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## OLD SOUTH GOSPEL CHOIR PERFORMS AT MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BREAKFAST



Old South Gospel Choir leader Tim Harbold brings the choir in for a closing on a rousing rendition of ‘Lift Every Voice and Sing’ during the 49<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast in the South Boston Convention Center on Monday. The Back Bay choir was chosen for a second year to be the musical guest performers for the keynote event on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## Old South Gospel Choir swings and sings for MLK Day

By Seth Daniel

As the breakfast dishes began to be put away and the coffee cups were given a second filling during Monday’s 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, suddenly the band struck up from the front of the room.

Accompanying the jazz group came the sounds of voices of all kinds, women and men of all walks of live bursting into the uplifting number ‘Lift Every Voice

and Sing’ – a staple of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Those voices and the band were the product of the Old South Church in the Back Bay – notably the Old South Gospel Choir led by Tim Harbold and the Old South Jazz Combo led by Willie Sordillo.

It set the tone for a morning of victory and remembrance – something very common in the history of the 350-year-old Old South Church, which has been a beacon for social justice throughout its

existence.

The Boston MLK Breakfast is the oldest breakfast of its kind in the country, having been established by two South End churches – Union United Methodist and St. Cyprian’s – some 49 years ago. For Old South, it was the second year their stellar Gospel Choir graced the stage to set the proper tone for the morning.

“It’s certainly an honor and

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## Time Out Market coming to Fenway in the spring

By Lauren Bennett

Imagine being able to choose from 15 different eateries in one place, with fresh food made by famous local chefs, all while enjoying local entertainment. This will be a reality in the Fenway this spring—yes, this spring—with Time Out Market opening one of

its first US locations at 401 Park Drive.

The idea for Time Out Market, a food a cultural market, came from Time Out magazine, which is circulated worldwide and provides its readers with cultural and entertainment articles.

“Time Out Market will usher in the next phase of The

Fenway’s food evolution, along with the next iteration of one of the Boston’s most historic and treasured buildings,” a spokesperson from developer Samuels & Associates, the developer for the 401 Park project, said. “Much like what the original Time Out

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## Mixed reactions in Fenway for mobile addiction services van

By Lauren Bennett and Seth Daniel

A mobile van offering a needle exchange, addiction services, and other harm reduction programs has quietly taken up residence in the Fens over the past several months, shocking and frustrating some neighbors and bringing praises from other neighbors, as the community continues to struggle with the migration of the opioid epidemic to the Fenway from other parts of the city.

The CareZONE van is a program funded by the Kraft Center for Community Health and launched about two years ago. It has been in a pilot phase since

then operating in the West End and Dudley Square, according to its website. However, it doesn’t mention expanding to the Fenway and it isn’t certain if there were approvals from the overall neighborhood or the City to allow the van to come.

One Fenway resident for more than a decade was shocked when she and others discovered the van operating in the Fens about a month ago. That coincided with them finding many more needles than usual in the parkland where they have walked for years.

“What they’ve done is created a

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## CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL NIGHT AT ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM



Photo by Katy Rogers

Zaira Johnson showed off an arm decoration she created earlier in the evening during the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum’s Third Thursday celebration on Jan. 17. The weather was cold, but the theme was warm – with it being Caribbean Carnival night.

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# EDITORIAL

## THANK YOU, JAY ASH

When Gov. Charlie Baker was elected to his first term of office four years ago, his first major announcement was the appointment of Jay Ash to the post of Secretary of Housing and Economic Development.

The announcement by Gov. Baker, a Republican, came as a surprise to many political insiders because Ash was a lifelong Democrat and at the time was serving as the City Manager for the City of Chelsea, a post he had held for almost 15 years. Moreover, the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development is among the most important members of a governor's cabinet, and typically goes to a person who is among those most trusted by the governor to implement his broad policy objectives.

However, Ash's appointment by Gov.-elect Baker signaled two things about the incoming administration: First, that Baker was going to "reach across the aisle" to Democrats and second, that he was seeking the most-qualified persons he could find to serve in his administration.

During the past four years, Charlie Baker's appointment of Jay Ash, who officially stepped down from his cabinet post in December to become the new president of a nonprofit business group known as the Massachusetts Competitive Partnership, has proven to be a win-win for Gov. Baker -- and the people of Massachusetts -- on both scores.

Ash, who had served for many years as the chief of staff to former House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Voke, not only knew the ins-and-outs of the legislative process, but also was on a first-name basis with many legislators, most notably House Speaker Bob DeLeo, who played a key role in working with Jay in implementing the many initiatives put forth by the Baker administration.

In addition, Jay Ash brought to the table his experience as the City Manager of Chelsea, a small city that is the prototype for both the potential and pitfalls of economic development of urban areas throughout the state.

During his tenure, Jay Ash brought to fruition many projects that will bring economic benefits for future generations of our state's residents. Among Ash's signature accomplishments, he played a key role in bringing the Pawtucket Red Sox to Worcester, which included the redevelopment of the city's Canal District with \$35 million in infrastructure and affordable housing funds; he brought \$12.5 million in state funds to the Berkshire Innovation Center, which will focus on life sciences in Pittsfield; he played an integral role in persuading General Electric to locate its world headquarters in Boston's Seaport District; and he was instrumental in bringing about a significant reduction in the number of homeless families living in motels.

All in all, Jay Ash's tenure as Secretary of Housing and Economic Development has been among the most successful and remarkable of any Cabinet member of any administration in the state's history.

We know we speak not only for the residents of his native Chelsea, but also for citizens throughout the state, in thanking Jay Ash for his years of public service and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

## CAREZONE VAN (from pg. 1)

little ecosystem here where everything is provided for them and I don't see a lot of personal responsibility," said the neighbor, who wished to remain anonymous. "They have found an ideal place here. They live in the reeds, which has been happening for some time, and the van comes to provide them services. For the first time since I moved here, I am afraid. I never was remotely scared to walk around before. With the increased activity now, I'm afraid to walk my dog at 7 p.m... You had your typical problems before, but nothing like what I've seen in the last six months to a year."

However, others have a different take.

The CareZONE van has proven to be an aid to the community, according to Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services Fenway-Kenmore Liaison Yissel Guerrero and Pine Street Inn Director of Outreach Mike Andrick. At a Neighborhood Improvement Committee meeting on Jan. 17, Guerrero said that in working with Massachusetts General Hospital, they were able to put Fenway on the list for the CareZONE van.

She said they noticed the van was "able to have an impact over the summer" and they will "continue to work with them."

Andrick said that through the work of the CareZONE van, in addition to the work of the D4 police, the Pine Street Inn, and the weather, the area around the Fens by the Victory Gardens is no longer active.

