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## CURLEY SCHOOL HOLDS 'INTO THE WOODS'



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The Curley School held a production of "Into The Woods" of actors from Grades 3 to 5. Shown (above) one of the many song and dance numbers to entertain the audience. Right, the Witch was played by Shefali Hurwitz. See Pages 10 and 11 for more photos.



## Volunteers needed for JPNC election June 24

STAFF REPORT

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) held its regular monthly meeting this past Tuesday evening via Zoom. The council members tackled a full agenda over the course of the 100-minute meeting with chair Will Cohen presiding.

The most urgent announcement of the evening came from Paige Sparks, the chair of the Outreach Committee, who has

been organizing the plans for the JPNC's biennial election which is set for Saturday, June 24.

Sparks outlined the details of the election for her fellow JPNC members. All Jamaica Plain residents who are over the age of 16 are eligible to vote. The voting will be conducted in-person at three locations from 10 AM to 4PM: Stop & Shop at 301 Centre St. in Jackson Sq., JP Licks at 659 Centre St., and the Forest

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## JP Legion hosts Memorial Day remembrance and ceremony

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

The American Legion's 76 Post in Jamaica Plain will host a ceremony on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with the Post 76 Honor Guard, the only active American Legion Honor Guard in Boston.

There will be a roll call of the American Legion members who passed away since last year, and the Rolling Thunder Massachusetts Chapter 1 will be in atten-

dance as well. US Army Veteran DJ JayJona will provide the live entertainment, along with complimentary food and beverages.

Special guest speakers will include:

- Maura Hennigan, Clerk Magistrate of Suffolk County
- Robert Santiago, City of Boston Veteran's Deputy Commissioner
- Sam Dillon, President of Boston Firefighter's IAAF Local

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## Brendan Behan Pub to celebrate 35 years

By MICHAEL COUGHLIN JR.

On Sunday, June 18, beginning at 2 p.m., the beloved Brendan Behan Pub is holding an event to celebrate its 35th anniversary, welcoming all to enjoy live music, giveaways, food, drinks, and more.

The pub, which is named after the famous Irish poet Brendan Behan has been a staple of Jamaica Plain for many years and

was originally under the ownership of Gerry Brennan and Finbar "Butch" Murray.

"These two guys – they did a phenomenal job by opening and creating a very friendly atmosphere with live music and all the good stuff – from the moment they opened, they were very, very successful," said the current Owner, Michel Soltani.

"I remember myself when they opened – it was a beautiful set-

up."

While Brennan and Murray had their share of success – when it was time for them to move on and retire, they sold the pub to Soltani – who at the time was involved with Mission Bar & Grill – and his partner Harry Walsh in 2007.

Soltani then became the sole owner of the pub about four or

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# JP CENTRE/SOUTH MAIN STREETS HOLDS A TASTE AND TOUR EVENT

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JP Centre/South Main Streets held a Taste And Tour event. Participants were taken around

Jamaica Plain in small groups and were treated to sampling some food from the neighborhood's

restaurants as well as historical anecdotes.



Sponsors Constance Cervone and Janet Deegan look up some extra info with Leann Canty.



Alison Nelson and Danyell Trollo at Jeanie Johnson for the post-Tour celebration.



Ten Tables becomes "Eleven Tables" as Tour attendees are treated to cerviche at their own table out in front.



Ginger Brown and Janet Galloway of JP Main Streets meet Tour participants at Jeanie Johnson for the post-Tour celebration.



Vivienne Berlin and Wynonna Campbell.



Mark Nandor and Casey Brock-Wilson at Jeanie Johnson for the post-Tour celebration.

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Reny Mendez at Ten Tables serves up some cerviche.

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Tour goes stopped at Jeanie Johnson for the post-Tour celebration. After the Tour concluded, everyone met at Jeanie Johnson on South Street to socialize and celebrate Jamaica Plain.



Amy Saba with falafel and humus.



The tour makes a stop at Cafe Beirut.

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Brad Brown at The Blue Frog Bakery brings out strawberry shortcake for the tour participants to sample.



Other groups on the tour stop into Cafe Beirut.



Tour participants hang out at the Green Street Parklet across from the Blue Frog Bakery.

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## JP OBSERVER

# Heat Pump Time: Energy-efficient home heating & cooling options available

By SANDRA STOREY / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

When I was a third-grader in Alabama I remember my dad pointed to a metal box near our house in the backyard. He said it was a heat pump that warmed the house in the winter.

“It pulls energy from the ground,” he explained. “No need for fire. We can use this here in the South because it doesn’t get very cold here.”

“No fire! That sounds like magic,” I said, remembering our coal-burning furnace up north the year before.

(BTW, that backyard and all the backyards on my street were peppered with dozens of tall, skinny evergreen trees left growing in the sandy soil by our subdivision developer. It was forbidden to cut the trees down by local regulations. Dad also told

me that. Yes, in Alabama in the 1950s. Boston is getting there.)

I still kind of felt that heat pumps are doing the impossible when I attended a heat pump webinar held by Jamaica plain-based Green Energy Consumers Alliance on April 18. I learned quickly that what heat pumps do is not only possible but highly desirable.

Heat pumps, “the primary way to get rid of the fossil fuels that most of us rely on to stay warm in winter” are now even more amazing, according to Loie Hayes, Energy Efficiency Coordinator with JP-based Green Energy Consumers Alliance, who led the webinar. Mike Simons of Abode Energy Management, which has much heat pump

technology expertise, was also a presenter.

Heat pumps now work well in cold climates even if temps go down to -15°, they said. The same units that heat also cool the air efficiently in the summer. And they run on electricity, which is becoming less and less reliant on fossil fuels to create.

Anyone building new or who wants to replace an old heating system should seriously consider a heat pump, for heating and cooling. According to Green Energy, “new incentives from the federal and state governments are making heat pumps more affordable.”

Simons said heat pumps are “highly efficient.” He and Hayes explained that no combustion

is involved as electricity moves energy that cools or heats from outside in.

Like other heating systems (or roof installations and other household operating systems, for that matter), several factors are involved in selection and installation of heat pumps, and it’s all based on science. Buildings with existing ductwork and weatherization can be adapted more easily than others.

Sources (ground or air); size of space; sizes of rooms; location to put “heads” or indoor air distributors; and the current heating system are just a few of the technical aspects that come into consideration.

Fortunately, working with Green Energy, Abode can pro-

vide homeowners lots of technical information related to their own situations, offering: an online portal to find trusted heat pump installers (free); independent quote comparison (\$75 – a 50 percent discount); and virtual consultations with a building science expert (\$150). More details are available at <https://info.greenenergyconsumers.org/abode>.

Recorded webinars are on YouTube at [youtube.com/Mass-Energy/1](https://youtube.com/Mass-Energy/1)

People may also contact Hayes at 617-380-4741 or [loie@greenenergyconsumers.org](mailto:loie@greenenergyconsumers.org) for more information.

*Sandee Storey is the Publisher Emerita of the Jamaica Plain Gazette.*

## Safety

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[www.boston.gov/making-neighborhood-streets-safer](https://www.boston.gov/making-neighborhood-streets-safer) to view which streets are on the docket to receive speed humps over the next three years.

