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GARDENS FOR CHARLESTOWN HOLD RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Gardens for Charlestown had a major upgrade in the replacing of the old timbers, some that have been there since 1978, that served as dividers for the plots in the community garden with concrete. Shown above is the cutting of the ribbon to officially open the renovated Gardens for Charlestown Community Garden. Below left show that the old timbers that separated the garden plots have been replaced with concrete. Right, honoring John Beasley, who supported the community garden, is a plaque and flags of the United States and Charlestown. See Pages 5 to 8 for more photos.

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



Love Your Block set for April 20

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Love Your Block is a Citywide community service event comes to Charlestown on this Saturday, April 20. The Office of Civic Organizing (OOCO) invite community members to lead in hosting a neighborhood cleanup or joining a cleanup as an individual volunteer. Love Your Block neighborhood beautification projects include cleaning up trash on sidewalks and streets, park revitalization, and flower planting. The Love Your Block application is open for volunteers to sign up to become a host or join a neighborhood cleanup. City officials will connect individuals with a cleanup site in their neighborhood once all sites are finalized.

“Love your Block cleanups are a perfect way to enjoy the upcoming spring weather while helping your local community look vibrant and clean,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “The City is proud to help supply the tools to host group cleanups and assist individuals in finding a Love Your Block volunteer opportunity near them.”

Cleanups will take place in every neighborhood of Boston over the course of three weekends. This weekend the local neighborhoods include:

Charlestown, East Boston, North End/West End/Wharf District, Chinatown/Downtown/Leather District, South End/Bay Village

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Wu files FY25 budget

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu proposed her third annual operating budget, which builds on the administration’s steady progress to make Boston a home for everyone—where the City’s communities’ needs are met and dreams can grow. The recommended Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Operating Budget is \$4.6 billion and includes budgetary growth of \$344 million or eight percent over Fiscal Year 2024, and the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Plan totals \$4.7 billion and creates and protects critical City assets and makes numerous neighborhood infrastructure investments.

“Our focus is on working hard every single day to make Boston a home for everyone, in all senses of the word,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Home is where you are happy and healthy and safe. Home is when you’re with the people you



Mayor Michelle Wu.

love. All of our work is about setting that basic infrastructure so that people’s needs are met, creating access to programs that are necessary for health, wealth-building, joy, and safety and also about

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MGH CHARLESTOWN HEALTHCARE CENTER MEDICAL MINUTE

By Lori Hooley RN, Ben Bearnot MD, and Jim Morrill MD

Alcohol Awareness Month Q&A

For all of recorded history, alcohol has been a part of American culture and many cultures around the world, well known for making us feel good during celebratory moments and helping us find relaxation during challenging times. However, alcohol also carries serious risks. Heavy alcohol use can not only harm the person drinking, but can also take a devastating toll on family and friends. In honor of Alcohol Awareness Month, we would like to take a moment to address some common questions that we as health care providers receive from many of our patients regarding alcohol use.

How do you know whether you or a family member's alcohol intake is healthy or unhealthy?

Moderate alcohol use for healthy adults generally means up to one drink a day for women and up to two drinks a day for men. One drink is measured as: 12 fluid ounces (355 milliliters) of beer, 5 fluid ounces (148 milliliters) of wine, or 1.5 fluid ounces

(44 milliliters) of hard liquor (80 proof). Heavy or high-risk drinking is defined as more than three drinks a day or more than seven drinks a week for women and men older than 65, and more than four drinks on any day or more than 14 drinks a week for men younger than 65. Binge drinking is defined as four or more drinks within two hours for women and five or more drinks within two hours for men.

What are the effects of alcohol on the brain and body?

Drinking alcohol at any level has physiological and psychological effects, including effects on mood, perception, judgment, balance, blood pressure (lower during drinking, higher after drinking), and the function of muscles and nerves. However, excessive drinking as defined above can increase your risk of serious health problems, including:

- Certain cancers, including breast cancer and cancers of the mouth, throat, esophagus and liver.

- Pancreatitis (painful inflam-

mation of the pancreas).

- Heart muscle damage (alcoholic cardiomyopathy) leading to heart failure

- Stroke

- High blood pressure

- Chronic liver disease

- Depression, including suicidal thoughts

- Accidental serious injury or death

- Brain damage and other problems in an unborn child

- Risk of acute alcohol withdrawal syndrome

How can you tell if someone has an alcohol use disorder?

Substance use disorders—including alcohol use disorder—can involve one or more of the “3 C’s”:

- Cravings (thoughts, feelings, people, places, things that bring on an urge to use the substance);

- Control issues (using more/longer than planned, unsuccessful attempts to cut down or quit, or increasing time spent obtaining, using, or recovering from use); or

- Consequences (failure to fulfill

major obligations at work, school, or home).

People with alcohol use disorder almost always develop tolerance (a progressive need to drink more to have the same effect) and withdrawal (physical effects of abruptly stopping drinking), which can involve elevated blood pressure and severe mental status changes and often requires hospitalization.

Are there treatments for risky alcohol use or alcohol use disorder?

There can be shame associated with seeking treatment, but alcohol use disorder is a treatable medical condition. And treatment works! Millions of people across the country are in long term recovery. The route to recovery can involve counseling, such as behavioral therapy, and medications (such as Naltrexone or Acamprosate) that have been proven in studies to reduce the desire to drink. Some people need inpatient medical detoxification to stop drinking safely. Mutual support groups such as Alcoholics Anon-

ymous, which patients can access outside the medical system and are a crucial lifeline to many people in recovery, can help people stop drinking, manage relapses, find fellowship, and cope with necessary lifestyle changes.

Where can I go for further information?

Your Primary Care Physician will be able to answer any questions you may have regarding healthy or unhealthy alcohol use. They will be able to assist in recognizing, treating, or managing alcohol use disorder. You can also find more information online from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Alcohol Portal | CDC), National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (Alcohol's Effects on Health | National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) (nih.gov)), or Alcohol Addiction Centers (What is Alcoholism? - Learn About Alcohol Addiction).

There and Back Again: an Exploration

Paintings by Dianne Smith Dolan and Carol Schweigert, embodying the artists' journeys both rural and urban.



