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2024 Battle of Bunker Hill Parade Roster starts on Page 10

THE 10TH ANNUAL PETER LOONEY NIGHT



DEREK KOUYOUJIAN PHOTO

Bunker Hill Associates, Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata, and the City Of Boston Credit Union threw their annual Peter Looney Night. After Ariel from The Little Mermaid facepainted Malik, his sister Aaliyah and friend Vienna Campanale look over the result. See Pages 15-17 for more photos.

Coletta Zapata seeks to hire more police officers

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata introduced a Home Rule Petition to raise the maximum age requirements for entrance to the Boston Police Academy. Coletta Zapata's peti-

tion would raise the current maximum from forty (40) years of age to forty-five (45) years of age. Co-sponsors include Councilor At-Large Henry Santana and Councilor Enrique Pepen (District 5) of Hyde Park.

"Boston is lucky to have willing

and able individuals who want to become police officers but don't meet the age qualification," said Coletta Zapata. "They are deserving of a chance even if they are over the current maximum age

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Bunker Hill Parade kicks off on Sunday

By Cary Shuman

The 2024 Bunker Hill Parade is set for this Sunday, June 16 in Charlestown.

Arthur Hurley, chairman of the Battle of Bunker Hill Parade Committee for the past two decades, said the annual parade will kick off at 12:30 p.m. from Hayes Square.

"Parade Day is this Sunday," proudly said Hurley, a U.S. Army veteran, lifelong Charlestown resident and parade volunteer for 51

years.

According to the parade's own website, "The Bunker Hill Parade commemorates the Battle of Bunker (which was fought in June, 1775), the Armed Services, and the essence of American heritage while celebrating the historic neighborhood of Charlestown."

Stephen Fabiano is the Chief Marshal of Parade

Stephen Fabiano has the high honor of serving as the Chief Mar-

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Battle of Bunker Hill programs honor past, look to the future

Healey to participate in remembrance ceremony

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Since June 9, the National Parks of Boston and partners have been hosting a series of events to commemorate the 249th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill. All programs are free and open to the public. Events at Bunker Hill Monument are tented and take place rain or shine.

Friday, June 14, 10-11 a.m.
The National Parks of Bos-

ton, British Consulate, American Legion J.W. Conway Bunker Hill Post 26, and Home Base will host a Flag Day Ceremony at the memorial flag garden on the grounds of the Bunker Hill Monument. The public is invited to join the reading of names of lives lost at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Saturday, June 15, 5-7 p.m.

The Bunker Hill Parade Committee will host a community con-

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EDITORIAL

JUNE IS A MONTH OF FREEDOM

June marks the first month of the summer season, the period on the calendar when we take vacations from school and work to travel and enjoy the company of our friends and family members. It's our personal time, that sweet spot each year when we take a break from the humdrum of our daily schedules and we have the freedom to do whatever we want,

But June also uniquely celebrates a number of events that brought true freedom to Americans who had been unable to experience the promise of America -- "all men are created equal" -- that we take for granted today.

June 12 is known as Loving Day. It was on that day in 1967 that the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Virginia law that forbade interracial marriage and made it a criminal offense to do so. The Lovings, an interracial couple, were convicted under that Virginia law and, to avoid jail, they agreed to leave the state. Similar laws existed throughout all of the Southern states until the Supreme Court's ruling.

June is observed as Pride Month by the LGBTQIA+ community to mark the date of June 28, 1969, when gays protested arrests at the Stonewall Inn (a gay bar in New York City's Greenwich Village) at a time when police routinely arrested of gay men on phony morals charges. The riots lasted for a number of days and are widely-recognized as the beginning of the modern gay rights movement that culminated more than 50 years later with the Supreme Court decision of Obergefell v. Hodges in 2015 that struck down state laws forbidding same-sex marriage.

June 14 is Flag Day, marking the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress, which read as follows: "Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day and in 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Ever since its inception in 1777, the American flag has been universally recognized as a symbol of freedom around the world.

Finally, Juneteenth, which is now a national holiday, marks the day when the Union army entered the city of Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, and freed the slaves in Texas pursuant to President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had gone into effect more than two years earlier on January 1, 1863. Texas had been the last state to be occupied by Union forces and where slavery still existed.

NEAR THE WATER? WATCH YOUR CHILDREN!

We recently were shocked to learn of two statistics that were noted at a recent meeting of the Revere Board of Health.

The first is that about 4500 Americans die from drowning each year. To put that into perspective, that figure is about 50 percent greater than the total number of victims who died on 9/11.

The second number, which was even more surprising -- and even sadder -- is that drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 1-4.

What is stunning to us about that statistic is that we cannot imagine that whenever a parent is with a small child near the water -- whether it be the bathtub in their home or at the beach -- the parent is not watching over their child like a hawk without even a second's worth of distraction, including texting on a cell phone.

Young children are especially susceptible to drowning because of their small lung capacity, which means that once they slip under, their tiny lungs can fill with water almost instantly.

Even if a child is saved from death by drowning, the lack of oxygen to the brain can result in a serious brain injury that will have lifelong implications.

The bottom line is that a young child never should be left unattended for even a moment when near the water. And it goes without saying that every parent should be 100% sober whenever they are near water with their child, whether on a boat, at the beach, at a pool, or in their home.

A father's guiding hand...



Pistorino named the Lt. Michael P. Quinn Scholar winner

Julia E. Pistorino has been named the 2024 Lt. Michael P. Quinn Scholar. Pistorino who attended Boston Latin Academy, maintained a 3.455 GPA and took three advanced placement courses. She was designated a Magna Cum Laude for the 2023-2024 academic team. Her athletic prowess was demonstrated in the rowing and vault events. Julia will be on Charlestown Boy's and Girl's Club Junior staff this summer. She is the

29th women winner of the Quinn Scholarship and the fourth winner from Boston Latin Academy. On June 2, she was awarded a \$16,000 scholarship with her parents Ellen and Edward Pistorino in attendance.

In September, Julia will be attending Connecticut College with the Class of 2028. Her willingness to help is legendary, and a physical therapy field is planned. Building her at Connecticut Col-

lege will be her siblings Edward, Class of 2025 and sister Jessica, class of 2027.

