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HUNDREDS ATTEND TREE LIGHTING AT FANEUIL HALL



Photo by Derek Kouyoumjian

Christmas Tree lightings have had a rough time of it this year with the huge amounts of rain that have fallen on the Hub. This week, the annual Copley Square Tree Lighting was cancelled due to rain. However, Faneuil Hall did get its lighting off and rain free on Tuesday night. Hundreds flocked from the neighborhoods to see one of the largest trees in the city lit for the holidays Tuesday night. The night even saw an early visit from Santa. In the South End, Bay Village, Fenway/Kenmore and Back Bay, tree lightings will begin this weekend and will continue throughout the season. See a listing of all events in the Sun's Holiday Guide inside.

ZBA approves increase in occupancy; two-story rear addition

By Lauren Bennett

At the Zoning Board of Appeal hearing on Nov. 13, the Board approved a change of occupancy from 39 to 45 residential units at 41-43 Ederly Road. The project was before the board because it had violations of excessive FAR, insufficient open space, insufficient rear yard setback, insufficient off-street parking, forbidden

basement units, and Groundwater Conservation Overlay District applicability.

Attorney Patrick Mahoney said that the applicant is seeking to upgrade some of the interior life safety measures in the building, including the fire protection system, as well as the fire alarms. In addition, he is also looking to add residential dwelling units to the lower level. Mahoney explained

that the lower level of the building is at grade. He said there are seven steps from the exterior off the building to get inside the building and then another seven steps after that.

"So the first living level is approximately the second story," Mahoney said.

He added that the drawings

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Local author delights Back Bay with memories of dining out

By Lauren Bennett

For those interested in the history of eating out in Boston, local author James O'Connell's new book, 'Dining Out in Boston: A Culinary History,' is for you. O'Connell gave a presentation of the book at The Learning Project on Marlborough Street on Nov. 15.

The event was hosted by the

Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay's Special Events Committee, and a crowd of 55 people signed up to hear O'Connell speak on Thursday night. O'Connell, who teaches urban planning and development at Boston University, was a crowd-pleaser; interacting with the audience and asking them to share special anecdotes about some of the restaurants he highlighted.

He called his book a "guide-book to restaurants which mostly no longer exist," and focused this particular presentation a bit more on the Back Bay area since that's where most of the audience resides.

O'Connell went through several restaurants in his presentation, explaining how they went from

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School on South End's edge fighting discarded needles, homeless encampments

By Seth Daniel

When the colorful fall leaves fall on most schoolyards in Boston, it's a unique and happy time to play outside, but at Orchard Gardens K-8 on the edge of the South End, the falling leaves present a grave danger and severe risk.

That's because the kids and adults at the school cannot see all of the dirty, discarded drug needles that inundate the grounds, and inevitably, a child gets poked with one of those needles hiding under the cover of the pretty leaves.

It's a sad reality for a group of more than 700, mostly low-income, children and families that attend school on the edge of the South End's Albany Street and are forced to fight the growing opiate epidemic that unfortunately has its epicenter in and around their schoolyard.

"Kids love to run and play, but they can't do that safely on our schoolyard, which is a beautiful space, but you just can't sweep the place every day to make sure there are no needles," said Nurse Susan Burchill, who appeared with other school leaders at the

South End Forum Opiate Working Group on Tuesday. "The needles are just everywhere. We have an encampment back there. They eat from our school garden. They have camps with tents and defecate on our playground because they can easily sit on the equipment. They come in front of our windows and urinate because they can't see in but we can see out. It's insane. We've had three dead bodies back there. We had to put tarps over them so kids would walk around them and not see them. The minute the leaves fall off the trees, we have a dangerous situation. You can't see the needles under the leaves and kids get stuck. We had a child stuck with a needle this year in the leaves and the needle was full of opiates and blood. That little guy had to go through a month of anti-HIV treatment."

Maintenance worker Jeannette, who chose not to give a last name, said every day she tries to remove the needles the best she can. When she calls the City, very little happens. So, she has started removing them herself.

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'AN EMERALD EVENING' AT THE MFA



Courtesy Photo

Olmsted Award of Excellence honoree Janet Atkins and Emerald Necklace Conservancy Board Chair Ben Taylor admire Atkins's award during "An Emerald Evening for Emerald Necklace Conservancy" earlier this month. See more on Page 6.

EDITORIAL

CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING NOW

The report released last Friday by 13 U.S. government agencies concurring in an assessment that the effects of climate change will result in a 10 percent decline in the U.S. gross national product and the loss of \$1 trillion in real estate by the year 2100 is sobering -- if not depressing -- and should be a wake-up call to our elected officials to take action immediately to lead the world in reversing the effects of man-made contributions to climate change.

The U.S. report comes on the heels of a similar study released by the United Nations two months previously that essentially stated that we are reaching a point of no return with climate change -- that even if the goals set by the Paris accords (from which the U.S. withdrew) are met, they probably are not sufficient to halt the deterioration in our environment and the negative effects of climate change.

In addition, there were two big stories in the New York Times this weekend about climate issues.

The first story detailed the ever-increasing use of coal in third world countries such as Vietnam, India, and Pakistan to generate electricity. Coal production is a dying industry in the U.S. and other Western nations, but its low price and availability in third world countries, including China, has made it the fuel of choice in the undeveloped world.

Even those who refuse to accept the science of climate change will admit that coal plants contribute greatly to air and water pollution -- and the multitude of new plants in Asia will have effects on our country even from half a world away.

The second story pointed out that the palm oil industry is destroying the rain-forests in Indonesia -- with the result that 35 times more carbon is being released into the world's atmosphere than from all other sources combined.

We don't pretend to be experts on anything, but, to paraphrase Bob Dylan, we don't need a scientist to tell us which way our climate is heading.

The evidence of the past 12 years of unprecedented climate events: Superstorms Katrina, Sandy, Harvey, Maria, and Michael; the past few years of destructive wild fires in California; the loss of sea ice in the Arctic; and the destruction of coral reefs because of warming ocean temperatures -- is right in front of us and brought into our living rooms almost on a daily basis.

Hopefully, the ubiquity of these catastrophic climate events is not numbing us into a sense of unreality such that we fail to see the big picture.

A report prepared by scientists hired by the oil industry in the 1960s predicted that carbon dioxide emissions would cause global warming with catastrophic effects -- and a study commissioned a decade later by none other than Exxon confirmed those findings.

In our view, climate change is happening faster than even the worst-case scenarios of the past and present have predicted -- and with the window to take action rapidly closing, we are not optimistic about the fate of our planet.



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have been updated to meet standard metro unit sizes. They were previously just below the requirement. Mahoney said that the studios range from 450 square feet to 596 square feet. The BPDA recommended 450 square feet as a minimum studio size, Mahoney said.

These units would be rented mostly to professionals and graduate students; not necessarily longer term residents of the city. There would be an eight-foot floor to ceiling height.

"One of the issues with a building like this is all of the plumbing lines are running through," said ZBA member Anthony Pisani. Mahoney responded by saying that all of the plumbing lines have been raised and most of the area is open.

Christian Simonelli of Boston Groundwater Trust said that they have received the approval letter from the Boston Water and Sewer Commission. Faisa Sharif from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services said that an abutters' meeting was held in August and the abutters supported the proposal.

The Board voted to approve the change of occupancy.

At 5 Rutland Square, the project was not as well-liked by abutters. Applicant Joe Holland of Holland Construction proposed to build a new two-story addition off the rear facade of the house. The project has violations of excessive FAR, townhouse/rowhouse extensions into the rear yard, which are conditional, and Groundwater Conservation Overlay District applicability.

Holland said that the proposed use of the addition is deck space off the second floor, as well as

an extension of the kitchen on the first floor of the building. Christian Simonelli said he has received the approval letter from the Boston Water and Sewer Commission for this project as well.