Elizabeth Bertolozzi, president of the Fenway Garden Society, said that she's seen the van around the area of the Victory Gardens. She said that she and Vice President Rick Richter met Jim Greene of the Department of Neighborhood Development in May of 2018 to discuss their observations in and around the Victory Gardens regarding the issue of needles and the homeless population. She said they invited Greene on an "exten-



Photo by Lisa Evangelista

A photo taken of the CareZONE van in the Fens earlier this month. The van has quietly come to the neighborhood over the last six months to provide a needle exchange and other addiction services after only being announced as a pilot in the West End and Dudley Square (Roxbury). Some are happy for its arrival, and some are frustrated by it.

sive walk-through" of the Gardens on May 21 of last year, and said that he told them how they could continue to provide details about things they were seeing in the Gardens, as well as how he could send additional services there.

"We understood from Jim that workers from the Pine Street Inn were coming down virtually every night to check on folks that might need services," Bertolozzi said.

She added that Richter had also been speaking with representatives from the Boston Public Health Commission about needles that had been found in the Gardens and telling them what he had seen. He also discussed scheduling a workshop with BPHC about Needle Handling and Safety, Bertolozzi said.

"I don't recall any public meetings [about the CareZONE van]," Bertolozzi said. "They seem to have taken up a presence there, and we talked about the work they were doing with the gardeners."

Bertolozzi said that Richter saw the van parked on Agassiz Road and he told the doctors in the van about what he'd seen in the Gardens and encouraged them to

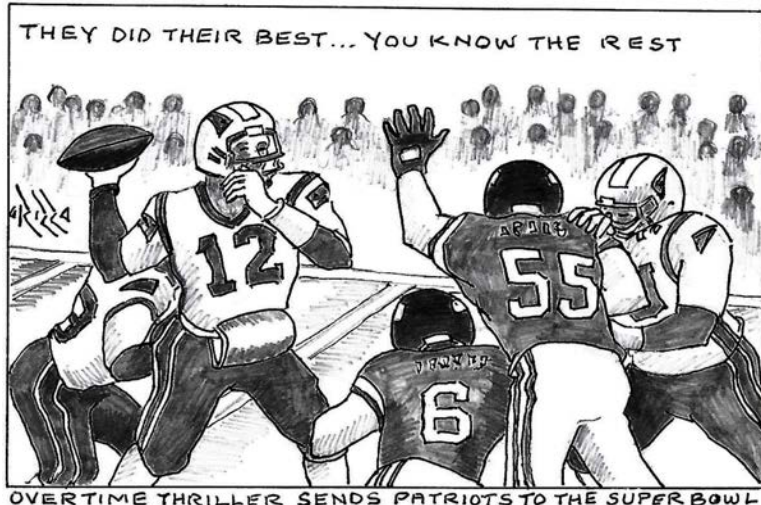
come there.

"Soon after that, he mentioned he had seen the van parked on the service road on the southern side of the Gardens," Bertolozzi said. "At the end of the day, although we can't put a finger on all the details, we feel pretty certain Jim Greene and others in the City we talked to, along with Pine Street Inn, got the word out there was a need, and the CareZONE van showed up to provide services."

Since the van began showing up, the anonymous neighbor said she and her friends have made a part-time job out of reporting needles to the City's Mobile SHARPS team. She said they are very efficient at picking up the needles, but wonders why such sweeps aren't included in the mission of the CareZONE van.

"I feel despair," said the neighbor. "It makes me sad because what they get -- in what I've observed -- isn't anything that makes them try to stop. But I don't feel like you can say that now because people will consider it a hate crime, that you don't understand addiction...I honestly would have liked to know the van was coming before it did."

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## TIME OUT MARKET (from pg. 1)

like what the original Time Out Market did with Lisbon's Mercado da Ribeira, we're thrilled to transform the former Sears, Roebuck & Co. building into a new culinary experience and gathering place for the neighborhood."

The Sun spoke with Time Out Market CEO Didier Souilla to gain some insight into what this food hall is going to add to Fenway's vibrancy.

The first Time Out Market opened five years ago in Lisbon, Portugal. "It came because Time Out magazine was very well implemented and recognized there," he said. The editorial team wrote a lot about the best things to do and the best things eat, so he said the editor of the magazine at the time came up with the idea of bringing the magazine to life. "We had the know-how and the connections to make this happen physically in a space, and this is where it started," Souilla said.

Now they have come full circle—"we've learned from Lisbon what worked and what didn't work." They will be opening five markets this year in Montreal, Chicago, Miami, New York, and of course, Boston. Souilla said that when scouting out cities to open markets in, they look for cities where the brand is known and where it has made an impact. "We always look for areas in cities where we can find locations and buildings that have a certain DNA and the location which is up and coming but where we can afford to pay the rent now," he said.

Souilla added that they also look for areas where tourists frequent, as well as where locals live and people work. "We found Fenway was the right location for us because of the Red Sox and year round tourism, there are offices around, and students are next door," he said. "That became a big plus for us."

Aside from the location, the food is a major focus of the market. Souilla said they chose Boston also because it has a lot of famous chefs, "and we recognized it is the place to be."

"Time Out critics tested, tasted and reviewed the best food Boston has to offer and we are very proud to reveal such an impressive first line-up of incredible chess and restaurateurs who will join Time Out Market," Souilla said in a press release. Some of the chefs include Tony Maws of Craigie on Main who will feature variations of his signature Craigie Burger, of which only 18 are served per night at his main restaurant. Peter Ungar of the Tasting Counter will offer

up dishes like Lettuce Brined Black Sea Bass with Macadamia and Lemon Verbena and Fermented Blueberry Sorbet. And Union Square Donuts will be handcrafting their famous donuts for people to enjoy.

It's a "pretty good mix of chefs; those guys are right in Boston and they're nationally and locally known as well," Souilla said.

Since it's Boston, Souilla said that there will be classic New England seafood and lobster rolls. And "you have to have a burger and pizza—it's obvious," he added. He said the signature chefs will put their own spin on these dishes and "cook what represents themselves." He also said the market will have some sort of health/juice bar, a coffee component, and a dessert component. "There's still quite a bit more to be announced," he said.

Sourcing locally is also a big component of Time Out Market. "We always work with local designers," Souilla said, and the executive architects are local as well as the designer for the Fenway space. He said they work with the building and the components of the city, and incorporate in a lot of historic details. For the historic 401 Park Drive building, they have "kept the DNA of the building," including some original bricks inside the building.

The layout of the food hall has a communal feel, with big tables surrounded by activity, entertainment, and a cultural market. "Time Out will be activating the space with activity there: concert music, poetry, magicians; always activated cultural activities coming from there," Souilla said.

While the concept for the Boston location will be the same as the Lisbon one in that it has the best representation of the chefs in the area as well as a cultural element, the Lisbon school has a cooking school while the Boston location will not. It will, however, have a demo kitchen—a space where chefs can cook and demonstrate dishes to local kids on weekends. The chefs can all take turns, which will activate the space with the local community. It will also allow "up-and-coming chefs to see how the local customer reacts to their food components," Souilla said. He said that Time Out Market chef partners, which are located around the globe, are also invited to come and try out their dishes in a new market with the demo kitchen.

