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Sun, crowds grace Greenway

Festival draws thousands after postponement

If festivals were made on enthusiasm and effort, the “Try Something New” event on the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway was destined to be a success this weekend.

The Greenway event was designed to introduce the park to thousands while also help conservancy organizers mold what the park’s use would look like long-term.

The children got their faces painted at a Children’s Museum tent while passersby tried out Nordic pole-walking and ice skating.

A short walk away, Paul Antokolsky was teaching four people a new way of healthy living: laughing. With a mechanical laugh track in the background, he explained, in between jokes, even “fake” laughing can signal the brain to cut back on stress hormones and pump out mood-elevating chemicals like endorphins.