Sharif said that she held an "extensive community process" for this project. She said there were concerns at the initial meeting about the proximity of the addition to the property line on both sides, and said that the developers have agreed to set it back to mitigate those concerns. She also said that there were other neighbors who were concerned about construction management. "They have agreed to remain in touch with those neighbors and I do just want to stress the fact that they continue that relationship with them," Sharif said. City Councilors Kim Janey and Anissa Essaibi George are also in support of this project.

Abutter Gail Ide has lived next door to 5 Rutland Square since 1976. She said she has attended several community meetings prior to the ZBA hearing, and has concerns about the reflection of the structure in the plans. She is worried about the issues of lateral support and bearing on her property.

She said that she has asked for the construction plans that are approved to see how the foundations of the neighbors will be affected as well as how it will be supported laterally away from the building.

"Essentially when you remove an entire wall, the rear wall, which is what is expected in this project as far as I can see, they put at risk the structure of the abutting buildings," she said.

"I think I think it's only fair for the abutters that this applicant have as a condition of the variance to provide structural plans and I would like my structural engineer to review them and come to a proper meeting of the minds as to how this is going to transpire," Ide continued.

Ide also asked an architect to review the plans and speak on her behalf at the hearing. He said that he reached the same conclusion that she had already discussed: "that there's not really a reflection in the plans for a structural approach to address the fact that they're removing two stories of the back wall, essentially putting it up on stilts on the abutting walls, and proposing to leave an opening that doesn't include the back wall at all," he said.

He said that a structural engineer should be engaged and have a review with the abutting structural engineers on both sides of the building.

Holland said that the structural engineering plan has not yet been done, as they were waiting to get approval for the additional FAR. However, he said a structural engineer has been engaged and "in principle we have a concept that with relieve any concern from any neighbor." He added that the reviewer at the Inspectional Services Department will not approve the project until the structural plans have a stamp of approval.

"We don't intend to add any additional load to the party walls," Holland said. "If anything, we're going to be removing load from the party walls."

The Board voted to approve this project with continued BPDA design review.

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Three new Fenway Victory Gardens members prep their plots for winter

By Lauren Bennett

Heading into the colder months, gardening is not typically at the forefront of people's minds. But Elizabeth Bertolozzi, president of the Fenway Garden Society, said that it's very important for gardeners to prep their gardens for winter

and plan out what they will do come springtime.

The Fenway Victory Gardens has 500 plots, and has gained 85 new members in 2018, Bertolozzi said. The Sun checked in with three of the newest gardeners to ask them what their plans are for their newly acquired gardens as

winter rapidly approaches.

Arlington native Tyler Longmire moved to Fenway three years ago, and has been a member of the gardens since June. He said that gardening is a new hobby, and was inspired by house plants he received as a gift.

"Ever since, my collection of

plants in my garden has grown," he said. "I thought I would give gardening a shot."

Longmire said he heard about the Victory Gardens from a friend of his who is also a member of the gardens, and he decided to give it a go with his own garden. Longmire said that while he doesn't have

any specific plans for his garden over the winter, he will be thinking about what he is going to do in the spring. Aside from thinking about what he wants to plant, he said he would also like to install a small walkway around his garden bed.

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She also has to remove homeless people and drug users from sleeping in the doorways starting at 5:30 a.m. because kids start arriving soon after that.

"(The City) came down the first week and we thought that was going to be how it was, but we haven't seen them since," she said. "When I call, nothing happens. They want to ask me if it's on school property or City property. I just needed five mornings of help, but we didn't get it."

Nurse Burchill has instituted a program for needle safety at the school, and it's readily apparent as soon as one walks through the doors. In the hallways where drawings and artwork are typically displayed at a school, Burchill has put up a display teaching children to "Stop, Turn and Tell" when they see a drug needle. She also teaches them to call 3-1-1 to report it, especially the older kids.

It's another sad reality.

Burchill and sixth-grade teacher Suzie McGlone also said it has affected the psyche of the students – whose school is only 15 years old and in top condition inside and outside, excluding the needles, drug user encampments and other drug paraphernalia.

Both produced a drawing made by an elementary school student last year when asked by the central administration to suggest something that would make their school better. The picture shows a student playing in the leaves with more than 10 syringes stuck to his body. The suggestion was that the school would be better if so many children didn't get stuck with stray needles and get sick.

"They can't take advantage of a beautiful playing field, a basketball court and a baseball field because it's dangerous," said McGlone. "I would hope people will agree it's not okay there are so many needles at our school. I would hope they are disgusted by this...Every time I go out, I sweep for needles. One time a month, the kids go out to play and I always go out to sweep first. I think anyone who has children would be disgusted that this is going on, but it has continued for a while. We need help."

And that's exactly what the Opiate Working Group hopes to provide in welcoming the school

community to the table of the nearly two-year old group that has worked to eliminate just these kinds of situations.

"We want you to feel that you're not alone in this," said Moderator Steve Fox. "So many fighting this felt alone in the battle, and that's why we formed this group. So far it has worked very well and we hope we can help you."

Sue Sullivan of the Newmarket Business Association, and a Board member of the school, said that this shouldn't happen.

"There is no reason this should happen and we can do something about it," said Sullivan.

Added Councilor Frank Baker, who noted the school is just outside his district, "What we need to do is put together a plan and a set of strategies to get action on this."

Compassionate Organics medical marijuana group appeared before the Working Group on Tuesday to give a presentation on their plan for a proposed dispensary at 633 Tremont St.

The group had been on the agenda last spring, but did not show up due to a miscommunication. Already, their one competitor, Liberty Compassionates, has presented at the Working Group. The Group has decided to hear all such proposals, but at the moment isn't taking a stand on any of them – though that could change.

Attorney Mike Ross, a former City Councilor, presented for the group and gave an overview of their plan. At 1,200 square-feet, he said they are different because they will be small – a boutique-style operation, locally owned by Back Bay's Geoffrey Reilinger, that he felt would be accessed by walkers from the neighborhood. He contrasted that by suggesting that Liberty is set up for a larger-scale operation by owners from Rhode Island, who are capitalizing on being next to the interstate.

One new thing suggested was that the Tremont Street proposal would be similar to the Newbury Street proposal, which is medical marijuana only. Ross said they would put a proviso on the zoning document that would specify medical marijuana.

"We are going to put a provi-

so on our zoning document that would say medical marijuana only," he said. "That would force us to go back and to convince them to strip that from our document (if we wanted recreational). Geoffrey is doing that because he wants to prove himself. We have definitely made that commitment."

The drive for more needle kiosks in public places continues, but Moderator Steve Fox said there has been little progress recently. Already there are a few of them in the South End, but they are hard to find and many believe there needs to be more. The ongoing debate is whether they would be used or not by those that discard drug needles.

Newmarket Business Association Director Sue Sullivan said they would be used if they are in the right place, but if a user has to walk 50 yards to find one, they wouldn't be used.

Fox said it is time to make a push to get action.

"We have to demonstrate we can do this," he said. "I think we



The Orchard Gardens K-8 school, on the edge of the South End on Albany Street, has had to resort to an educational program for young students regarding needle safety. Here, where student drawings would normally hang, is a display that tells them to "Stop, Turn and Tell" when they find a dirty drug needle in their schoolyard.

need more in high traffic areas and I think we need them to be obvious. We need an education component with it. We really need to bite the bullet on this."

Jessie Gaeta, medical director for Boston Healthcare for the Homeless, said there is a fledgling

group of drug users on Albany Street that is organizing to bring attention to their needs. She said it might be a good idea to get input from them about the best places and the need. All agreed that was a good idea.



Public Meeting

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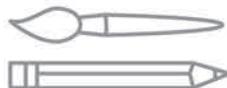
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Greater Boston Legal Services, BPS agree to stop young student suspensions

By Seth Daniel

When Elizabeth McCarthy, a staff attorney at Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS), was helping to mediate a suspension hearing a few years ago with a second-grade student, the student busily colored a white piece of paper.

Next to the young student's picture were the letters, "BK, BK, BK."

