

# Helicopter Parents Are Ruining The College Experience For Many Families



For many families, September can be an emotional month. It's the first time their 18-year-old, newly adult child is away from home and on their own at college. For parents and guardians accustomed to being intensely hands-on with their children — telling them what to do, how to do it, when to do it and in what order or, better yet just doing it for them — they can get knocked off balance to realize they no longer have access to large swaths of their child's life — including their grades.

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**B**eloved daughter of Gary Larkin and the late Carla (Ciccone) Guerrette. Born July 6th, 1989, Jade also leaves behind her twin brother Joseph Larkin, of South Boston, sisters Tanya Larkin of Texas and Sonya Larkin of South Boston as well as two loving nieces Kayla and Virginia, her uncles John Ciccone, Robert Ciccone, Doug Larkin, Edward Ciccone. Her aunts Lillian Grace (Venti) Lemieux, Joanne (Phillips) Ciccone, Carol (Joyce) Ciccone and Theresa (Ciccone) Padula along with many cousins. She was also God Mother to Jacoby Griffin.

Jade left this world at the young age of just 33 years old. She had a lifelong ambition to work in the medical field and was a certified Medical Assistant when she passed on. She was known for her kindness and caring and it always shined through as she loved working with children and senior citizens and anyone and everyone who needed her assistance. She was

a lover of all animals and had a particular fondness for horses and of course her pet cats. Among her many favorite pass times and activities were swimming at the lake in New Hampshire, visiting new and fun places and walking along the beach in her home town of South Boston. Spending quality time with family was among her top priorities and she would always look forward to it. She often said her favorite time of the year was Christmas Eve, when the whole family would come together and enjoy each other's company. Going on ocean cruises with family was also one of her very favorite things to do.

Jade's personality was unique in so many ways. She was intelligent, always eager to learn new things, pleasant, witty and could even be a bit mischievous at times in her eagerness to bring laughter and humor wherever she was and to whomever she was with. She had that special ability to make ev-



everyone around her feel comfortable and at ease whenever she was near. Her warm and caring manor could brighten any occasion and gathering and her presence was always welcome and she welcomed everyone in return.

Jade will be missed by all who knew her and loved her but it brings comfort to everyone knowing that she will now be with those she loved in return and that everyone will one day be together in Heaven where she surely resides and so

deserves to reside. God Bless You Jade Larkin. Services will be private with family and close friends. The Family of Jade Larkin gives special thanks and appreciation to the wonderful people at the Casper Funeral Home in South Boston.

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# The Information Center

## How Much Longer Will America Indulge Them?

John Ciccone

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

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There was a time in America when our nation's schools were considered a safe haven for children. They were in a secure learning environment, surrounded by good influencers and being given the knowledge and basic skills that would take them on their way to a promising future. Reading, writing, math, the history of our great country, art, physical fitness and so much more, all to aid in a healthy development. Discipline was a must, but the goal was to implement it in a caring way.

Teachers, and virtually every teacher, were on a pedestal as far as the kids and their parents were concerned. They could ALL be trusted to have the best interest of their students as their priority.

Unfortunately, in many parts of the country, those days are at least temporarily gone. It's now 2023 and public schools and even some private schools have become unrecognizable as far as what's being taught and tolerated. Before we get into the list of circus-like, and even some dangerous developments that students and their families are facing today, I'll mention one of the most bizarre things taking place in some schools. Have you ever heard of 'Furries'? If not, let me enlighten my readers who haven't as of yet – not. In this day of you can be anything you feel like identifying as, a furry is the name for people who want to be particular animals. A dog, a cat, a bear, a goose, nothing is off limits, if you feel like that's what you want to be, you're it. Adults have been known to partake in this fantasy and when it was just adults, no one really cared. Adults are old enough to do what they want and have the right to do it as long as they are not hurting others while doing it. As weird as most people think it is, and it is, people are allowed to act out their desires in America. But now, it has

been trickled down to young school children and that's where a line needs to be drawn.

There are some schools in America that are allowing children to come to class, even in elementary levels, as mostly cats, but other animals as well. They are allowed to have fake tails attached, artificial whiskers on their faces and respond to questions with a 'meow'. There are even some parents of these furries who demand that their kids' schools add litter boxes in the student bathrooms and there are actually some schools who have agreed to do it. And of course, some teacher unions, which are a major problem in the declining standards of so many schools, are just fine with this. The insanity going on keeps pushing the limits and will keep getting worse.

The safety concerns are rising with the school shootings that have taken place, and yet, when responsible officials try to add protection that would prevent most of them – armed security, which the overwhelming number of Americans support, liberal politicians fight the effort tooth and nail and then make a big political issue out of it when another shooting takes place.

Schools are allowing the racist, divisive Critical Race Theory (CRT) to be taught to children, which fosters hatred of police, the military, America itself and intentionally causes some children of different races to distrust one another. It works to convince white students that they and their parents are oppressors and minority students that they are the oppressed. This type of Marxism is encouraged in some schools, but let a child dare to say a prayer in a public school and they are sent home and parents are chastised. And let's not forget the actual pornography that is being put into school libraries at even the lower grades. How bad are some of the books being found in those libraries sanctioned by school boards?

News reports have shown school board meetings where outraged parents reading passages from those books that are so bad that they are told to stop because the content was inappropriate to be reading in front of a room filled with adults. But 8-year-olds are allowed to read them. In some schools, children are encouraged to change their genders and are actually given puberty blockers and do so without the permission or knowledge of the parents.

Yes, parents are rising up in opposition all around the country about what's happening in the schools where their children spend six hours a day. The Biden Administration has labeled

those parents as radicals and even domestic terrorists. But the parents are undaunted. These parents have no intention of allowing anyone to mess with their children and that includes government at every level.

And thank God for these parents. Because the question asked at the title of this column is a very important one: "How Much Longer Will We Indulge This?" As was stated, if America allows this insanity to continue, it will only get worse and even crazier. If there was ever a place to draw the line and end this BS, it's now. When the people pushing this come for the children, that's when it absolutely must be stopped.

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## Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education.

We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

### MORE SEATS AT THE TABLE

Changemakers like Massachusetts Women in Politics President Gail Jackson-Blount are giving women and women of color a “seat at the table” as lawmakers prepare to tackle massive racial and gender inequities laid bare by the pandemic. The group will gather lawmakers and industry leaders at its inaugural breakfast to celebrate women leaders’ growing ranks in politics and business, including a panel on making the state economy more inclusive.

The Legislature is considering bills addressing racial disparities in pay, health outcomes after giving birth and expanding funding for child care and the child tax credit — to name a few. But equity advocates tell MASSterList that righting longstanding injustices will require a years-long commitment from stakeholders in government, business, education and beyond.

Former Cannabis Control Commissioner Shaleen Title now leads the Parabola Center and lobbies for federal legalization and policies that ensure women of color in particular

have the opportunity to stake their claim in the cannabis industry. It’s up to lawmakers to choose policies that empower communities like women of color over big business, she said, “who were most impacted by the drug war and face the most difficulty in starting a business, finding investment and who are already way underrepresented.”

