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TWILIGHT GALA



Photo by Marianne Salza

In the top photo Margaret Pokorny, chair of the Tree Committee, with Bryan Koop of Boston Properties, Magnolia Award recipient, and Christine Bouffard during the Garden Club of the Back Bay's 11th Twilight Garden Party on June 5, at the Saint Botolph Club. In the bottom photo Catherine Bordon, Claire Corcoran, Jenny Ryan, Laura Posten, and Ha Orbon. See more photos on Page 7.



Boston Pride parade to celebrate Boston's LGBTQ community

By Jonathan Chang

As the nation celebrates Pride Month, the first 10 days of June also marks an event-packed Pride Week in Boston. All the celebrations will culminate in this weekend's 48th Boston Pride parade, which begins at noon on Saturday, June 9 from Copley Square.

"The goal is to provide visibility and empower the LGBTQ community, so that everybody in the Commonwealth of the

Massachusetts sees us and hears what our struggles continue to be," Boston Pride president Sylvain Bruni said, "that we still have to fight for equality, for every right to protect everybody in our community."

With over 350 contingents registered to march, this year's parade will be the largest ever, beating last year's record-breaking weekend, Bruni said.

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Shawmut Avenue developers pledge to fund new park

By Seth Daniel

The Davis Companies has agreed this week to fund a new park in the New York Streets area on what is now vacant land on Shawmut Avenue, and also to cede some of its land to make a wider public walkway abutting The Lucas building.

The developer also committed to making donations to Peters Park, South End Baseball and Washington Gateway Main Street.

The biggest news in the proposal from Davis was the funding of design and engineering costs

for the proposed park on Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) land at 142 Shawmut Ave.

"In addition to creating a 24-hour, well-lit wider walking path between Shawmut Avenue and Washington Street, and public open space on the site, we have agreed to support two off-site neighborhood parks," said Spokeswoman Pam McDermott. "The Davis Companies will underwrite the full design and engineering costs for the 142 Shawmut Avenue park, as well as provide a donation to Peter's Park in the South End."

The park on BPDA land has

been at issue since earlier this year, and at a City meeting in Castle Square earlier this year, the community overwhelmingly called for the land to be developed as a park and public walkway.

The lot was used for staging by The Lucas during its construction, and since then it's been vacant. Residents of the newly minted New York Streets neighborhood have been clamoring for an open space of their own for more than a year. As the block has become more and more developed, a pub-

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South End valedictorian says lack of funding, resources left her frustrated

By Seth Daniel

As bright as Lea Barros is, Brighton High was a school that often left her frustrated due to the lack of funding and opportunities that were presented to her and her classmates.

Barros - a 17-year-old South End resident who lives with her grandmother, Margaret Fernandes - will graduate on June 13 as the top student in her class at Brighton High School. As a winner of the Posse Scholarship, she will matriculate to esteemed Hamilton College in New York on a full scholarship.

"I had a very good experience at Brighton High because I had good teachers, but it was tough because we always had budget issues," she said. "We're an underfunded school and so I always felt like it held me back and it was hard to reach your full potential. Other schools didn't have that issue, but I did because I was placed in an underfunded school. I saw so many kids with so much potential put into this underfunded school, and there was no way they could do all that they were capable of accomplishing."

"It was frustrating because I always got comments that I was a top student at Brighton and that wasn't as good," she contin-

ued. "It's not that it's easy or the kids don't work, but it's hard to

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BCA GALA



Photo by Marianne Salza

Richard Baiano, Gina Morda, and Michael Lee during the BCA Ball in the South End on Saturday, June 2. Guests immersed themselves in a botanical wonderland that featured roaming, living art birch trees, improvisational dancing, and a flash mob. The fundraiser displayed more than 70 contemporary visual and performing art installations. See more photos on Page 6.

EDITORIAL

WE ALL BENEFIT FROM CLEAN BEACHES AND WATER

The report released by the environmental advocacy group Save the Harbor/Save the Bay (SH/SB) rating the water quality of the beaches in the Metropolitan Boston area and the EPA rating of an A- water quality for the Charles River once again shows that Massachusetts is a nationwide leader in providing a safe and outstanding recreational resource for its residents.

For those of us who grew up in the Greater Boston area in the period from the 1960s through the 1990s, these reports never cease to amaze since Boston Harbor and many of the rivers like the Charles River had served as the dumping ground for industrial and sewage waste for more than a century and by the 1980s, was on the verge of becoming a "dead zone" both for aquatic life and human activity. As a matter of fact if one was taking a sailing course at Community Boating in the 1970's and fell into the water, then a tetanus shot was required.

However, in 1986 the state created the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the MWRA), which undertook the enormous responsibility of cleaning up Boston Harbor and surrounding environs, as well as taking steps to ensure the quality of our drinking water.

For most of us in this area, the MWRA is the government body we love to hate because of our high water and sewer bills. But it is axiomatic that you don't get something for nothing and that it takes money to make money.

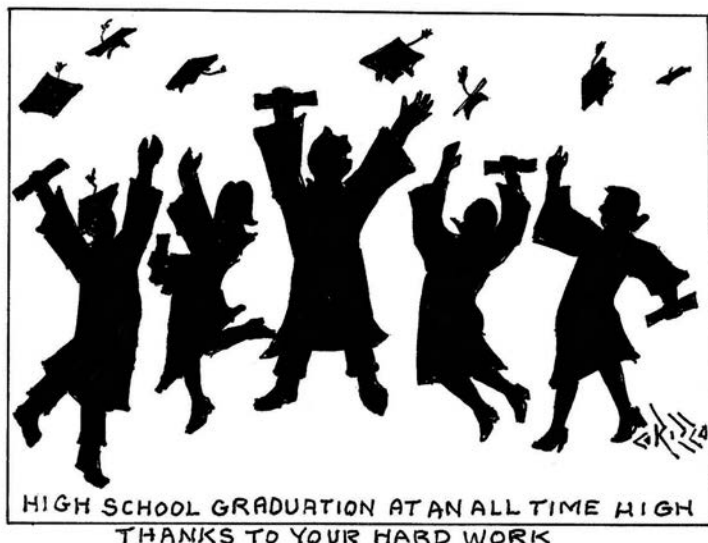
The reality is that the MWRA has done a remarkable job in making Boston Harbor and the rivers one of the cleanest urban waterways in the nation and creating a jewel that has more than paid for itself in terms of job creation and spurring economic growth in this area.