The committee is indeed proud of Julia for her accomplishments and sterling character. The eloquent words of Thomas Jefferson capture this winner, "In matters of style, swim with the current, in matters of principle, stand like a rock."

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Council invests in city services, community safety, housing in recommended budget

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata joined her colleagues in voting for an omnibus amendment package on the FY 25 Operating budget. Following the Council's first of two votes on the amended budget, it goes to Mayor Michelle Wu for acceptance, rejection, or amendments. The Council will then vote again later in the month on a final FY25 Operating budget which will commence July 1, 2024. Additionally, the Council may only reject or pass the Boston Public Schools and the Capital budget without amendment power.

"With broad consensus, the Boston City Council has maximized its new budgetary authority, diligently and in a fiscally responsible manner, by only utilizing unspent funding sources. We have spent countless meetings analyzing every dollar of taxpayer money. The resulting amendments invest in basic city services and quality of life issues, community safety, housing, youth career and college readiness, and more," said Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata. "I stand by the prudent process put forth by the Chair of the Ways and Means. The Council is utilizing its newfound authority to provide an independent check on the Mayor

and invest directly in Bostonians."

"These amendments invest in top city departments and ensure there will be no personnel cuts to community safety. The Council maintained the collective bargaining reserve hike while also calling attention to the numerous job vacancies across the city. Hundreds of job vacancies across City departments provide hundreds of millions of dollars to reallocate without any anticipated job or service losses."

A portion of the Council's amended FY25 budget omnibus package includes:

- \$200,000 within the Inspectional Services Department (Personnel Services) to increase overtime for pest control inspections
- \$65,000 within the Inspectional Services Department (Personnel Services) to increase Building Inspectors by 1 FTE to proactively prevent building collapses and hold short-term rentals accountable
- \$700,000 within Boston Police Department (Personnel Services) to the Boston Police Crime Lab to increase the number of lab techs and to fill the director vacancy
- \$300,000 within Boston Police Department (Equipment) to Boston Police Crime Lab to pur-

chase new sexual assault testing equipment

- \$230,000 within the Inspectional Services Department (Personnel Services) to increase Plans Examiners by 2 FTE to relieve a backlog of plans.
- \$100,000 increase for trash containerization for rodent mitigation in Inspectional Services Department's Supplies & Materials
- \$50,000 increase for youth programming in district one Boston Centers for Youth & Families
- \$125,000 increase for 2 additional housing crisis coordinator positions in Mayor's Office of Housing
- \$300,000 increase to support ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) parent classes across the city in Office of Immigrant Advancement Contractual Services
- \$100,000 increase for route optimization - street sweepers in the Department of Innovation & Technology Equipment
- \$9,999 increase for clean water pilot in East Boston and Mattapan in the Office of Food Justice Contractual Services
- \$750,000 increase for Community Land Trust in the Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriations

• \$1,500,000 increase for City Housing Vouchers in the Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriations

- \$100,000 increase to provide seed money to create an emergency relief fund for residents impacted by disasters in Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation
- \$500,000, within Boston Public Health Commission (Special Appropriation) to the Family Justice Center to support survivors of sexual assault
- \$500,000 increase for Right to Counsel in the Fair Housing & Equity's Contractual Services
- \$75,000 increase for a Parks Administrator at the Christopher Columbus Park in the Parks & Recreation Department's Contractual Services
- \$50,000 increase for landmarks personnel in the Office of Historic Preservation Personnel Services
- \$1,500,000 increase for Down Payment Assistance in the Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriations
- \$75,000 increase for a neighborhood traffic study in Office of Streets Contractual Services
- \$200,000 increase to support workforce language training programs in the Office of Workforce Development Contractual Services

• \$50,000 increase to create hybrid meeting locations throughout the city in the Department of Innovation & Technology Equipment

- \$100,000 increase for small business mini-grants in the Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion Contractual Services
- \$200,000 increase to support workforce training nonprofits for newcomers in the Office of Workforce Development Contractual Services
- \$150,000 increase to support burial services for homicide victims in the Parks & Recreation Department Contractual Services

The Boston City Council commenced its budget hearings on April 22, 2024, and all hearings were led by Councilor Brian Worrel (D4), chair of the Committee on Ways and Means. This cycle is the third time the Boston City Council can reject, reduce, pass, or amend line items (i.e., accounts such as personnel, contracted services, equipment, etc.) in the City's Operating Budget.

To prepare for the budget cycle, Coletta Zapata hosted a round of listening sessions and budget town halls across the district to gather feedback from residents about their priorities for the fiscal year operating and capital budget.

DiDomenico celebrates new Massachusetts Summer Child Nutrition Program

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The Healey-Driscoll administration announced recently that Massachusetts has received federal approval for its summer child nutrition program. Following the ending of Summer Pandemic EBT (P-EBT), this new child nutrition program will help feed an estimated 600,000 students while schools are closed for the summer. Low-income Massachusetts families with school-aged children will be eligible to receive financial assistance to buy groceries, bringing more than \$70 million in federal funds to the state's economy. Senator Sal DiDomenico, as an anti-hunger champion and Co-Chair of the Food System Caucus, has advocated for programs like this and is thrilled to see its implementation by Governor Healey's administration.

Senator Sal DiDomenico celebrated the announcement of this program, "I am thrilled to see the Healey-Driscoll Administration

support Summer EBT. This program builds on the successes of past food programs I have fought for, like Universal School Meals, and will help reduce child hunger during summer break. I look forward to seeing the immense benefits this program will bring to countless children and families across Massachusetts."

"In Massachusetts, we are not leaving federal dollars on the table that could support children and families' food security. In partnership with our State Legislature, we made universal free school meals permanent. And with this new program, we are working to ensure children and families have access to healthy food all year long," said Governor Maura Healey. "I want to thank the Biden-Harris Administration and Congress for permanently establishing this child nutrition program. Massachusetts is proud to be utilizing all tools available so kids can focus on learning and play, not where their next meal is coming from."

