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## Roof deck for Algonquin Club denied by the BBAC

By Lauren Bennett

Members of the Back Bay community filled the Boston Planning and Development Agency Board Room at City Hall on Sept. 12 to hear architect Guy Grassi present his 45-minute proposal for the restoration of the Algonquin Club.

For over 130 years, the building at 217 Commonwealth Ave. has served as a private social club and has become a fixture in the Back Bay. However, the building is “in need of tremendous amounts of restoration,” Grassi

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## Liberty Compassionates seeking Albany Street location

By Seth Daniel

The Liberty Compassionates medical marijuana company presented its plans for a dispensary at 591 Albany St. on Tuesday afternoon to the South End Forum’s Opiate Working Group – one of three marijuana proposals now being discussed in the central South End area and one that is very close to the Mass/Cass opiate epidemic epicenter.

Vin Giordano, a spokesman for Liberty with an internet security background, told the group that they would pursue a medical marijuana only dispensary for now, and believe the location on Albany Street to be a perfect place to locate their third planned dispensary.

“We believe in this industry and we believe this property is

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## OVER 200 ARTISTS FEATURED AT SOUTH END OPEN STUDIOS



Photo by Keiko Hiromi

Artist Sorin Bica in front of some of his newest pieces during the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual South End Open Studios last weekend. More than 200 artists opened up their workspaces to the public, with many converging on the neighborhood to see the latest works from the neighborhood’s creators.

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## CARTER PLAYGROUND OFFICIALLY OPENS



Photo by Keiko Hiromi

Mayor Martin Walsh and several South End youth sports participants cut the ribbon for the opening of the Sergeant William E. Carter Playground on Columbus Avenue last Friday afternoon, Sept. 14. The new fields are part of a partnership between Northeastern University and the City, with Northeastern investing \$26 million on the new fields and playground – which will be available for university students, school kids and neighborhood organizations.

## 20 condos proposed for old church

By Lauren Bennett

At Monday’s Bay Village Planning/Licensing Committee meeting, representatives from New Boston Ventures and Finegold Alexander Architects presented a very preliminary proposal for turning the church at 19 Isabella St. into condominiums.

Harry Collings of New Boston Ventures told the Bay Village community that this was strictly an informational session to let them know where they are in the process. He said they have not yet gone to the Boston Planning and Development Agency or the Zoning Board because they wanted “to meet with the community first.”

“We see the neighborhood as part of the team,” Collings said, adding that they want to listen to any suggestions the community has regarding the project.

Tony Hsiao, principal/director

of design at Finegold Alexander Architects, reiterated the fact that this project is in its very early stages.

The proposal includes removing the existing center steps to the front entrance on Isabella Street, which would become the main entrance for residents. This would allow the entrance to be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The staircases flanking the entrance on either side would remain, and would be privatized entrances to two different units. There would also be 20 parking spots at the lower level for residents.

The building would have six levels, and Hsiao said that the sizes of the condos are not yet fixed. The current proposal includes 29 condominium units, though Hsiao stressed that this is very preliminary.

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# EDITORIAL

## A POSSIBLE HARBINGER

The aftermath of Hurricane Florence on the Carolinas is another wakeup call for our communities. Even though many preparations were made by local officials, there was still the loss of life and millions of dollars in damage.

While the wind was not as severe as originally forecasted, having been downgraded from a category four hurricane to a category one, the accumulation totals of the more than two feet of rain showed how devastating this amount of rainfall in a space of 48 hours can be for people and property.

We have seen in the last few months how vulnerable we are to heavy rains and high tides such as happened in August that flooded sections of Lynn. Or how many homes were flooded during the high tides in the blizzards of this winter.

In East Boston, the office of Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) has been holding classes and discussions on how to mitigate damage from rising sea levels and trying to build land seawalls to protect low lying areas. As a matter of fact, the Boston Planning and Development Agency will hold a hearing and two of the topics to be discussed will include flood protection and climate resiliency on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 6 p.m. at the Mario Umana Academy Gymnasium, 312 Border St.

In Revere where most of the community lies at or below sea level, Councillor John Powers has been advocating for cleaning out and removing the debris from the emergency water ditches to make sure that surplus water can be moved quickly.

In Chelsea and Everett, the New England Produce Center is in danger of flooding from a storm like Florence and this flooding could cut off food supplies to many in the Northeast.

One can doubt whether any amount of preparation can be successfully when in North Carolina one river is expected to crest at 62 feet.

We know from super storm Sandy that new buildings and extensive housing renovations should move the utilities to higher levels in the structure.

Some advocate that more open land is needed to be able to absorb water, but when there are 24 inches of rain over a couple of days, the open ground is not able to absorb the rainfall fast enough.

The greatest natural resource we have to fight severe flooding are the saltwater marshes on North Shore Road and the Belle Isle Marsh. We do not know how many gallons of water these marshes could absorb but every effort should be made to try to expand the amount of water that these marshes can absorb.

In the end we are reminded of the quote:

“Oh God thy sea is so great and my boat is so small”

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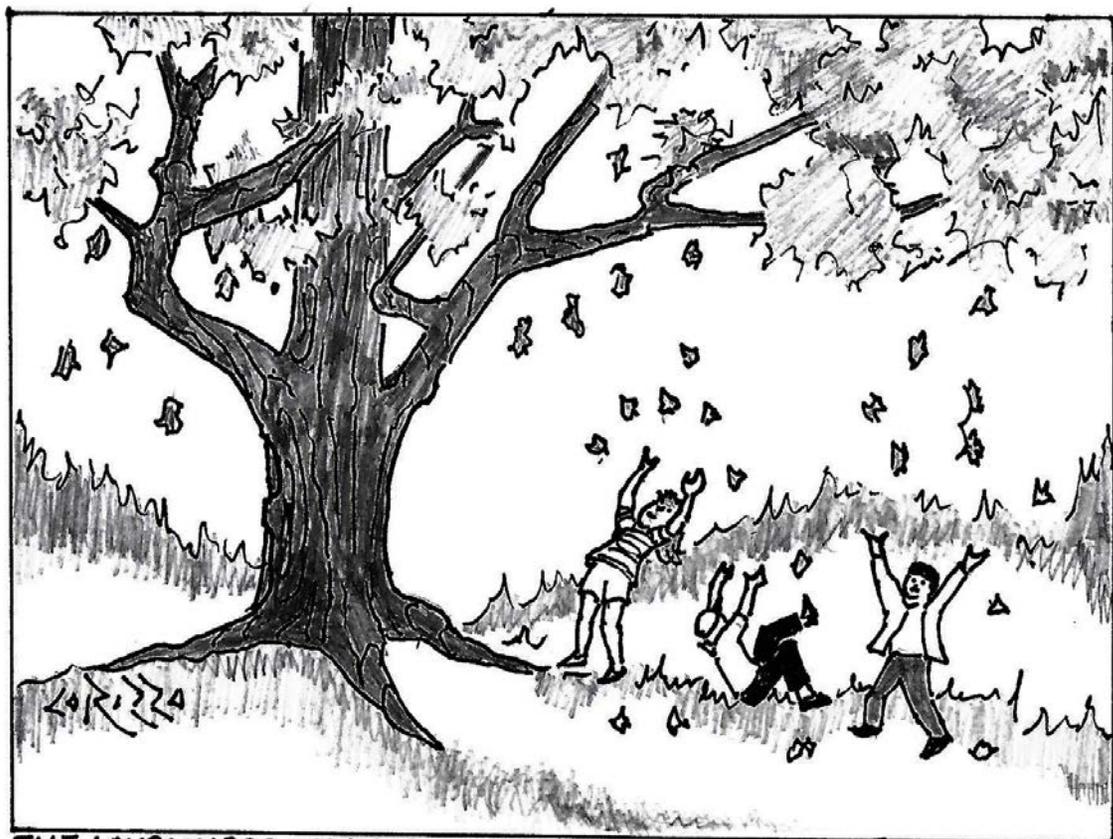
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stressed that this is very preliminary.

“The intent is to preserve the spirit of the church,” Hsiao said. He also said that the church is in “really great shape.”

Rebecca Berry, president of Finegold Alexander, said that as far as height goes, they are only going a little bit above the current height of the church. David Goldman, a principal at New Boston Ventures, said that they “explored doing a much-taller building” but decided to scale it back. The current allowed Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is around a 2, but the proposed FAR for this project is a 4.

A community member raised a question about why the developers have to go beyond the footprint of the church when it is already such a large building.

Goldman responded by saying that since the acquisition price of the building was so high, this was the “bare minimum we could do to get a bank involved in the project.” He added that every single development that New Boston Ventures has done has been successfully financed, built, and marketed.

Goldman also said that they are looking for a mix of tenants, as the current proposal includes one small studio unit, 12 one-bedroom units, 14 two-bedroom units, and two three bedroom units. He said this was the direction they were looking to go in because the demand is moving towards slightly more affordable units for first-or

second-time homebuyers.

He also said they were talking with the City about complying with the guidelines for affordable housing, and said that a certain percentage of it will be on site.

The building has not been officially purchased by the developer yet, though they do have an agreement to buy it. The developer and the architects said they will keep the community updated about this project.

Also presented at the meeting was a revision of the proposal for 67-69 Church St. Attorney Marc LaCasse said that these changes came about in response to comments from the presentation in June, as well as the Bay Village Historic District Commission, individuals in the neighborhood, and BPDA staff architects.

The proposal includes a four-and-a-half-story building with commercial space at street level, two units on the second level, two units on the third level, and a single unit on the fourth level with extra space on the private half-story above.

Architect Anthony Piermarini said that they are hoping to restore some of the historic character of the cornice line. They also received feedback about how they could “warm up” the dark iron color that was originally proposed for the top stories. They have looked at antiqued materials and light bronzes.

This proposal has an FAR of 3.9, and at the peak of the half

story, the building is 56 feet tall. Construction should take roughly a year, and since there is no parking on site, they would be seeking a variance to have no parking. The Bay Village Neighborhood Association is very interested in the installation of security cameras that feed directly into the Boston Police Department, and the developers said that is something that they would be happy to work on with the neighborhood.

Piermarini said that though the half story is not visible from the street level below, the developers admitted that it will be visible from the surrounding roofs. An abutting community member expressed her dissatisfaction with the blocking of her sightlines, and wondered if that extra half-story was really necessary.

The developers responded by saying that they think they do need this extra piece for the project, but would be willing to speak with her. Other neighbors expressed their concern with the height and why so many variances in the zoning code are allowed.

“I think it’s very much an abutter issue here,” said BVNA Vice-President Sarah Herlihy.

Now that the architects and developers have met again with the community, the next step is to hold an abutters meeting with Fasia Sharif from the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services. The date and time are to be determined.

# Hello 'The Smith,' goodbye Harrison-Albany: Groundbreaking and rebranding on East Canton Street

By Seth Daniel

Unveiling their new name, The Smith — formerly the Harrison-Albany project by Leggat McCall — officially broke ground in an exciting ceremony shortened by torrential rains on Tuesday morning.

The entire-block project will include approximately 650 units

of housing with 65 of those units on site, as well as 75,000 square feet of office, some 20,000 square feet of retail/cultural space and 650 spaces of underground parking.

Both Leggat McCall and Brian Golden, director of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) said the development came in the wake of the Harrison Albany

Corridor Strategic Development Plan, which wrapped up in 2012.

“The Smith creates much-needed new affordable and market rate housing, along with substantial public open space, and street-level retail that improves the pedestrian experience,” said William Gause, executive vice president of Leggat

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said at the Back Bay Architectural Commission hearing. He said that there is a lot of fractured brick and brickwork that needs to be done, and the asbestos slate work is falling apart and needs replacement. Grassi said that there is “nothing worth saving” on the rear windows, and that the wooden frames and sashes need to be replaced. In the front, he said that they will be keeping the frames but replacing the windows.

Grassi said that this is primarily a restoration of the front elevation and includes the restoration of all of the landscape work. The proposal also includes creating handicapped access by creating a slightly pitched entry for wheelchair access.

