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Motor Mart Garage project gets a new look

By Dan Murphy

The team behind the proposed redevelopment of the Motor Mart Garage presented their reconfigured design and results of further impact studies during a city-sponsored meeting on Wednesday, April 10, at the Revere Hotel.

An affiliate of the Los Angeles-based CIM Group and Boston Global Investors intend to redevelop the eight-story existing garage at 201 Stuart St. into a mixed-use building with new residential units located within the western portion of the existing structure, as well as additional units within a new 20-story residential tower that would sit atop the existing structure. All together, the project would create 306 new residential units, and retain approximately 46,000 square feet

of retail and restaurant space, as well as 672 of the 1,037 existing parking spaces.

Phil Casey principal of Boston's CBT Architects, said in response to feedback from the city and the public on massing, the new design has abandoned the orthogonal features in favor of a more sculpted form while stone will be incorporated into the glass elements throughout the entire tower, which recedes and grows thinner until reaching its peak.

Another departure from the earlier iteration, Casey said, is instead of having two main entrances into the building, one expanded lobby now fronts Stuart Street and Stabler Park.

Regarding retail possibilities, Casey mentioned a supermarket as a potential tenant for the new

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CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY CROSS OPENS ITS DOORS



PHOTO BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

Laura Manda (center), a Boston Marathon runner from New Jersey, as the congregation is about to sing during Palm Sunday Mass at the newly-renovated Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Cathedral opened for services on April 13 after two years of renovations, celebrating Palm Sunday and the Blessing of the Runners at the same time. It was a busy Sunday for the new gem of the South End. See more photos on Pages 8 and 9.

Chase Bank retail branch experiment expands to the South End

By Seth Daniel

Chase Bank's new venture into retail banking will hit the South End before the end of the year, one of the first branches to hit Boston

neighborhoods after an aggressive goal to locate 60 branches throughout New England.

Alex Ong, of UDR's 345 Harrison Ave., location in New York Streets, told the East Berke-

ley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) on Tuesday they will host a Chase Bank location as part of their retail program in the new building.

"Our first tenant was CVS and

they are open now, and our second was the Shore Leave Restaurant, which is open and doing well," she said. "We have one other tenant under construction at the corner of Washington and Traveler. That

will be a Chase Bank."

Ong said the location will be more of a traditional bank branch and not a bank/café hybrid such as Capital One opened across the

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EASTER EGG HUNT AT CLARENDON ST PLAYGROUND



PHOTO BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

SWING TOWN: Alexa Schmidt and the Easter Bunny (her friend Anna Wadlington) enjoy the playground before the mayhem begins during the annual Clarendon Street Playground Committee's Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 12. Friends and neighbors gathered in the park for Easter Eggs, crafts, snacks and fun. See more photos on Page 5.

South End, Back Bay rake in capital projects in latest four-year plan

By Seth Daniel

From new play equipment at the Clarendon Street Playground in the Back Bay to design work for a new fire station in the South End, the downtown neighborhoods raked in several new projects within the 2020-2024 Capital Budget, which was released Wednesday.

The Capital Budget includes projects on a four-year schedule to be designed and completed, and it piggybacks on previous capital plans, though this year the South End, Fenway and Back Bay had several new projects added to the queue.

Mayor Martin Walsh is scheduled to unveil the plan in a ceremony on Tuesday, April 23, in Charlestown.

Meanwhile, several new projects were scheduled for the area, including two new fire station projects in the area, and one that is about to begin construction.

In the South End, Engine 3 on Harrison Avenue has been put on the docket for a \$3 million facility program study and design services, with the intent to construct a new station. The same was true for Engine 37 on Huntington Avenue, which got \$3 million for a study and design. In the Back Bay, the Engine 33/Ladder 15 Station on Boylston Street is ready to be scheduled for \$800,000 in renovations and repairs. That will include exterior improvements, interior upgrades, and window/door replacements.

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EDITORIAL

PLASTIC BAG BAN MAKES SENSE

There presently are 90 communities across the state that have banned the use of those ubiquitous single-use plastic bags that typically are found at check-out counters in all kinds of stores -- and which then typically end up strewn by the wind across our beaches and end up in our coastal waterways.