Reception:

Fri April 19 5-8pm

Artists Talks & Closing Reception:

Sun April 28 3-4pm

Gallery Hours:

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Local authors release new book

Charlestown Nursery School is thrilled to announce that Jean Martin Cadène and Nancy Wovers Cadène, along with Isabella Cadene, have just released a beautiful photo book entitled “Pond, Lake, River, Sea: Life Along the Path of the Mystic.” This second book of photographs by Cadène highlights the wildlife in our local waterways. The introduction highlights the project's partnership with Charlestown Nursery School, and the closing includes reflections from the Mystic River Watershed Association.

Charlestown Nursery School shares, “On the water, we view the wildlife right here in our backyard from a closer perspective, marveling at details that aren't visible on land. This experience and research informs our teaching as we share a commitment to appreciating and protecting the wild gifts of our urban environment.” The hope is that the book inspires many readers to do the same.

This collection of photographs takes readers along the Mystic, from Horn Pond to the Mystic Lakes, the Mystic River, and Boston Harbor. The stunning photographs of birds, fish, and native wildlife draw readers in and

inspire wonder and awe.

Like our first collaboration, “My Neighbors Have Feathers,” Jean, Nancy, and the Charlestown Nursery School community hope this book can make it to the hands of every student in Charlestown. In this second publication, they are selling the books in bundles (for \$100, buy 1 and donate 2 to local children). If they reach their goal, they will be able to bring books to every child in each public program in the neighborhood.

As naturalists who share these waterways with so much wildlife, they look forward to the opportunity to introduce every child and adult to the range of life in these incredible habitats. If you would like to support this project, the books have been printed and are on sale now through Venmo @ charlestownnurseryschool and there will also be copies for sale at the “Pond, Lake, River, Sea: Life Along the Path of the Mystic,” Book Launch Party on Sunday, April 28th, from 3:30 to 5:00 at Charlestown Nursery School. Individual copies may also be purchased there for \$35. To learn more about Jean Martin Cadène's photos visit www.oiseauxphoto.com.

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Historic Houses of the Month

The Charlestown Savings Bank Building - One Thompson Square

By Nancy Hayford Kueny

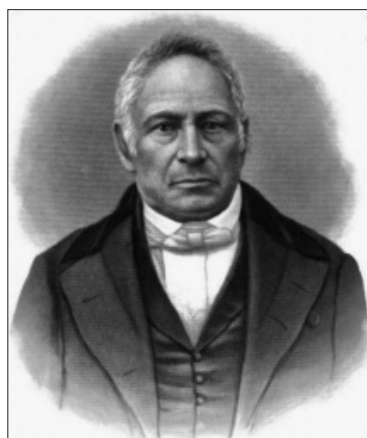
The most interesting commercial building in Charlestown is the Charlestown Savings Bank at One Thompson Square, truly a landmark. Built in 1876, it is a magnificent example of High Victorian Gothic Style and was designed by architects George Moffette Jr. (1844-1939) and George Tolman (1837-1909), who began practicing as Moffette and Tolman in the 1860s. In addition to the Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank which had offices on the second floor, the top three floors were built for and occupied by The Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and included the King Solomon Lodge, the Price Lodge and the Faith Lodge. Other occupants of the building were the Charlestown Gas Company, the Monument National Bank, and the Mutual Protection Insurance Company. The street level tenants included R.F. Stacey Pharmacist (now Starbucks), and the C.D. Cobb & Co. grocery (now the Cambridge Savings Bank), as well as Mrs. S. Morse French Millinery.

In 1869 the City Council of Charlestown voted to enlarge the square, formerly known as Crafts' Corner, to establish a commercial center. The frame house that stood at the junction of Warren and Main Streets at that time was built by the Boylston family who were residents of Charlestown as early as 1680. According to historian Timothy Sawyer, the Boylston House was possibly the first house built in Charlestown following the conflagration. This two-story frame gable roofed residence eventually became the apothecary shop of Elias Craft in 1828, and the

location became known as Crafts' Corner. The enlargement of the square required the demolition of the Boylston House, and the square was renamed Thompson Square in honor of the prominent Thompson family who owned several properties in the surrounding area.

The Hay family, also early settlers of Charlestown, owned a pasture that bordered Warren, Green and High Streets, and extended almost to Cordis Street on the southeast side. Samuel Dexter bought a substantial portion of the pasture and built the mansion at 14 Green Street that is now Memorial Hall, currently being renovated. The First Church of Charlestown (historically the Universalist Church), as well as the Dexter Row lots, had also been part of the pasture. Lastly, the southwest corner of the pasture was owned by Timothy Thompson, who sold his mansion and grounds to the Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank. The proposed new bank building served as a centerpiece for the newly created Thompson Square.

The Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank was established in 1854 and was a significant financial institution for over a century. It was originally located in a small brick building in City Square, founded by a group of local businessmen and civic leaders. One of them was Phineas J. Stone (1810-1891) who was the president of the bank from 1854 until the time of his death. Phineas was born in Weare NH, the son of a grocer. His family moved to Charlestown in 1824. He became involved in the East India trade at



Phineas J. Stone Bank President 1854-189.

24, retiring from that occupation in 1851. Beginning in 1839 he became involved in local politics. Over the years he served as a Town Selectman, a member of the State Legislature, an inspector at the Charlestown State Prison, and was Mayor of Charlestown during the Civil War years, from 1862-1864. He lived in the stately double Greek Revival home at 2-4 Concord Street, built in 1840. It was one of the earliest homes built as part of the residential development of Monument Square.

The High Victorian Gothic Style was popular in the United States beginning in the 1860s, derived from Western European precedents. Chiefly used in large scale public buildings, these masonry buildings were characterized by complex massing and highly detailed façades, which featured arched windows and doorways and utilized varying design components such as brick or stone accents and contrasting colors and textures. The English architect and polymath John Ruskin



Charlestown Savings Bank With Carriages And Citizens.

