

Stewart – Massachusetts Mid-Week Update – March 24, 2021

Dear Stewart Partners,

We hope you have enjoyed the arrival of the warm weather, as much as we have. It's inspired us to look for things to do outside, while still maintaining and practicing social distancing. In this week's update, as a change and just for fun, we've included a few things to get you outside this weekend. Additionally, there are three other items we are sharing with you, which we hope you find useful. The first is the March newsletter of OUCH! Published by SANS Security Awareness. The second item is a feature available on iPhones that helps you convert documents to pdfs without a scanner. Lastly, we wanted to alert you that HUD has approved changes to the FHA condo unit approval questionnaires, known as Form HUD-9991 and HUD-9992.

- *Things to Do OUTSIDE – Around the State*

Irish Heritage Trail – Boston

In celebration of all things Irish and the long history of the Irish in Boston, follow the 3-mile walk in Boston that brings you by 20 sites. It starts at the Rose Kennedy Garden and ends at Fenway Park. For the interactive map, follow this link:

<http://irishheritagetrail.com/boston/>

13th Annual "Meltdown" Family Music & Book Festival – Florence

On Saturday, March 27th from 10:30 am – 12:00PM, outside at High Five Books, kids and parents alike can take part in the festivities. If you don't live near Florence, no worries! The event will be live-streamed with musical guests and artists. Live stream the event at www.rivermeltdown.com

Spring StoryWalk on the Trails at Chestnut Hill Farm – Southborough

A perfect way to go for a walk and keep the kiddos engaged. The Chestnut Hill Farm, a property under the care of the Trustees, has enhanced one of the farm's trails with laminated pages from a children's book on wooden stakes. As you walk along the trail, you and your younger companions read the pages of the story. For more details, follow this link: <https://thetrustees.org/event/59226/>

- *OUCH! SANS Security Awareness March Newsletter*

This month's newsletter is all about protecting yourself against identity theft. The newsletter provides easy tips to make sure you haven't been a victim and what do if you suspect your identity has been stolen. The newsletter can be viewed here: <https://www.sans.org/security-awareness-training/resources/identity-theft>. Please feel free to share with friends and family.

- *Did you know you can create PDFs with your iPhone?*

Working remotely, whether it's due to COVID, or just because you are on the road and traveling, has its challenges - particularly when you're used to having a scanner in the office to convert a paper document into an electronic one. But did you know that your iPhone might be able to help you out? In this article from CNET, you'll learn the simple steps to scan and create a PDF with your iPhone or iPad. Check out the article here: <https://www.cnet.com/how-to/your-iphone-has-a-hidden-document-scanner-this-is-how-to-use-it/>

- *HUD/FHA Condo Questionnaire changes*

HUD finalized changes to the FHA Single-Unit and Condominium Project Approval questionnaires. The new forms may be used immediately and will be mandated for use on May 17, 2021. To view the HUD-9991 (Single Unit) follow this

link: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/9991.pdf>

To view the HUD-9992 (Project approval) follow this link:

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/9992.pdf>

As a reminder, all of the bulletins and forms mentioned in this update, as well as other information relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, can be viewed on our Massachusetts COVID-19 Info and Resources page, which can be viewed here:

<https://www.stewart.com/content/stewart/stewartcom/en/stg/massachusetts/underwriting-resources/forms-policy-information/covid-19-info-resources.html>.

You can also review a list of the current Stewart underwriting Bulletins in our 2021 Reminder Bulletin, here: <https://www.vuwriter.com/en/bulletins/2021-1/sls2021003.html>.



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