One glaring hurdle is prioritizing and passing laws in a Legislature and an economy that is not truly representative of the people it serves. By and large, those walking the halls of power today — both in business and government — do not evenly reflect the ethnic and gender diversity here in Massachusetts. Currently, 62 women serve in the state Legislature — 31 percent of the 200-member body. That’s in a state where women outnumber men at 51 percent of the population, recent Census data show.

Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson of UMass Boston’s Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy said the numbers are even more “abysmal” for racial disparities — particularly among women of color. When it

comes to business, women hold top leadership positions in just 8% of Massachusetts’ largest companies, a spring report revealed. Progress is happening, says Nsiah-Jefferson. Minority ranks are increasing. Bay Staters elected their first woman and first openly gay governor last year with Gov. Maura Healey. They also voted in Andrea Campbell as the state’s first Black woman attorney general.

Campbell told MASSterList, “Having Black women, women of color and those with lived experience in positions of power, and creating pipelines for that leadership, is crucial as we continue to address issues that disproportionately impact our communities such as barriers to economic mobility, maternal health, environmental injustice and so much more.”

### Boston mayor, superintendent float big changes in high school learning

Boston’s only vocational school would double its size and the city’s most diverse exam school would move to predominantly white West Roxbury under an ambitious over-

haul of high schools announced Tuesday by Mayor Michelle Wu and Superintendent Mary Skipper, reports James Vaznis for The Boston Globe. Wu called the proposal “a generational change that we haven’t seen in quite some time in the district.” The changes would cost tens of millions of dollars and take years to execute.

### Drink-spiking solutions gain traction in Legislature

Amid a continued uptick in reported drink-spiking incidents in bars around Massachusetts, state Sen. Paul Feeney pitched his colleagues Tuesday on one plan for tackling what he described as a “disturbing public health crisis.” Feeney is the sponsor of a bill that would convene a “date rape drug response and intervention task force” to collect data on confirmed drink-drugging incidents across the state and recommend standard protocols for hospitals. An amendment he pitched that was included in the Senate budget would ramp up prevention strategies.

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## Hearts, Hugs & Hope:

### A Virtual Alzheimer’s Support Group Offered by Compass on the Bay

June 22, 2023, 6:00 pm. Dealing with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia isn’t easy, so it is helpful to share your concerns and personal experiences with others who completely understand what you’re going through. You will also learn about proven strategies to help you better care for your family members. This group will be held in conjunction with our sister community, Standish Village. Call 617-268-5450 or email Director of Community Relations Dean Tricarico at dtricarico@compassonthebay.com for more information and to register for the virtual meeting.

This is a virtual event sponsored by Compass on the Bay Assisted Living and Memory Support Community, 1380 Columbia Road, South Boston.





# Council President Flynn Files Wants City Meetings Back In-Person



**B**oston City Council President Flynn has filed a hearing order to discuss bringing City of Boston Board Meetings, abutters meetings, City Council Committee hearings and related business back in person, with a hybrid option for accessibility and persons with disabilities in mind. This would include the City of Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), Licensing Board, Cannabis Board, and Boston Planning and Development Agency Board (BPDA). The hearing order will be introduced at the City Council tomorrow, Wednesday, June 6th.

The hearing is called in part to reevaluate the practice of remote-only City of Boston meetings in an effort to return to a sense of normalcy, with the federal government having recently announced the end of national and public health emergencies. Moreover, it comes in response to reports of high office vacancies and a slower economic recovery of the Financial District and Downtown Crossing. In addition, business leaders have also expressed serious concerns in recent weeks about the future of the city's office space, and asked for assistance from local, state, and federal officials to play a key role in helping to bring more workers and

foot traffic back Downtown.

Recent news and business reports have highlighted that foot traffic in the Financial District is a third below pre-pandemic levels and office vacancies were at 20.4%. Other reports indicated that the first quarter of the year saw 3.4 million square feet of negative net absorption in office spaces, marking the fourth consecutive quarter in which companies are putting space back on the market. Conversations with commercial real estate executives, restaurants, coffee shops, and other small businesses owners in Downtown have also highlighted serious concerns about the future of Downtown.

Resuming City of Boston Board Meetings in person, with a hybrid option for public accessibility and persons with disabilities, would allow for all members of the various city boards, attorneys representing clients, proponents of a particular project, interested members of the public, and city hall staff to return on site and provide the potential to support our local economy by visiting restaurants, coffee shops, and other businesses. All City Council Committee hearings returning in person could possibly have a similar economic effect as well.

Last October, under Mayor Wu's leadership, the city offered recommendations and reintroduced PLAN: Downtown to help revitalize activity and foot traffic, identifying empty storefronts as pop-ups, outreaching to firms to help them locate in Downtown, expanding housing options in the area, and funding new events and programming.

"Downtown Boston plays a key role in driving our economy. It wasn't all that long ago that we all made it a central focus to support our small businesses when we saw the pandemic disrupt our local restaurants, bars, cafes and shops. Once again, local businesses are asking the government to do all that we can to support them, and I think it's critical that the city continue to examine any and all ways to bring foot traffic back Downtown," said Council President Flynn. "I want to thank Mayor Wu and her team for their continued efforts on this important issue. I am hoping for a productive conversation as we work to continue to bring foot traffic, business, and vibrancy back onto our streets."

For more information, please contact Council President Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 and Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

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# I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

**S**tep right up and take your seats, the show has already begun. Remember you can't stop the participants while they are performing their acts. They are free to do whatever they want to wreck their lives. After all, this is a Democracy and people have the right to destroy themselves if they wish to do so without any outside interference. Of course, we will furnish them with the necessary tools to perform with the utmost efficiency. And that, my friends, is what is

happening in every major city in this grand old country. We have given our drug-addicted and mentally impaired citizens carte blanche to do whatever it takes to fulfill their dreams.

The latest brainchild of our enlightened leadership is to provide vending machines in drug-infested neighborhoods (see New York City) to provide free items including drug-smoking kits complete with pipes, mouthpieces and lip balm, Narcan, as well as fentanyl-detecting strips. Future machines may include syringes used to inject heroin and other drugs. The machine, the first of four and probably more, was emptied out in a day. The cost? \$11,000 each before being stocked. Just punch in your zip code and the items are free. Happy customers without a doubt.

But not all leaders and residents are thrilled about this idea.

They feel it will only increase drug abuse and make the neighborhood even more unsafe.

Instead, they believe the money could be better spent on rehabilitation and social services to help addicts instead of encouraging them to continue this self-destructive behavior.

Of course, they are right.

Defeat and apathy are not the answer.

Harm reduction advocates assert that since we can't stop people from using drugs, we need to reduce the harm by providing clean needles, providing safe injection sites and opioid replacement drugs. Now we can add vending machines to the list.