(1819-1900) was a practitioner of the style, and it is frequently referred to as 'Ruskinian Gothic'. One Thompson is a substantial appearing square building with a sandstone façade, brick sides and rear, and a mansard roof. The symmetrically designed eight-bay wide façade rises five stories. Two three-bay wings flank a slightly projecting two-bay central pavilion. Both the two entry doors and the second-floor windows feature characteristic Gothic pointed, lancet shaped arches, and there are two symmetrically placed plaques on the second-floor façade. Third and fourth floor windows feature rounded arches, and from an architectural design standpoint these two floors are treated as one element. The mansard roof is sheathed in slate with an intricate copper crest at the apex. Three

gothic styled gabled dormers reprise the gabled entry doorways, giving the building a stunning cohesiveness. Much of the building's interior original oak millwork in the public areas remains intact.

The building was designated a Boston Landmark in 1978 and it is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the only commercial building in Charlestown to have been given these two designations.

For additional images visit www.nancykueny.com/blog.

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CITY PAWS

Canine coat care

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In the Northeast, we're about to enter a change in weather. With more time spent outside, excursions to the sandy shore, and strolling through spring mud, our dogs need more grooming. And, if your dog is shedding a winter coat, you'll want some control over where all that hair lands.

To Shave or Not To Shave

One of the questions that comes up every year as the temperatures rise is whether or not you should

shave a dog with a heavy coat. The ASPCA says, "Hold Those Clippers." They go on to explain, "... your pets' fur coats are actually providing them with heat relief. Acting like insulation, a dog's coat keeps him from getting too cold in the winter, but also keeps him from overheating in the summer."

"Robbing your dog or cat of this natural cooling system can lead to discomfort, overheating and other serious dangers like sunburn or skin cancer."

Benefits of Grooming

Grooming is about an animal's comfort and health. Routine brushing keeps your dog from excess shedding and matting and could prevent painful skin sores. It may also help reduce human allergy symptoms by removing dander and much of the pollen that travels inside with your dog.

Like many double-coated terriers, our Westie Poppy tends to weave her downy undercoat into snarls. However, if we regularly attend to the areas that snarl the most, we don't have to resort to mat breakers or cutting out the snarls with scissors.

Start grooming your dog early in your relationship and do it often until the animal becomes comfortable and you both begin to relax into a routine. The dog

will come to understand that this doesn't hurt all the time and that, many times, it is simple stuff that happens regularly.

Grooming sessions can also bring you and your dog closer and help you bond. If you can make them gentle and pleasant, they can

relax both of you. Regular grooming can also reveal lumps, bumps, or other skin abnormalities.

Grooming Tips

We find it easier to groom

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EDITORIAL

BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES

The Department of Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University has released its annual forecast for the 2024 hurricane season and it is nothing less than frightening, with a prediction that the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season will have activity well above average. Their summary is as follows:

“We estimate that 2024 will have 23 named storms (average is 14.4), 115 named storm days (average is 69.4), 11 hurricanes (average is 7.2), 45 hurricane days (average is 27.0), 5 major (Category 3-4-5) hurricanes (average is 3.2), and 13 major hurricane days (average is 7.4). The probability of U.S. and Caribbean major hurricane landfall is estimated to be well above its long- period average. We predict Atlantic basin Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) and Net Tropical Cyclone (NTC) activity in 2024 to be approximately 170 percent of their long- term averages.”

The reasons behind the forecast are two-fold: The first is that the El Nino weather pattern of the past few years has changed into a La Nina pattern, which means that the upper-atmospheric wind shear conditions of El Nino that prevent hurricanes from forming will dissipate, thereby creating conditions favorable to hurricane formation.

The second major factor is that ocean water temperatures are soaring beyond anything ever seen before. Warm water temperatures are the fuel for hurricanes, but the unprecedented high ocean temperatures we are experiencing all around the world -- every day literally is setting a new record -- will provide the rocket fuel that will feed tropical storms that will propel them to strengthen into major hurricane status.

While the change from an El Nino weather pattern to a La Nina pattern is a normal occurrence, the dramatic increase in ocean temperatures is attributable to climate change thanks to the ever-increasing amount of fossil-fuels that the world continues to spew into the atmosphere.

We haven't had a major hurricane in our little corner of the world in a while, so we are overdue -- and thanks to the effects of climate change exacerbating every meteorological event, we could be in for a long, hot -- and dangerous -- summer and autumn.

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NEWS BRIEFS

WILD & SCENIC FESTIVAL ON APRIL 27

“E” inc’s annual fundraiser Film Festival returns to the Atlantic Wharf in Boston on Saturday, April 27th at 6:30 PM. Wild & Scenic is a curated selection of Wild & Scenic films that celebrate the beauty of our planet and the importance of environmental conservation. Along with the film viewing, attendees will enjoy a brief awards ceremony, a silent auction, and light bites and drinks. All the proceeds from the event enable “e” inc. to grow their planet science and sustainability education programs provided to Boston youth. Visit www.einc-action.org to learn more and purchase tickets or to contribute to the fundraising efforts. Based in The Navy Yard, the nonprofit “e” inc. brings hands-on, exciting science education and action to urban children and youth, with programs that help them grow as learners, leaders, and ‘doers’ for the planet. “e” inc.’s programs span over 30 sites throughout the Greater Boston area providing in-person learning and skill-building throughout the year. For more information about “e” inc. contact: Annabeth Gausepohl – Director of Education for “e” inc. annabeth.gausepohl@einc-action.org. Or use this link to purchase tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/e-inc-presents-wild-and-scenic-film-festival-tickets>.

COULD YOU BE THE NEXT MAYOR OF CHARLESTOWN?