"Time Out Market isn't just a food hall—it is the world's first food and cultural market based wholly on editorial curation. At the heart of everything we do is



Time Out Market will feature 15 eateries with food by local Boston chefs that can be enjoyed in a communal setting. It is set to open this spring at 401 Park Drive.

our dedication to curating the best the city—its best food, drinks and cultural experiences. It is all about making fine dining casual, and

casual extraordinary. We call it the democratization of fine dining," Souilla said in the release. Though there is no official opening date

yet, "we are super excited and we're looking forward to opening in the spring."

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# Former Rep. Byron Rushing honored at 49<sup>th</sup> MLK Breakfast

By Seth Daniel

After many decades on Beacon Hill in the State House, former South End State Rep. Byron Rushing was honored for his service to the community at the 49<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast with the True Compass Award – and it was a time that the former state legislator used to encourage older adults to tell younger people about their true experiences related to Dr. King.

Rushing, a practiced orator always with an eye to history, implored on people in the audience more than 51 years old to share their true, personal experiences related to Dr. King will all of those who were not alive to know the

man and what he did.

“Tell the people under 51 that you know what that all was like,” he said. “If we are going to move forward, we cannot move forward praying to a saint. If we are going to move forward, we move forward with the reality of struggle. You know that story. You know that story better than any monument we ever put up. Tell that story as you experienced it so all the rest of the people who were not here to experience it will gain the strength of the reality of that life and how it brought us to the day we are in. Tell that story.”

Rushing brought home his address with those words, leaving the podium in silence as people thought hard about the challenge.

The annual MLK Breakfast was held at the South Boston Convention Center on Monday, but its roots are firmly planted in the South End. The breakfast is the oldest in the nation, and was conceived by Union United Methodist Church on Columbus Avenue in the South End and St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church on Tremont Street. This year, the Breakfast Committee was chaired by Rev. Jay Williams of Union United and Rev. Dr. Monrelle Williams of St. Cyprian’s.

Both bestowed the honor on Rushing, naming him this year’s True Compass Award winner.

Rushing said he encouraged those who lived through the era of Dr. King to tell their true expe-



Former State Rep. Byron Rushing accepting the True Compass Award from Rev. Jay Williams of Union United Methodist in the South End and Rev. Dr. Monrelle Williams of St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church in Lower Roxbury.

## OLD SOUTH GOSPEL CHOIR (from pg. 1)

a big occasion and very memorable,” said Harbold, who also teaches choir at Wheaton College in Norton. “The fortunate thing for us is this kind of concert is a true team effort. It takes us out of our usual acoustic element. Our choir is accustomed to singing in churches and this is, quite frankly,

a large room where we’re using microphones. But for our church, the history of it, certainly we have always been about fighting for justice in all kinds of issues throughout the history of Old South. This is our 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. As a musician, it’s hard to fathom the church is older than Bach.”

Harbold said having the Old South Gospel Choir perform is notable for the membership, as they have so many ties to King and the Civil Rights Movement.

“Members of our choir have a lot of ties to this,” he said. “We have one member who was in Selma and others who heard Dr. King speak on several occasions. We also had Coretta Scott King sing in a choir with Old South at one time too.”

The Gospel Choir in its current form is but six years old, and they perform for the church membership one time a month during services at the Back Bay church.

“One of our members, Deb Washington, said that we should have a Gospel Choir at Old South,” he said, “and that was the beginning of what he have now.”

In addition to the performances during services, they also perform on Thursday nights from time to time, and they also get out into the community.

The Community Mission Society, now the Boston Mission Society, held a gospel choir festival a few years ago for its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was there that Old South performed and likely caught the eye of the MLK Breakfast organizers.

“I’m not sure, but maybe it was that event or another event that brought us to the attention of the breakfast committee,” he said. “We participated last year, and we were asked to participate this year

again.”

The choir features anywhere from 15 to 25 members, and they range in age from college students to older adults. The choir features all races and also all abilities of singing – no one who wants to sing is turned away. On larger performances, Old South overlaps some with St. Paul’s of Cambridge.

Debbie Green was one member who participated in Monday’s performance, and she said it has been a great opportunity to add her voice to the large, annual celebration of Dr. King.

“I’ve been singing since I was a child,” she said. “I’ve been to the breakfast, but it’s a whole different thing to be here and to be performing up front. I really consider it quite an honor.”

At Monday’s breakfast, Harbold said they chose to sing ‘I Will Sing’ by African-American composer Rosephanye Powell. That was notable, Harbold said, because there aren’t many women Gospel composers – let alone a woman of color.

“I had been planning to do that song at some point and it was very nice to feature an African American woman composer (on Monday),” he said. “In the choral world, there aren’t enough women composer and not enough African American women as well. That was a representation we were eager to have.”

As the morning concluded, with more than 1,000 people listening intently, the Old South Gospel Choir rose to sing ‘We Shall Overcome.’

The audience rose with them.

And it certainly won’t be the last time the Back Bay choir will bring listeners to their feet.

riences with what he said and did – and to be honest about it.

“Most important, when you tell that story, please struggle to tell the truth,” he said. “Try to remember when you first agreed with something you heard MLK say and what it was. Try to remember something that MLK said or wrote that meant something to you that did not happen in August of 1963. I would love it if we never said that (‘I have a dream’) speech again. Try to tell the story so that Martin Luther King is not made mythic – that he can somehow be real. Tell the story of when it first dawned on you that no women got to talk at the March on Washington and what that meant when you thought about it.”

Likewise, he challenged listeners to be honest about what they thought of King when he denounced the war in Vietnam – something many publications and

organizations criticized him for doing.

“Tell the story of how you felt when Martin Luther King said the war in Vietnam is wrong and sinful,” he said. “Were you happy? Were you glad your children were hearing that? Or were you like the New York Times and NAACP that denounced him for saying that?... Tell the truth about your understanding of what he was saying when he said the Civil Rights Movement was bigger than colored people, or as he would have said, was bigger than negroes. It meant working with everyone who was oppressed in the world.”

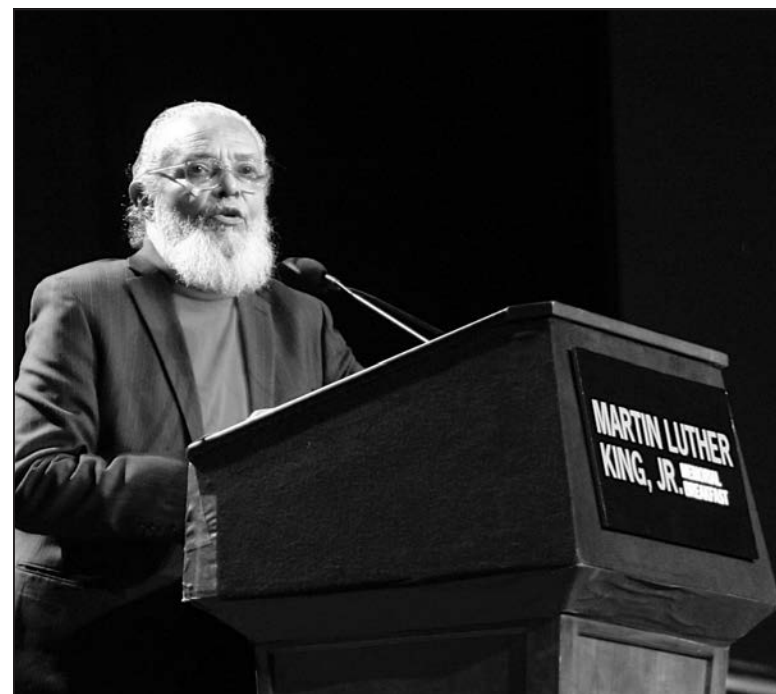
Rushing served as the state representative for the South End, Lower Roxbury and Fenway for 45 years before being defeated in the September Primary Election last fall. He is also involved as a lay leader in the Episcopal Diocese.