The Massachusetts legislature is considering a bill that would impose a state-wide ban, following the lead of Hawaii and California.

Environmental groups strongly support the ban, as does the Massachusetts Food Association, a trade group representing the supermarket and grocery store industry.

We also support a ban of these bags, which in our view represent the ultimate expression of our throw-away society that has proven so disastrous for our environment.

While these thin-film bags are recyclable on their own, they cannot be placed with other plastics because they literally will destroy the machines that process heavier plastics. (So if you are throwing these bags in with your plastic water bottles, you are doing more harm than good!)

However, looking at the larger picture, we are struck by this statistic: A full 32 percent of the 78 million tons of plastic packaging produced annually is left to flow into our oceans -- the equivalent of pouring one garbage truck of plastic into the ocean every minute.

Environmentalism is sort of like the weather: Everybody talks about it, but very few of us do anything about it. But each of us must take some degree of personal responsibility for making the planet a better place. The new Netflix series on the environment is sad and scary, both for the ecological damage that we already have caused all over the world and for the implications for the future.

One-use plastic bags certainly are convenient, but they are terrible for the environment. A ban on these bags will require each of us to bring a reusable bag for our shopping -- but that degree of inconvenience is a small, small price to pay for making our environment a better place.

TIGER'S MAGICAL WEEKEND OF REDEMPTION

We wish to state upfront that we are not golf fans.

But every now and then, there are moments in the realm of sports that transcend what is achieved on the playing field, ice, links, or court.

For example, the 1980 gold medal victory by the U.S. hockey team (captained by Winthrop's own Mike Eruzione), the 1967 Impossible Dream Boston Red Sox, Lou Gehrig's iconic speech at Yankee Stadium, and just about everything that Muhammad Ali accomplished readily comes to mind.

Such was the case this past weekend when Tiger Woods won the Masters golf tournament. After more than a decade of personal, physical (four back surgeries), and professional setbacks -- admittedly some self-inflicted -- Tiger's incredible, come-from-behind triumph spoke more about the human spirit than it did about golf. His victory was the ultimate redemption of a man who has achieved the greatest heights, but who had fallen to rock bottom.

When Tiger was embraced by his children and his mom after the last hole, we recalled a similar moment when he won his first Masters 22 years ago, with his late dad being present, when Tiger was a 21-year-old kid who destroyed the field by 12 strokes, still the record for margin of victory at the Masters.

But the close-ups of Tiger's face this weekend throughout the tournament revealed the visage of a middle-aged man, older and wiser, but no longer innocent -- and when he took off his cap at the end, his bald spots revealed that Tiger is not a kid anymore.

Tiger always has been a humble person and, despite his wealth and fame, has managed to put it all into perspective because of his modest upbringing and the adversity he faced because of his mixed race.

He did so once again in his post-victory interview. When he was asked how special it was for his mom to be there, he acknowledged that was true, but he quickly pointed out that he would not be where he is today without his mother, "because she was the one who packed me and my equipment into our Plymouth Duster and drove me for hours so I could play in tournaments when I was a youngster."

Those words truly touched us -- and we know we join not only with the sporting world, but with people of all backgrounds, in congratulating Tiger Woods on his greatest triumph -- which was about a lot more than winning a golf tournament.



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OP-ED

France's Faith — France's Lost

By Dr. Paul Kengor

Editor's note: This article first appeared at The American Spectator.

The image of the Cathedral of Notre Dame engulfed in flames will remain seared in memories. I was made aware of it when a student burst into my office shouting that the magnificent church was on fire. I was about to head into my Major European Governments course, where we read George Weigel's prescient work, *The Cube and the Cathedral*. The Cathedral in the book is Notre Dame.

As the ensuing minutes proceeded, the conflagration only worsened, captured by the cataclysmic moment when the towering spire collapsed. It took me back to watching the collapse of the World Trade Center tower on 9/11, though that was worse because you knew you were witnessing not just the death of a structure but a significant number of human beings.