All Roads Charlestown is keeping a favorite tradition alive, seeking candidates for Mayor of Charlestown for 2024. The Mayor of Charlestown is the only race you CAN buy with the title based on Community Fundraising. If you have lived in Charlestown for 5 or more years, are 21+ and agree to the duties of the Mayor, you can enter the race. Obligations are related to Community Events with All Roads Charlestown. For more information contact allroad-scharlestown@gmail.com

NEW EXHIBITION OPENING FRIDAY APRIL 19 AT THE STOVEFACTORY GALLERY

“There and Back Again: an Exploration”, paintings by Dianne Smith Dolan and Carol Schweigert will end the month of April with a reception Friday April 19, 5-8 p.m. Show will be open Saturday and Sunday April 20 & 21 from 11a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday April 25 and Sunday April 28 from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists Talks and closing reception: Sunday April 28 3-4 p.m. Coming up in May, “Inspired by the Sea” - works by Deidre Tao will open with a reception on May 3 from 5-7:30 p.m. Visit taofineart.com for a peek at Deidre’s work. The StoveFactory Gallery is located at 523 Medford Street, during events there is free parking in the lot at 511 Medford, in slots marked 511. Visit artists-groupofcharlestown.com for additional information. Also - At the Hood Park+AGC Pop Up Gallery, check out the Art of Caity Sprague hanging through July 29 at 500 Rutherford Ave.

TASTE OF CHARLESTOWN – SUPPORTING GOOD SHEPHERD’S STUDENT FOUNDATION

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have all your favorite local restaurant spots under one roof? On Saturday, April 27th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Good Shepherd School will be hosting its annual fundraiser also known as ‘Taste of Charlestown’ at Foundation Kitchen located at 32 Cambridge Street in Charlestown. Sample delicious bites from all the Charlestown favorites – from Brewer’s Fork to Prima to Warren Tavern and even, The Bacon Truck! Enjoy drinks while catching up with fellow neighbors and dance the night away with music provided by Karson Tager of Mix 104.1. There will be opportunities to bid on exciting packages from the silent auction, enter basket raffles (think: epic movie and pizza

nights!), and participate in a live auction for artwork created by the school’s students. Learn more at gsscharlestown.org/toc. If you’re a local business and are interested in donating to Taste of Charlestown, don’t hesitate to contact Jessica at j.briley@gsscharlestown.org or DM @gsscharlestown on Instagram!

SPOTLIGHT YOUR HISTORIC HOUSE ON THE CPS HOUSE TOUR

The Charlestown Preservation Society hosts a historic home tour in September and is inviting Charlestown homeowners to join them. The learn more about the event and showcase your home, email info@charlestownpreservation.org

EARTH DAY AT PIER 5

Join the Pier 5 Association for an Earth Day celebration on Sunday, April 28 from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Harborwalk - Pier 5. Visit www.pier5.org for more information about the association.

BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE MONUMENT ASSOCIATION AT THE TRAINING FIELD

On Saturday, April 20 starting at 11 a.m. you can support the Monument Association at the revival of Sarah Josepha Buell Hale’s bake sale, originally started to raise funds to build the Bunker Hill Monument. This year’s fundraising is for their children’s book and other commemorative events this year and in 2025- they will mark the 250th Anniversary of the great Battle of Bunker Hill. Tables specifically for Charlestown non-profits (free with proof of 501(c)3, and local sellers. Last minute Vendor tables: \$40 for Ctown vendors, \$30 for members of the Bunker Hill Monument Association. Reach out to reserve your table- tents are welcome. Visit the Bunker Hill Monument Association Facebook page or <https://bunkerhillmonumentassociation.com/contact-us/> to get in touch.

Visit www.charlestownbridge.com

GARDENS FOR CHARLESTOWN HOLD RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

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tion Act, and generous donations from supporters this project was able to be realized. Also this day a plaque and flag raising was added to the garden commemorating John Beasley, a Charlestown resident who passionately supported three community garden and who passed away in September 2022.



Maeve Welch with her mom Keely meet Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.



Boston City Hall Liason to Charlestown Sean Breen, Sarah Rodrigo with Browne Fund, and Chris Remmes a "local celebrity."



Paul Holleen and Gregory Perkins, standing with Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, spoke of their friend John Beasley.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu offers remarks.



Representing the Browne Fund that provided the finance for the renovation was Sarah Rodrigo who offered remarks.



Director for Boston's Community Preservation Act office Thadine Brown offers remarks.



Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan offers remarks.



Gardens For Charlestown President Melanie Cevetello offers remarks.



Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins.



Gardens For Charlestown was filled with supporters eager to witness the ribbon cutting.

GARDENS FOR CHARLESTOWN HOLD RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



Jason Meyersburg with son Tobey already start digging into their garden plot.



Gardens For Charlestown Clerk Cara Bradley with her husband Dan.



Gardens For Charlestown Treasurer Rich Shea with wife Alejandra at the merch table.



Gardens For Charlestown project coordinator Chris Schiavone and President Melanie Cevetello with Yard And A Half Project Manager Clay Larson, who did the concrete work on the plot division in the garden.



Jackie, Melanie and Frank.



Gabi Foley with her mother-in-law Diane Foley.



Sarah Rodrigo from the Browne Fund, Yard And A Half Project Manager Clay Larson, project coordinator for Gardens For Charlestown Chris Schiavone, and Director for Boston's Community Preservation Act office Thadine Brown.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION at PIER 5!

April 28
Sunday 11-3pm

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Mon., April 29 - 3 p.m. Set-up
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Gardens For Charlestown Board members Val Polk, Jeanne Murphy, Amy Kennedy Slesar, and Heather Repicky.



Jack Beasley, son of John Beasley, spoke of his father and his love of gardening.



Jane Pantelev, Keely Welch, Liz Flynn, and Joe Caruso.



Members of John Beasley's family listen as his life of service to the community was recounted.



Gardens For Charlestown President Melanie Cevetello with Board member Heather Repicky.



Garden operations manager Paul Holleen, Dan Jaffe, representing Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Elaine Donovan, and Director for Boston's Community Preservation Act office Thadine Brown.



John Beasley's family: Jack with his wife Ann Marie, Suzanne Lucero, David Beasley, Cathy and Stephanie Canale, and Maureen Prasinos.

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Jane Pantelev with daughter Amelia Genung walk the newly laid garden plot dividers.

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MHS hosts Making History Gala with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin

On Thursday, June 6, the Massachusetts Historical Society (MHS) will host its Making History Gala at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston. The event will feature renowned presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin. The evening will commence with a cocktail reception at 5:30 pm, followed by a three-course dinner, engaging speaking program, and live paddle raise. The fundraising event promises an unforgettable evening for history enthusiasts to come together to support the MHS. Tickets, as well as individual and corporate sponsorships, are now available for purchase. For more information or to purchase



Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin.

a ticket or sponsorship package,

please visit <https://www.masshist.org/gala>.