The program, known as Summer EBT, will be administered by the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) in collaboration with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and local school districts. This new program will complement the Summer Eats program, which provides free meals to all kids and teens, ages 18 and under, at locations across Massachusetts during the summer months. Some students' families will also continue receiving regular SNAP (federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. These programs build on the Healey-Driscoll administration and Massachusetts' food security initiatives for children, including Universal Free School Meals, Food Security Infrastructure Grants, and the MA FRESH (Massachusetts Farming Reinforces Education and Student Health) grant program.

Eligible families will receive one payment of \$120 per child between July and September, cor-

responding to \$40 per month. Families already enrolled in SNAP, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF; known in Massachusetts as Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or TAFDC), or some Massachusetts Health plans will be automatically

enrolled in the summer child nutrition program and do not need to take any action. Families who are not automatically enrolled can apply for the program directly on DTA Connect between June 15 and September 7, 2024.

Public Notice

Smart Choices Funding Available

Massachusetts General Hospital announces availability of funding for "Smart Choices for Charlestown" for 2024. The program is designed to help Charlestown organizations meet the health and human service needs of the community. Funding will be awarded to organizations serving the Charlestown community.

Information on how to apply on-line will be posted on <https://mgb.smapply.us/prog>. You will need to register on Survey Monkey to begin application.

The deadline for submission is 12:00 Noon on Friday, July 19, 2024. Incomplete applications or applications received after this deadline will not be eligible for funding. Awardees will be notified of decisions in early September.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Maria Doherty at mdoherty0@mgb.org or Amy O'Malley aomalley4@mgb.org

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CHARLESTOWN'S TOUCH A TRUCK A FAVORITE DURING PARADE WEEK

Touch A Truck was the first event of Charlestown Pride Week. Charlestown Mothers Association held the event at the Schrafft's Center. Despite the rainy weather, kids came out to see trucks, police and fire department vehicles, construction equipment, and more.

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



The vehicles from Welch Construction drew a lot of attention.



A train took passengers around the Schrafft's.



William, Mira, and Joe Butler.



The Schrafft's Center was a great location for young truck fans to meet their heroes.



Sammi Abdi got to not only touch a truck but got to drive a BPD vehicle with some help from CSO Chrissy Vraibel and Officer Rob DiRienzo from A1.

CHARLESTOWN'S TOUCH A TRUCK A FAVORITE DURING PARADE WEEK

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Julien and Rich checked out the construction equipment.



Via Stinnett for to meet US Army Spc Jack Hoyt and get behind the wheel of a MTV Expandible Van.



Dan Lang with aspiring firefighters Wyatt and Weston visit Boston Fire Department Engine 9.



Charlotte Salaga got behind the controls of an excavator.



Julia, Tommy, and Ryan enjoyed seeing the trucks.

DIDOMENICO CELEBRATES PRIDE MONTH WITH GOVERNOR AND COLLEAGUES

Senator Sal DiDomenico celebrated Pride Month at the State House alongside Governor Maura Healey and elected officials in the LGBTQ+ Legislative Caucus. The event featured remarks from LGBTQ+ Senators and Representatives about their experiences and perspectives, followed by the raising of the Pride Flag in front of the State House.

"I am proud to join our state's elected leaders to unequivocally support, celebrate, and protect every person in our Commonwealth, regardless of their identity or who they love," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "It is all of our responsibility to ensure Massachusetts continues to be a welcoming and loving place for everyone."



Senator DiDomenico on the State House steps with colleagues and advocates during remarks.



Senator DiDomenico with Governor Maura Healey in front of the State House.



Senator DiDomenico with Senator Will Brownsberger on the State House steps.



The Massachusetts state flag and the pride flag flying in front of the State House.

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Dog attacks on Postal Service employees on the rise

Special to Times

Incidents involving dog attacks on Postal Service employees rose to more than 5,800 cases last year. As part of the USPS 2024 National Dog Bite Awareness Campaign, the organization is offering crucial information on how dog owners can be good stewards for safe mail delivery and ensure the safety of our employees.

“Letter carriers are exposed to potential hazards every day, none more prevalent than a canine encounter. All it takes is one interaction for a letter carrier to possibly suffer an injury,” said Leeann Theriault, USPS Manager, Employee Safety and Health Awareness. “The U.S. Postal Service consistently encourages responsible pet ownership. The national dog bite campaign is an effort to promote dog bite awareness to keep our customers, their dogs, and letter carriers safe while delivering the mail.”

Dog Owners Can Help With Safe Mail Delivery

Letter carriers know all dogs can bite, even those perceived as nonaggressive. Dogs are generally protective of their turf and dog owners have an important responsibility to control them to ensure

safe mail delivery.

Most people know the approximate time their letter carrier arrives every day. Securing your dog before the carrier approaches your property will minimize any potentially dangerous interactions.

When a letter carrier comes to your home, keep dogs:

- Inside the house or behind a fence;
- Away from the door or in another room; or
- On a leash.

Pet owners also should remind children not to take mail directly from a letter carrier as the dog may view the carrier as a threat to the child.

Stay Informed, See the Mail Before It Arrives

By using Informed Delivery, a free USPS service, customers can digitally preview incoming mail and packages from a computer, tablet or mobile device. More than 52 million customers have enrolled since the service was launched in 2017. Sign up is at informeddelivery.usps.com. This service can help dog owners anticipate when their carrier will arrive.

Consequences of a Dog Attack

According to the most recent information available from the

Insurance Information Institute, the average cost per insurance claim for a dog bite is \$64,555. When a postal employee suffers an injury, the owner could be responsible for medical bills, lost wages, uniform replacement costs, and pain and suffering for the employee.

Staying Focused on Delivering

Letter carriers are trained to observe an area where they know dogs may be present. They are taught to be alert for potentially dangerous conditions and to respect a dog’s territory.

Letter carriers are trained to:

- Make a non-threatening noise or rattle a fence to alert a dog if entering a yard;
- Never startle a dog;
- Keep their eyes on any dog;
- Never assume a dog will not bite;
- Never attempt to pet or feed a dog; and

• Place their foot against an outward swinging door to prevent a dog from escaping.