The incredible waterfront development in South Boston and East Boston would not have been possible if Boston Harbor were still the smelly and foul waterway of a generation ago.

There are so many factors that affect water quality, both directly and indirectly, that it can be difficult -- and extremely costly -- to remedy all of them. We would note for example, that even beaches further down along the South Shore in Cohasset and Scituate (which are not included in the SH/SB report card) are closed after heavy rain events. On the other hand, beaches in South Boston had a 100 percent rating.

One huge effect on water quality comes from dog poop. Tenean Beach in Dorchester ranked dead last in the survey in 15th place with a rating of 81%. But that beach also hosts a dog park and SH/SB reported that it helped remove more than a ton of dog waste this spring, which hopefully will improve the water quality for the summer season ahead.

We wish to thank SH/SB and the EPA for issuing the reports. In addition, it is up to each of us to be environmentally-responsible, especially if we own a dog.



A WORRISOME ISSUE

Dear Editor:

In the aftermath of another deadly school shooting where a gunman took 10 more lives (8 students and 2 teachers) and 13 more were wounded in Santa Fe, Texas on May 18, 2018; we realize that school shootings in recent times have become quite a worrisome issue. Are our local schools safe? More than one will question it. Tragic events at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Newton CT (on 12/14/2012 – 26 deaths/2 injuries), Marshall County High School in Marshall County, KY (on 1/23/2018 – 2 deaths/ 18 injuries), Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL (on 2/14/2018 – 17 deaths/ 14 injuries), Rancho Tehama in CA in 2017 (6 deaths/ 18 injuries), Columbine HS (15 deaths/ 21 injuries), and the Virginia Tech shooting (33 deaths/23 injuries) to name a few prove that this unbelievable and unpredictable trend can impact any school.

It can impact your child's school. No one really wants to hear it, but we all have to. The time has come to act. We do not need any more victims. We do not want to bury any more children, innocent children, children that we parents, we adults, have failed to protect. The hardest part seems to be the lack of control over these horrific events. People seemed to believe this would never happen to them personally. "This" only happens in the movies or in another state. Unfortunately, it could potentially occur in our city as well as in any other city.

We all witnessed multiple school shooting reports across different states. We also lived through 9/11/2001 in NY and the Boston Marathon bombing on 4/15/2013. We need to admit to ourselves, we have passed the phase of being surprised or even shocked that things like these do happen. They could happen in our neighborhood as well.

The time has come to clear our conscience. How are we going to face it? What steps should we take to guard our lives and more importantly to guard all the innocent lives of our children who have no other option but to attend school daily? We should never ever put them at risk. Schools should be safe from the killers and

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their actions. There should be no doubt in any person's mind about school safety. Hard working parents deserve peace of mind knowing that they will be able to pick up their children after class. Students deserve a safe environment to encourage their trust and learning process.

We should not put anyone at this kind of risk. Therefore, how can we reduce the risk? How do we prevent future unforeseen school massacres? First of all we cannot afford to just wait for the wave of evil events to pass. We have to open our eyes to the possibility of a tragedy in our local schools which could impact our families. Second of all, let's review the causes that produce shootings or other acts of terror in an attempt to prevent another tragedy.

Most of us realize that current gun control laws are not sufficient; teenagers or young adults should not be able to easily access murder weapons. Mental screenings should be wide spread and easily accessible. More troubled youth should be able to obtain help (screenings and medical treatments) prior to their violence accelerating to the boiling point when it is simply too late. Youth programs and the promoting of a healthy family lifestyle should become our main priorities. Families fall apart due to drug and alcohol addictions, mental issues or financial instability; they are impacted by a variety of modern day societal conditions. These situations quite often create dysfunctional families. Basic family structure and functions are impacted. Consequently, we have more and more individuals who struggle in life.

Some of these individuals might be at high risk of becoming active shooters one day. Due to the overwhelming effects of recent

school shootings, we can no longer pretend they do not happen. Too many lives have been lost and will never be brought back. Let's treat the possibility of a real attack in our local schools as a wakeup call. Let's stand together and vote to improve gun control laws, mental illness treatments, and community youth programs to help all teenagers and especially fatherless boys to cope with the loss of the father figure in their lives.

Let's never stop fighting to better our lives and our children's lives, to safeguard the innocent and vulnerable lives of children and their educators. They are our future and we are the ones responsible for them. We will be accountable for our actions to protect them or to fail them. If you are not an active voter and an active community member, become one! Believe: We can save lives! We need to save lives. No one else will. Remember: If you see something, say something. After all, shootings are devastating to society. They create a lack of trust and basic security. A child in school should not be afraid of losing their life. In order for the child to concentrate on their studies, they need stability and safety. Let's review current policies and let's promote new ones to not fail. . It is high time that the authorities prompted by local communities did something to further improve school safety.

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New signs will welcome visitors to the Esplanade

By Dan Murphy

Representatives from the Esplanade Association and the state's Department of Conservation were on hand Friday to unveil new Welcome Signs for the Charles River Esplanade.

"These are going to be the front door to the Esplanade for many years to come," said Michael Nichols, executive director of the Esplanade Association. "Signage by its very nature is difficult to implement...but once it's accomplished, it'll provide an invaluable resource to visitors."

The signs, which provide visitors with a map and information on the park, are being

installed at six entrances, including Arlington Street/Fiedler Footbridge, Dartmouth Street, Fairfield Street, Massachusetts Avenue, Silber Way, and Boston University. They came at a cost of \$300,000 underwritten by donations from Esplanade Association members, the George B. Henderson Foundation, the Lynch Foundation, and the Museum of Science. "We rely on our municipal and nonprofit partners, and we're happy to have such a close relationship with the Esplanade Association," Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Leo Roy said. "These partnerships are absolutely key to making these things happen."



