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THE AGE STRONG LUNCHEON CELEBRATES CHARLESTOWN PRIDE WEEK



DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTO

The Age Strong Luncheon celebrated Charlestown Pride Week with ladies and gents of the elder community. See Page 8 for more photos.

Free Arts & Crafts Workshops arrive at Charlestown's Training Field

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce the return of free Arts & Crafts Workshops and the introduction of STEM & Youth Preparedness Workshops for children through the ParkARTS program. Kids ages three to ten can enjoy a wide variety of activities led by local artists and instructors, heavily featuring Charlestown's own Training Field this summer.

Local Charlestown Events:

- Arts and Crafts Workshops:

Wednesdays, July 29, August 5, and 12 at the Training Field, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

• Arts and Crafts Workshops: Fridays, July 31, August 7, and 14 at the Training Field, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

In addition to arts programming, ParkARTS is debuting free STEM and Youth Preparedness Workshops on Mondays throughout July and August at other neighborhood parks. Led by a Boston Public Schools teacher and staff from the City of Boston

Office of Emergency Management, these hands-on workshops combine interactive STEM activities with lessons on emergency preparedness.

"Summer in Boston's parks is all about giving children and families opportunities to connect, learn, explore, and create," said Diana Fernandez Bibeau, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation and Deputy Chief of Open Space.

Kendall Basham, Emergency

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Sail Boston 2026 launches interactive fleet tracker to follow ships in real time

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Sail Boston 2026 is proud to announce the launch of its official interactive Fleet Tracker, powered by Aqua Map technology. Designed to enhance the viewing experience for maritime enthusiasts, locals, and visitors, this new tool provides an unparalleled and close-up look at this summer's historic maritime celebration.

Users can reference the Fleet Tracker to follow the Tall Ships as

they make their way into Boston Harbor. The tracker provides real-time vessel locations, route information, and details about individual ships, allowing residents along the Massachusetts coast to catch a glimpse of the fleet as it travels along the shoreline.

Available now on the Sail Boston website, the Fleet Tracker serves as the ultimate digital companion for tracking the mag-

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Boston National Historical Park Superintendent Tarona Armstrong accepts a gift of large mounted photo from Bunker Hill Monument Association President Lee Eiseman depicting the two organization's successful project illuminating the Bunker Hill Monument for the 250th Anniversary Commemorations.

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EDITORIAL

ENJOY THE TALL SHIPS!

The return of the Tall Ships to Boston Harbor this coming weekend will place a spectacular exclamation point to the celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

The international fleet of vessels will arrive in Boston Outer Harbor beginning Thursday and into Friday, where they will anchor in Broad Sound ahead of the Parade of Sail on Saturday.

The ships at anchor will be plainly visible from the shores of Lynn, Revere, and Winthrop, transforming the Outer Harbor into a seascape of masts that will evoke the 18th century.

Then on Saturday morning, starting at 9:00, the ships will unfurl their sails and proceed into the Inner Harbor past Deer Island and Castle Island. Led by Old Ironsides -- the U.S.S. Constitution -- the parade will sail past the entire Boston waterfront, including East Boston, the North End, and Charlestown (with Admiral's Hill in Chelsea offering longer-distance views as the ships turn around) before heading to their berths.

The ships will be open to the public for boarding throughout the week, providing a unique opportunity to experience the inner workings of these majestic vessels, which will include the Amerigo Vespucci (Italy), Juan Sebastián de Elcano (Spain), Cisne Branco (Brazil), Blue-nose II (Canada), and Dar Młodzieży (Poland).

Fireworks displays on the evenings of Saturday, July 11, and Wednesday, July 15, will light up the harbor beginning at 9:15 p.m..

We vividly recall the first visit of the Tall Ships in 1976 for America's 200th anniversary. We have no doubt that for young and old alike, the visit of the Tall Ships this week will create memories that will last a lifetime.

IT HAD BEEN A GREAT WORLD CUP UNTIL...

The World Cup has been a wonderful event, enjoyed by soccer fans and non-fans alike. The games have been incredibly exciting, especially in the first knockout round, where underdog teams have pushed the giants of the sport to the limit.

Until recently, the tournament also has been devoid of politics. The influx of international fans into our American host cities, including Boston, has created a degree of harmony and good will that is seldom seen in the world today.

However, that all changed this past week. American government officials took it upon themselves to intervene with FIFA to lift the automatic one-game suspension of a star U.S. player who had received a red card in his previous match.

The sequence of events that led to the player's reinstatement for Monday's match with Belgium has cast a pall over the integrity of the tournament.

FIFA, by "suspending" its own suspension, has shown itself to be just as subject to backroom influence as it has been in the past.

Meanwhile, U.S. officials have shown themselves to be ruthlessly craven in the pursuit of winning.

Ultimately, the real losers amidst all of the shenanigans are the American players. Their superb showing throughout the tournament, despite Monday's 4-1 loss to Belgium, will be forever overshadowed by this crass manipulation of the rules by FIFA and U.S. officials.

HER LEGACY WILL ENDURE

To the Editor,

Charlestown has lost one of its most steadfast champions with the passing of Jean Tochtermann, a founding member of the Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard more than twenty years ago. Jean was a rare combination of conscience, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to the community she loved. From the earliest days of the organization, she worked tirelessly to protect the history, character, and public spaces of the Navy Yard, always reminding us that our

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responsibility was not merely to preserve the Navy Yard's heritage, but to improve the quality of life for those who live and visit the Yard. Her voice carried weight not because it was loud, but because it was principled, thoughtful, and rooted in a deep sense of fairness.

Jean was a straight talker in the very best sense of the phrase. She believed that people should do the right thing, and she was never reluctant to let them know when they had fallen short. At the same time, she was generous with her praise when people rose to meet their responsibilities. Her honesty was matched by her

kindness, loyalty, and friendship. To those who worked alongside her, Jean was a trusted advisor, a source of encouragement, and a true friend in every aspect of the word. Her legacy will endure not only in the Charlestown community she helped protect, but also in the countless lives she touched through her integrity, courage, and unwavering belief that communities are strengthened when people care enough to speak up and take action. She will be greatly missed and long remembered.

Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard Board of Directors

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nificent tall ships as they make their majestic journey up the coast before arriving in Boston. Spectators can access the tracker directly by visiting <https://www.sailboston.com/fleet-tracker/>.

"Aqua Map's Fleet Tracker is an extremely valuable addition to the Sail Boston experience. It allows spectators, participants and residents to follow the fleet in real time, creating an interactive and engaging experience for all users," said David Choate, technical director of Sail Boston.

The Fleet Tracker was developed to enhance waterfront navigation and public safety, ensuring that both land-based spectators and recreational boaters can seamlessly plan their visits and safely share the harbor.

For more information on Sail Boston 2026, participating ships, or media opportunities, please contact T.K. Skenderian at tskenderian@conventures.com. To tack the fleet online, visit <https://www.sailboston.com/fleet-tracker/> or follow the event on Facebook and Instagram using #SailBoston.

Since 1992, Sail Boston, Inc., a 501 (c)3 not-for-profit organization, has hosted more than 475 international tall ships and vessels of interest to Boston and many Massachusetts coastal communities. Sail Boston, Inc. endeavors to develop programs that provide economic development and cultural enrichment for citizens, businesses, and visitors in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. For more information on Sail Boston, Inc. and Sail Boston 2026, please visit SailBoston.com.

Aqua Map is an advanced

Fleet Tracker

Keep up with the ships as they make their way to Boston!



marine navigation app which features official up-to-date nautical charts coming from authoritative sources, real-time marine weather forecasts, points of interest from ActiveCaptain and Waterway Guide, AIS target tracking and many other advanced features. With Aqua Map, you can

plan your routes with flexibility, switching between manual, automatic and hybrid modes to navigate safely, and share your routes and tracks with the sailing community. For more information about Aqua Map, visit the official website www.aquamap.app.



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Tom Ambrosino will retire as administrator of state courts

By Cary Shuman

Tom Ambrosino, one of the most influential municipal leaders in the history of two communities, Revere and Chelsea, has announced that he will be retiring as the court administrator of the Massachusetts Trial Court.

Ambrosino said he notified court personnel that he will be retiring in the fall. “I haven’t yet submitted my paperwork to the state, but it’s sitting on my desk ready to be hand-delivered. I’ll probably retire sometime in September.”

From his office at the John Adams Courthouse in Boston, Ambrosino had a major responsibility in the Massachusetts judicial system: he oversaw 94 courts and 6,500 court employees.

“It definitely was an interesting job, but it’s time to go,” said Ambrosino. “I’ve been here three-and-a-half years.”

Prior to his job in the courts, Ambrosino served as city manager of Chelsea for seven-and-a-half years. He was previously the mayor of Revere for 12 years, following four years as a councilor-at-large and six years as a school committee member.

“I have great memories of my years in Revere and Chelsea,” said Ambrosino. “We accomplished a lot of good things.”

Ambrosino, who will turn 65 years old in November, still holds a special connection to Revere. His daughter, Alexandra Ambrosino Nader, is a teacher at the Hill Elementary School.

Ambrosino is a 1979 graduate

of Revere High School where he was an outstanding student and a member of the National Honor Society. One of his favorite educators was Carol Tye, who has often praised Ambrosino for his academic excellence and studiousness.

“She was my tenth grade English teacher,” Ambrosino noted of Tye, who would later become the superintendent of schools and serve on the school committee.

Ambrosino went on to attend Boston University, graduating in 1983. He continued his education at Harvard Law School, earning his Juris J.D degree in 1986.

Ambrosino said of his distinguished career, “I will miss public service but it’s been 37 years. It’s been a long time. I feel proud of

my career. I did my best, that’s for sure.”

Ambrosino said he and his long-time partner, Laurie Giardella, intend to do a lot of traveling in his retirement years. But Ambrosino added that he hopes to eventually work in another field.

“I hope it’s not the end,” said Ambrosino. “I really would like to do something else but I’m not sure what. I don’t want to really stop working. It’s time to retire from state government.”

Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe, City Council President Anthony Zambuto, and Reps. Jessica Giannino and Jeff Turco, led a tremendous tribute from city and state officials to Ambrosino’s career (see related sidebar).



Tom Ambrosino

USS Constitution to get underway for Sail Boston

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The USS Constitution is scheduled to get underway from the Charlestown Navy Yard on July 11th at 8 a.m.

This underway commemorates America’s 250th birthday. The ship will lead the Boston Grand Parade of Sail through Boston Harbor as part of Sail 250.

During the underway, USS Constitution will render ceremonial gun salutes throughout the transit.

As the world’s oldest commissioned warship afloat and America’s Ship of State, USS Constitution played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, defending American sea lanes from 1798 to 1855. USS Constitution’s defeat of HMS Guerriere marked the first frigate-to-frigate victory by the U.S. Navy over the Royal Navy during

the War of 1812. During the battle, Constitution earned the nickname “Old Ironsides” when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off her thick oak hull.

The underway will be visible from the Boston Harborwalk, Castle Island, and Charlestown Navy Yard.

USS Constitution will open for public tours following the Parade of Sail and will remain open Sunday, July 12th, through Sunday, July 19th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Beginning Monday, July 20th, USS Constitution will return to its normal summer visitation schedule and will be open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Boarding and visiting the ship are free. All guests 18 years of age and older must present a valid state or federally issued photo identification card or passport to board the ship.

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Manager and Regional Coordinator for Boston Office of Emergency Management, added, “When kids know what to expect, it replaces fear with confidence, making our whole community safer and more resilient.”

Participation is free and all materials are provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of eight or more must pre-register by emailing parks@boston.gov or by calling the Parks Department at (617) 961-3082.