If a dog attacks, carriers are also trained to stand their ground and protect their body by placing something between them and the dog — such as a mail satchel — and to use dog repellent, if necessary.

“Even though a customer’s dog is friendly to most people, it can always have a bad day,” said letter carrier Tara Snyder. “I know, from experience, even when a dog is in the house, customers need to make sure their door is secure so their dog can’t push it open and bite the letter carrier.”

Letter carriers have tools to alert them to dogs on their routes. A dog alert feature on carriers’ handheld scanners can remind them of a possible dog hazard, and dog warning cards must be used during mail sorting to alert carri-

ers to addresses where a dog may interfere with delivery.

Holding the Mail

When a carrier feels unsafe, mail service can be stopped. Until the carrier feels safe enough to restart delivery, the mail will have to be picked up at the dog owner’s local Post Office. If a carrier feels a house or neighborhood is unsafe to deliver the mail and there is no way to inform residents their mail service has been suspended, the residents would have to contact the supervisor at their local Post Office for more information. The residents would also have to pick up their mail at the Post Office until it is safe to resume delivery. If a dangerous dog issue is not resolved, owners can be required to rent a Post Office box to receive mail.

USS Constitution to go underway in honor of Women Veterans

USS Constitution is scheduled to go underway from Charlestown Navy Yard, Mass. on Friday, 14 June, at 10:00 a.m.

USS Constitution will be closed in the morning and reopen to the public for tours following the underway from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The underway will honor women veterans and will include a 21-gun salute viewable from Fort Independence on Castle Island at approximately 11:30 a.m.

USS Constitution will fire an additional 17-gun salute as she passes the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston, the former site of Edmund

Hart’s Shipyard, where USS Constitution was built and launched on Oct. 21, 1797.

USS Constitution’s cruise will be viewable from the Boston Harborwalk, Castle Island, and Charlestown Navy Yard.

USS Constitution is open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for public visitation.

USS Constitution is the world’s oldest commissioned warship afloat and America’s Ship of State.

She played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855.

The active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the ship’s mission of promoting the Navy’s history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence.

USS Constitution was undefeated in 33 at sea engagements with opponents. The ship earned the nickname of Old Ironsides during the War of 1812 when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the ship’s wooden hull.

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requirement,” said Coletta Zapata. “This is a crucial measure to help fill personnel shortages in the Boston Police Department, reduce overtime spending, and decrease police officer burnout due to limited precinct capacities. I look forward to conversation and working collaboratively with my colleagues.”

The current process to gain consideration to the Boston Police Academy if an individual over the maximum age requirement is such that the individual must petition through a special law both the City Council and then the State Legislature. The Boston City Council had five petitions in the first six months of the 2024 legislative session. In 2007, then Councilor Michael Flaherty sponsored a similar home rule petition to increase the maximum age requirement in an effort to fill personnel shortages. The measure was ultimately passed by the Council and Legislature.

“Boston Police Officers have to exercise integrity, maturity, judgment, discipline, and physical fitness every day in their roles. No age group has a monopoly

on these traits that are critical for the job. This change allows for individuals with years of diverse experiences to join the BPD, combating recruitment challenges and ensuring our department remains committed to improving our city.” said Councilor Enrique Pepen (District 5).

“We need more police officers in Boston, and the Police Academy and Police Department both have appropriately rigorous requirements — there’s no reason to block qualified applicants just because they’ve celebrated a few extra birthdays,” said Councilor At-Large Henry Santana and Chair of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee. “Officer shortages force our police to work too many hours, and we spend more on overtime and get less public safety services, so this is a fiscally responsible opportunity too.”

This docket was referred to the Committee on Government Operations chaired by Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata (District 1) of East Boston. A hearing will be scheduled in the upcoming months.

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Graduation took place on Thursday evening, June 6 at the Boston Convention Center. Welcoming all and serving as Master of Ceremonies was teacher David

Lopes. Addressing the graduates was headmaster Ajey Trivedi, class president Franklin Garcia, salutatorian Farhiyo Omar and valedictorian Tina Vo. Numerous awards

and scholarship announcements were made too. Diplomas were presented to 134 graduates.

PATRICK O'CONNOR PHOTOS



Class president Franklin Garcia speaking.



Valedictorian Tina Vo speaking.



Headmaster Ajey Trivedi with salutatorian Farhiyo Omar and valedictorian Tina Vo.



Grads pose for picture before the graduation.



Boys from the Division 3 State Title championship in basketball get together for a final team picture.



2023 BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL PARADE ROSTER

This information is printed as an informational guide only.

The parade lineup is subject to change by the parade committee.

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The American Legion

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Honorable Daniel Ryan, Member, Massachusetts House of Representatives
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Michael Creasey, Superintendent, Boston National Historical Park
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Honorable Dennis Kearney
Honorable Eugene O'Flaherty, Esq.

