Mayor Walsh holds Q&A at BVNA meeting

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Walsh made a special appearance at the Bay Village Executive Committee meeting on Dec. 3, providing information to the community and addressing their comments and concerns about various happenings in the neighborhood. Walsh said he’d like to start stopping by more civic meetings to have these kinds of conversations with neighborhoods throughout the city.

“I think there are some incredible things happening right now in our city,” Walsh told Bay Village. He said the population of the city grew about 10,000 people a year, and jobs have grown by about 20,000 per year.

Walsh jumped around through many different aspects of the city during his talk, from how to get families to stay in the city to needing more federal investment for housing, infrastructure, and climate resiliency. “We haven’t had federal investment in a while,” he said.

He also talked about master planning in Boston. Walsh said he looks across “all different gamuts” when thinking about planning for the future of the city. “I look at how we are servicing older Bostonians, how are we servicing our young people, how are we servicing the growth of our city, how are we making sure that we continue to stay diverse in the city, how do we make sure that our police department is safe, how do we make sure that our parks are accessible and clean, how do we make sure that our basic city services are delivered,” he said.

After his brief presentation, Walsh took questions from the community. BVNA Vice President Sarah Herlihy made a comment to the Mayor regarding the neighborhood’s stance on development projects. “We’re a small neighborhood, we’re historic,” she said.

Union Park honors retiring mailman, neighborhood legend at holiday party

By Seth Daniel

“I always said when I’m at work and I’m outside, that’s my office and everyone you see is in my office,” he said. “You get to know everyone. The South End is a very unique community and it’s been an honor to work here. I’ve seen people here have children...”

Tremont Street re-design gets high marks for thorough proposals

By Seth Daniel

The City presented the South End community with three detailed proposals for the re-design of Tremont Street last Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the Tubman House – and many were impressed by the detailed designs that had been

Mayor Walsh says needle situation, drug issues outside Orchard Gardens school ‘unacceptable’

By Seth Daniel

Mayor Martin Walsh and a cadre of City officials are sounding off this week with plans to put an end to the inundation of dirty drug needles and homeless encampments that have overwhelmed the schoolyard of the Orchard Gardens K-8 school at the edge of the South End on Albany Street.

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ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON

This is a wonderful time of the year, to paraphrase the song, with holiday music playing in the malls and on our car radios, resurrecting our earliest childhood memories -- even for the younger set -- of Christmases-past.

We choose just the right tree, decorate it carefully with our family-heirloom ornaments, and when we first turn on the lights, it brings a smile even to the oldest among us.

Despite the hectic rushing to and fro', everybody it seems, is in a good mood. We endure the traffic, the long lines in stores, and more, because we know that what we are doing will bring joy and happiness to others.

For those of us with young children, we get to see Christmas through their eyes, giving us a second-chance to experience the wonder and joy that we felt when we were their age.

Although all of us celebrate Christmas in our own way, the common thread is one of peace, joy, and happiness, regardless of religious or secular beliefs. Whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or a Scroogian Festivus, the spirit of the season imbues us with a sense of togetherness that (unfortunately) only comes once a year.

We urge all of our readers to make the most of this holiday season with our friends, family, and loved ones.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS -- SAFELY

With the Christmas season in full swing, there will be the usual office, family, and neighborhood parties for all of us to partake and enjoy.

By no means do we wish to cast negative thoughts or to be party-Scrooges, but we would be remiss if we did not remind all of our readers to enjoy the holiday season safely.

This especially means that we should be careful not to drink and drive, not only for ourselves, but also for those whom we know and love.

If someone appears to be under the influence, it is incumbent upon each of us not to let that person get behind the wheel of a car -- take their keys and call an Uber!

If it is within our ability to prevent a tragedy, we must be sure to do so.

FOLLOWING UP ON EDITORIAL ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

Dear Editor:

There are other sources of carbon dioxide in addition to electric power generation. Heating buildings and heating domestic hot water are also significant sources of CO2. Nationwide, 46 percent of the energy used by buildings is used for heat. Here in New England, heating and domestic hot water takes 64 percent of the energy used by buildings, and electrical power takes but 36 percent. CO2 production by New England buildings is a greater proportion than 64 percent due to our large percentage of oil burned for heating. Switching all power generation to renewables would mitigate well under half the CO2 due to buildings.