Closing our eyes and dismissing drug addiction as unavoidable, unstoppable, is a callous stance. So is condoning the manipulation of brain chemistry-invariably resulting from such drug usage-to prevail in such a devastating manner as an easy way out of a difficult problem.

Those who embrace harm reduction don't reduce the harm these lost souls are inflicting upon themselves.

It only inflicts more harm.

It is a shame, a dying shame for many.

Enabling people to live in deplorable conditions and using drugs in the tent cities which are in every major city, on public streets and in public parks, is a total disgrace. Watching people defecating, urinating in public, and walking around like walking dead zombies in the movies is also disgraceful.

How have we come to this?

I'd say folly and shortsightedness.

The answer?

Abstinence is the answer.

We need to focus on rehabilitation, life skills, and the underlying causes.

When these issues are put on the table for discussion and resolution it paves the way for an individual to enjoy a drug-free life.

President Biden has often used the phrase "it's an attack on the soul of this nation" when talking about his political opponents. Well, allowing this drug problem to fester and grow every single day is an attack on the soul of this nation, a dark stain not easily washed away from our social fabric.

As a nation we must focus our efforts on initiatives which will help those who are addicted and in dire need of psychiatric help due to mental illness crippling them every second they are alive.

If not, we have abandoned those in need of a course correction in their lives they are incapable of realizing without our patience, care, guidance, love, and assistance.

## Editorial

### *Is It That City Hall and City Planners Are Out of Touch Or Just Don't Care?*

**S**peaking with some business owners and many residents on Broadway, we had it confirmed without a doubt, that these 'Bus, Bike and Truck Lane Pilot Programs' are about as popular with many people as a return of Covid 19 would be. There are so many nega-

tive, well thought out and reasonable opinions being expressed that it makes us wonder, are the planners at City Hall and the companies being paid to draw up these plans even listening to the concerns of the people who actually live and own small businesses here? Or is it that they couldn't care less what the people who will be the most impacted by these plans, if they actually come to be, want?

The roads leading in and out of South Boston, including L Street/ Summer Street are a mess at certain times of the day because of heavy traffic. Eliminating lanes to accommodate the few bikes that use them will make it all worse. More congestion and difficulty travelling on those roads will cause more problems than those that exist now.

Getting rid of lanes on Southie's business district on East and West Broadway will have a severe negative impact on those businesses and will most likely have the effect of driving many of them out of here. It will also



make it more difficult for many local people whose only way of getting there is to drive, almost impossible at times if they CAN'T drive. The way things are now on Broadway and have been for generations may not be perfect but are a heck of a lot better than what these newly proposed 'Pilot Programs' will bring.

When city officials and planners hold meetings with community residents, whether online/zoom or in person, who are expressing their feelings and in many cases, their researched findings, what is it that

these officials hear? Are they just going through the motions to say they met their obligations to hold meetings, all the while knowing residents' needs and concerns don't matter and the planners will do what they want anyway?

It's long been suspected that so called 'progressive' officials have the ultimate goal of making residential motor vehicle ownership and use all but banned in the city. They think this is San Francisco or some other city that woke city planners have turned into a disaster. It's not, this is Boston and the wishes of the people who live here and will be the one's most burdened, need to have far more say than they seem to currently have for the future of the area, long after the planners have moved on. As taxpayers, the people should be the ones who have the most say about Boston's future, not those who breeze in from who knows where, make a big financial killing, and go on to another project somewhere, never having to live with what they've done.



## BCYF Curley Community Center to Offer Tours, Begin Limited Programming

*An official opening and ribbon cutting to follow in the coming weeks*



The BCYF Curley Community Center, located at 1663 Columbia Road in South Boston, will be open for free community tours of the newly renovated space beginning on Friday, June 9, following a \$31.2 million renovation. Members will be able to use the center for self-workouts begin-

ning June 15, with limited programming and classes starting June 20. The Curley will officially reopen with a ribbon cutting in the next few weeks. Details about the ribbon cutting will be made public soon.

Originally opened in 1931 as a bathhouse and dedicated by Mayor Curley as a “monument to health,” the

building was last renovated in 1989. Features of the renovation include creating open and accessible hallways throughout the entire building, a fitness studio, yoga/dance studio, cardio space, children’s space, women’s and men’s steam and sauna, senior space, teen space, strength training area, multi-purpose spaces and offices. The renovations also include a focus on resiliency, including measures to combat the impacts of climate change and future “king tides”, such as an open basement so water and sand can flow in and out, interior waterproofing, and removable metal plates to help hold back water on the ocean side.

Tours and membership assistance will be available beginning on Friday, June 9. Tours on weekdays will run on the hour from 1:00 p.m. until

7:00 p.m. Weekday tours for seniors will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Weekend tours will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tours will be held until June 14.

Get ready for BCYF Curley Community Center’s opening by creating a membership in the registration system, [Boston.gov/BCYF-Registration](https://www.boston.gov/BCYF-Registration). Registration for classes and programming will begin on Thursday, June 15 and can be found at [Boston.gov/BCYF-Curley](https://www.boston.gov/BCYF-Curley).

Due to nesting of the endangered Piping Plover birds, there will be no beach access from the center until fall. BCYF is working with the State to secure beach access for the future. Members are welcome to use the nearby beaches surrounding the center for this summer.

## Scholarship Trust Fund Announces New \$5000 Scholarship in Memory of Ed Buccigross

The South Boston Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Trust Fund announces their program for the year 2023. New this year in addition to the (9) \$2500 scholarships will be (1) \$5000 Scholar/Athlete scholarship named in honor of Ed Buccigross, the long-time trust fund founder who recently passed away. Ed was raised in South Boston and graduated from Boston Latin School and Boston College. He was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran. He was a fine athlete playing quarterback for the South Boston Chippewas, as well as baseball, softball and hockey. He was very generous to his community and was instrumental in founding local scholarship programs to help others.

The scholarship fund was founded as a non-profit organization in 1995 and to date has awarded over \$366,000 to deserving South Boston students attending college. The nine \$2500 scholarship grants are each funded by a variety of organizations and individuals including: Amazon, Massport, the “L” Street

Brownies, Folan Waterproofing and Construction of Easton in memory of deceased members of the Folan family, South Boston Youth Hockey Association in memory of John Cunniff, Sona Nichols in memory of Bob Nichols, “Bucci-Challenge” LLC charity fund, Ed Sheehy in memory of Patricia and Edward Sheehy, Michael Sheehy for the Heightsmen Scholarship in memory of Kevin Dwyer and the Hall of Fame Trust Fund in memory of Ed Buccigross. The academic grants are for those students who reside in South Boston (02127) and will graduate from high school in 2023 or have received a GED certificate since January 2023 and plan to attend a school of advanced education or training in 2023. The Ed Buccigross is the only scholarship in which the student needs to be a varsity athlete.