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Stephen M. Fabiano

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Bunker Hill Pipe Band

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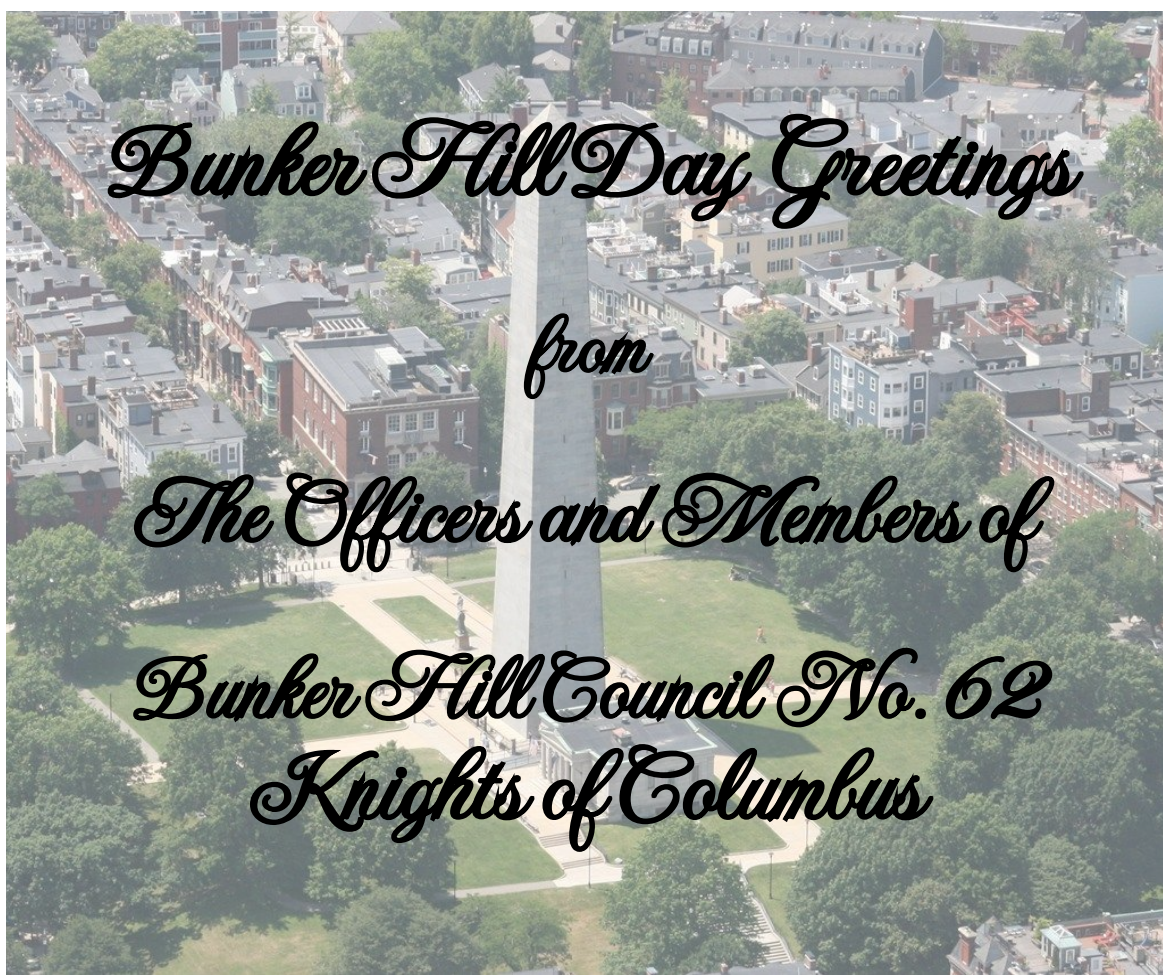
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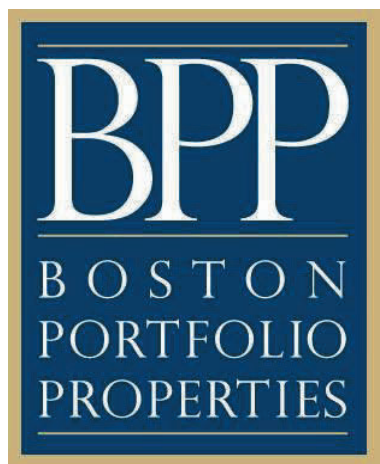


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Military Reenactors Formation Area: Bunker Hill Street (between Lowney Way and Vine Street)	1st Infantry Division Reenactment Group WW II Jeep US Soldiers	FORMATION AREA: Hunter Street Decatur Street, Moulton Street, Corey Street The South Philadelphia String Band (Mummers) Mayor Of Charlestown Mayor Of Charlestown Float Sponsored by
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BH PARADE (from pg. 1)

shal of this year's parade.

A resident of Charlestown, Fabiano is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a retired Boston Police officer.

Fabiano will be the guest of honor at the Chief Marshal's Banquet Friday at the Knights of Columbus. The event is organized by the American Legion JW Conway Post Post 26, Charlestown.

"I've known Stephen's mother since grammar school," said Hurley. "This is a well-deserved honor for him."

Plenty of bands and groups highlight the parade

Chairman Hurley said several bands will march in the parade, including Charlestown's Bunker Hill Pipe Band and the Everett High School Band.

Representatives and active members of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard will march in the parade.

Mayor of Boston Michelle Wu, Rep. Dan Ryan, Sen. Sal DiDome-

nico, and City Councillor Gabriela Coletta Zapata are expected to march in the parade.

Hurley recalled when then-U.S. Senator John Fitzgerald Kennedy marched in the Bunker Hill Parade. Kennedy went on to be elected President of the United States in 1960.

"He [Kennedy] stayed in touch in Charlestown," said Hurley. "I grew up in the Bunker Hill Projects and I can remember JFK sitting down on the curb with the kids when he was a senator. He

marched in the parade as a congressman and a senator."

Hurley said the parade holds a special place in the hearts of Charlestown residents and veterans.

"We invite everyone to enjoy

the parade," said Hurley, who worked for the U.S. Veterans Administration in 2024. "It's a great family event and it's free. It's a happy time."

PROGRAM (from pg. 1)

cert featuring live music by Jinty McGrath and Band at the Monument.

Saturday, June 15, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

The National Parks of Boston and Bunker Hill Monument Association will host a Luminary Gathering of Remembrance at the Bunker Hill Monument and grounds. Charlestown families, residents, elected officials, service members, and the general public are invited to encircle the monument with handheld lanterns provided by the National Park Service. Music will be provided by the Warren-Prescott eighth grade choir and a community string ensemble. The gathering will conclude with the illumination of the Monument and a moment of silence to reflect on its timeless significance as a beacon of hope and possibility.

Sunday, June 16, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

The Bunker Hill Parade Committee will host the annual Bunker Hill Parade. The parade commemorates the Battle of Bunker Hill, the armed services, and the essence of American heritage while celebrating the historic neighborhood of Charlestown.

Monday, June 17, 3:30-4:45 p.m.

The National Parks of Boston, Bunker Hill Monument Association, and American Legion J.W. Conway Bunker Hill Post 26 will hold the annual Battle of Bunker Hill Remembrance Ceremony & Oration on the grounds of the Monument. The following elected officials and special guests are con-

firmed to speak: Governor Maura Healey; British Consul General Peter Abbott; Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, City of Boston; Mohegan Tribal Historian Melissa Tantaquidgeon Zobel; and Christian Di Spigna, Executive Director, Dr. Joseph Warren Foundation. Park Superintendent Michael Creasey will open and close the program.