There is a new heating technology that was invented in the South End, and prototyped in Western Massachusetts that can save up to 50 million tons of CO2 per year. This technology is a completely different way to heat buildings from a central plant, which enables the reject heat from all power plants, as we want to save energy, to be used for heating. The essence of the technology is to distribute water at 120°F, which is a much lower temperature than is normal for central heating systems. This temperature is compatible with the heat rejection system of virtually all power plants, making it possible to use all of their reject heat. Low temperature water can readily be distributed in inexpensive uninsulated pipes similar to water main pipes. Use of low temperature heat solves the intermittency problem of solar energy, as storage of solar heat is easily done in large tanks of water, or even in the ground. Buildings are retrofitted as necessary to use the low temperature heat.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Informal studies have shown good economics. Mystic station in Everett is threatened with shutdown, and may require subsidies to keep it running. Preliminary estimates show that the thermal output of this plant could heat Everett and neighboring towns at a cost compatible with gas heating, pay a subsidy to the plant, and pay off the capital investment in about six years.

Using all the heat from the power plants in New England would save about 14 percent of the peak day winter gas demand for New England, reducing the need for new gas pipelines; and would save 7.6 million tons per year of carbon dioxide. Applied nationally, this technology could save 50 million tons of CO2 per year, making a dent in climate change.

Robert W. Timmerman PE, CEM, LEED AP
City Council holds hearing on corporate tax-break transparency

By Lauren Bennett

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Flaherty said that moving forward, he would like to see information regarding tax breaks be “iron clad” and “black and white.” He would also like to see it be clearly accessible to the public so as to make sure agreements are being honored appropriately. He added that if there does need to be a renegotiation, that process should be transparent as well.

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Boston is growing—we’re growing, and we’re growing in a smart way,” Barros said. He said that Boston maintains four key principles in planning for its growth: driving inclusive economic growth, increasing the quality of life for residents in all neighborhoods, promoting a healthy environment, and still doesn’t do an especially robust job of it.”

He said that if the city wants more civic engagement in economic development, then the data must be available to the public so they can see where the deals are in their neighborhoods. Good Jobs First also gave Boston a zero on the 2017 because its tax increment financing program is not disclosed online.

“Your state actually has not been a great state in terms of disclosure,” LeRoy said. “It now has a very modest form of disclosure for a few programs but compared to many other states, Massachusetts was a late state to start disclosing and still doesn’t do an especially robust job of it.”

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And Kostaras would know. Over three decades, he has become a neighborhood icon and has been immortalized in newspapers, on social media and – most often – in conversations on one of the street benches where he took his breaks along the route. He still lives in the neighborhood as well, and said he would continue to be around.

Last Friday, Union Park Neighborhood Association President Jamie Fox announced that they were honoring Kostaras and his compatriot, South End letter carrier Joe Giordano – who joined Kostaras in the South End about 10 years ago.

Both were humbled by the award, but Kostaras was certainly singled out due to the fact he had retired. “To get all the invites out, I walked up and down every single brownstone step in the neighborhood and came home and slept 72 hours,” joked Fox. “I now fully appreciate what these guys do every day.”

Kostaras has been in the neighborhood all his life, he said. He grew up on Shawmut Avenue and lived above the old Franklin Café. He said things look the same at times, but certainly the neighborhood has a little more shine now than then. “The streets look the same, but the cars are different,” he said jokingly. “Washington Street is very different because you had the old elevated train back then. When I was growing up, property in the area wasn’t as expensive and the City of Boston had a program where you could buy a vacant building for $1. You had five years to fix it up and then you could sell it.”

In the end, Kostaras and Giordano told neighbors it was all about the relationships they have built at work. It isn’t just a job, they said, but a community. “I’ve spent the last 32 years delivering mail in the South End and I’ve made so many friends along the way,” said Kostaras. “You resident made it so easy for us to come to our outside office and do what we do.”
accomplished in the last several months.

