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Above, the playground at 60 Smith Street is re-opened after renovations had been completed. Right, Mayor Wu, with a little help, cuts the ribbon to officially open the park.



Official Reopening

Mission Hill Playground at 60 Smith Street is re-opened

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Mayor Michelle Wu and Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods joined residents for the official reopening of Mission Hill Playground at 60 Smith Street. The playground renovation features a full basketball court so the nearby schools, Tobin Community Center, and the greater community can engage in

healthy active recreation for kids of all ages.

"I'm thrilled to be celebrating the reopening of Mission Hill playground in community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Having safe and accessible outdoor spaces where children, families and residents can gather and have fun is important in building an inclusive city."

"Our community outreach

process allows us to tailor our park and playground revitalization projects to the needs of each neighborhood," noted Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods. "The Parks team worked with the Tobin K-8 School, the Mission Grammar School, the Tobin Community Center, and residents of all ages to under-

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Wu, Election Commission discuss voting options ahead of Sept. 6 primary

By LAUREN BENNETT

Mayor Michelle Wu held a press conference on August 23 from the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA)—one of the city's new polling locations—to provide information ahead of the upcoming Sept. 6 primary election.

Wu was joined by MFA Director Matthew Teitelbaum, who emphasized the importance of preparing for the election, especially with the Orange Line shutdown, which will impact the

primary.

"Let me just say that we're really thrilled to be a host for both today and for subsequent election polling stations at the museum," Teitelbaum said. "Museums exist to be convening spaces for our community. They exist to allow our citizens to express themselves."

Mayor Wu talked about the many options that are available to voters for the primary election,

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La votación de las elecciones primarias requiere preparación

By LAUREN BENNETT

Los funcionarios de la ciudad alientan a los residentes a prepararse para las elecciones primarias del 6 de septiembre, especialmente con el reciente cierre de la Línea Naranja.

Nuevos lugares de votación

La ciudad estableció dieciséis nuevos lugares de votación para reflejar los 20 nuevos recintos

de votación creados en octubre pasado.

Las nuevas ubicaciones incluyen Beacon House en Ward 3, Cyclorama en Wards 4 y 5, Fenway Center en Ward 3, Old South Church en Ward 5 y Saint Joseph Parish en Ward 3.

Una de las nuevas ubicaciones será el museo de bellas artes

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## FEMA awards nearly \$1.2 million for COVID-19 hospital costs

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending almost \$1.2 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for the additional costs of operating during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$1,169,077 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the department for steps taken to protect the public at multiple bureaus, including the Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences (BIDLS) in Jamaica Plain, and four public hospitals: Lemuel Shattuck Hospital in Jamaica Plain, Tewksbury Hospital, Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children in Canton and Western Massachusetts Hospital in Westfield.

Between February and July 2020, the department contracted for additional medical staff; the recommissioning of hospital

oxygen and vacuum services; disinfection services at the hospital facilities; telephonic interpretation services for patient care; and mask fitting for healthcare workers.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation.”

FEMA’s Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$1.2 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

## Votación

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(MFA). El director del museo, Matthew Teitelbaum, comentó que estaba “encantado” de ser el anfitrión.

“Los museos existen para ser espacios de convocatoria para nuestra comunidad”, dijo. “Existen para permitir que nuestros ciudadanos se expresen”.

### Votación anticipada

La votación anticipada comenzó el 27 de agosto, incluidos los fines de semana. Los residentes pueden visitar cualquier lugar de votación, no solo el más cercano a ellos. Los horarios variarán. Consulte [boston.gov](http://boston.gov) para obtener más detalles.

“Votar en Boston es más accesible que nunca”, dijo Eneida Tavares, comisionada electoral de la ciudad. “Los votantes ahora tienen más de 30 oportunidades para votar anticipadamente en

persona.”

### Votar en persona

Los residentes pueden votar en persona el 6 de septiembre. Los votantes registrados pueden encontrar su lugar de votación ingresando su información en [sec.state.ma.us](http://sec.state.ma.us).

Las alternativas a la Línea Naranja incluyen autobús, Blue-Bike, tren de cercanías y furgonetas accesibles.

Habrán urnas en todos los lugares de votación anticipada. Las boletas deben llegar al Departamento de Elecciones o al buzón de entrega de boletas antes de las 8:00 p. m. del día de las elecciones.

El Departamento de Elecciones está buscando trabajadores electorales. Para obtener más información y ser un trabajador electoral, visite [boston.gov/departments/election](http://boston.gov/departments/election).

La fecha límite para el registro de votantes finalizó el 27 de agosto y la fecha límite para votar por correo fue el 29 de agosto.

## Election

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which include 16 new polling locations, early voting, and vote by mail.

“Last October, the City of Boston expanded voting precincts using the most up-to-date population data,” Wu said, “adjusting those lines for the first time in nearly a century. Because 20 new precincts were created, new polling locations were also created and were approved by the Board of Election Commissioner in July.

New locations include Beacon House in Ward 3, the Cyclorama in Wards 4 and 5, Fenway Center in Ward 3, the MFA in Ward 4, Old South Church in Ward 5, and Saint Joseph Parish in Ward 3, among others.

Wu said that early voting is available to residents and will begin on Saturday, August 27. Residents are not required to go to the early voting location closest to where they live; any resident can vote at any early voting location. Sites will be open on the weekend, and the schedule of open locations will vary day by day. Early voting locations by date can be found at [boston.gov/departments/election/early-voting-boston](http://boston.gov/departments/election/early-voting-boston).

## Park

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stand priorities for the playground. The results include features that make the park a more welcoming communal gathering place, students and neighborhood kids have a new full basketball court, and the playground is more accessible thanks to pedestrian pathway improvements.”

The community’s priorities included expanding opportunities for social gatherings and performances, while maintaining artistic elements from the prior renovation. There was a robust community discussion evaluating the need for full-court basketball, which was supported by various members of the neighborhood, and was eventually included in the project. The water spray area now has in-ground features, allowing the space to serve both purposes, framed by the art elements, against the backdrop of Boston’s skyline.

Residents also have the option to vote by mail, and if they have not already received a mail-in ballot request form, they can find one at [boston.gov/voting](http://boston.gov/voting). The deadline to send in the mail-in ballot request form is Monday, August 29.

Once a mail-in ballot is received, it can either be mailed back to the City or dropped in one of the 21 ballot drop-boxes that have been placed across the city. Wu said that more than 12,000 mail-in ballots have already been received by the Election Department.

Lastly, residents have the option of voting in-person on September 6. Registered voters can find their polling location by entering their information at [www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx).

For residents who live or work along the Orange Line, Wu discussed travel options, which include the shuttle buses running from Forest Hills to Copley and from Government Center to Oak Grove, as well as the free 30-day Blue Bike passes, free commuter rail rides in Zones 1, 1A, and 2, and wheelchair-accessible vans that are available upon request.

“Voting in the City of Boston is now more accessible than it’s

ever been,” said Eneida Tavares, the city’s Election Commissioner. “Voters now have over 30 opportunities to vote early in person at locations throughout every neighborhood in the city.”

Ballot drop boxes will be available at all early voting locations, and all drop boxes will remain available until 8pm on election day.

Tavares said that all ballots “must arrive at the Election Department or ballot drop box by 8pm on Tuesday, September 6.”

Tavares also discussed voter registration, which has been “shortened from 20 days to 10 days” prior to a state primary, making the new deadline August 27, the same day as the beginning of early voting. Residents are permitted to register to vote and cast their vote on the same day.

The Election Department is also seeking poll workers, especially with the addition of 20 new voting precincts, Tavares said. For more information and to sign up to be a poll worker, visit [boston.gov/departments/election/how-apply-become-poll-worker](http://boston.gov/departments/election/how-apply-become-poll-worker).

“Voting should be as easy as possible, and we hope that all of these new options just make it easier for more people to participate,” Tavares said.

very pleased to play a role—working in partnership with City officials and the local community—in renovating Mission Hill Playground,” said Robert Wilber, Director of Conservation Services for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs. “This beautiful refurbished site will provide significant health benefits to so many in the years ahead.”

The total budget of \$3,255,000 was provided by the Mayor’s Capital Improvement Plan including a \$400,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Program.

For more information, call 617-635-4505 or email [parks@boston.gov](mailto:parks@boston.gov). To stay up to date with news, events, and design and construction work in Boston Parks, sign up for our email list at [bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails](http://bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails) and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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Historic tours of MH Triangle-BWH-Fenwood and Parker-Allegheny-Delle,

meet in front of Mission Church: 1:15-2:30pm and 2:45-4:00pm

Tours of Our Lady of Perpetual Help/Mission Church Complex: 1:15-2:30pm and 2:45-4:00pm

Book lecture by Anthony Sammarco, author of "Mission Hill Through Time" at the

Parker Hill Library lower level: 1:20-1:50pm followed by book signing in front of

the Tobin Community Garden: 2:00pm

Jazz music by Ilya Blazh Trio in The Yard: 2:30-3:30pm

MH Shuttle Link will be running from 12:00-4:00pm in a 45-minute loop



# Hill Happenings

By MAURICE "MOSSY" MARTIN

Runners, young and old, will participate in the annual, crowd-pleasing Mission Hill Road Race on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 9 a.m., beginning and ending at Kevin Fitzgerald Park.

The M.H. Road Race was the brainchild of "Big Jim" Moynihan. Back in 1980 when the race started on Parker Hill Ave, Jim, a running machine in his prime, completed eight Boston Marathons.

We have been close friends for more than 60 years going back to when Jim grew up at 49 Tobin Court in the Mission Hill project next to me. Jim, now retired, was a cabdriver for 46 years, mostly at Red Cab in Brookline. I was also a "nickel chaser" at Red

Cab from 1980 until 1989 during Jim's tenure.

On one occasion, Red Cab manager, Andy Keough, fired me (long story), and I was rueful because I loved the job. Big Jim had a good rapport with Andy, and he went to his office for a talk on my behalf. I was back in my taxi the next day. Jim was the man at Red Cab.

He had recently run the Boston Marathon wearing his Red Cab jersey, and the photo of him running down Beacon Street, with hundreds of cheering fans in the background, hung outside the manager's office.

Jim always looked out for me during our cab days, and one night in the early '80s, he warned me about the Cleveland Circle area and suggested I move on up to Chestnut Hill. Although

a safe upscale region, some bad apples were calling cabs from the Cleveland Circle MBTA pay phone. Sadly, a few months later a cab driver (not from our company) took a fare from that area and was murdered. I occasionally think back to 40 years ago when that unfortunate soul was found slain in his cab in a lot near St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton. Two men were apprehended and convicted of the crime.