Old South Gospel Choir Soloist Jordan Pettis performs her part, as Anthony Clayton sings backup during Monday’s breakfast.



Founding choir member, and Old South Church moderator, Deb Washington performs with the choir at Monday’s Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast.



Rushing speaking before the crowd at the 49<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 21.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### ELLIS COMES OUT IN FAVOR OF COMPASSIONATE ORGANICS

The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association voted on Jan. 22 to support and give a letter of non-opposition to the medical marijuana store proposed by Compassionate Organics for 633 Tremont St. – which is actually in the Pilot Block neighborhood. The support came two weeks

after a rousing community meeting where a clear majority of the hundreds in the room were against the proposal.

“The Board voted to support a decision of non-opposition to the zoning variance request for this site with the direction that a Good Neighborhood Agreement be negotiated with Compassionate Organics and once done, be brought to the Executive Committee for finalization,” read a statement from the Ellis Board.

“This vote followed the procedures set forth in the by-laws of the Ellis South End Neighborhood Association.”

### ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES FROST FIT WINTER SERIES

A new outdoor fitness series encourages people to venture outside and experience the beauty of the Esplanade in winter while

kicking off the new year with regular workouts. All are welcome to warm up, score cool swag, and get their blood pumping at the *Frost Fit Winter Series* Presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts with the support of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

This is a first-of-its kind fitness series on the Esplanade! First, every Saturday in February (Feb. 2, 9, 16, and 23, with snow dates on March 2 and 9), instructors from

the November Project will lead participants through running loops, body-weight exercises, and other fun, energetic activities designed to keep them moving (and therefore warm). Anyone who attends these workouts, which run from 10 to 11 a.m. in front of the DCR Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, will receive a *Frost Fit Winter Series* fleece headband, bagels, coffee, and hot chocolate. Headbands are limited

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## Blackstone School fighting for funding with potential loss of \$500K

By Seth Daniel

When Blackstone School parent Alexandra Olivero thinks about what next year will bring if a \$500,000 budget shortfall transpires at the South End elementary school – only one word comes to mind.

“Chaos,” she said on Monday, amidst volunteering at the school for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Action. “It really will be chaos. We need more help here and we’re going to get less help because of money. That’s not fair for the students. It’s really going to affect the students because they need more benefits and, as it is now, they are going to lose what they have.”

The Blackstone School heard

in December that there could be some cuts in funding at the school – which houses some of the neediest children in the city in regard to English Language Learners (ELL) and special education students. It was only this month that the details of those potential budget cuts became available.

The problem lies in that the Blackstone is transitioning from an innovation school model – with lower teacher salaries – to a regular Schedule A school with average teacher salaries. The coming budget year will be the first time that change is reflected in the dollars coming to the school. The difference in funding the two school models comes to around \$500,000.

The proposed result is to cut personnel, such as family coordinators, social workers, counselors and even the swimming instructor.

The Boston Public Schools did not have any specific comment on the matter.

Ariel Branz of St. Stephens Youth Programs in the South End said her organization and parents have been mobilizing to raise awareness of the proposed cut. She said that at first, parents were pitted against one another, but soon decided to work together.

“The cuts brought about tension at first between the ELL and Special Education parents,” she said. “They were competing with each other to avoid the cuts. Then the teachers and parents realized they couldn’t be fighting with each other. They realized they needed to work together and fight for everyone. That was the moment that they decided to begin to speak out publicly.”

The public campaign began on Jan. 15 when they held a public meeting that was attended by about 70 parents, teachers and community partners. It also led to a letter from the Blackstone School Site Council.

“The plan for FY20 finally provides adequate funding for the ELLs, but at the expense of Special Education students,” read the letter. “Two inclusion strand coordinators, and potentially one or two inclusion classrooms would be cut. We should not have to choose between our ELLs and Special Education students. Both program must be fully resourced.”

On Monday, both State Rep. Jon Santiago and Councilor Ed Flynn committed to working with parents to investigate and try to head off the cut before it becomes permanent in March.

“I want to work with you about what is going on right now at the



Rep. Jon Santiago (center) took a tour of the Blackstone School on Monday with Alexandra Olivero and Rafaela Polanco.

Blackstone,” said Santiago. “I get it. I was a poor Latino kid growing up in public schools that needed help.”

Flynn said he was disappointed with the decision.

“What this really affects is students of color, disabled students and students without a voice in government,” he said. “That’s the job of the Boston Public Schools is to be a voice for these children that don’t have a voice. I’m disappointed in the public schools to propose cutting \$500,000. I’m going to work closely with Rep. Santiago


and try to get this funding back.”

For parent Iris Diaz, the proposed cuts mean her son – who is a special education student – could be held back in his development. It’s a scary reality, but it has given her reason to fight the decision.

“I’m definitely going to fight this,” she said. “With the decision to cut more IEP services, that’s going to effect the children’s development. For my kid, who has a speech delay, if we don’t have adequate personnel, it’s obviously going to affect him.”



Councilor Ed Flynn and Regina Pyle, representing the Ellis South End Neighborhood Association, at the MLK Day of Service in the Blackstone.



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# ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM HOSTS 'RISE' CARIBBEAN NIGHT MUSIC, DANCING, COSTUMES AND MORE

Photos by Katy Rogers

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum hosted their Third Thursday: RISE Caribbean Night on Thursday, Jan. 17. Throughout the museum, visitors had the opportunity to experience music, dancing, and costume-making while exploring the ambient museum.



Francine Forbes and Kareen Robinson enjoyed Caribbean night at the Isabella Gardner Museum on Thursday.



Caribbean feather masks were on display throughout the lobby on Thursday.



Lindsay Thomas and Laurinda LeCain enjoyed a peaceful atmosphere making art.



Shannon Rudolph fascine an accessory she created to her hair.



Ashley Piccirillo danced inside the Gardner Museum during Thursday night's festivities.



Kristina Belanger enjoyed exploring the galleries at the Isabella Gardner Museum on Thursday.