Complete details of each program are described on the scholarship application, which may be picked up at schools, the South Boston Library, the Boys & Girls Club, or the Tynan, Condon or Curley Community Centers. You can also download a copy from our Facebook page, South Boston Sports Hall Of Fame Scholarship Trust Fund.

Applications must be received by June 30, 2023 and must be forwarded to: Fred Ahern, Chairman  
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## Council President Flynn Files Resolution Recognizing June As Pride Month

Boston City Council President Flynn has filed a resolution to recognize June as Pride Month. This will be presented at the Council Meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, June 6th.

The history of Pride Month dates back to the Stonewall Uprisings in 1969, which was a crucial component for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. Since then, the pride movement spread and marches were held to celebrate LGBTQ+ rights. Boston Pride began in June 1970, when a small group of gay and lesbian activists marched from Cambridge Common to Boston Common. Today, while the neighborhood of South End continues to have strong ties with the LGBTQ+ community, the neighborhoods of Jones Hill, Savin Hill, Melville Park and Jamaica Plain also have a growing

population of LGBTQ+ residents, and they continue to make Boston vibrant every day.

“This month is about Pride celebration. The LGBTQ+ community is an example of strength and resilience, and it is critical that we demonstrate our support for our LGBTQ+ neighbors,” said Council President Flynn. “Unfortunately, over the past few years, we have seen targeted anti-LGBTQ+ harassment and threats of violence at our hospitals and our libraries. We have more work to do to protect and ensure our LGBTQ+ neighbors can live without fear and discrimination. I look forward to attending the revival of the Boston Pride Parade by Boston Pride for the People this year, and celebrating our LGBTQ+ community on their contributions to our city and country.”



# The Wine Guy Tuscany

When people think of Tuscany, the famous red wines of Chianti, Brunello di Montalcino, and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano first come to mind. However, Vernaccia di San Gimignano, a white wine, is produced right in the heart of this famous region. According to historical records, it's one of Italy's oldest wines, with its resilient vines having arrived from Liguria in the 1200s. A passage from Dante's Divine Comedy, written in 1320, tells of Pope Martin IV being sent into purgatory to atone for the sins of gluttony, particularly for having drowned himself in Vernaccia wine.

Today, this classic wine is considered one of Italy's best whites — the fruit of a community of people who care deeply about their land. Additionally, it is the only Tuscan white wine to be awarded the lofty DOCG

status, a guarantee of its origin and fine quality. The local regulations require that Vernaccia di San Gimignano contain at least 85% of Vernaccia grapes grown in the municipality of San Gimignano. And while up to 15% of other white grape varieties are allowed, most producers believe that Vernaccia's unique and interesting qualities best stand alone.

In its youth, this golden-hued wine, typically dry and crisp, has just enough texture to balance its floral and citrus notes.

With age, the wines gain in complexity; their savory, herbal, and flinty notes becoming more apparent. The best grapes are used to make Riserva wines, for which a minimum of 11 months aging in the cellar is required, followed by at least 3 months in the bottle before being released to the market. Whether young or aged, Vernaccia di San Gimignano often finishes with an appealing hint of bitterness, making it a great match for food. This is a perfect wine for an aperitivo, or to enjoy with Tuscan-style foods like salami, seafood, and pasta sprinkled with grated Pecorino cheese.

**Montenidoli Tradizionale 2020** Winery owner Elisabetta Montenidoli's philosophy is to "follow the rules of nature . . . far away from any chemical poison invented by humans." Her **Tradizionale**, with floral, pear and spice (cinnamon) aromas, is full-bodied, yet crisp,



on the palate with bright acidity and a stony, mineral earthiness, gained from long lees aging (skin contact).

**Montenidoli Fiore 2020**, Another winner, the aromas of this wine reminded me of cake batter, a yeasty, fruity, happy scent. On the palate, its creamy and bright acidity would pair well with a dish like Mushroom Risotto.

**Podere le Volute 2018**, This certified organic wine caught my attention by its interesting combination of bright, citrusy flavors with a hint of mushroomy notes. Pair with everything from pizza to Roast Chicken.

**La Lastra 2018**. Coming from red clay soils (famous for producing bold and flavorful wines), this organically produced wine has a complex bouquet of floral, citrus, tropical and mineral notes. On the palate, there's an earthy flintiness that makes it a great

food wine, especially with a flavorful dish like Cod with Clams and Butterbeans.

**Cesani 2018**. An unusual take on Vernaccia di San Gimignano, this wine, like the Montenidoli Fiore, has enticing aromas of cake batter, along with a touch of whisky (yes, cake batter and whisky can be a wonderful combination!). On the palate there is a subtle creaminess and that classic, bright acidity. Try this one with Sweet and Sour Salmon.

**Teruzzi Isola Bianca 2020**. A juicy and refreshing wine, aged exclusively in stainless steel barrels, it oozes floral, herbal and citrus aromas. This is a delicate yet round-textured example of Vernaccia, displaying a fabulous mixture of savory (slightly salty even) and fruity flavors. It finishes with an appealingly bitter taste of almonds.

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# MAYOR WU AND LIFE SCIENCE LEADERS LAUNCH WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

At the opening of the BIO International Convention, the world's largest gathering of the biotechnology industry, Mayor Michelle Wu today announced a new City workforce initiative to train and employ Boston residents in life sciences careers. With recent industry reports from the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (MassBio) and Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation (MassBioEd) highlighting continued job growth in the industry, Mayor Wu announced her goal to help 1,000 Boston residents get trained and hired into the industry by the end of 2025. Mayor Wu also announced the release of an initial grant application round of \$4 million to support the goal, funded through the City's Neighborhood Jobs Trust (NJT) and the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP).

Mayor Wu was joined by Massachusetts Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Lauren Jones, Vertex CEO Reshma Kewalramani, MassBio President and CEO Kendalle Burlin O'Connell, Gerald Chertavian, founder and CEO of Year Up, Gaelle Akaliza, a Year Up alum who now works as a Coordinator in Quality Assurance at Vertex, and other leaders in life sciences and workforce development.

"Throughout the course of history, Boston has been home for big ideas that can change the world. From democracy to education, human rights to health care, we continue to lead the way as the best place to raise a family and shape the future. As Mayor, my goal is to make Boston the best place in the world to start and grow a life sciences company—to bring even more life-saving innovations and opportunities to life," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "With tremendous support from industry, training providers, and higher education partners, this initiative will change the way companies hire in our region by connecting them with the talented workforce that lives in our neighborhoods."

"Through this initiative, the City

is engaging employers, training providers, and the community to solve the labor shortages facing the life sciences sector and connect more Boston residents to training and careers in the industry," said Trinh Nguyen, Chief of Worker Empowerment. "We are tremendously excited by the promise this holds for our community."

The City funding will prioritize training programs that secure internship and hiring commitments from life sciences companies, train for specific in-demand industry positions, and support residents without four-year degrees, including workers of color, women and immigrants, who are underrepresented in the industry today. The grant round will also establish an intermediary organization to provide additional support to workers, training providers, and employers, in the hope of making inclusive employment pathways a permanent fixture of the regional industry.