After participating in the M.H. Road Race, there will be time to join us for the Mission Hill Post 327 Golf Fundraiser (also on Sept. 24) at Norwood Country Club. Tee-off time is 1 p.m., and a \$10,000 prize will be awarded for a hole in one on the 7th hole. For more information, call our Commander, Col. George Rollins,



Photo by Tim Allen

Pro ball player Wayne Selden with me and his grandfather, Tony Pitts recently at the Reggie Lewis Center at Wayne's basketball clinic.

at 703 209-2124.

Another big event on the horizon is the Mission Hill-J.P. reunion on Friday, Sept. 30 at the Elks Lodge, 1 Morrell St. in West Roxbury (across from the V.A.) For tickets, which cost \$25 each and include food and live music, contact Candi O'Neil at 617-842-5007.

Wayne Selden, the great hooper from Mission Hill, departed for Italy last week to play in the Euro Basketball League.

Wayne signed a contract to play for Tezenis Scaligera Verona, and their season begins Oct. 2.

Mission Hill mourned the death of longtime Calumet St. resident, Tom McDermott, last month.

Tom, a Korean War era veteran, was a wonderful guy. He was a welcome sight when he would occasionally stop in at Mike's Donuts and converse with my coffee

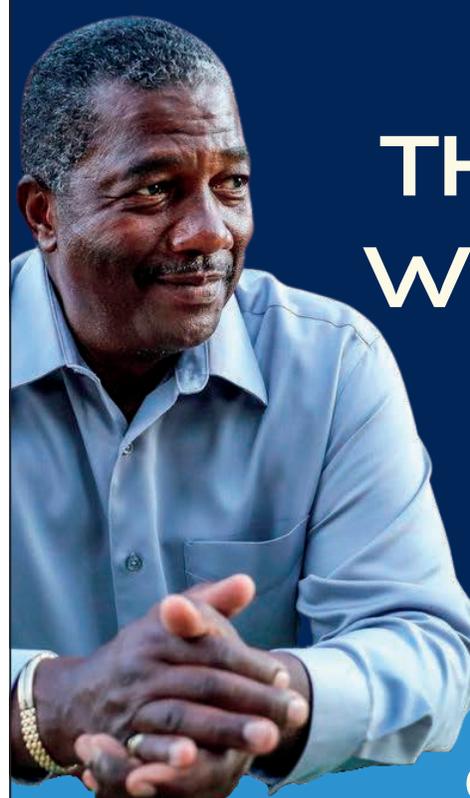
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by Sarah Carroll



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# First Emerald Necklace Parkfest to be held throughout the Emerald Necklace Parks

STAFF REPORT

Presented by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Emerald Necklace Parkfest marks Frederick Law Olmsted's 200th year with free activities across the Emerald Necklace park system. The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 1-6pm with a rain date of Sept. 25. Events will take place in Franklin Park, the Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Pond, Olmsted Park, Riverway, Back Bay Fens, and Charlesgate Park. All events are free and open to the public, and all locations will feature picnic zones, parade decorating, data "community listening boards," as well as Emerald Necklace-wide scavenger hunts to prompt exploring designed by Culture House.

Emerald Necklace Parkfest will be the year's biggest event for Olmsted Now: Greater Boston's Olmsted Bicentennial and the inspiration of this day-long

celebration of shared use, shared health and shared power along the Emerald Necklace linear park system Olmsted designed. In addition, Emerald Necklace Parkfest is an opportunity for community groups or organizations to showcase the amazing ways you help make Greater Boston's parks and public spaces more vibrant, verdant, equitable and welcoming for all.

**Charlesgate:**

- Charlesgate Bouledrome 1-4pm
- The Bridgeside Cypher/Cambridge Hip Hop 1-4 pm: unique all-inclusive hip-hop experience for all ages, experience levels, genders, languages and backgrounds
- Charlesgate Alliance & Emerald Necklace Conservancy 2pm: Tour on park history and its future
- Emerald Necklace Conservancy presentations on care for

new trees at 1pm & 3pm  
· Food Truck 1-4pm

**Back Bay Fens:**

- Fenway Garden Society 1-3pm: Pollinator Garden Grand Opening with ribbon cutting, talks, info on beekeeping and composting at the Fenway Victory Garden
- Park Trivia with prizes and lawn games 1-4pm: at Shattuck Visitor Center offered by the Verizon Engagement Team
- Conservancy presentation on volunteer program to remove invasive species 3pm

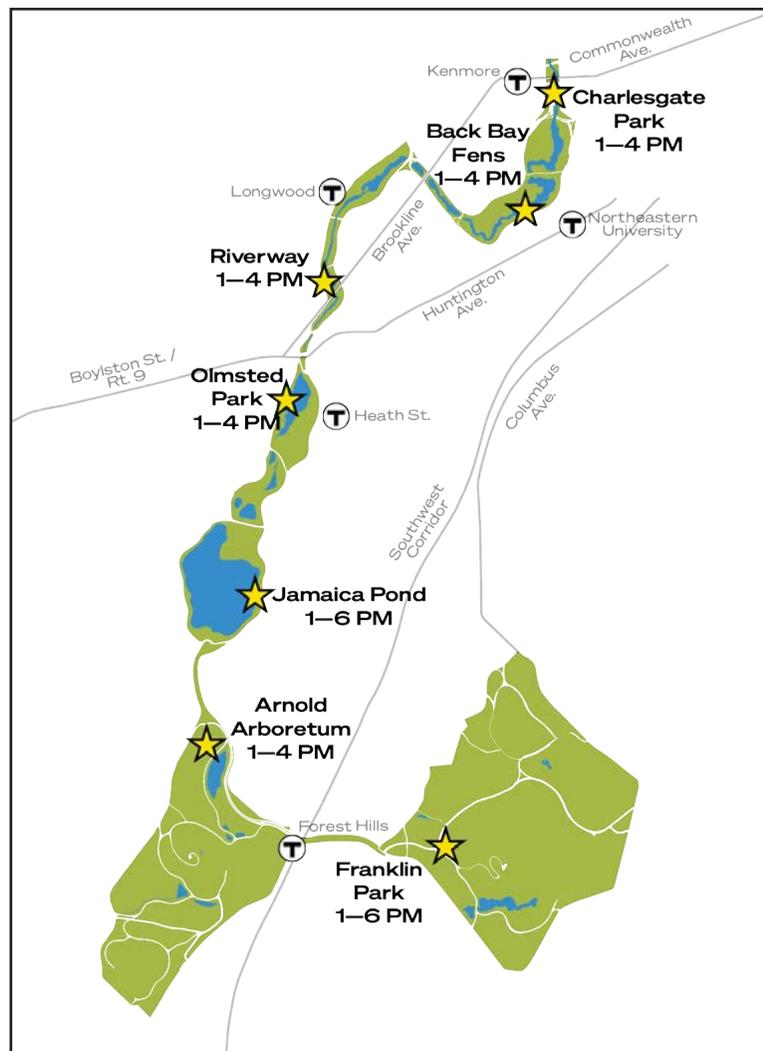
**Riverway:**

- Park Trivia with prizes and lawn games 1-4pm offered by the Verizon Engagement Team

**Olmsted Park/ Allerton Overlook:**

- National Parks Service

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A map of the participating parks.

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## What's Happening on Main Streets

BY ELLEN WALKER  
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." A fun quote from, who else but the inimitable Dr. Seuss!

I am sure you were disap-

pointed last month when Mossy Martin's wry sense of humor and keen observations were nowhere to be found in the Gazette. Somehow Mossy's August article ended up in the Jamaica Plain Gazette – you can find it online or at Mike's Donuts where an avid follower placed several copies!

September is time to "Welcome

Back Students" to Mission Hill. Students bring youthful and adventurous energy to our neighborhood. Year after year, I have witnessed the sights of loving, proud parents unloading furniture, kitchen utensils, bookcases and more. Their devotion to their children is a wonderful thing to observe. Moreover, the college years may become the most memorable and best of times for those who live in our community. Each year, MHMS is pleased to play a part in welcoming students.

MHMS has posted our traditional "Welcome Back" signs in most of the storefronts in the neighborhood and coordinated student discounts with over a dozen Mission Hill businesses. A big thank you to all the participating businesses!



Tavern of Tales delicious breakfast offerings, including avocado toast!

On Friday, August 5th, the Parks Department along with Mayor Michelle Wu, celebrated

the re-opening of Mission Hill Playground on Smith Street. It is always a pleasure to welcome Mayor Wu to Mission Hill! The turnout was great and dozens of young people from Tobin School and the area participated. Simon Paolos, who is seen in the photo with Mayor Wu, spoke to the audience about how important it was for him to be involved and part of a solution that positively helped Mission Hill youth with the renovations done to the playground. By the way, Mayor Wu is MHMS' guest of honor on September 10th at the 25th anniversary celebration at BCYF Tobin Community Center. It will be an event not to be missed!

In our ongoing series of highlighting some of Mission Hill's entrepreneurs, we bring you two owners that represent different ends of the spectrum: Harry Walsh, owner of The Mission Bar & Grill and The Puddingstone Tavern has been a mainstay in the community for many years and Nicholas Chen, owner of Tavern of Tales, a board game café that opened just prior to the pandemic.

Harry's businesses are on Huntington Avenue and Tremont Street. His family has been in the tavern business for many years and though he began in Somerville, Harry's heart is here in Mission Hill. He is always quick to say "the staff make the business successful. Without them and their dedication to providing excellent service and food, we would not be here!" It is not an easy business to get into or to be successful in. It takes a lot of hard work, commitment and many long hours but in the end, it is worth it. He is excited about

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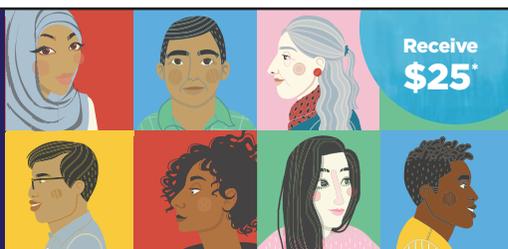


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# City proposes zoning amendments for cannabis establishments

BY DAN MURPHY

With an eye on promoting equity in the industry, the city is recommending that zoning guidelines for cannabis establishments be amended to not only remove the required half-mile buffer zone between dispensaries, but also to change their designation from “Conditional Use” to “Allowed Use” in all non-residential districts.

The city’s Zoning Commission had already enacted zoning that designated cannabis establishments as “conditional use” in commercial and industrial zoning sub-districts before the 2019 creation of the Boston Cannabis Board (BCB), which, according to the city, was “established to develop regulations and procedures for evaluating proposed cannabis establishment licensing applications and ensuring the equitable regulation of the industry.”