“From the pedestrian and cyclist perspectives, I’m very happy,” said Eric Huang, who said he uses all modes of transportation — car, bus, bike and foot. “Overall I’m very happy with the thought put into it.”

That seem to be the tenor of the meeting, where the City made a presentation on the three concepts and then unleashed residents to look at the three detailed drawings of the corridor — from Melnea Cass to Herald Street — in an Open House format.

Other proposals that were included were site projects like the option to make Shawmut Street a bigger corridor for bicyclists, and a plan to consolidate bus stops on Tremont Street.

Stefanie Seskin, active transportation director, said they have put a lot of work into the concepts over the last several months, while also installing the temporary measures last summer on the street. She said the City has prioritized the corridor, but things were definitely sped up due to the two deaths on the street in the past 24 months — one by West Newton and one by Upton Street.

“I think some of the impetus for this came from that and the real strong focus on producing something that would be safe for pedestrians,” she said. “It’s very tough to know someone that died or see where it was they were at. Everyone is very excited about what we’ve done and we want to make sure that doesn’t happen again. People will make mistakes and we can’t correct every mistake, but if there is a mistake, we want to make sure it isn’t fatal or results in people getting severely injured.”

That was exactly the sentiment of State Rep.-elect Jon Santiago, who as an emergency room doctor at Boston Medical, said he had seen three people injured in crashes just this week, including one bicyclist who was paralyzed.

“I think I like the thoughtfulness and effort the City is putting into this,” he said. “It’s really needed in a dense, urban district like the South End and Lower Roxbury. This past week I took care of three people hit by cars — one pedestrian and two cyclists. All were preventable. I live on Tremont and take the 43 bus and I bike too. This affects my quality of life. I give a lot of credit to the Mayor’s Office for listening to people’s concerns and putting so much work into this.”

For the most part, concept #3 was a lonely one, with few people looking or interested in it. That’s because it was basically the same format as exists today. Most everyone seemed to agree that the current layout is no longer preferable.

That left concept #1 and concept #2.

Concept #1 reduced the road to two traffic lanes with floating bus stops that extended beyond a dedicated, protected bike lane. The pedestrian islands were eliminated due to the street being narrowed, and the mid-block had parking protected bike lanes. There are 316 parking space on the corridor, and if the floating bus stops can be accomplished, only two spots would be lost. Without the floating stops, there would be 42 spots lost.

There would also be raised crosswalks on all side streets, and more time would be added for pedestrians to cross at the busiest intersections.

Concept #2 allows for the mid-block islands to protect pedestrians and utilizes a shared-use bike lane with one lane of traffic in each direction. Parking would be flush with the curb and there would also be raised crosswalks on the side streets and longer times to cross.

Huang said he likes both concepts that drop a lane of traffic, and protect bikes and pedestrians, both #1 and #2. However, he said he is concerned also about how traffic will flow.

“My concern is the unsignalized intersections and how that will affect the flow of traffic,” he said. “When you drop traffic to a single lane, there are fewer gaps and opportunities to make a left turn and that makes all the drivers behind you angry because you hold up the flow. The devil’s in the details about traffic counts, and they say the counts are low for left turns, but I can see it being a problem.”

The presentation on Nov. 28 was just the beginning of a much larger effort. Seskin said they will have more community meetings through January and would accept additional comments online through February.

Through the winter and spring 2019, they will develop a preferred concept (or a mix of several concepts) and bring those to fully engineered plans. The final design is thought to be ready by June.

Construction will be determined later, and is pending utility work on Tremont, but should be within a year’s time.
SOWA WINTER FESTIVAL FINDING SHOPPING MOMENTUM IN TWO-WEEK EVENT

By Seth Daniel

The SoWa Art and Design District hosted the first weekend of its two-weekend Winter Festival over the last weekend of December, that focused on gifts from local makers, with a few goodies mixed in as well at the SoWa bar and food truck area.