Live music was performed in the main courtyard, giving a Caribbean take on current pop songs



Sophie Swetz and Isabelle Holand walked throughout the galleries at the Isabella Gardner Museum.

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# 49TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY BREAKFAST REMEMBERING DR. KING AT THE SOUTH BOSTON CONVENTION CENTER

Photos by Seth Daniel

The 49<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast took place on Monday, Jan. 21, at the South Boston Convention Center – with "Chronicle" host Shayna Seymour being the mistress of ceremonies and former State Rep. Byron Rushing receiving the True Compass Award.

The breakfast has been in the Seaport for several years – the signature event of each Martin Luther King Jr. Day – but has its roots in the South End. The breakfast is the oldest in the country, and will celebrate 50 years in 2020. It is a combined effort of Union United Methodist Church on Columbus Avenue and St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church on Tremont Street.



Rev. Dr. Monrelle Williams of St. Cyprian's welcomes the guests.



Rev. Jay Williams of Union United Methodist recalls how Dr. King championed the rights of the disadvantaged, and noted the long history with Dr. King at his church.



"Chronicle" host Shayna Seymour was the mistress of ceremonies on Monday.



Gov. Charlie Baker led a round of applause for keynote speaker Sheyann Webb-Christburg, who marched with King in Selma as a child.



U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren called on the president and Congress to re-open the government.



Mayor Martin Walsh shared that the Boston Foundation had committed \$500,000 to the King Memorial on Boston Common.



Police Commissioner Willie Gross related the history of Boston, some good and some bad, and how far the City has come just for him to be the first black police commissioner.



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley was given a hearty welcome at the breakfast after having been sworn in just a few weeks ago.



U.S. Sen. Ed Markey was the shining star of the day, delivering a rousing speech where he asked "How Long?" and the audience would repeat, "Not long!" – in the tradition of Martin Luther King.



State Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz delivered an address drawing attention to the inequity in education funding.

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## ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



*The façade in the last clue is on 15 Westland Ave. currently a Whole Foods Market and parking garage. Before 1995 it was a Bread and Circus Market and, according to building permits, it had once been a Stop and Shop.*

*The next clue will be found In the South End.*

*Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.*

### THIS WEEK'S CLUE



# Fenway continues to tackle homelessness with NIC meetings

By Lauren Bennett

Addressing the homeless population in the Fenway was a main topic of discussion at the Fenway Neighborhood Improvement Committee (NIC) public meeting on Jan. 17.

Councilor Josh Zakim, Sen. Brownsberger, City Council candidate Kristen Mobilia, members of the Fenway CDC, Pine Street Inn staff, and plenty of community members gathered at the Morville House to share updates about what's been happening in the community, especially with their Communicate and Connect partners in the Back Bay.

The NIC has been working to gather information about the homeless population in the Fenway, in order to provide them with the appropriate services. "We're at the point now that we know about people out there; connecting them with the appropriate department," said Richard Giordano of the Fenway CDC. He added that they are trying to work with groups like the Pine Street Inn "at least on a monthly basis."

Mike Andrick from the Pine Street Inn said that the organization facilitates an Area A1 meeting, where they partnered with the Back Bay to adopt their program for helping the homeless. "That program seems to be working here [in the Fenway] as well," Andrick said. He said that as a member of the outreach team at Pine Street Inn, he and his team define what the needs of the homeless are, whether it be medical, addiction challenges, or mental health concerns.

"We're consistently trying to engage folks," Andrick said. When there is criminal behavior going on, that's when they partner with D4 for targeted interventions. "It really takes a village," he said.

BPD Officer William Slyné emphasized that people in the community should not hesitate to call 911 if they see an unresponsive person or anything that warrants attention from the police or medical professionals. City Council candidate and community activist Kristen Mobilia reminded everyone that you can now text 911—this makes it even easier to call attention to issues in the community. Giordano added that 311 should still be called if needles are seen.

"It's in everyone's interest to have the data from those 911

calls," said Zakim. This will help alert property managers to the seriousness of this issue, he added. He said it is "not just a Fenway-specific problem, but we need to get on top of this and partner with organizations like Pine Street Inn" to tackle issues of recovery from all angles. He also thanked Berklee School of Music, who the NIC has partnered with, and said that it's especially important since the federal government isn't doing anything to help us these days. "We need to make sure we're proactive about this," Zakim said. "We cannot arrest our way out of this issue."

NIC Co-Chair Stephen Sorkin said that many residents do not know what an arrestable offense is. "You need to have this laid out for you so you know what the police can do and what they can't," he said.

"A lot of trespassing is not arrestable unless they've been issued a warning," Officer Slyné said. He said that people should be extremely careful with needles, and that the "first priority is to help these days."

A member of the community made a suggestion that an information campaign be put together for the community in the form of flyers. She said that the flyers should let people know that 911 is appropriate, as well as provide a resource list for people to refer to. "I think an info campaign would be a really beneficial way to add to the multi-pronged approach," she said. She said the flyers should be given out to the whole community, especially people who don't come to these meetings.

Giordano said they have been working on that information with the Communicate and Connect subgroup, but "we do want to work on exactly that [for the whole community]," he said.

Issues of where the homeless people are located and the fact that they are dispersing to different areas were also discussed. Andrick said that the Fens area was "very active over the summer," but due to the work of the D4 police, the Pine Street Inn, and others, it was handled appropriately. He added that this area is not active right now because of the weather and D4's presence.

Sen. Brownsberger said he's very dedicated to getting the phragmites in the Fens trimmed, as this is where a lot of the issues were over the summer. He said that the parks department has been trying to get

state permission to mow them, but current state law says they cannot be cut. "It looks like the answer to that is no," Brownsberger said. But he's working with the city to file legislation to say that those reeds can be mowed. It will have to go through City Council, be filed in the state house, and then passed before that can happen, but "I'll be back at this meeting reporting on it until it's done," he assured the community.

#### TRAFFIC SAFETY

The NIC also touched on some traffic concerns towards the end of the meeting. Kevin Anderson of Berklee said he has been working with Marie Fukuda from the Fenway Civic Association on several traffic issues, such as the crosswalks on the ramp at Massachusetts Avenue and Boylston Street. He said that they are headed in the right direction as of Spring 2019, "thanks to Sen. Brownsberger."

"MassDOT has recognized that it's theirs to fix," Anderson said.

He also said that they are working with some of the businesses on Boylston Street to possibly put in a bike corral in a parking space for people to partake in local businesses. He said they are still working on that, though it's been delayed.

He also said that they did a walkthrough with neighborhood liaison Nick Carter "to take a look at the speeding problems on the streets."

Carter said they identified a few places that "could stand to use some improvements," and they are working to set up a meeting with the Boston Transportation Department. He said that they found no speed limit signs on their walkthrough, so they are working to get those up, as well as signs that show drivers their speeds—especially on Hemenway Street. In addition, Carter said they are looking to update a few crosswalks and install flashing pedestrian walking signs at certain locations.