Today, 12 cannabis establishments are operating in the City of Boston after they all secured zoning relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals and were also licensed by the BCB – a two-part process that many believe has resulted in redundancies, and in some cases, has put the Zoning Board’s determinations at odds with the BCB’s rulings on the same applications.

“To remedy this situation, the City of Boston has recommended amending the Zoning Code to treat Cannabis Establishments in the same way that retail uses are treated, Allowed in commercial and business sub-districts but remain Forbidden in residential sub-districts,” according to the Boston Planning & Development Agency’s website. “The process for seeking zoning relief through the Zoning Board of Appeal has been made redundant by the Boston Cannabis Boards process and regulations so the time is right to phase out the ZBA requirement.”

In an Aug. 29 letter to BPDA

Director J. Arthur Jemison, District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok wrote that she supports the removal of the half-mile buffer zone rule from the zoning code because “as a specialized body considering the emergence of the cannabis industry across the whole city, the BCB is better positioned than the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to weigh the different factors in considering whether an exception to the half-mile buffer zone is appropriate or not.”

Councilor Bok added that the addition of two new members with “relevant expertise” to the BCB (increasing the board’s ranks from five to seven members) would “help it weigh these issues, and make location considerations more central to the BCB’s grading rubric.”

(The BCB uses a scoring sheet to rate applicants that takes into account four criteria, including the business’s diversity and inclusion plan; its employment plan; community feedback and public support; and location, safety, and security.)

“I believe this is an appropriate streamlining of the process, and I believe that we have seen the BCB’s deliberations reflect an enhanced consideration of location dynamics over the past year,” Councilor Bok wrote.

Regarding the second proposed

for cannabis establishments from “Conditional Use” to “Allowed Use” in all non-residential districts, Councilor Bok wrote, “I represent a number of parts of the City in which residential and business uses are extremely cheek-by-jowl; such areas of my district are in fact often home to many more residents than areas of the City commonly described as ‘residential.’ This mix of uses makes for dynamic, vibrant urban neighborhoods, but of course can also result in certain tensions.”

One method developed for addressing tension in these neighborhoods is to designate all business uses as “Conditional,” wrote Councilor Bok, to encourage businesses to meet with residents, as well as to adopt certain “protocols” for “trash pickup, hours of operation, deliveries, curb management, etc.”

Added Councilor Bok: “Throughout my district, there are numerous areas where residential and commercial stakeholders have gotten together and agreed on local business subdistrict zoning that applies ‘conditional’ status to nearly all uses – from cafés to liquor stores. In this situation, it would be strangely inconsistent to remove the ‘conditional’ status only for marijuana retail, as proposed in your petition. Since the BCB does

bor restrictions to be appropriate for inclusion in Host Community Agreements, your petition would mean that the neighborhoods I represent would have standing to seek agreement on matters such as hours and trash pickup in advance of a ZBA vote for a café, but not for a cannabis shop.”

At an Aug. 29 virtual meeting sponsored by the BPDA on the proposed zoning changes, City Councilor at-Large Michael Flaherty, who described himself as “one of the chief architects” of the half-mile buffer, said the ZBA should continue to uphold this guideline so as not to inundate any one neighborhood with an abundance of cannabis establishments.

Councilor Flaherty also predicted that the city would only have a “limited window” to facilitate the opening of Boston’s cannabis establishments before the industry is “reclassified” at the federal level.

“Stop & Shop and Walgreens – once they get into the business, it’s going to completely change the trajectory of what we’re discussing,” said Councilor Flaherty.

Brian Keith, Chief Operating Officer of Rooted in Roxbury, said

they intend to open an equity retail cannabis shop at 331 Newbury St. this November. Which comes after paying rent at the location for the past two years.

Rooted Roxbury also spent an estimated \$150,000 on attorneys, architects, and consultants before they even filed their application with the city, Keith said, while the ZBA process could double those costs and extend the timeframe – something that could cause the applicant to eventually run out of funds and fail as a business.

Elliott Laffer, who chairs the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, said while the time and cost issues that applicants face are legitimate concerns “so is the desire of the neighborhoods to be heard.”

Since residential and commercial uses are so inextricably linked in the Back Bay, Laffer said, “We need to work really hard so that business neighborhood can be viable, but that the residential neighborhood is viable, too.”

Segun Idowu, the city’s Chief of Economic Opportunity and

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## Hughes receives white coat from Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine

Morgan Hughes of Mission Hill was among the 116 incoming medical students who received a white coat at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine's 14th annual ceremony welcoming the Class of 2026.

The future doctors participated in a ceremony, held in common with virtually every other medical school in the nation, designed to introduce them to the profession.

Students recited an oath acknowledging their responsibilities as future physicians and their obligations to future patients. Then they were cloaked with the white coat - the mantle of the medical profession. White coats were provided by The Stanley J. Dudrick, M.D., and Alan G. Goldstein Endowed Fund.

At the ceremony, Geisinger Commonwealth's president and dean, Julie Byerley, M.D., M.P.H., reminded the students that despite the pace of change and the wonders of new technology, "What needs to remain constant through, or even despite, all of this is your relationship with the patient." Dr. Byerley urged the Class of 2026 to remember to their White Coat ceremony oath throughout their education and their careers to keep their relationship with the patient central to their identities as physicians.

Lauren Nicholls, M.D., presented the Dr. Lester Saidman Memorial Lecture, named in honor of the respected physician and educator from Luzerne County. Dr. Nicholls is an at-

tending physician at Geisinger Community Medical Center in Scranton and practices palliative medicine across the lifespan, from perinatal to adult. The Class of 2022 chose Dr. Nicholls as the recipient of the School of Medicine's Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award for her continued focus on the human experience of her palliative and hospice care patients, as well her ability to recognize and discuss the clinical struggles in providing care.

After the White Coat ceremony, a reception immediately followed in the lobby of Geisinger Commonwealth's Medical Sciences Building, at 525 Pine St. in Scranton.

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## Parkfest

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1-4pm: Pop-ups presented by the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site

- Live music 1-4pm: with Aidan aka DJ CO'D
- Triveni Dancers 1-3pm: two performances of Indian dance
- Food Truck 1-4pm

### Jamaica Pond:

- National Parks Service 1-6pm: Activity Pop-ups presented by the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site at the Boathouse & Bandstand
- Drag Queen Storyhour 1-4pm: at the Boathouse & Bandstand

## Main Streets

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a new restaurant opening in the area (Yellow Taqueria) as one of the owners, Jarek Mountain, originally worked for him. "It is great to see someone like Jarek grow as they follow their passion" said Harry.

Nicholas Chen is the creator and owner of a unique destination here in Mission Hill. Tavern of Tales (TOTs) opened their doors in December of 2019. Nicholas' idea was to have a bar and café where people could play board and electronic games. The electronic games can be played in

## Happening

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gang and myself there.

Tom, a retired MBTA worker, was smart and witty and I enjoyed listening to his stories. R.I.P., Tom.

English High School will commemorate their 200th year with a grand celebration Oct.1 at the Marriott Copley Hotel.

Among their famous graduates is my friend and upstairs neighbor at Charlesbank Apartments, Enoch "Woody" Woodhouse, Class

· Photobooth 1-4pm: at the Boathouse & Bandstand offered by the Verizon Engagement Team

· Edie Bresler photography expo 1-4pm: Photographer Edie Bresler will be at Pinebank Promontory making cyanotypes with passers-by and photographing on her 4x5 field camera. These 19th century photographic processes connect us to the technology of Olmsted's time while also offering the chance to make art in our parks now

· Food Truck 1-6pm: Kush by Saba, a modern Mediterranean concept by Chef Saba Wahid Duffy and her sister Sara Wahid

### Arnold Arboretum:

- Arboretum Tours 1-4pm starting at the Hunnewell Building

private rooms with trained staff teaching the latest, with many that offer sound effects. TOTs is not only the first in the U.S. to offer this concept, but they also include traditional board games, trivia nights and outdoor games on their fabulous lighted, patio. When asked about the challenges caused by the pandemic, Nicholas said "It was definitely difficult. We reopened twice and since 2021 have bounced back by working with the community, offering weekly barbecues that offer a variety of foods throughout the Summer and building a network community of people who enjoy board games. These steps have been key to our ongoing success

of 1944. Woody, an active member of the Mission Hill Post 327, was a military pilot in World War II, a component of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Woody is fond of the slogan "Facta Non Verba," which is Latin for "Deeds Not Words."

Marie C. Edmond is an alumna of Boston English, '81, and she was among the first bilingual graduates.

Marie, an immigrant from Haiti, is a nice lady and a diligent worker at the front desk at Charlesbank Apartments.

lawn

· The Caterpillar Lab 1-4pm: hands-on insect learning at the Hunnewell Building lawn

### Franklin Park at the Shattuck Picnic Grove:

- Trike Called Funk 1-4pm: featuring local artists
- Mr Twister Youth Opera 4pm: presented by Mothers Out Front
- Canvas Studios 1-4pm: accessible community art projects by Boston's only Black-owned paint bar
- Lawn Games 1-6pm
- Live music 5-6pm: with Aidan aka DJ CO'D
- Culminating PARADE 5-6pm
- Food Truck 1-6pm

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here in Mission Hill."

Mission Hill business owners are resourceful, creative and flexible and we did not lose one business during the pandemic as a result. Nicholas continues to offer new and exciting options to residents and visitors. Tavern of Tales is now open for breakfast at 8:00am and offers a great place to study, work or just enjoy along with the free Wi-Fi!

When you read this article, MHMS' 25th anniversary, community celebration will be only days away. Do stop by and enjoy all the free family activities on Saturday, September 10th!

As always - shop small, shop local!

There was a terrific Mission Hill turnout for the eighth annual Mark MacDougall Memorial Golf Tournament last month at Easton Country Club. I didn't know Mark, but I'm told he was a fine young man and a great family man. Mark's offspring grew up with me at Tobin Court back in the great old days and the MacDougalls are the best.

I'll see you at the M.H. Road Race.

Why was the cat banned from the race? Because he was a cheetah.

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# Risk of wildland fires increases as drought persists

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

With the risk of wildland fires increasing due to below average precipitation across the state, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Beth Card today declared that the Cape Cod Region will join the Connecticut River Valley, Southeast, Northeast, and Central Regions as a Level 3-Critical Drought. Additionally, the Islands and Western Regions will also elevate to a Level 2-Significant Drought. As outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, a Level-3 Critical Drought and a Level 2-Significant Drought calls for the convening of an inter-agency Mission Group, which has already begun to meet, to more closely coordinate on drought assessments, impacts, and response within the government. These efforts are in addition to Level 1-Mild Drought actions, which recommends detailed monitoring of drought conditions, close coordination among state and federal agencies, and technical outreach and assistance to the affected municipalities.