Other City-Wide Events:

- Arts and Crafts Workshops

(10 a.m. to 12 noon): Fridays at Mozart Street Playground and Joyce Playground (July 10, 17, 24), and Doherty-Gibson Playground (July 31, Aug. 7, 14). Tuesdays at Iacono Playground and Walsh Playground (July 14, 21), and LoPresti Park and Elliot Norton Park (July 28, Aug. 4, 11). Wednesdays at Marcella Playground and Hynes Field (July 15, 22), and Mission Hill Playground (July 29, Aug. 5, 12). Thursdays at Fallon Field and Walker Playground (July 16, 23), and Medal of Honor Park and Myrtle Street Playground (July 30, Aug. 6, 13).

- STEM and Youth Preparedness Workshops (10 a.m. and 11 a.m.): Mondays at McConnell Park (July 13), Tiffany Moore Tot Lot (July 20), Moakley Park (July 27), Hunt-Almont Park (Aug. 3), and Peters Park (Aug. 10).
- Rosalita’s Puppets (11 a.m.): Fallon Field (July 23), Mozart Street Playground (July 24), Myrtle Street Playground (July 30), O’Day Playground (July 31), Medal of Honor Park (Aug. 6), and Doherty-Gibson Playground (Aug. 7).

For more information, visit boston.gov/parkarts.

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CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS TURNED OUT FOR PETER LOONEY NIGHT

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

Peter Looney Night celebrates the neighborhood advocate and the community he loved. Held in the park named for him and hosted by Boston City Coun-

cilor Gabriela Coletta-Zapata, Charlestown residents young and old came out to enjoy a brilliant late Spring evening together.



Kerri with family friends Maeve with mom Keely.



Taylor with Olivia and Dani Gautreau.



Maci and Kiara Garcia.



Massachusetts State Rep. Dan Ryan.



Blake Baker with ice cream.



Brennan Collier with Lucy and Georgie.



Ken Gilgunn with granddaughter Sadie Wright.



Bunker Hill Associates President John Caldwell with help from his daughter Vanna, makes some announcements.



Complimentary ice cream was provided by A1 CSO Chriissy Vraibel, Sgt. Gino Provenzano, Cadet Eddyanny Tejeda, and Officer Frank Wong.



Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico and State Rep Dan Ryan with members of the Charlestown community.



Peter Looney Park was filled with the community spirit that he advocate for throughout his life.



Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico (second from left) with Carolyn Shannon, Dodi Boyle, and Kim Mahoney.



Bunker Hill Associates President John Caldwell, retired City of Boston employee Leo Boucher, Charlestown Liason for City Councilor Gabriela Coletta-Zapata Elaine Donovan, and Massachusetts State Rep. Dan Ryan.



2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Festival Hours: 10AM-10PM

8:00 AM- 5:00 PM: Sculpting Competition

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Festival Hours: 10AM-10PM

8:00 AM- 2:00 PM: Sculpting Competition

4:00 PM: People's Choice Voting Ends

6:30 PM: Awards Ceremony

AT THE WILLIAM G. REINSTEIN BANDSTAND

9:00 PM: Fireworks Extravaganza

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Festival Hours: 10AM-8PM

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FAN EXPO Boston 2026 returns with legendary comic creators

FAN EXPO Boston, the three-day pop culture extravaganza, is set to welcome 60+ of the world's top comic creators alongside an all-star lineup of celebrity guests, animation and gaming voice actors, cosplayers, and more at the Thomas Michael Menino Convention and Exhibition Center (MCEC), August 7-9. As Boston's biggest pop culture event, FAN EXPO brings together fans of comics, manga, anime, TV shows, movies, gaming, and more to celebrate with friends, family, and, of course, the creators and stars who bring their favorite stories to life.

Featured comic creators include:

- Scott Snyder (Absolute Batman, DC K.O.)
 - Tom King (Supergirl: Woman of Tomorrow, Wonder Woman)
 - Ryan Ottley (Invincible, Battle Beast, Amazing Spider-Man)
 - Dan Mora (DC K.O. Knightfight, World's Finest, Transformers, Justice League Unlimited)
 - Paul Dini (Legendary Creator- Batman, Superman, Justice League, Co-Creator of Harley Quinn)
 - Jason Aaron (Absolute Superman, Bug Wars)
 - Mark Brooks (Superstar Cover Artist)
 - Mitch Gerads (Batman: Brave and the Bold, Mister Miracle)
- A full list of comic book cre-



With events including autographs, photos, sketches, portfolio reviews, panels, and meet and greets, FAN EXPO Boston is where the comic industry shows up.

ators in attendance can be found here. Local creators include: Ian Chase Nichols (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles) and Joe St. Pierre (Spider-Man, Venom).

"Comic artists are the foundation of the superhero explosion in pop culture both through their artistic creations and through the movie industry. We are proud that FAN EXPO Boston continues to give them a spotlight at our show," said Andrew Moyes, VP of FAN EXPO HQ. "Fans and collectors have the opportunity to own rare and valuable editions through the purchase of our VIP and Ultimate Fan packages."

Along with exclusive benefits all VIP and Ultimate packages include a Batman: The Dark Knight Returns #1 Blind Bag. Fans will also receive exclusive collectible merchandise, including a limited-edition lithograph and other FAN EXPO-exclusive items available only through premium ticket packages.

Special event opportunities for fans to engage directly with top comic creators include:

- Meet Legendary Comic Creators: You're not going to believe the lineup of comic creators we're bringing to the show. The stars of the comic industry will be hosting

workshops and panels, meeting fans, and drawing all weekend long.

- Scott Snyder And Tom King Comics Experience: Two of your favorite comic superstars are teaming up for a special comics experience. Secure your spot at the exclusive Q&A, autograph signings, and to take home special edition merch.

- Comics Xplosion: Get ready for the ultimate art battle on Saturday, August 9 at 7:30 PM at the Aloft Boston Seaport District. Watch incredibly talented illustrators go head-to-head in real time, racing against the clock to create stunning pieces featuring your favorite characters. It's an intense creative showdown with a DJ spinning beats to fuel the energy. When the dust settles, you can snag one of the masterpieces you just watched come to life. Just flash your FAN EXPO Boston badge and dive into the action.