"We asked him what those letters meant and he said it was 'bad kid' because he was a bad kid," she said. "That just breaks your heart because these kids are so young and they don't understand what has fully happened and they were being suspended and disciplined. It's one reason we took action."

GBLS and the Boston Public Schools recently reached an agreement — which threatened but didn't include legal action — to update the BPS Code of Conduct so that students, starting this year, in Grades K-2 will no longer be suspended from school. Also, children in Grades 3-5 will only be suspended for very serious offenses and with due process. The agreement also includes training and professional development to create non-exclusionary, alternative discipline for school leaders and teachers.

McCarthy, who has overseen the GBLS School to Prison Pipeline Intervention project since 2014, said she happened upon the situation by accident. Thinking that she was going to be mediating suspensions, she found that many kids — some of them too young to understand what was happening to them — were being suspended for small things or removed from school. Those suspensions built up over time and became a big problem later in life.

Rather than moving through the notice and hearing process required by law, she said schools far too often called parents and demanded that they come remove their child from school. If parents refused or were unable to immediately respond, schools told the parent, among other things, that their child would be "officially" suspended for a longer period of time, that the school would call 9-1-1, or file a report of parental neglect with the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

"BPS has had a rough year, but I give them credit for working with us and finding a solution," she said. "These suspensions had such a negative effect on the kids over the long term, and to think an 8 year old or younger could understand or navigate suspension hearing was not right. Many times

parents didn't even know about these suspensions or couldn't make it to these hearings. I am glad to see this resolution."

Nearly 18 months ago, GBLS had approached BPS with a class action complaint regarding their practice of suspending students without any due process, in violation of state law. BPS asked GBLS to delay filing the complaint and instead committed to negotiating a comprehensive settlement.

McCarthy said one of the student named in the complaint had an undiagnosed learning disability, and had trouble in the traditional classroom. The student, who is a second-grader, faced several suspensions at a young age.

"That student had been out of school for months upon months and his parents couldn't get any answers," she said. "They would call and the school would say he wasn't supposed to be there. Months went by and he was out of school for a long time. No one could tell them what they were supposed to do. Now, he has gotten help and has returned to his original school. He is thriving there, so there is a real possibility some of these young students can turn their behavior around if they can get help and aren't sent out of school."

Interim Supt. Laura Perille said

BPS was happy to work towards a better policy for students and families.

"Boston Public Schools is proud of the steps that have been taken to better serve students of all backgrounds, including those with high needs, and our ongoing focus on making sure that students are provided with opportunities for growth and success," she said. "We thank the Greater Boston Legal Services for its continued participation in the BPS Code of Conduct Advisory Council and for joining our long-standing efforts toward reducing out-of-school suspensions and expanding restorative justice practices."

"With the finalization of this agreement, BPS will be providing support to school staff to ensure full implementation of disciplinary protocols that are consistent with established best practices, legal obligations, and the best interests of all BPS students," she continued.

Starting this year, students in Pre-K through second grade will no longer have out-of-school suspensions.

BPS data showed that in 2017-2018, there were no suspensions for K-0 or K-1. However, in Grades K-2 to second grade there were 229 suspensions. This year, to date, there are only 33.

Then, beginning in the 2019-20 school year, schools may only suspend students in Grades 3-5 in limited circumstances. Those circumstances include when a child has assaulted a member of the school community and the principal has evidence the student would cause serious physical harm to another if they remain in school. Other instances include having a weapon, a controlled substance, committing a civil rights violation, or committing repeated bullying. Those suspensions have to follow a due process, and also have to be signed off on by a district administrator.

BPS also pointed to figures that show out-of-school suspension rates have steadily dropped since 2013, particularly for black students and students with special needs.

In 2014-15, rates for out-of-school suspensions for special needs students was 9.3 percent. Last year, it had fallen to 4.6 percent. Black student rates fell from 7.6 percent to 3.2 percent.

White, Latino and Asian student rates also fell, but were previously much lower anyway than the other two groups.

Overall, suspensions have dropped from 4.8 percent in 2014-15 to 2.1 percent last year.

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Since he got his garden in June, he was able to grow some things this past summer. His tomatoes were a big hit—"they were so delicious all summer long," he said.

"Since this was my first year I wanted to just get the hang of it," Longmire added. "Next year I want to be a little more adventurous and try some different vegetables." Longmire even won the "New Gardener 'Best Vegetable Garden'" award from the Victory Gardens.

Longmire will not be gardening alone—his sister and his parents live in Arlington and love to come visit his garden. His father helped him this past summer with clearing out weeds and settling up the garden bed when he first received his plot. He said his friends also come by to sample his tomatoes.

"The garden is an awesome hobby and community," Longmire said. "Everyone has been extremely welcoming and friendly in my first year. The garden plot immediately next to mine opened up a few weeks ago- and I am thrilled to share that one of my best friends and his husband joined the garden society and got that lot so we're literally garden plot neighbors. I am extremely excited to garden with them next year."

Lacretia Flash is the assistant vice President for diversity and inclusion at Berklee College of Music, and moved to Boston from Burlington, Vt., in January. She has been a member of the gardens since August, and like Longmire, did not grow up gardening.

Flash said that when she and her husband moved into a co-housing community, she was so impressed by the gardens her neighbors had set up so she bought a bunch of May blooming flowers to create her own.

"Gardens are so much more than the early spring flowers, but it was an enthusiastic beginning for me," Flash said. "Ten years later, I continue to have much joy in creating, refining, and tending gardens."

Flash is using these cooler, shorter days to clean up her garden. "I think it really takes a full growing season to understand the character of the garden," she said. She added that since she just got her garden in August, she would like to put in some shrubs and perennials before the weather gets too frigid.

For the next growing season, Flash said she'd like to have a simple garden with foliage plants that can withstand the shade of an oak tree that is near her garden. She said she wants to have plants

that bloom at different times throughout the gardening season, including Japanese painted fern and hydrangea.

Flash and her husband have adjacent plots in the garden, and he helps her dig the holes while she plans the design. She also said she's gotten to know her plot neighbors who have helped her dig up day lilies, identify plants, and given her gardening tips.

"I think green spaces are so important for our health, wellness, and sense of connection to the natural world and to each other," she said. "I think being an actively engaged member in the community is so important and combined with my love of gardens, being a part of this garden society is a great fit for me."

Amina Shabani has been gardening for about seven years, and is a member of the Indiana Daffodil Society. She moved back to Boston from Indiana at the end of July, and became a member of the Victory Gardens in late September.

As the granddaughter of farmers, Shabani grew up eating home-grown food. Her mother maintained a garden as well, so she followed in her family's footsteps and began gardening, too.

So far, she has planted garlic and Egyptian onion bulbs, which were sent to her by a friend from an old garden club in Indiana. In the spring, she said she would love to see daffodils, hyacinths, and lilies blooming in her garden.

To protect her planted bulbs from the cold, she will be planting a cover crop, which she learned about in an organic growing class. The cover crop consists of winter rye or a mixed radish to protect and nourish the soil, and then Shabani will place leaves over it.

Shabani will be tending to her new garden by herself, using the gardening skills she's learned over the years. She's "hoping with time that I get to know the other growers," she said, and shared the first session she learned about gardening: sharing is extremely important.

Shabani has already made an impact in the gardens by donating extra bulbs to her fellow gardeners, and plans to share extra seeds and produce with them next growing season.

This is her first time gardening in Boston, so she said she's looking forward to getting to know the soil. She keeps a gardening journal, and said that she finds gardening to be "meditative."

"Spring is full of promise and excitement," she said.

Bertolozzi is prepping her own garden for the coming cold. She, too, will be planting garlic, and the City of Boston has provided 200 daffodil bulbs as part of the Boston Blooms program that will be planted in the gardens next week, Bertolozzi said.

She said she also harvested swamp milk weed seed pods, which will be sowed in milk jugs over the winter and handed out as seedlings in the spring.

Bertolozzi said she would also like to remind gardeners that a lot of garden centers are selling perennials for half price this time of year so now would be a good time to stock up.