“Massachusetts continues to experience drought conditions in all regions of the state, which is not only depleting public water supplies, but is also elevating the risk of wildland fires,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card. “It is critical that we all practice water conservation methods and adhere to local requirements to decrease the stress on our water systems and ensure essential needs, such as drinking water, habitats and fire suppression, are being met.”

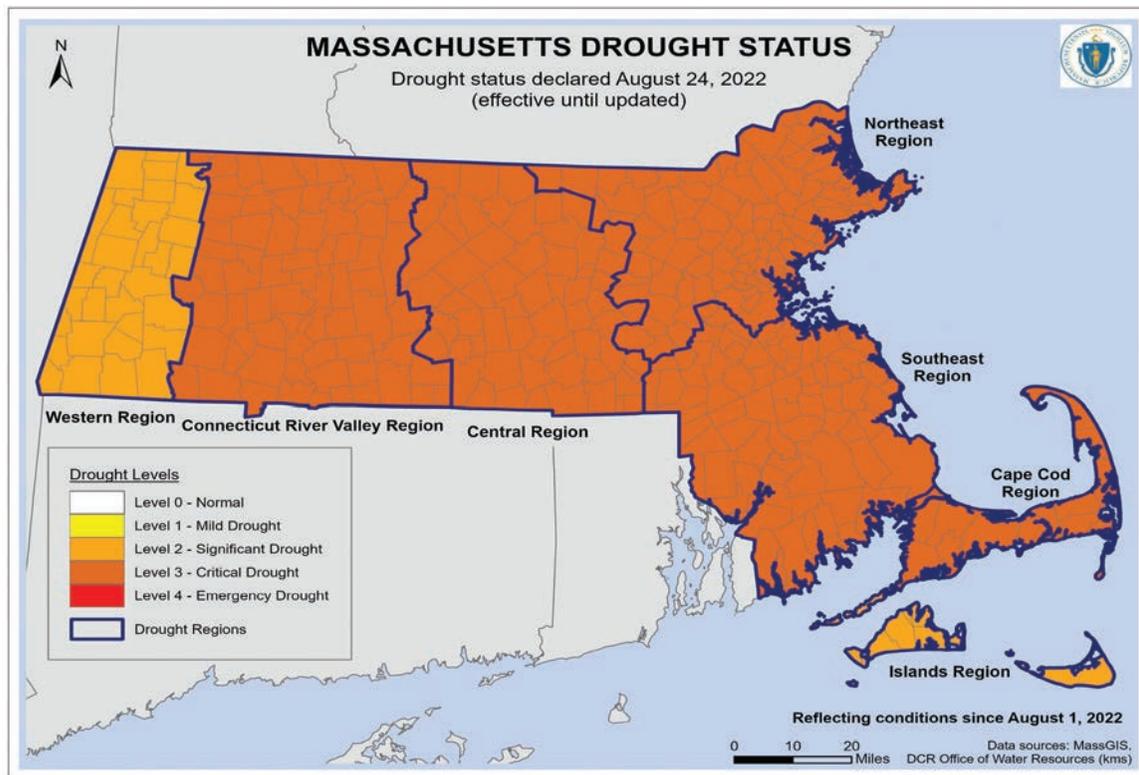
From August 1, 2022, to August 22, 2022, rainfall ranged mostly between 0.5 inch to 1 inch across the state, with a few localized higher and lower totals. Precipitation numbers are trending below average for the month of August. The Cape Cod, Islands, and Western Regions of the state were most impacted by the lack of precipitation. Additionally, since the onset of the drought, regions are experiencing between a four and ten inch deficit in precipitation. Streamflow has also been the most affected index with extreme low flows all across the state, where dry streambeds, increased ponding, higher temperatures in rivers, and increased nutrients and algal blooms are occurring. Furthermore, groundwater levels

are declining in each region of the state.

Caution is also advised as fire activity has increased across the state as drought conditions have set in, and wildfires in remote areas with delayed response are now burning deep into the organic soil layers. Drought induced fire behavior can result in suppression challenges for fire resources and result in extended incidents. As a result of fire conditions, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has implemented a temporary ban on all open flame and charcoal fires within state park properties. During the temporary ban, which is in effect until further notice, small portable propane grills are still allowed at campgrounds and recreation areas where grilling is permitted.

Currently, there are over 12 wildfire incidents across the state that are active and require daily mop up and monitoring. This year’s fire season has been extended due to dry conditions. Since the start of the fire season, there have been over 840 wildfires, burning approximately 1,432 acres of land. It is critical that everyone remains aware of how the drought has increased the risk of wildland fires in the state, and the public is asked to exercise extreme caution when using grills and open flames to ensure fires are properly and completely extinguished.

The agricultural sector also continues to experience impacts resulting from the ongoing



drought, which includes some depletion of water sources and production acreage, irrigating crops on a more consistent basis due to current precipitation deficits, high temperatures, low soil moisture, and significant increase in operating costs due to increased labor, maintenance of equipment, and increased irrigation. Consumers are encouraged to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products at local farm stands and retail stores throughout the Commonwealth.

It is important to note that the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) water supply system is not experiencing drought conditions, as defined within its individual plan. Private wells, local streams, wetlands,

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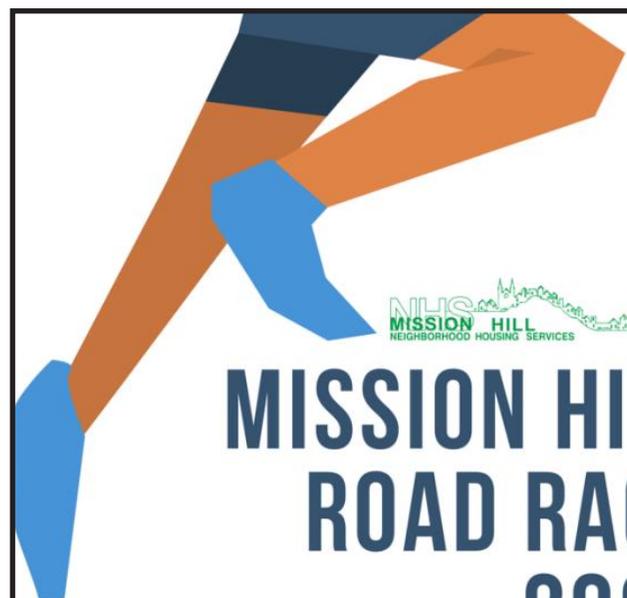


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# September is Campus Fire Safety Month

Governor Charlie Baker has declared September to be Campus Fire Safety Month in Massachusetts, and State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is reminding students, landlords, parents, RAs, and others that working smoke alarms and two ways out of a dorm or apartment are key safety measures that could save lives in the event of a fire in student housing.

Nationwide, every residential fire to claim the life of a college student in more than 15 years has occurred in off-campus housing. This includes two Massachusetts students who died in off-campus housing fires in the past 10 years. In the past five years, there have been more than 2,700 fires in Massachusetts dormitories, sororities, and fraternities causing seven civilian injuries, five fire service injuries, and an estimated \$2.9 million in damages.

"Thousands of young people will be attending college in Massa-

chusetts this year, and many will be living away from home for the first time," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "We're particularly concerned about off-campus housing because that's where the data shows the greatest loss of life, but fire safety is critical whether you live in a dorm, apartment, single-family home, multifamily dwelling, sorority, or fraternity."

Officials noted that fire safety precautions should remain in place after move-in day and beyond Sept. 30. Windows, doors, and stairways should always be clear of boxes, furniture, or anything else that might hinder an escape. Similarly, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are required by law and should remain operational all year long.

"If your rental doesn't have smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, insist on them," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "But don't spend a single night

unprotected in the meantime. For the price of a pizza, you can pick up smoke and CO alarms at a hardware store. They could save your life."

Like other household appliances, alarms don't last forever. Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years after the manufacturing date printed on the back. Carbon monoxide alarms usually need to be replaced after five to seven years. If the alarm has replaceable batteries, the batteries should be changed twice a year, usually at the beginning and end of Daylight Saving Time. When choosing a replacement alarm, select one that has a sealed, long-life battery and a hush feature – this will reduce nuisance alarms and prevent the batteries from being used for another purpose, such as the television remote control. All alarms should be tested monthly.

"We see too many disabled smoke alarms in fires when peo-

ple really needed them to work," State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. "Modern fires burn and spread faster than they did in past decades, and alarms without batteries put everyone in the building at risk."

Working alarms and clear exit routes are crucial for when a fire breaks out, but students can also take steps to prevent them from starting in the first place. Leading causes of fatal fires in Massachusetts are:

**Smoking:** There is no safe way to smoke, but if you must smoke then use a heavy ashtray or a pail with water or sand for cigarette butts. Don't flick them on the ground, where they can smolder and ignite debris, or grind them out on porches or steps. Put it out. All the way. Every time.

**Electrical:** Always plug appliances such as air conditioners and space heaters into wall sockets that can handle the current, not

power strips or extension cords, and don't overload outlets with multiple devices.

**Cooking:** Stand by your pan! Don't leave pots and pans unattended on a lit stovetop, and keep flammable items away from burners. In the event of a grease fire, smother the flames with a lid and then turn off the heat.

**Candles:** Never leave candles burning unattended. Extinguish them before leaving the room. Even better, switch to battery-powered candles.

"Campus Fire Safety Month is a chance to raise awareness among young adults who may be living on their own for the first time," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "But everyone can contribute to fire safety in their homes and communities, in September and all year round."

For more fire safety tips for both on and off campus, visit [www.mass.gov/dfs](http://www.mass.gov/dfs).

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Recommended booster doses vary by age and health status.



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## STUDENT WELCOME GUIDE

# A student's guide to Mission Hill

The following is some basic information for students moving into the Mission Hill area.

## General Boston

Get renter's insurance. It might seem like an unnecessary expense until you have a break-in, or your upstairs neighbor's toilet overflows while they're out of town.

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The City has a 24/7 hotline for questions or concerns at the phone number, 311, or the Twitter handle, @BOS311. There is also smartphone app called BOS: 311.

Introduce yourself to your neighbors, give them your contact information and get theirs. It's just as easy and more pleasant to call them than the police.

If you have a dog, clean up after it. It's courteous and a City ordinance.

Shovel sidewalks abutting your residence in the winter. It is your responsibility, not the City's, to do so.

Be considerate when throwing



The Parker Hill Library Branch at 1497 Tremont St.

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parties: let your neighbors know about them and remember, many of them must wake up early, even on Saturdays.