The Remembrance Ceremony is preceded by a 1:30 p.m. ecumenical service at Saint Francis De Sales Parish hosted by American Legion J.W. Conway Bunker Hill Post 26, followed by a procession from the church to the Monument. The procession will stop briefly for a wreath laying at Bunker Hill Burial Ground officiated by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company and Massachusetts Freemasons. The USS Constitution Color Guard, The Musick of Prescott's Battalion, Warren-Prescott School Choir, elected officials, and dignitaries will also join the procession along with the general public. A trolley will leave the Bunker Hill Museum at 1 p.m. for the service for those that require transport.

More information on programs and events is available online.

This year's events and the recent restoration of the Bunker Hill Monument underscore the importance of the battle in United States history as the park and the city of Boston prepare for the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill in 2025 and the 250th anniversary of the founding of the nation on July 4, 2026.

"We are honored to partner with elected officials and the community to commemorate the Battle of Bunker Hill," said National Parks of Boston Superintendent Michael Creasey. "In coming together to share the stories of that day, we ensure that the meanings of this critical moment in American history are passed along to future generations so that they are inspired to engage actively in shaping the nation's way forward."

On June 17, 1775, New England soldiers faced the British army for the first time in a pitched battle. Though the British forces claimed the field, the casualties inflicted by the Provincial soldiers from Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire were staggering. Of the nearly 2,400 British soldiers and Marines engaged, almost 1,000 were wounded or killed.

The National Parks of Boston is a collection of three National Park Service sites - Boston National Historical Park, Boston African American National Historic Site, and Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park. Established by individual legislation and for designated purposes, the three units have come together under a unified organizational umbrella to collaborate in ways that celebrate our cultural heritage, reconnect people to history and nature, and provide outdoor recreation opportunities on land and on the water. For more information, visit: www.nps.gov/bost, www.nps.gov/boaf, and www.bostonharborislands.org.

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NEW HEALTH PARTICIPATES IN MASS LEAGUE'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE

North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) participated in Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers' Community Health Center Day at the State House on Tuesday, June 4th. NEW Health was among dozens of non-profits and health centers educating legislators, state officials and the community on the importance of health and hygiene. The focus at the NEW Health table was dental hygiene, showcasing NEW Health services such as implant restorations. Dental Director Erika Omansky and Dental Practice Administrator Laura Rivas were joined by other NEW Health staff members to speak with people about their services including oral surgery, pediatric dentistry, root

planting and more. Pamphlets, hand sanitizer, pill containers, toothbrushes and toothpaste were also provided to attendees. Dental products and machines such as a scanner and whitening strips were on display. In addition to dental services, NEW Health also provides primary medical care, along with vision, behavioral health, obstetrics, gynecology, laboratory services and x-ray services. Photos with proper ID are attached to this email and available for your use. Thank you for your consideration!

As a federally qualified health center and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center, North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) extends its world-renowned

healthcare services to people who live and work in and around Boston's North End, Waterfront and Charlestown neighborhoods. NEW Health is committed to improving the quality of health and life for those it serves by providing high quality health care that is consumer oriented, culturally appropriate, neighborhood-based, affordable, and produces positive outcomes. NEW Health is a 2023 Health Center Quality Leader (HCQL), the only Massachusetts health center to receive a Gold badge from the Health Resources and Services Administration, among the top 10% of health centers nationwide.

NEW Health has been serving the North End of Boston and the surrounding community since 1971. In addition to primary care services for all patients, many specialty services are also offered including dental, vision, behavioral health, obstetrics, gynecology, laboratory services and



NEW Health staff members (left to right) Vincenzo "Vin" Scibelli, Laura Rivas, Dr. Erika Omansky, Kristen Simonelli, Nancy Meredith, and Danny Coakley.

x-ray services. NEW Health is a private, non-profit corporation that is governed by a community-based Board of Directors and licensed by the Department of Public Health. More information at www.newhealthcenter.org, on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

BPHC promotes LGBTQ+ health and wellness during pride month

June is Pride Month, and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) launched a new campaign to reduce the impact of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, particularly within the LGBTQ+ community. The campaign, led by BPHC's Infectious Disease Bureau and in partnership with Boston Pride for the People, can be found in MBTA stations, buses, and various digital platforms, including social media and dating apps. The campaign's website, safeissexyboston.com, also has information on medical providers and additional resources. The goal of the campaign is to normalize conversations about sexually transmitted infections (STIs), encourage people to get tested and treated, and reduce STIs in Boston.

"It is important to have these conversations and to stay educated in order to ensure the safety of ourselves and our loved ones," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Our goal as a City is to provide equitable access to educational resources and healthcare services to all residents."

"The rates of sexually transmitted infections, including gonorrhea, Chlamydia, syphilis, and HIV in Boston are among the highest in the state," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, the Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Direc-

tor of the Boston Public Health Commission. "This campaign is designed to decrease stigma and increase testing for everyone who is sexually active, including some members of the LGBTQ+ community who are disproportionately impacted."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 get tested for HIV at least once in their lifetime. People with certain risk factors should get tested at least once a year. Those who have multiple or anonymous partners should be tested more frequently. Testing-specific questions, such as how to get tested, who should get tested, and symptoms, should be discussed in detail with a medical provider. Find one near you at safeissexyboston.com.

"While HIV and STIs are not exclusive to the LGBTQ+ community, members of this community are disproportionately impacted because of heightened stigma and significantly less societal supports," said Tegan Evans, Interim Bureau Director of the Infectious Disease Bureau of the Boston Public Health Commission. "We are proud to partner with Boston Pride for the People on this campaign so that one day groups such as the LGBTQ+ community will no longer be marginalized or

impacted."

According to State data, the number of persons living with HIV infection in Massachusetts increased by 13% between 2012 to 2021. Compared to neighboring cities, Boston had the highest number of new HIV infection diagnosis from 2019-2021. Fewer than half of respondents said they received education on how to prevent HIV transmission and were taught how to talk to partners about using condoms.