Doris Kearns Goodwin is a world-renowned historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times #1 best-selling author. Throughout her five-decade career, Goodwin has received numerous awards and accolades for her insightful studies of U.S. presidents. Her bestselling books include "Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream," and "No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II," which won a Pulitzer Prize. "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln" was awarded a Lincoln Prize and served as the basis for Steven

Spielberg's film "Lincoln," starring Daniel Day-Lewis in an Academy Award-winning performance as Abraham Lincoln. At the Gala, in conversation with MHS President Catherine Allgor Goodwin will discuss her new memoir, *An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s*.

The MHS, founded in 1791, is the nation's first historical society and an invaluable resource for American history, life, and culture. Its mission is to promote understanding of Massachusetts and the nation's history, and it is dedicated to making history accessible to all. The MHS uses its resources to educate, connect, and inspire the public through research, programs,

workshops, and exhibitions. All proceeds from the Making History Gala will support the MHS's mission.

Individual tickets for the 2024 Making History Gala start at \$500 per person. For individual sponsorships, the Making History Gala offers three levels, starting at \$2,500. Corporate sponsorship packages, which cater to a range of budgets and marketing objectives, start at \$6,500. To make a purchase or to learn more about the Making History Gala, please visit <https://www.masshist.org/gala>.

For further information or Gala-related questions, please contact Sarah Brugge at sbrugge@masshist.org.

Wu announces her 2024 Neighborhood Coffee Hour

Special to the Times-Free Press
Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2024 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in partnership with Dunkin' in parks citywide from April 22 to June 26. Wu will be in Eastie on May 29 at Noyes Playground that is located at 86 Boardman Street from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours offer a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and their neighborhoods. Through these conversations, and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Wu looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon parks, public areas, and City services.

"Every neighborhood and every resident has their own diverse set of concerns that deserve to not only be heard, but to be acknowledged and addressed," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I am excited for all of the conversations and connection that will come from Neighborhood Coffee Hours."

Leadership and staff from the Community Engagement Cabi-

net will be at each Coffee Hour. Community members will have an opportunity to meet their neighborhood liaisons, who will share updates on each neighborhood, including how many 311 cases have been resolved, streets repaired, as well as the City's investments in housing, local businesses, and the arts. The City is again releasing a Community Input Survey, which provides an opportunity for constituents to ask questions and inform what will be presented during Coffee Hours with the Mayor. Last year, this proved to be a success, allowing constituents to hear directly from the Mayor and City leaders as they addressed concerns and answered constituents' questions at each Coffee Hour event.

"Coffee Hours with the Mayor is an intentional effort to meet community members in the heart of their neighborhoods," said Brianna Millor, Chief of the Community Engagement Cabinet. "I encourage residents, including our youth, seniors, civic organizations, business owners, and local leaders to attend this neighborhood-centered event. Boston 311 will be present to connect residents to

essential city services."

Dunkin' will be on-site with freshly brewed Iced Coffee and MUNCHKINS® donut hole treats. Dunkin' will have lawn games and gift card giveaways. Residents at each event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin'. Individuals in attendance will receive a free flowering plant provided by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, while supplies last. Fresh fruit will be provided by Star Market.

"Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours are vital for community engagement, allowing residents to share their thoughts directly. We're grateful for their participation," noted Ryan Woods, Commissioner of the Parks and Recreation Department. "These events not only foster dialogue but also mark the kickoff for our exciting summer calendar of events. From outdoor concerts to movies to arts and crafts workshops for kids, our programming breathes life into our parks, fulfilling our core mission of creating vibrant spaces for all to enjoy."

All coffee hours will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., weather permitting. Visit boston.gov/coffee-hours for more information. The full schedule of Mayor Wu's 2024 Neighborhood Coffee Hours is as follows:

Wednesday, April 24
Training Field
(Winthrop Square)
55 Winthrop Street
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For more information and updates on possible rain locations, please contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505 or @bostonparksdept on X, Facebook, or Instagram, or by visiting boston.gov/parks.

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Local runner receives one of the Fastest Bostonian awards at the 128th Boston Marathon

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) announced the recipients of the second annual awards for the Fastest Bostonians, given to the Boston man, woman, and non-binary runner with the quickest finish times at the 128th Boston Marathon. The awards will be given to Dr. Miles Batty from West Roxbury, an orthopedic surgery resident who finished the race in 2 hours and 25 minutes; Arianna Maida from Jamaica Plain, a Physician Assistant at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute who finished the

race in 2 hours 48 minutes and 50 seconds; and Nonie Anderson from Brighton, a Boston College Law School student who finished the race in 3 hours 44 minutes and 18 seconds. Mayor Wu and the B.A.A. will celebrate these three runners at a reception in the coming days.

“As Boston welcomes elite runners and visitors from around the globe for the world’s greatest race, we are also proud to celebrate our hometown talent,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Thanks to the B.A.A.’s partnership, we’re

excited to continue the tradition of honoring our Fastest Bostonians. Congratulations to Miles, Arianna, and Nonie, who exemplify the best of Boston and contribute to our city everyday. Their determination and commitment to excellence is inspiring to all.”

“It’s been another fantastic day in Boston, with the city’s local runners setting the pace and doing us all proud,” said Jack Fleming, President and CEO of the B.A.A. “Boston is known as the City of Champions and today is no exception. Congratulations to our top

finishers and every participant who we welcomed home on Boylston Street.”

The Boston Marathon is the world’s oldest annual marathon. This is the second year that Boston residents with the quickest time crossing the Finish Line will receive a commemorative glass bowl engraved with the phrase “Fastest Bostonian.”

Last year’s inaugural Fastest Bostonian Award went to three Boston runners. Vinny Castonuovo from the South End won for the fastest Boston man, finish-

ing the race in 2:25:56. Shannon Lamarre, a Charlestown resident, was the fastest Boston woman with a time of 2:54:34. The City and the B.A.A. also recognized Danielle Bishop, an Allston resident who was the first Bostonian to participate in the race registered as non-binary.