Keep your property tidy.

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Trash and recycling pick-ups are on Tuesdays and Fridays.

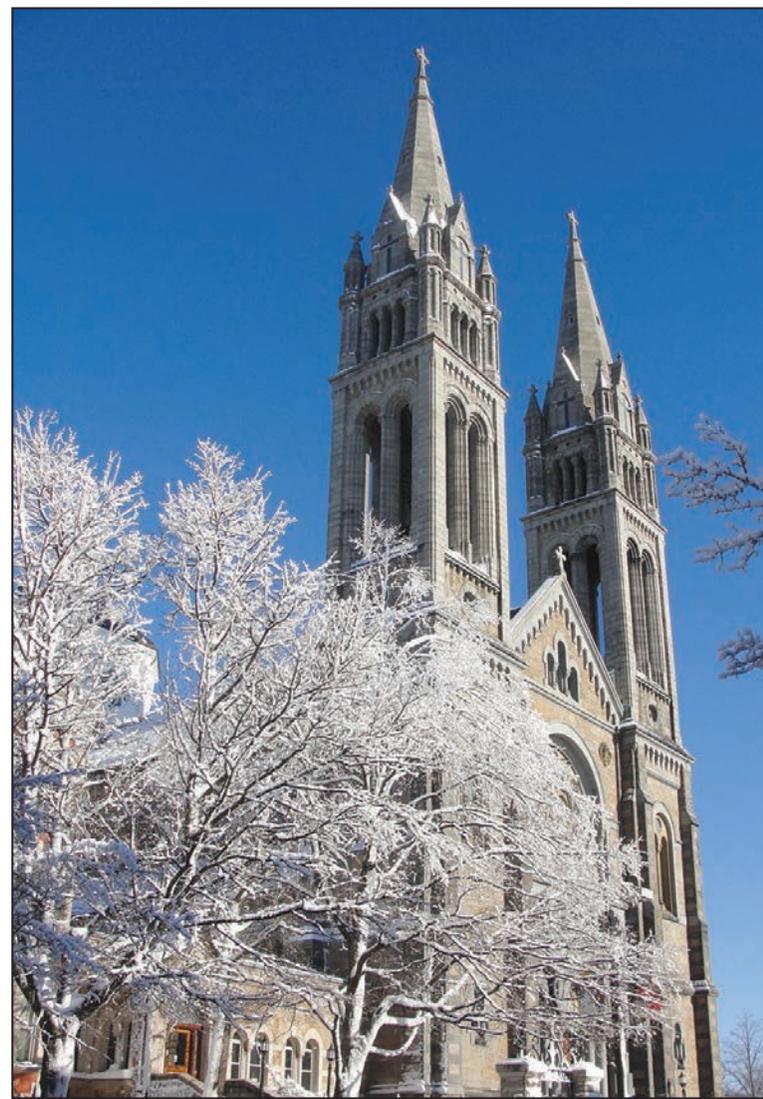
The local public library is the Parker Hill Branch Library, at 1497 Tremont St. The number is 617-427-3820.

The Tobin Community Center,

at 1481 Tremont St., has gym facilities and classes, depending on age. It also has youth, family, and senior programs. Reach it at [tobincommunitycenter.org](http://tobincommunitycenter.org) and 617-635-5216.

Patronize local businesses. They love you.

Get involved in the neighborhood: join cleanups; go to community meetings; voice your opinions. You're part of the community.



Mission Hill is named for Mission Church at 1545 Tremont St.

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## Mission Hill place names

Welcome to the neighborhood! You just moved to Mission Hill—but did you know you're actually on Parker Hill? You've probably already noticed the spires of Mission Church—which technically isn't called that, either. And why's the post office called Roxbury Crossing?

Understanding the lingo of Mission Hill can seem like "Mission: Impossible." Here's a cheat sheet to help you out.

**Back of the Hill:** A subneighborhood of Mission Hill on the slope between Fisher Avenue and Heath Street. There is no Front of the Hill.

**Brigham Circle:** The intersection of Huntington Avenue with Tremont and Francis Street (plus Calumet Street for good measure). It is not a rotary or circle, though the City painted a huge circle on the asphalt as a decorative pedestrian crossing marker.

**Longwood Medical Area:** Aka, the Longwood Medical and Academic Area. "LMA" for short. The enormous complex of hospitals and colleges roughly bordered by Huntington Avenue, Francis Street, the River-

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STUDENT WELCOME GUIDE

# City officials discuss student move-ins

BY LAUREN BENNETT

As students begin to return to Boston and move into their apartments, several city officials gathered at 20 Linden St. in Allston on August 31 for a press conference regarding student move-in.

Speakers included the city's Chief of Operations Dion Irish, Sean Lydon of the Inspectional Services Department (ISD), Conor Newman of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Boston Transportation Department (BTD) Commissioner Brad Gerratt, Mike Brohel of the Public Works Department, and Fire Marshal Joseph Shea.

"The city's taking a coordinated, cross-departmental approach to ensure that our students, families, and folks who are moving today or this weekend have a safe and smooth move-in period," Irish said. He said that the city is also working to ensure that students are moving into units that are clean and safe.

Sean Lydon, ISD Interim Commissioner, said that about 60 inspectors have been deployed throughout the city in student-heavy neighborhoods to conduct walk-throughs. The inspectors will be looking for things

like deferred maintenance, rodents, and working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. They will also look at the structural integrity of buildings, trash receptacles, and dumpsters.

Lydon said that "informational handouts" are available in multiple languages on the city's website.

"This is a citywide effort to mitigate the impact of student move-in on residents and businesses, and ensure that students have a smooth transition coming into Boston," said Conor Newman.

He said that the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services liaisons are partnering with other city departments to "inform new residents" about services, as well as to address issues with existing residents. The liaisons will be out and about in the neighborhoods over the next few days to "distribute informational materials" and address questions and concerns.

Newman said that residents can connect with their liaison by visiting [boston.gov/ons](http://boston.gov/ons), and residents should also use 311 for any concerns or complaints.

BTD Commissioner Brad Gerratt talked about parking on city streets over the next few days. Parking restrictions are in ef-

fect in several neighborhoods to assist those who are moving in.

More than 1000 temporary "No Parking" signs have been created and posted, and "in addition, BTD has issued over 2500 moving van permits" that will be in effect in the coming days. He warned residents to be aware of these signs when trying to park.

He also spoke about the Orange Line shutdown, which is in effect until September 19. The city has announced alternative methods of travel, including a free 30 day Blue Bikes pass. More information can be found at [boston.gov/orangeline](http://boston.gov/orangeline).

Mike Brohel, Superintendent of Street Operations for the Pub-

lic Works Department, spoke about trash, saying there will be an increased volume of it over the coming days.

He said that the city is advising residents to ensure their trash is put out properly and in a clean way. Trash is not permitted to be placed on the curb earlier than 5pm the night before trash pickup.

Finally, Fire Marshal Joseph Shea talked about fire safety.

"We look at safety obviously as our paramount concern," Shea said. A fire on August 30 in Brighton displaced 20 people, many of whom were students.

He also said that since Jan. of 2000, "86 percent of all college

and university fire fatalities" took place in off-campus housing. Fires are often due to a "lack of automatic sprinklers, missing or disabled smoke alarms," and fires started on upholstered furniture outdoors.

"There is no open burning in Boston," Shea said, and no propane or charcoal grills are permitted above the first floor. Fire pits are not allowed. He also warned residents to be mindful of candles and electronic devices that are plugged in.

For more information about moving in the City of Boston, visit [boston.gov/moving](http://boston.gov/moving).

## Traffic advisory for 2022 student move-ins

Per the City of Boston: Student move-in at local colleges and universities will require temporary parking restrictions in Boston from Sunday, August 28, through Sunday, September 5, 2022. Parking restrictions will help with move-in activity in the City of Boston. Check below for neighborhood-specific information:

### Northeastern University's Move-In, Fenway

Sunday, August 28, 2022, through Monday, September 5, 2022

"Tow Zone No Parking Aug 28 - Sept 5" signs on the following streets:

- Opera Place, Both sides, from Huntington Avenue to Saint Stephen Street

"Tow Zone No Parking Aug 28 - Aug 31" signs on the following street:

- Gainsborough Street, South side (even side, Matthews Arena side), from Saint Botolph Street heading southerly to MBTA

"Tow Zone No Parking Thursday" signs (for 9/1/22) on the following streets:

- Gainsborough Street, Both sides, from Huntington Avenue to Hemenway Street
- Hemenway Street, Even side, from Forsyth Way to West-

land Avenue.

- Saint Stephen Street,, Both sides, from Gainsborough Street to Massachusetts Avenue

- Symphony Road, Both sides, from Hemenway Street to Saint Stephens Street

- Westland Avenue, Both sides, from Hemenway Street to Massachusetts Avenue

"Tow Zone No Parking Sept 2 - Sept 5" signs on the following streets:

- Hemenway Street, Odd side, from Forsyth Way to Westland Avenue.

- Saint Stephen Street, Both sides, from Opera Place to Gainsborough Street

"Tow Zone No Parking Sept 3 - Sept 5" signs on the following street:

- Forsyth Street, Both sides, from Huntington Avenue to Hemenway Street

### Northeastern University's Move-In, Roxbury

August 28, 2022, through September 5, 2022

"Tow Zone No Parking 7AM to 5PM August 28 through Sept 3" signs on the following street:

- Columbus Avenue, North side (odd side), from Burke Street to Melnea Cass Boulevard

"Tow Zone No Parking August 31 through Sept 5" signs on the following street:

- Coventry Street, Both sides, from Tremont to Columbus Avenue

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# Baker-Polito administration highlights school safety initiatives

Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, joined by Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Jeff Riley, Acting Commissioner of Early Education and Care Amy Kershaw and public safety officials, announced plans to file legislation proposing significant investments in school safety initiatives to support programming, training and resources for schools and districts throughout the Commonwealth. The administration's proposed investments will expand its ongoing commitment to deliver a safe and secure learning environment for all Massachusetts students.

"As children return full-time to the classroom this fall, we want parents and educators to know that our administration is always working to improve and build on all the resources available to districts to make their schools as secure as possible," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Our administration has and will continue to provide critical resources for students, staff, families and first responders while making significant investments in training for first responders and school staff so they can protect Massachusetts schools."

"Children, teachers and staff deserve to feel safe in the classroom, and our administration's funding proposal will invest in the resources and programming required to equip school communities and emergency personnel with the tools they need to keep schools safe," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "We look forward to working with our colleagues in the Legislature to provide critical funding for districts across the Commonwealth."