The announcement comes as the City and State deepen their partnership to ensure workforce opportunities in the sector.

"The Healey-Driscoll Administration applauds the City of Boston for making this significant investment, identifying meaningful career pathway opportunities, and engaging with biotech leaders to understand the hiring needs," said Massachusetts Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Lauren Jones. "As Boston prepares to host BIO International, Massachusetts continues to signal to the world that we are open for business, and we look forward to lifting up partnerships to demonstrate our commitment to building a diverse workforce for the life sciences in the Commonwealth."

Vertex Pharmaceuticals CEO Reshma Kewalramani has prioritized developing career pathways at the Boston-based company. Vice President for External and Community Affairs Stacia Reidy MacNaught served on the team that formed the City's Life Sciences Workforce Initiative.

"Establishing innovative pathways into the life sciences are a win-win-win for potential employees, the City, and the biotech industry," said Vertex CEO Reshma Kewalramani. "Our industry is growing rapidly and relies on access to skilled talent to advance the incredible scientific innovation taking place here. We commend this new workforce initiative to train and employ Boston residents to meet this vital need."

MassBio represents more than 1,600 members in the state's global life sciences hub. Under Burlin O'Connell's leadership, MassBio recently announced the creation of a new nonprofit, "Bioversity," to expand training opportunities in Boston and beyond, including a workforce training center in Dorchester with a focus on hands-on learning for people with a high school diploma. Zach Stanley,



Executive Director of Bioversity, also served on the team that formed the City's Life Sciences Workforce Initiative.

"To keep the Massachusetts life sciences industry in its leadership position, we must grow the pipeline of skilled workers that employers need, especially in the biotech hubs of Boston and Cambridge," said MassBio President and CEO Kendalle Burlin O'Connell. "We applaud

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## Virtual Public Meeting

# 27 Farragut Rd.

June 28, 2023

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: [bit.ly/3Cfb454](https://bit.ly/3Cfb454)

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 161 939 3394



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7/14/2023

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# Pouring Rain and Wind Didn't Stop The Fun!

Last Saturday, The MOMS Club of South Boston refused to let the inclement weather prevent the 12th annual Southie Family Fun Day from moving forward. We are after all hearty New Englanders. Marine Park was the place for

singing and dancing in the rain, seeing Professor Bugman with his creepy crawlers, exploring first responder vehicles along with construction vehicles, glittering tattoos, balloon animals and swords of course, the bubble man challenging the rain drops, and a variety of

games and rides. The Sausage Guy was grilling their famous sausages and dodging rain drops as they handed out complimentary hotdogs while Boston Police were serving up dessert...hoodsie cups. We spotted Mayor Wu and her son Cass, State Rep. David Biele,

Council President Ed Flynn and Councilor At Large Erin Murphy engaging the children and parents despite the wind and rain. It was after all SOUTHIE Family Fun Day and fun is always the theme regardless of the weather. Good job MOMS Club!









**Helicopter Parents continued from front page** trend of heavy parental involvement in every aspect of a child's life, even as their children become adults in college, a critical time for them to develop their identity and learn self-reliance. It's crucial for such parents to recognize their habits, and rein them in, experts say. While it might feel right in the short term to clear the hurdles from a child's path, the long-term effects of overparenting can contribute to creating an adult who is more prone to anxiety and depression, studies show. "Helicopter parenting or overparenting creates an obstacle for a child — it robs them of agency, self-efficacy and the chance to live a normal, healthy life. "If it continues through those four years, they emerge from college without the skills needed in the workplace, and now we have a generation of kids whose mental health has been really undermined," said Julie Lythcott-Haims, former dean of freshmen and undergraduate advising at Stanford University.

College administrators, believe it or not, are, in several cases, and often out of a level of fear given the litigious climate, siding with the parents. A coach, who has a career of success, is now vulnerable to squeaky wheels and sometimes false accusations. Many coaches are now no longer pursuing their long desired coaching careers. Umpires and referees are also throwing in the towel.

Are you one of these parents?

Fiercely directive, overprotective, concierge. These are the three types of overparenting that Lythcott-Haims has identified in her research and that she describes in her book "How to Raise an Adult." Fiercely directive parents might want to meet with a faculty member over grades or curriculum concerns because they've set an expectation for what their child will do with their life. "They're conditioning their love and approval on whether the child follows the path that the parents have laid out for them," Lythcott-Haims said.

Overprotective parents don't only want to stop their child from physically falling, but also want to protect them from emotional

hurdles, such as a dispute with a roommate. "They feel they need to protect their child from having a hurt feeling," she said. A parent who wants their student's password to register for classes? That's the concierge parent, who acts more like a personal assistant rather than someone guiding their child toward independence. "Even though the person is 18 or 19 years old, the parent doesn't believe their student can fill out forms on their own, and they're probably right, because they never had the chance to," Lythcott-Haims said.

Failure — the thing from which parents want to protect their children — is the most important learning tool for life. "The most powerful teaching tools I have as a teacher require kids to be able to be comfortable with a little bit of frustration," said Jessica Lahey, a Vermont high school English teacher and author of "The Gift of Failure." "Overparenting as a way to make things better for your kid and make things easier for your kids actually undermines their ability to learn and to become more competent on their own," Lahey said.

While basic information about college or university resources is readily available to parents, they aren't allowed to access their child's records at any college or university because of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. There are exceptions to the law, however. Health and safety emergencies are exempted, as well as concerns of drug or alcohol abuse, Newman said. And if parents have concerns about their child's mental health or behavior, they can use the parent office or student affairs division as a resource.

Lythcott-Haims, the author of "How to Raise an Adult," lists three habits parents can drop immediately:

1. Stop saying 'we' when you really mean your child. You don't have a midterm — your child does
2. Stop arguing with authority figures. Teach your children to advocate for themselves with respect to authority figures.
3. Stop doing their homework.

It's unethical.

"What parents don't realize when they do the homework, or registration, or email, is what they're really doing is telling their child's psyche, 'Hey, kid, I don't think you're going to be successful at this task, so I need to do it for you' — and that really messes with a person psychologically," Lythcott-Haims said. Lahey, who often gives advice to parents at college orientations, said the best way to step back is to communicate that you're putting faith back in your child's abilities.

She suggested this statement as a starting point: "I am really sorry, but I think I've done too

much for you, and this is really your time to shine, not mine. I'll be here for you to talk through things and if you want to rehearse conversations with professors, but it's no longer my place to run interference for you. You're an adult now. I have more faith in you than I've been giving you credit for."

Good advice but some parents are obnoxious. And with the cost of college, they feel inordinately entitled. In the end students and the college, itself will suffer in the long run, unless people change.