The reception to honor Boston’s fastest runners will be announced soon.

OBITUARIES

Nancy Pearl Stuart

May 22, 1952 - April 12, 2024

Nancy Pearl Stuart, known around Revere, Lowell, Charlestown and Cambridge as her alter ego, “Pearl,” the ever exuberant Karaoke songstress, died at 71 years old in Yavapai Regional Medical Center in Prescott, AZ of multi-organ failure.

A personality bigger than life, with a flair for the dramatics and a lover of holidays, with matching festive garb. Nancy was happy and bold and partly misunderstood. She loved celebration, family, the ocean, children and her wishes for a conventional life as a wife, mother, with a “white picket fence” fell out of reach.

Always a giver, a friend to the homeless and battered women’s causes, she was generous, even if kindness wasn’t returned. Others came first. She saw the best in everyone. She lived life with gusto. And dreamed of bigger dreams than she could ever live, but it never stopped her.

A passionate devotee of Christianity, Nancy dedicated a portion of her life to Bible Study.

She found her calling in Cosmetology as a Hairdresser and lived a quiet life. In the end, she was surrounded by her adored brother and first childhood chum, Gary F. Stuart of Prescott, AZ, protective eldest sister, Gail L. Stuart - Scammon of Concord, NH, devoted sister Robin A. Stuart of Los Angeles, CA. Beloved sister Dawn N. Stuart



of Papua, New Guinea and cherished baby sister, Fran E. Stuart of Palm Beach, FLA.

Nancy follows her late parents, father Irwin V. Stuart of Sterling, MA, mother Patricia T. (Paino) of Derry, NH, late sister Karen J. Stuart of Boston, late son Alexander C. Porter of Charlestown, and late Aunt Mary N. McNamara of Dania, FL.

She leaves behind her niece, Jennifer L. Farrow of Derry, NH, a great niece, nephew and a great-great niece and nephew.

In lieu of flowers please donate to charities for Mental Illness in her Honor: RETHINK MENTAL ILLNESS (Rethink.org) or DEPRESSION & BIPOLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE (DBSalliance.org).

CITY PAWS (from pg. 3)

Poppy when she is a bit tired from a walk or play session and has recently relieved herself. We also try to deliver her to her groomer the same way.

Add a damp cloth doggie rub-down as you enter your home during allergy season. That could help reduce much of the pollen that rides inside with your dog and can make both canine and human allergies worse.

Controlling a dog up on something can be easier than on the floor. This could be a counter, table, or ottoman. We use an inexpensive, non-slip bath mat to give

Poppy secure footing and protect the surface.

Create a kit of grooming tools that you use all the time. Our kit has a rotating comfort pin comb to help detangle Poppy’s coat. We use a slicker brush to remove loose hair. When we run into a snarl, we use a matting breaker to slowly and gently cut through the tangle. Curved bandage scissors help us safely do a sanitary trim around her anus or to cut off a tangle. Finally, our kit has a headlamp flashlight. It’s excellent when you want hands-free light on a specific spot on the pup. (It’s also good for

picking up poops at night.)

You can find more videos and tips on grooming your dog’s coat online. Breed rescue groups often have information on grooming problems for the breed they know best. You can also consult your professional groomer and veterinarian about the home grooming necessary for your companion.

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

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BUDGET (from pg. 1)

building the community to make it possible for all of our dreams to grow and become reality.”

“The budget we are presenting today is a responsible budget built on a strong and reliable financial foundation, bolstered by our triple-A bond rating,” said Chief Financial Officer Ashley Grof-fenberger. “As the City of Boston continues to experience stable revenue growth, the City is able to make critical investments that support our ability to deliver services to residents, businesses, and visitors.”

To plan responsibly through shifting economic patterns and resulting impacts, this budget prioritizes sustainable investments that ensures Boston’s continued stability—from supporting the City workforce through innovative collective bargaining agreements, to safeguarding needed resources in public education, and honoring long-term commitments to meet pension requirements and debt obligations to protect the long-term stability in City finances reflected in Boston’s AAA bond rating. Drivers of budgetary growth in the proposed annual operating budget include:

The revenue-neutral transfer of planning, workforce, and development review functions from the Boston Planning and Development Agency to City departments following the Council’s approval of an Ordinance creating a new Planning Department for the first time in seven decades;

Equitable employee wage growth implemented through a responsible collective bargaining process that provided higher percentage wage increases to City workers earning less than \$60,000 per year;

The necessary resources to provide high-quality public education in the most inclusive possible environment for all students;

Maintaining the planned schedule to fully fund pension requirements and debt obligations that support the five-year capital plan and protect our AAA bond rating;

Targeted investments to support youth and schools, housing for all, health and well-being, and other core areas of government responsibility;

New investments made in this proposed budget have been based on informed analysis in support of long-term goals, a process of regularly reviewing operations, and ensuring the continued delivery of core City services by our workforce.

Increasing Affordability

For the first time in 70 years,

Boston now has a City Planning Department with the same accountability and coordination as every other Department, and focused on shaping Boston’s growth for affordability, resiliency, and equity. As part of the administration’s efforts to ensure every Boston resident can continue to call the city home, this proposed budget builds on \$40 million in existing annual operating dollars dedicated to various housing programs such as affordable housing vouchers, rental assistance, and homeownership mortgage support, and homelessness prevention programming. Additionally, the budget adds \$2 million to seed a new Housing Acquisition Opportunity Fund and provides an additional \$1 million in funding for rental assistance and decarbonization efforts.

Public Health and Safety

Boston’s efforts on intertwining public health and public safety to build community trust have expanded much-needed services to residents through coordinating resources and led to the City’s lowest levels of violent crime on record. Building on the administration’s work to connect residents of the former encampments near Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard with housing and treatment and create citywide mobile outreach teams, this budget adds \$1 million to support the City’s approach to managing substance use and homelessness through low-threshold housing. To continue delivering the highest standards of community policing anywhere in the country, this budget funds the implementation of historic collective bargaining agreements with Boston’s police unions, including funding to deploy technology to modernize the detail system and allow for civilian personnel to participate in those opportunities for the first time. After celebrating the graduation of the first EMS cadet class in two decades last month, this budget adds \$1.3 million in funding to support 12 new Emergency Medical Technicians, increasing the number of EMTs to over 400 strong to improve call response times for medical emergencies across the City. This budget also includes an investment in maternal and infant health to combat health disparities and expand home visiting services for all Black birthing families in Boston. And to improve safety on Boston streets, the budget includes over \$155 million in funding for roadway resurfacing and sidewalk reconstruction to promote mobility and safety.