Governor Baker signed a supplemental budget with \$15 million for school safety initiatives in October 2018.

To date, as part of the Safe and Supportive Schools Initiative, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded \$15 million in grant funding, including \$7.5 million awarded to more than 150 districts statewide to invest in security-related infrastructure upgrades and \$7.5 million in grant funding to increase mental health support and to support schools' hiring of additional mental health and behavioral health specialists. Additionally, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) and the Department of Early and Second-

ary Education (DESE) actively and frequently collaborate on training and best practices for emergency and active shooter responses in school settings. District superintendents are required each year to attest to that they have a multi-hazard evacuation plan in place, as well as that there is training provided to support that plan.

Public safety officials today also highlighted the Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) Program, an internationally recognized standard adopted by the Commonwealth as part of its ongoing commitment to emergency preparedness and community resilience to promote a statewide model for an integrated active shooter and hostile event response. Through cross-discipline collaboration among first responders and emergency personnel, ASHER is designed to protect communities and help them prepare, respond and recover from crisis events. The ASHER framework has already been implemented in state-run police and fire training academies, and parallel training is being finalized for current state police and fire personnel.

The Baker-Polito Administration will file a supplemental budget request in the coming weeks totaling nearly \$40 million to support critical school safety initiatives and equip students, staff and emergency responders with the training necessary to respond to better respond to threats within schools.

The proposal will include:

- Matching grants for security and communications upgrades in K-12 schools and public higher education institutes
- Grant funding for child care providers to support safety measures and multi-hazard emergency planning
- Grant funding to support districts pilot an anonymous "tip line" to report potential threats
- Funding for a statewide "Say Something" public awareness campaign and corresponding training
- Support for ongoing emergency response training for school officials
- Creation of a comprehensive school safety website

"These safety proposals would support a huge range of children and students, from those in child care to those at public colleges and universities," said Education

Secretary James Peyser. "The key to these proposals is collaboration among different state agencies and different local entities. When we invest in strengthening partnerships between school districts and first responders, we help ensure that schools are safe environments focused on learning and growing."

"These proposed supports would be a welcome addition to school districts' safety planning and infrastructure," Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley said. "The matching funds for equipment upgrades, plus funding for additional school staff to meet and collaborate with first responders are critical pieces that will help ensure our schools are places where students are safe, healthy, and ready to learn."

"Nearly 200,000 children are spending time in our early education and care programs across the Commonwealth each day," said Department of Early Ed-

ucation and Care Acting Commissioner Amy Kershaw. "These resources would provide our programs with the critical resources needed to not only upgrade and modernize their safety and security systems but also to plan, prepare and practice for various emergency scenarios based on the unique needs of our young learners and the early educators who work with them."

"The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security remains deeply committed to working with our federal, state, and local partners to ensure that schools provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our children and educators," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "We continue to build on vital initiatives, including school resource officer training, security infrastructure investments and the implementation of standardized policies to advance our shared goal of achieving the highest safety

standards in school districts across the Commonwealth."

"As the school year approaches, the Administration's action supports our students and teachers across the Commonwealth to have the resources they need to be and feel safe in the classroom," said Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders. "Today's proposed investment in the well-being of our children is crucial to the Commonwealth's commitment to protect students, teachers, staff and our future."

"As students and staff head back to school across the Commonwealth, we are proud to announce new measures that will proactively invest in student safety and the security of education facilities across all levels," said Secretary of Administration and Finance Michael J. Heffernan. "We look forward to filing for funding to support these important initiatives in the coming weeks."

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**A Mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022 from 11:30AM to 2:30PM Eastern Standard Time.** Gather promptly at the main entrance of the Draper Pool 5279 Washington Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Additional site inspection requests will not be accommodated.

All sub bids shall be filed electronically **before 4:00 PM (EST), on Friday, September 23, 2022.**

All general bids shall be filed electronically **before 4:00 PM (EST), on Friday, September 30, 2022.**

Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner  
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## Mission Hill junior experiences taste of college this summer

Nearly 100 sophomores and juniors from high schools in Greater Boston, including one from Mission Hill, spent part of their summer taking college courses at some of the most prestigious colleges in the country thanks to a program sponsored by Minds Matter Boston.

The program is designed to provide students with valuable exposure to life on a college campus, engage with college-level courses and schedules, and better position themselves for the transition to college once they graduate. They will also gain insight into the choices they have for major concentrations and eventual careers. Many of the students will also earn college credits depending on the program.

Sumaya Barre, who just completed junior year at New Mission High School, will be attending Syracuse University this summer. The summer terms start this month; some range from three-six weeks long.

"These students' personal growth and successes encapsulate what we do at Minds Matter," said Executive Director Rachel Kanter. "Their determination and talent, coupled with the support and advice of their mentors, helped them excel in school and develop a sense of community. The opportunity to experience college life and college courses while still in high school will prepare them for the next stage

of their education and beyond."

Minds Matter Boston (MMB) is a mentoring organization devoted to connecting driven and determined students from low-income backgrounds with people and opportunities to support success in college and beyond. At MMB, these students are provided with intensive 2:1 mentoring, professional ACT and writing instruction, wide access to college-immersion summer programs and personalized college advising to ensure that these promising students earn their college admission and experience college success. The program, which introduces students to new experiences and acts as a catalyst for their enthusiasm to pursue a four-year degree, is just one of many impactful Minds Matter programs conducted in cities across the United States.

Volunteers from various Boston businesses and organizations dedicate hundreds of hours over three years to guide their mentees through college prep, as well as helping them to navigate the college application and grant and scholarship application processes. This commitment has resulted in 100% of MMB graduates gaining admission to four-year colleges. In addition, \$1.4 million in scholarships was awarded to MMB graduates in 2021 alone.

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### Add a pinch of time

By PENNY & ED CHERUBINO

There's a difference between food that takes time to prepare and food that is time-consuming. Plenty of delicious recipes call for hours of preparation. However, they don't need your attention throughout the process. Sometimes adding a pinch of time means less work for the cook.

Autumn and the holiday season bring busier schedules and may need food that you want to make in larger batches. Traditional recipes and warming comfort food can fit nicely into meal planning for a busy cook. The bonus is that many of these oldies-but-goodies need few ingredients and use common pantry items.

#### Recipe Guidance

We love it when a recipe points out the time you'll need to make it and breaks it down into understandable segments. For ex-

ample, Marc Bittman's recipe for gravlax lets you know that it will take "at least 24 hours, largely unattended." A recipe for Butternut Squash with Orange Oil and Caramelized Honey in the book "Ottolenghi Test Kitchen Shelf Love" notes: "Prep time: 15 minutes, Cook time: 40 minutes, Infusion time: 20 minutes to 1 hour."

In addition, recipe developers often include suggestions for what you can prepare ahead. Even if they don't, as you hone your cooking skills, you'll learn that you can sauté aromatics and rewarm them as needed.

#### Make Your Own Timeline

You can also create a do-it-yourself assessment of how much of your attentive time a recipe will take. Let's take Mina Stone's recipe for Revithia sto Forno (Oven Chickpeas) from "Lemon, Love & Olive Oil." It begins by



A traditional beef stew requires some chopping of ingredients. However, once braising in the oven or simmering on a low burner, the cook is free to do other things.

soaking dried chickpeas overnight. Soaking means planning ahead, but it won't take much of your time.

Next day you put the chick-

peas in an ovenproof dish with a lid, add fresh water, quartered onions, unpeeled garlic cloves, bay leaves, salt and olive oil.

That step only takes moments

and pantry ingredients. You don't have to add shopping time to your day. Cover and bake for four hours.

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# Baker-Polito administration recognizes Overdose Awareness Day and Recovery Month

In recognition of Overdose Awareness Day, an annual observance in Massachusetts and around the world, Gov. Charlie Baker, Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders, Department of Public Health Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Barrelle, DPH Director of Bureau of Substance Addiction Services Deirdre Calvert, and other state and local officials today joined families, friends, and volunteers in planting 20,000 flags on Boston Common, signifying the Massachusetts residents who died as a result of drug overdose in the past 10 years. The

Baker-Polito Administration also issued a proclamation declaring Aug. 31st Overdose Awareness Day across the Commonwealth.

The purple flags were planted at the Common's Liberty Mall in front of the State House to honor and remember individuals who lost their lives to overdose, acknowledge the loss felt by family and friends, raise awareness, and remove the stigma of drug-related deaths. An information booth was set up to offer addiction prevention and recovery support resources.

Following the planting of the flags, a moment of silent reflec-

tion was observed. In addition to the flag display, several state bridges and buildings are being lit up in purple.

Overdose Awareness Day is followed by Recovery Month, a national observance held in September to promote hope and recovery from addiction. Recovery Month celebrations and events will be held across the state. For information about these events, visit [www.MOAR.org](http://www.MOAR.org).

The Baker-Polito Administration remains focused on the opioid epidemic and continues to invest millions of dollars to expand a wide range of harm reduction,

substance use awareness, treatment intervention, and recovery services. The Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) budget passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Baker last month invests \$597.2 million in total funding for a wide range of services that support individuals struggling with substance addiction and programs that work to prevent substance addiction through education, prescription monitoring, and more. This historic investment represents a fourfold investment in state funding to tackle the addiction crisis since 2015.

DPH has also expanded harm

reduction programs as part of its overall overdose prevention efforts, including low-threshold housing (transitional and permanent), post-overdose support teams for overdose survivors, and mobile addiction services to improve access to treatment.

To learn more about Massachusetts' efforts to reduce addiction and prevent stigma, visit [www.mass.gov/opioids](http://www.mass.gov/opioids).

If you or a friend or family member is struggling with substance use, please call the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline at 800-327-5050, or visit <https://helplinema.org/>.

## Fresh

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Finally, add lemon juice, more olive oil, black pepper and correct the seasoning. With the addition of some cheese, bread, and olives you have a traditional Greek meal. You also have a pot of lovely chickpeas to use in other ways.

Again, this is a quick process for the cook. While this recipe in its printed form seems long and daunting and takes more than 16 hours to prepare, those are not contiguous hours and your engaged time between each step is brief.

### Other Slow Cook Methods

Braise, roast, poach, smoke, soak, marinate, slow cooker, dutch oven, simmer, and even sous vide are cooking words that might alert you to a cookbook or recipe where a pinch of time will result in a potful of flavor. Many

of these cooking steps are for food that is easy to make in large or small batches and can be made ahead.

### Plan Ahead to Slow Down Your Food

The second paragraph of The Slow Food international manifesto reads, "We are enslaved by speed and have all succumbed to the same insidious virus: Fast Life, which disrupts our habits, pervades the privacy of our homes and forces us to eat Fast Foods."