"We aim to promote a safe and positive culture to reduce STIs in Boston," said Teakia Brown, Director of the Education and Community Engagement Division of the Infectious Disease Bureau at the Boston Public Health Commission. "That's why we partnered with theSTUDIO to develop authentic and empowering messages to advocate for HIV and STI awareness, testing, and treatment."

In addition to this campaign, BPHC will be participating in the Pride Parade on June 8 and giving out free sexual health education materials. BPHC is also encouraging people to participate in national HIV testing day on June 27 by scheduling an appointment with a trusted provider. Find more Pride events at boston.gov/pride.

Happy Bunker Hill Day!

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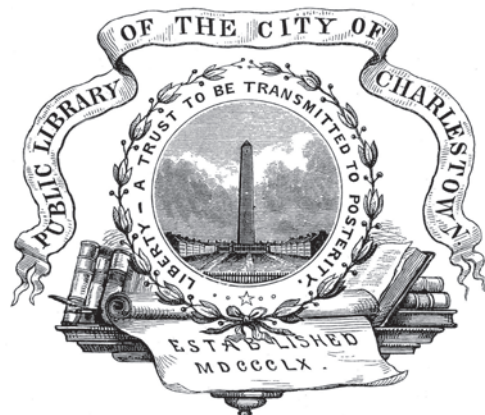
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THE ANNUAL PETER LOONEY NIGHT

Peter Looney was dedicated to Charlestown and worked hard to help out wherever he could. Peter Looney Park stands as a monument to his efforts. As Charlestown Parade Week gets into gear, Bunker Hill Associates, Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata, and the City Of Boston Credit Union threw their annual Peter Looney Night to celebrate his memory and the community that he loved. See Pages 16 and 17 for more photos.



Derek and Connor Gustafson.



Sam Ellis is enjoying the party.



Good friends Vienna Campanale and Zoe Gaskell are having fun in the playground.

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



Peter Looney Park was filled with members of the Charlestown community as its namesake intended.



When he isn't fighting crime, Batman enjoys making balloon animals as Meghan, Parker, and Graham Kinneen were happy to discover.



Father John Sheridan of St Mary, St Catherine, and St Francis Parishes, Ronan Fitzpatrick, Dodie Boyle, and Bunker Hill Associates President John Driscoll.

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Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico and Lisa Collins with Callen and Jamie Chambers of the National Guard.

THE ANNUAL PETER LOONEY NIGHT



Luke Crotty is happy to tag along with his mom Ashley.



Nicole Bourgeois with Elaine Donovan, supporting and representing Mayor of Charlestown candidate Colby Cabill.



Nicole Padilla with daughters AJ, Aurora, and Analie.



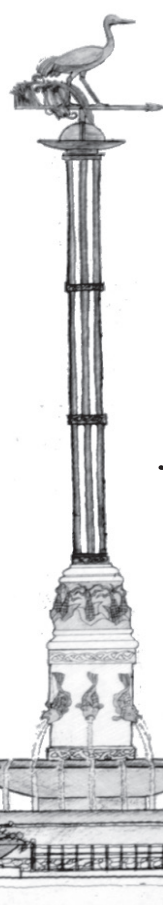
Dani rests on her dad Michael Gautreau.



Jay Farrarher and Boston City Hall Liason Sean Breen.



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THE ANNUAL PETER LOONEY NIGHT



Scarlett Brannelly with her with dad Chris and her best friend Ilsa.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata was one of the hosts of Peter Looney Night.

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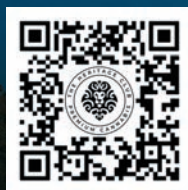
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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction look-ahead for the North Washington Street Bridge through June 22 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:

TBD: June 17 at 8:30 p.m.

- OTHER EVENTS: June 13 at 8 p.m. and June 20 at 8 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.

You can also sign up to receive project updates via email by clicking this link.

Project website: Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement

Project email: NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us

Speakeasy founder and artistic director Paul Daigneault to step down June 30

After founding and then serving for more than three decades as its Artistic Director, Paul Daigneault will step down from his leadership role at SpeakEasy Stage Company on June 30, 2025, SpeakEasy Board Co-Chairs Andrew Fullem and Constance Gist Guindo announced today. The DeVos Institute will soon begin a national search for Mr. Daigneault's successor.

"Paul Daigneault leaves an indelible mark on this city as an artist, pioneer, educator, mentor, and Boston Theatre champion," said Fullem. "He has established a legacy of exceptional storytelling and community building that SpeakEasy will continue to embrace and foster in the years to come."

Added Gist Guindo, "Paul has also dedicated himself to training the next generation of theatre artists and making Boston a sustainable home for local talent to live and work. In addition, he has been an early adopter and outspoken advocate for wide-ranging diversity in all aspects of Boston theatre and beyond."

Born in Marlborough, Massachusetts, and raised in Sandwich, Paul studied theatre at Boston College before moving to New York City. As a young artist, he found himself unable to advance, as no one was willing to hire him without first seeing his work, and no one was willing to take a chance on an untested director. Before



Paul Daigneault.

long, Paul realized he would have to create his own opportunities, so he moved back home to Boston to pursue his dream of starting a theatre company. With a few friends from Boston College, Paul founded SpeakEasy Stage Company in the winter of 1992.

Under Daigneault's artistic leadership, SpeakEasy Stage has produced over 160 theater productions, including 6 world premieres and over 60 musicals. The company's work has reliably been among the city's best, frequently taking home top honors at Boston's annual theatre awards. Critics have praised SpeakEasy not only for the company's high production values, but also for its commitment to local artists and to works that center community, equality, and social justice.

"My decision to step down

comes after careful consideration and planning," said Daigneault, "and I am proud that I will be leaving SpeakEasy in a position of strength and vitality. The board and I have made significant strides toward ensuring SpeakEasy's future, including bringing on David Beardsley last July as our first-ever Executive Director. David has strengthened SpeakEasy's foundation, preparing for a future filled with bold and impactful theatre. And, as the company begins its search for a new artistic leader, I am confident they will find someone who brings their own artistic vision, but shares SpeakEasy's values and principles."