She added that unlike some other community gardens, the Victory Gardens will allow people to become members even in the winter if there are plots available. There are currently a couple plots available, as people in the city are always in transition, Bertolozzi said. "Don't assume there are no gardens."

Anyone interested in joining the Fenway Victory Gardens community should reach out to info@fenwayvictorygardens.org for more information.

'AN EMERALD EVENING' AT THE MFA HONORS JANET ATKINS WITH OLMSTED AWARD

Courtesy Photos
 On Nov. 8, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy honored former Board member and long-time volunteer and supporter Janet Atkins with the Olmsted Award of Excellence. The event was held at the Museum of Fine Arts' Koch Gallery, which neighbors on the Emerald Necklace, with more than 180 members of Conservancy leadership, civic leaders, the honoree's friends and family, and representatives from Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Brookline Parks and Open Space Division joining in celebrating Atkins' many accomplishments for the Emerald Necklace, the Conservancy, and Boston's green space. From the restoration of the Kelleher Rose Garden fountain and statuary in the Back Bay Fens, leading the Conservancy in the creation and implementation of its first-ever integrated Emerald Necklace tree management plan, to founding the Heritage Tree Program to provide support for mature trees in the Emerald Necklace, Atkins has encouraged strategic growth and longterm vision for the Conservancy across a range of areas in her many years of volunteer involvement.

Janet delivered inspiring remarks to the group in her Olmsted Award

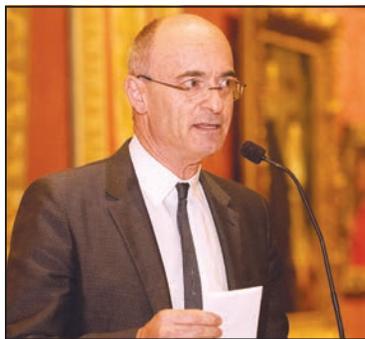


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of Excellence acceptance speech: "I want to see these 1,100 acres gain their rightful place as the truly world-class park that Frederick Law Olmsted envisioned. The Emerald Necklace we strive for will be a 21st Century vision of the 19th Century park, but if it holds Olmsted's promise of providing those 'feelings of enhanced freedom' to the users, and the sustainability principles he forwarded, we can ensure a park and a green future for Boston of which we can all be proud. I am counting on all of you, each of you, to do your

part."

Named for America's first landscape architect and designer of the Emerald Necklace Frederick Law Olmsted, the Olmsted Award of Excellence biennially honors an individual or organization who demonstrates an unwavering determination to carry out Olmsted's vision and commitment to urban parks. The award was presented to park supporter and advocate, Sarah Freeman, in 2013, former Gov. Michael Dukakis in 2014, and Emerald Necklace Conservancy Board President Ben Taylor in 2016. Proceeds from *An Emerald Evening* support the work of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, which focuses on capital improvements, advocacy, and public programs in Boston's historic Emerald Necklace parks.



President of MFA Matthew Teitelbaum welcoming the attendees.



Gerry Wright and Leo Swift enjoying their evening.



Board members Ellie Chu Cornish and Julie Hume Gordon, with Tedd and Ella Saunders at "An Emerald Evening for Emerald Necklace Conservancy."

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Councilor Baker more confident SIFs won't happen in Massachusetts

By Seth Daniel

City Councilor Frank Baker appeared at the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) on Tuesday to give a legislative update, and a majority of that was spent discussing the possibility of Safe Injection Sites (SIFs) in the neighborhood.

"I'm a little more hopeful for them not happening than I was a year ago," Baker told the neighborhood, noting he is adamantly against them. "It's not going to happen without a willing mayor or a willing city council. I've often said to those in progressive parts of the City that are pushing for these that if they want them, they can put one over there. I don't think the South End can handle it or should handle it. It would be devastating to the neighborhood and normalize the activity we see out there now."

Baker has long been opposed to SIFs, and he joins the choir in WSANA – a group that has uniformly opposed the idea of a SIF in the neighborhood since it was alluded to by the Mass Medical Society two years ago in a position paper advocating for SIFs in the state.

Right now, as part of the governor's Opiate 3.0 bill passed in July by the State Legislature, a task force has been meeting to study and produce a report about SIFs. Mayor Martin Walsh is on that committee, as is Jessie Gaeta from the South End's Boston Health Care for the Homeless. So far they've had a few meetings, but not much has transpired yet, and the committee has a report due in February.

Baker said he formed his opinion after visiting Vancouver to see how their SIFs work. While saying they do absolutely save lives, he wondered about the quality of life for those being treated there. He said he has always preferred the idea of using services on a Long Island Recovery Campus – which the City is now embarking upon.

"I'm against Safe Injection Sites and I also hear they will save lives," he said. "I've buried a brother and a niece and multiple friends. A SIF would have never saved my brother...I just see it as a political quick fix. It may make people legislatively feel good about themselves, but we're not getting to the root of the issue. I don't think people should be able to shoot heroin legally. We should make it more difficult to do heroin."

"I can't unsee some of the things I saw in Vancouver; it was horrifying," he added.

•In other news, WSANA was full out planning for a big Saturday on Dec. 1 when they will, for the first time in years, host the Enchanted Trolley stop in the South End. The WSANA lighting is one of the oldest continuous events in the City and this year they will welcome the entire Trolley show and Mayor Martin Walsh. President George Stergios reported that raffle tickets sales are brisk, but they could use more buyers. Tickets are available now and will be available at the begging of the lighting at 4 p.m.

He said they have contracted a band to play for the event, and will have a great variety of gifts from neighborhood businesses and establishments.

•A trash disposal meeting for neighbors with the Public Works Department will take place on the corner of Worcester Square and Harrison Avenue at 9 a.m. on Dec. 4. Neighbors have had numerous problems with trash collection and lingering trash on the street. Neighbors on Worcester Square pay \$8,000 a year for extra clean-ups, and East Springfield pays \$6,000 a year extra.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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Fri., Dec. 7: 5-9 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 8: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 9: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
The SoWa Winter Festival is family friendly and free to attend.

•MAYOR WALSH LIGHTS BOSTON COMMON CHRISTMAS TREE NOVEMBER 29

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and The Honorable Karen Casey, Deputy Premier of Nova Scotia, will celebrate the 77th Annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common on Thursday, Nov. 29, from 6-8 p.m.

The holiday lights throughout both parks will light up in sequence shortly before 8 p.m. when Mayor Walsh is joined onstage by Deputy Premier Casey, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Santa Claus. The show will close with a pyrotechnic display by Atlas PyroVision.

The holiday decorations throughout Boston Common and the Public Garden include the City