As you plan meals, remember that you might be able to prepare a healthier, more delicious, and less expensive meal in line with the Slow Food philosophy by adopting recipes that take a long time to create but very little time away from other activities.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your suggestion.

## Move-In

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31 through Sept 1" signs on the following street:

- Tremont Street North side (odd side), from Burke Street to Coventry Street

"Tow Zone No Parking 7AM-5PM Sept 4 & 5," signs on the following streets:

- Columbus Avenue, South side (even side), from Melnea Cass Boulevard to Douglass Park
- Davenport Street, Both sides, from Tremont Street to Columbus Avenue

### Boston University Move-In Wednesday, August 31, 2022 – Thursday, September 1, 2022

"Tow Zone No Stopping Aug 31 – Sept 1 8AM to 8PM" signs at the following locations:

- Pratt Street, North side (even side), from Linden Street to Ashford Street.

- Ashford Street, North side (even side), from Linden Street to Malvern Street

- Gardner Street, North side (even side), from Linden Street to Malvern Street

- Linden Street, East side (even side), from Gardner Street to Pratt Street.

- Brighton Avenue, South side

(even side), from Linden Street to Reedsdale Street.

- Highgate Street, North side (even side), from Cambridge Street to Farrington Street.

- Farrington Street, North side (even side), in front of #14 Farrington Street to Highgate Street.

- Cambridge Street, South side (even side), from #424 Cambridge Street (near Denby Street) to Linden Street.

- Wadsworth Street, North side (even side), from Pratt Street to Hartley Terrace. B.U. Move-In – Wednesday, August 31, 2022 – Thursday, September 1, 2022

## Name

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way and the Fenway. Named for Longwood Avenue, which runs through its heart.

**Mission Church:** The Catholic church at 1545 Tremont St. for which Mission Hill is named. It is officially called the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Its nickname comes from its 1870s beginnings as a small mission by the Redemptorists Catholic order. The official name comes an icon that believers say heals sickness and is surrounded by discarded crutches of the healed.

A basilica is a high-ranking Catholic church.

**Mission Hill:** "The Hill" for short. The neighborhood bordered by Huntington, Ruggles Street, Columbus Avenue/Tremont Street, Heath Street and S. Huntington Avenue; and also the residential area roughly bordered by Huntington, Francis and the Riverway. Some people still use "Mission Hill" to refer only to the residential area on the actual hill.

**Parker Hill:** The actual hill on which most of the neighborhood sits.

**Roxbury Crossing:** The intersection of Columbus and

Tremont. It is the name of an Orange Line MBTA station and the local branch post office for the 02120 ZIP code. Sometimes used as a name for a subneighborhood or even the entire neighborhood. But ZIP code names are not meant to reflect actual neighborhood names or boundaries. Large portions of Mission Hill have other ZIP codes.

**Roxbury:** The neighborhood on the other side of Columbus. Mission Hill was historically a subneighborhood of Roxbury, but has emerged as its own neighborhood over the past 20 years. Many people consider it part of Roxbury.

applicants.

As a result, some applicants have found themselves in the unenviable position of having to find another location for their proposed cannabis establishment, or having to sue the city instead, said Idowu.

The BPDA is accepting public comments on the proposed zoning amendments for Boston's cannabis establishments through Sept. 9 via email at [bdarpz@boston.gov](mailto:bdarpz@boston.gov).

## Zoning

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Inclusion, said while it "made sense" to charge the ZBA with evaluating would-be cannabis establishments in the city prior to the formation of the BCB, now, the ZBA process is now nothing more than an "unnecessary barrier," which can take months to navigate and put an "unnecessary burden" on equity

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## Drought

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vernal pools, and other water-dependent habitats located within MWRA-serviced areas are being impacted by drought conditions while water quality in ponds can deteriorate due to lowering of levels and stagnation.

Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 3 – Critical Drought, Level 2 – Significant Drought and Level 1 – Mild Drought region, including those utilizing a private well. Residents and businesses are also asked to check with their local water system in case more stringent watering restrictions are in place.

For Regions in Level 3 – Critical Drought

Residents and Businesses:

- Stop all non-essential outdoor watering.

- Minimize overall water use.

Immediate Steps for Communities:

- Adopt and implement the state's nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought; Level 3 restriction calls for a ban on all nonessential outdoor water use.

- Provide timely information on the drought and on water con-

servation tips to local residents and businesses.

- Enforce water use restrictions with increasingly stringent penalties.

- Strongly discourage or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.

- Establish or enhance water-use reduction targets for all water users and identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

Short- and

Medium-Term Steps for Communities:

- Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication.

- Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates.

- Prepare to activate emergency inter-connections for water supply.

- Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

For Regions in Level 2 – Significant Drought

Residents and Businesses:

- Minimize overall water use.

- Limit outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m.

- Follow local water use restrictions, if more stringent.

Immediate Steps for Communities:

- Adopt and implement the state's nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought; Level 2 restriction calls for limiting outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m. If local restrictions are more stringent, continue to keep them in place during the course of the drought.

- Limit or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; watering during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.

- Establish water-use reduction targets for all water users and identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

Short- and

Medium-Term Steps for Communities:

- Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication.

- Provide timely information to local residents and businesses.

- Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates.

- Check emergency inter-connections for water supply.

- Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

For Regions in Level 1 – Mild Drought

Residents and Businesses:

- Toilets, faucets and showers are more than 60% of indoor use. Make sure yours are WaterSense efficient.

- Limit outdoor watering to one day a week (only from 5:00 pm – 9:00 am), or less frequently if required by your water supplier

Immediate Steps for Communities:

- Adopt and implement the state's nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought.

- Limit or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; watering during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.

- Establish water-use reduction targets for all water users and identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

Short- and

Medium-Term Steps for Communities:

- Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication.

- Provide timely information to local residents and businesses.

- Implement or establish

drought surcharge or seasonal water rates.

- Check emergency inter-connections for water supply.

- Develop a local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

Practicing water conservation now will greatly help reduce water use to ensure essential needs such as drinking water and fire protection, are being met, habitats have enough water to support their natural functions, and to sustain the Commonwealth's water supplies in the long-term. State agencies will continue to monitor and assess current conditions and any associated environmental and agricultural impacts, coordinate any needed dissemination of information to the public, and help state, federal and local agencies prepare additional responses that may be needed in the future. Furthermore, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass-DEP) will continue to provide technical assistance to communities on managing systems, including emergency connections and water supplies assistance.

“The need for conservation of water has never been greater,” said Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Martin Suuberg. “Citizens are again encouraged to conserve water and follow the conservation measures established by their local water suppliers.”

The Drought Management Task Force will meet again on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 1:00PM. For further information on water conservation and what residents can do, please visit EEA's drought page and water conservation page. To get the most up-to-date information on the drought indices, go to the state's drought dashboard page.

## First human case of West Nile virus detected in Boston

The Boston Public Health Commission announced that a case of West Nile Virus (WNV) has been detected in a Boston resident. The case was confirmed earlier today by the State Department of Public

Health. Although mosquito pools have tested positive for WNV in Boston, it is unknown if the patient in question was exposed to the virus in Boston. It is the first case detected in Boston in 2022.

WNV is a rare, but potentially serious disease that is spread to humans through mosquito bites. Mosquitoes carrying the virus appear in Boston, as well as the rest of state, during the summer and fall months. In addition to spreading through mosquito bites, WNV can spread through blood transfusions, organ transplants, and from mother to child during pregnancy and breastfeeding.

Anyone who is outside from July through November, especially at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active, is at risk for contracting WNV, however, the risk of contracting it is quite

low. Individuals over 50-years old and those with compromised immune systems are more likely to experience severe illness if infected.

“The Boston Public Health Commission is working closely with our partners at the State Department of Public Health to monitor mosquito pools and investigate this infection,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. “During this time of the year and into the fall, it's very important for residents to take proper precautions. Use bug spray, avoid being outside at dusk and dawn for prolonged periods of time, and wear long clothing to avoid becoming infected.”

Most people who are infected with WNV do not experience any signs or symptoms of illness. In some cases, people will experience a headache, fever, nausea, vomiting, and body aches which can last for a few days or several weeks. In most cases, individuals with mild symptoms recover on their own. If you believe you have

WNV, contact your health care provider immediately.

More serious symptoms, which can result in hospitalization, include:

- high fever
- severe headache
- confusion
- lack of coordination
- permanent muscle weakness/paralysis

Seek emergency medical care if you or someone you know is experiencing severe WNV symptoms.

- The best way to avoid contracting WNV is to avoid getting bug bites. The Boston Public Health Commission encourages residents to use and reapply FDA-approved mosquito repellent when outdoors; wear protective clothing (long sleeve shirts, long pants, and socks); limit time outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active; and make sure windows and screens don't have holes or gaps that can allow mosquitoes to enter your homes; and reduce the mosquito population by eliminating standing water around your home, which is where mosquitoes breed.

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An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.  
You are summoned and

required to serve upon: Judith Cruz 17. Mission Park Dr., Boston, MA 02115, your answer, if any, on or before 10/20/2022. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court.  
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: July 27, 2022  
Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate

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## EDITORIAL

### Enjoy a great -- and safe -- Labor Day weekend

With the weatherman predicting a superb Labor Day weekend, we hope that all of our readers will have a chance to make the most of the final weekend of the summer season.

The Summer of '22 overall has been a great one that, we hope, has created memories that will last a lifetime for our families. The coming Labor Day weekend promises to give us one final opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in whatever way we choose.

However, as always, we urge our readers to do so safely, not only for ourselves, but also for our family members, friends, and loved ones, whether we are on land or on the water.

None of us wants to be a tragic statistic, and that means making sure that we ourselves and those around us do not overindulge in alcohol. Yes, accidents do happen even under the best of circumstances, but generally speaking, no one ever gets hurt by being sober. It's when two beers become four or more that the chances for a tragedy increase exponentially.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Labor Day weekend.

### School's back -- drive with caution

With schools back in session this week after the summer vacation, morning rush-hour commuters need to readjust our driving habits to ensure that we take into account the thousands of children who will be filling our streets during our morning commute.

We'll be honest and admit that school buses, school crossing guards, etc. are a pain in the neck, especially if we're running a bit late on our way to work.

But that is no excuse for ANY sort of driving behavior that does not take into account the safety of the children in our communities.

Every morning commuter needs to be a patient and defensive driver, especially in the first few weeks of school, when youthful exuberance typically results in kids dashing out into the street to greet friends for the start of the new school year.

Each of us is responsible not only for our safety, but also for the safety of others when we are behind the wheel of a motor vehicle -- and that is doubly true when school is back in session.