There will also be a sunken-roof terrace for three guest rooms across the front, as well as solar panels lying flat on the roof. Grassi said these have been mocked up, and are not visible. Grassi also said that this is not a typical townhouse, as the proportions are much larger. The building is an “unusual building with an unusual size,” at 80 feet wide, and it also qualifies as a highrise, he said.

The piece that concerned many community members was the proposed roof deck, which Grassi said cannot be seen anywhere from the ground. The maximum number of people allowed on the deck by the zoning code is 65.

“The deck itself is in the center of the building; we did that intentionally to keep the deck as far away from neighbors as we could get it both from the rear and the front and just for visibility purposes as well,” Grassi said.

He said that the biggest concern about the deck was noise. He said they have been working with abutters as well as members of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay on solutions to this issue.

He said that what has been come up with so far was to enclose the entire roof-deck with a 3-foot high copper clad low wall and then another 3½- or 4-foot-high glass wall around the whole thing. He said on the deck side, the wall would be 7-feet high, but because it’s sunken down into the roof line, it won’t be 7 feet above the roof.

However, there is a portion— about a 1½ feet— of the glass wall that is visible from the far side of the Commonwealth Mall. Grassi said that this “little section of visibility” from this distance away and the fact that it is clear glass will make it very difficult for anyone to see.

“This is a great project,” said Joe Cornish, director of design review for the Boston Landmarks Commission. But he told Grassi that he thinks that when looking at the mockups, “you want to make sure that what’s happening on the roof is as minimal as possible.”

Several community members spoke out in support of the project as presented, saying that these improvements are much needed for such an important building in the neighborhood and would benefit the community.

Back Bay Architectural Commission Chair Kathleen Connor read many letters from the public into the record, all in support of the project.

“Personally on the whole we’re in favor of the project; we think the building does deserve to receive the kind of treatment that it’s going to get and on the whole we are supportive of the project,” said Chip Gagnier, a resident of 215 Commonwealth Ave. However, he said he does have concerns about height and the level of activity during the construction period and intends to negotiate a construction mitigation agreement with the developer. Gagnier also said that he is “continuing to negotiate with the developer” in terms of the neighbor agreement Grassi had previously mentioned.

A resident from 192 Commonwealth Ave. said that she “fully” supports this and thinks it’s a “terrific addition to the neighborhood,” and that the roof-deck “would be wonderful for the members of the club.”

Not everyone agreed, however. Vicki Smith, president of NABB, said that though she has been speaking with the proponents of the project since May, they have no good neighbor agreement and are particularly frustrated about the roof deck. She said they received 100 letters against this proposal.

Smith also said that there is “a very conflicting acoustical study” which does not confirm that the glass would be able to mitigate the noise level. She thinks this proposal has “divided the neighborhood in a very unfortunate way.”

“We strongly object to certain things; primarily the roof-deck,” said Sue Prindle from NABB. She said she is opposed to the glass wall, and that this proposal violates the criteria of the Commission. She said the roof-deck railing should be ornamental iron, and also said that the proposed mechanical screenings are visible from the Mall towards Fairfield Street and from both directions in the alley.

A resident from Beacon Street said she was three to represent the non-abutters who are “at risk” if this is approved. She said that the roof deck “belongs on Newbury Street or Boylston Street, not on the extension of Olmsted’s Emerald Necklace,” and said it would be a “terrible precedent” if it were allowed.

Another resident who lives three doors down said that she thinks the project is “excellent” and that she doesn’t think she’ll be able to hear anything from the roof deck.

“It’s a very complicated neighborhood, but it’s a very special neighborhood,” said Meg Mainzer-Cohen, president of the Back Bay Association. “I think that it is critical that this project get approved as-is,” she told the Commission.

“This is an important decision and everything has to be considered,” said Connor. “We are very fortunate that this is being presented...it’s a privilege to be able to discuss it.”

After hearing all of the public comment both for and against the proposal as presented and asking their own questions, the Commission voted unanimously to approve everything in the plan as presented with the exception of the roof deck and the issues concerning the glass that was visible, as well as anything else that may be visible on the roof and terraces. Grassi will come back and present the roof top and mechanical equipment in a different manner.



Courtesy of the Boston Planning and Development Agency

An artist's rendering of the six-story, “compact-rental” building proposed for 72 Burbank St.

## Design team unveils updated plans for ‘compact-rental’ building at 72 Burbank St.

By Dan Murphy

The design team proposing to construct a six-story, “compact-rental” building on a vacant lot at 72 Burbank St. unveiled their updated plans for the project during a public meeting Monday night at 100 Norway St. sponsored by the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

Cambridge-based Forest Properties Management, Inc. intends to construct a 20,605 square-foot building containing 13 370-square-foot studio units, 12 430-square-foot one-bedroom units and seven 685-square-foot two-bedrooms.

Dartagnan Brown, principal for the Boston architectural firm Embarc Studio, said the new design includes several modifications to the earlier plans presented at the June 7 public meeting in response to community feedback, including a reduction in total units from 36 to 32 with an increase in two-bedrooms; a “dramatic change” in the building’s façade to fit better “contextually” with other nearby buildings; the addition of a 600 square-foot amenity space accessible from the Burbank Street entrance; and enlargement of the bike room.

Also, Brown said the rear of the building has been pulled back 6 feet from the earlier design to keep the alleyway open.

Marc LaCasse, project attorney, said Forest Properties has committed to accommodating no undergraduate students in the building, and has agreed to allow the abut-

ting Fenway CDC (Community Development Corporation) at 70 Burbank St. to serve as the third-party administrator that would hold the developer to this agreement. The building would also adopt a strict no-smoking policy that would likely not appeal to undergraduates.

LaCasse said proposed project mitigation includes a contribution from Forest Properties to buy residents monthly MBTA passes, since the building won’t offer any parking, as well as a contribution to the Boston Parks Department.

As part of its affordable housing agreement, LaCasse said Forest Properties has agreed to offer two of its existing units in the neighborhood at a reduced rate.

LaCasse said the new units would be listed at 70 percent of area median income (AMI) as published by the BPDA.

Despite this claim, several Fenway residents in attendance expressed their opposition to the project on the grounds that it would it would displace long-time, working residents and could lead to the proliferation of unaffordable “micro-units,” having an adverse effect on diversity of the neighborhood.

The BHPA is accepting public comments on the proposal until Oct. 1. For more information on the project, and to submit comments, visit <http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/72-burbank-street>.

# ANNUAL SOUTH END OPEN STUDIOS

Photos by Keiko Hiromi

The 32nd annual South End Open Studios event took place on Sept. 15 and 16 in the South End. South End Open Studio, coordinated by United South End Artists, has been beloved tradition in South End since 1986. More than 200 artists showcased their work, with local galleries displaying work by national and international artists.



Kelly Petacca (front, left) and Bev Walasik (front, right) take in the art in one of the studios.



Elle Marrone in front of her artist jewelry at her studio.



The South End Open Studios was very much in view.



Paul McGillicuddy (pointing) during South End Open Studios.



Artist Kathryn Graven painting during South End Open Studios on Sunday.

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Robert Williams (L) listening to artist Mitch Glassman talk about his art at his studio during South End Open Studios.

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McCall Properties. “We are proud to have worked so closely with the community in order to build a project that supports the neighborhood’s growth, while also maintaining the integrity of this unique part of Boston.”

Gause said the process with the community was thorough and good. The project did receive a great deal of scrutiny as it wound through numerous community meetings starting around three years ago. The main contention with the community was the overall number of units, as well as the parking arrangements.

Golden said the project came directly out of the planning process. He said the plan on paper was “notional,” or theoretical, and

the groundbreaking on Tuesday was the process of seeing an idea become reality.

“To see it begin to come together in concrete form...is a wonderful thing for the city,” he said. “It’s a great achievement for the Harrison Albany Planning process.”

That said, the plan for the area where The Smith lies was for office and lab space rather than residential. The BPDA has said they never expected to see the wave of residential projects in the Harrison Albany corridor, with The Smith being one of them.

The Smith takes its name from the artisan history in the area South of Washington Street. As part of the retail offerings, cul-



Officials from Leggat McCall, Bentall Kennedy and CBT Architects joined Councilor Ed Flynn, Kim Janey and BPDA Director Brian Golden for the official groundbreaking of The Smith, formerly the Harrison Albany project, on Tuesday morning, Sept. 18. The project is already underway, with the excavation for the parking garage nearly complete and the foundation for the garage under construction. Cranes are now being assembled to begin vertical construction efforts.



Construction at the site of The Smith has progressed throughout the past year, with most of the excavation completed for the underground parking garage.

tural space will be created for a variety of potential neighborhood uses. The project team said they view it as an opportunity to embrace the project’s location between the vibrant artist community, historic industrial uses, new small businesses, and the strong residential neighborhood of the South End.

The site was purchased from the Boston Medical Center in 2014. The design by Boston-based

firm CBT intends to complement the existing buildings in the neighborhood, and will be targeting the Silver level under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

Funding for the project came from Bentall Kennedy which has been investing in the South End since 2007.

“The Smith is in a clear path of growth leading from Boston’s financial district, and the recent

announcements of planned developments in the neighborhood validate our early confidence in this location,” said David Antonelli, executive vice president of Bentall Kennedy. “With the support of our investors, many of which are Building Trades pension funds, as well as the City of Boston and Mayor Walsh, we are excited to contribute to the ongoing transformation of this vibrant neighborhood.”

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a great location for a variety of reasons," he said. "It's the right location for us. It works. If you look at a map you don't want to be in other parts of Boston. It's too complicated. This is easy. It's the right size...and it has character. It's available too. The fact that it's available is big. There isn't a lot of available real estate in Boston. Bankers don't tend to work with (marijuana companies). They haven't figured out how that works yet. If you're going to rent or lease a property, you can't mortgage. If you're going to rent, it has to be a location that's owned outright or leased with no mortgage. That's a very small space."

The big question, however, for most at these marijuana meetings comes in medical vs. recreational sales.

Bob Minnocci, vice president of the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association

(WSANA), asked if they would commit to remaining a medical dispensary and not switch to recreational.

Giordano wouldn't commit unconditionally, but said he is currently committed exclusively to medical dispensing.

"If you look at the information I have, the website I'm pushing and notifications I have pushed out, it's all medical," he said. "I don't have any plans to go recreational. If I do, I have to go through this same process from the start again...I've done a lot of start-ups. What I've learned is it's impossible to say 'I will never.' I don't want to be a jerk - no bait-and-switch. It's just very difficult to say never, but I can say I have to go through the same process again and everyone will have opportunities to support or reject or otherwise."

Giordano and Liberty are reaching out to several community orga-

nizations, as well as large developers near them like Leggat McCall (The Smith) and the Abbey Group (Exchange South End). Liberty is based out of Rhode Island and its main investor is real estate developer Richard Baccari. They have a grow facility under construction in Clinton, and have a dispensary under construction in West Springfield. They list another location in Fall River, but the status of that location wasn't discussed. Locally, former Southie State Sen. Jack Hart is handling their local process and Attorney Charles Tevnan is handling their zoning process.

Giordano said on Tuesday that in the last month they have signed a contract with The Ed Davis Group for security - the company owned by former Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis.

The building is the Boston

Flower Market, and has been under a lease agreement for about five months. That building is very close to some neighbors with giant concerns.

They face an uphill battle with the immediate neighbors, Leggat McCall and Abbey Group, who have many, many millions at stake with large developments just a stone's throw away.

Leggat McCall is opposed to the plan, and the Abbey Group has had some serious concerns about it as well.

Moderator Steve Fox said it would bode well for Liberty to begin a thorough dialog with those neighbors - who both had representatives in the room - very soon.

"There are clearly a lot of questions and concerns that deserve more than one quick sit-down," he said. "Let's put a process in place so new development in the area feels there is at least an engagement with you in this process."

One major concern for those at the Working Group was the fact that the dispensary would be only steps away from the epicenter of the Mass/Cass opiate situation - a problem situation that the Working Group has expressly been trying to make better.

Fox, as well as others, said the goal with the review of Liberty is to figure out if it will make things better or worse.