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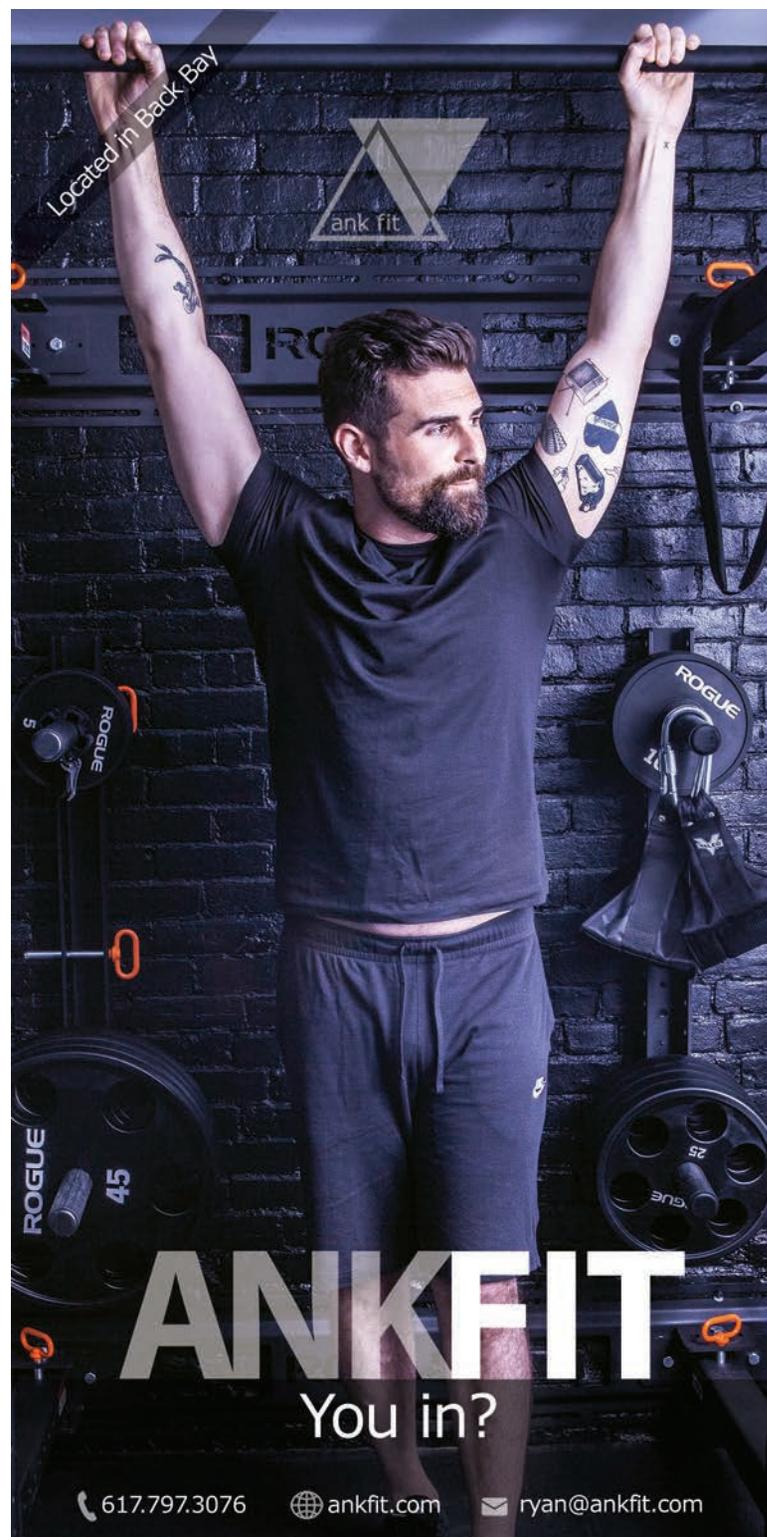
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NEWS BRIEFS

BOSTON MEDICAL TO CROSSTOWN CENTER

Bob Biggio, vice president of facilities and support services at Boston Medical Center (BMC), told the South End Forum Opiate Working Group that the hospital is beginning its plans to move more services to the Crosstown Center building in the Mass/Cass area.

BMC purchased the building in early October for an undisclosed price, but did pay the City \$12 million for land rights. BMC has occupied and leased space in the building since it was built some years ago, as has Boston University and Brigham & Women's. All of the leases, however, were set to expire in four years, so BMC moved to purchase the building. Most of the services there will be

offices, he said, but Brigham & Women's will no longer be leasing there. They will vacate in the next year.

Already, they have vacated the sixth floor and BMC is renovating it for a general internal medicine outpatient clinic. There are plans to do the same on the fifth floor when the Brigham leaves that space. On the ground floor, there will likely be support functions like radiology and a blood lab. They will also likely put a coffee shop on the first floor.

There could also be an ophthalmology suite moved to one of the floors further down the line in the project, he said.

There will be no changes to the outside, but BMC will continue to work with the hotel own-

ers, Corcoran Jennison, to keep it landscaped nicely.

Biggio said it is a precursor to the hospital soon filing to update its Institutional Master Plan, which will initiate a larger City process. That will result in a much larger look at all of the BMC buildings and uses, as well as changing some of the design to make it more conducive to preventing illicit activities in the area.

UNPLANNED WATER & SEWER WORK FOR SOUTH END, BACK BAY

The Boston Water & Sewer Commission (BWSC) approved contract to bid unplanned work for the South End and Back Bay this week at its meeting. The contract will be advertised on Dec. 5 and awarded Dec. 20.

The first contract will focus on the Back Bay's Dalton Street, where a situation has developed over the last two months. Members of the operations and planning division discovered defects in an existing 54-inch brick combined sewer this fall. Around Belvidere Street, it had a partial roof collapse. While it is stable at the moment, repairs are needed quickly. The location extends from the sidewalk to sidewalk at the Belvidere, Dalton intersection. The project is expected to start work in the winter months, perhaps January or February.

The second piece of the contract involves West Springfield Street in the South End. During a water quality investigation in the Fort Point Channel this fall, it was traced that there are illicit connections on West Springfield from Newland Street to Washington Street. The work on West Springfield street will involve the installation of separate sanitary sewer and storm drain pipes and replacement of the water main

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of Boston's official 2018 Christmas tree, a 46-foot white spruce tree donated by Ross McKellar and Teresa Simpson from Oxford, Nova Scotia. This marks the first time the annual Christmas tree gift to Boston has come from Cumberland County.

This is the 47th year that Nova Scotia has given a tree to the people of Boston as thanks for relief efforts following the Dec. 6, 1917, explosion of a munitions ship in Halifax Harbor.

•SOUTH END ENCHANTED TROLLEY STOP MOVES TO WORCESTER SQUARE

Join friends and neighbors for the annual tree lighting ceremony. In partnership with the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA), Mayor Martin Walsh and Santa will bring the trolley to a new South End location. There will be live music, holiday treats and a raffle. Meet the trolley in Worcester Square, between Harrison Avenue and Washington Street, on Sat., Dec. 1, at 4 p.m.

•ELLIS SOUTH END HOLIDAY PARTY

The annual Ellis South End Neighborhood Association Holiday Party will take place on Sunday, Dec. 9, in the Elephant Walk on 1415 Washington St., 5:30 p.m. Please bring an unwrapped toy for an Ellis Memorial child in need this holiday season. \$60 per person, \$70 for non-members. R.S.V.P. by Nov. 30.

•UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY PARTY

The UPNA Holiday Party will be held on Friday, Nov. 30, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Ben Franklin Institute of Technology. It will once again feature food prepared

and contributed by a number of local restaurants. This year they will also have live music from Carl Eisman. Feel free to bring family and friends as guests are welcome.

•PILOT BLOCK WREATH SALE

The Pilot Block Neighborhood Association (PBNA) Wreath Sale Annual Wreath Sale is officially open. Join PBNA neighbors for a wreath assembly and hanging party. There will be donuts, coffee, cider and holiday cheer. The event takes place on Dec. 1, 9 a.m. at K9 Strolls, 83 Pembroke St., South End.

•BLACKSTONE FRANKLIN SQUARES TREE SALE

The annual Blackstone Franklin Squares (BFSNA) Tree Sale features trees, wreaths, garlands and even a special appearance by Santa Claus. Pre-order by Nov. 26 at www.blackstonefranklin.org. Pickup will be on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Blackstone Square, Washington Street between W. Brookline and W. Newton streets.

•CAROLING IN HAYES PARK

On Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m., join the Friends of Hayes Park for a caroling party in the park. Bring your family and friends for an old-fashioned gathering of seasonal singing. We'll bring hot cider, cookies and songbooks. And please bring a donation of canned or non-perishable goods for the South End Neighborhood Service Center Food Pantry.

•CLAREMONT NEIGHBORHOOD HOLIDAY EVENT

The Claremont Neighborhood (HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS Pg. 10)



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 Monday, June 17, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 18, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.
 Friday, July 5, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.
 Saturday, July 6, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.
 Monday, July 8, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.
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 Wednesday, July 10, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, August 28, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.
 Saturday, August 31, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.
 Sunday, September 1, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.
 Friday, September 13, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.
 Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.
 Sunday, September 15, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

*Please note the maximum number of shows in 2019 from provided dates will not exceed 12 shows total.