As for the intersections portion of the Safety Surge – this component will make it so the city designs 25-30 non-signalized intersections per year.

Regarding intersections, Boston’s Chief of Streets, Jascha Franklin-Hodge, said, “Each year, we will design safer intersections using street safety tools that will allow for better sightlines, slower speeds, clear crossings, and defined spaces for all.”

These safety tools include things like curb extensions, pedestrian warning signs, and much more which can be found at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/transportation/street-safety-toolkit>.

Finally, the signals aspect of

the initiative includes updates to the city’s Traffic Signals Operations Design Policy.

These updates include an increase in the use of pedestrian head starts – meaning pedestrians will get the walk sign before drivers can proceed, an increase in no turn on red areas, and an increase in the use of “auto recall,” which gives pedestrians the walk sign automatically without hitting a button.

The city plans to update at least 50 intersections a year with these new updates to the Traffic Signals Operations Design Policy.

The city is also doing major corridor projects in areas the city’s website says have a “history of excessive speeds and crashes that have resulted in death and injury.” These areas include Blue Hill Avenue, Centre Street in West Roxbury, Cummins Highway in Mattapan, and Tremont Street in the South End.

“The streets we build must reflect our belief that everyone, regardless of their age or ability,

should have the freedom to travel safely and without fear,” said Franklin-Hodge.

“The City of Boston is putting that idea into action in asphalt, in concrete, in paint, in flex posts, and signs and signals as we work toward a future where no family ever has to experience tragedy or trauma on our streets.”

In terms of how the city is balancing safety and traffic – considering Boston’s traffic was ranked the fourth worst in the entire world in 2022 by INRIX – a transportation analytics company – Wu said, “Traffic is one of Boston’s biggest concerns.”

“We’re building housing; we’re investing in our schools; we’re adding new jobs people have to be able to get around to where they need to go. As our city grows, it won’t work if the only way you can get around is driving a car,” she continued.

Wu alluded to the idea that the changes made through the new Safety Surge would make other forms of transportation more viable before saying there

is also a need to continue preserving the MBTA.

“It can’t be an either-or conversation about whether people can reliably get to work or whether they can be protected and safe as they’re walking around their communities. We need to do both; we know we can,” said Wu.

For more information on the

Safety Surge and all its components, you can visit <https://www.boston.gov/transportation/safety-surge>.

“I want to thank all of our residents across each and every neighborhood for your advocacy and looking forward to continuing that with the specific changes that we’ll be making in the weeks to come,” said Wu.

## Memorial Day

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718 and Marine Corps Purple Heart Recipient

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About The American Legion

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# Wu announces inaugural list of Legacy Business awardees

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Mayor Michelle Wu last week announced the inaugural list of Legacy Business awardees, a group of 30 businesses including El Oriental de Cuba and George's Shoes of Jamaica Plain that represent the rich diversity and cultural fabric of all Boston neighborhoods. This program – the most expansive in the country – was developed by the Office of Small Business within the Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet and will support awardees through increased visibility and connecting them with City services. This new program will provide targeted technical assistance with a focus on succession planning, growth, business updates, and employee ownership. Businesses will also receive a commercial lease toolkit, legal consultation and other resources from City of Boston partners.

“Our legacy businesses are pillars in our communities and expand opportunity for our residents and families across Boston,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “I’m thrilled that we get to honor these staple businesses who invest and uplift our communities. Congratulations to our thirty newly selected legacy businesses and we look forward to being able to support these foundational businesses across Boston’s neighborhoods for years to come.”

“These small businesses are an integral part of their neighborhoods, and they not only provide indispensable services to our communities, but they also help to make our city vibrant,” said Council President Ed Flynn. “I’m happy to see that longstanding businesses in District 2 are being recognized, including ones in Downtown, Chinatown, South Boston, and the South End. Congratulations to all the awardees, let’s continue to support our wonderful neighborhood businesses.”

“I am grateful for Mayor Wu’s unwavering commitment to supporting and preserving legacy businesses throughout the City of Boston,” said Councilor Brian Worrell, Chair of the Committee on Small Business and Professional Licensure. “The Legacy Business Program provides vital support to these businesses, helping to ensure their continued success for generations to come.

By recognizing the importance of these businesses and providing them with the resources they need to thrive, we can maintain the cultural fabric and unique character of our neighborhoods.”

Legacy businesses are longstanding, independent enterprises that make a strong contribution to residents, communities and neighborhoods across Boston. They are cultural anchors and repositories of community traditions and stories. These iconic businesses have helped define Boston as an innovative, family friendly and world-renowned city. By recognizing these businesses on an annual basis, this program will help to further Mayor Wu’s vision of a family-friendly city that ensures each neighborhood is a vibrant destination for all to visit and support.

“We were proud to fulfill Mayor Wu’s pledge to recognize and honor those businesses that continue to make our neighborhoods the cultural jewels they are today,” said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. “Due to the work of our Small Business team, residents will be able to come together every year to celebrate the achievements of these local community institutions, and the City will be able to provide needed resources to ensure they remain for generations to come.”

“The response was tremendous, and this has truly been a community driven process, which is part of the beauty of it,” said Aliessa Porcena, Director of Small Business. “Boston residents submitted over 1,400 nominations, and we are so happy to acknowledge the group of inaugural businesses this month. Our office is supports small businesses to start, grow, and stay in Boston. This inaugural cohort represents 30 businesses that are staples in our communities, and part of our rich history- it’s an honor to celebrate these businesses who have given our city and communities so much. We are committed to provide continued support and services to these businesses”.

“El Oriental de Cuba has been a favorite family owned restaurant for the past 30 years, and it is an honor to be recognized by the City of Boston,” said Yvonne Torres, owner of El Oriental de Cuba. “Receiving the Business



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON

Mayor Michelle Wu joined business leaders from across the City for the first annual Legacy Business Awards at Boston’s Historic Faneuil Hall.

Legacy award not only acknowledges the restaurant itself, but the incredible community of Jamaica Plain that has kept this restaurant alive during and after the pandemic. My father Nobel Garcia and late owner, well known and loved by everyone, would have been extremely proud to see his restaurant be recognized as a legacy institution.”

To qualify for the Legacy Business program, businesses must have:

- Operated for at least 10 years in the same location within the City of Boston.
- Contributed to the cultural, historical, and societal assets of Boston’s community or neighborhood.
- A plan to maintain its business in the City.