With Notre Dame, we figured there was probably no one trapped

inside. The fire proceeded slowly enough for people to get out—in fact, so slowly that I was surely one of countless millions watching on a computer, a TV, a phone, yelling in frustration: What are the French authorities doing? Can't they stop this? Meanwhile, the flames encroached upon the relics, the artifacts, the windows, the paintings, the irreplaceable—upon what is believed to be the actual crown of thorns of Christ. On Holy Week no less.

It was a feeling of helplessness. And in that sense, it was a frustration similar to what many of us have felt toward the French authorities for a long time, as they've eagerly embraced secularism and rejected the very Christian patrimony represented by the Cathedral of Notre Dame. The burning cathedral, and the state's seeming inability to stop the blaze, seemed a harsh symbol of France's vanishing religious heritage.

Angela Merkel, one of the few European leaders unafraid of tradition, observed that Notre Dame is "a symbol of France and of our

European culture." It certainly is. Its erection was just that, as was its survival through centuries of struggles, as is its smoldering now.

Hilaire Belloc said that "the faith is Europe and Europe is the faith." Well, the Christian faith is in worse shape in Europe than at any time since the first stones of Notre Dame were laid eight-and-a-half centuries ago. And in many respects, France has led the way in the aggressive secularization. Numerous glorious Parisian churches today stand mainly as tourist attractions.

Recall a defining moment at the turn of this new century. In the early 2000s, a battle raged within the European Union over whether to include a reference to God in the EU constitution. It was a natural acknowledgment, a critical reminder to Europeans of where their rights come from.

The God opponents were the predictable European progressives: leftist Eurocrats in Brussels, Labor Party atheists in Britain, German

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basement-level space at Columbus Avenue and Church Street.

In an effort to provide a historic link between the new building and its predecessor, Casey said existing pilasters - flattened, rectangular-shaped columns that project slightly from the face of the wall - would be salvaged, restored and reintegrated into the design.

And for the benefit of neighbors with views overlooking the existing building, a screen wall will shroud mechanicals located on its western portion, Casey said.

The project also includes plans for the creation of a pedestrian extension at Church Street to table the street and make for a more pedestrian-friendly environment, Casey said.

Regarding the project's potential shadow impact, Casey said it would have a minimal, legally permissible impact on the Public Garden and no impact whatsoever on the Boston Common.

Solar glare was found to be not "atypical" at the pedestrian-street level and on the surrounding buildings, Casey said, and there were found to be no "adverse effects" on adjacent facades.

Liz Peart, manger of transportation permitting for the Chelmsford engineering firm Howard Stein Hudson, said a new traffic study that was undertaken in response to feedback carefully considers the retail mix included in the project and looks closely at circulation with the inclusion of a bike lane proposed as part of the project. This new study also expanded its

scope from seven to 11 monitoring sites.

According to the study findings, only 24 new, peak-hour trips on the MBTA Orange and Green lines are projected as a result of the project, Peart said.

The project includes plans for a new loading dock at Columbus Avenue with four bays - two for oversized trucks and two for service vans and other vehicles - but Peart said, "Maneuvers can be made safely going into and out of the loading dock."

Sarah Herlihy of the Bay Village Neighborhood Association said she doesn't believe the traffic study considers ride-share trips and Amazon deliveries enough, nor, she said, does it take into account that with the high prices of the proposed units, residents will likely own and drive their own vehicles instead of relying on public transit.

"Park Plaza and the loading issues are already horrific," Herlihy said. "The traffic information isn't detailed enough, and I think your assumptions aren't correct."

John Shope, a Fayette Street resident and former president of the BVNA board of directors, applauded the development team for designing a project that brings massing to the neighborhood while respecting its history and existing buildings.

"I would encourage the [Boston Planning and Development Agency] to move this project along because it's going to be a huge benefit to Bay Village," Shope said.

Likewise, Steve Young, a Back



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An artist's rendering of the proposed Motor Mart Garage project

Bay resident and member of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, expressed his support for the project and applauded the proponent for being so responsive to the neighborhood throughout the process.

"I think the proponent has clearly listened to the comments and concerns of the neighborhood and made changes and improved design aspects because of their response to this input," Young told the Sun. "It is clear that traffic concerns continue to exist in the neighborhood because of this project, but it's good to see that the proponent is trying to address them."