Last weekend, Bradley St. Amand said, they drew several thousand people and they will look forward to doing it all again this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

“We did get about 20,000 people over the weekend,” he said. “That’s great because we weren’t sure about the event going from one weekend to two weekends and from two days to six days. The crowds were great and the vendors were happy. Even on Sunday with the rain it ended up being a great day for shoppers.”

The SoWa Winter Festival has taken place for the past four years, but only in its current setup for the last three years.

The entire district is open for holiday fun and shopping, with 106 vendors in the Power Station, accompanied by a bar serving beer, wine and cocktails – which turned out to be a very popular side attraction to gift buying.

On Thayer Street, they have a heated tent with a Do It Yourself workshop, ice sculpting, food trucks and all of the galleries and shops.

“It’s amazing to think this is only our fourth year of this Winter Festival,” he said. “It’s really taken off so fast. I think it’s one of the, if not the, best Winter Festivals in Boston, especially without having Boston Winter at City Hall this year. That was actually the impetus for us to go to the two weekends this year. It’s worked out for everyone so far.”

SoWa Winter Fest will take place on Friday, 5-9 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking is available for $10.

Freya Helgadottier read carefully about the items at The Cyprus Cabinet.

The creative cocktail bar at the SoWa Winter Festival was a well-come pit stop for shoppers.

Chanel and Joe Lovell enjoyed shopping at Charged Glassworks during the SoWa Winter Festival last Sunday in the South End.

Adam Bauman pouring a sample of shrub, a Colonial-era soft drink, at Bauman’s Best Botanicals during the SoWa Winter Festival.
The South End Enchanted Trolley stop with Santa Claus and Mayor Martin Walsh relocated to Worcester Square this year for a blockbuster party and holiday occasion on Saturday, Dec. 1. Worcester Square welcomed in the neighborhood and the visitors from the North Pole in regal fashion with music, food and fun.

President George Stergios and Vice President Bob Minnocci said the expanded event was a great addition to their enhanced celebration.

The Yvonne Aubert Quartet performed at the annual Enchanted Trolley Tour on Dec. 1 in Worcester Square.

To the right, Mayor Martin Walsh introduced Santa Claus as the Enchanted Trolley settled in at Worcester Square Dec. 1.

A toy soldier is exasperated as the toys try to figure out what to do to light the tree. Luckily, Santa saved the day.

Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) Vice President Bob Minnocci gave out pizza at the tree lighting.

Chloe and Claire, talk with artist Romula at the tree lighting. Romula is in the process of creating a painting of the South End.

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SOUTH END ENCHANTED TROLLEY STOPS AT WORCESTER SQUARE

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PRECEPTOR LETITIA AVINER, PMP, of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Research Director of the Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI) All of Us, explains the initiative to managers and business leaders at the event.

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LIBERTY COMPASSIONATES TO HAVE MEETING, UNION PARK WON'T OPPOSE

The Union Park Neighborhood Association released the results of its neighbor survey and executive board vote this week to say it would not oppose the petition of Liberty Compassionates medical marijuana dispensary at 591 Albany St., just over the edge of the Union Park boundary.

That came at the same time that Liberty announced it would be having its community engagement meeting, the first dispensary to have such a meeting in the South End where competition for a site has become intense.

The public outreach meeting will be held on Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m., in the Boston Water & Sewer Commission, 980 Harrison Ave., second floor.

The other competitor, Compassionate Organics, which holds a proposal on Tremont Street, has not held an outreach meeting yet.

Such meetings are the first step in the official process and are coordinated by the Mayor’s Office.

HOTEL ALEXANDRA FILES PNF

The Hotel Alexandra proposal by development partners Jas Bhogal, Thomas Calus and Nick Colavito has filed a Project Notification Form (PNF) and proceeded to the next step of the Article 80 Large project review.

The filing contains many new renderings, as well as detailed traffic and shadow studies. The plan has not changed much since it was presented across the community to several neighborhood groups.

It will be overseen by Michael Sinatra of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), former chief of staff to former District 1 Councilor Sal LaMattina. Public meetings and an Impact Advisory Group (IAG) will now be assembled as the official review starts.

PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PARCEL 12

There will be a public meeting on Dec. 10, from 6-7:30 p.m. to discuss the Parcel 12 development proposal. The meeting will be held in Room 101 of the Hyne Convention Center.
USES releases RFP for Tubman House

By Seth Daniel

The United South End Settlements organizations (USES) has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) this week to the development community for its long-time headquarters at 566 Columbus Ave., known as the Harriet Tubman House.

USES President and CEO Maicharia Weir Lytle said they released the RFP in conjunction with their broker Newmark Knight Frank, and are looking for creative proposals that fall in line with USES’s mission – even though they would no longer be in the building.

USES announced earlier this fall that they would be exploring the sale of their Columbus Avenue building in order to bring the books out of the red, consolidate onto their existing Rutland Street campus and secure the organization’s future.

“The RFP is the next in the process of us looking at 566 Columbus Avenue,” she said. “We have issued the RFP and now we’ll look for the development community to put together creative proposals that will help the neighborhood with a public and community aspect. The key thing for us is we’re looking at this as the next phase. We are looking to expand the Rutland property a to build the new, new Harriet Tubman House…In the next iteration of our history, we are looking at re-building the Rutland campus.”

That will likely be accomplished by the sale of the Columbus Avenue property, which is in a prime location only about a five minute walk from Boston Symphony Hall, Tremont Street, Boston Medical Center and Northeastern University – to name a few.

The RFP, which is 24 pages long, highlights the location and the accessibility to public transportation, calling it a potential transit-oriented development.

“Given the asset’s superior location and the durable attractiveness of its South End neighborhood, 566 Columbus Avenue clearly represents an exceptional opportunity to acquire a highly desirable property,” read the RFP.

It said it is being marketed for sale on an unpriced basis, and the broker will begin giving tours of the property in the next several weeks to interested buyers.

Additionally, upon the request of USES, all responding parties are being instructed to incorporate within their response the inclusion of a mix of uses that offer significant public or community benefit. The pursuit of such public or community benefits is incorporated within the seller’s organizational mission and will be evaluated accordingly by the Board, Weir Lytle said.

She said she would expect any RFP would follow the zoning, which includes a height limit of 70 feet and has two parcels, one in a Community Commercial district and a smaller one in the Multifamily Residential district. In total, it is 23,513 square-feet of land.

“We’re not dictating any one thing for this RFP,” she said. “We hope people will get thorough, creative proposals for us to review and decide what will be most appropriate to the organization and the Board.”

There is no timeline now at the moment for making a decision, and Weir Lytle said they would review proposals as they came in. She said by this time next year, they should have an idea of what will happen with the property.
NEWS BRIEFS (from pg. 8)

December, Prudential Tower will open its 18-story black and white rooftop bar and in honor of all those who struggle to build their families. The new Nights of Light program was introduced in 2009 to celebrate local Boston-area organizations and draw attention to the great work they do in Boston and beyond. Utilizing a state-of-the-art LED lighting system, the 51st floor of Prudential Tower will change color daily to honor its 29 community partners.

Boston City Hall will also be lit up orange on Dec. 6 in recognition of infertility.

SOUTH END DATES
• The East Berkeley Neighborhood Association has announced they will 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 event details on the Holiday Social this month.
• Ellis South End Neighborhood Association will have a membership meeting on Dec. 18, 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.

For the Record

From the Dec. 5 License Board meeting, City Hall:
• Red White LLC DBA: RED WHITE, 294 NEWBURY St., Back Bay. Has applied for a Common Ventriler License to be exercised on the above - In one room on the first floor with kitchen and storage in the rear. Manager: TAKUMA KOBAYASHI. Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
• PINEAPPLE RESTAURANT GROUP BOSTON, LLC DBA: THE TROPHY ROOM AT THE ALICE HOTEL, 22-28 CHANDLER St., South End. Holder of an Inholder All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to change the manager of the licensed business - From: Thomas A. DeStefo To: Edward C. Moses/George Modell.
• EARL’S RESTAURANT (BOSTON, MA) INC. DBA: EARL’S KITCHEN + BAR, 800 BOYLSTON St., Back Bay. Holder of a Common Ventriler 7-Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to amend the description the licensed business - From: two rooms on the fifth floor with kitchen storage and common kitchen in rear; downstairs has seating for 43; upstairs outdoor seating for 24; with two upstairs outdoor patios, patio 1 seats 16 and patio 2 faces 34 (April-November) patio on private property with closing hour of 2 a.m.
• 842 Beacon Street Liquors, LLC DBA: Shippy’s Wine and Spirits, 842 BEACON St., Fenway. Holder of a Retail Package Store All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned for a change in Officers/ Directors/Stockholders. Secondly, has petitioned for a transfer of stock and change in ownership interest. Lastly, has petitioned change the dba of the licensed business - From: Shippy’s Wine & Spirits To: Shippy’s Warehouse Wine & Spirits.