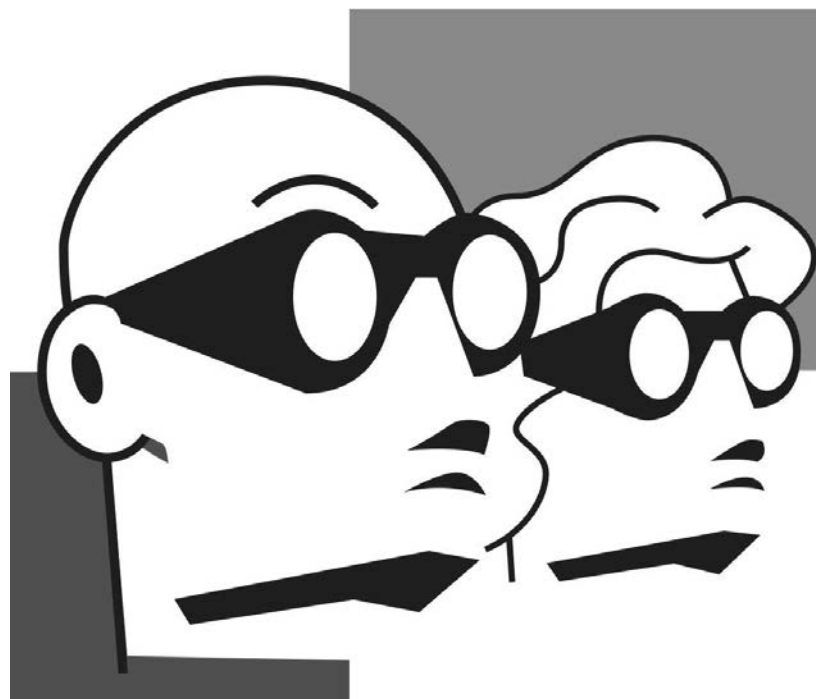
The process of identifying the 30 Legacy Businesses included nominations from the public, review by the City Council, and selection by a committee that included representatives from City

departments, and Main Streets organizations. Selections were based on application scoring and community support. The committee ensured that the list was representative of Boston by industry, neighborhood, gender, and race.

“Ron’s has been a part of life in Hyde Park going back decades. As a kid I bowled and attended birthday parties there. They hosted visits for us as school

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# TSA is prepared for high travel volumes this Memorial Day weekend and the summer

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TSA is prepared for high travel volumes this Memorial Day weekend and the summer travel season

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is prepared to screen high volumes of passengers at airport security checkpoints nationwide this summer travel season, which begins Memorial Day weekend and runs through Labor Day. The agency forecasts Friday, May 26, to be the busiest day of the long weekend, projecting to screen approximately 2.6 million passengers.

Today, the agency announced that teenagers aged 13-17 may now accompany TSA PreCheck® enrolled parents or guardians through TSA PreCheck screening when traveling on the same reservation and when the TSA PreCheck indicator appears on the teen's boarding pass. Children 12 and under may still accompany an enrolled parent or guardian when traveling through the TSA PreCheck lanes anytime without

restriction.

"TSA is ready to handle this summer's anticipated increase in travel. Our staffing levels are better and this is largely due to better pay for all TSA employees which starts on July 1st," said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. "This key action, supported by the President and Congress, enables us, for the first time in TSA's history, to pay our workforce using the same pay scale that applies to other federal employees. As expected, this has already improved our recruiting and retention rates. For passengers, this will mean better overall staffing for all of TSA's activities that support secure and efficient travel and an improved passenger experience. Our strong partnerships with airports and airlines will ensure we are able to anticipate and respond to changes in passenger travel throughout the summer. Passengers can help as well by being prepared, by having their identification ready when they begin screening and checking to make sure they aren't bringing firearms, oversized liquids or

any other prohibited item into the checkpoint. One person's actions can delay screening for everyone else."

Earlier today at a press conference at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens and six airport and airline partners joined Pekoske to discuss their operational preparedness for anticipated summer travel volumes, changes in transportation security and other travel tips. Industry representatives included Jan Lennon, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport Deputy General Manager for Operations; Nicholas E. Calio, President and CEO, Airlines for America; Kevin M. Burke, President and CEO, Airports Council International – North America; Stephanie K. Gupta, Senior Vice President, Security and Facilitation, American Association of Airport Executives; Paul Doell, Vice President of Government Affairs and Security Policy, National Air Carrier Association; and Drew Jacoby Lemos, Vice President of Government and External Affairs for the Regional Airline Association.

To continue to modernize airport checkpoints, enhance security effectiveness and efficiency and improve the passenger experience, TSA is deploying new technology solutions nationwide. Credential Authentication Technology (CAT) units confirm the authenticity of a passenger's identification credentials, along with their flight details and pre-screening status (such as TSA PreCheck) all without a boarding pass. With CAT, passengers only need to provide their acceptable photo identification to the officer. The second generation of CAT, also called CAT-2, in use at several airports nationwide, has the same capabilities, but is also equipped with a camera that captures a real-time photo of the traveler at the Travel Document Checker podium. CAT-2 compares the traveler's photo on the identification credential against the in-person, real-time photo. Once the CAT-2 confirms the match, a TSA officer will verify and the traveler can proceed to security screening, without ever exchanging a boarding pass. TSA officers may perform additional passenger verification if needed. Photos captured by CAT units

are never stored or used for any other purpose than immediate identity verification. Travelers who do not wish to participate in the facial matching process may opt out in favor of an alternative identity verification process without losing their place in line. TSA is committed to protecting passenger privacy, civil rights, civil liberties and ensuring the public's trust as it seeks to improve the passenger experience through its exploration of identity verification technologies.

To date, TSA has deployed 2,054 CAT units to 223 airports. Among those, 238 CAT units represent the second generation (CAT-2) technology. Additionally, Georgia is the latest state to launch its mobile driver's license (mDL). TSA is able to read the following digital IDs: Arizona, Colorado, Georgia and Maryland mDLs provisioned to Apple Wallet, Utah mDLs stored in the GET Mobile ID app and American Airlines digital ID stored in the Airside Digital Identity app.

TSA is also deploying new state-of-the-art Computed Tomography (CT) units to checkpoints nationwide, which significantly improves scanning and threat detection capabilities for carry-on bags. CT units give TSA officers the ability to review a 3D image of passengers' bags and reduce the need to physically search the contents of the bag. Passengers screened in security lanes with CT units do not need to remove their 3-1-1 liquids or laptops, but they must place every carry-on item, including bags, into a bin for screening. TSA has also deployed 678 CT units to 218 airports nationwide. In April, the agency announced awards for the procurement and maintenance of additional CT scanners and CAT-2 units for installations at security checkpoints starting this summer.

Based on some of the most recent trends at the nation's airports, TSA recommends the following seven simple tips to get through the TSA security checkpoint quickly and efficiently:

**Tip 1:** TSA PreCheck® members: Make sure your Known Traveler Number (KTN) is in your reservation. With over 15 million TSA PreCheck members, it is essential that airline reservations have the passenger's correct KTN and date of birth so they can truly "Travel with

Ease." Those who fly with multiple airlines should ensure their KTN is updated in each of their airline profiles every time they travel. TSA PreCheck passengers are low-risk travelers who do not need to remove shoes, belts, liquids, food, laptops and light jackets at the TSA checkpoint.

If you aren't yet enrolled in TSA PreCheck and appreciate faster checkpoint screening, we encourage you to enroll for a five-year membership at a cost of \$78. Most new enrollees receive their KTN within three to five days. Members may renew membership online up to six months prior to expiration for another five-year term for \$70.

In April, 94% of TSA PreCheck passengers waited less than 5 minutes at the checkpoint. TSA's wait time standards for TSA PreCheck lanes are under 10 minutes and under 30 minutes for standard lanes.