Public comments on this project can be submitted until April 25; to submit comments and for more information on the project, visit <http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/motor-mart-garage>.

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Superintendent Search Committee recommends three – one with local ties

By Seth Daniel

Three candidates have been forwarded to the Boston School Committee for consideration as the next superintendent of schools – including one candidate who attended Boston Public Schools and has strong ties to the South End as current headmaster at Cathedral High in the South End.

The announcement came Wednesday morning, noting that the Superintendent Search Committee had decided on three finalists. They include Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Marie Izquierdo, and Dr. Oscar Santos.

The finalists come from a very diverse initial list of 150 candidates that were narrowed down to 39 last month. The Search Committee has been conducting private interviews of the semi-finalists since February, using the help of search firm Isaacson, Miller.

School Committee members said they were very happy with the job done by the Search Committee.

“The Superintendent Search Committee has done a tremendous job carefully assessing candidates to ensure our next superintendent will continue making necessary progress for the Boston Public Schools,” said Boston School Committee Chair Michael Loconto. “It’s imperative that our next district leader shares our commitments to equity, closing achievement gaps, and providing a high-quality education for students of all backgrounds. We are pleased to see all three finalists share our values, and we look forward to a thoughtful public dialogue.”

Initially, one of the most intriguing candidates is Santos, who is currently the Cathedral High head of school.

More importantly, Santos is one of the first superintendent candidates in a long time to have actually attended Boston Public Schools, graduating from Boston Latin School. Santos has commonly visited neighborhood associations in the South End to increase the visibility of the school locally.

Santos previously served as Superintendent of the Randolph public schools from 2010-2013; and worked in the Boston Public Schools in various roles from 1996-2010, spending his last six years as headmaster of Boston International Newcomers Academy. He is married and the father of two children.

The other candidates – one from Minnesota and the other from Miami – are as follows:

•Dr. Brenda Cassellius, who was recently Commissioner of Education for the state of Minnesota. Serving as Commissioner from 2011 through a change in administration earlier



Dr. Oscar Santos.

this year, Cassellius enacted comprehensive education reforms, including historic new funding for schools, enactment of all-day kindergarten, state-funded preschool for 25,000 children, and has overseen historically high graduation rates. She has also served on the board of directors for the Council for Chief State School Officers, and contributed to the development of, “10 Equity Commitments,” which education chiefs across the country worked to adopt to further equity goals and outcomes. Cassellius began her career in 1990 and has previously worked as a paraprofessional, teacher, administrator, and superintendent in Tennessee and Minnesota. She is married and the mother of three children.

•Marie Izquierdo, chief academic officer for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools in Florida, a position she has held since 2013. During her leadership, there has been an 18 percent increase in schools receiving



Marie Izquierdo.

average or high state accountability scores, narrowing of the achievement gap in several student populations, increased graduation rates, and an expansion of academically rigorous programming. Izquierdo has more than 25 years of experience in education. After becoming principal of a Miami elementary school in 2004, when she oversaw its turnaround efforts, Izquierdo then worked as a region-

al director for turnaround for the Florida Department of Education in 2009, when 79 percent of targeted schools saw improvement. She returned to Miami-Dade in 2010, serving as Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant Superintendent of Academics before her being named to her current role. She is married with three children.

The co-chairs of the Superintendent Search Committee are Alexandra Oliver-Dávila, vice chairperson of the Boston School Committee and executive director of Sociedad Latina; and J. Keith Motley, former chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston.

“I’m proud of the Superintendent Search Committee for working tirelessly to find diverse, qualified candidates who deeply understand the issues facing an urban school system like BPS,” said Oliver-Dávila. “It’s critical that we choose a leader who is committed to equity and understands the broad range of needs of the students and families we serve.”

Said Motley, “All three of these candidates are exemplary and any of them could be a strong leader of the Boston Public Schools,” said Motley. “Each candidate has a deep and multi-faceted experience in public education that make them strong contenders for the role of Superintendent.”

The School Committee will now move to a more public portion of the search process, with public interviews scheduled over the next two weeks, starting on Monday, April 22.

