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## A NEW CHAPTER AT THE GREENWAY CONSERVANCY

This year, the value of public spaces has never been higher. As always, your support of The Greenway and The Greenway BID is a key ingredient in this transformative teamwork and we appreciate your continued partnership.

Just as change is coming to The Greenway in the form of vibrant fall foliage, an exciting yet bittersweet change is coming to the Greenway Conservancy. As the Conservancy shared last month, Executive Director Jesse Brackenbury was named President and CEO of The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation in New York. Jesse, who joined the Conservancy in 2009 and has led the organization since 2013, will remain at the helm of the organization until April 2021 as a national search is conducted for a new Executive Director. We wish Jesse the best as he prepares to begin a new chapter and remain thankful to him for his passion for the public realm.

If you have any questions or feedback on this newsletter, please contact Tom Ryan at [tryan@abettercity.org](mailto:tryan@abettercity.org).

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## LATEST NEWS

### **BID Annual Meeting recap**

The Greenway BID virtually held its Annual Member Meeting on September 16 and the presentation deck is [available online](#). The program opened with remarks from BID Executive Director and BID Board Chair Steve Faber and updates from BID Clerk Trina Childs, BID Vice-Chair David Wilkinson, and BID Treasurer Jack Clark. Continuing official business, Don Chiofaro Jr., Jack Clark and David Wilkinson were elected to new terms on the BID Board, serving through June 2023.

BID Manager Tom Ryan provided an update on the projects being supported by approved BID Enhancement funds, including the Parcel 2 Spruce Up, State of Good Repair (SGR) Asset Management Development, and Chinatown-area lighting improvements (the implementation of which is being supported by a matching Massachusetts Cultural Council grant). From the lighting consultant's report, the BID and Conservancy identified "highest priority" projects – pathway lighting, plaza string lights, and bamboo cage lights, to name a few – to further build upon the vibrancy and support the activity to be found along this section of The Greenway through a major investment by the BID.

The meeting closed with a presentation of the early findings from the SGR report by Conservancy Executive Director Jesse Brackenbury and members of the consultant team from VHB.

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## GREENWAY CONSERVANCY NEWS

### **Greenway Conservancy Announces New Public Artwork, Lantern Stories by Boston Artist Yu-Wen Wu**

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy announced the installation of a new artwork by Boston-based artist Yu-Wen Wu. Wu's Lantern Stories, inspired by more than a year of community engagement, will be on display this fall in Auntie Kay and Uncle Frank Chin Park on The Greenway. It joins five other contemporary artworks currently on display across The Greenway. Lantern Stories celebrates Boston's Chinatown community. Wu's installation came together after a year and half of community listening sessions, design, and fabrication. Wu created thirty lanterns to illuminate the history of immigration, the community's culture, and resiliency.

### **New interactive tool to track what's blooming on the Greenway**

The Greenway Interactive Bloom Tracker, created in partnership with WorkReduce, lets visitors locate and learn more about flowering perennials across the park. Visitors can see which Greenway flowers are typically in bloom during any time of the year, in addition to names of and details about each species. This interactive map graphs more than 300,000 data points and over 800 varieties of plants. The data was gathered over the 2019 season

represent most of the park, but does not include Armenian Heritage Park, the Greenway Meadow, bulbs, or other annuals. To see the bloom visualizer, visit <https://www.rosekennedygreenway.org/blooms>.

#### **Chin Park Lighting Study**

On October 8, 2020, the Conservancy hosted a Chin Park Lighting Study Community Update Meeting. Taking place online via webinar with live Cantonese and Mandarin translation, the Conservancy provided an update on where things stand in bringing enhanced lighting to Chinatown on The Greenway. If you weren't able to attend the meeting, a full video recording and more information can be found in the Conservancy's blog post [here](#). In addition, you can review presentation materials from the meeting [here](#).

#### **Trillium Garden on the Greenway**

Trillium Garden on The Greenway opened for the season on Friday, September 25, 2020. Regular hours of operation will be Thursday from 4-8p, Friday and Saturday from 12-8p, and Sunday from 12-6p. Trillium Garden will feature limited exclusive releases, and new practices and procedures so visitors can unwind safely on The Greenway.

#### **Greenway Carousel Extended Hours for Halloween**

The [Greenway Carousel at the Tiffany & Co. Foundation Grove](#) is open 11a-6p on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The Greenway Carousel will feature extended hours (11a-7p) on Halloween (Saturday 10/31). The Greenway Carousel features enhanced cleaning and physical distancing procedures to promote safety for our park visitors, including [contactless ticket purchasing](#).

### **GREENWAY CONSERVANCY EVENTS**

#### **Spill the (Compost) Tea: A Curated Conversation on Greenway Conservancy Organic Practices**

Thursday, October 22, 1-2p

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Join the Greenway Conservancy to learn the truths and stories behind its organic practices! The Conservancy is a leader in organic park management; this webinar will dive deeper on the what, why, and how, especially the brewing and application of compost tea to promote healthy soils. Greenway Conservancy Director of Programs and Community Engagement, Keelin Caldwell, will moderate a lively conversation engaging perspectives from Conservancy horticultural experts and volunteers. The panel will explore the range of Greenway sustainable park care practices, highlight the role of its talented staff and volunteers in organic maintenance, and provide a behind the scenes look at its innovative Compost Tea operation.

#### **Lighting the Way: Exploring Lantern Stories in Boston's Chinatown**

Thursday, Oct 29, 7-8p

Cantonese and Mandarin translation will be provided

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Lighting the Way: Exploring 'Lantern Stories' in Boston's Chinatown, features a conversation between Artist Yu-Wen Wu and Greenway Conservancy Director and Curator of Public Art, Lucas Cowan. Lantern Stories consists of 30 lanterns suspended over the central plaza of Chin Park that portray Chinatown's history of immigration, culture, and resiliency. Focusing on each individual lantern created for this exhibit, the artist will guide us through her vision and creative process. Join the Conservancy to learn more about the narratives, themes, and design of Lantern Stories through documentation, video, and conversation.



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