**Tip 2:** Pack an empty bag and know before you go. When airline passengers begin packing for travel with an empty bag, they are less likely to be stopped at the security checkpoint for having prohibited items. Prior to packing that empty bag, check TSA's "What Can I Bring?" tool to know what is prohibited. Firearms are prohibited at airport security checkpoints and on board aircraft. Passengers may travel with a firearm if they properly pack the firearm in checked baggage and declare it with the airline at check-in. Airlines may have additional requirements for traveling with firearms and ammunition, so travelers must also contact their airline regarding firearm and ammunition carriage policies prior to arriving at the airport. If passengers bring a firearm to the security checkpoint, they will face significant penalties to include federal penalties and additional screening.

**Tip 3:** Give yourself plenty of time. Summer travel will be busy, so plan ahead! Give yourself plenty of time to park or return a rental car, take a shuttle to the airport if needed, check-in with your airline, check in bags with the airline and prepare for the security checkpoint. Save time by removing items from pockets and placing them in your carry-on bag, instead of putting

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EV000012478**

#### **Contact Information**

**Hazel McAfee Grants Manager  
617-635-4920 x 2704**

The City of Boston (the City), acting by the Commissioner of the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, hereinafter referred to as the Official, invites sealed bids for the performance of the work generally described above, and particularly set forth in the Invitation for Bids.

The bid documents will be accessible online on or about Monday, May 22, 2023 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website at [boston.gov/procurement/](http://boston.gov/procurement/) and clicking on the supplier portal button to access event ID # EV000012478

The term of the contract shall be for two (2) years starting July 1, 2023 ending June 30, 2025

The attention of all bidders is directed to the provisions of the Invitation for Bids and contract documents, specifically to the requirements for bid deposits, insurance, and performance bonds as may be applicable. All bids for this project are subject to M.G.L. c.30, s. 5 and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract documents.

Sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than 4:30 pm on Tuesday

June 6, 2023 by login onto the City of Boston Procurement website as listed and accessing the above listed event number. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation for bid will commence on or about Monday, July 3, 2023.

Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner

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# Brendan Behan

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five years ago, while Walsh went on to focus on the Mission Bar & Grill.

“Since then – technically – we let it be as it is. We just did some light renovations because we didn’t want to change the inside – everybody was worried about us just destroying the bar,” said Soltani.

Although there were minor renovations to the bathrooms back then, Soltani said, “We continued doing what was previously done by those two smart guys – we just let it be and continued operations.”

While the Brendan Behan Pub has seen its share of success over the years, one roadblock almost derailed the establishment before it could reach 35 years – the pandemic. However, that obstacle was overcome by what some

may consider sheer serendipity. Before the pandemic about five years ago, Soltani had requested that the pub’s back patio be zoned so that it could serve patrons because, at the time, it was just an area for trash.

“As soon as we opened – the Covid kicked in a month after,” said Soltani. The new zoning for the back patio enabled the pub to stay open during the pandemic, even during the winter when it was covered and had heat.

“The back patio was technically a solution – we could advertise and say here, come on down, our back patio is open, and it’s heated, and that technically saved us from going bankrupt and causing us to be closed for good,” said Soltani.

While the pub was able to power through to year 35, it did not come without hardships. Soltani indicated that everyone on the staff got Covid, and significant business debt was taken on. However, through it all, he

alluded to how supportive those in Jamaica Plain have been.

“During the pandemic, the Jamaica Plain people they really 100 percent supported business, especially the staff; they were treating our staff real good and trying to make sure the Behan would not close like others,” said Soltani.

Now with Covid in the rear-view mirror, the Brendan Behan Pub’s celebration will not only commemorate its 35th anniversary but serve as a day for everyone to come out to a community jewel and have some fun.

“We want to get everybody coming in – checking out the back patio, checking out the front, listen to the live music, and just get together,” said Soltani.

“We are very, very excited to see the people which we have not seen for years for different reasons.”

# Awards

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kids demonstrating the ice cream making process. The Covitz family are generous and contribute to local programs. Their ice cream is amazing. I am always proud to bring friends and visitors to try some,” said Lauren Firnstein, Boston resident.

“Liz’s Hair Care embodies black excellence & legacy. Owned and operated by Liz, a black woman from Boston, LHC has been in business for over 20 years and Liz has over 30 years of hair experience. She empowers POC to look and feel their best by making them look beautiful, offering hair care tips, and giving them the advice needed to excel. Her salon is perfect for the new professional or the college student looking to nail that

interview. She is committed to teaching new stylists and leaving a positive mark on their future of hair care. She is kind, funny and always willing to go out of her way for her customers! Her historical shop will leave a lasting mark on Boston history!” said Ashley Jackson, Boston resident.

“Neighborhood businesses have contributed to the fabric of our city’s culture and represent the diverse people who live in our city,” said Brianna Millor, Chief of Community Engagement. “Congratulations to all of the Legacy Business Program Winners!”

In addition to the Legacy Business Awards and related programmatic support, the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion has committed \$1 Million in grant funding to be awarded to a non-profit organization to help support long-standing small businesses in the City of Boston.

# TSA

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items directly into bins at the conveyor belt.

Tip 4: Be aware of new checkpoint technology and follow guidance from our TSA officers. TSA uses a variety of security methods to secure our transportation systems. Screening protocols can be unpredictable and may vary from airport to airport depending on available technology and the current threat environment, so it is important to listen and follow officer directions. Some airports may have installed the new state-of-the-art advanced technology CT scanners. The opening to the X-ray tunnel on a CT unit is slightly smaller than on a traditional X-ray unit so TSA advises travelers not to force larger items into the tunnel, but to ask a TSA officer for assistance. Passengers must also place everything, including bags, into the bin for screening. Passengers are also reminded to bring at maximum one carry-on bag and one personal item through security screening. Some airports have construction underway to install these new CT scanners, and TSA asks passengers to be patient during the screening process.

Before passengers go through the AIT, all items such as wal-

lets, cell phones and all light outerwear must be removed. Light outerwear is defined as an outer layer of clothing with a full front zipper or buttons used to fasten the outer garment, excluding button up shirts. Examples include, but are not limited to, windbreakers and vests, suit/sport coats, blazers and light jackets.

Tip 5: Respect TSA and other frontline airport and airline employees. Violence and unruly behavior in the nation’s transportation system are not acceptable and results in delays at traveler checkpoints. TSA officers, along with all frontline airport and airline employees and local law enforcement are all working together to ensure safe and secure travel. Assaulting a TSA officer is a federal offense and will result in penalties and/or arrest. Always follow the directions of flight attendants aboard aircraft. They are there for your safety and security.

Tip 6: Make sure you have an acceptable ID. Adult passengers 18 years and older must show valid identification at the airport checkpoint in order to travel. Beginning May 7, 2025, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies with REAL ID, check with your state department of motor vehicles. For questions on

acceptable IDs, go to TSA.gov.

Tip 7: Contact TSA with questions, compliments, complaints or assistance. Travelers with questions have many options for contacting TSA. AskTSA is available for live assistance from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. ET via Twitter or Facebook by messaging @AskTSA or by sending a text to “272872” (“AskTSA”). For customer service issues, travelers may reach the TSA Contact Center (TCC) at (866) 289-9673. Individuals with disabilities, medical needs or other special circumstances may request passenger assistance at least 72 hours in advance by contacting our TSA Cares passenger support line at (855) 787-2227. Live assistance for both the TCC and TSA Cares is available weekdays, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET, or weekends and holidays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

For those traveling with children this summer, TSA offers kid-friendly videos for children packing for their upcoming trip.