Alexi Conine, chair of the Esplanade Association's board of directors, cuts the ribbon on one of the new signs.

GUEST OP-ED

Celebrating Pride in our communities

By Representative Michael E. Capuano

Every June, our communities come together to celebrate Pride Month, a tradition that grows stronger every year. In 1989, Massachusetts became the second state to pass a law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. In 2004, Massachusetts became the first state to allow same-sex couples to marry. Our state has always been a national leader on defending LGBTQ rights, and I'm proud of our communities' work and reputation as a place that promotes inclusion and acceptance.

As we celebrate Pride in our communities, we look at how far we have come as a country, and how far we have to go. In Washington, Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to roll back the gains the LGBTQ community has fought so hard to make. As your representative in Congress, you have my promise: I'll never stop fighting for equal rights for everyone.

Last June, I sat down with bipartisan leaders at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute to focus on advocacy and activism within the LGBTQ community in the wake of the 2016 presidential election. The theme of the panel was "stronger together" -- despite the people that try to drive a wedge between communities, we are the strongest when we stand united in the face of discrimination. That's a value I truly believe in.

The LGBTQ community is no stranger to fighting for their rights, and I'm proud that I've supported my constituents on the issues that matter. This includes

co-sponsoring legislation to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act; fighting against defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman; working to repeal Don't Ask Don't Tell; supporting the Employment Non-Discrimination Act; and supporting the right of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents to sponsor same-sex spouses for green cards before court decisions upheld that right.

I'm proud of my 100% rating from the Human Rights Campaign, but even prouder of the fact that when I served as Somerville's mayor, I fought hard for equal benefits, including fighting against insurance companies who refused to extend benefits to same-sex couples. As mayor, I was successful in redefining who was eligible for extended maximum bereavement leave to include domestic partners -- and all these fights came before our laws allowed or required these actions. Today, we've come far. On Saturday, I'm honored to march in the 48th Pride Parade in Boston. 48 years of celebrating who people are, who they love, and the battles we've had to fight to make our city, our state and our nation a place where inclusion and acceptance are the norm, not the exception. I know we have work to do here in Massachusetts, and around our country. And during Pride Week in Massachusetts, I'm proud to join the LGBTQ community and celebrate what makes each and every person unique.

Happy Pride Parade, Pride Week and Pride Month -- and here's to another year of creating more opportunities for all.

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Zakim gets state convention nod in quest for Secretary of State post

By Dan Murphy

At the Massachusetts Democratic Party Endorsing Convention at Worcester's DCU Center on June 3, City Councilor Josh Zakim scored a major coup when he received the party's endorsement over longtime incumbent Bill Galvin in the race for the Secretary of State.

Zakim, a 34-year-old Back Bay resident, received 55 percent of the delegates' votes, which will send both him and Galvin, who has held the seat since 1994, to the Sept. 4 Primary.

"I'm incredibly grateful and humbled to earn the endorsement of the delegates," Zakim said. "It's a big step forward, but it's only a step. There are nearly three months until the Primary...and Secretary Galvin is a savvy campaigner who has millions of dollars in the bank.

We're excited and energized by the convention results, but we know we have a lot more work to do."

Kenzie Bok, chair of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee, said she was pleased to see Zakim move forward not only because of his work with the City Council, where he has served since January of 2014, but also because he has been active in the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee.

"We were really hopeful for Josh," Bok said, adding that all of the ward delegates were in attendance at the convention. "The ward knows him really well, but we weren't entirely sure that his message would reach voters from other parts of the state."

The Ward 5 Delegation supported Zakim 33-2, Bok said.

Galvin's reelection campaign couldn't be immediately reached for comment.

PARADE (from pg. 1)

This year's theme, "Rainbow Resistance," addresses the "divisive politics that's coming out of Washington [D.C.]" and even in Boston, Bruni said. In particular, Bruni pointed to a question in the upcoming November 2018 ballot which may repeal transgender rights.

From the City's side, Mayor Martin J. Walsh offered an open-invite to all mayors who will be attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors, which will be held in Boston from June 8 to 11, said Sam Chambers, Mayor Walsh's liaison for the LGBTQ community.

"It's a great way to celebrate Bostonians who identify as LGBTQ, and it's a great way to bring everyone together and celebrate how dynamic that community is," Chambers said.

The preparation for the parade began last September, and a committee of 20 to 25 people has met regularly to make the event possible, Bruni said. As an all-volunteer organization, Boston Pride volunteers and committee members organized the event while working their regular jobs.

"It's a lot of work until the day of, when you realize the impact that you've had," Bruni said. "On the day of when you realize you made this possible, that you created a space for the whole [LGBTQ] community to be visible, to be marching, to be happy, to be celebrating and at the same time asking for rights ... it's what drives our volunteers."

The parade will also feature a special contingent that will pay tribute to victims of violence against the transgender community. There will also be representation from professional sports teams including the Boston Red Sox, Bruins and possibly more, Bruni said.

Team Boston athletes competing in the 2018 Gay Games in Paris will also march.

The parade route will be as follows, according to the Boston Pride website:

- Start at Boylston Street and Clarendon Street
- Turn right onto Clarendon Street
- Turn left onto Tremont Street
- Turn left onto Berkeley Street
- Turn right onto Boylston Street
- Turn left onto Charles Street
- Turn right onto Beacon Street
- Turn left onto Tremont Street
- Arrival at City Hall Plaza on Cambridge Street

Visitors and spectators are recommended to arrive at the parade by taking the Green Line to Copley station.

Pride Week will conclude at the Pride Grand Finale at 9 p.m. on Sunday, June 10 at the Grand, 58 Seaport Blvd., Boston.

For more information, visit bostonpride.org.



DCR to close segments of multi-use path on Esplanade for renovations

Through the month of June, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is closing access to approximately 3,100 feet of the Paul Dudley White Multi-Use Path along the Charles River Esplanade between the Boston University Bridge and

Massachusetts Avenue for reconstruction and restoration work.