Credits to Julie Lythcott-Haims, former freshmen dean at Stanford University. And Catherine Carrera northjersey.com





# South Boston Catholic Academy News

## SBCA Yoga Club

The South Boston Catholic Academy Yoga Club is a 6 week after school program open to grades K2 through 5 and led by SBCA parent, Erin Holland. Erin is mom to two SBCA students, Connor (K2) and Charlie (K0), and holds her 200 HR Yoga Teacher

Certification. The main goals of the yoga program are to help students learn the foundations of yoga and mindfulness, build strength and flexibility, and make connections to their mind and bodies... all while having fun! Each class is designed with a different central

theme. Some themes this spring have included “Welcome Spring”, “Pirate Adventure”, and “Let’s Go Camping”. Each session includes a combination of breath work, movement exercises, yoga poses, and time at the end to rest and reflect, with props and music included throughout class to help further engage the kids. SBCA also started a Preschool Yoga program this spring which offers a weekly yoga session to all of K0 and K1 during their school day. The yoga program at SBCA is a

safe and welcoming space for all students, regardless of prior experience, physical or learning abilities. A Special Thank you to Erin Holland for coming to SBCA and teaching the students how much fun Yoga can be and to Couch Erin Brogan, the Physical Education Teacher, for being such a helpful part of the program. New families are welcome to email our admissions team at: [admissions@sbcatholicacademy.org](mailto:admissions@sbcatholicacademy.org) for more info about South Boston Catholic Academy.





# St. Peter Academy

## Field Trips Extravaganza

June 1st kicked off the field trips extravaganza! Kindergarten 1 & 2 took their annual trip to The Public Gardens to ride on the Swan Boats. It tied in nicely with their Make Way for Ducklings story unit. We are so lucky to live in the beautiful historic City of Boston and take advantage of it as much as we can!

On Monday Grades PreK through 6 took a school bus to the Franklin Park Zoo. It was a cool and rainy day, but it did not stop us from enjoying and learning about the different animals that live at the zoo. It's such a great field trip and look forward to it every year.

Last, but not least, our littlest students had a great visit from The

Animal Craze traveling petting zoo. Goats, chicks, ducks, rabbits and even a pig named Acorn set up camp in our playground. Toddler students got their sensory on by petting and playing with the animals. One of the goats kept jumping the fence, so we had to put a lease on him. Fun was had by all!

**St. Peter Academy is accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. St. Peter Academy is an independent, community-based private school and serves students from ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the**

**limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K (School Year and Full Year Programs), Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Financial Aid Available. Two Scholarships will be offered this year for applicants for Grades 1 through 6. You may request scholarship information from the Front Office (spa@stpeteracademy.com). Appointments for individual virtual tours can be made by contacting Maria Blasi, at 617-268-0750 or by emailing spa@StPeterAcademy.com.**











## This week, Danny shared his thoughts on the merger between LIV Golf and the PGA Tour:

**W**hoever tells you that money doesn't talk, well, they've probably never had much of it.

This week, the PGA Tour completely folded to the almighty dollar, and unified with the controversial LIV Golf Tour, in a business deal that is said to "grow the game globally." While the sports media will lead you to believe this deal was being completed behind everyone's backs on the PGA Tour, Rory McIlroy said in a press conference on Wednesday morning that he knew about the business discussions that were taking place behind the scenes, between the PGA Tour and LIV.

Now, those talks are complete, and a deal has been finalized, merging the two sides and putting an end to all of the litigation that had resulted from major players joining LIV and then being banned by the PGA Tour.

"After two years of disruption and distraction, this is a historic day for the game we all know and love," said PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan in a statement on the PGA's website. "This transformational partnership recognizes the immeasurable strength of the

PGA TOUR's history, legacy and pro-competitive model and combines with it the DP World Tour and LIV – including the team golf concept – to create an organization that will benefit golf's players, commercial and charitable partners and fans. Going forward, fans can be confident that we will, collectively, deliver on the promise we've always made – to promote competition of the best in professional golf and that we are committed to securing and driving the game's future.

"We are pleased to move forward, in step with LIV and PIF's world-class investing experience, and I applaud PIF Governor Yasir Al-Rumayyan for his vision and collaborative and forward-thinking approach that is not just a solution to the rift in our game, but also a commitment to taking it to new heights. This will engender a new era in global golf, for the better."

Monahan definitely looks like a hypocrite here. But again, money talks. And ultimately, this is a great thing for golf, regardless of how you feel about The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Because that's really what this comes down to, doesn't it? Saudi Arabia's ties to

9/11, and most recently, the murder of a journalist, along with other human rights violations; this is what the PGA Tour fought against, initially.

That though, was also hypocritical, as the PGA Tour didn't ban any of its major sponsors who were in bed with Saudi Arabia. And they certainly don't let human rights violations get in the way of their PGA-China series, which was signed into place as a 20-year deal in 2018.

So again, it's all about money, no matter how you slice it. "Today is a very exciting day for this special game and the people it touches around the world," said PIF Governor Yasir Al-Rumayyan. "We are proud to partner with the PGA TOUR to leverage PIF's unparalleled success and track record of unlocking value and bringing innovation and global best practices to business and sectors worldwide. We are committed to unifying, promoting and growing the game of golf around the world and offering the highest-quality product to the many millions of long-time fans globally, while cultivating new fans.

"There is no question that the

LIV model has been positively transformative for golf. We believe there are opportunities for the game to evolve while also maintaining its storied history and tradition. This partnership represents the best opportunity to extend and increase the impact of golf for all. We look forward to collaborating with Jay and Keith to bring the best version of the game to communities around the world."

The DP World Tour is also part of the merger. Keith Pelley, Chief Executive of the DP World Tour, said: "This is a momentous day. We are delighted to be able to not only reignite our relationship with PIF, but also to have the opportunity to build on our current Strategic Alliance partnership with the PGA TOUR. Together we will be stronger than ever and well positioned to continue to bring the game to all corners of the globe. To partner in this new entity and influence the growth of the game for all our DP World Tour members is energizing and exciting."

Suddenly, the tone towards Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund is different. But now you know why.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## LIV GOLF, PGA TOUR ANNOUNCE SHOCKING MERGER

SBT Staff

In an unexpected turn of events, LIV Golf and the PGA Tour are officially unifying under a new commercial entity, which also includes the DP World Tour.

LIV Golf began as a controversial new golf league, funded by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF). Many of the PGA's biggest stars left for LIV in order to accept the astronomical guaranteed contracts they were offered. Those stars include Phil Mickelson, Bryson DeChambeau, Brooks Koepka, and Dustin Johnson, to name a few.

Now, after a year of tension between the two leagues, LIV and the PGA will be unifying.

Here's the press release from the PGA Tour's website:

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida – The PGA TOUR, DP World Tour and the Public Investment Fund (PIF) today announced a landmark agreement to unify the game of golf, on a global basis. The parties have signed an agreement that combines PIF's golf-related commercial businesses and rights (including LIV Golf) with the commercial businesses

### Tweet of the Week



PGA TOUR 🏆 @PGATOUR

The PGA TOUR, DP World Tour and PIF announce landmark agreement to unify men's professional golf.



and rights of the PGA TOUR and DP World Tour into a new, collectively owned, for-profit entity to ensure that all stakeholders benefit from a model that delivers maximum excitement and competition among the game's best players.