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**CITY OF BOSTON/COUNTY OF SUFFOLK  
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**Invitation for Bids**

**Painting of Roche Community Center  
Gym Walls & Ceilings**

**EV00012385**

**Contact Information**

**Thanh Le**

**617-635-4920 x 2152**

The City of Boston, Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF), (The Official) is seeking written quotations from qualified contractors for the procurement of the following services: Painting of Roche Community Center Gym Wall and Ceilings at the City of Boston, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, (BCYF)

The bid documents, including the Scope of Services will be accessible online from Tuesday, May 23, 2023 through Tuesday, June 6, 2023 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website

<http://www.cityofboston.gov/procurement/> and accessing the Event ID # EV00012385, or by calling Thanh Le.

Total Walls and Ceilings including door and window frame surfaces to be covered with paint: 11,480 sq. ft. Recommended walk-Through has been scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 11:30 AM. The contact person for this walk-through is David Curran at [david.curran@boston.gov](mailto:david.curran@boston.gov) or 617-594-4468. The City of Boston, BCYF is located at 1716 Centre St, Boston (West Roxbury), MA 02132.

All written quotes shall be filed electronically no later than 4:00pm on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. The Written Quote Contract awarded pursuant to this invitation for bid will commence on or about Monday, June 5, 2023 and will end on June 30, 2023.  
Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner

## CURLEY SCHOOL HOLDS PRODUCTION OF 'INTO THE WOODS'

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

The Curley School held a production of "Into The Woods" of actors from Grades 3 to 5. The production was assisted by hats from Andrew Lloyd Webber, American Theater Wing, and Disney Musical In Schools. "Into The Woods" brought various fairy tales together into a fun journey with favorite characters, music, dance, and comedy. Next year the school will be bringing the Elementary and Middle School students together for a new production.



Moral Burgess, playing the Baker, takes a break during intermission with his mother Monica Liu.



Lilla Marks played Cinderella's Stepmother.



Shefali Hurwitz as The Witch tries to attack Elliot Kostick as Rapunzel's Prince but he powers were taken away.



Simone Beaulieu played Florinda.



Daniela Child played Granny.



Cinderella made her way into the ball.



There were many song and dance numbers to entertain the audience.



Leah Jackson as Cinderella.



Ruby Gehlenborg and Cece Zilcoski played Trees in the Woods.



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The Witch, played by Shefali Hurwitz, decides to take Rapunzel's, played by Alice Child, hair.

# CURLEY SCHOOL HOLDS PRODUCTION OF 'INTO THE WOODS'

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The Narrators join in with the action on the stage.



Milky-White, Jack's cow, was played by Hazel Carey.



Leah Jackson as Cinderella, Hazel Carey as Milky-White, and Clara Kostick as the Baker's Wife.



Little Red Riding Hood encounters the Wolf played by Hannah Autler.



Maria Viola Srivastava and Violet Welsh were the Narrators, an important role in helping the audience keep up with the twists and turns of the story.



The Baker's Wife, played by Clara Kostick, sends the Baker, played by both Jack Mintzer-Goldberg and Moral Burgess, off to collect items from various fairy tales

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# As Memorial Day fast approaches, NFPA offers grilling safety tips to help reduce fires, injuries

Often considered the unofficial kick-off to summer, Memorial Day weekend is synonymous with outdoor celebrations and cookouts. With the holiday just around the corner and the warm-

er months upon us, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) is working to ensure that people understand where potential grilling risks exist and ways to minimize them.

“Because outdoor grilling involves the use of a fuel source to generate an open flame, it inherently presents potential fire risks that needs to be taken seriously,” said Lorraine Carli,

vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA.

NFPA data shows that between 2017 and 2021, U.S. fire departments responded to an annual average of 11,421 home

fires involving grills, hibachis, or barbecues, including 5,763 structure fires and 5,659 outside

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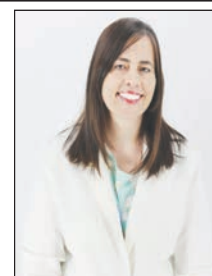
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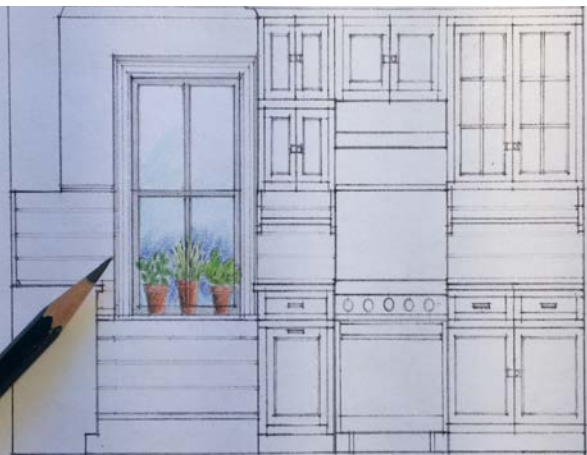


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or unclassified fires. These fires caused an annual average of two civilian deaths, 176 reported civilian injuries, and \$172 million in direct property damage. July was the leading month for grilling fires (16 percent), followed by June (14 percent), May (12 percent) and August (11 percent); grilling fires in November through February accounted for 4 percent or less each year.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), for the same fire-year period, an annual average of 22,155 patients went to emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills. Nearly half (47 percent) of the injuries were thermal burns, including both burns from fire and from contact with hot objects. These burns typically occurred when someone, often a child, bumped into, touched or fell on the grill, grill part or hot coals. In fact, children under five accounted for an average of 2,820 of the contact-type burns (46 percent) per year.












“These numbers reinforce that grilling fires can and do happen. However, there’s no need to

avoid grilling during Memorial Day or in the months ahead,” said Carli. “Instead, by following simple safety precautions, people can greatly reduce the risk of experiencing a grilling fire.”

NFPA offers a wealth of tips, recommendations, and resources for grilling safely, including these key messages:

- For propane grills, check the gas tank for leaks before use in the months ahead. (Watch NFPA’s video on how to check for leaks.)
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Place the grill well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grilling area.
- If you use starter fluid when charcoal grilling, only use charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. When you have or are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container.
- Never leave your grill unattended when in use.