"We in the South End feel we are particularly focused on trying to find solutions," he said. "When new providers and new options come to us, we need to look at them to see if they'll add to or detract from a healthier, safer environment in the community...One thing I hear across the board from other neighborhood associations is whether this will cause them more problems. That's the assurance people are looking for."

One of the group's concerns along those lines was whether people from Mass/Cass would wander into the dispensary to get marijuana, and also whether patients would use the product to smoke in public parks or nearby.

One of the technical requests made was to institute a minimum purchase limit of \$50 or \$100.

Giordano said that has been in discussions, but he didn't realize it was important to the community.

"I'm 100 percent open to a minimum sale," he said. "That's a discussion I'm working with Ed Davis and his security team on for the right approach...I had thought about a minimum sale. Maybe it has to be moved to a higher priority in my business plan. That's helpful feedback."

A final question was how much Liberty expected to make annually.

Giordano said they believe that if they grossed \$2 million to \$4 million annually, it would be a tremendous success.

"That number is the cone of the hurricane," he said.

The Liberty proposal is up against three other proposals in the South End within the City's half-mile radius regulation and all are trying to one-up the other and finish the race first.

A proposal at 633 Tremont St. by Compassionate Organics has gone through several meetings, but didn't show up for its meeting with the Working Group last summer. That proposal has seen some support, but the neighborhood association Pilot Block opposes it due to the zoning regulations.

Another proposal from Happy Valley is on East Springfield, but hasn't had any public meetings. It intends to be purely recreational in nature.

Finally, a grow facility with no sales components in the Newmarket Business Association area is also proposing within the radius, and Newmarket is looking to support that proposal.

Other news and notes from the Working Group:

•Deputy Chief Michael Stratton was introduced to the group as the new deputy chief for mental health, homelessness, and the opiate crisis. He replaces Dep. Chief Winnie Cotter, and will be working citywide, but devoting a great deal of time to the Mass/Cass area.

Stratton wasted no time in bringing up issues, noting that he believes something needs to be done with the AHOPE needle exchange.

"It's not an exchange anymore," he said. "It's a giveaway and then throw away. There's no incentive to bringing them back... You should have to bring your used needles back."

•The Shattuck Planning Process has kicked off and will have another meeting on Sept. 26 in the Franklin Park Golf Course Club building. The process has a representative from the South End on the steering committee, but it is being led by the state. The idea for Southenders is to find a way to cooperatively locate some services from the South End at the Shattuck in exchange for accepting the move of the Shattuck to East Newton Street.

"A common fear in JP seems to be that the South End wants to move everything in the South End to JP," said Fox. "It couldn't be further from the truth. This needs to be a partnership with JP. We need a data-driven process...We really want this to be a handshake and not one neighborhood pitted against another."

Other meetings will occur in the same location on Jan. 16, 2019, and April 30, 2019, both at 6:30 p.m.

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Having just celebrated our 35th year, Atrium School is located in Watertown in an award-winning green building. Atrium families come from 35+ communities in and around Boston.

Atrium School's PreK - 8th grade progressive education encourages academic curiosity, creativity, and exploration while fostering each child's intellectual growth. Our students develop confidence in themselves and respect for others within a joyful, vibrant community of nurturing teachers, engaged parents, and enriching partnerships.

We are pleased to offer a full-day PreK program for children who turn four years of age by September 15th and a full-day Kindergarten program for children who turn five years of age by September 15th.

Atrium's Middle School

serves as the next step for our Grade 5 students and draws additional students from many area schools and communities. Our students are well-prepared for either independent or public high schools through an innovative and inspiring curriculum and program.

Atrium students are enriched by the Studio Art, Music+Music Integration and Violin programs, Performing Arts, Library, Spanish, STEM, and Athletic Activities and Sports Teams during and after school.

\* Please join us at our 2018-2019 Open Houses (on our web-site at [atrium.org](http://atrium.org))

\* Or schedule a tour and see how Atrium students experience Excellence with Joy

\* Also, attend our amazing "A is for Atrium" preschool series (on our website).

Please contact Sandi Dunn at [sdunn@atrium.org](mailto:sdunn@atrium.org) for further information.

**Beacon Hill Nursery School**  
**74 Joy Street**  
**Boston, MA 02114**  
**617-227-0822**  
**bhns.net**

Beacon Hill Nursery School was founded in 1955 and has been a vital part of the downtown community since its inception with a consistent commitment to high quality early childhood education. Our primary mission is to create a nurturing community that instills a lifelong love of learning in its students. We cherish children's innate curiosity through purposeful play guided by exceptional early childhood educators.

Our school is warm and welcoming, with two onsite playscapes, a dedicated library, seven classrooms and an indoor gym. All of our programs have a strong emphasis on play, hands-on engagement, open-ended exploration and social/emotional development. Enriched by weekly yoga and

music classes, our program nurtures and engages children in an environment that cultivates creativity and joy in learning. Our Junior Kindergarten program is designed to maintain the hallmarks of our play-based programs for young children while offering increased structure, exposure to academic readiness skills, leadership opportunities and preparation for the transition to next schools.

Programs: Toddler (2-2.9 years) - 2, 3 or 5 mornings (8:45am-12pm)

Preschool (2.9-4 years) - 5 mornings (8:45am-12pm)

Junior Kindergarten (4+ years) - M-Th (8:45am-2pm), F (8:45am-12pm)

Extended Day: Early Drop-off 8:00-8:45am

Extended Day until 3:30 or 5:45pm

Deadlines: Early Decision (Toddlers and all Siblings) - November 15

All other Applications - January 15

Meet us: HillFest (at Charles & Mt. Vernon) - September 23, 12-4pm

Open Houses - October 2 & October 22, 6:30-8pm

Pre-register for our Open Houses online at [www.bhns.net](http://www.bhns.net)

Tuition: \$9,090-28,660  
 Financial Aid: Need-based

**Belmont Day School**  
**55 Day School Lane**  
**Belmont, MA 02478**  
**617-932-3889**  
**617-489-1942 f**  
**belmontday.org**

Belmont Day School is a community of inspiring, bold, and remarkable learners and leaders. Curricula emphasize hands-on, interdisciplinary work that grounds the academic experience in the real world, and faculty expertly offer each individual the



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**THE FESSENDEN SCHOOL**

**PRE-K - GRADE 9 OPEN HOUSE**  
 Sun., Nov. 4 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM

**PRE-K - GRADE 1 ADMISSIONS EVENING\***  
 Thurs., Nov. 15 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM  
*\*This program starts promptly at 6:30 PM.*

**PRE-K - GRADE 4 OPEN HOUSE**  
 Tues., Dec. 4 | 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Skip the line by **PRE-REGISTERING TODAY**  
 AT [FESSENDEN.ORG/OH18](http://FESSENDEN.ORG/OH18) OR CALL 617-630-2300

250 WALTHAM ST., WEST NEWTON, MA 02465 | 617-630-2300



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**Lower School Open House: October 21**  
**Middle School Open House: November 15**  
[shs.org/ADMISSION](http://shs.org/ADMISSION)

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 PRE-K TO GRADE 8

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right level of challenge and support. Students build a strong sense of themselves and embody the school's core values of excellence, honesty, caring, joy, responsibility, and respect. Graduates go on to high schools of their choosing, where they are embraced as confident self-advocates and leaders. Learn more at an Open House: Saturday, October 20, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. [www.belmontday.org](http://www.belmontday.org)

### Boston Children's School

**8 Whittier Place  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-367-6239  
[bostonchildrens-school.org](http://bostonchildrens-school.org)**

Established in 1965, the Boston Children's School has been bringing the joy of learning to children between the ages of 2.9 and 7 years of age for over 50 years. Located in the historic West End section of Boston at Charles River Park, the Boston Children's School attracts students from the greater Boston area and children from around the world.

Our curriculum is both cognitively and developmentally age appropriate. Children learn and play in small groups, in individual, intimate classroom settings, allowing the classroom teachers to know each child and their individual learning style. In addition to daily classroom activities, the Boston Children's School offers Spanish, sign language and music as part of its curriculum. All children have daily access to the on-site playground. Early Arrival, Late Stay and Extended Day Programs are available to all children.

The Boston Children's School also offers a nine week "Summer Fun Program" to children between the ages of 3 and 10 years old. Detailed information about the Boston Children's School, its academic year and summer programs, are available on the Boston Children's School website at [www.BostonChildrensSchool.Org](http://www.BostonChildrensSchool.Org). Please feel free to call Judy Langer, the Director of the Boston Children's School with any questions that you may have about the

Boston Children's School or to set up a time to visit the school. The B.C.S. telephone number is 617-367-6239.

Academic Year - September through May  
Ages - 2.9 through 7 years old

Hours - 8:45a.m. - Noon for 2.7+ Preschool (2,3 or 5 days a week)

8:45a.m. - 1pm for 3.0+ Preschool (3 or 5 days a week)

8:45am - 1pm for 4.0+ Pre-Kindergarten (5 days a week)

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### CELEBRATE THE INTELLIGENCE & CURIOSITY OF CHILDREN:

## Visit the 'Wonder Of Learning: The Hundred Languages Of Children'

An infant crumpling and shaking a napkin. A 3-year-old dancing with light and shadows. A jostling crowd of excited 5-year-olds mastering principles of physics as they design ramps for marbles. How do young children really learn? How can good teachers—or loving parents and grandparents—spark learning?

Discover all of this and more in a free visit to the "Wonder of Learning: Hundred Languages of Children," a traveling exhibit from Reggio Emilia, Italy that offers educators, parents, and the general public an up-close, hands-on view of high-quality early childhood education created within public schools.

This inspiring exhibit illustrates stories of children learning through play with caring adults providing guidance and questioning; and shows how simple natural materials create bridges to learning—a rainbow of jars

filled with colorful beans and shells, trays of rocks, brilliant flowers and found objects; dives deeply into the different ways individual children learn through photos, videos, and text of children (ages 0 to 5) discovering a world of colors, shapes, writing, light, and movement.

Educators in the United States have been inspired by the Reggio Emilia early childhood public schools and their approach to the close listening and observations of children. Children's learning is shared through stories with the community so that the image of a child is one of intelligence, curiosity, and constant desire to learn.

The "Wonder of Learning" has traveled to 22 cities in the U.S. and is now at Boston University's Wheelock College of Education and Human Development until mid-November. Displayed through

out five sections of the Boston University Fenway campus, the exhibit starts in the lobby of the Wheelock Family Theater (180 Riverway, Boston). Visiting the exhibit is free and open daily to the public; although this exhibit is for adults.

Visit [www.wonderoflearning-boston.org](http://www.wonderoflearning-boston.org) for hours and learning opportunities. Experience the exhibit with adult friends, other parents, or your children's teachers! There are fine places to eat nearby, and the exhibit is in a cool and comfortable environment. Any adult who wants to enhance learning for children will love this exhibit. Groups visits by appointment or for questions, visit [info@wonderoflearningboston.org](mailto:info@wonderoflearningboston.org).

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## OPEN HOUSE

ARRUPE DIVISION: GRADES 7-8  
OCTOBER 14 & NOVEMBER 7

HIGH SCHOOL: GRADES 9-12  
OCTOBER 21



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[www.bchigh.edu/visit](http://www.bchigh.edu/visit) 150 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA



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OCTOBER 16  
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 22  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 30  
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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8:45am – 3pm for Kindergarten (5 days a week)  
8:45a.m. – 3p.m. for Transition Grade 1 (5 days a week)

Early Arrival from 8:15am and Late Stay until 5:30p.m. is available.

Application Deadline is January 15th.

Tuition \$9850 - \$19,900

Financial Aid – Limited Availability

**Charlestown Nursery School**  
124 Main Street  
Charlestown, MA  
617-242-5169

**charlestownnursery-school.com**

Charlestown Nursery School (CNS) is an innovative program for children 2-5 years old that draws on the best research from Reggio Emilia, Montessori and other thoughtful approaches. Our curriculum is built around

a series of explorations that grow out of the children's own interests and integrates individualized development – combining the power of the children's boundless curiosity with an expertly guided investigative approach that immerses the children in the process and joys of real discovery, with the goal of nurturing self-motivated, life-long learners. CNS has been recognized by educators from around the world and has been highlighted in many studies of high-quality early childhood.