- Kubert School: Do you love drawing? Whether you're new to the world of art or a master illustrator, sharpen your skills by taking a class with the talented instructors at The Kubert School. Visit their booth on the show floor to participate in a skills lab and watch master artists at work.

- Creator Spotlights: We're putting your favorite comic legends in the spotlight. Join us all weekend long as the comic industry's greatest creators share their tips, tricks, and stories at FAN EXPO Boston.
- Sketch Duels and More: Check out your favorite comic artists as they go "pen to pen" in this thrilling competition. Plus, you can enter to win the original art they produce once they're done. Sketch Duels are awesome to witness as these friendly competitions reveal who's got the edge in comic book illustration.

- Sketches, Lithographs, And Limited Art Prints: If you're looking for original artwork then you'll want to hit up Artist Alley and our Comic Creator area next to it. Some artists will even be taking commissions on site, so keep

an eye out to see where you can score stunning pieces for your collection.

- Get Your Comic Books Signed: Have a comic created by someone on our guestlist? Bring it to the show to get it signed by the original creator.

- Artist Alley: Head on down to Artist Alley to pick up some stunning art to show off your fandom. Here you'll find it all – comics, graphic novels, limited edition prints, stickers, bookmarks, and best of all, original art and sketches.

- Workshops, Demos, and Panels: Take your craft to the next level at our amazing seminars and workshops held by the pros of the industry. With professionals leading the way, you'll learn how to level up your skills in the real world.

FAN EXPO show hours:

Friday, August 7, from 4:00pm to 9:00pm, Saturday, August 8, from 10:00am to 7:00pm and Sunday, August 9, from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Tickets start at \$40 and are on sale now. There are multiple options for tickets, including single day child, youth, adult, and family passes, as well as Ultimate and VIP packages. To learn more about the different packages or to purchase tickets, visit www.fanexpoboston.com.

FAN EXPO HQ is the largest comic con producer in the world. Collectively it hosts over one million fans annually at FAN EXPO Philadelphia, FAN EXPO New Orleans, FAN EXPO Portland, FAN EXPO Vancouver, FAN EXPO Cleveland, MEGACON Orlando, Toronto Comicon, CALGARY EXPO, FAN EXPO Denver, FAN EXPO Anaheim: Special Edition, FAN EXPO Boston, FAN EXPO Chicago, FAN EXPO Canada, FAN EXPO Dallas, VIDCON Anaheim, EDMONTON EXPO and Dallas FAN FESTIVAL. The latest schedule of events is available on the website, along with up-to-date ticket information. Discover. Celebrate. Belong.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING - Project File No. 612634

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A live virtual Public Informational Meeting (PIM) will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed bridge replacement project on McGrath Hwy & O'Brien Hwy (Route 28) in **Somerville and Cambridge, MA**.

WHEN: 7:00-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 14th, 2026

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed bridge replacement project. Updates on design progress will be provided. All views and comments submitted in response to the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacement of the bridge, commonly referred to as the "Squire's Bridge", carrying McGrath Hwy (Route 28) over the MBTA Commuter Rail Fitchburg Line, Union Branch of the Green Line, and Grand Junction railroad tracks in Somerville, MA. The project also includes roadway reconstruction of McGrath Hwy & O'Brien Hwy (Route 28) between Poplar Street in Somerville and Third Street in Cambridge. The proposed design will provide a single bridge span over the railroad with no intermediate supports and will provide a separate bridge span to the north passing over Somerville Ave Extension, which will be re-aligned to improve neighborhood connectivity. In

addition to replacing the bridge, the project focuses on improving community connectivity between different neighborhoods and accommodation for all roadway users through provision, expansion, and enhancement of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities. The project also includes safety improvements, increased green space, physical separation of bicycles and pedestrians from motor vehicles wherever feasible.

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

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

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Governor Healey Proclaims July 5-11 as ‘Hurricane Preparedness Week’

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

To encourage residents to prepare for tropical storms and hurricanes, Governor Maura Healey has proclaimed July 5 to July 11, 2026, as “Hurricane Preparedness Week” in Massachusetts.

During the week-long initiative, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will share informational resources to help individuals, families, businesses and municipalities protect life and property before, during and after a tropical storm or hurricane.

“Preparing before a storm is one of the best ways to keep yourself, your family and your community safe,” said Governor Maura Healey. “Hurricanes and tropical storms can impact every part of Massachusetts, so whether you live on the coast or farther inland, now is the time to make a plan, build an emergency kit and stay informed. Taking a few simple steps today can make a big difference when severe weather strikes.”

“Strong communities are built on preparation,” said Lieutenant

Governor Kim Driscoll. “By taking time now to prepare for hurricane season, we’re helping ensure our families, neighborhoods and first responders are ready to respond when severe weather threatens.”

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30 each year. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasters at the Climate Prediction Center anticipate a below-normal 2026 Atlantic hurricane season with a range of 8-14 named storms, including one to three major hurricanes. An average season has 14 named storms with seven hurricanes, including three major hurricanes.

“Preparing for hurricanes is a shared responsibility,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Gina Kwon. “Our public safety agencies work year-round with state, local, and federal partners to prepare for severe weather, and we encourage every resident to take steps now to be ready. Being informed and having a plan in place before a storm arrives helps keep families and communities safe.”

Ahead of peak hurricane sea-

son, MEMA has expanded public outreach by sharing hurricane safety tips online, distributing multilingual preparedness toolkits to Emergency Management Directors statewide, and partnering with MassDOT to display preparedness messaging on digital billboards. MEMA also continues to strengthen preparedness through coordination meetings, training, and exercises across the Commonwealth.

“Preparing for hurricane season doesn’t have to be time-consuming or expensive,” said MEMA Director Dawn Brantley. “Building an emergency kit over time, creating a simple communication plan, and knowing where to find reliable information are affordable steps that can make a meaningful difference. The steps you take today will help protect you, your loved ones and your community when severe weather threatens.”