In addition, PIF will make a capital investment into the new entity to facilitate its growth and success. The new entity (name TBD) will implement a plan to grow these combined commercial businesses, drive greater fan engagement and accelerate growth initiatives already underway. With LIV Golf in the midst of its second, groundbreaking season, the PGA TOUR, DP World Tour and PIF will work together to best feature and grow team golf going forward.

Notably, today's announcement will be followed by a mutually agreed end to all pending litigation between the participating parties. Further, the three organizations will work cooperatively and in good faith to establish a fair and objective process for any players who desire to re-apply for membership with the PGA TOUR or the DP World Tour following the completion of the 2023 season and for determining fair criteria and terms of re-admission, consistent with each Tour's policies.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Board of Directors of the new entity will oversee and direct all the new entity's golf-related commercial operations, businesses and investments. The new entity will work to ensure a cohesive schedule of events that will be exciting for fans, sponsors and all stakeholders. PIF will initially be the exclusive investor in the new entity, alongside the PGA TOUR, LIV Golf and the DP World Tour. Going forward, PIF will have the exclusive right to further invest in the new entity, including a right of first refusal on any capital that may be invested in the new entity, including into the PGA TOUR, LIV Golf and DP World Tour. The PGA TOUR will appoint a majority of the Board and hold a majority voting interest in the combined entity.

Separately, PGA TOUR Inc. will remain in place as a 501(c)(6) tax exempt organization and retains administrative oversight of events for those assets contributed by the PGA TOUR, including the sanctioning of events, the administration of the competition and rules, as well as all other "inside the ropes" responsibilities, with Jay Monahan as Commissioner and Ed Herlihy as PGA TOUR Policy Board Chairman. PIF's Governor Yasir Al-Rumayyan will join the PGA TOUR

### WHAT TO WATCH

**NBA FRIDAY, JUNE 9**  
NBA Finals  
Gm 4: Denver at Miami  
8:30 P.M. ABC

**MONDAY, JUNE 12**  
NBA Finals  
Gm 5: Miami at Denver  
8:30 P.M. ABC

**NHL THURSDAY, JUNE 8**  
Stanley Cup Finals  
Gm 3: Las Vegas at Florida  
8 P.M. TNT

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10**  
Stanley Cup Finals  
Gm 4: Las Vegas at Florida  
8 P.M. TNT

**MLB SATURDAY, JUNE 10**  
Boston at NY Yankees  
7:35 P.M. FOX

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**  
Boston at NY Yankees  
7 P.M. ESPN

Policy Board. The DP World Tour and LIV Golf will retain similar administrative oversight of events on their respective Tours.

The Board of Directors of the new commercial entity will include Al-Rumayyan as Chairman and Monahan as Chief Executive Officer; the new entity's Board will also include an Executive Committee comprising Al-Rumayyan, Monahan, Herlihy and PGA TOUR Policy Board member Jimmy Dunne. The full Board will be announced at a later date, and it is anticipated that all three founding members will have representation.

All parties will work in the months to come to finalize terms of the agreement, with details to be announced in due course.

PGA Tour commissioner Jay Monahan is taking heat from many in the golf world who opposed joining forces with the Saudi Arabia Public Investment Fund. Initially, Monahan himself had been highly critical of those who decided to sign with LIV. But now, he's joining forces with the same people he criticized.

Monahan told The Associated Press: "They were going down their path, we were going down ours, and after a lot of introspection, you realize all this tension in the game is not a good thing."



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### Smoked out: Boston to remain hazy through Sunday

Meteorologists predict smoke from Canadian wildfires that's tanked the air quality around Boston in recent days could linger until Sunday, reports Rick Sobey for The Boston Herald. Scattered rain showers predicted this week likely won't be enough to clear the smoke.

### Tax on real estate could raise affordable housing revenues

A bill that's already been spiked multiple times on Beacon Hill could finally see its day, with advocates

hopeful lawmakers are now ready to give local cities and towns the option to tax home sales to support local affordable housing. The bill (H 2747 / S 1771) authorizes communities to adopt a transfer fee of between 0.5 percent and 2 percent on real estate transactions above \$1 million to create a trust to fund affordable housing. Among the new provisions is a carve-out for municipalities whose county median sales price is below \$750,000.

### Former Gov. Swift and daughter testify over hurdles to access meds

Top lawmakers are fed up with

pharmacy benefit managers who negotiate between health insurers, manufacturers and pharmacies and could be contributing to rising costs and lack of accessibility, according to some, reports WBUR. Former Gov. Jane Swift and her daughter attended a hearing before the legislature's Joint Committee on Health Care Financing that Massachusetts where Swift said the state has "absolutely no systems in place" to protect patients like her daughter from pain and upheaval when pharmacy benefit managers make it difficult to access prescription drugs.

### Mental health care payouts more than double since pandemic's start, says state's largest insurer

A surge in mental health care spurred by lockdowns and general anxiety felt during the pandemic strained already scarce resources, but appears to have also knocked down barriers to seeking care, reports Felice J. Freyer for The Boston Globe. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts — the state's largest health insurer — disclosed it has doubled its spending on behavioral health services since the beginning of the pandemic and aggressively expanded its ranks of providers to meet swelling demand.

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Mayor Wu and the City of Boston for making this funding available to help train Boston residents into well-compensated jobs in our sector and help us further develop a workforce that reflects the patient community we serve."

As part of the launch, the City also announced that The American City Coalition (TACC), LabCentral Ignite, and the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation (MassBioEd), will be funded partners in a campaign to increase community awareness of the life sciences industry and its career opportunities in Boston neighborhoods.

The American City Coalition (TACC) launched Roxbury Worx last year under the leadership of President & CEO Rev. Willie Bodrick, II. Roxbury Worx is a workforce development initiative that brings hidden and middle-skills workers into the talent pipeline in the life sciences and biotech, healthcare, and green and blue tech industries by developing a Roxbury-focused workforce development model that is responsive to resident-identified barriers to accessing meaningful jobs.

"TACC, through Roxbury Worx, is committed to working collaboratively with LabCentral Ignite, the City of Boston, and other partners to build awareness of career pathways in the life sciences and biotech sector in order to ensure Black and brown residents are aware of the opportunity and how to access meaningful jobs," said President & CEO

of TACC Rev. Willie Bodrick, II. "Our vision for sustaining Boston's position as a global leader in this sector prioritizes the shared prosperity of Black and brown residents. We thank Mayor Wu and her administration for their commitment and investment in career awareness so that all Bostonians are aware of the opportunity and viable on-ramps into meaningful jobs in the life sciences and biotech sector."

The Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation's (MassBioEd) mission is to build a sustainable life sciences workforce in the region. Working with leading life science employers, MassBioEd has designed three apprenticeships — one for Biomanufacturing Technicians, one for Laboratory Support Specialists and one for Clinical Trial Associates — that enable individuals to quickly transition into employment that provides meaningful work, family-sustaining wages, and career growth.

"The life sciences industry continues to grow in Boston and across the Commonwealth, and the need for skilled talent is greater than ever. Yet at the same time, thousands of capable individuals, who have the potential to add meaningfully to the lifesaving work underway in the life sciences, are left out of these jobs because of a lack of awareness about existing opportunities or for not holding traditional college degrees," said Sunny Schwartz, CEO of the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation. "We are tremendously

grateful to Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston for entrusting us to raise awareness of the wide array of jobs in the life sciences field for Boston residents through our new Life Sciences Career Hub."

The City's Life Sciences Workforce Initiative, developed with support from the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, is focused on maintaining the City's position as a global hub for life sciences by ensuring that residents are trained for thousands of unfilled jobs in the industry.

"Local economies are stronger if they are built on a foundation of economic justice. The Wu administration is leading the way by showing that inclusion and growth go hand in hand," said Dr. Jorrit de

Jong, Director of the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University. "It's exciting to see how Boston, a global hub for the biotech industry, takes a collaborative approach to diversifying a rapidly growing workforce in the life sciences industry. Mayor Wu and her team are successfully bringing higher education, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and industry groups together. Having worked with dozens of cities on cross-sector collaboration through the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, we know how hard it is. We are thrilled to see how much progress Boston has made in very little time."

Interested organizations can apply for grant funding.





# Boston Harborfest Announces Schedule for June 30 - July 4

*Entertainment, parades, and historic reenactments return to Nation's largest Fourth of July Festival*



**B**oston Harborfest is proud to release its preliminary event schedule for 2023, spanning five days at locations throughout Downtown Boston. As the nation's largest Fourth of July Festival, Boston Harborfest brings arts, music, and entertainment to land and sea for thousands of Boston's residents and visitors.

The summer tradition kicks off from The Steps at Downtown Crossing (Washington St. at Franklin St.) with music and remarks from Mayor of Boston Michelle Wu at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 30, and continues through Tuesday, July 4 with historical programming for all to enjoy. The latest schedule of performances, events, and partner events can be found at [www.bostonharborfest.com](http://www.bostonharborfest.com).

For more Harborfest information and the latest of activities, please visit [www.bostonharborfest.com](http://www.bostonharborfest.com), and follow event updates on Harborfest's Facebook page, @BOSHarborfest on Twitter, @bostonharborfest on Instagram, or follow the conversation using #BostonHarborfest

## 2023 Boston Harborfest Schedule

Times subject to change - For the latest schedule, visit [www.bostonharborfest.com](http://www.bostonharborfest.com)

### Friday, June 30

#### Harborfest Kick-Off

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.: The Steps at Downtown Crossing (Washington St. and Franklin St.)  
A public kick-off with public officials and hospitality leaders will help launch Boston Harborfest 2023. Roving re-enactors and staff from the USS Constitution will engage visitors, while the Massachusetts 215th Army Band plays an afternoon of performances.

#### DTX Arts and Crafts Market (Summer Street Plaza)

11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Summer Street in Downtown Crossing  
This free and vibrant arts market will showcase local artists and craftsmen.

#### DTX Musical Performances

11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.: The Steps at Downtown Crossing  
A range of musical performers will bring brass,

doo-wop, puppetry, and more.

### Saturday, July 1

#### Live Performances and Historical Reenactments

11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.: The Steps at Downtown Crossing

An array of local performances across all musical genres will perform from a stage in Downtown Crossing, free and for all to enjoy. Also, step back in history as living historians demonstrate life in colonial America. Fife and drums corps, military exercises and colonial crafts all add to the excitement.

#### Macy's Great American Fashion Show

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: The Steps at Downtown Crossing  
Amateur models who are Boston citizens show off the latest trends in summer fashion as Macy's curates new lines and sleek looks.

#### Pre-Fireworks Concert

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: Christopher Columbus Park  
A dynamic lineup of musical performances will perform for audiences from the lawn at Christopher Columbus Park before the evening's fireworks

#### Harborfest Fireworks

9:15 p.m.: Long Wharf – Boston Inner Harbor  
Visible from nearly all of Boston Harbor, the Harborfest Fireworks return to provide a spectacular display for all to enjoy. The fireworks will be launched from a barge at Boston's Long Wharf.

### Sunday, July 2

#### Live Performances & Entertainment

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.: Downtown Crossing  
An array of local performances across all musical genres will perform throughout Downtown Crossing, while historical re-enactors and costumed entertainers engage with visitors to the area.

#### Patriotic Poochpalooza

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Summer Street, Downtown Crossing  
Dogs and their humans vie for prizes as guest judges crown winners in several categories including the Most Patriotic Pooch. A Doggie Marketplace and free treats for all.

#### Christopher Columbus Park Concert

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Christopher Columbus Park  
A range of musical performances will fill the harborside park for all to enjoy.

### Monday, July 3

#### Live Performances & Entertainment

12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Downtown Crossing  
A range of local performances across all musical genres will perform from a stage in Downtown

Crossing, while historical re-enactors and costumed entertainers will engage with visitors to the area. Free for all to enjoy!

### Tuesday, July 4

#### The City of Boston's 247th Independence Day Celebration

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

A short parade will step off from City Hall Plaza and pass the Granary Burial Ground, where wreaths will be laid on the graves of patriots. The parade continues to the Old State House where the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company will continue its tradition of reading the Declaration of Independence from the balcony. Parade viewing will be available along the route and in Downtown Crossing.

#### Reading of the Declaration of Independence

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.: Old State House

#### Annual Oration

10:30 a.m.: Faneuil Hall

#### USS Constitution's Boston Harbor Sail and Salute

11:30 a.m.: Boston Harbor

See the ship depart from the Charlestown Navy Yard and cruise through Boston Harbor and pass Fort of Independence for a 21-gun salute.

#### Middlesex County Volunteers Fife and Drums Concert

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Downtown Crossing  
The Middlesex County Volunteers Fifes & Drums is a repertory ensemble that performs martial, dance, and folk music drawn from the 17th, 18th, and early 19th centuries on regimental fifes and drum corps.

#### A Day of Unity: Reading Fredrick Douglass

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: The Steps at Downtown Crossing

The Downtown Boston BID presents "A Day of Unity," a free event centered on a community-led reading of Frederick Douglass's abolitionist speech "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?" Embracing both stirring historical and joyful contemporary elements, the event includes a variety of music from Darlene Wynn, Tempo International Rhythm & Steel, African Drum Circle and DJ Joe Johnson. Uprising Dance Theatre performs and the event concludes with a free ice cream social.

#### Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.: Esplanade

An annual tradition, the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular will delight the masses with an evening concert and fireworks display.