The city's resources – including parks, museums, libraries and historic attractions – are considered part of the school's "campus," and our frequent visits foster the child's feeling of being at home in the wider world.

Ages: 2 - 5 years.

Tuition variable by program.

Regular Admissions applications must be submitted by January 30th;

Early admission, Nov.15 – Jan. 15 rolling admission

**Fessenden School**  
250 Waltham St., West  
Newton, MA 02465  
617-630-2300

**Fessenden.org**

You've imagined this world for your child. A nurturing community that instantly becomes a second home. A place where children are eager to unearth new passions and talents. A school that provides endless possibilities for growth and development—and where students actually have fun learning. The Fessenden School is more than an independent day and boarding school for boys in Pre- K-Grade 9. It's a journey. An educational playground. A family. Located just minutes from downtown Boston, Fessenden provides an academic experience that both supports and inspires boys to venture beyond their comfort zones. And, by demonstrating

kindness and respect, faculty and staff encourage students to strive, interact, and claim their identities with both confidence and humility.

You don't have to imagine this world any longer. Join us this fall for a Fessenden Open House so you and your family can experience the transformative power of a Fessenden education firsthand. Visit [fessenden.org/OH18](http://fessenden.org/OH18) to learn more.

**The Good Shepherd School**  
20 Winthrop St.  
Charlestown, MA  
02129  
617-242-8800

**director@gsscharlestown.org**  
**gsscharlestown.org**

Good Shepherd School (GSS) is located in Charlestown. Our fundamental value is to provide a Catholic education in a nurturing environment for children ages 2 to 5 years old, while preparing our children for the world ahead. GSS is designed to foster each child's growth through intentional learning opportunities that are both structural and multi-sensory, while meeting our students' individual needs and interests. Students of GSS are given the opportunity to work together and explore friendships, while learning how to actively and appropriately participate in a school setting. Our curriculum also supports the social and emotional development of our students by building self-confidence and social maturity, which includes: Handwriting Without Tears, TERC Math, Happy Feet Soccer, Hero Kids Gymnastics, NEMPAC Music, and Religious Education. We offer a variety of scheduling to fit your family's needs, with much flexibility our options are from 2 or 3 days and 4 or 5 days with start time at 8am and pick up times at 12pm, 12:30pm, 3pm, or 5:30pm. Our tuition is

from \$7,500 - \$16,800

Join us for our Open House on November 7th at 6:30pm. To find out more about Good Shepherd School please contact our Director, Jessica Maxwell, M.Ed ([director@gsscharlestown.org](mailto:director@gsscharlestown.org)) and visit our website at [www.gsscharlestown.org](http://www.gsscharlestown.org)

**John Winthrop School for Young Children**  
66 Marlborough Street  
Boston MA 02116  
617.267.7159  
**johnwinthropschool.org**

A cornerstone of early childhood education in the Back Bay community for over 50 years, John Winthrop School for Young Children welcomes little learners ages 15 months to 5 years. Toddlers and pre-school aged children thrive under the care of our nurturing, tenured teachers; enjoy spontaneous play in our well-equipped classrooms; and find new adventures in our beautiful outdoor playspaces. Visit us at a fall Open House or meet current families at our renowned Street Fair on October 13!

Ages: 15 months-5 years

Hours: Morning Programs 8:15a.m. – 11:45a.m.

Extended Afternoon (3:00 p.m.) and Extended Day (5:30 p.m.) Programs Available

Open Houses: Thursday, October 4, 5:30p.m.-7:00p.m.

Saturday, November 3, 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Street Fair: Oct. 13, 10:30am-1:30pm

Next School Choices Night: Oct. 25 6:30pm-7:30pm

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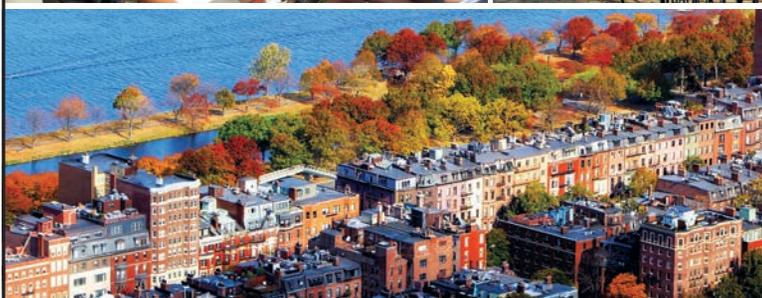
### OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 14th 11am-1pm

Coed college preparatory grades 7-12 in the Back Bay. Small class sizes, quality college acceptances, vibrant sports program. International Baccalaureate diploma option.

**We hope to see you there!**

For more information, please contact [admissions@newmanboston.org](mailto:admissions@newmanboston.org)



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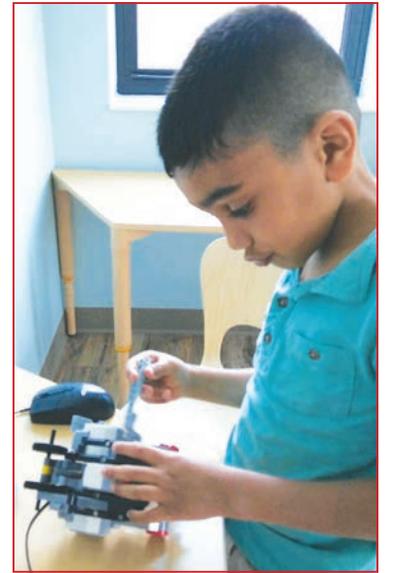
Lego-based robot to recognize a specific color, then move forward, backward, turn and stop when it saw that color. In coding class, kids made computer-based characters that moved and had conversations, and they added music and backgrounds to create a kind of video. Some even built their own full games to play. An introduction to 3-D printing showed students how to use the computer to configure shapes to make 3-D objects and demonstrated and explained the basic mechanics of 3-D printing.

All of this tech happened on summer afternoons. Mornings, before the height of the summer heat, brought soccer, T-Ball, and other sports at the Esplanade field against the beautiful backdrop of the Charles River. Beacon Hillers or parents in the West End may have seen the Torit program participants practicing on the tennis courts next to the Charlesbank spray deck and playground. Swimming lessons took place at the Clubs at Charles River Park

under the guidance of a Masters' swim coach, building teamwork skills and physical strength.

Dribbling and passing, batting, lobbing and volleying, and swimming laps kept these children of Boston engaged, moving, and outside every day to stay active and alert for the afternoon tech workshops. "Even for summer, Torit is all about the classics partnered with knowledge of the future," said Manshramani.

This fall, Torit celebrates 10 years of providing exceptional Montessori education from Infancy through Elementary, welcoming additional students this fall through Grade 6. With an early childhood campus on Province Street and an elementary campus on Cambridge Street across from MGH, Torit is dedicated to entrepreneurship, independence, experiential learning, and the ethos of a global community. In addition to a strong Montessori curriculum



blended with tech and arts and a robust after school program, Torit teaches all students Mandarin, Arabic, and Spanish.

For more information about Torit's "Classical Education for the Future", visit [www.toritschool.org](http://www.toritschool.org) or contact [office@toritschool.org](mailto:office@toritschool.org).

## Technology partners with sports at Torit Montessori

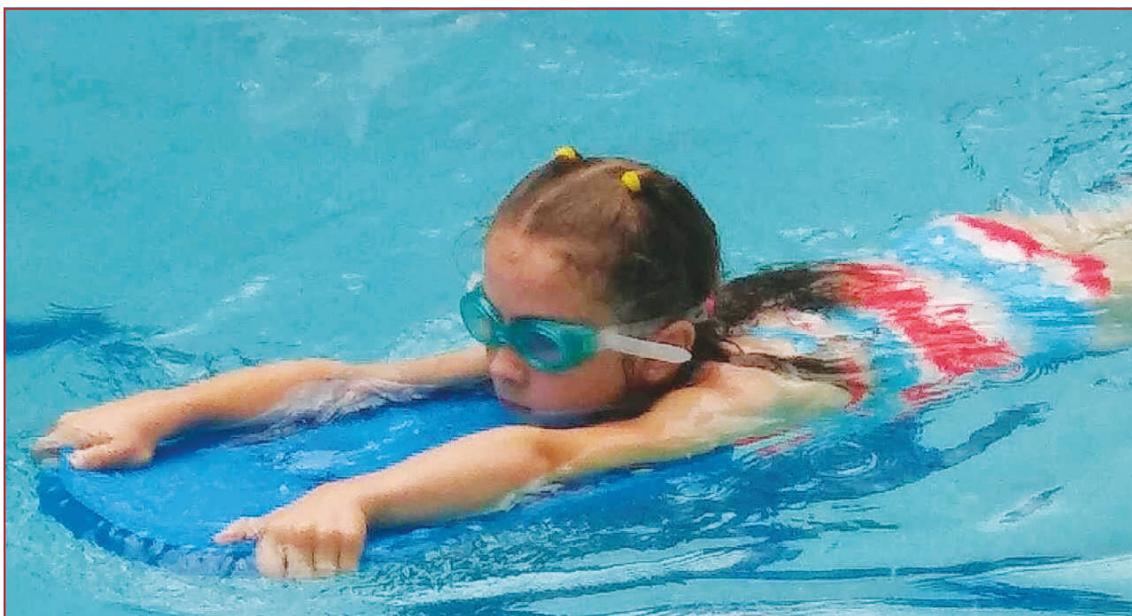
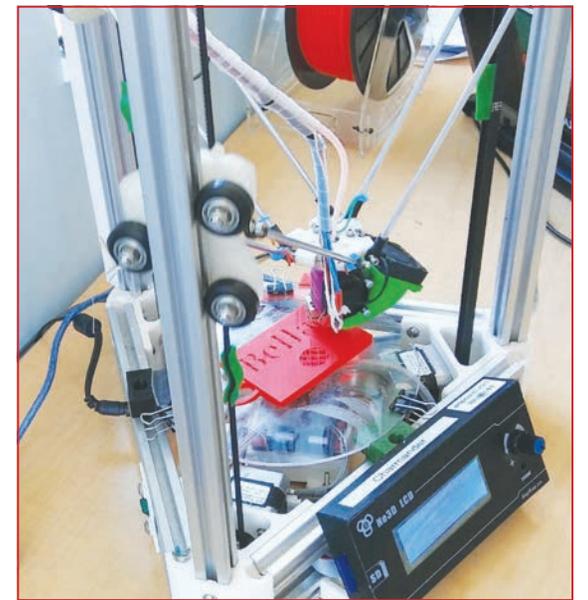
Elementary campers at Torit Montessori spent their summer learning the fundamentals of coding and robotics, but they did not have to give up the outdoors or summer sports like swimming, soccer and tennis. Torit's newly designed Elementary summer program successfully partnered the two to give students balance.

Kristen Manshramani, Torit's founder, speaks of the Tech/Sports partnership this way: "Summer is a great time for diving into your newer technologies that are not yet significant parts of most core academic curriculum. However, as parents and educators, we struggle with giving up too much

of the outdoors for our kids in summer."

Manshramani should know — she has a 7-year old son. "Usually it is two different types of kids who do Sports camps and Tech camps. At Torit, we focus on the whole child approach to education, so we put the two offerings together in one program," she said.

Through a partnership with Empow Studios, which provided onsite staff at Torit five hours each day, students had daily lessons in Robotics, 3-D Design/Printing and Coding. Empow's instruction engaged participants as young as 6 to program their



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**Kingsley Montessori School**  
 30 Fairfield Street,  
 26 Exeter Street,  
 Boston, MA 02116  
 617-226-4927  
[kingsley.org](http://kingsley.org)

Located in the heart of Boston's Back Bay, Kingsley is a premier independent day school serving ages 2 through 12 and guided by a unique blend of Montessori philosophy and innovative programming. Kingsley offers a Montessori education tailored to the talents, curiosity, and growth of each student. Our progressive, inquiry-based programs cultivate students' social and academic development and prepare them to advance successfully to top public and private middle schools. Kingsley strives to make the most of each student's unique gifts and interests and to empower students to take ownership of their learning so that they may become happy,

confident, and successful learners for life. Our core values of knowing every child during their Foundational Decade of Learning and partnering with parents propel students to reach their potential.