How residents and visitors can prepare:

Know Your Evacuation Zone – Visit www.mass.gov/knowyourzone to learn if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone. If

you live in an area that may flood and may need assistance evacuating, plan with family, neighbors, and friends who may be able to assist, and contact your local public safety officials to make them aware of your needs.

Make an Emergency Plan – A plan should address how your family would communicate, evacuate, and shelter in place if needed. Be sure to account for the needs of all your family members, including seniors, children, individuals with disabilities, and pets: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>. If you receive medical treatment or home health care services, work with your medical provider to determine how to maintain care and service if you are unable to leave your home or have to evacuate.

Build an Emergency Kit – Build an emergency kit that will sustain your household for three to five days without power. For tips on what to include, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>

Stay Informed – Every family should have multiple methods for

receiving emergency alerts and is encouraged to reach out to their local officials for preparedness and emergency information specific to their community, including available local emergency notification systems. The Commonwealth’s 2-1-1 hotline is available 24x7 for non-emergency assistance and is available with translation in more than 150 languages and can be accessed via video relay services. To learn more about additional ways to receive alerts and information, including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, and social and traditional news media, visit: www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts

MEMA will share preparedness and safety information throughout hurricane season. For more information, including interactive evacuation zone maps, multi-lingual social media toolkits and flyers, preparedness tips, videos, and more, visit MEMA’s Hurricane Season Preparedness webpage.

XV Beacon named No. 1 City Hotel in Boston

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The XV Beacon hotel has been named the No. 1 City Hotel in Boston and No. 1 City Hotel in the United States in the 2026 Travel + Leisure World’s Best Awards, as voted entirely by readers.

XV Beacon, which opened in 1999, is located within a meticulously restored 1903 Beaux-Arts landmark building in the heart of Beacon Hill. Its 61 rooms “offer the warmth and comfort of a private residence paired with the attentive service of a world-class hotel,” according to a press release.

The hotel’s signature offerings include complimentary Audi house car service throughout downtown Boston; a seasonal rooftop deck exclusively for guests; an acclaimed multilingual concierge team known for creating customized itineraries; and a welcoming canine guest program. Every room and suite features a gas fireplace, custom cashmere throws, Frette linens, sleep wellness offerings, and residential-inspired design that encourages guests to linger rather than simply stay.

The experience continues at the celebrated Moos.... restaurant, where hotel guests enjoy 24-hour in-room dining in addition to one of the city’s most acclaimed steakhouse experiences and an award-winning wine collection featuring more than 325 labels.

“We are deeply honored to be recognized as the No. 1 City Hotel in the United States and the No. 1 City Hotel in Boston by Travel + Leisure readers,” said Amy Finsilver, the hotel’s general manager, in a press release. “This award is especially meaningful because it reflects the experiences of our guests. We have always believed that exceptional hospitality isn’t defined by the size of a building or the number of amenities - it is defined by how people feel when they walk through the doors. It is a tribute to our extraordinary team, whose passion, care, and attention to every detail create the genuine connections that inspire guests to return year after year. We are deeply grateful for our guests’ trust, support, and loyalty in choosing XV Beacon as their home in Boston.”

Each year, the Travel + Leisure World’s Best Awards celebrate the world’s most exceptional hotels, destinations, cruise lines, airlines,

spas, and travel experiences. Winners are selected entirely through readers’ surveys, making the awards one of the travel industry’s

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XV Beacon is located at 15 Beacon St. on Beacon Hill.



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THE AGE STRONG LUNCHEON CELEBRATES CHARLESTOWN PRIDE WEEK

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

The Age Strong Luncheon celebrated Charlestown Pride Week with ladies and gents of the elder community. Music, dancing, food, and bingo awaited attendees.



Beverly Gibbons Center Director Meaghan Murray with Mary Beth Kelly, and "Young" Doddi Boyle.



Carmen Tirado.



MC Alan Labella.



Maria Soto.



Rosa Lopez.



A line dance forms.



Irene Ward and Shirley Lanahan with Jerry and Judy Evers.



Attendees gather for a group picture.



MC Alan Labella gets the ladies to dance Rockettes-style to New York, New York.



MC Alan Labella checks in on Ann Griffin, Irene Isagviah, and Barbara Swales.



MC Alan Labella visits the Beverly Gibbons Center table.



Parade Grand Marshall Paul Troy with Ann Kelley, the librarian when he was 17, and Beverly Gibbons Center Director Meaghan Murray.



Attendees enjoy some line dancing.



Beverly Gibbons Center Director Meaghan Murray with attendees.



Beverly Gibbons Center Director Meaghan Murray



Attendees danced and celebrated.



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13th annual Boston JerkFest expands to three days at new location

With the FIFA World Cup in full swing and Sail Boston drawing thousands of visitors to the city, the 13th Annual Boston JerkFest turns up the Caribbean heat July 10–12 with its biggest festival yet. Expanding to three days and a larger footprint at Ohiri Soccer Field at the Harvard Athletic Complex (95 North Harvard Street, Boston), this year's "Feme Tropikal" theme celebrates the powerful influence of women in Caribbean music, food, culture, and sports.

The expanded footprint will accommodate more vendors, more entertainment, and thousands of additional attendees as one of New England's premier Caribbean food and cultural festivals continues to grow. The festival also introduces a new free Community Soccer Fest on Sunday, July 12, celebrating women in soccer and the global spirit of the World Cup.

The weekend kicks off Friday, July 10, with the Rum & Brew Tasting and Concert featuring Trinidad and Tobago's Nailah Blackman, one of the Caribbean's leading contemporary Soca artists,



performing from 6–10 p.m.

On Saturday, July 11, festivalgoers will enjoy an unforgettable day of Caribbean cuisine and live entertainment featuring Alison Hinds, Barbados' legendary "Queen of Soca," and reggae icon Sister Nancy, alongside local musicians, DJs, poets, and dance

performers. Additional activities include the Jerk Cook-Off and Seafood Throwdown competitions featuring some of the region's top chefs, along with a fun-filled, family-friendly Kids & Culture Zone.