## Wenham Street Cinema 2023 Season Schedule

	Event	Date & Time	Helpful Details	Speaker
5	 <i>Banshees of Inisherin</i>	Early June Doors at 6:30, movie at 7:00	On a remote island off the coast of Ireland, Pádraic is devastated when his buddy Colm suddenly puts an end to their lifelong friendship. With help from his sister and a troubled young islander, Pádraic sets out to repair the damaged relationship by any means necessary. However, as Colm's resolve only strengthens, he soon delivers an ultimatum that leads to shocking consequences.	Thom Dunn, local musician, playwright, and writer
6	 Counselor Mejia's movie	Saturday, 6/10 Doors at 6:00, movie at 7:00	Counselor Mejia and @wenhamstreetcinema will conduct a poll to select the movie. The options, selected by Counselor Mejia are: <i>Pretty Woman</i> , <i>Total Recall</i> , and <i>Catch Me If You Can</i> .	Boston City Councilor <b>Julia Mejia</b>
7	 <b>Juneteenth Screening:</b> <i>The Woman King</i>	Saturday, 6/17 Doors at 6:00, movie at 7:00	In the 1800s, a group of all-female warriors protects the African kingdom of Dahomey with skills and fierceness unlike anything the world has ever seen. Faced with a new threat, General Nanisca trains the next generation of recruits to fight against a foreign enemy that's determined to destroy their way of life.  <i>This event seeks to recognize and celebrate Juneteenth, and honor those that fought for the liberation of enslaved people.</i>	Boston City Councilor <b>Ruthzee Louijeune</b> and WSC Chief Film Scholar, Josh Ramos
8	 Spike Lee's masterpiece, <i>Do the Right Thing</i>	Late July	A local Brooklyn resident, Buggin' Out, becomes upset when he sees that an Italian-owned pizzeria's Wall of Fame exhibits only Italian actors. The wall becomes a symbol of racism and hate to Buggin' Out and to other people in the neighborhood, and tensions rise.	Boston City Councilor <b>Kendra Lara</b> and WSC Chief Film Scholar, Josh Ramos
9	 Light of Day Records Presents... LIVE from WSC #2	Saturday, 7/29 3pm to 7pm	This is a live music concert with three performers, generally the biggest, most social, most fun event of the year! Performers will be Gatch, Everfiner, and The Totals. Follow @LightofDayRecords on IG for more info.	
10	 <b>Film Noir Screening:</b> <i>Double Indemnity</i>	Late July	Insurance salesman Walter Neff gets roped into a murderous scheme when he falls for the sensual Phyllis Dietrichson, who is intent on killing her husband and living off the fraudulent accidental death claim. Prompted by the late Mr. Dietrichson's daughter, insurance investigator Barton Keyes looks into the case, and gradually begins to uncover the sinister truth.	WSC Chief Film Scholar, Josh Ramos
11	 <i>The Room</i>	Early August	Johnny is a successful banker who lives happily in a San Francisco townhouse with his fiancée, Lisa. One day, inexplicably, she gets bored of him and decides to seduce Johnny's best friend, Mark. From there, nothing will be the same again.	We need one! Please reach out if you'd like to be our speaker.
12	 JP Porchfest	Saturday, 8/19 Noon to 7pm	JP's preeminent free, public music event of the year! Other stages are nearby! Executive Popcorn Helper: Arlo; Chief Joy Sparker: Zoia.	
13	 <b>Amy's Screening:</b> <i>Drop Dead Gorgeous</i>	Late August Doors at 6:30, move at 7:00	Every year Amy picks a movie from the 90s or early aughts that she loves. Previous picks include <i>The Parent Trap</i> and <i>Wet Hot American Summer</i> .	Executive Director of Needham Outreach, Amy Cantor
14	 A movie to be named later	Early September Doors at 6:00, movie at 6:30	More info is forthcoming, please check Instagram @wenhamstreetcinema for more information (or join our email list by emailing matt.shuman@gmail.com).	TBD
15	 HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR >> LIVE, original score to 80s horror classic: <i>From Beyond</i>	Saturday, 10/14 Doors at 6:30, event at 7:00	Oneness Vs. Anti-Oneness will perform a LIVE original score to the cult classic 80s horror/sci-fi movie <i>From Beyond</i> . Closed captions will be on as we groove, dance and vibe to the spacey, funky sounds and campy, old school visuals. Suggested donation of \$10 and includes OVA-O 7" record.	

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TO G.L. c. 190B, Section 5-304 Docket No. SU23P1010GD Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA, 02114 In the matter of: Alexander Ochs of: Jamaica Plain, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Alexander Ochs is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 06/20/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU23CO132CA In the matter of: Ariel Olivia Gonsalves

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Ariel Olivia Gonsalves of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Desper Damian Duke **IMPORTANT NOTICE** Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/25/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. **WITNESS**, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,

First Justice of this Court. Date: April 25, 2023 Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate

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## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU23P0894 Estate of: Evelyn Lottie Teot Also Known As: Evelyn L. Teot Date of Death: May 6, 2022 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Lisa A. Teot of Jamaica Plain (Boston), MA. A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Lisa A. Teot of Jamaica Plain (Boston), MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representa-

tives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN Docket No. SU12P0808GD In the Interests of: Marlina Padilla Of: Jamaica Plain, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lutheran Home of Jamaica Plain, Jamaica Plain, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or

Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

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Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN Docket No. SU15P2345GD In the Interests of: Mary K. Devins Of: Dorchester, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brigham & Women's Faulkner Hospital Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The

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## FRESH AND LOCAL

### Eating with your hands

By PENNY & ED CHERUBINO

It's the time of year when you'll have more opportunities to eat with your hands. Picnic, cookout and beachside foods lend themselves to indulging in hand-to-mouth and finger-licking enjoyment.

There are some foods that most people feel comfortable eating with their hands. We can't imagine eating hot dogs, tacos, whole artichokes, hamburgers, most sandwiches, pizza, fried chicken, oysters, ribs, corn on the cob, or a slice of watermelon with a knife and fork.

We've added more items to this list as dining has become more casual. Penny loves to eat fish and chips or fried seafood by hand. Since she can do it at a clam shack, she gives herself the okay to do it at a favorite pub. If she plans to share her plate with tablemates, she'll share it before treating it as finger food.

Many of us need help deciding if sopping up every last spec of a delightful sauce with a piece of bread is allowed. Ed gives every reader permission to ask for a slice of bread to clean their plate. If the chef went to the trouble of making a masterful sauce, they would want you to enjoy all of it. Naturally, we don't want to

add to food waste or increase restaurant costs. Perhaps the waitstaff could mention that a bit of bread is optional when they serve a dish with a sauce that might require mopping.

For Some, It's the Norm

For other cultures, bread is their utensil of choice. In a New York Times article on this topic, cookbook author and cooking teacher Julie Shani described her struggle to learn to eat with utensils. She grew up in India, where the norm was eating with her right hand. She explained, "Eating with the hands evokes great emotion." She continued, "It kindles something very warm and gentle and caressing. Using a fork is unthinkable in traditional Indian eating."

In Northern Thailand, sticky rice is used to gather other foods for delivery to the mouth. Thai people seldom use chopsticks unless they are dealing with noodles. Here, the tradition when not eating with your hand is to use a fork to arrange food on a spoon.

There Are Traditions

In many cultures where eating with your hands is correct etiquette, there are guidelines for behavior. Almost universally, the right hand is used to eat. In some cases, only the thumb



Ribs are one of many foods best eaten with your hands.

and index fingers of the right hand. The left hand is used for other purposes and is considered unclean.

While you may have washed your hands at a sink and tap before approaching the table, your host may bring a jug of water and basin to each person for a public rinse. This is more about honoring tradition than hygienic but rest assured that the hands of those around you are clean.