From the Dec. 5 Entertainment Application hearing, City Hall:
• BASEBALL TAVERN, 1270 BOYLSTON St., Fenway. REQUEST: TO ADD DISC JOCKEY AND DANCING BY PATRONS ON ALL FLOORS TO THEIR CURRENT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE.

From the Dec. 6 Non-Hearing Common Ventriler meeting, City Hall, 10 a.m.:
• The following have applied for a new Common Ventriler License at a previously licensed location. The Wildwing Group, Inc. dba: Dunkin Donuts, 261-269 Huntington Ave., Fenway. Described as: In one room on the first floor with kitchen in the rear. Clayton Turnbull, manager. Hours of Operation: 5 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

From the Dec. 6 Public Improvement Commission, City Hall, 10 a.m.:
• Public Hearing
Parson: The application of TA Realty LLC for the making of Specific Repairs within Boylston Street, Boston. Property, located on its northwesterly side at address # 855 generally between Fairchild Street and Gloucester Street, consisting of curb, sidewalk, and tree pit reconstruction, as well as new and relocated specialty pavement and bike racks. 

• On a joint petition by 1000 Boylston Street Owner LLC, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, and the Boston Planning & Development Agency for the Vertical Discontinuance of portions of Boylston Street (public way), located on its southerly side at address no. 1000, between Davenport Street and St. Cecilia Street, vertically above and below the grades of the sidewalk and roadway.

• On a joint petition by Fenway Center LLC and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the Vertical Discontinuance of portions of Beacon Street (public way), Boston, Proper, located on its southerly side at address # 775 generally east of Massachusetts Avenue, vertically above the grade of the sidewalks.

From the Dec. 11 Licensed Premise Violations hearing, City Hall, 10 a.m.:
• Blyg Tr, LLC, doing business as: Abe & Louie’s, 777-791 Boylston St., Back Bay. Date: 09/30/2018
• Notice/Violation: 2 intoxicated persons on premise.

From the Dec. 11 License Board meeting, City Hall:
• Lansdowne Boston Restaurant, LLC, doing business as: House Of Blues, 15-41 Lansdowne St., Fenway. License#: LB-99120, Notice/Violation#: 070377, Category: CV7AL

From the Dec. 12 Back Bay Architectural Commission, City Hall, 4:30 p.m.:
• 294 Marlborough Street: Unapproved roof deck.
• 233 Beacon Street: Unapproved removal of tree at rear yard.

From the Dec. 12 Zoning Commission meeting, City Hall, 9 a.m.:
• Kenmore Square Redevelopment
A petition for the approval of the Development Plan for Planned Development Area No. 121, Kenmore Square Redevelopment Project, Boston, filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority dba Boston Planning & Development Agency. Said map amendment would amend “Map 1, Boston Proper,” by adding the designation “D,” indicating a Planned Development Area (“PDA”) overlay district to approximate 45 square feet of land (1.17 acres) generally bounded by Deerfield Street to the west, Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street to the south. Said Development Plan would allow for two distinct redevelopment programs at 333-341 Commonwealth Avenue (the Commonwealth Redevelopment Parcel”) and 600-606 Beacon Street (the “Beacon Redevelopment Parcel”). The Commonwealth Redevelopment Parcel entails demolishing the existing buildings and the construction of an eight-story, approximately 112-foot tall commercial building with up to 1,300,000 square feet of office and retail uses. The Beacon Redevelopment Parcel will include the renovation of 606 Beacon Street which will be connect to an approximately 76,500 foot new building located at 650-656 Beacon Street and will allow up to 160,000 square feet of office and retail uses.