Accreditations: American Montessori Society, Association of Independent Schools of New England, National Association for the Education of Young Children, National Association of Independent Schools, North American Montessori Teacher's Association.

Grade: Toddler-6  
 338 students  
 Established in: 1991  
 Student Teacher Ratio: Toddler - 5:1; Preschool - 9:1; Lower Elementary - 8:1; Upper Elementary - 12:1

Average Class Size: 10 - 24, depending on grade. For more information, please email [admissions@kingsley.org](mailto:admissions@kingsley.org), call 617-226-4927, or visit [kingsley.org](http://kingsley.org).

**The Park School**  
 171 Goddard Ave.  
 Brookline, MA 02445  
 617-277-2456  
[parkschool.org](http://parkschool.org)

Park is a vibrant, connected, and diverse community of faculty and parents working together to support 550 students along their transformative journey from age 4 to 14. Families come from more than 30 communities in the metropolitan area; one third come from Boston. The school is located on a 34-acre campus less than a mile from Jamaica Pond. Park offers generous financial aid, bus service to Beacon Hill, and free shuttles from nearby MBTA stations.

Tuition: \$28,830 for Pre-Kindergarten - \$43,600 for Grade 8

Application deadline: Jan. 11, 2019

Diversity: 36% students of color

Financial Aid: 23% students receive financial assistance

**Park Street School - Preschool**  
 One Park Street  
 Boston, MA 02108  
 617-523-7577  
[parkstreetschool.org](http://parkstreetschool.org)

Inspire. Discover. Become. It's the experience for every child at Park Street School.

Consider the best education for children Toddler - Grade 6 in bright and sunny facilities in Beacon Hill! While our location is ideal, it's our remarkable students, faculty and families working together, forming close relationships that creates a vibrant and nurturing community where children thrive.

Grounded in Core Knowledge philosophy, children build strong foundations of knowledge in the early years - an approach we believe is foundational to developing critical thinking skills necessary for lifelong learning. Learning here is active! Creativity, imag-

ination, and social development are fostered through lessons, learning centers and play. Whether collecting leaves, discovering animals' habitats in Ponds and Meadows, or bicycling in gym, children are "out of the chair" - making connections in and out of the classroom and between subjects. The learning is real and tangible, and it sets us apart. As a Christian school, we're committed to guiding students in the formation of character and an understanding of God's love for them. Connecting the mind and the heart - classroom learning and character education - is what makes Park Street School special.

Ages: 2-5 years Tuition: \$9,500-\$19,500; \$1,500 - \$6,000 additional for afternoon programs  
 Financial Assistance: Available for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6, with limited availability for Preschool. Hours: 8:00 a.m.-noon for morning programs, Creative Afternoons 1:00-3:15 p.m. for ages 3 and up. Two, three, four and five-day programs available. Application deadline: Jan. 2 for priority for fall programs.

**Shady Hill School**  
 178 Coolidge Hill  
 Cambridge, MA 02138  
 617-520-5200  
[shs.org](http://shs.org)

Shady Hill is a Pre-K through Grade 8 coed day school located on an 11-acre campus in Cambridge. Over 500 students come from 40 area communities. Since 1915, the School has been committed to creating an environment where children are joyful, active learners who become confident and ethical citizens. The School honors the individual character of each child, encourages learning through collaboration, and values intellectual discipline. Central Subject, a fundamentally different approach to teaching and learning, fosters

integrated study and the development of critical and creative thinkers and problem solvers.

Hours: 8:10 A.M. - 3:15 P.M.; half-day program for Pre-K; after-school program until 6:00 P.M.

Tuition: Grades Pre-K - 8 in 2018-2019 range from \$27,170 to \$39,440. 21% of families receive need-based financial aid grants totaling over \$2.7 million.

Bus transportation is available to a number of towns and areas of Boston.

Application deadlines: Dec. 15 for Pre-K and K; Jan. 4 for Grades 1 - 7.

Applications to all grades area accepted, with annual openings in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grades 3 and 6.

OPEN HOUSES: Lower School (Pre-K - Grade 4) - Sunday, October 21 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. Middle School (Grades 5 - 8) - Thursday, November 15, program starts at 7:00 P.M.

**Spruce St Nursery School**  
 5 Avery St, Boston,  
 MA 02111  
 (617) 482-5252  
[sprucestreet.org](http://sprucestreet.org)

Spruce Street Nursery School offers a joyous early learning experience for children from 2 through 5 years of age. In four open classrooms designed to stimulate creativity and enhance development, dedicated teachers lovingly provide both individual and group instruction and support. Lessons are planned thematically, with ample opportunities for exploration and guided instruction. Physical development is enhanced through regular trips to local playgrounds and Equinox. Parent involvement is an integral element of the Spruce Street experience, and the communication

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Tuition: \$10,900 - \$22,900

Hours: Morning Programs  
8:30am-1pm

Acorns 2 - 2.9 years M, W, F or T, TH;

Willows 2.10 - mid-threes  
3, 4, and 5 day scheduling options;

Maples late 3s-early fours,  
3, 4 and 5 day scheduling options;

Oaks 4 turning five during  
the school year, 5-day option only.

Early Arrival 7:30 - 8:30am,  
separate fees apply

Extended Day 1-3:30pm,  
separate fees apply

Special Afternoon Activities  
(Swim, Soccer, Movement & Mindfulness, & Theater)  
1-3:30pm, separate fees apply

Application deadline for  
the 2019-2020 school year is  
January 15th

Financial aid: Need based

Admissions Open House:  
Saturday, October 27th  
9am-12pm children are welcome!

**St. John School**  
**9 Moon Street**  
**Boston, MA 02113**  
**617-227-3143**  
**sjsne.com**  
**K3 -8th grade**

Nestled in the heart of Boston's North End, St. John School has prepared students for bright futures since 1895. We are a Catholic value-centered learning environment focused on educating students in an atmosphere that fosters a spirit of cooperation, faith, and academic excellence.

Welcoming pre-kindergarten through 8th grade students, we utilize innovative programs and a standards-based curriculum to educate the whole child. Our dedicated teachers and small class size ensure that each student's unique progress is celebrated. Students enjoy a

state-of-the-art computer lab, 1 to 1 iPad program, science lab, STEM programs, Italian language instruction, wood-working classes, our own hydroponic garden, and professional music classes. Our After School Program costs \$300 per month and in session from 2:30 PM- 6:00 PM. Rolling admissions. Please join us for our Open House: 9:30 AM, Wednesday, November 7th.

Hours: Drop off starting at 7:30 AM, class time 7:55 AM - 2:40 PM.

Tuition: K3 Three day (full day): \$8,450/Five day (full day) : \$9,850

K4 (full day) \$5,750, K5 (full day) \$5,550, Grades 1-8 \$5,350

**Torit Montessori School**  
**45 Province Street**  
**(Infant, Toddler & Pre-K)**  
**300 Cambridge Street**  
**(Pre-K through Grade 6)**  
**Boston, MA 02114**  
**(617) 523-4000**  
**toritschool.org**

Torit Montessori offers a unique education for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary students through Grade 6 in our two downtown campuses. In keeping with Dr. Maria Montessori's own sense of globalism and commitment to peace education, we teach all our students - our future world citizens - Arabic, Mandarin and Spanish, along with courtesy, grace, and a spirit of community. Torit's exceptional elementary curriculum is based on the Montessori Great Lessons, and is complimented by athletics, art, music, language, and a robust after school enrichment program. With guidance from faculty, students in grades 1 through 6 gain self-confidence

to find their place in the world as they build the skills every global citizen needs, ranging from social interconnectedness to technological entrepreneurship. Torit's goal is to support families in the challenging and rewarding work of raising educated, responsible, ethical, and motivated people.

From the moment you're greeted at the door until the moment you say "ma al-salamah" or perhaps "adios," you will see and experience the Torit difference. We invite you to experience that difference at an Open House, and to inquire via email at [office@toritschool.org](mailto:office@toritschool.org).

Infant, Toddler, Preschool: 7:30am to 2:45pm: Extended Day Enhancements until 5:45pm.

Elementary: 8:00am - 3:00 pm; After School Enrichment 3:00-5:45pm, including Science, Arts, and Athletics

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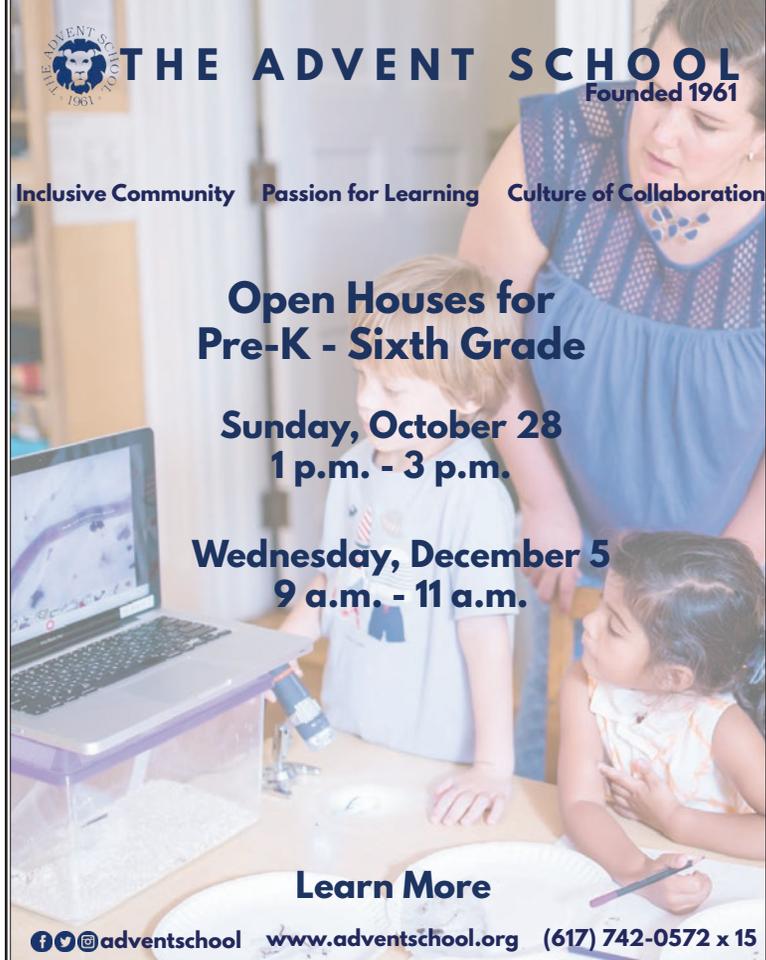
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\* Please join us at our 2018-2019 Open Houses (on our web-site at atrium.org)

\* Or schedule a tour and see how Atrium students experience Excellence with Joy

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Please contact Sandi Dunn at sdunn@atrium.org for further information.

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**55 Day School Lane**  
**Belmont, MA 02478**  
**617-932-3889**  
**617-489-1942 (f)**  
**belmontday.org**

Belmont Day School is a community of inspiring, bold, and remarkable learners and leaders. Curricula emphasize hands-on, interdisciplinary work that grounds the academic experience in the real world, and faculty expertly offer each individual the right level of challenge and support. Students build a strong sense of themselves and embody the school's core values of excellence, honesty, caring, joy, responsibility, and respect. Graduates go on to high schools of their choosing, where they are embraced as confident self-advocates and leaders. Learn more at an Open House: Saturday, October 20, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. www.belmontday.org

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Accreditations: American Montessori Society, Association of Independent Schools of New England, National Association for the Education of Young Children, National Association of Independent Schools, North American Montessori Teacher's Association.