At: 4 Jersey Street Boston, MA 02215
 Known as: Boston Red Sox
 The applicant is: Live Nation
 Manager of record is: Charlie Cellucci

A public hearing on this application will be held at Boston City Hall, Room 809A, on **Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.**

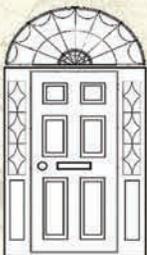
Anyone wishing to speak on this matter is invited to attend the hearing. Interpretation Services in Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole and American Sign Language may be available upon request if the request is made two weeks prior to the public hearing. Call 617-635-4165 to request an interpreter. Written comments may be made prior to the hearing by writing to:

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tion is also expected. Once discovered, the design group expedited design to bid as soon as possible. That work is expected to commence in the spring.

LOADED FIREARM FOUND

At about 6:18 p.m. on Sunday Nov. 18, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) recovered a loaded firearm during an ongoing investigation in the area of 10 Trotter Court inside the Lenox Street Housing Development in Lower Roxbury. Officers located and safely recovered a loaded .380 caliber Cobra handgun, which has since been turned over to the BPD Firearms Analysis Unit for processing.

ELLIS WINE GOES TO BERKLEE

The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association is pleased to announce its ninth Wine Tasting & Jazz Concert at Berklee College of Music on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 6:15 p.m. The group will meet in the Davis VIP Room at the Berklee Performance Center before the concert to taste “Jazzy Wines” (chosen to match various jazz styles): big band, fusion, straight ahead, bebop, etc. The wines will be paired with a selection of appropriate jazzy cheeses, pates, fruit, etc. chosen to complement these wines.

Following the wine tasting Berklee has invited the group to join the “Berklee Concert Jazz Orchestra” performance held downstairs at the Berklee Performance Center at 8 p.m. Guests will hear some inspired original jazz composition and arrangements by some of the most creative writers on campus, played by some of the most talented young performers in the country today. Hailing from all parts of the globe, the Berklee Concert Jazz Orchestra is an international group that exemplifies the great melting pot that music can create, especially at Berklee. Come out and hear these young lions of the jazz world as they celebrate the spirit of creativity in jazz under the direction of trumpeter/composer Greg Hopkins, a professor in the Jazz Composition Department.

Space is limited, so reserve now by sending your check for \$30 (\$40 for non-ENA guests) by Dec. 3 payable to: “Ellis NA”, c/o Bill Gregor, 92 Appleton St., Boston, MA 02116 or by paying on the Ellis website: <http://www.ellisneighborhood.org/>. Please include the name(s) of those who will be attending. Questions? Contact Bill Gregor at elliswine@mindspring.com or (617) 510-9534.

JAMES O'CONNELL (from pg. 1)

servicing one set meal a day to having printed menus. He said the oldest printed menu was at the Exchange Coffee House in 1824, and that seeing these menus “gives you a sense of how meals would be served.”

At this point in time, meals cost 75 cents to \$1, and restaurants were a place where men would sit at longer tables—a much different atmosphere from traditional restaurants today.

He said that women were segregated from this type of city life. “Ladies did not go into the main dining room until after the Civil War,” he said. In the late 19th century, women began to get involved in dining out. There were tea rooms in department stores where

women would go, O’Connell said. By the 1920s, there were tea rooms, such as at Schrafft’s, where women would go but businessmen frequented them as well.

He said that each era had standard dishes, and “certain dishes get into the repertoire, if you will.”

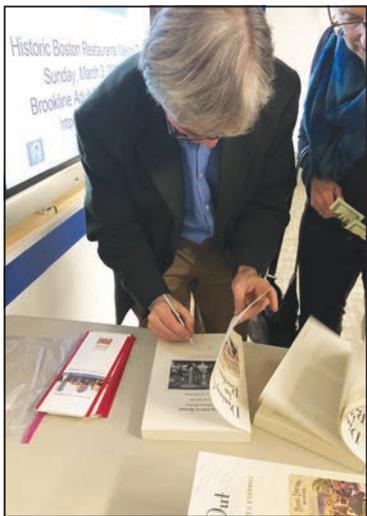
“That’s kind of what I try to spell out [in the book],” he said. There are 35 illustrated menus throughout the book, so readers can see the evolution throughout the years.

O’Connell also highlighted the well-known Parker House, which he said was the first hotel in America to offer an a la carte meal, as well as the Union Oyster House, which is the oldest operating restaurant in America.

He continued through the years, highlighting certain restaurants or key shifts in dining culture, but the audience really reacted once he started mentioning things they remember.

At the mere mention of Bailey’s Ice Cream, the crowd responded with “ooohs” and “aaahs” as they fondly remembered the ice cream sundaes. Several audience members shouted out “hot fudge” as their biggest memory of Bailey’s. Another man said he remembers the sundaes being served in a metal dish with the sauce dripping down the sides.

“When it came to ice cream and ice cream sundaes, people around here around here were not puritanical,” O’Connell said. “And it’s really funny that a cold, northern



James O’Connell signed copies of his book for waiting members of the community at the event last Thursday evening.



Local author James O’Connell talked about the Union Oyster House as part of a presentation about his new book, ‘Dining Out in Boston: A Culinary History,’ at The Learning Project on Marlborough Street on Nov. 15. The event was hosted by the NABB Special Events Committee.

city is maybe the ice cream capital of America.”

In the 1970s, O’Connell said there was a “gourmet revolution,” with the rise of ethnic eating and casual eclectic dining, and the rise of the celebrity chef in the 1980s.

Today, O’Connell said the trends include more fine casual dining, tapas/small plates, and farm-to-table restaurants. People dine out much more frequently than they used to when it was considered a special treat.

“Writing this book was real-

ly a lot of fun for a long time; reading all these menus, trying to figure out what the food was like,” O’Connell said. O’Connell had signed copies for purchase at the event, but the book is also available for purchase online and at bookstores.

O’Connell will be leading a Boston Restaurant History Tour on March 3 of next year through Brookline Adult & Community Education; the cost is \$22. Visit www.brooklineadulted.org for more information.

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Association will hold its annual holiday event as a Potluck which will be held at 4 Wellington St., Parlor Level, on Tuesday Dec. 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All residents and business owners in the neighborhood are warmly welcomed and encouraged to bring holiday fare (food and beverages) to the event.

As in past years, the CNA will be conducting a toy drive. Please bring along unwrapped or slightly used toys that we will pass along to our neighbors at USES. RSVP to Fabian D'Souza (fabian.dsouza@bostonsp.com) or at (617) 290-1899 to state how many will attend and what you will be bringing along by Sunday, Dec. 2.

•SOUTH END HOLIDAY STROLL

Over 40 retailers in the South End will stay open late on Dec. 5 for shoppers to stroll through. There will be free dessert at participating retailers, as well as a chance to win a South End-themed gift basket.

•WEST FENWAY TREE LIGHTING

Mayor Martin Walsh will join Fenway residents on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m. outside the Kelleher Rose Garden in the Back Bay Fens (across from 77 Park Drive) for the annual West Fens Tree Lighting. Join friends and neighbors to enjoy holiday music by Berklee Upper Structure, a cappella group. Enjoy cookies and hot cocoa and cider sponsored by Samuels & Associates, and sink your teeth into local burgers courtesy of Tasty Burger.

Special appearances by Wally and Tessie made possible by the Boston Red Sox, and.. a visit from Santa Claus!

All are welcome to this free event. This event made possible by the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, the Mayor's Office of Special Events, the Department of Public Works, Area D-4 Boston Police, and the Boston Fire Department. For more information, contact Yissel Guerrero, Mayor's Office

of Neighborhood Services at 617-635-2679

•SANTA SPEEDO RUN

The annual Santa Speedo Run will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 1-1:30 p.m. It will start and end at Lir Tavern and Whiskey's at the corner of Gloucester Street and Boylston Street. The run is limited to the first 700 registrants, and raises money for the Play Ball! Foundation, which funds sports in Boston middle schools. Registration is \$30.