Work will address uneven edges, pavement deterioration, and root damage along the path. Additionally, the project will include reconstruction, re-striping, loam and seeding of shoul-

ders, and erosion controls to protect the adjacent Charles River. Alternative routes will be open and available along Memorial Drive in the City of Cambridge (see detour map).

ADCO to support revised short-term rental ordinance

Sun Staff Report

Downtown neighborhood civic organizations this week reiterated their support for the mayor's enhanced short-term rental ordinance.

The Alliance of Downtown Civic Organizations (ADCO) this week released a follow-up study to its February piece, entitled "Why ADCO Fully Supports the Mayor's Revised Short Term Ordinance."

In this amended study, ADCO demonstrates quantitatively how the revisions to the original ordinance - notably eliminating investor units, limiting the definition of "corporate" rentals, requiring residency and capping the number of days for owner-adjacent units - will pull Boston out of its current spiral toward investor domination and exponential short-term rental growth.

"The Mayor's revised ordinance has fixed almost all the problems in the original ordinance, and when adopted will go most of the way to fixing Boston's short-term rental problem", said Ford Cavallari, Chairman of ADCO. "Many good, hard-working Boston residents are using AirBnB to help make the rent or pay the mortgage, and that's not limited by this ordinance. What is limited is the ability of out-

of-town speculators to enter our City, outbid residents for leases by-the-dozen, and run large 'fake

hotel' businesses which are not subject to the safety and labor regulations of legitimate hospitality operations."

ADCO's study highlights how the AirBnB growth rates in Boston have overtaken most other cities, and continue to grow exponentially. Whereas, prior to mid-2017, Boston added only about 100 short-term units per month, now it is adding many more than 200 per month. Just as Boston is high on investor concentration (three to four times as many as other cities), it has also become one of the fastest growing AirBnB cities in the past six months.

"The time for 'pilot' programs or overly-long 'sunset' provisions has long passed," said ADCO Vice-Chairman Stephen Fox. "The ordinance as proposed, while reasonable, is far from the strongest in the country. We don't need to weaken it any further via 'grandfathering' or 'investor' redefinition. Every day of delay and any loosening of investor or property-related restrictions will be costly to Boston."

ADCO said its study also debunks several "fake" Boston statistics making the rounds. One stat, a Boston Globe-referenced break-even for short-term rental revenues to equal a yearly tenant, was 162 days, but using US Census median rent numbers, the number is reduced to just 65 days. In some neighborhoods that

number is as low as 37 days.

Other findings from the ADCO research include:

- 62-percent of Boston AirBnB listings are for entire homes/apartments, 85-percent in the downtown/ADCO neighborhoods - 60-70-percent of these are investor units.

- Cities like Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Nashville and Berlin, all with lower investor ownership than Boston, have already banned investor units entirely

- Banning investor units will return between 1,800-2,000 units to Boston's housing supply (as happened in Berlin and other cities which banned investors)

- Owner-adjacent units, if capped at 120 days, will likely add only about 400 units to the short-term rental count. If not capped, the likely add could exceed 2,000 units

"Unfortunately, AirBnB ownership in Boston has become more of a business than a residential pursuit and has eroded the quality of life of Boston neighborhood residents - and that's the reality," continued Cavallari. "The Boston City Council should quickly adopt the solution most other large cities, like San Francisco, LA, Portland and New York City have, and eliminate all investor units in the nightly market."

This new study is available at www.adco.boston/st-rental.

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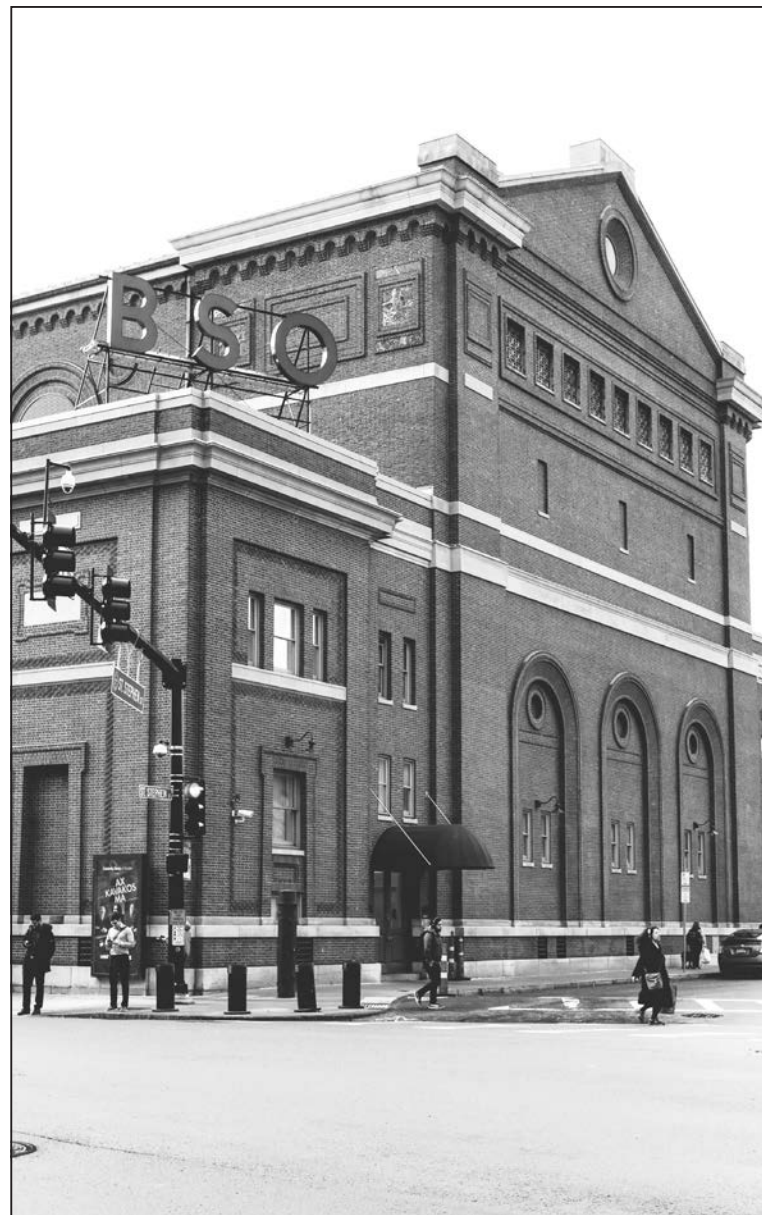
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ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The letter "O" in the last clue is on the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO) and Boston Pops (POPS) sign on the Massachusetts Avenue side of Symphony Hall. The letters change with the season according to which orchestra is featured.

