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Armenian Heritage Park on the Greenway: Coming Together on Common Ground

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BOSTON — Many who work and live nearby and beyond visit Armenian Heritage Park on the Greenway often. Many walk the labyrinth daily or enjoy quiet moments on a bench. Most all they marvel at the Abstract Sculpture’s annual configuration, its newest, dramatic sculptural shape and

read the inscription on the Reflecting Pool upon which the Abstract Sculpture sits. Visitors are from all over the world, and those who come to Boston to visit the Park.

Summer programs at the park are also engaging all ages, coming together on common ground. Upcoming events include Under the August Moon on Thursday, August 22 at 7:30 p.m. promises to be a highlight again this summer.

Hosted by anoush'ella co-owners, Chef Nina and Raffi Festekjian, also benefactors of the park, this evening under the August moonlight showcases their signature dishes.

“Their use of fresh, authentic ingredients can be detected in every bite of crave-worthy mezze,” states the *Boston Globe*.

The evening also brings the chance to extend congratulations to the Festekjians for the opening of anoush'ella in two new locations — Time Out Market Boston near Fenway Park and 1205 Market Street in Lynnfield. Their original location at 35 Newton Street, Boston is a South End favorite.

The moonlit evening also features an All-Star Jazz Trio, courtesy of the Berklee College of Music. RSVP is appreciated; email hello@ArmenianHeritagePark.org.

Another summer favorite is Tea & Tranquility on Wednesday, August 14 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Many enjoy the monthly program to meet and greet, enjoy MEM Ice Teas and desserts, walk the labyrinth and get to know one another. RSVP is appreciated; email, hello@ArmenianHeritagePark.org.

Exciting planning is also underway for Celebrating the Contributions of Our Nation's Immigrants! a gala benefit on Wednesday, September 18 at the InterContinental Hotel, Boston. Funds raised support the Park's Endowed Fund for Care & Maintenance to ensure that the park is impeccably cared for and maintained year-round. A distinguished group of philanthropic and corporate and community leaders are attending, the gala honoring Dr. Noubar Afeyan, founder

and CEO of Flagship Pioneering, The benefit shines a light on the park and Afeyan's outstanding leadership and philanthropy. At his suggestion, organizations serving immigrants and refugees will be recognized during the evening. Benefactors of the Park from the outset, Anna and Noubar Afeyan have endowed the Park's Fund for Programs which annually supports the genocide commemoration and the Welcome Reception for New Citizens, Their Families & Friends at the Park following their Naturalization Ceremony at historic Faneuil Hall. Advance reservations are required. To receive an invitation, email hello@ArmenianHeritage.org with your mailing address.

Programs at the Park are planned by an exceptional team, providing key leadership and include Armine Afeyan, Kristin Asadourian, Jason Behrens, Alexis Demirjan, Susan Deranian, Tom Dow, Manneh Ghazarians, Carol Ishkanian, Martha Mensoian, Catherine Minassian, Dr. Armineh Mirzabegian, Tsoleen Sarian, Barbara Tellalian, Chiara Megighian Zenati, Arlette Yegumians, Ann Zacarian, and Zareh Zurabyan with many others joining the team planning specific programs and initiatives. The commitment and dedication of many volunteers involved in implementing these programs add immeasurably to the program's success as do all who join us.