•BOSTON COMMONWEALTH AVENUE MALL LIGHTING

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and The Friends of the Public Garden will light up the Boston Commonwealth Avenue Mall on Nov. 29 at 8 p.m.

•BAY VILLAGE TREE LIGHTING, PARTY

The Bay Village tree lighting and holiday party will take place

on Dec. 9, 6 p.m. Please meet at 6 p.m. at the Church Street Park for the annual holiday tree lighting. From there, BVNA will sing holiday songs en route to the 6:30 p.m. holiday party at MJ O'Connor's. All BVNA members are welcome to attend. This is a free, all-ages event.

Please purchase a membership, or renew your lapsed membership on-line prior to the party; they will be unable to accept credit card payments during the event.

At the holiday party, the BVNA will hold a winter coat and accessory drive to benefit the students of Josiah Quincy Elementary School. If anyone would like to participate, please bring a new or gently used child's jacket, a pair of mittens, a hat or scarf to donate to the Catie's Closet at the school, to ensure that all students are able to dress properly for the weather. The school serves children ages 3 - 12.

GIFTS + GLAM: DEC. 6 FROM 5-7 P.M.

Gifts + Glam is a holiday shopping event that will feature exclusive shopping discounts, styling tips, mini-makeovers, snacks, cocktails, and holiday fun! Visit the check-in table by Club Monaco to pick up an event program.

•WINE AND DINE WITH NABB

Let's Wine and Dine Holiday Luncheon, Sunday, Dec. 9, Noon in the Four Seasons Hotel, 200 Boylston St. Celebrate the Holidays with your Let's Wine and Dine friends at the annual, elegant sit-down Luncheon.

Welcome Hour with Wine, Beer and Soft Drinks

Reserve by sending your check, payable to NABB, in the amount of \$90 to Nancy Olson; 255 Beacon Street # 24; Boston, MA 02116. On the check, please indicate choice of entrée, be it Chicken, Salmon or Polenta.

For the Record

From the Nov. 27 Zoning Board of Appeals hearing, City Hall:

- 77 Warren Ave., South End. Applicant: Patrick Mahoney, Esq

Purpose: Full renovation to existing single family building. Excavate basement for new ceiling height. Extend living space to basement. Propose new exterior windows and doors.

- 28 Upton St., South End. Applicant: David Arrowsmith

Purpose: Double 2x12 sleepers at all structural locations per plans. 60" x 60" opening for roof hatch per plans. 2x6 platform and salter spiral staircase per plans. Installation of structural steel beams per plans mechanically fastened. 2x12 deck frame per plans. Trex Decking and Railings. Exterior Alterations propose a 340 sq. ft. roof deck to be accessed via spiral stair.

- 903-909 Massachusetts Ave., South End. Applicant: EJT Management

Purpose: Actual Description: Combine addresses of 903, 905, 907 AND 909 MASS. AVE. (Lot #1 (26,814 sf, lot#2 (46,219sf), Lot#3 (2,956sf) in common ownership by Thomas Scott H TS (Massachusetts investment nominee Rlty trust) per Stamped Land Survey submitted with a total lot size of (76729sfTBD) to correct ISD building jacket, then, change occupancy to garage with Taxi Dispatch, office and service (no work to be done.)

- 225 Beacon St., Back Bay. Applicant: Sea-Dar Construction

Purpose: Construct new roof deck.

- 48-62 Brookline Ave., Fenway. Applicant: City Wide Contracting LLC

Purpose: Build out Retail store with new entryway at street level.

- 41-43 Westland Ave., Fenway. Applicant: Catamount Westland LLC

City Hall, upon the appeal of Catamount Westland LLC seeking with reference to the premises at 41-43 Westland Avenue, for the terms of the Boston Zoning Code in the following respect: Interpretation

Purpose: The petitioner's seeks a determination that the Inspectional Services Department erred in issuing a Violation Notice.

- 105 Pembroke St., South End. Applicant: Paul MacNeely

Purpose: Construct new 16 x 20 deck/balcony, metal frame with wood joists, install trex decking and steel painted railings.

- 163 Newbury St., Back Bay. Applicant: Plant-Based Pizza Boston, LLC

Purpose: Create outdoor seating area in lower patio for 30 people. Patio is below sidewalk grade at Newbury St. Interior fit-out for restaurant at ground floor. Change existing building use and occupancy to include one restaurant with use item No. 37 with Takeout Use Item 36A, and to provide outdoor patio seating in conjunction with the same.

From the Nov. 28 Boston Water and Sewer Commission meeting, 980 Harrison Ave.:

•Commission Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 18-309-011, Sewerage Works Improvements in the Back Bay and South End.

•Commission Authorization for the Procurement and Implementation of Enhanced Monitoring Hardware and Software for the Operation and Maintenance of the Union Park Pump Station/CSO Facility and Unmanned Stations.

•Commission Authorization to Replace the Existing Emergency Generator Fuel Tank at the Union Park Pumping/CSI Detention Facility.

COMMITTEE ON CITY, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES, VETERAN AND MILITARY AFFAIRS:

Nov. 29, 11 a.m. Order for a hearing regarding Implementing a One Card Municipal Identification Program in the City of Boston. The Chair of the Committee is Councilor Ed Flynn and the Sponsor is Councilor Michelle Wu.

From the Dec. 4 Boston Arts Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., City Hall:

DISCUSSION 5 p.m.,

- King Memorial

•Marathon bombing memorial consultant

From the Dec. 4 South End Landmarks Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall:

DESIGN REVIEW HEARING

•439 Tremont St. Proposed Work: At commercial storefront, replace existing awning fabric and blade sign design using existing hardware.

•48A Clarendon St/69 Appleton Proposed Work: At Appleton Street facade, renovate storefront including windows. (Previously Approved Dec '15).

•109 and 107 Warren Ave. Proposed Work: At front facade garden level, replace wrought iron fence.

•617 Tremont St. Proposed Work: Remove and reinstall roof deck.

•48 Union Park Proposed Work: At front facade all levels, replace all front windows with wood two over two windows.

•597-599 Tremont St.: Proposed Work: At front facade storefront and garden level, replace existing, non-historic doors.

•599 Tremont St: Proposed Work: At front facade entrance, install vent to the left of the door on wood panel. Replace existing windows with two over two wood windows.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL

•58 Berkeley St. (Ellis Memorial): Spot repoint bricks at the wall on the north and west side of the building. Replace 2 deteriorated stone caps in kind.

•103 Appleton St. #3: At front facade, restore two original two over two wood windows.

•495 Columbus Ave. #3: At front & side facade level 3, replace 8, one over one, wood windows with 5, two over two, wood windows and 2, one over one, wood windows. (One over one windows will be installed in the smaller side bay windows).

•23 Milford St: At front facade level 3 and dormer level, replace 5, non-historic, 2 over 2, wood windows with 5, two over two, wood windows.

•320 Shawmut Ave: At front facade, repair and repoint bricks, restore garden fence, patch and paint cast stone ornaments, repair sills and headers in kind. Clean granite stairs and curbs. Repair and restore wood trim around front door.

•552 Tremont St: At front facade, scrape and paint all existing trim around storefront, metal bay windows, and metal work at roof line in kind.

•597-599 Tremont St: At front facade storefront and garden level, replace existing, non-historic doors.

•617 Tremont St Proposed Work: At rear roof, remove asphalt shingles and replace with new asphalt shingles. (See additional items under design review).

•48 Union Park: At front facade reopen egress window well, restore existing front door, install new stoop door, repair sills and lintels in kind, repoint facade in kind, repair garden fence. (See additional items under design review).

•109 Warren Ave: At front facade, repair lintels and sills in kind. Paint existing window grills and hand rails in kind. Repair/replace gutters and downspout in kind. (See additional items under design review).

•1411 Washington St: At front facade level 3, replace 2 vinyl windows with 2 aluminum clad windows with same (historic) pane configuration.

•188 West Canton St: At front facade level 2, replace 3 aluminum, one over one windows with 3, two over two, wood windows.