The next clue will be found in the South End.

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THIS WEEK'S CLUE



BCA HOLDS DISCO UNDER THE DOME

Photos by Marianne Salza

The Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) Ball held Disco Under the Dome, on June 2, where guests immersed themselves in a botanical wonderland that featured roaming, living art birch trees, improvisational dancing, and a flash mob. The fundraiser at the Cyclorama – built in 1884 to exhibit a panoramic painting of the Battle of Gettysburg - displayed more than 70 contemporary visual and performing art installations and an interactive art bar for friends to design floral headpieces and boutonnières.

“This is a celebration of the work that we do at Boston Center for the Arts, which is to support working artists to create new work, take risks, and advance their practice,” said Emily Foster Day, BCA Chief Advancement Officer. “The Cyclorama was created to house a piece of artwork, so we feel excited and proud when the work of Boston artists makes it shine.”



Bianca and John Ward.



David Reichert, Elsa Mosquera, and John O'Connor.



Paul Kotakis, Montserrat College of Art director of development, and Kurt Steinberg, incoming President of Montserrat College.



Jeanne Johnson and Andres Millan.



Bob Goldkamp, Susan Petrik, Kelly Teer, BCA director of individual giving, and Joan Christel.



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GARDEN CLUB OF BACK BAY HOLDS TWILIGHT PARTY

Photos by Marianne Salza

The Garden Club of the Back Bay held the 11th Twilight Garden Party on June 5, at the Saint Botolph Club in appreciation of the members and donors who are committed to beautifying the city. Bryan Koop, of Boston Properties, was presented the Magnolia Award for his dedication to enhancing to Prudential Center with an interior garden.

“As you walk around this neighborhood, it’s absolutely stunning,” said Chris Cook, commissioner for Boston Parks. “It’s such a treasure.”



Kaye and Kirby Vosburgh with Joanne Wilbert Weed.



Diane Gipson, president of the Garden Club, with Nancy Devereaux, Jerry Gnazzo, and Patricia Buddenhagen.



Liz Vizza, Friends of the Public Garden, and Fritz Casselman.



George Schmieder and Sam Wallace.




Sue Baker greeting Laura Posten with a hug.



Chris Cook, commissioner for Boston Parks.


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South End LDC puts a brake on artistic bike racks

By Jonathan Chang

It's been two years since Washington Gateway Main Street began preparing for its Washington Street Artistic Bike Racks Project. With a goal to revitalize Washington Street and support the businesses on the street, the project plans to install bike racks with designs that "evoke the South End spirit."

Those plans, however, will have to wait a little longer. The South End Landmark District Commission (SELDC) rejected Washington Gateway's application at a public hearing held on Tuesday, June 5, at the Piemonte Room in Boston City Hall.

The SELDC suggested that Washington Gateway return in the future with changes.

"Some of the comments had

to do with revising the design a bit. I think to some extent that's going to help," said Tom Parks, of Washington Gateway. "It's just a timeline how long you want to wait. ... We want to get something done during the summer."

The three proposed locations included two areas near Mike's City Diner and one by Flour Bakery. Parks said Washington Gateway also hoped for a fourth location, while the long-term goal is to install four to six bike racks on Washington Street.

Public concerns noted if the proposed locations were appropriate. There are already pre-existing bike racks or nearby Blue Bikes, formerly known as Hubway, stations in the proposed locations.

"The city might have experience in this, but those who live there know that back corner is

incredibly busy," SELDC member Catherine Hunt said.

Parks said Washington Gateway may consider different locations altogether, should the currently proposed location not work out.

Parks added the application met the Boston Transportation Department's (BTD) requirements, although it wasn't shown to the Inspectional Services Department. It also received support from Seiyo Boston and Myers + Chang, two restaurants neighboring the proposed install locations.

The white bike racks, which have a wrought iron railing-inspired swirly design, would be built with stainless steel for its durability and low maintenance. Up to two bikes may be mounted to the bike racks.

Concerned with the design's

large dimensions—38 inches tall-by-36 inches wide—SELDC member John Amodeo questioned if people may not use the bike racks as intended and try to mount more than the maximum capacity.

John Monacelli, of the BTD, said he wasn't worried people would overuse the bike rack.

Amodeo suggested that WGMS should decrease the proposed size and present a model that can help the committee get a better sense of the bike rack's impact on public space.

When issues of public safety were mentioned, Amodeo noted the code requires the gap to either be smaller than four inches or greater than nine inches in case of entrapment issues. He said the design did not pose danger in that regard.

South End residents should still

expect additional bike racks in the neighborhood, however, as Washington Gateway was not the only organization looking to add new bike racks in the city.

The BTD also proposed installation of additional bike racks at three now-approved locations in Rutland Square: one at Columbus Avenue, another in front of the Titus Sparrow Park Courts and the last near Titus Sparrow Garden.

Other applications included HDR Engineering Inc.'s proposal to install two wheelchair ramps and two warning panels on Herald Street between Harrison and Albany; and Villa Victoria Center for the Arts' proposal to install exterior lighting and signage.

Longfellow Bridge reopens to public after 5 year rehab

By Dan Murphy

One day after the Longfellow Bridge fully reopened for the first time in five years, this milestone was commemorated Friday with a reception on the Charles River Esplanade.