In some cultures feeding others by hand is a sign of caring or respect. Elders may feed children. The best morsel on a communal plate may be offered to an honored guest.

As Jonathan Swift wrote in 1738, "They say fingers were made before forks, and hands before knives." We bet you have food you eat with your hands at home or with those close to

you that you'd never eat with your hands in public. As we researched this column, we found this topic to be a great conversation starter. So what do you secretly eat with your hands?

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'The Flounder' is a book about the riddles of desire, youth, old age, poverty, and wealth that are laid bare in this radiant collection from a master of the form. From inner-city pawnshops to high-powered law firms, from the desert of California to the coast of France, The Flounder paints a vivid portrait of how complex and poignant everyday life can be. Told in vibrant, incantatory prose, these moving, lyrical, and surprising stories teeter between desperation and hope, with Fulton showing us what lasts in an impermanent world

John Fulton is the author of three other books of fiction: The Animal Girl (LSU), which was long listed for the Story Prize, Retribution (Picador), which won the Southern Review Fiction Prize, and the novel More Than



John Fulton.

Enough (Vintage), a Barnes and Noble's Discover Great New Writers selection. His short fiction has been awarded the Pushcart Prize, cited for distinction in The Best American Short Stories, and been published in Zoetrope, The Sun, Ploughshares,

and The Missouri Review, among other venues. He lives with his family in Jamaica Plain for the past 20 years, where he directs the Master of Fine Arts program in Creative Writing at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.



JP Chess at last year's JP Open Streets event.

## JP CHESS TO PARTICIPATE IN JP OPEN STREETS

JP Chess will be participating again in JP Open Streets on June 25. They will be organizing both morning and afternoon tournaments and in-between, casual chess. Entry to the tournaments is FREE and is open to all, but spots are limited. JP Chess is

seeking donors of prizes. Last year JP Seafood, J.P. Licks, On Centre, Cafe Beirut and Caffe Nero donated prizes. For more information and to register for the tournaments visit their website at [jamaicaplainchess.com/openstreets](http://jamaicaplainchess.com/openstreets)

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## EDITORIAL

### Let us remember those who “gave the last full measure”

Although the Memorial Day weekend signifies the start of the summer season and is observed by families and friends who gather for barbecues and similar festivities, we should keep in mind that Memorial Day is our most solemn national holiday in which we remember those who gave their lives in defense of our country.

Their sacrifice in the many wars our nation has fought since our country's founding should serve as a reminder that freedom isn't free.

Although today we technically are at peace, the world feels anything but peaceful. Totalitarian adversaries either are wreaking havoc (Russia in Ukraine) or threatening to do so (No. Korea and China).

If the lessons of the past and present teach us anything, it is that we cannot take our freedom for granted. The same troops who at the present time are providing humanitarian and military aid in far-off places around the globe could be called upon to engage in a far different and far more dangerous mission at a moment's notice.

We should keep in mind too, that the willingness of our military personnel to serve in defense of our country not only places them in harm's way, but also imposes great sacrifices upon their families.

This realization made us think back to the roots of Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day in the aftermath of the Civil War, with the proclamation by Gen. Logan on May 5, 1868, in which he declared:

“The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit. Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.”

In the aftermath of World War I, the term Supreme Sacrifice came into the national lexicon to describe those who gave their lives in that terrible conflict and has been associated with our wars for the past century.

However, prior to that time, President Abraham Lincoln coined a different phrase -- the “last full measure” -- in his speech at Gettysburg to honor the Union soldiers who fought and died to preserve the nation in that epic battle that turned back the Confederate Army.

Lincoln's brief oration rates as the greatest-ever testament to those who have given their lives in defense of their country. We never tire of reading his plain yet profound words, and as the years pass, they seem to take on new meaning. Similar to the state of the nation when Lincoln delivered his speech on November 19, 1863, at the official dedication of the Soldiers National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, we are divided along lines that seem irreconcilable. Not only are we facing challenges to our democratic ideals abroad, but here at home as well.

We are printing the full text of the Gettysburg address in the hope that our readers draw as much inspiration from it as we do:

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

“Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

“We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

“But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

We hope our readers appreciate the eternal truths of Lincoln's sentiments, which are as relevant today as they have been since the founding of our nation.

We wish all of our readers a happy Memorial Day weekend.

## LETTERS

### Lobby Day at State House

To the Editor,

On Thursday, May 4, MassCare for Medicare for All in Massachusetts held a Lobby Day at the State House. After hearing our JP Rep. Sam Montano, and Lead Sponsor Jamie Eldridge, over 70 volunteers for Medicare for All/Single Payer health coverage fanned out to inform and lobby their legislatures. New interest was generated, new co-sponsors were added, many more legislators are interested and follow-up is happening.

Jamaica Plain residents had the opportunity last November to vote for MassCare's Medicare for All/universal healthcare initiative for Massachusetts and 88% voted YES. It passed handily in all 20 districts it ran in across the state.

Health Care as a Human Right is NOT the view in the United States. The US is the ONLY country which privatizes health delivery in the entire developed world, pursuing Health Care for profit (unneeded insurance middlemen, unregulated pharmaceutical companies, monopolization of large hospitals over community access) rather than as a common good (similar to public education, safe roads, the postal service). The results are increasingly disastrous for families in Mass. (the average family of 4 premium reached \$21,000 last year), medical debt is skyrocketing (41% in Mass have some medical debt), community hospitals are closing, and nurses are in shorter and shorter supply.

It is in the interest of all Jamaica Plain residents to get on board with this effort, which would save Massachusetts from the health care nightmare we are experiencing now and serve as a model for the rest of the country to follow.

The National Bills for Medicare for All will be filed in Washington on May 16 as we continue to pursue health rights in Mass. Find out how to get involved at MassCare.org.

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## OP-ED

# Reevaluate your church mission spending

DR. GLENN MOLLETTE

For fifty years of my life, I've been associated with churches that have given over four million dollars collectively to outside denominational endeavors.

The typical mainline denominational church/parish will collect weekly offerings from their members. A percentage of this money each month is given to a state office. The state office will in turn keep a large percentage of the money for state denominational purposes. The rest of it will be sent to the national office. Some denominations have an international mission office and an American denominational office.

Local churches are always encouraged to give more of their weekly offerings to the state and national causes. The state and national entities employ people who do denominational work. They have full time salaries, medical insurance, retirement plans and usually newer model cars to drive. They need more money like most everyone else. Many churches will give ten and often as high as 25 percent of their general offering to these outside entities.

The denomination rewards the church by praising them.

Patting them on the back. They will usually list the top 100 giving churches on their denominational website or state publication piece. They will work hard to enlist the pastor of the church to serve on state committees. This is done to make the pastor feel important and to keep their hand in the local church through the church's pastor. Executives from the denomination will come a couple of times a year to visit the church and praise them for their generosity. This usually is about the summation of what the local church gets back from their sacrificial 10 to 25% percent giving.

In far too many cases the local church deprives itself of needed money to fund their own local needs. The local minister often has to scrape to get by while the church is mailing a big check to the denominational hierarchy.

I've been a strong advocate of International and state missions most of my life. However, I'm tired of seeing so many small churches do without while the state and national entities regardless of the denomination, do and have more.