Youth and Families

The proposed budget investments help bolster Boston as the best place in the country to raise a family. The administration has expanded universal pre-K seats, decreased chronic absenteeism by seven percent, grown the electric school bus fleet to nearly 90 electric buses, and launched multiple new early college and career pathways across Boston high schools. This budget includes an additional \$20 million to support high quality teaching and learning through school-based investments in inclusive education, including additional support for students with special needs and English learners, and \$1.3 billion from our Capital Budget for world-class Boston Public School facilities. It also proposes investments in children’s lives outside of the classroom, by prioritizing community centers and other opportunities for extracurricular enrichment. In the last year, the City reopened the Curley Community Center and the Faneuil Branch Library and provided over 1,000 free youth swim lessons through the Swim Safe program. To ensure facilities across all neighborhoods are the state of the art centers residents deserve, the budget proposes \$54.5 million in pool repairs and renovations at BCYF and BPS facilities. The capital plan also includes the new constructions of the \$31 million Fields Corner Library and \$65 million Grove Hall Community Center, the first of its kind facility for this area of Dorchester. To maintain and extend the life of these important community assets, this budget includes investing in facility maintenance staff at the Property Management Department for various facility repairs at BCYF community centers and other buildings across Boston, funding for refinishing of gym floors, as well as upgrades and preventative maintenance to prevent future emergency closures and ensure our community centers can continue to serve as resources and places of gathering for residents of all ages. To ensure City investments are supporting multiple generations of Boston’s families, the proposed budget adds \$500,000 in funding for community connection services for Boston’s older adults. And for residents of all ages the budget proposal includes increased funding for block party grants, with continued improvements in the streamlined application making it easier for residents to build community in our neighborhoods.

Climate and Green Space

A key part of Boston’s Green New Deal is ensuring that the

City’s work supports the climate, livability and justice of Boston’s neighborhoods for residents. This proposed budget invests in preparing our City’s coastline for the impacts of climate change by adding \$200,000 to support emergency preparedness for climate resilience and to update the climate action plan, while also allocating \$75 million in capital funding to leverage state and federal resources in planning and construction of a resilient coastline. The proposal also prioritizes green spaces, an important part of making Boston the greenest, most-family friendly city in the U.S. This includes investing \$735,000 in additional staff and equipment to manage and maintain Franklin Park, including a new park administrator that will oversee park operations and help restore Franklin Park to its place as a crown jewel within our parks system. It also continues to enhance parks citywide, including investing \$14 million in the Capital Plan into the renovation and reconstruction of Clifford Playground. To increase the livability of Boston’s neighborhoods, the proposal invests in cooling streets, reducing stormwater flooding, and supporting the final implementation of Boston’s wetlands ordinance by adding \$200,000 for tree pruning to the \$3.1 million Urban Forestry budget to care for over 35,000 street trees. To complement this work, the City is incorporating green infrastructure features into our street construction projects to improve stormwater management and heat island impacts with \$1.6 million allocated for retrofits. This work will support enhancing climate resilience across Boston to prepare for climate change while supporting the lives of our residents.

Delivering Exceptional City Services

This proposed budget increases accessibility and improves City processes to continue providing exceptional constituent services across Boston’s neighborhoods. The proposed budget will ensure City communications are accessible to all residents by investing in additional translation and interpretation services and multilingual City Hall constituent engagement. A \$3 million investment will help streamline City approvals and improve the licensing and permitting process by recruiting and hiring more workers and adding lab inspection and permit technicians for buildings. The proposed budget also modernizes traditional City services by funding a trash containerization pilot plan to promote cleanliness in Boston

neighborhoods and replaces the aging City Hall to Go truck, which brings crucial City services out into the neighborhoods where our families live. The proposed budget will make it easier for neighbors to stay connected through community by adding permit technicians for special events and block parties. Last year, the City filled more than 7,000 potholes, repainted 100,000 feet of crosswalks, and extended hours at 21 libraries. An \$850,000 investment will continue to improve basic City services, including roadway pavement markings, traffic and parking signage, graffiti removal, and self-service equipment at branch libraries.

Promoting equity and economic opportunity

Advancing equity and ensuring all of Boston’s communities are connected to economic opportunity is critical to making Boston the best city for families today and for generations to come. As Boston continues to grow, it is essential that more residents are connected to critical pathways through skills and job training and City services, so the budget proposes investing \$6.8 million into the Office of Workforce Development to fund a variety of programs such as Boston Saves, the Center for Working Families, Youth Options, and PowerCorps Boston. It also proposes increasing the Equity & Inclusion Cabinet budget by \$1 million—building on the administration’s commitment to transform City policies and programs so every resident can access City services and thrive, across every neighborhood. This investment will advance the City’s reparations work, support healthy pregnancies, provide additional translation and interpretation services to residents accessing City services, support individuals who need gender affirming identity documents and launch an equity study to learn how we can continue to support Boston’s Black men and boys. The future of Boston centers around connecting young people to every opportunity. The administration’s Youth Jobs Guarantee will strengthen Boston’s nation-leading youth jobs program with more employers and opportunities than ever for our City’s young people, ensuring they are positioned to grow and lead in our communities now and for years to come.

The proposed FY25 annual operating budget and the FY25-29 five-year capital plan were formally filed with the City Council on Monday, April 8.

For more information about the proposed budget visit <http://budget.boston.gov/>.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction look-ahead for the North Washington Street Bridge through April 27 is as follows:

Scheduled Work

- Removal of temporary Paul Revere Park abutment
- Cofferdam 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.

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.