Grade: Toddler-6  
338 students  
Established in: 1991  
Student Teacher Ratio: Toddler - 5:1; Preschool - 9:1; Lower Elementary - 8:1; Upper Elementary - 12:1  
Average Class Size: 10 - 24, depending on grade. For more information, please email [admissions@kingsley.org](mailto:admissions@kingsley.org), call 617-226-4927, or visit [kingsley.org](http://kingsley.org).

**The Newman School**  
247 Marlborough Street  
Boston MA 02116  
617-267-4530

[newmanboston.org](http://newmanboston.org)  
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171 Goddard Ave.  
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617-277-2456  
[parkschool.org](http://parkschool.org)

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Tuition: \$28,830 for Pre-Kindergarten - \$43,600 for Grade 8

Application deadline: Jan. 11, 2019

Diversity: 36% students of

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Financial Aid: 23% students receive financial assistance

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617-523-7577  
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October 2, 9, 16, 30, 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
26 Exeter Street

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Grades: Kindergarten-Grade 6 Tuition: \$26,500 - \$28,500; \$1,100 - \$5,500 additional for afternoon programs. Financial Assistance: Available for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6, with limited availability for Preschool.

Hours: 8:00a.m.-3:15p.m. Grades 1-6; Kindergarten hours are M-TH

8:00p.m.-3:15p.m.; Fridays 8:00a.m.-noon with optional Kindergarten Enrichment, noon-3:15 p.m. After school program, clubs and private music lessons available until 5:30p.m. Application deadline: Jan. 2 for priority for fall programs

**Shady Hill School**  
**178 Coolidge Hill**  
**Cambridge, MA 02138**  
**617-520-5200**  
**shs.org**

Shady Hill is a Pre-K through Grade 8 coed day school located on an 11-acre campus in Cambridge. Over 500 students come from 40 area communities. Since 1915, the School has been committed to creating an environment where children are joyful, active learners who become confident and ethical citizens. The School honors the individual character of each child, encourages learning through collaboration, and values intellectual discipline. Central Subject, a fundamentally different approach to teaching and learning, fosters integrated study and the development of critical and creative thinkers and problem solvers.

Hours: 8:10 A.M. - 3:15 P.M.; half-day program for Pre-K; after-school program until 6:00 P.M.

Tuition: Grades Pre-K - 8 in 2018-2019 range from

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Bus transportation is available to a number of towns and areas of Boston.

Application deadlines: Dec. 15 for Pre-K and K; Jan. 4 for Grades 1 - 7.

Applications to all grades area accepted, with annual openings in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grades 3 and 6.

OPEN HOUSES: Lower School (Pre-K - Grade 4) - Sunday, October 21 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. Middle School (Grades 5 - 8) - Thursday, November 15, program starts at 7:00 P.M.

**St. John School**  
**9 Moon Street**  
**Boston, MA 02113**  
**617-227-3143**  
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Hours: Drop off starting at 7:30 AM, class time 7:55 AM - 2:40 PM.

Tuition: K3 Three day (full day): \$8,450/Five day (full day) : \$9,850

K4 (full day) \$5,750, K5 (full day) \$5,550, Grades 1-8 \$5,350

School (Grades 5 - 8) - Tuesday, November 7, program starts at 7:00p.m.

**Torit Montessori School**  
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**(Infant, Toddler & Pre-K)**  
**300 Cambridge Street**  
**(Pre-K through Grade 6)**  
**Boston, MA 02114**  
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**toritschool.org**

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# Fall programs



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## After School

**Charlestown Working Theater**  
442 Bunker Hill Street  
Charlestown, MA 02129  
617-242-3285  
[www.charlestown-working-theater.org](http://www.charlestown-working-theater.org)

The Charlestown Working Theater is an organization of people working to make the

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It is our belief that a quality of life and dialogue can be felt through the artistic process. We offer our participants and audiences new visions and understandings of the world around us by combining professional artistry with community spirit. The Charlestown Working Theater seeks to entertain,

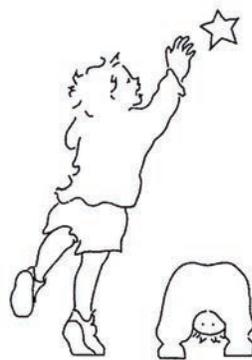
inform, and inspire.

The CWT offers a wide selection of artistic opportunities to the children of Charlestown and surrounding communities. Performances, music lessons, and chess are just some examples of CWT's educational programming.

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Thanks to continuing support from Public Action for Arts and Education (P.A.A.E), and the Nazzaro Center in the North End of Boston has been able to sustain a thriving Arts program for the past eleven (11) years. Under the direction of Josephine Lepore, Arts Teacher, the center offers children instruction in drawing (pencil, black and white, charcoal), and also oil painting. Approximately fifty (50) students participate in various Arts projects which start in September and end in May. The Artwork is judged by members of the PAAE Advisory Board. Prizes are awarded to all students after being selected. We would like to thank P.A.A.E. Board Members Julie Alagna, Derek Brandt, and Alan Rouleau who served as Judges at this year's Nazzaro Center Children's Arts event. (Boston Youth, Children, and Families).



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## Torit School campers perform 'The Secret Garden'

After nine weeks of memorizing more than 20 lines each over three acts, designing their own costumes, and building a colorful and intriguing set, elementary age campers welcomed parents and siblings to their summer play, "The Secret Garden."

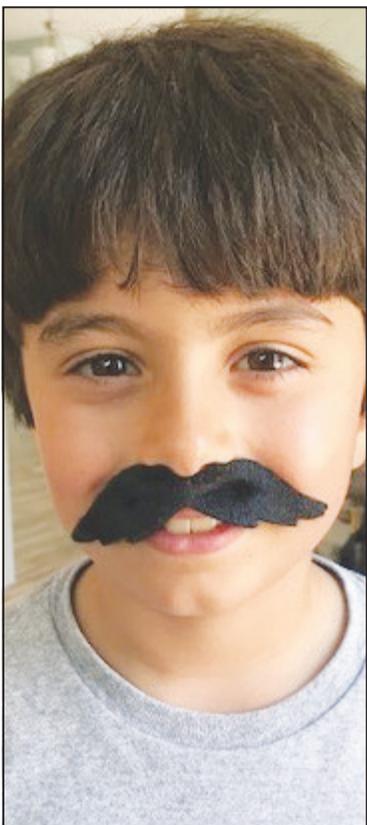
"In addition to learning coding and robotics this summer," Head of School and Founder Kristen Mansharamani said, "campers spent several weeks making stained "glass" windows, vines,

flowers and garden walls for the play at our Cambridge Street site, and worked on costumes, set design and memorizing lines. They worked hard this summer to pull it all together and they learned a lot and had fun in the process. We're very proud of their hard work and are already thinking about next summer."

This fall, Torit Montessori celebrates 10 years of providing exceptional Montessori education from Infancy through Grade 6. In addition

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# Mayor Walsh, City announce they will pursue litigation for opioid epidemic

By Seth Daniel

Mayor Martin Walsh isn't too concerned if Big Pharma wants to be his friend.

In fact, he said, they probably aren't going to like him much in the coming months as the City pursues litigation against them for the opioid epidemic, but in words that spared no love-loss for the makers of opioid pills, he blamed them for the bulk of the opioid epidemic that plays out most prominently in the South End.

"When I was a state rep I met with Purdue Pharma and I told them they were hurting people," he said at the press conference. "They left my office disturbed and upset. I don't feel bad for the CEOs of these companies...They

are not understanding the problems that are happening on the streets. If they do, they're ignoring it. This sends them a message... We don't appreciate them taking advantage of a whole bunch of people using their drugs so they can get rich... We're going to make them pay and change the culture of their companies."

Mayor Martin Walsh appeared in front of the Woods-Mullen Shelter in the Mass/Cass area on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 13 – at ground zero for the opioid epidemic – to announce the City is bringing suit against 13 opioid manufacturers, four pharmaceutical distributors and one local doctor that the City believes has contributed to the local opioid epidemic through misleading marketing and



Jared Owens of MOAR said he believes many pharmaceutical companies have more blood on their hands than illegal drug dealers.

reckless dissemination of opioids that has led to the deaths of more than 723 Boston residents since 2013. As part of the litigation, the City is seeking to recover both past and future damages and injunctive relief associated with addressing the opioid epidemic in Boston.

The suit was filed in Suffolk Superior Court last Thursday, and is wholly separate from efforts being made by Attorney General Maura Healy, as well as a federal case in Cleveland that municipalities across the country have signed on to.

"Boston has reached a breaking point in the fight against the opioid epidemic," said Mayor Walsh. "We have a public health crisis on our hands that has steadily gotten worse in recent years and even

though we have been increasing access to critical treatments and supports, we can't fight this alone. It's time to hold accountable the companies that created and fostered this crisis and pursue remedies to stop its harmful marketing tactics."

The litigation focuses on several pharmaceutical companies that Walsh says irresponsibly saturated the market with opioids, knowingly putting consumers at risk for addiction. The defendants manufacture, market, and sell prescription opioid pain medications, including the brand-name drugs OxyContin and Percocet, and generic drugs such as oxycodone.

In addition, the suit alleges opioid drugs have been marketed in a misleading, deceptive and dangerous way, which helped give rise to the opioid epidemic in the City of Boston and throughout the country. Between 2010 and 2016, an average of 457 mg of oxycodone were dispersed per Boston resident, which is double the state average and nearly three times over the national average.

Jared Owen, who works for the Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR) said his first experience with opioids was when he was 14 and dropped a dumbbell on his toe. From there, he said he lived with that feeling in the back of his head. While studying at MIT, the drug addiction took hold of him until he was on the streets and had turned to heroin.

"I firmly believe there are men now sitting in corner offices at these companies that have more blood on their hands for this crisis than any drug dealer on the streets in Massachusetts," he said. "They need to be held accountable and that's what this is doing."

The City asserts that the increased dissemination of opioids correlates directly to skyrocketing addiction, overdose and death; black markets for diverted prescriptions opioids; and an accompanying rise in heroin and fentanyl abuse by individuals who could no longer legally acquire or

afford prescription opioids. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identified addiction to prescription pain medication as the strongest risk factor for heroin addiction.

"The opioid epidemic has inflicted unprecedented suffering on the people of Boston," said Michael Botticelli, executive director of the Grayken Center for Addiction Medicine. "Boston Medical Center sees its impact on a daily basis in the people brought to our emergency room, inpatient beds, and those seeking treatment services. The Grayken Center is proud to support the Mayor in his efforts to bring this suffering to an end and to show our support for his actions today to hold opioid manufacturers responsible for their role in creating this epidemic."

The City is seeking relief to recover approximately \$64 million spent to combat the opioid epidemic, plus the necessary funds to abate the crisis, in addition to future damages the City will incur as the epidemic progresses. Almost all City departments have been impacted, including the Boston Fire Department, Boston Police Department, Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Emergency Medical Services, Boston Public Library, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Inspectional Services Department, Property Management, and Boston Public Schools.

The City has retained Motley Rice to represent them in the matter.

The companies sued include Purdue Pharma, Endo Pharmaceuticals, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Cephalon, Teva Pharmaceuticals, Johnson & Johnson, among others.

The local doctor is Dr. Fathallah Mashali, 62, of New England Wellness and Pain Management, Dover, Massachusetts. Dr. Mashali was sentenced to eight years in prison last March in Boston Federal Court for healthcare fraud and money laundering.



Virtually every City official and recovery provider joined Mayor Martin Walsh on Thursday, Sept. 13, in front of the Woods Mullen Shelter on the corner of Mass/Cass in the South End to announce the filing of litigation against opioid manufacturers, pharmaceutical distributors and one local doctor.

## BBAC discusses replacement trees in the Back Bay

By Lauren Bennett

Trees are often a topic of discussion at Back Bay Architectural Commission hearings, and the one on Sept. 12 was no exception. Elizabeth Marcus from 82 Marlborough St. proposed to remove the dead magnolia tree that she planted 30 years ago. She does not want to plant another tree there, as "this one did not do well." She sought permission to take down the dead tree and not be required to plant another one.