The schedule is as follows:

Panel Discussion With Community Partners (Televised and lives-

treamed on Boston City TV):

•Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 22-24

Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Location: Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington Street, (School Committee Chambers), Roxbury

School Committee Interviews (Televised and livestreamed on Boston City TV)

•Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 22-24

Time: 1-3 p.m.

Location: Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington Street, (School Committee Chambers), Roxbury.

Panel Discussion with BPS Students and Teachers

•Monday, April 22 (For Marie Izquierdo)

Time: 4-5:30 p.m.

Location: East Boston High School, 86 White St.

•Tues., April 23 (For Brenda Cassellius)

Time: 4-5:30 p.m.

Location: Mildred Avenue K-8 School, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan.

•Weds., April 24 (For Oscar Santos)

Time: 4-5:30 p.m.

Location: Mildred Avenue K-8 School, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan

Panel Discussion With BPS Parents, School Leaders (Televised and livestreamed on Boston City TV)

•Monday, April 22-Wednesday, April 24

Time: 6:30-8 p.m.

Location: Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington Street, (School Committee Chambers), Roxbury.

NEWS BRIEFS

DISTRICT 8 CANDIDATE DEBATE

On Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m., Berklee College (160 Massachusetts Ave.), there will be a District 8 candidate debate. Join the Boston Wards 4 and 5 Democratic Committees, Fenway CDC,

Fenway Civic Association, Greater Boston Young Democrats, and MassVOTE for a community conversation with the Boston City Council District 8 candidates. Margaret McKenna, President Emeritus of Lesley University and a civic and philanthropic leader in Boston, will be moderating. Doors

open at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at bit.ly/BostonD8Forum.

MAYOR'S COFFEE HOURS

Mayor Martin Walsh announced his Coffee Hours for the coming spring and summer months. All Coffee Hours run from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The schedule is as follows:

•Tuesday, April 30, South End, O’Day Playground, 75 West Newtown St.

•Tuesday, May 5, Bay Village, Elliot Norton Park, 295 Tremont St.

•Tuesday, May 14, Fenway, Symphony Park, 39 Edgerly Road.

•Thursday, May 23, Back Bay, Comm Ave Mall, 15P Comm Ave.

Participants will enjoy coffee and breakfast treats provided by

Dunkin’ Donuts and fresh fruit from Star Market. In addition, each family in attendance will receive a flowering plant grown in the city’s greenhouses as a gift from Mayor Walsh. Residents at the event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin’ (Donuts). Information will be available on City programs from the Boston Public Library, Boston Public Schools, Boston Police Department, and Boston Centers for Youth & Families.

UPDATE ON IBA ARTS CENTER

The IBA Cultural Center on West Newton Street has hit a delay in its presentation to the South End Landmarks, they reported. The Center was discovered last year to have significant damage, and the

extent was far greater than anyone imagined. There seem to be few options for the Center, but IBA is currently exploring all of them – including tearing it down and building a new Center.

IBA said they are waiting on a structural engineering assessment that needs to be presented to Landmarks. They expect that some time in June now, rather than April.

SOWA MARKET RETURNS MAY 5

The SoWa Open Market, on 460-540 Harrison Ave., will kick-off its 16th season on Sunday, May 5. Every Sunday, from May through October, more than 175 makers and thousands of visitors

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ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT AT CLARENDON STREET PLAYGROUND

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Clarendon Street Playground Committee of NABB (Neighborhood Association of Back Bay) held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12.

Kids from all across the neighborhood came down to meet the star of the season: the Easter Bunny, check out some arts and crafts, be dazzled by some balloon animal creations, and of course an Easter Egg hunt.



To the left, Friends Sadie Hajj and Grace Tedeman scramble quickly before all the Easter eggs are gone.

Shown above, Liv Koskinen was overwhelmed with her visit with the Easter Bunny.

To the right, Jaden Deng (center) gets some help from his godmother, Kelly Mei, and his mom, Kelly Chau, in his quest for Easter eggs.



Grandson Sage Cierba, with grandparents Rick and Jeannette, may not be ready to join the big kids in the Easter egg hunt this year, but will be starting training for next year!



And the race for egg glory begins.