If your church has been mailing 15 percent of its money down to the state office every month then why not keep eight per-

cent of that to do local mission work in your neighborhood? Will the state or national office come to your town and help the homeless? Are they in your town helping unwed mothers and ministering to pregnant teenagers? Are they supporting the local halfway house for drug addicts and safe house for abuse victims? Are they going door to door in your neighborhood telling people about God's love? Too many churches rationalize, "We are doing mission work by sending our money to the state office."

Churches should use more of their mission money at home. Your local area has needs. Jesus gave The Great Commission to go into the world but too often we miss what is right in our face. I'm for supporting mission work around the world but your greatest mission work is in your neighborhood.

*Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.*

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### TURNBULL INDUCTED INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

Linda Turnbull of Jamaica Plain was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Turnbull was initiated at University of Southern California.

Turnbull is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage

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Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards \$1.3 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit [www.phikappaphi.org](http://www.phikappaphi.org).

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## CITY PAWS

### Dog friendly or not

BY PENNY & ED CHERUBINO

In a report by Forbes Advisor, Boston recently received the dubious distinction of being the 5th least pet-friendly city in the country. Sadly, we agreed with this shameful distinction, so we set off to learn more about what makes a place dog-friendly. As we did, things began to change in Boston.

On May 4th, Universal Hub reported that Boston Mayor Michelle Wu had opened the door to allowing dogs in beer gardens and outdoor seating areas. Universal Hub's Adam Gaffin explained, "Restaurants that want to let human/dog combos enjoy nice days dining and drinking outdoors can now apply for a 'Dog Friendly Space' permit from ISD."

Provincetown was one of the first places where we enjoyed knowing we were not breaking the law by having our dog sit on a restaurant patio with us. The rules outlined by the city are very similar to the sensible ones Provincetown has had in place for years.

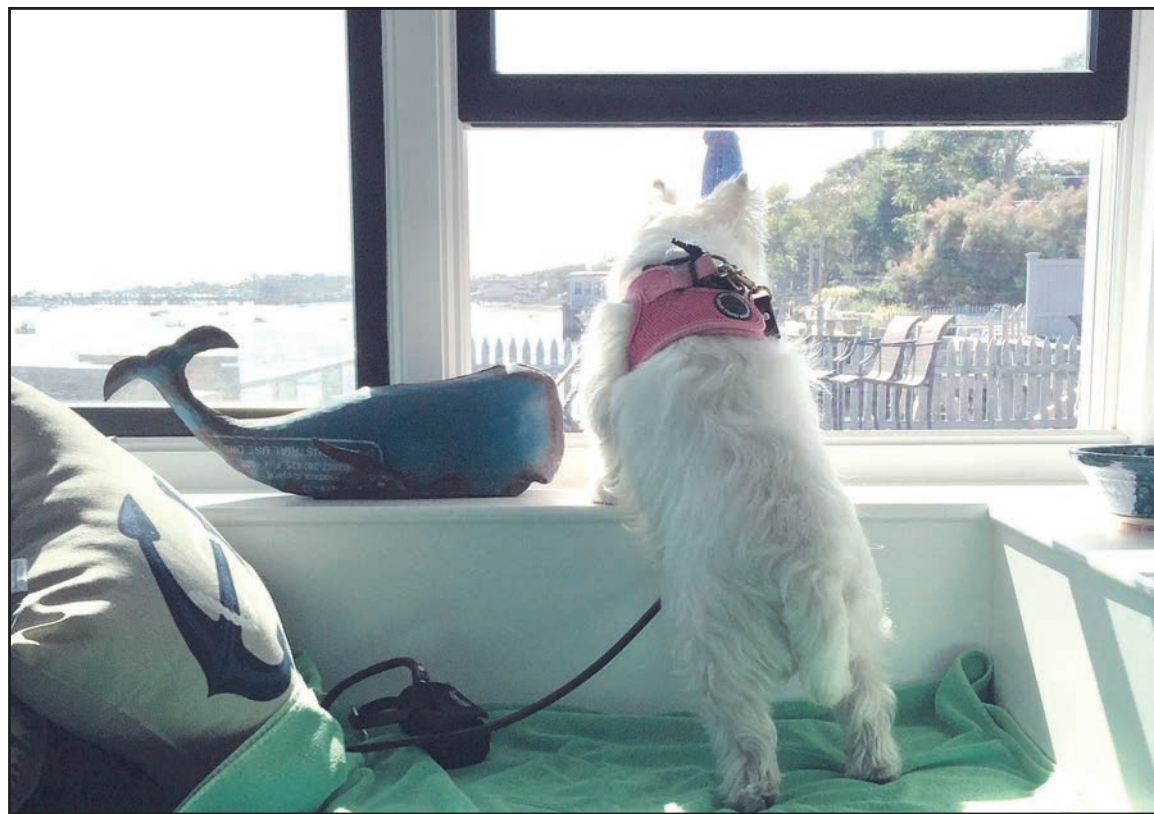
#### What Else Makes a Place Pet-Friendly?

Several factors pushed Boston to its 5th least pet-friendly city rating. One metric used to rate cities was the cost of veterinary care. This area has a very high cost of living, including all aspects of pet care. The rating also included access to veterinary care. With the number of new veterinary resources opening in recent months, that should improve.

Housing available to families with pets is a significant issue in Massachusetts. Last year Newsweek reported that while 46.3% of rental properties will allow cats, only 25% allow small dogs, and only 12% will rent to families with big dogs.

The survey also considered the number of dog parks per 100,000 people and the number of pet businesses. While our state has a fantastic array of parks and green spaces, a high percentage of those places prohibit dogs.

Other surveys on this topic included factors like an area's walkability, the number of



In pet-friendly Provincetown, it's easy to find rental properties to share with our dog Poppy.

dog-friendly restaurants with outside seating, dog-friendly shopping centers, the number of pet-friendly visitor accommodations, and even the number of days of precipitation per year.

#### Advocate for Change

There are things we can do to change the pet-friendly status of our local area. First and foremost, we must be responsible

pet guardians who make good neighbors, great tenants, and positive examples in public.

See that your pet is licensed, vaccinated, trained, leashed when required, and under your control. If you disagree with a rule, work to change it rather than disobey it. Think beyond yourself and your dog when you advocate. Consider those peo-

ple with dogs who are not as well-behaved and friendly as yours. Think about people who are afraid of dogs or have little or no positive canine experience.

Tell local officials you prioritize time with your dog over other forms of recreation. Penny once took a Boston City Councilor on a dog walk with her. She handed him the bag she had used to pick up after our dog and asked him to find a place to dispose of it. He quickly learned why she kept asking for more trash receptacles.

Ask for the changes you would like in local and state regulations: allowing dogs in outdoor seating areas of restaurants, opening more parks and green spaces to dogs, and setting aside sites at beaches, in state parks, and on hiking trails for people with dogs. As we've seen in Boston, advocates can and do bring about change!

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

## Gazette Pet of the Week

by Sarah Carroll



### 'MAYA'

Maya is 2 and adores other dogs of all ages and sizes. She's a little shy with new people and needs a quiet neighborhood. She is housebroken, walks well on a leash, enjoys car rides, and loves a good snuggle.

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