn more about youth suicide, the warning signs, and how you can make a difference.

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GARDENS FOR CHARLESTOWN OPENS DISCOVERY TRAIL

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One of the featured elements of the Gardens were the bees who are hard workers pollinating the many plants who need their services.



Friends Aural Thibeault-Thompson and Ruth Ness make some good stuff at the arts and crafts table.

Gardens For Charlestown inaugurated its Discovery Trail, an activity map that sets young visitors to the Gardens on a path of exploration to the many secrets within. Placards are set up along a path organized by a map and various forms of flora and fauna are revealed and explained. The program was funded by donations from Bunker Hill Associates, Charlestown Mothers Association, as well as the Gardens Of Charlestown.



Josh and Ava Barrows show off the painted butterflies they made at the arts and crafts table.



Nicolino Santamaria shows off his Discovery Trail map that led him around the Gardens to make discoveries about the flora and fauna that reside there.



Abby walks with her humans at the Gardens with her humans Jamie, AJ, and Theo Jorgensen.



Ebba Petersen with friends Amelia and Ebbie Thompson make a stop at the Dragonfly/Roses marker on their Discovery Trail.

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Liz and Sienna Reddick enjoy making the rounds on the Discovery Tour.



Organizers of the event: Jane Panteleev, Chris Schiavone, Amy Kennedy-Slesar, Jenna Aronson, Sofia Moon, and Jody Petersen.



One of the featured elements of the Gardens were the bees who are hard workers pollinating the many plants who need their services.



One of the Discovery Trail markers informed visitors of facts about the pear tree that grows there.



Aycan and Necati Dumlupinar read up on the marker offering information on the hydrangeas growing in the Gardens.



Megan Barrow proudly holds the work of her kids Ava and Josh.



A butterfly lands on a flower, helping the pollination process.

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