The NABB Friends of The Clarendon Street Playground Committee members who organized this event: Sue Baker, Alexa Schmidt, Anna Wadlington portraying the Easter Bunny, Alissa Lew, Rachel Whitty Hajj, and Alesha Forget.



Sienna, Stephanie, and Ella Pagliuca sharing in the egg hunt haul.

MEET THE DOWNTOWN SCHOOLS NIGHT

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DOWNTOWN FAMILIES TO CONNECT WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

Tuesday, May 7 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. | 26 Exeter Street
Free and open to the public. Come and see us!

Schools scheduled to attend include:

- Beacon Hill Nursery School
- Boston Children's School
- Charlestown Nursery School
- Frances Jacobson Early Childhood Center at Temple Israel of Boston
- John Winthrop School
- Kingsley Montessori School
- Montessori Parent Child Center
- Old South Preschool
- Pine Village Preschool
- Spruce Street School

Artwork by Moriah Luna

Registration now open for Boston Neighborhood Basketball League

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department has announced that registration is now open for the 50th annual season of Boston's favorite summer basketball league, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL), kicking off on Monday, July 8.

BNBL is the oldest municipal basketball league in the country serving young men and women in three divisions each for boys and girls: 13 and under; 15 and under; and 18 and under.

Encompassing recreation, sports, and community engage-

ment, BNBL's real value is in helping make Boston happier and safer in the summer months by providing a physical outlet for youngsters throughout the city. Over 1,500 players on 150 teams will participate in this year's league at 20 sites throughout the city. BNBL is played at Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers and selected city parks. The 2019 BNBL season ends with the championship games played in mid-August. To register online for BNBL go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksand>

drecdepart/Activity_Search.

BNBL also offers a free Pee Wee Developmental Program for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 offered at various locations across the city in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale, South Boston, West Roxbury, and Roxbury. This program teaches young players the basics of basketball in a fun and non-competitive setting. Registration for Pee Wee BNBL is done on-site at the Pee Wee locations.

For more information, please email Charlie Conners at Charles.Conners@boston.gov or call (617) 961-3093.

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street three years ago at Ink Bl ock.

The announcement to EBNA followed a larger announcement by Chase in December that indicated it planned on opening 60 retail branches and 130 ATM locations in the region over the next five years. They also plan to hire 350 employees locally as well. That plan runs simultaneously with J.P. Morgan Chase's move to get back into the retail banking market nationwide, just a few years after its competitor, CitiBank, abruptly left the retail market in Boston and beyond.

"This expansion will help create more economic opportunity for the people of Boston, a city we've served for over two decades," said Jamie Dimon, Chairman and CEO of JPMorgan Chase, in December. "By opening branches here, we're able to lend to more consumers, further invest in neighborhoods, and offer good paying jobs."

Within EBNA, it adds to the load of banks quickly coming into an area that was once desolate and considered the dregs of the City. Chase will join East Boston Savings Bank and CapitalOne Café in the neighborhood.

UDR's Ong said they have a total of 35,000 square feet to lease.

In addition to the three tenants listed above, they are working out leases with a dog grooming and daycare service (not Urban Hound) that will be on the corner of Washington and Mullins Way. It should be built out by the end of 2019, she said.

Another lease is being worked out with a local dentist for 1,500 square feet. on the Traveler Street side of the block. Finally, a local bakery operator will be opening a location on the corner of Harrison and Traveler Streets in 2019. It is in design now and will also use some of the outdoor sidewalk space available.

That, however, still leaves a generous 5,000 square-foot space that is vacant with nothing in the queue.

"We're still trying to fill space there and are continuing to attract a live dynamic to the open spaces," she said. "We have about 600 homes we are trying to serve and also create amenities for the whole neighborhood."

She did say that restaurant operators were not so interested in the retail space, noting that it is very hard to make the numbers work.

•Mayoral Liaison Faisa Sharif said that the two-way Washington Street and two-way Traveler Street plans should finally come to bear in 2019.

Those two changes in the New York Streets portion of EBNA have been in the works for years, since they were suggested at the conclusion of the Harrison-Albany Task Force meetings.

"It is in design now and we are looking to start construction in 2019 – improving signals and making intersections ADA compliant," she said.

