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The Neighborhood

**New Timothy J. Toomey Park on Rogers Street
between 2nd and 3rd Streets**



The Big Duck in the new park

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Much has been taking place in the block between Second and Third Streets and the very end of Rogers Street nearby – the ongoing construction of Rogers Street Park (newly renamed Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Park for our former State Representative and City Councillor, an advocate for affordable housing, access to open space, and safe infrastructure). The park is part of three new and distinct parks being created in our area – Triangle Park, Binney Street Park, and Toomey Park – as part of the City of Cambridge’s new vision for our area and its surroundings. [Read more about the park](#)

SeeClickFix: Quick, Easy Tool for Cambridge Residents to Report Issues That Need Fixing

Read about this handy service [here](#)

Meet Your Neighbors



Rouzbeh Taghizadeh has been a resident of the Esplanade since 2010. He remembers that, as an MIT graduate student, taking the Red Line over the Longfellow Bridge looking longingly at the Esplanade. “I’d see the building every day and knew that that was where I wanted to live.” He accomplished that along with many other accomplishments. [Read more about Rouzbeh.](#)

[Read more interviews with neighbors here](#)

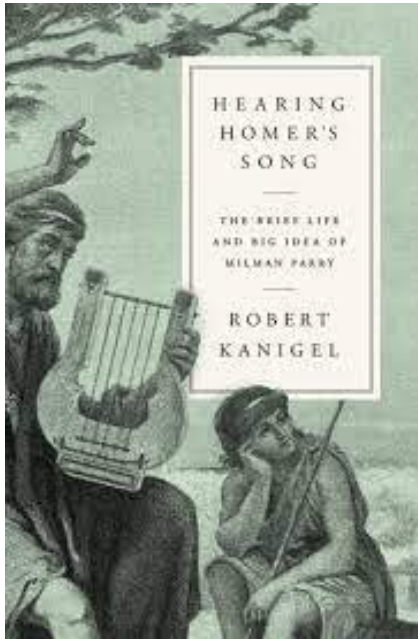
Environmental Update

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure: Obstacles and Prospect

In March of this year Esplanade resident Mitch Glassman and I (on behalf of the Esplanade Environmental Study Group) wrote our Board of Trustees about the installation of a systematic charging system for residents with electric cars and plug-in hybrids. The most

accessible approach is the installation of electrical panels in the garage into which electric vehicle (EV) owners could plug in at their own expense. In our letter, we mentioned the substantial subsidy programs for such systems offered by Massachusetts electric utilities, and we acknowledged that Esplanade engineer Ben Bara had already spent considerable time and effort investigating the alternative approaches. [Read more](#) (by Bob Kagan)

Reading



The [Homeric Question](#) – by whom, when, where and under what circumstances the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* were composed – continues to be debated. ***Hearing Homer's Song: The Brief Life and Big Idea of Milman Parry*** by Robert Kanigel offers a fascinating answer. [Read more](#) (Reviewed by Ron Ebert)

In January 1969, a Harvard doctoral student in archeology named Jane Britton was found bludgeoned to death in her apartment near Harvard Square. The crime was never solved. Nearly five decades later, another Harvard student—undergraduate Becky Cooper—became obsessed with the mystery. ***We Keep the Dead Close*** chronicles Cooper's multi-year search for an answer to the questions: Who murdered Britton and why? [Read more](#) (Reviewed by Anne Lawrence)



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Eats



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As summer draws to a close, and tomatoes are plentiful, a recipe for [GAZPACHO ANDULUZE](#) promises to be an easy, refreshing addition to your appetizer/light supper menu repertoire.

EATS also wishes to provide our readers with suggestions for restaurants offering outdoor seating, now that we are again being required to don masks. Please submit recommendations for favorite recipes and restaurants with outdoor seating to Susan Barron's email: sbbarron@gmail.com

As an initial thought, we had a delightful light supper over the weekend on the terrace of the **ArtBar, part of the Royal Sonesta Hotel.**

Opportunities

Floating Wetland Virtual Engagement

Join the Charles River Conservancy for a virtual event on **Thursday September 23 at 4 pm** to learn more about the [Charles River Floating Wetland](#) in celebration of World Rivers Day!

Summer and fall [events at Cambridge Crossing](#)

Swan Update

Dad and two cygnets August 28





See the full [Swan Saga here](#)

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Missed any of our newsletters or updates? Catch up on them [here](#).

Have tickets you can't use? Need a dog sitter? Something to sell? Let us know and we'll list your items in the **Beg, Borrow, Barter or Buy** column. Want to share opportunities with your neighbors? Send your listings to [Esplanade Community](#).

Esplanade neighbors and newcomers to the building, whether owners or renters, are welcome to be part of the ECG and to receive our Updates, newsletters, and invitations to ECG events. Please pass along this update to new folks. To get on (or off) our mailing list just email [Esplanade Community](#)

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Have ideas for these newsletters and updates? Want to write something? Send to [Jessie](#), [Mary Jo](#) or [Jane](#). Next newsletter early November 2021.

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