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## LETTERS

### A successful Mission Hill Arts Festival

TO THE EDITOR,

What a wonderful tapestry we created together at this year's Mission Hill Arts Festival!

Artists, audiences, co-host, collaborators, sponsors, volunteers, and the welcoming Mission Hill community, we were all able to gather, explore interconnections, and share pleasant and remarkable summer impressions! An exciting celebration!

Each one of the six events pointed to the power of viewing and approaching life from different landscapes, new assessments, or an unconventional direction. They delivered options to appraise one's thought, position, or sentiment to ultimately enhance personal thinking and activity .and so softening prevailing stereotypes.

From the enthusiasm and music dexterity of Matt Jensen as he shared his passion for Reggae while we admired LeShonda Zene's paintings, to the profound, captivating, and touching presentation by multi-talented Abria Smith and her group during June's performances.

In July, the engaging music of pianist Leo Blanco carried us on an exploration of the rhythmic influences between Africa, Europe, and the Americas, while the Nebulous quartet mesmerized us with their mastery and fluidity in playing both known and original tunes.

We ended in August by proposing Steve Painter's non-representational visual artworks, and two jazz performances. The first showcased the Tyson Jackson quartet, featuring vibraphonist Sasha Berliner, with their riveting percussive abilities; the second and final event of this year's series introduced us to Gregory Groover Jr., whose original adaptations of Negro Spirituals profoundly engaged the audience, and was a perfect representation of the festival's

spirit, theme, and signature dialogues!

Now it's your turn to interpret, to find the poetic, the essence, the alternatives, to elevate dialoguing, and so contribute to your community!

We are beyond grateful for everyone's trust, encouragement, real talks, suggestions, involvement, patience, support, and belief in the power of gathering and of the arts! Please continue to share your thoughts and suggestions!

And since art establishes a ground from where values can continually spring up, we look forward to seeing you all again at the 2023 Mission Hill Arts Festival to continue opening ourselves up to new vistas!

**Very important credits:**

**Organizations:**

- The Tobin Community Center, its Executive Director John Jackson, Program Supervisor Andrew Angus, and Assistant Program Supervisor Angel Parrilla, for granting access to The Yard

- Mission Hill Main Streets Board and Executive Director Ellen Walker, for their support and vision for Mission Hill

- Dan Vlahos, for the truly outstanding, original, and engaging festival's logo and design, admired by all!

- Celebrity Series of Boston Neighborhood Art, for believing in the festival and its importance for the community, and for their constant role in support of the arts

- The Record Co., for kindly sharing our essential sound equipment

- The following organizations, for valuing the festival through the awarding of grants, and for their commitment to our community:

Mission Hill/Fenway Neighborhood Trust

The City of Boston, through

the Boston Cultural Council City of Boston Credit Union

- The following news media, for your interest in covering the festival and presenting it to your audiences :

- GBH Boston Public Radio: Margery Eagan, Jim Brau de, Aidan Connelly

- The Bay State Banner: Susan Saccoccia

**People:**

- Artists, Matt, LeShonda, Abria, Leo, Kely, Claudius, Fabienne, Noah, Steve, Tyson, Sasha, Gregory, and all the members of your groups, you make the world a fascinating place and teach us how to work together and harmonize!

- Audience, your presence is like beautiful flowers in a garden. Your fragrance offers support, insight, and strengthens the significance of the arts and the power of culture

- Alex Fatato, you are skilled with all the sound cables and connections, but also excellent at problem solving, flexibility, teamwork, and professionalism

- Nancy & Mort, providing the perfect welcome with your smiles. Your commitment to our neighborhood and to the festival is a sustaining force! And Nancy, your pictures are exquisite!

- Robin Baker, Associate Director of Community Engagement at Celebrity Series, your collaborative spirit, enthusiasm, experience, and dedication to quality and advancement of the arts is highly valued

- Robert Torres, whose expert eye sees and captures the artists' professionalism and emotions in each dynamic frame

- Stephanie Janes, for opening promotional doors to extend the reach of the festival

- Lydia Polanco, whose vision for Mission Hill's visual artists is vital.

LUISA HARRIS

### Doctors urge vaccinations for students returning to school

TO THE EDITOR,

As schools in the Commonwealth prepare to open for the new academic year, the physicians of the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS), the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MCAAP) and the

Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians (MassAFP) strongly encourage parents and guardians to ensure that their children are up to date on all vaccinations and boosters, including those that reduce the effects of and transmission of COVID-19 and those

required to attend school.

The importance of in-person learning and its positive effect on the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of children cannot be understated. Public health

## OP-ED

# MBTA fall service cuts are yet another hit to mobility in Greater Boston and the region

By JASCHA FRANKLIN-HODGE

Wednesday's announcement by the MBTA that it would sustain and deepen service cuts on the rapid transit system and bus network puts the region's transportation future in jeopardy. Federal, state, and local officials must work together to restore critical services as quickly as possible. These service cuts will overlap with the unprecedented Orange and Green Line shutdowns, compounding significant challenges for riders and the region, and raising serious equity, mobility, environmental, and economic concerns. Magnifying the impact of chronic underinvestment in infrastructure, these cuts underscore the MBTA's continued inability to address critical systemic staffing issues.

Transit is essential to Boston and the consequences of diminished service are felt every day by riders. These cuts will ripple across our region this fall as students return to school, more workers return to the office, and the Orange Line resumes service with the expectation of major improvements. To rebuild trust

in transit, we call on Secretary Buttigieg and members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation to work with the MBTA and the FTA to restore safe, reliable service to Boston and the region. We must:

- Find accelerated solutions to the rail dispatcher shortage that has resulted in substantial reduction in rail service since June. As additional dispatchers enter service, the MBTA, with support from the FTA, must prioritize restoration of peak period service levels as quickly as possible.

- Immediately address the critical shortage of bus operators which has led to dwindling service for the most loyal and transit-dependent riders. The Department of Transportation and Department of Labor must work with the MBTA, state officials, and labor unions to understand and remove the barriers to attracting this essential workforce, financial or contractual.

- Support improved MBTA communication with riders in advance of any significant future service disruptions that may be necessary to address safety de-

ficiencies identified by the FTA.

- Provide regular progress reports to the public on staffing levels and targets, headways, and ridership impacts in order to maintain transparency and rebuild trust.

In addition to the direct impact on mobility and quality of life for the people of Metro Boston, the MBTA's inability to provide full service will increase some of the nation's worst congestion, further lock in unsustainable travel patterns, and make our decarbonization goals more difficult to reach. While safety must be the MBTA's number one priority, the MBTA needs the support of every level of government to urgently implement a plan to address safety and provide robust, reliable, and equitable transit options to support commuting and mobility within the region. We stand ready and eager to partner on these needs and accelerate the return of safe, reliable service that our communities deserve.

*Jascha Franklin-Hodge is Mayor Michelle Wu's Chief of Streets, LivableStreetsAlliance, A Better City, and Transit Matters.*

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officials, school officials, school districts, and families must work collaboratively toward a shared goal of an academic year with as little disruption as possible. Vaccines are safe and remain our most effective public health tool to prevent outbreaks of COVID-19 and interruption of day-to-day learning that will result from a significant increase of positive cases.

COVID-19 is still here, it is still a threat to public health, and there

exists the likelihood of a surge in the fall and winter. Therefore, it is critically important that schools be prepared to shift quickly to preventive measures proven to reduce the spread of COVID-19 should community data suggest a significantly increased risk of contracting COVID-19 within the school or in the community.

Our organizations will work closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and

continue to monitor key data and base real-time COVID-19 guidance on relevant and current public health data. We wish all students, school staff, and families a safe and productive school year.

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# New sign marks Olmsted's work in Boston

The City of Boston Mayor's Mural Crew and the National Park Service unveiled their collaborative contribution to Olmsted 200, the national bicentennial celebration of Frederick Law Olmsted's legacy. The series of temporary park furnishings, named "never too much, always enough," features 24 chairs in six sites across the Emerald Necklace, Olmsted's final work. Each chair was built by repurposing the distinctive white spruce-pole fence that was designed by Olmsted, to surround the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site (Fairsted). Heidi Schork, who founded The Mayor's Mural Crew, designed the chair inspired to use the same curves that are found in Fairsted's beautiful fence. Each sustainably-made chair can be enjoyed at the following locations:

- Jamaica Pond, in the southwest corner overlooking the pond and in the northwest corner amongst the trees
- Franklin Park, to the left of Franklin Park Golfcourse Club-

house and at the top of Scarborough Hill (by Hole 12 of the golf course)

- Allerton Overlook, off of Pond Avenue by Olmsted Park's Leverett Pond
- Back Bay Fens, off of Park Drive behind the James P. Kelleher Rose Garden

This project was conceptualized and brought to life by a group of youth artists employed by the City of Boston's Department of Youth Employment, together with adult artists employed for the Boston Parks Department, including: Aiyanna Canty, Aminah Yahya, Bobby Zabin, Camila Aguilera-Steinert, Eli Swanson, Emmett Hughes, Heidi Schork (Program Director, The Mayor's Mural Crew), Inez Bendavid-Val, Jamar Joseph, Jerome Jones (Lead Artist, The Mayor's Mural Crew), Kayla Depina, Laniya Harding, Liz O'Brien (Program Manager, The Mayor's Mural Crew), Lucy Edelstein-Rosenberg, Maia Poremba, Madalen Bigsby-Licht, Nalani Reid, Niamh Mulligan, Tony Depina, Xavi-

er James, Xzavier Santiago, and Zariyah Wilkerson. The construction of chairs was led by Jerome Jones, who acquired the knowledge and skills to build a chair as a teenager at Mona High School in St. Andrew, Jamaica.

"Olmsted directed his firm at Fairsted to do 'the best for Boston at all times'. Olmsted believed that thoughtfully-designed greenspace is necessary for building community, and that 'parks are for the people'. We are thrilled to bring 'never too much, always enough' to the Emerald Necklace," said Supervisory Ranger Brianne Cassetta, of the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site. "In collaboration with the creative talents of The Mayor's Mural Crew, we are delighted to welcome you to enjoy these reimagined spaces, where individuals throughout greater Boston can come together and find community."

"Olmsted's values resonate geniusly in the 21st century city and post-pandemic world. Together with Fairsted, we care-



The sign marking Olmsted's work.

fully focused on crafting space for people to connect and be inspired, as Olmsted did," said Liz O'Brien, of the Mayor's Mural Crew. "Olmsted would be exceptionally proud of our youth artists, who went above and beyond amidst Boston's hottest summer in 150

years, to create this historic piece of art."

Visitors are encouraged to share their experience on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using #nevertoomuchalwaysenough.



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