"This is not in my opinion a good location for a tree and from my personal experience trying to grow one there," Marcus said. There are other large trees in the vicinity of her property, and she said that it might make more sense to plant a new one if one of those were to die.

Laurie Thomas from the Garden Club of the Back Bay said that there is a "suitable place" for an understory tree, which is one that can live underneath other trees without a lot of light. Such trees include Japanese maples and paper bark maples. Marcus said her arborist proposed a dogwood

tree.

Marcus also said that the arborist told her he would be unable to get a stump grinder to fit in where the tree is, so it would have to decompose naturally. Commissioner Iphigenia Demetriades said that Marcus might want to get another opinion on that, as there are other machines that could fit in smaller places.

BBAC Chair Kathleen Connor asked Marcus why she wanted something else there besides a tree, to which Marcus replied that the house next door—the "companion house"—does not have a tree. She also said that "for all the years it was there, it looked pretty pathetic."

"It would look equally nice to have a low flowering shrub in the center; even annuals," Marcus said.

"There's no plan here for what you're going to do," Demetriades said. Connor agreed, saying that she would like to see a "vision and a plan," and wants Marcus to come back with a plan of exactly what she wants to do instead of a tree.

Sue Prindle from the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay said she was in favor of the Garden Club's position because "we've worked hard to take care of the tree canopy," and thinks it would be unfortunate to not have a tree there.

The neighbor at 86 Marlborough St. said that it does not really matter whether there is a tree or a garden in the spot.

The Commission voted to approve taking the tree down and approve delaying the removal of the stump so it has time to disintegrate. Marcus is to return in six months with two plans—one with a tree and one with a garden.

At 438 Marlborough St., applicant Chris Pellegrini said the Japanese maple on the property is "definitely dead" and he wants to cut it down, grind the stump, and put a different tree there. He said they had spoken with the Garden Club, who recommended a Rutgers Dogwood tree.

"We think that's a very appropriate tree for that garden," said Laurie Thomas from the Garden Club. The Commission approved this proposal as presented.



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## City, Northeastern unveil multi-million dollar park renovation in South End

By Ian Thomsen, Special to the Sun

On a beautiful Friday afternoon on the edge of autumn, the historic old William E. Carter Playground was introduced to the new millennium in a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and Northeastern President Joseph E. Aoun.

Hundreds gathered along Columbus Avenue in the midst of Northeastern's campus to hear the dignitaries, athletes, students, and Bostonians praise the transformation of a city landmark. And yet the audience paled in size in comparison to the many more who have been making use of the renovated 6.5-acre facility ever since the builders and their equipment withdrew last month. Children and students played on the edges of the park throughout the ceremony, as if acting out the

themes of recreation and renewal that Walsh and Aoun were citing.

Northeastern committed \$108 million to the project, including \$82 million for maintenance over the next 30 years, and by surrendering its Camden parking lot the footprint of the park was increased by 25 percent. Its updated features include two football and soccer fields that can also be used for baseball, softball, lacrosse, and other sports; one of the fields will be covered with a temporary bubble in December, to enable play throughout winter.

There are also five tennis courts, open recreational space, and a "tot lot" area with equipment for children with disabilities that was dedicated Friday to Northeastern graduate Victoria McGrath, who was injured in the 2013 Boston

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## WILLIAM E. CARTER PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING



Members of club sports, Northeastern University, during the opening of Sergeant William E. Carter Playground in the South End.



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Caroline Foscatto, of South End Soccer, Mike Kudisch of South End Baseball, Paul McCaffrey, director of Boston Parks Permitting and Special Events, Deputy Chief Ruben Galindo, Northeastern director of Public Safety, and Philly Mantello during the official opening of the new park.



Jim McGrath, father of Victoria McGrath, during the opening of Victoria McGrath Playground in the South End. Seen in photo are Mayor Martin Walsh, President Joseph E. Aoun, and McGrath family members. Victoria McGrath was a Northeastern student who was seriously injured in the Boston Marathon Bombing and had an inspiring story of recovery from her injuries. However, in 2016, she was killed by a drunk driver in Dubai.

# WILLIAM E. CARTER PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING

Photos by Keiko Hiromi

The official opening of the Sgt. William E. Carter Playground saw Mayor Marty Walsh, City officials and Northeastern President Joseph E. Aoun unveil the park on Sept. 14. The playground is named after Sgt. William E. Carter, an African-American veteran of the Spanish American War and World

War I, who was killed in action in France in 1918.

In the 1950s the players who shot baskets at Carter Playground included Martin Luther King, Jr.

Northeastern University invested \$26 million to transform the city-owned playground on Columbus Avenue. After that ceremony, the City and Parks Department also named the playground after Virginia McGrath.



Police Commissioner William G. Gross with Andrea Buffonge, Kai Buffonge and Lex Buffonge.



Michael Lesley, South End/Mission Hill Pop Warner, speaks during the opening of Sergeant William E. Carter Playground.



Boston Mayor Marty Walsh speaks at the opening of the new fields.



Anteneh (R) and Maraki Tesfaye, of South End Soccer, talk about how excited they are to use the much-needed, new field.



President Joseph E. Aoun, Northeastern University, during opening ceremonies.



William Netter and Allan Nelson members of American Legion William E. Carter Post, oldest active African American Legion Post in U.S.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### 25 JAZZ ENSEMBLES FROM ACROSS MASSACHUSETTS TO PERFORM AT JAZZ ALONG THE CHARLES: A WALKABLE CONCERT

Twenty-five ensembles from Boston's thriving jazz scene will perform at a series of connected, walkable locations along the DCR Charles River Esplanade, interpreting the same curated list of Boston-related tunes in one, collective, free concert set to take place this Sunday, Sept. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m., Jazz Along the Charles will showcase ensembles from neighborhoods and institutions across Greater Boston, which were selected from wide-ranging styles. The 25 ensembles will play the same set of contemporary and classic jazz compositions curated by celebrated Boston composer, bandleader and saxophonist Ken Field, with each ensemble approaching the presentation in their own unique style. The sets will close with each ensemble performing a selection from their own repertoire.

### NOW+THERE'S NEWEST PUBLIC ARTWORK TAKES CENTER STAGE AT THE PRUDENTIAL CENTER

Now + There unveiled Stephanie Cardon's vibrant floor-to-ceiling installation to the public on Wednesday, Sept. 19, filling the main entrance to the landmark Prudential Center at 800 Boylston St. Cardon's 3,400-square-foot contemporary tapestry made

of repurposed neon orange and brilliant blue construction debris netting casts a cautionary orange glow over the 80,000+ people who pass here each day. The work incorporates embroidered text from Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*: On Care for Our Common Home, urging swift and unified global action towards climate justice.

### CATALOGING TREES IN CHESTER SQUARE

Would you like to see our neighborhood trees grow big and strong in Chester Square? The neighborhood association is working with Claremont Neighborhood Association, Friends of Chester Park and Speak for the Trees to create a digital inventory of street trees.

Join Speak-for-the-Trees, Boston this Saturday, Sept. 22, to test out the new tree cataloguing app and begin an inventory of trees in the Mass. Ave. – Melnea Cass – Southwest Corridor Triangle. The meet up location will be at the YMCA building at 316 Huntington Ave. from 1-4 p.m.

R.S.V.P. for a free ticket at david@sfttbos.org.

### PARISH CAFÉ II GOES TO KAVA OWNERS

Many have been curious about the closure of the Parish Café II on Tremont Street, and few answers have emerged yet.

However, according to records at the License Board, the Parish was sold to the owners of Shawmut Avenue's Kave neo-taverna restaurant. In July, the Board approved the transfer of the business to George and Stephen Axiotis of

Kava, under SIG Hospitality Group. They have entered into a five-year lease on the space, paying just shy of \$11,000 a month in rent.

They pledged on City documents that the cost of purchasing the business and doing renovations amounted to \$750,000.

Owners of Kava did not respond to inquiries from the Sun.

### VILLA TO HOST 'FUNERAL' TO REMEMBER HURRICANE MARIA VICTIMS

A year after Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico remains on the brink of financial collapse, while many are still without lifesaving resources. On Sept. 20, several activist groups and residents will have a funeral procession to remember those that lost their lives during the hurricane last September, followed by a candlelight vigil.

The event will take place on Plaza Betances at 5:30 p.m. The vigil will be at 8 p.m.

### BAR LYON OPENS ITS DOORS

The Columbus Hospitality Group opened its latest venture on Tuesday night, Sept. 18, on the corner of Washington Street and Massachusetts Avenue – known as Bar Lyon.

The French-themed bistro will incorporate a bar and Lyonnaise-inspired cuisine, along with popular items such as a specialty burger.

Many in the neighborhood have touted the opening as a way to further activate a very challenging intersection.

### TWO SHOTS FIRED INCIDENTS IN SOUTH END

Two incidents of shots fired occurred in the early morning hours of Sept. 15. The first occurred around 2:15 a.m. in the area of 102 West Newton St. Officers responding found no ballistics evidence at the scene suggesting that the shots may have been fired from a vehicle.

The second incident occurred on East Newton shortly after 3 a.m. and again, no ballistics evidence was found at the scene. One individual with residence outside the South End walked into BMC Emergency following these two shooting incidents reporting a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to the leg. He was interviewed by police.

D4 Captain Sweeney (together with Longwood Security) are devising a new daily police coverage plan (both marked and unmarked units) for this area of the South End in order to continue/restore a summer almost completely free of violence in the adjacent O'Day area of the South End.

### SEHS DIRECTOR TO LEAVE

Lauren Prescott, executive director of the South End Historical Society, will be stepping down from her position this fall to work elsewhere.

Prescott has excelled in the position and brought about a great public face for the Historical Society in her tenure, including a partnership with the Boston Sun.

Prescott also researched and wrote a pictorial history of the South End, which came out earlier this year.

Prescott said she loved the job and would continue to be in and around the neighborhood. Before she leaves, she will still be in charge of putting on the South End Historical Society's House Tour.

"I've really enjoyed my time at SEHS and I'll still volunteer plenty of my time in the neighborhood, I just can't do it as director," she said.

The job description can be found online here: <https://www.southendhistoricalsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/ED-Job-Listing.pdf>

### BACK BAY HAPPENINGS

• Please mark your calendars for the NABB annual meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at Fisher College, 116 Beacon St., (lower level). Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu will be the keynote speaker.

NABB's next Police Panel/Public Safety Forum will take place on the last Thursday of the month, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the first floor sanctuary of The First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough St. For more information, please feel free to contact us at [publicsafety@nab-online.com](mailto:publicsafety@nab-online.com).

NABB is holding an informational forum on marijuana on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 6:30 p.m. The forum will be at the First Lutheran Church, corner of Berkeley and Marlborough St.

### SOUTH END DATES

•The next UPNA General Meeting, open to all in the neighborhood, will be held on Wednesday,

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## For the Record

From the Sept. 19 St. Botolph Architectural Commission hearing, City Hall, 5 p.m.:

DESIGN REVIEW

\*230-232 West Newton Street, Unit G

Applicant: Stephen P. Griffin

Proposed Work: Alter fenestration at rear dormer by installing three ganged 1/1 aluminum-clad windows.

\*69 St. Botolph Street

Applicant: Laura van Rooyen

Proposed Work: Replace front door and repair door frame due to rot and damaged wood.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

\*23 Cumberland Street: Repair and repaint front door and sidelites to match existing.

From the Sept. 20 Non-Hearing Common Victuraler meeting, City Hall, 10 a.m.:

• Lansdowne Boston Restaurant, LLC. d/b/a House of Blues, 15 Lansdowne St., Fenway, has applied for a one-day extension of premise to include Lansdowne St. for the Country 102.5 Street Festival on September 23 between the hours of 12:30-9 p.m.

From the Sept. 25 Boston Landmarks Commission Meeting, City Hall, 4 p.m.

DESIGN REVIEW

•Christian Science Complex, Back Bay. Applicant: Robert Herlinger, Chief Architect.