"This year's festival is about celebrating the incredible women who continue to shape Caribbean culture," said Nicola Williams, President of The Williams Agency and founder of Boston JerkFest. "We're thrilled to welcome Alison Hinds back to Boston and to welcome Sister Nancy and Nailah Blackman to our audience. This festival creates new opportunities to celebrate women through music, food, culture, and now women's soccer—why not? This will be our biggest and most vibrant festival yet."

A Three-Day Celebration of Culture & Community
Rum & Brew Tasting & Soca Concert

Friday, July 10 | 6–10 p.m. (21+)

- Craft rum, beer, cocktails, and nonalcoholic beverage tastings
- Live performance by Nailah Blackman

- Caribbean-inspired food and entertainment

Boston JerkFest Food & Music Festival

Saturday, July 11 | 11 a.m. –8 p.m.

- Authentic Caribbean jerk cuisine

- Jerk Cook-Off
- Seafood Throwdown

• Live performances featuring Alison Hinds, Sister Nancy, and local artists

- Kids & Culture Zone
- Caribbean marketplace

Community Soccer Fest

Sunday, July 12 | Noon–5 p.m. (FREE)

- Pick-up soccer games highlighting female athletes
- Family activities

- Food trucks
- Community programming

celebrating the global spirit of the World Cup

Recognized as Boston Magazine's "Best Food Festival" and a multi-year Jamaicans.com "Best of Jamaica" Award winner, Boston JerkFest has become one of New England's premier Caribbean cultural festivals. The event

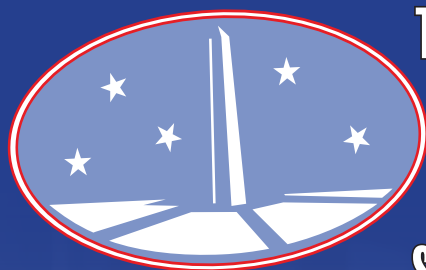
supports Sustainable Food and Culture, Inc. and the Cambridge Youth Steel Orchestra, helping expand cultural programming and economic opportunities throughout the region.

Tickets and additional festival information are available now at 2026BostonJerkFest.eventbrite.com. Children ages 10 and under receive free admission on Saturday, and Sunday's Community Soccer Fest is free for everyone. Tickets range from \$0–\$150.

Sponsors include Harvard University, Meet Boston, The Williams Agency, B-Side, Boston.com, Boston Globe Media, Power Home Remodeling, Urban Heat Media, The Word Boston, Red Bull, Topo Chico, KAS Consulting, and RC Productions.

Produced by The Williams Agency, Boston JerkFest is an award-winning Caribbean food, music, and cultural festival that celebrates authentic jerk cuisine while creating economic opportunities for BIPOC-owned businesses, chefs, artists, and entrepreneurs throughout New England.

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We Hold These Truths Honored 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

The Associates of the Boston Public Library presented an evening of music, poetry, and reflection marking the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The Associates of the Boston Public Library (Associates) presented *We Hold These Truths* on Thursday, June 25 at the Central Library's Rabb Hall, marking the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with an evening of music, poetry, and reflection.

Former Governor Deval Patrick and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer served as special

guest speakers, reading from the Declaration interspersed throughout the program. Their readings framed the evening's artistic performances within the enduring language and ideals of the founding document. The hall was filled with sustained applause at the end of the program, underscoring the impact of the evening's performances and readings.

The Central Library's Rabb Hall was filled to the brim as audiences gathered for the eighth

annual Pierce Performance Series, featuring newly commissioned music by graduate students from New England Conservatory and Berklee College of Music, created in response to the Declaration's legacy. The Handel & Haydn Society Youth Chorus Ambassador Ensemble performed *Lamentations Over Boston* by early American composer William Billings.

Massachusetts inaugural Poet Laureate Regie Gibson performed an original blackout poem drawn from the text of the Declaration of Independence.

The event complemented the Boston Public Library's exhibition *Declarations: Printing a New Nation*, presented by the BPL and the Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center, made possible by the Irene Haney Creative Enrichment Fund through the BPL Fund. For the first time ever, the BPL's eight rare printings of the Declaration are displayed together in a public exhibition on view through September 13, 2026.

Now in its eighth year, the Pierce Performance Series is supported by the Harold Whitworth Pierce Charitable Trust and reflects the Associates' commitment to activating the Boston Public Library's Special Collections through free public programming that connects historical materials with contemporary artists and audiences.

Since 1972, the Associates of the Boston Public Library, an independent non-profit, has raised funds to preserve and promote the Boston Public Library's Spe-



NEC Graduate Students, Elgin Lee (piano) and Jihyeuk Choi (cello).



Berklee College of Music Students Alexander Castile (Drums), Konstantin Solopov (Composer and Piano), and Maximilian Ellis (violin).



Regie Gibson, Massachusetts' first Poet Laureate.



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cial Collections. The Associates hosts many programs, including the Pierce Performance Series, the Alan Andres Writer-in-Residence

and Picture Book Writer Fellowship, the Hundred-Year Book Debate, and the Literary Lights Gala.



Handel and Haydn Youth Chorus Ambassador Ensemble.

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Congratulations to our Boston Pops on their 52nd annual Fireworks Spectacular on the Esplanade—Boston's most beloved Independence Day tra-

dition, complete with amazing performances from Chance the Rapper, Trombone Shorty, and Lainey Wilson. See pages 8 for more photos.



CALL TO ARTISTS!