"This is indeed an opportunity for celebration," Gov. Charlie Baker told the crowd after reading an excerpt from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "The Bridge."

The scope of the more than \$300 million project included a reduction in outbound vehicular traffic lanes from two to one to better accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians, the replacement of a pedestrian crossing between Charles Circle and the Charles River Esplanade, improvements to MBTA Red Line tracks and

restoration of the iconic "salt-and-pepper" towers, among other modifications to bring the nearly 110-year-old structure up to modern code.

Mass. Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack said the MBTA has been a very important partner in the project not only because the agency helped arrange closures to facilitate construction, but also because 100,000 commuters traverse the bridge each day via the Red Line.

Pollack added that this is the last of the last of five "mega-projects" funded by the state's Accelerated Bridge Program.

"This bridge is a great addition to all our transportation needs," said Congressman Michael Capuano, who helped jumpstart



The Longfellow Bridge.

John Corey photo

the project by securing \$10 million in federal funding to attract the state's interest.

Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT highway administrator, said

the final touches on the project would be finished in the next few months, including completion of the Frances "Fanny" Appleton Pedestrian Bridge – the 225-foot-

long, steel arch span that will link Beacon Hill/Charles Circle to the Esplanade.



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Charles River Water quality earns an A- for the second time in the past five years

The EPA has given the Charles River a grade of “A-” for bacterial water quality in the river during 2017. This is only the second time the river has earned a grade as high as an “A-minus,” and both have occurred within the past five years.

“The Charles River turnaround is a perfect example of what strong partnerships with States, Municipalities, and Non-Profit organizations can achieve,” said Alexandra Dunn, regional administrator of EPA’s New England office. “EPA continues to work hard at improving water quality in the Charles River by tackling pollution sources by detecting illicit discharges and our work on combined sewer overflows. EPA is also protecting this great resource with stormwater permits that address the problem of nutrient pollution.”

The EPA grade for water quality in the lower Charles River is based on bacterial sampling conducted by the Charles

River Watershed Association (“CRWA”) over the 2017 calendar year. CRWA collects monthly water quality samples at ten monitoring sites from the Watertown Dam to Boston Harbor. In 2017, the Charles was meeting the state’s bacterial water quality standards for boating 95 percent of the time, and for swimming 72 percent of the time. This is the 23rd year EPA has issued a Charles River Report Card.

Background

The Charles River grade is determined by comparing the amount of time the river meets water quality standards to the following criteria:

A – almost always met standards for boating and swimming
 B – met standards for almost all boating and some swimming
 C – met standards for some boating and some swimming
 D – met standards for some boating but no swimming
 F – did not meet standards for boating or swimming



Making a point of how clean the Charles River is at the press conference last week.

Questions remain on CITGO sign landmark report

By Jonathan Chang

At the heart of Kenmore Square is one of the most recognizable structures in Boston: The CITGO sign. Whether you’re a Red Sox fan at Fenway Park or a Boston University student walking down Commonwealth Avenue, it’s an icon that’s hard to miss.

Since receiving a preliminary landmark status in 2016, the sign has yet to become a permanent landmark, although it is finally approaching its last stages. The Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) subcommittee held a meeting to review the draft of the Landmark study report for the sign on Monday, June 4.

At the end of evening, questions still remained.

The meeting’s goals were to finalize the study report to allow its presentation to the public at a future BLC meeting, and for the subcommittee to make a recommendation to the BLC to request a study committee to establish the sign’s protection area, subcommittee member Lynn Smiledge said.

While the newest draft did not bring significant changes, among the changes is the removal of a protection area from the draft. Establishment of the protection area requires a different process that calls for a study committee, which currently does not exist, Smiledge said.

The CITGO sign offers a

unique situation, however, given that the potential landmark is a sign as opposed to a building. As its current residence, 660 Beacon St., will not be a landmark of its own, the building could hypothetically become a parking lot, which would then destroy the purpose of landmarking the sign: its visibility.

By subjecting to review the changes to 660 Beacon St. building that may impact the visibility of the sign, the subcommittee has unintentionally de facto landmarked the building, said a Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) employee.

“The goal here is to maintain the prominence in the skyline,” he said.

After the discussion, the subcommittee suggested that the study report makes appropriate changes—including calling for the sign to be maintained at a certain height from the ground level, rather than the existing suggestion which requires the sign to “maintain its current height of 41 feet from rooftop to bottom of sign.”

Another question at hand: Who will be held accountable for the maintenance of the structure?

BLC Executive Director Rosanne Foley said the commission would issue violations to careless owners, and if the situation gets to a point where nothing is handled, the commission would have to figure out next steps. When asked about the potential next step, Foley offered one

answer: “No idea.”

“If it’s a landmark, it’s there. You can’t remove it,” said Terri North, president of the Kenmore Residents Group. “It would have to look like an eyesore forever.”

More questions remained at the end of the evening, as some attendees asked if the reasons BLC’s 1982 denial to landmark the sign have been overlooked. Logistically, the subcommittee’s study, developer Related Beal and Citgo had different measurements of the sign.

The subcommittee agreed that it will put the draft forward to the full BLC committee with the changes it agreed upon. The deadline for additional comments is Monday, June 18. Any comments already received by the staff will be considered.

The full BLC commission hearing will be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, June 26.

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DEVELOPER (from pg. 1)

lic park has become a top priority before the area is completely built out.

The idea of Davis funding the park has been discussed in meetings recently, but no commitments have come until now.

The BPDA would still have to approve putting the land out for public park purposes, though project managers seemed to be amenable to open space during the City meeting earlier this year.

Meanwhile, Davis Companies also announced made a major concession on what has been a huge sticking point in the community review – that being the public walkway between The Lucas and the proposed development by the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church (BCEC).

The walkway has been termed by the community as too narrow and dangerous.

Davis Companies announced this week they would cede four feet of their development at 112

Shawmut Ave. to the BCEC development. That allows the BCEC project to move four feet to the north and make the path wider between it and The Lucas.

McDermott said it will help allow the BCEC to complete its mission and to allow the development to go through.