Proposed work: Installation of exterior lighting on the Church structures

ADMIN REVIEW

•Emerald Necklace; Boston Common; Boston Public Library.

Applicant: Keenan Brinn, Licensee.

Proposed work: Installation of DAS nodes at 914 Huntington Avenue; 309-451 Boylston Street; and 55 Exeter Street.

•Boston Public Library. Applicant: Lissa Schwab

Proposed work: installation of temporary accessibility ramp and door at Dartmouth Street entrance.

•Public Garden

Applicant: Adam Braillard, Extene

Proposed work: Installation of four DAS nodes.

From the Sept. 26 Flammable Storage and Garages Hearing, 1010 Mass. Ave, 10 a.m.:

•400 Fenway, 13-vehicle parking garage 260 gallons of gas in the tanks of vehicles. Emmanuel College.

Council Hearing order for the Oct. 2 COMMITTEES ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORTATION AND HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH, AND RECOVERY, City Hall, 1 p.m.:

•A hearing to examine plans regarding reconstruction of the Long Island Bridge and the reopening of service facilities. The Chairs of the Committees are Councilors Michelle Wu and Annissa Essaibi-George. The Sponsors of the Docket are Councilors Andrea Campbell, Essaibi-George, and Frank Baker.

## NEWS BRIEFS (from pg. 22)

Oct. 3, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Community Music Center of Boston, 537 Tremont St.

Details on the agenda will follow in a few weeks, but it will include these items:

\*Consideration of the proposed development project for 24 Union Park

\*Discussion of the proposal to open a medical marijuana facility close to our neighborhood

\*A presentation and update on the development at the site of the former Flower Exchange on Albany Street

\*A 'State of the Park' discussion regarding the care and maintenance of Union Park.

•The South End Forum Opiate Working Group will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 4 p.m. in the Hampto Inn on Mass/Cass.

•The East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) cancelled its September meeting to observe Yom Kippur, and will resume its regular schedule in October. Next meeting will be on Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. They will have a Development Update from The Abbey Group, the proponents of Exchange South End. Also plan on a discussion about the 200 Shawmut Ave. parking lot at the corner of Shawmut and East Berkeley regarding their bid to continue operating as a parking lot. Location TBA.

•The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m. at One Chandler Street.

•The Blackstone Franklin Square Neighborhood Association has moved its meeting to Thursday, Sept. 27, at the D-4 Police Station. They will have a presentation from the Liberty Compassionates marijuana store proposal on Albany Street.

•The Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. The meeting will still take place at 88 E. Newton, but will likely move soon as the building has been purchased by the state for the Shattuck Campus.

•Friends of Childe Hassam Park has unveiled a fun fall full of events in the park. First, there is a public art installation by Rosa Weinberg in the park. There will also be several art in the park events as well. Sept. 22, Romula; Sept. 29, Laura Bravo; Oct. 6, Liliana Marquez; and Oct. 14,

Jesica Perry Lang. All events are 3-6 p.m.

## FENWAY TIMES

•New summer hours for Fenway Community Center. Monday through Saturday open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, also open 5-8 p.m. Closed Sunday.

•Upcoming Fenway Park Events: Saturday, Nov. 10 and Sunday, Nov. 11 —Spartan Race, 10,000 expected, times TBA

Saturday, Nov. 17 —“The Game” Harvard v. Yale, 35,000 expected, noon -3:30 p.m.

## RED SOX NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY MEETING OCT. 1

Before the baseball post-season kicks into full gear, we'd like to invite you to a neighborhood meeting here at Fenway Park. As with our previous meetings over the years, we will provide updates on our events and operations, and offer you the chance to ask questions and provide any feedback and suggestions that you have. We hope that, despite the relatively short notice, you'll be able to join us. The meeting is open to all, and food and beverages will be served. If you plan to attend, please rsvp to Claire at cdurant@redsox.com.

Monday, Oct. 1; doors open at 6 p.m., formal meeting program 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Wheels Up Clubhouse—72 Brookline Ave.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOSTON EVENTS

•Nov. 10 - Moonlight Masquerade, Aloft Boston Seaport  
The night will include dancing, drinks and a raffle to raise funds for the League's community programs.

•Feb. 28, 2019-March 2, 2019 LBDI (Little Black Dress Initiative), Kick off TBA. LBDI is an advocacy campaign that seeks to raise community awareness on the issues of poverty in Boston. During the week, LBDI advocates will wear the same black dress for five consecutive days to illustrate the effects poverty can have on a woman's access to resources, her confidence and professional opportunities.

•March 30, 2019 - Annual Charity Gala, JFK Museum.

for:  
Date: Thursday, September 27th, 2018  
Time: 6:30PM  
Location: Fenway Community Center,  
1282 Boylston St, Boston, MA 02215  
The Proposed Retail Marijuana

Establishment is anticipated to be located at:  
120 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA, 02215  
There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

If you have any questions about this meeting or have comments about the proposal please contact:  
Yissel Guerrero  
Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services  
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617-635-2679  
Please note, the city does not represent the owner(s)/developer(s)/attorney(s).  
The purpose of this meeting is to get community input and listen to the residents' positions on this proposal.

This flyer has been dropped off by the proponents per the city's request.  
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## D-4 POLICE NEWS

## EVERYTHING GOES

On Monday, Sept. 10, at 5:15 p.m., a victim entered the District 4 station and reported that he was the victim of a robbery outside Sonsie at 327 Newbury St.

Between midnight and 1 a.m., the victim said two unknown suspects approached him at that location and demanded all his belongings. The victim then handed over a backpack, a U.S. passport, a Global Entry card, a driver's license, a boating license, two credit cards, a debit card, keys, an iPhone 10, a Swiss Army knife and \$100 cash. No weapons were shown during the robbery.

At around 4:21 a.m., the suspects apparently charged \$100 worth of merchandise on victim's Chase debit card at CVS Pharmacy on Boylston Street, and at about 7 a.m., the same card was used at a McDonalds restaurant for an unknown amount.

The victim also canceled his credit cards, although no activity

was reported on them.

## NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, at around 10:10 p.m., an officer conducting an exterior sweep of the Southwest Corridor observed a female suspect sitting on a wall in the rear of 130 Dartmouth St. and approached her to ask her to leave the area because its private property when he noticed a bag of syringes.

The officer asked the woman if she is diabetic, and she responded she isn't. The officer then observed one of the syringes was filled with a tan, powdered substance, as well as a capful of the same substance sitting next to a bottle of water.

When the officer asked what the syringes contained, the woman admitted the substance was heroin. The officer then placed the suspect in handcuffs.

The woman will be summonsed to court on charges of possession of a Class A substance.

Meanwhile, the syringes were disposed of in a sharps box, and the drugs were logged in as evidence.

## BRA BANDITS

On Sunday, Sept. 16, at around 6:06 p.m., an officer responded to a larceny report at Victoria's Secret at 82 Newbury St.

Upon arrival, the officer spoke to the store manager who said two female suspects entered the store and stole between 60 and 80 bras before fleeing.

The manager followed the suspect outside, where he observed them enter a Honda Accord with tinted windows, which fled out-bound on Newbury Street.

The manger provided the police with a surveillance video, as well as a photo of the getaway vehicle he took

## PARK (from pg. 20)

Marathon bombing and died in a tragic accident overseas in 2016.

“There are people that talk, and people that do. The mayor and the president, they're doers,” said Victoria's father, Jim McGrath, whose family oversees a foundation in her name. “Maybe Victoria can reflect God's light and love on the children that are going to benefit.”

The park is named for Sgt. William E. Carter, an African-American veteran of the Spanish American War and World War I who was killed in action in France in 1918. In the 1950s the players who shot baskets at Carter Playground included Martin Luther King, Jr., a Boston University graduate student who was remembered for playing in street shoes rather than sneakers. A decade later, King led the 1965 civil rights march to the Boston Common from Carter Playground.

“Both of these legendary figures,” said Walsh of Carter and King, “would be proud to know what this park looks like today, and what this park stands for today.”

Local teams and athletes have access to the park, which continues to be run by the City even as the university takes responsibility for its maintenance. Northeastern students and their club teams will also benefit from access to the

facilities. While the players of Northeastern's soccer club were running laps around the new field during a recent practice, they were greeted with high-fives by local kids from South End Soccer - a scene representative of the relationship between the university and its city, according to Sean McIntyre.

“I'm extremely excited about these new fields for club sports, because it represents a massive improvement in the quality of our training,” McIntyre, a fifth-year soccer player, told the audience. “Carter leaves us several levels higher than where we used to be.”

The ceremony amounted to a milestone renewal of the park's history and traditions. Some 90 years ago the park was littered with rocks and grass, which did not prevent teams of high-school-aged football players from drawing large crowds at the expense of their sore and scratched knees. Satchel Paige, the legendary baseball Hall-of-Famer, once pitched at Carter Playground. In winter the park was converted into a natural skating rink.

Aoun and Walsh were intent on crediting each other.

“He said, ‘Let's dream together,’” Aoun said of the mayor. “His vision was very simple. He said, ‘This community needs recreation. I'm not happy with what we have,

let's do it better.’ That was his challenge.”

Walsh, in an interview, cited Northeastern's financial commitment to the park.

“This is about the growth and advancement of the school, which in turn benefits the community who has been fighting for this for so long,” Walsh said. “What that allows us in the city to do is make investments in other places.”

The star of the day was the facility itself. The pristine turf fields were set off by bright boundaries of white, red, blue and yellow, denoting the variety of sports to be served. The speakers stood in the center circle of one of the fields, against a backdrop of Back Bay skyscrapers set off by the cloudless blue sky. To their right the commuter and subway trains rolled by, much as in the old days when young users of the park would gather by the platform and wave at the passing riders.

The rugged past had given birth to this immaculate present. For the teams of young athletes from the university and the city who filled out the audience on Friday, the story of renewal was of secondary importance. They were simply looking forward to their next game.

Greg St. Martin contributed to this report.

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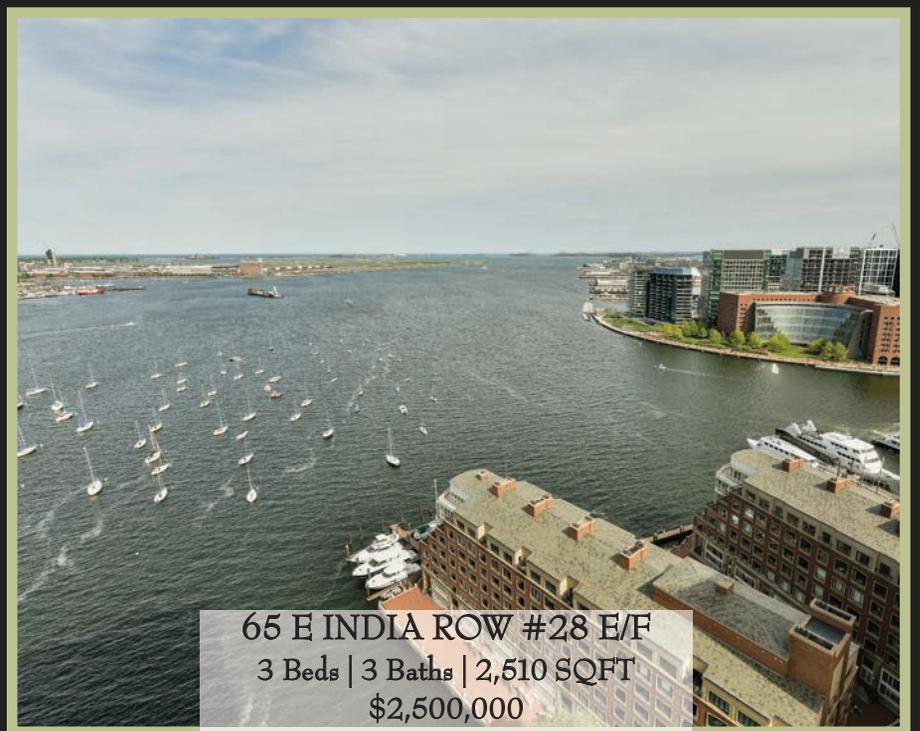
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