ART in the PARK

2026

Saturday, September 12

City Square Park, Charlestown

10:00 AM to 5:30 PM | Rain Date: September 13

Glass Art by Martha Zackin
Photo By Adrien Sipos

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Artists' Group of Charlestown

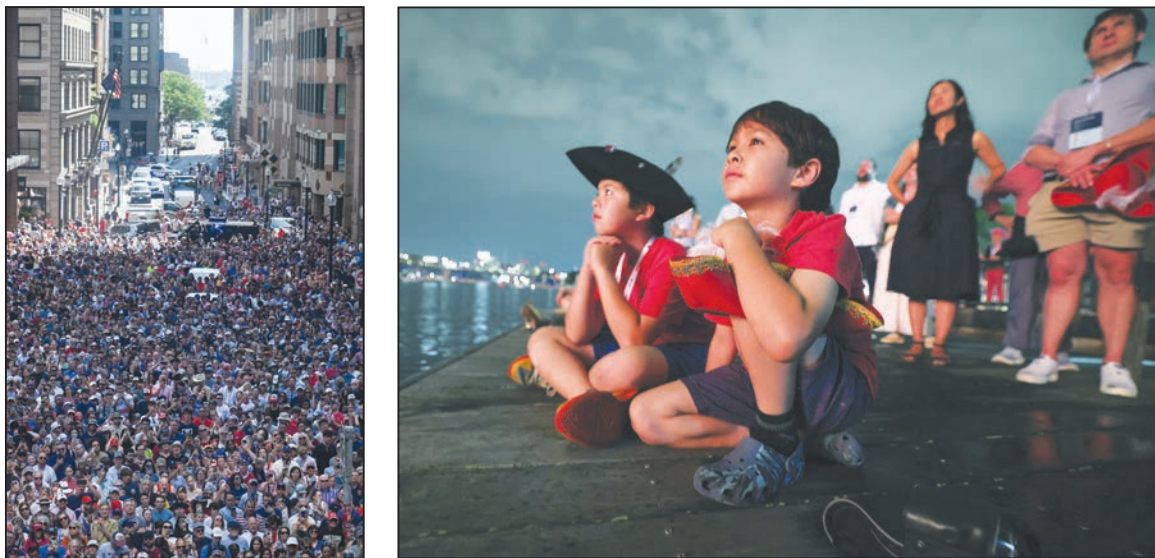
To Apply: [ArtistsGroupofCharlestown.com](https://www.artistsofcharlestown.com)

Deadline: July 23, 2026 at Midnight



SCENES FROM THE ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY EXERCISES IN DOWNTOWN BOSTON
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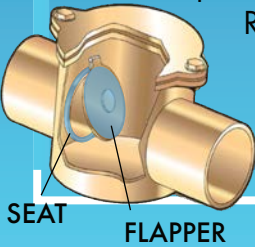


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Without a properly installed and maintained valve your basement is vulnerable to costly and hazardous sewage backups.

Simple Maintenance Requirements:

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Remove debris from valve seat and flapper with water and gentle scrubbing.



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Boston Water and
Sewer Commission

Note: PSA for informational purposes. Backwater valve must be installed by a licensed plumber. BWSC does not install valves.

COMMON'S FROG POND OFFICIALLY REOPENS FOR SEASON



Mayor's Office photos by Jeremiah Robinson

Amid soaring temperatures, Mayor Michelle Wu was on hand Wednesday, July 1, for the official reopening of the Boston Common Frog Pond.



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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 01, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

The following local students made the 4th Quarter Honor Roll at BC High for the 2025-2026 school year.

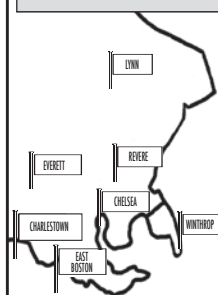
Please join us in celebrating
their accomplishments!

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Daniel Chan Honors
Jackson Greene Honors
Samuel Johnson Honors
Finneas Dowd Honors

Jake Silveira Honors
Chase Burke Honors
John Chardavoyne
Charles Diaz 4 Honors
John Fleming Honors
Tyler Greene Honors
Thomas Perkins Honors
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North End Italian Feast and Processions guide

Here is a handy list of the North End Italian Feasts and Processions for Summer 2026.



July 30 - August 2 (Thu – Sun | First weekend in August)
St. Agrippina di Mineo Feast
Feast opens at 7:00 pm on Thursday; 12pm-11pm Fri., Sat. & Sun.
Hanover & Battery Streets (12:00pm Sunday Procession)
www.SaintAgrippinaBoston.com



August 5-8 (Fri-Sun)
Madonna Della Cava Feast
Feast opens at 7:00 pm on Friday; 12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun.
Hanover & Battery Streets (1:00pm Sunday Procession)
www.MadonnaDellaCava.com



August 13, 14, 15, & 16 (Thu – Sun)
‘Fisherman’s Feast’ of the Madonna Del Soccorso di Sciacca
The Fisherman’s Feast is an annual event that began in Boston in 1911 and is based on a tradition that goes back to the 16th century in Sciacca Sicily.
Thursday, 6pm, Blessing of the Fishing Waters to Christopher Columbus Park
Feast opens at 6:00 pm on Friday; 12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun. Fleet, Lewis & North Streets
Sunday 1:00 pm Grand Procession starts; 8:00 pm Flight of the Angel
www.FishermansFeast.com



August 27
St. Lucy’s Feast
Thacher & Endicott Streets
7:00 pm Thursday Night Procession (12 Barz Band beginning at 6:00pm)
<https://stanthonysfeast.com/StLucy.html>



August 27-30 (Fri – Sun)
‘Saint Anthony’s Feast’
Named the “Feast of all Feasts” by National Geographic Magazine, this authentic Italian street festival has it all for people of every age: parades, strolling singers, live entertainment, contests and religious services are held daily. (Last weekend in August)
Endicott, Thacher & N. Margin Streets
Feast opens with ceremony and procession at 7:00 pm on Friday
12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun.
Sunday: 12:00 pm Grand Procession starts
www.StAnthonysFeast.com



September 5
Santa Rosalia di Palermo (TBD)
1:00 pm – Procession only – North Square
www.facebook.com/SantaRosaliaBoston