“This project will create much-needed affordable housing and provide the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church with financial support to better serve the community with new religious spaces, ESL educational classrooms and additional room to provide critical social services and recreation,” she said. Meanwhile, Davis Companies also announced it would donate \$10,000 to South End Baseball, and \$5,000 to Washington Gateway Main Street.



A rendering of the newly proposed, wider public pathway between The Lucas and the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church (BCEC) development. The Davis Companies ceded four feet of its land to accommodate moving the BCEC over four feet to widen the path.

VALEDICTORIAN (from pg. 1)

be successful in an environment where you're deprived of so many resources that other school have. It's all just a matter of resources.”

Barros bounced back and forth from the South End to Cape Verde most of her academic career. Her mother, Eva Marques, is still in Cape Verde and providing for the family. Barros went to school in Cape Verde from Grades 1-6, then moved to the South End and attended a Charter School until ninth grade. In her sophomore year, she returned to Cape Verde for one year.

In her junior year, she came back to the South End, but wasn't able to return to the same Charter School. Instead, she landed at Brighton High, which is a general enrollment school that has chronic budgeting issues.

Again though, she said she had a certain amount of guilt for leaving behind her fellow Brighton High students in an environment where they may not be able to flourish.

“I'm excited, but at the same time, it's sad because I'm leaving behind so many students at BHS who will be going through the same thing that I went through, and maybe they don't have the situation that I had or the advantages I had to be able to make it to a place like Hamilton,” she said. “A lot of immigrant students get here in 10th grade and have to take the MCAS right away and can't pass it, which sets them back. It's an unfair cycle, but I feel like I got lucky. Other people in the same

situation don't have this opportunity.”

The Posse Scholarship provides full tuition scholarships to places like Hamilton and Bucknell University and others in exchange for participating in the program – which also offers mentoring and tutoring.

Barros said she hopes to major in biology and minor in psychology. She said she wants to do medical research in the future.

“I don't really like hospital environments, but the field is very interesting to me,” she said. “So, I decided to go into something in a very similar pathway.”

Becoming valedictorian was actually a surprise for Barros.

She said all along it was expected that another classmate would be top in the class, but at the last minute Barros's grades surged and she got the surprise announcement three weeks ago.

“After Term 3, my grades were really good and it made my GPA surpass my classmate,” she said. “It was a really surprising thing. Everyone thought it was going to be her and then when it was me, I felt bad for her and I was also out of my mind excited at the same time. It felt good because I worked hard for this goal.”

Barros also spent two years in the Debate Club, and tried track for a time, but mostly stuck to the books.

For her, the motivation to make it to the top was her mother – who has a doctorate degree and gave it all up to go back to Cape Verde to

help the family and help Barros go to college.

“She just left everything behind to come here the first time,” she said. “We came for a reason: so I could go to college. I feel like that motivated me the most.”

Other downtown neighborhood valedictorians include:

- Jonathan Yuan of Fenway-Kenmore, Boston Latin School

Jonathan is an A+ student who has challenged himself with an overload of AP courses, excelling in all of them. He has a passion for the classics, and competes in classical competitions that test his knowledge of Latin and mythology. Jonathan is also a dedicated musician who plays both the tuba and the piano. This talented young man will continue his studies at Harvard University.

- Amy Ortiz of the South End, Margarita Muñiz Academy

Amy is a proud graduate of the Rafael Hernández K-8 School. At Muñiz Academy, she has been a member of Harvard Crimson Summer Academy, the Yearbook Committee, Student Government, the Peer Leaders program, and the volleyball team. Amy also teaches at the after school program at the Hurley K-8 School in the South End. She will be the first person in her family to attend college when she enters Wesleyan University this fall.



Lea Barros of the South End was announced as the Valedictorian of Brighton High School. She will graduate on June 13 and head to Hamilton College in New York on a full scholarship. She said her experience at Brighton was good, but she grew frustrated with constant budget issues and underfunding.

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FOSEL roiled over budget snub, BPL says process will play out over the year

By Seth Daniel

As South End residents who are dedicated to the library branch are crying foul this week for what they define as a snub in this year's City Budget, officials from the Mayor's Office and the Boston Public Library said the critical renovation project is still moving forward.

Marleen Neinhuis, president of the Friends of the South End Library (FOSEL), said this week she was shocked when she saw that the \$500,000 funding request for public safety improvements was not included in this year's capital budget.

She said BPL Director David Leonard had promised the money in a meeting not long ago. She said it is a major setback for fixes that include improving conditions in the library caused by homelessness, the opiate epidemic and other problems.

She mentioned that two people have died of overdoses in the library bathroom this year, and the adult computers are located next to the Children's Area – which complicates things due to adult content being visible to the children and families.

"He said he was going to request \$500,000 in the Fiscal Year '19 budget so that we could proceed with raising money for Phase 2 of our project, a very critical phase for public safety," she said. "We need that money to raise more private money. People need to see that commitment from the City. If David (Leonard) said this year it is in and it isn't, then what confidence do we have that it will be in some other year? The mayor knows the issues at the South End branch. He has seen them personally. This would have been an easy ask and it wasn't asked. It is confusing and it is sad, particularly since we have a mayor so supportive of libraries."

The library is about ready to embark on Phase 1 of their renovation project, Leonard told the Sun.

They got \$130,000 in last year's budget, and the Friends raised \$50,000, making a budget of \$180,000 to make improvements to the electrical infrastructure and other such things. That project is imminent.

Phase 2 was to support the public safety improvements and the changes to the layout of the first floor – including a more protected Children's Area.

The \$500,000 budget request was supposed to handle that, along with additional monies raised by the Friends. Additionally, a \$100,000 planning study was also to be put in.

Leonard said the planning study made it into the budget, and he said that is mandatory when talking about a large renovation.

"I am pretty happy with the direction we are going," he said

by phone this week. "We have had really good discussion through the course of this budget year as to what should happen next. The Mayor's proposed budget now at City Council has a \$100,000 allocation for the programming study to happen next. Any time you are renovating, you have to start with a programming study, then a cost out for the project, a design part and then the full renovation. I'm pretty encouraged that we have this programming study that can really address the full range of needs."