"It has been a privilege to work with and learn from one of this city's premier directors and producers," said SpeakEasy Executive Director David Beardsley. "In his 30-plus years with SpeakEasy, Paul has built an incredibly strong institution, and the work we will all do over the coming year preparing for this transition will ensure that SpeakEasy remains Boston's home for bold theatre for decades to come."

Following his time at SpeakEasy, Paul will relocate to Connecticut, where his husband – the Right Reverend Jeffrey W. Mello -- serves as the state's Episcopal Bishop. They have one son, Ardani.

Paul plans to continue directing, teaching, and visiting all 63 US National Parks.



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CITY PAWS

Hot town, summer in the City

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We may be in the Northeast, but summers in Greater Boston are growing hotter by the year. As pet guardians, we must be aware of the dangers to our critters when the temperatures rise.

“Walkin’ On The Sidewalk, Hotter Than a Match Head”

Anyone who has walked barefoot to a car in a beach parking lot can attest to just how hot asphalt can be. Think of this when you’re walking your dog. Put your hand palm down on the surface and decide if it’s safe for your dog. Also, consider how close a small dog’s body is to that heat source. And be sure to check paws for burns if your dog is licking or limping this time of year.

“Cool Town, Evening in The City”

Some dogs need a lot of exercise, even in the heat. If you have one of these athletes on the end of your leash, take those long walks or runs early in the morning or after dark. Mid-day heat may be too much for even a healthy dog. Canine companions can push themselves into the danger zone to

please us. Dogs are stoic and may not show distress until it’s too late.

“Doesn’t Seem to Be a Shadow in The City”

A park bench under a shady tree is the perfect place to take a break on your daily walk. After sitting in the shade and drinking water, you’ll hear a difference in your dog’s panting. Our Westie, Poppy, is now a senior dog. In summer, this may call for shorter walks and longer rests. She still needs daily exercise, but we must ensure she does not become overheated.

Overheated Danger Signs!

The MSPCA experts list the signs you can use to determine if a dog or cat is in danger from heat, such as heavy panting, rapid breathing, staggering, and weakness. They remind us that “A heat-stricken animal can die in minutes, but proper care may save its life.”

They outline what to do for first aid, “Immediately bring the animal to a shady spot. Cool the animal by dousing them completely with water or placing them in cool water. Take the distressed pet to a veterinarian as soon as pos-

sible. Treatment for dehydration and other serious problems will be necessary.”

Other Warnings!

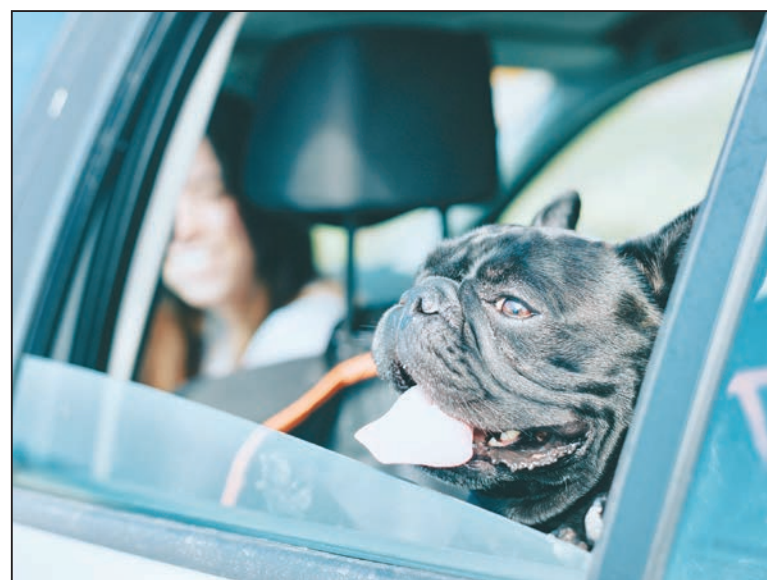
A stop for a quick errand could result in a dog in trouble. Or, you could find your car window broken by a first responder or good Samaritan trying to save your pup.

Massachusetts law “Enables animal control officers, firefighters, and law enforcement to remove animals kept in vehicles in a manner reasonably expected to threaten the health of the animal due to extreme heat or cold.” It also “... allows individuals to remove an animal when in immediate danger in a vehicle and no other options exist.”

Meanwhile, the ASPCA warned about animals, especially cats, falling from windows this time of year. “Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed and make sure adjustable screens are tightly secured.” Safety grates designed for children’s rooms might work to protect your pet.

“Take It Easy!”

Summer is a time to take it easy. Bring a book, some water, and snacks for the two of you, and try a quiet, relaxing afternoon enjoying the slower pace of summer in the city. Pick a spot in a beautiful



Dogs with flat faces, like this Frenchie, are in greater danger in the heat due to their respiratory structure.

park, or drive to a favorite beach or rural destination. Learning to relax and remain quiet can be good for both of you.

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

JUNETEENTH TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Delayed pick-up service begins on Wednesday 6/19.

Neighborhoods on a Regular Pick-Up Schedule:

- Back Bay
- Bay Village
- Beacon Hill
- Charlestown
- Chinatown
- Downtown Boston
- Fenway-Kenmore
- Mission Hill
- Wharf District
- North End
- Roxbury
- South End
- West End

Neighborhoods on a Delayed Pick-Up Schedule:

- Allston
- Brighton
- Dorchester
- East Boston
- Hyde Park
- Jamaica Plain
- Mattapan
- Roslindale
- South Boston
- West Roxbury


Please note that all neighborhoods will run on a regular collection schedule on Monday & Tuesday.

KEEP WIPES OUT OF PIPES



“FLUSHABLE” WIPES CAN CLOG YOUR PIPES

Wipes that claim to be “flushable” and “sewer safe” in fact are not sewer friendly. Unlike toilet paper, wipes do not break down as they travel through pipes and the public sewer system. Wipes can cause backups in your home plumbing and can cause sewer overflows in the street. **Don’t flush wipes- Place them in the trash after use!**

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