Charlestown Patriot-Bridge Pick-Up Locations

Basilica.....	106 13th St.
Anchorage Apartment	103 13th Ave.
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CVS	Bunker Hill Mall
Citizens Bank.....	Bunker Hill Mall
Whole Food Market	Bunker Hill Mall
Waverly Café	229 Bunker Hill St.
Bunker Hill Liquors.....	200 Bunker Hill St.
Kennedy Center	55 Bunker Hill St.
Foundation Kitchen.....	32 Cambridge St.
Constellation Wharf Condos	1 Constellation Wharf
Parris Landing	42 Eighth St.
Tuttles Clevergreen Cleaners	197 Eighth St.
Flagship Wharf.....	197 Eighth St.
Style Café.....	197 Eighth St.
Building 104	104 First Ave.
Building 110	110 First Ave.
Harborview	250 First Ave.
MGH Institute.....	26 First Ave.
7/11 Store	1 First Ave.
MGH Health Care Center.....	73 High St.
Hood Park (Tradesman).....	50 Hood Park Dr.
Boston Public Library (Charlestown)	..179 Main St.
Schrafft's.....	529 Main St.
7/11 Store	269 Main St.
Newtowne Market	87 Medford St.
Community Center.....	255 Medford St.
365 Convenience Store.....	275 Medford St.
Annas Café	275 Medford St.
Jenny’s Pizza	320 Medford St.
McCarthy’s Liquors.....	9 Moulton St.
Bunker Hill Cleaners	Moulton St.
Warren Tavern.....	2 Pleasant St. & Main St.
Santander Bank	437 Rutherford Ave.
Hood Park.....	500 Rutherford Ave.
Zelma Lacey House.....	9 W School St.
Gatehouse Apartment.....	75 W School St.
7/11 Store	Thompson Sq.
Charlestown Liquors	Thompson Sq.
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International Sand Sculpting Festival returns with 'Boston Welcomes the World' theme

Staff Report

The Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival is back! Now entering its 22nd year, the highly anticipated summer event will take over the shores of America's first public beach from July 17 to July 19. This year's festival theme is "Boston Welcomes the World," bringing together artistry, culture, and community for a weekend filled with art from master sand sculptors and family fun.

The main attraction will feature an extraordinary display of skill as 10 master sand sculptors from across the world compete for prize money. These exceptionally talented artists will transform the sand into awe-inspiring creations, drawing hundreds of thousands to Revere Beach over the three-day course.

Historically drawing crowds that can exceed half a million peo-

ple, the festival offers much more than just world-class art. Beyond the sand sculptures, the event features over 50 food vendors, food trucks and exhibitors, interactive activities, amusement rides, fireworks, and a vibrant atmosphere. The spectacular fireworks display is scheduled to light up the sky over the water on Saturday night at 9 p.m.

The event is organized by the Revere Beach Partnership, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 2001. Made up of a volunteer board that shares a love for Revere and Revere Beach, the partnership's mission is to preserve and enhance America's first public beach for the enjoyment of all.

"We can't wait to see everyone at the beach this summer for the 22nd year of the International Sand Sculpting Festival!" organizers shared in a statement. We

invite you to join us July 17-19th on Revere Beach for an experience you'll never forget.

Because of the massive crowds expected, automobile traffic in the surrounding area will be heavily congested, and parking will be extremely limited. Attendees are highly encouraged to use public transportation. The MBTA's Blue Line offers two convenient stops—Wonderland and Revere Beach stations—making it by far the best choice for festival-goers traveling to the beach.

Event Details at a Glance

- Dates: Friday, July 17 through Sunday, July 19

- Hours: Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information or to donate, please visit www.revere-beachpartnership.com or www.rbissf.com.



2025 First Place, Sculptor's Choice, and People's Choice winning sculpture, "Delicate Balance," by Abe Waterman of Canada.

CITY PAWS

First aid tips

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We recently welcomed new neighbors and their dog to our floor and let them know we had

an animal first-aid kit ready if they ever needed it. Since our Poppy is our third Westie, we've fostered other Westies, and we live in a pet-friendly building, our kit has

been used quite often over the years. What's more, it doubles as a bit of puppy luggage whenever we travel.

First Aid Kits

Whole Dog Journal recently published a great article on the best first-aid kits for dogs. They wrote, "As a pet owner, you hope to never need to use a first

aid kit, but it's always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. Active dogs especially can be prone to minor injuries like paw pad tears, scrapes, broken nails, and eye irritation, and the best dog first aid kits can help you treat these ailments quickly and effectively."

Their picks ranged from a \$20 best buy to a \$75 kit that included everything you and your dog would need in an emergency. We've used Poppy's kit for ourselves in the past and recommend this approach if you decide to put together your own kit. You can shop the big retail sites to see what their offerings contain and buy the items you don't have. Or, if a ready-made kit offers greater value, go for that.

Travel Bag Too!

Our Poppy emergency bag is also her medicine chest. We keep her medications and special-needs supplies there, along with basic grooming tools. We don't have to pack for her to take a trip; we just check that her bag is up to date for all her on-the-road needs.

Learn the Skills Needed

Would you know how to save your dog's or cat's life if your animal were choking or had stopped breathing? We know you would want to give your companion the lifesaving first aid needed in these severe circumstances.

While prevention is always the best place to begin, it's better to be ready to step in and act if some-

thing should happen. We recommend a local or online pet first aid course for all pet guardians. If organized training doesn't fit your schedule, consider training on your own.

Fortunately, veterinarians and first aid instructors have produced careful Heimlich maneuver and CPR videos. We suggest you watch a few, pick a favorite, and put a link to that one on your phone. While you have the phone out, add a Pet First Aid app. We use the American Red Cross Pet First Aid app.

With any video or app, it is better if you practice the skill before you need it. In the panic of watching the emergency unfold, you'll want to act immediately. You should even practice finding the instructions on your phone quickly so that others nearby can help, coach you, or take over if needed.

Professional Help

These aids are not a substitute for a trip to the vet. When you need to perform a life-saving procedure, you should follow up with a vet visit. However, they're good to have on the way to a professional or as a last resort.

In an emergency, you have to know where to go and how to get there. The number and address of the nearest animal ER should be in your phone at home or while traveling. We ask locals with dogs where they would go in the event of a pet emergency when we arrive at a new location.



Our Poppy inherited her travel bag/first aid kit from our other Westies, Sassy and Maggie, who owned it before her.