BLOCK (from pg. 1)

The Love Your Block program was first created in 2015 with a three-year grant awarded to the City of Boston by Cities of Service. After the grant's expiration in 2018, Love Your Block became a permanent City program under the Mayor's Office of Civic Organizing (within the Community Engagement Cabinet). This year, OCO will partner with Boston Public Library and Boston Centers for Youth and Families who will serve as host sites for community members to pick up and drop off cleanup tools. All sites are listed on the Love Your Block sign up form. Tool collection is scheduled from 9:00 -10:00 a.m., with returns to the same location between 12 - 2 p.m.

"Having served as East Boston's liaison, I've seen the trans-

formative power of this initiative firsthand," said Director of Civic Organizing Nathalia Benitez-Perez. "Love Your Block empowers residents to take charge of their community's well-being through collective action and beautification efforts. I'm thrilled to carry forward this tradition of fostering empowerment and unity."

In past Love Your Block cleanups, neighborhood groups have picked up litter from streets and sidewalks, beautified local parks, cleaned up vacant lots, urban wilds, and more. For tips on how to plan and host a cleanup in your neighborhood, OCO has created a helpful guide.

"In 2022, fourteen volunteers from Prospect Hill and Mt. Hope neighborhoods of Roslindale turned out to clean up the pedes-

trian walkways of the Blakemore Street Bridge," said Friends of Blakemore Bridge Co-Founder Meri Bond. "By the end of the day not only had they removed the leaves, litter, bottles and nips that had been accumulating along the Bridge for years, they had enjoyed meeting one another and working together for a common purpose."

"Love Your Block is an event that I look forward to the Mayor's Office of Civic Organizing leading every year," said Brianna Millor, Chief of the Community Engagement Cabinet. "This is an effort for our Cabinet alongside Boston residents, community leaders, and volunteers to beautify every Boston neighborhood together. I look forward to seeing everyone in April to keep our neighborhoods clean."

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Charlestown resident steps up for Project Bread's 56th Annual Walk for Hunger

On May 5, Kathleen Chiong, of Charlestown, will step up for Project Bread's 56th annual Walk for Hunger. She will be among over 3,500 participants, both in-person and virtual, to walk the 3-mile loop around the Boston Common or in their own neighborhoods. The one-day celebration will raise more than \$1.3 million to support the leading statewide food security organization's approach to permanently solve hunger in Massachusetts.

Beginning in 1969, as the first pledge walk in the nation, Project Bread's Walk for Hunger brings together a diverse community dedicated to creating change. The one-day event is set for Sunday, May 5 at 9 a.m. on the Boston Common, and will feature family-friendly activities, programming and games. Project Bread works year-round across policy initiatives, programs, and hunger prevention measures to ensure food access for all children and families across the Commonwealth.

"Funds raised through the Walk for Hunger directly contributed to Project Bread's work to successfully lead the Feed Kids Coalition in advocating for the passage of permanent Universal School Meals in Massachusetts last year," says Erin McAleer, Project Bread's CEO. "Our Walkers make a tangible difference in the lives of thousands of



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Massachusetts residents, but hunger is still a pervasive problem in our state with 1 in 6 households and 1 in 5 households with children currently facing food insecurity. Participating in Project Bread's Walk for Hunger is one way we can all do something real to make sure our neighbors can access and

afford the food they need."

Kathleen Chiong will lace up for Project Bread's 56th annual Walk for Hunger with her team Compassion, which is made up of campers grades 2-4 from her service-based summer camp and their families. The Boston Public School third grade teacher teaches her

students and campers about food insecurity and the nonprofits and people who are working to feed those in need. Chiong's camp helps local food insecurity by hosting a donation drive for "Harvest on the Vine" in front of Whole Foods in Charlestown and donating items to Charlestown's Public Fridge through NewHealth. She is also on the Board of Hope & Comfort, an organization helping with hygiene insecurity, and Birthday Wishes, helping homeless children celebrate their birthdays with a party and presents. She and her campers hope to raise \$5,000 and are walking to bring awareness to food insecurity while bonding together in service.

"Last year's Walk for Hunger was honestly one of the happiest days I've experienced," says Chiong. "It's nothing short of magical seeing my kids excited to engage with the community of Boston. The Walk for Hunger gives them the rare opportunity to make a difference alongside adults. I believe in not just doing service but learning the 'why' makes any project so much more meaningful. It's empowering to know that my kids don't need to feel helpless, and they, too, can make a difference."

Money raised through the Walk for Hunger is critical to Project Bread's statewide work for systemic change through the levers of policy, prevention, and partnerships to ensure people of all ages have reliable access to healthy food. In keeping with the community-spirit of the event, the Walk also provides a platform for organizations to fund the vital work they do for food security locally. In 2019, Project Bread launched a joint fundraising program, The Commonwealth, to uplift the work of like-minded organizations. In 2023, 34 nonprofits raised more than \$160,000 to support their own programs.

"This year's event will again be an accessible, 3-mile route, inviting people with mobility devices, strollers, young children and other needs to all participate with us in ending hunger in Massachusetts," says McAleer. "We cannot wait to welcome the Massachusetts community – both new and returning – together on the Common while continuing to engage those across the country making strides in the fight against hunger locally."

To register as a participant for Project Bread's Walk for Hunger, or to support a walker or team with a donation, visit projectbread.org/walk. Donate directly to Chiong's fundraiser at <https://give.projectbread.org/team/565532>. There is no registration fee or fundraising minimum to participate, although a \$250 minimum goal is suggested. Participants who raise \$500 or more are recognized as Heart & Sole walkers and receive access to personalized fundraising support, exclusive event gear and invitations to events.

People experiencing food insecurity should call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential, free assistance getting connected to a variety of food resources in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. Counselors can pre-screen families and help them to apply for SNAP. Learn more at www.projectbread.org/get-help.

Project Bread is the leading statewide food security organization in Massachusetts. Beginning in 1969 with the first Walk for Hunger, the nonprofit focuses on driving systemic change to ensure people of all ages have reliable access to healthy food. Project Bread works collaboratively across sectors to create innovative solutions to end hunger and improve lives across the Commonwealth. For more information, visit: www.projectbread.org.

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Timothy Taylor
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Latoya Taylor
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To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Com-
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for Irretrievable Breakdown.
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An Automatic Restraining
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