From the Dec. 15 MassDOT Outdoor Advertising Board meeting, 11 a.m., State Transportation Building:
• Existing traditional billboard to be replaced by electronic billboard.
• Roof top facing west, and another face on the east side.

DESIGN REVIEW
• #1448-179:故事ville & Minibar, LLC, doing business as: Storyville & Minibar, 22-28 CHANDLER St., South End. Notice: Violation: Premise allowing special event to provide and open to the public, advertised, ticketed entry to any person for any form of compensation.

VIOLATIONS
• #271: 21 Beacon Street: Unapproved roof deck.
• #294 Marlborough Street: Unapproved removal of tree at rear yard.
• #233 Beacon Street: Unapproved removal of tree at rear yard.

Taj Hotel – 15 Arlington St.: Alterations to lower levels of Arlington Street, Newbury Street and public way.

Red White LLC DBA: RED WHITE, 294 NEWBURY St., Back Bay. Has applied for a Common Ventriler License to be exercised on the above - In one room on the first floor with kitchen and storage in the rear. Manager: TAKUMA KOBAYASHI. Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

PINEAPPLE RESTAURANT GROUP BOSTON, LLC DBA: THE TROPHY ROOM AT THE ALICE HOTEL, 22-28 CHANDLER St., South End. Holder of an Inholder All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to change the manager of the licensed business - From: Thomas A. DeStefo To: Edward C. Moses/George Modell.

EARL’S RESTAURANT (BOSTON, MA) INC. DBA: EARL’S KITCHEN + BAR, 800 BOYLSTON St., Back Bay. Holder of a Common Ventriler 7-Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to amend the description the licensed business - From: two rooms on the fifth floor with kitchen storage and common kitchen in rear; downstairs has seating for 43; upstairs outdoor seating for 24; with two upstairs outdoor patios, patio 1 seats 16 and patio 2 faces 34 (April-November) patio on private property with closing hour of 2 a.m.

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Speakeasy Group, Inc. DBA: Speakeasy JP, doing business as: Storyville & Minibar, License#: LS-99120, Notice/Violation#: 070377, Category: CV7AL


Boston Magazine, 1 Black Falcon Ave Boston, MA. 22100. Date: 08/14/2018

Notice/Violation: Premise: including display and open to the public, advertised, ticketed to open (All Alcohol). No Entertainment license permitted for DJ music.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORTATION HEARING:
Hearing order regarding City regulation of the proximity of certain businesses to recovery facilities. The Chair of the Committee is Councilor Michelle Wu and the Sponsors are Councilors Lydia Edwards, Tim McCarthy, and Annissa Essaibi George.

From the Dec. 11 Bay Village Historic Commission meeting, 4 p.m., City Hall.
Holiday Happenings (from pg. 8)

• 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.

• EIGHT STREETS HOLIDAY CHEER
The Eight Streets Neighborhood Association will host its annual Holiday Cheer party on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 6-8 p.m. in the Boston Eagle, corner of Dwight and Tremont streets. Please join neighbors and friends for some holiday cheer. Come to enjoy free pizza and a cash bar. Stay to meet new friends, talk about neighborhood happenings and maybe even win at a free raffle.
Please R.S.V.P. if possible.

• SOUTH END LIBRARY HOLIDAY CONCERT
The South End Library Holiday Concert with Pat Loomis and his Friends is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m. This year, a Special Guest is being booked, as well, perhaps even a vocalist. Pat Loomis will be there on the sax; with Antonio Loomis, guitar; Jim Dower, piano; Colescott Rubin, bass; and Benny Benson on drums. A holiday dinner will be served, as always. This program is jointly funded by the staff of the library and FOSEL.

• NABB FAUSA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
Save the Date! The NABB Fausa Christmas Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at noon in The College Club, 44 Commonwealth Ave. It is hosted by Nancy Thornley.

• HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE PRUDENTIAL CENTER
SANTA IN THE CITY: Now through Dec. 24
Capture the magic of the holiday season and bring the kids for a special photo with Santa in his Winter Wonderland located in Belvidere Arcade. A variety of photo packages are available, starting at $19.99.

• PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA: Nov. 28 and Dec. 11 from 6-8 p.m.
Bring in your favorite furry friend for a photo with Santa! Santa will be hosting two Pet Photo nights this holiday season in partnership with local non-profit MSPCA Boston Adoption Center. The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) is a national and international leader in animal protection and veterinary medicine, providing direct hands-on care for thousands of animals each year. Founded in 1868, the MSPCA is the second-oldest humane society in the United States including their non-profit veterinary hospitals, Angell Animal Medical Centers. The MSPCA will be on-site both evenings to meet and greet your furry friends.

All customers (or furry friends) must pre-register for Pet Photo Night. You will be asked to present your ticket at the event. Photo packages vary.

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.

SENSOR-FRIENDLY SANTA: Dec. 8 from 9-11 a.m.
Prudential Center is thrilled to partner with Partners for Youth with Disabilities on a special morning for children with disabilities. Sensor-Friendly Santa invites children with disabilities and their families to enjoy time with Santa in a non-stimulating, controlled and welcoming environment. There will also be a sensory holiday craft table and project area to make holiday cards to be donated to veterans, and hot cocoa for you! Partners for Youth with Disabilities empowers youth with disabilities to reach their full potential by providing transformative mentoring programs, youth development opportunities, and inclusion expertise. They offer four direct-service programs for youth with disabilities in the Boston area, provide services to help other organizations become more inclusive, and advocate on behalf of mentoring and inclusion both nationally and internationally.

31 NIGHTS OF LIGHT
10TH ANNIVERSARY: Dec. 1-31
Celebrating 10 years of raising awareness for our community of nonprofit groups and the causes they tirelessly support, Prudential Center will shine a light on Boston nonprofit organizations this holiday season. Each night of December, the top of Prudential Tower is lit a different color in support of that night’s partner. This program was created to help community organizations gain key visibility during the holiday season. Participating groups will “flip the switch” each night, with a host of musical performances and speakers each night. From Rosies’ Place, Boston Bruins Foundation and Cradles to Crayons there are some amazing organizations being highlighted.

News Briefs (from pg. 10)

CONCERTS IN 2019
• 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.

Mall Rat
On Thursday, Nov. 29, at approximately 3:49 a.m., officers responded to a radio call for a person with a knife inside the Prudential Center at 800 Boylston St.
On arrival, police met with a security guard working inside Eately restaurant who said he approached the male suspect at about 3:23 a.m. to inform him that the mall was closed. The suspect, who was smoking marijuana at the time, then became irate and threatened the victim with a red pocketknife from his person as he was pat-frisked him and seized the red pocketknife from his person as evidence.

The suspect was subsequently charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (knife).

Knowing When to Say When
On Sunday, Dec. 2, at around 1:08 a.m., police responded to a removal from the Fairmont Copley Hotel at 138 St. James Ave.
Upon arrival, officers were notified that a male guest at the hotel was causing a disturbance at its OAK Long Bar + Kitchen and located the man standing outside the hotel.

Police could visibly tell by the appearance and odor of the man, whom they also observed rocking back and forth, that he was highly intoxicated. Officers asked the man for his name several times to no avail before he provided them with a passport. Police then confirmed with hotel staff that he was staying as a guest at the hotel.

As officer attempted to escort the man to his room via the elevator, he began yelling at hotel staff and waving his finger at them.

Police then escorted the man to his room while two additional officers remained in the lobby to speak to hotel staff.

While exiting the elevator, the man began “yelling and chanting in a high voice,” disturbing guests in the lobby while ignoring repeated requests from officers to be quiet.

The man was subsequently placed under arrest for disturbing the peace before being transported to District 4 headquarters and booked in the usual manner.

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3 Beds | 3 Baths | 2,610 SQFT
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