Carter also said there is potential for a mural project overlooking the Edgerly playground, but they would first have to strip the old mural because the paint is chipped. They are also trying to get to graffiti throughout the neighborhood "as best we can," he said.

Giordano ended the meeting by saying the working group will continue to meet and work on getting updates for another general public meeting.



## WARP SPEED AHEAD: Hotel Alexandra to move quickly through reviews

By Seth Daniel

The Hotel Alexandra redevelopment plan will proceed on a very accelerated schedule in the coming month, with the goal of having the long-awaited project to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) board by March.

The news came at the first Impact Advisory Group (IAG) meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Mandela Homes on Washington Street, where the developers told IAG members that their purchase and sale agreement expires in March.

That meant that reviews and comment on the project needed to wrap up by the end of February for the BPDA to prepare it by March 1. It would potentially be voted on at the March 14 board meeting – giving the massive, 12-story hotel redevelopment about a month for community reviews.

“The owners have another project going on and they need to exit one of these properties to get on their own,” said developer Jas Bhogal of JB Ventures. “It’s a unique situation because of the purchase and sale (agreement).”

The developers had not previously said that their agreement with the Church of Scientology expires in March, giving a short window to get approvals so that the project doesn’t fold. Bhogal said if the agreement expires, their offer would be rejected by the seller.

“That’s very fast,” said IAG Member Steve Fox, a little shocked. “We don’t want to slow you up, but that’s fast.”

Added IAG member Carol Blair, of Chester Square, “I certainly would not expect to get to an agreement (on mitigation) in one meeting.”

It was a curveball in the pro-

cess, but one that a firm majority of the IAG and the community would like to find a way to overcome. Many are excited about the concept of the project, and hope that the expedited schedule can be accommodated.

The Alexandra has been a thorn in the side of the South End for decades, having been mostly vacant aside from a hair care business on the first floor for decades.

The striking sandstone façade is one that sticks out in the South End and across the City, and many believe that this could be the last chance to save the old building and re-purpose the property.

That was affirmed by several neighbors.

“I’ve been a resident for 35 years and I have driven by and walked by that building thousands of times and it is a sin to see it in this condition,” said one neighbor. “I would encourage the IAG to accommodate them...Please try to squeeze these meetings in so we can have a positive outcome for the entire community.”

Bud Larievsky said it is seemingly now or never.

“If we don’t do this now, there is a safety issue and we don’t want the side of the Alexandra Hotel falling into Mass. Ave. towards the 7-Eleven,” he said. “That’s a real big issue for those of us abutting this building.”

The IAG agreed to an expedited schedule of meetings on several topics. They will be as follows:

•Jan. 30, 6 p.m., Mandela Homes Community Room. Design and Transportation focus.

•Feb. 13, 6 p.m., Mandela Homes Community Room. Noise and Construction Management focus.

•Feb. 27, 6 p.m. Mandela Homes Community Room. Mitigation and Community Benefits focus.

## LOOKING BACK AT BOSTON

COURTESY OF THE SOUTH END HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Spinney Meat Shop, 1405 Washington St. This week’s featured image is of the Spinney Meat Shop, located at 1405 Washington St. in 1972. For more than 30 years, this location was home to Harry O’s Pizza which recently closed and is now the location of Union Park Pizza.

The South End Historical Society was formed in the 1966 and continues to advocate for the preservation and history in the neighborhood. The organization is located on Chester Square and holds many treasures of the South End’s distant and near past.

## South End, Fenway teens have stories featured in Prudential Center’s short story dispensers

Staff Report

Fifteen-year-old Teens in Print journalist Yasmin Mohamed pressed a button on a short story dispenser located just off the Prudential Center’s central atrium last week. As the story emerged from the machine, Mohamed saw her name printed at the top.

“The feeling of me and two strangers crowding around the machine [waiting] for my story had me giddy,” Mohamed said. “I felt like a mini-celebrity in that moment. They even wanted me to sign the paper.”

Mohamed is one of three teens whose writing was loaded into the machines in early December, marking the first time that local stories have appeared in the Prudential dispensers.

Lucky users of the Prudential Center’s story machines can now enjoy the student-written stories,

originally published in Teens in Print, Boston’s only citywide high school newspaper. The stories are interspersed with the machines’ regular lineup of writing. Passersby may push a button to print and receive a one-, three-, or five-minute story on a strip of paper, completely free of charge.

Mohamed, a South End resident and sophomore at Snowden International School, contributed a three-minute narrative detailing the years she spent living in Somalia entitled “Magic of Monsoon Season.” Mohamed participates in the Teens in Print afterschool program, and is now an arts-and-entertainment editor for the youth newspaper.

Fenway resident Ivy Chen, a Boston Public Schools graduate who is now a freshman at UMass Boston, contributed “Let’s Stick Together,” an exploration of the history of chopsticks in three minutes.

The short story dispensers originated from France, created by publishing company Short Edition, whose goal is to increase literacy on-the-go. The machines were introduced to the Prudential Center in May 2017. Boston Properties, who owns the Prudential Center, was thrilled by the addition of the dispensers and the ability to showcase writing in an innovative way. Boston Properties is a supporter of WriteBoston, the nonprofit literacy organization that manages Teens in Print, and has been a long-time advocate of youth and community causes.

“Boston Properties is happy to work again with WriteBoston to provide the students an outlet for their writing and showcase their interests,” said Mary Fagan, office manager at Boston Properties.

The dispensers are located near Club Monaco and Ann Taylor within the retail area of the Pru.

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Red Sox Concert Noise/Misbehavior Hotline  
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Fenway Community Center  
(857) 246-9053



## NEWS BRIEFS (from pg. 5)

to the first 450 participants.

Then, to finish the series strong, the Esplanade Association is planning an outdoor celebration event in March (Date TBD). This will be a heart-pounding, energetic, and fun workout, with more information to be released soon. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts will serve as the Presenting Sponsor of all events in the series, demonstrating the company's commitment to helping the people of Massachusetts stay active and healthy all year long. Interested participants can find more information and register for the series at [Esplanade.org/Fitness](http://Esplanade.org/Fitness).

## CHARLES\_GATE ALLIANCE SECOND ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

The Charlesgate Alliance will be hosting its second annual silent auction on Sunday, Jan. 27 from 3 - 6 p.m. at 400 Commonwealth Ave. There is complimentary admission with your R.S.V.P., which can be done at [casilentauction.eventbrite.com](http://casilentauction.eventbrite.com). The auction will feature sports tickets, restaurant gift certificates, gift baskets, and more.

## CONCORD HOMES STRIKES AFFORDABLE AGREEMENT

Mayor Martin J. Walsh together with LIHC Investment Group, the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), Mass Alliance of HUD Tenants (MAHT), and Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS), announced HUD approval of a creative plan to keep Concord Houses in the South End affordable for at least the next 40 years, with the support of the building's tenants.

Spanning two buildings located at 705-715 Tremont St. in the heart of the South End, the HUD

subsidy provisions governing the property expired in 2017, putting it at risk of losing its long-term affordability.