Leonard said it has been suggested that because it isn't in the capital budget, the matter cannot be brought up for another five years. He said that isn't true.

"We want to use the early action allocation to make some of the improvements," he said. "We revisit the five-year plan every 12 months. I did see comments that we now won't get an opportunity to look at this for another five

years. That's not true. We can revisit that every 12 months and can revisit our plans in next year's budget as well. I really hope the passion and enthusiasm can continue and the next 12 months are about doing this as a partnership between the Library, the mayor and the community."

Mayor Martin Walsh said he was aware of the budget situation, and he believes the study will help them determine the scope of renovations. He said he is committed to the project.

"As we work together with the community in planning and preparing for the future of the South End Library, I am pleased that we have set aside initial funding this year for a study that will help determine the scope and scale of any future investments," he said. "I am fully committed to seeing this important project through and the design phase will help best inform our next steps as we continue to move forward."

NEWS BRIEFS

BOSTON PRIDE PARADE & EVENTS

The 48th annual Boston Pride Parade will take place on Saturday, June 9, with step-off at noon from Copley Square.

The route starts on Boylston Street and Clarendon Street, turns right onto Clarendon St, left onto Tremont St, left on Berkeley St, right onto Boylston St., left onto Charles St, right onto Beacon St, left onto Tremont St and arrives at City Hall Plaza on Cambridge St.

The event is rain or shine.

This will be followed by the Boston Pride Festival on City Hall Plaza from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Major events include the Boston Pride Concert from 12-6p.m., Boston Pride Youth Dance from 6-10p.m. on City Hall Plaza.

To end the night head to LUSH: Official Womxn Pride Party at ICON Nightclub at 100 Warrenton St., from 9-2a.m.

For a full schedule visit bostonpride.org.

SOUTH END DATES

•The South End Forum's Opiate Working Group will meet next on June 19, and they are expected to invite Compassionate Organics to give a presentation to the group about their Tremont Street plan to open a medical marijuana facility.

•The next Eight Streets monthly meeting will take place on

Tuesday, June 12, at 7 p.m. in Project Place, 1145 Washington St.

•The East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) will meet on Tuesday, June 19.

•The Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) will hold its monthly meeting on June 26, at 7 p.m., in the Newton Pavilion on the Boston Medical Center Campus, second floor.

•Ellis South End Neighborhood Association Board of Directors meeting, June 26, at 6 p.m., in 66 Berkeley St.

•South End Summer Solstice will take place at Blackstone Square, Washington Street, South End on Thursday, June 21, from 4-9 p.m. The event will feature live music, food, and a beer garden.

•Fete de la Musique will hit the parks and streets of the South End on June 23 this year, courtesy of the Community Music Center of Boston, Warren Avenue. This year, new parks like Watson Park, Ringgold Park and Union Park will be added to the locations for outdoor musical celebration. The event goes from 3-6 p.m.

BACK BAY HAPPENINGS

•The Friends of the Public Garden are looking for champion volunteer weeders to help main-

tain the beautiful Boylston Street boarder and the Beacon Street border in the Public Garden. 'You supply the enthusiasm, we supply the gloves, kneepads, and some brief instructions on weed identification!' Volunteers meet up on alternative Thursdays, starting April 26, 5 - 7p.m.

•The NABB Green Committee will meet on June 13, at 5:30 p.m., at The Learning Project, 107 Marlborough St.

FENWAY TIMES

•The Impact Advisory Group meeting for the development at 1241 Boylston Street will take place on May 31, from 6-8 p.m. at the Boston Arts Academy, 174 Ipswich St. The proposed project consists of 184-room hotel with a ground-floor restaurant.

•A public on the proposed 72 Burbank St. development will take place June 7, from 6-8 p.m. at the Morville House Community Room, 100 Norway St. Forest Properties Management, Inc., proposes to construct a 20,834 square foot, 36-unit, six-story compact rental building on a vacant parcel at 72 Burbank St. in the Fenway.

•Calling all volunteers for Fenway Porchfest! Interested in volunteering? Volunteers will serve short shifts as site ambassadors and hand out event information. The music festival is on Saturday June 16, from 12-4 p.m. For more info, email: info@fenwayporchfest.org.

wayporchfest.org.

•The Fenway Civic Association Annual Rose Garden Picnic will take place at the Kelleher Rose Garden across from 85 Park Drive, June 12 from 6-8p.m.

•DCR Pedestrian Advisory: Through the month of May 2018, and into June 2018, the Department of Conversation and Recreation (DCR) will commence sidewalk improvement work along Park Drive (the residential side) in the City of Boston between approximately Peterborough Street and Brookline Avenue from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. A detour route will be clearly marked and a police detail will be on site.

MAYOR'S GARDEN CONTEST

Mayor Martin J. Walsh is alerting Boston's green thumbs that they have until Wednesday, July 11, to register for the 2018 Mayor's Garden Contest presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department with a grand prize provided by JetBlue and media support provided by the Boston Herald.

Now in its 22nd year, the contest recognizes gardeners who have landscaped, planted flowers, trees, and shrubs, and, in the process, helped beautify Boston's neighborhoods.

Gardeners or those nominating their favorite Gardeners may find printable and online nomi-

nation forms at www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest. First place winners will receive the coveted "Golden Trowel" award from Mayor Walsh and prize packages from the Parks Department, Mahoney's Garden Centers, and other sponsors at an awards ceremony in August in the Public Garden presented with support from Polar Beverages.

First place winners in this year's Garden Contest will also be entered into a drawing for a JetBlue Grand Prize consisting of roundtrip flights for two to any nonstop destination from Boston. Terms, conditions, and blackout dates apply.

Gardeners who have won three or more times in the last ten years will be automatically entered into the Hall of Fame and will be recognized at the awards ceremony in late August. These distinguished Hall-of-Famers will be ineligible to enter as contestants but are welcome to return as judges.

For more information call 617-961-3051.

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