The plan would make Washington Street two-way from Herald Street to East Berkeley Street, and would make the portion of Traveler Street (Harrison to Washington streets) two-way as well. Traveler Street is already two-way from Harrison Avenue to Albany Street.

"That is going to really improve traffic flow and it is something we have advocated for as a neighborhood association for a long time," said EBNA President Ken Smith.

However, Sharif said that the Harrison Avenue re-design will take much longer to get to.

"We are continuing to get funding for that from all the buildings that are going up now," she said. "We cannot start construction on Harrison until all of the building construction is done. It doesn't make sense to sink millions into the street until everything is built out."

John Connelly said he hopes the City will coordinate with the Related Beal project at the old Quinzani's location so they are ready to go when the building is done.

"My ask would be the City stay on top of Related Beal in terms of their completion date," he said. "It would really be great if we could get a shovel in the ground as soon as they're done."

Chris Wells said she hopes that, in the interim, the would start clamping down on cars that park in the median strip of Harrison – particularly near the Whole Foods.

That was followed up with applause.

•The Whole Foods situation has come to a head for the neighborhood, and many in the EBNA are asking that the company get a better handle on their traffic and parking lot.

At Tuesday's meeting, and even at last month's meeting, members called for something to be done. Frequently, traffic backs up on Harrison Avenue as cars wait to turn into the Whole Foods parking lot. The backups also become dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists as frustrated drivers nearly hit pedestrians most every minute of every day.

President Ken Smith, as well as Councilor Ed Flynn, said they hoped to have Whole Foods come before the Association to talk about solutions.

•The Washington Street corridor is ripe for re-painting, Mayoral Liaison Faisa Sharif told the EBNA meeting. She said two weeks ago a project to re-stripe and repaint Washington Street, including the bus and bike lanes, was approved. She also said the crosswalks along Harrison Avenue will be re-stripped in April as well.

•Small victories often result in great changes. That's the case for one EBNA member who President Ken Smith said noticed a very negative situation at the Tufts Parking lot. The lot has been strewn with trash and the fence is rusted, and one member pointed it out in a letter to the owner.

After a walking tour, the owner has taken great strides to keep the lot much better maintained.

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converge in SoWa, amidst a vibrant backdrop of artist studios, galleries, boutiques and vintage shops.

This season will feature the return of the SoWa Beer Garden. Created in partnership with Craft Collective, a different local brewer will take over the taps each Sunday. Brewers will include Fiddlehead Brewing Company, Single-Cut Beersmiths, Finback Brewery, Banded Brewing and many more. Keep an eye out for special events and guest appearances, such as our Mother's Day rosé pop-up with The Urban Grape and our annual Oktoberfest party hosted by Schilling Beer Company. The family and pet-friendly beer garden will also feature live music, lawn games, and Boston's favorite food trucks. In addition, SoWa will continue to host a DIY Workshop series, where visitors can sign up for instructional classes led by a SoWa vendor, and will continue partnerships with local charities via collaborative activations, such as performances by Urbanity Dance, interactive painting with Artists for Humanity, a More Than Words book swap, and kick'n it with South End Soccer.

For information on weekly happenings, please visit: www.sowa-

boston.com/calendar/.

TWO INCIDENTS IN EBNA

Area D-4 Police reported two astonishing incidents over the last month to members of the East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) on Tuesday.

•First, on March 27, a man in a mask and brandishing a gun forced his way into the CVS on Tremont Street as employees were closing up. He ushered them into the office and took \$20,000 from the safe. He did mention he might have been a former employee of the store. In the end, he took the cell phones and identification of the employees and fled the store. They were reported to be terrified.

•Second, on April 9, a resident of the new 345 Harrison Ave. building reported that someone came into her apartment in the evening. She said her door was locked and someone had taken several expensive items. They included a Louis Vuitton handbag at \$2,000; a Club Monaco jacket at \$5,000; and a Gucci hat at \$5,000. Detectives are working on the case.