•2 Worcester Sq: Replace non-historic front double door with new wood door.

•71 Worcester St: At front facade dormer levels, replace deteriorated wood trim in kind. Spot point front facade in kind.

•81 Worcester St: At front facade, restore front steps in kind

ADVISORY REVIEW

•211-213 West Springfield St. Proposed Work: Add a two level oriel to the front of the structure. Replace the windows at former mansard level.

•85 West Newton Street Proposed Work: Updates on the status of the renovation project.

From the Dec. 4 Licensed Premise Violations hearing, 10 a.m., City Hall:

•LANSLOWNE BOSTON RESTAURANT, LLC, D/B/A: HOUSE OF BLUES, 15 - 41 LANSLOWNE St., Fenway. Date: 08/31/2018

Two band members fighting inside, assault with dangerous weapon (bottle) & outside the establishment abutting premise.

NEWS BRIEFS (from pg. 8)

BACK BAY HAPPENINGS

•NABB's Annual Christmas Tree Sale. Get your Christmas tree locally on Saturday, Dec. 8 and Sunday, Dec. 9 from NABB. The sale will take place at the Clarendon Street Playground from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The NABB sale will feature fresh-cut Balsam Fir trees from Maine. Local delivery is available.

All proceeds from the sale benefit the Friends of the Clarendon Street Playground and the NABB.

For more information, visit www.nabbonline.com or call 617-247-3961.

•The next NABB Police Panel/Public Safety Forum will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29, in the sanctuary of the First Church of Boston, located at 66 Marlborough St. For more information, please feel free to email Charles Neckyfarow at publicsafety@nabbonline.com.

•Carly Copley Birthday Party. Fairmont Copley Plaza will host a birthday party for its canine ambassador, Carly Copley, on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 1p.m. Hosting Carly's eighth birthday will be Vanessa Welch, anchor for Boston 25 News, who will be reading "Catie Copley" to guests. The reading will be followed by birthday cake (for humans) and special snacks for Carly's canine friends.

This beloved Boston holiday tradition is free and open to the public.

In lieu of gifts for the hotel's pampered pooch, Fairmont Copley Plaza invites guests to bring a donation of towels, blankets or toys for the dogs and cats at the Animal Rescue League's Boston Shelter. This is a dog-friendly event.

•The City-Wide Friends of the Boston Public Library will host a book sale on Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Copley Library. Most books are \$1-\$2, and they have something for everyone- mystery, romance, biography, history, art, science, cooking, and a ton of books for kids. For the musically inclined, there will be sheet music, records, and CDs. Too many books? Bring donations to the sale. Or, if it's one bag of books, drop them at the circulation desk anytime- just make sure they're labeled City-Wide Friends. If you have a larger donation, call us at (617) 859-2341 and they'll make an appointment for drop-off.

All proceeds from these sales are used to purchase equipment and sponsor programs for the BPL.

SOUTH END DATES

•The IBA/Villa Victoria Christmas Tree lighting will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 5 p.m. in Plaza Betances, 100 W. Dedham St. Puerto Rican Christmas Caroling will begin at

4 p.m. throughout the neighborhood. At 5 p.m., the event will arrive at the Plaza for hot cocoa and singing. Mayor Martin Walsh, CEO Vanessa Calderon-Rosado and Santa Claus will light the Christmas tree.

•The East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) announced it will NOT have a November meeting next week due to a light agenda and it being Thanksgiving week. Plan now for a big meeting on Dec. 18 at the AC Hotel. Also, watch for more details on the Holiday Social next month.

•Ellis South End Neighborhood Association will have a membership meeting on Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at 66 Berkeley St.

•The Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association will NOT have a December meeting. They will start again in January.

FENWAY TIMES

•The Fenway Pop-up holiday bazaar will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Fenway Community Center. Locally-produced, handmade items will be featured, including original artwork and prints, handcrafted jewelry, gift items, and mulled cider and baked treats. This event is free to attend.

Condo association votes to oppose after-hours work in South End

By Seth Daniel

Saying they feel surrounded, and will likely feel even more surrounded, by construction activities at all hours, neighbors and a large condominium association on Harrison Avenue have vociferously opposed recent approvals for after-hours and weekend work.

The South End has a special protocol for after-hours and weekend work that relies on Inspectional Services Commission Buddy Christopher to grant permits under only special circumstances and with notification of the neighborhood. However, recent large projects, such as The Smith (formerly Harrison Albany Block) have challenged that protocol and pitched neighbors against the City's bureaucracy.

This week, the condo association at 700 Harrison made public a vote to oppose after-hours work recently approved to accommodate concrete pouring after-hours at The Smith – an approval that will go through December and perhaps into March.

"The Trustees, residents, and stakeholders of the 700 Harrison Condominium Association affirm support for existing City of Boston construction guidelines, which

limits construction activity to the hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday," read the resolution. "We oppose regular exceptions to these rules, especially to accommodate construction that may otherwise be accomplished within the confines of the weekly permissible 55-hour construction window."

It was signed by five trustees, including Kyle Szary, who has sounded off about the approvals previously in public meetings. He and other neighbors believe the project and the City should adjust their schedule to fit normal hours rather than neighbors adjusting to fit the project – especially for something as common as concrete pouring.

Neighbor Brad Busino said the construction on the weekends and after-hours does disrupt the neighborhood. He said he particularly worries about future projects.

"If we have this one approved consistently, you have to remember we have the Flower Exchange coming after this one, and if we set a precedent here, we have many more years of this kind of activity coming our way," he said. "That's a lot to handle when you're talking about multiple projects around you over many years."

D-4 POLICE NEWS

BAD ORDER

On Tuesday, Nov. 20, at approximately 8:09 p.m., officers responded to a radio call for a robbery at 110 West Concord St.

On arrival, police made contact with the caller who said he believed a robbery had just taken place outside of his residence at the aforementioned location.

While on the scene, officers received addition information from Boston Police Operations stating they had received a 9-1-1 call for a related report from the Pizza Stop at 851 Harrison Ave.

Police then responded to the Pizza Shop and made contact with the victim who told them he had just been robbed while delivering food to 110 West Concord St.

The victim said he was delivering three steak-and-cheese sandwiches, with a total value of \$33, at which time four or five teen-aged males approached him and demanded he hand the food over to them.

One suspect punched the victim in the mouth, causing him to fall to the ground. The suspects then seized the food and fled on foot towards Shawmut Avenue.

The victim was unable to pro-

vide a description of the suspects, who he said didn't brandish any weapons during the robbery.

Police observed contusions to the victim's upper lip and right elbow, but he refused medical attention at that time.

Officers disseminated a description of the suspects and searched the area for them to no avail.

LONG WAY TO THE TOP

On Thursday, Nov. 22, at about 3:30 p.m., police responded to a radio call for a jumper at 1 Dalton St.

Upon arrival, officers observed an unidentified man climbing inside of a fenced-in construction site. He came down from the crane and told police he didn't intend to jump, but instead wanted to take a picture of the city from that vantage point.

Officers advised the man that he was trespassing and ordered him not to return to the construction site.

UNWANTED CUSTOMER

On Sunday, Nov. 25, at about 4:40 a.m., officers responded to a radio call for breaking and entering at the Diesel clothing store at

339 Newbury St.

Upon arrival, police observed broken glass in the front window before entering the store and clearing its three levels without locating a suspect.

Officers observed a cash register on the floor that apparently had been broken into, as well as merchandise strewn about the store.

The store manager arrived on the scene and did a walkthrough of the establishment with police before determining that around \$3,000 worth of merchandise, including leather jackets and jeans, was stolen.

The manager then viewed a surveillance video with officers, which showed a male suspect break the glass in the front door before entering the store. The suspect was then observed running around the store and grabbing merchandise, which he then stuffed into a sack. The suspect was then seen fleeing out the front door of the business before heading right on Newbury Street in the direction of Massachusetts Avenue.

Officers broadcast a description of the suspect via radio and searched the area for him to no avail.

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