Of the 181 households at Concord Houses, 171- or 95 percent of households - chose to sign a waiver to convert their Enhanced Vouchers (EVs) to a new project-based rental assistance (PBRA) contract to make the plan work. The new HUD contract ensures homes at Concord Houses will be reserved for individuals earning no more than 80 percent area median income (AMI) and is renewable for a total of 40 years.

The agreement also guarantees that current and future tenants pay no more than 30 percent of their income toward rent, which will actually reduce the rent burden for 30 existing households at the property. The remaining 10 households will receive rent protections in the form of EVs administered by BHA.

LIHC Investment Group is undertaking a \$7 million repair and capital improvement campaign at the property, which includes a new entry system and security cameras; flooring and ceiling replacement; lighting upgrades in the building's common areas; and exterior work ranging from masonry repair to new fencing and landscaping. Under LIHC's ownership, apartments in the building have already received new kitchen cabinets, granite countertops and appliances; upgraded bathroom fixtures, tubs, and tiles; and vinyl plank flooring.

## ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION RECEIVES GRANT

The Esplanade Association received a \$6,668 grant through the Baker-Polito Administration's Partnerships Matching Funds Program to combat graffiti. In

partnership with local artists, the Esplanade Association will use this money to display new artwork on three concrete pump houses along the Esplanade.

## BACK BAY HAPPENINGS

•'Shades of Light' recital at Trinity Church - Katherine Growdon, mezzo-soprano, performs Respighi's "Il Tramonto" and Barber's "Dover Beach" with the Arneis Quartet and Debussy's "Chansons de Bilitis" and Dutilleux's bluesy "San Francisco Night" with pianist Linda Osborn in St. Andrew's Hall on Sunday, Feb. 10, at 2 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Parish House of Trinity Church, Copley Square. The performance will be followed by a reception to meet and chat with the artists.

Tickets are \$20 each at the door, and admission is without charge for those 18 and under.

•French Cultural Center - In this discussion, we will learn about sleeping better and exercising—how and when? For the cooking workshop, attendees will prepare *velouté d'asperges et salade de carottes râpées* (asparagus soup and homemade carrot salad). \*Friday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

For our last discussion, we will learn about vitamins, supplements, and meditation. For the cooking workshop, attendees will prepare *soupe et crème de champignons et salade frisée au vinaigre balsamique* (mushroom soup and frisée salad with homemade balsamic vinaigrette).

•NABB will host a members reception on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Boston Park Plaza Lobby. Come and meet your fellow NABB members and learn about Committees and Groups. New members are welcome and

## LANDWAVE FINALLY COMES DOWN



Photo courtesy Sarah Hutt

*It's been a lesson in red tape and government bureaucracy for neighbors of Peters Park and the infamous Landwave sculpture along Washington Street in the South End, but on Wednesday, Jan. 23, crews moved in to demolish and remove the public art piece. The fight for its removal has been spearheaded by the East Berkeley Neighborhood Association and the Friends of Peters Park for many years. The genesis of the opposition comes in that it has become dangerous to children and others. So many times they had victory close, but only found it to allude them. Now, however, the day finally came to see the wave by to the Wave. Crews are expected to take about a week to finish the removal.*

can join at the door. Please R.S.V.P. by Jan. 20.

## SOUTH END DATES

•United South End Artists will have hold the perfect cure for the winter blues with an open studios event on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists will be available in their studios for residents to see their works and to

make purchases directly from the artists.

•The Blackstone/Franklin Neighborhood Association canceled its January meeting this week due to conflicts with other City events and meetings. However, they will resume meeting in March on the third Tuesday of the month.

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## For the Record

•CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS WORKING SESSION, Jan. 24, 3:30 p.m. at City Hall. A working session regarding best equity practices in the City's marijuana licensing process and the potential for a social equity program. The Chair of the Committee is Councilor Janey. The Sponsors of the Docket are Councilors McCarthy and Janey.

From the Jan. 24 Zoning Advisory Subcommittee Hearing, City Hall:

•18 Yarmouth St., South End. Applicant: Eben Kunz  
Purpose: Construct 2 decks off rear wall and related doors.

•CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS HEARING, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. A hearing on a petition for a special law re: An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Offer Early Voting in Municipal Elections. The Chair of the Committee is Councilor Michael Flaherty. The sponsors of the docket are Councilor Josh Zakim and Councilor Kim Janey.

From the Jan. 29 Licensed Premise Violations hearing, City Hall, 10 a.m.:

•Hynes Fine Dining, LLC, d/b/a as: Towne, 900 Boylston St., Back Bay.  
Date: 12/18/2018, Blocked fire exit (second floor).

•The Pitcher's Mound, Inc., d/b/a Diamond At Fenway, 72 Brookline Ave., Fenway.  
Date: 10/23/2018, Sale of alcohol (draft beers) to two intoxicated patrons at 4th floor,

Boylston Porch Pub - behind Cumberland Terrace.

•Eataly Boston, LLC, d/b/a Eataly, 800 Boylston St., Back Bay. Date: 12/18/2018, Service of alcohol to persons under 21 years of age.

•Wagamama Boston One, LLC, d/b/a Wagamama, 800 Boylston St., Back Bay.  
Date: 12/18/2018, Failure to notify Boston Licensing Board of change of manger (manager of record on longer employed).

From the Jan. 30 License Board hearing, City Hall, 10 a.m.:

•PHO COUNTRYSIDE II, INC. D/B/A: PHO COUNTRYSIDE, 468 COMMONWEALTH AVE., Back Bay. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day Wines and Malt Beverages w/ Liqueurs License has petitioned to change the d/b/a of the licensed business - From: Pho Countryside To: Pho Common.

•TDC HERITAGE HOLDINGS, LLC, 91 PARK PLZ, Back Bay. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to transfer the licensed business from the above - To: 79 Park Plaza, LLC d/b/a The Oyster Club (at the same location) 2 floors totaling approximately 7,125 sq.ft., including basement (3,032 sq. ft.) and ground level/first floor (4,093 sq. ft.). Basement consisting of kitchen, office, storage and restrooms. First floor consisting of one private dining room, and one main room with main dining seating, bar area, and raw bar. Seasonal outdoor patio (April-October) on private property, consisting of 1,218 sq. ft. Christopher Parsons, Manager. 2 a.m. Closing Hour.



## NEWS BRIEFS (from pg. 10)

•The Smith (Harrison-Albany Block) community meeting will take place on Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the D-4 Station Community room. The meeting will be to address impacts and discuss what is coming up.

•Eight Streets Neighborhood Association did cancel its January meeting, but will be back in action on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

•The next Union Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA) General Meeting open to all will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center located at 346 Shawmut Ave. (across from Upton Street). The agenda will be sent out in advance of the meeting and will include, among other items, the election of the 2018 UPNA Board. Anyone interested in being placed on the ballot should contact Jamie Fox.

•The South End Forum Opiate Working Group has released its meeting schedule for Winter/Spring 2019. The group will meet at 4 p.m. in the Crosstown Hilton on Jan. 29, Feb. 19, March 19, April 23, and May 21.

•The Friends of the South End Library will hold their annual members meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the library. The audience will elect the proposed slate of directors and there will be an update about fundraising efforts for library renovations.

•The South End Community Health Center will have its annual meeting and reception on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 5:30 p.m. in the health center, 1601 Washington St. The guest speaker will be new State Rep. Jon Santiago, who is also a doctor and a member of the health center board.

## URBANITY DANCE HAS PERFORMANCE

Urbanity Dance will present *Substrate Independent*, the first showcase by its professional Company at its newest South End studio, the Roth Family Gallery for Community Dance

on Harrison Avenue, on Friday, January 25, at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Choreographed by Urbanity Company member Jacob Regan, *Substrate Independent* is a result of a new bi-annual creative residency hosted by Urbanity Dance.

The Roth Gallery is located at 725 Harrison Ave. #100, Boston, MA 02118. Tickets for *Substrate Independent* range from \$25-\$50.

## FENWAY TIMES

•BILLY JOEL RETURNS TO FENWAY PARK

The Boston Red Sox announced that Billy Joel will return to Fenway Park on Sept. 14. He will also be the first artist to be inducted into a Music Hall of Fame display being created this offseason depicting the artists who have had multiple successful shows at Fenway Park. Tickets will go on sale to the public on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 10am.

--Phish will also be playing at Fenway Park on July 5 and 6. Tickets will go on sale to the public beginning Friday, February 1 at 10am.

--The Who will take the stage at Fenway Park on Friday, September 13. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m.

•Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 9 - Red Bull Crashed Ice 120,000 expected per day | TBA-TBA.

•The BPDA will hold an Impact Advisory Group Meeting for the proposed Kenmore Hotel at 560-570 Commonwealth Ave. on Jan. 29 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Kenmore Classroom Building, Room 106, 565 Commonwealth Ave. Please note that the purpose of this meeting is different than that of a traditional community meeting. IAG meetings prioritize discussion between the project proponent and IAG members.

•The BPDA will hold an Impact Advisory Group meeting for the proposed project at 1241 Boylston St. on January 31 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Fenway Community Center. The proposed project consists of a 184-room hotel with a ground-

floor restaurant. It will include approximately 105,000 square feet of building area and will be eight stories with a maximum height of 90 feet. There will be approximately 82 parking spaces in one below-grade level, and the project will include an existing Shell gas station. Please note that the purpose of this meeting is different than that of a traditional community meeting. IAG meetings prioritize discussion between the project proponent and IAG members

•LEGACY WORKSHOP SERIES AT THE FCC

The Fenway Community Center will be hosting a series of thought-provoking, creative conversations to celebrate our uniquely lived lives. Three unique sessions will encompass aspects of personalized storytelling, bucket list building, expressions of gratitude, and open contemplation of our own "last words." The sessions are from 7-9 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: Jan. 16, 30, and Feb. 13, and cost of admission is \$105 per person and includes a personal copy of "Youlo Pages," the award-winning legacy planner/workbook/journal. To register, go to [fcclegacyworkshopseries.eventbrite.com](http://fcclegacyworkshopseries.eventbrite.com). •Fenway Community Center is hiring! The community center is looking to hire a Program Coordinator. Visit [fenwaycommunitycenter.org/jobs](http://fenwaycommunitycenter.org/jobs) for more information.

•The Fenway Community Center will be hosting a Wellness Weekend on January 26 and 27. Check the FCC website for more details.

•The Peterborough Senior Center holds bingo at 12:30 p.m. and a Tech Café at 11 a.m. every Wednesday. Come play bingo and meet new people, or can get help with your phone or tablet/computer!

•On Jan. 29, at 1 p.m., the Peterborough Senior Center will be hosting Fall Prevention/Safety with Katherine Palms from Brigham and Women's Hospital.

## D-4 POLICE NEWS

### UNMASKED

On Monday, Jan. 14, at about 1:12 a.m., police responded to a radio call for an armed robbery at the Symphony Market at 291 Huntington Ave.

Upon arrival, officers spoke to the victim, a store clerk who said that he had just been robbed at gunpoint of his wallet containing \$21 cash, personal identification, a bank card and CharlieCard, as well as an additional \$780 cash, which he had on his person after just cashing his paycheck.

The victim also showed police a surveillance video of the suspect pointing a silver-and-black firearm at him before going behind the clerk's desk. The suspect ordered the victim to lie down on the ground and patted the victim down at gunpoint. The suspect then ran out of the store, at which time the suspect's hood dropped briefly to reveal his face. The suspect then fled on foot, walking on Gainsborough Street towards St. Stephen Street.

Northeastern University police also informed Boston Police that the suspect was seen fleeing the area in a black Nissan sedan.

Officers searched the area for the suspect to no avail.

### NAIL SALON NE'ER-DO-WELL

On Monday, Jan. 14, at approximately 4:19 a.m., officers responded to a radio call for a breaking and entering in progress at Jennifer's Nail & Skin Salon at 224 Newbury St.

On arrival, police spoke to the caller, the husband of the business owner, who said upon entering the business to clean, he observed that the lock on the front door was broken. The caller said he then entered the business and observed the male suspect, at which time he chased the suspect out the back door and into Public Alley 411. The suspect was then observed running down the alley towards Exeter Street.

The caller told police five cameras were located throughout the salon, which captured footage of a

male suspect with a hooded sweatshirt enter the business at around 4:03 a.m., before opening various cabinet drawers and removing several small, unknown items. At one point, the suspect was observed using the business' restroom.

Additional officers responded to photograph the crime scene, and a search of the area for the suspect was to no avail.

### NOT LEAVING QUIETLY

On Monday, Jan. 14, at around 10:34 a.m., police responded to radio call for a disturbance at Urban Outfitters at 361 Newbury St.

Upon arrival, officers spoke to the victim, the store manager, who said an unknown male suspect assaulted him. The victim said the suspect is known to frequent multiple Unknown Outfitters stores and had shoplifted from the Newbury Street location in the past, and when he asked the suspect to leave the store, the suspect threw a punch at the victim, which didn't connect. The suspect was then seen fleeing on foot on Massachusetts Avenue in the direction of Boylston Street.

The victim said he wanted a no-trespass order issued to the suspect for all Urban Outfitters, and police searched the vicinity for the suspect to no avail.

### WALKIN' BLUES

On Tuesday, Jan. 15, at around 10 a.m., officers on patrol in the area of 30 Ipswich St. observed a male suspect who appeared to be looking inside motor vehicles while walking at a slow pace.

As the suspect was turning down the alley, police approached him and conducted a threshold inquiry. The suspect told officers he didn't live in the area, and that he "was just walking."

Police then determined the suspect had warrant out of Brookline District Court for shoplifting by asportation (third offense). He was subsequently transported to District 4 headquarters for booking, and the Warrant Unit was notified of his whereabouts.

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