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STATE REP. CHYNAH TYLER ELECTED AS THE NEW CHAIR OF THE BOSTON DELEGATION



State Rep. Chynah Tyler joined her colleagues in the Legislature to celebrate her election as the new Chair of the Boston Delegation in the House of Representatives. The former Chair of the Boston Delegation was State Rep. Adrian Madaro of East Boston. "After two exciting years as Chair of the Delegation, I'm proud to pass on this position to my friend and colleague, Rep. Chynah Tyler. I thank all the members of the Delegation for their support and I look forward to supporting Rep. Tyler and continuing my involvement alongside my Boston Colleagues," said Madaro. The Chair is responsible for connecting local government offices and non-profit groups with the Boston Delegation to facilitate the vital work they do on behalf of their constituents. "I am incredibly honored to be elected as the Chair of the Boston Delegation. I look forward to serving on behalf of our city," said State Rep. Chynah Tyler (D-Boston). "Thank you to Representative Madaro for passing the torch to me and for your dedicated service to the City of Boston over the past two years." Representative Tyler looks forward to creating a united voice amongst the Boston Delegation in order to fight for the issues facing the city's residents in this session and beyond.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Butler, Philip J	Siddiqui, Fahim M	410 Boylston St #2	\$2,310,000
Dent, Timothy	Susan E Busch RET	254 Commonwealth Ave #4	\$2,425,000
Gonen, Yael	Jessie L Farber	280 Commonwealth Ave #109	\$1,400,000
Ryan, Timothy E	Hediger, Carl	14 Dartmouth Pl #3	\$1,390,000
Hediger, Michelle V	Eugene W Mitchell RET	4 Dartmouth Pl	\$2,160,000
Winton, Ariel	Cudahy, Nicholas C	67 Dartmouth St #3	\$1,490,000
Delorey, Pamela H	EG Fairfield Realty LLC	29 Fairfield St #1A	\$1,549,000
Ledin, Corey	Garrington IRT	201 Newbury St #302	\$1,400,000
Wells, John	Newbury IRT	201 Newbury St #305	\$1,375,000
Hootsmans, Norbert	Guertin June M Est	345 Commonwealth Ave #1	\$999,000
BEACON HILL			
Ghobrial, Irene	Suh, Hailim	11 Saint Charles St	\$2,550,000
Pien, Homer	Haydon, Philip G	234 Causeway St #809	\$1,437,000
New England Lanboston	58 Charles Street S	58-60 Charles St	\$1,900,000
Kromer, Christine	Chestnut Mainsail LLC	94 Chestnut St #2	\$3,800,000
Lincolnshire Charles RT	Boynton, Cynthia	15 River St #201	\$4,000,000
Lincolnshire Charles RT	Boynton, Cynthia	15 River St #302	\$4,000,000
Schiff, Daniel J	Posten, Laura A	5 Spruce Ct	\$5,400,000
Schiff, Daniel J	Posten, Laura A	7 Spruce Ct	\$5,400,000
SOUTH END/KENMORE/BAY VILLAGE			
Edmondson, William	Kenney, Suzanne F	290 Columbus Ave #4	\$469,000
Domi, Anndhini Y	Wu, Huaxing	188 Brookline Ave #20B	\$1,680,000
Xu, Lu	Ventura, Gerardo	10 Charlesgate E #201	\$1,185,000
Nasr, Assaad	Willard, Matthew G	78 E Brookline St #4	\$634,000
4 Lions 2 LLC	36 E Springfield St LLC	36 E Springfield St	\$2,800,000
Kenrick, Conor E	Creighton-Ross, Matthew	26 Hanson St #4	\$670,000
Light, James R	Bay-Marlborough LLC	416 Marlborough St #707	\$1,200,000
Weinberger, Matthew	Fortunato, Anthony J	31 Massachusetts Ave #B1	\$450,000
Sun, Hui	Doherty, Kevin M	30 Peterborough St #26	\$645,000
Keene, Russell S	121 Portland LLC	121 Portland St #204	\$749,000
Cronan, Robert T	Curtis, Cnthia J	2 Rollins St #D604	\$1,190,000
Kaczmarek, Michael K	Kaplan, Brian	38 Rutland Sq #1	\$1,750,000
Busch, Susan	Lilroy-Mcgarrrity,	17 Savoy St #D110	\$1,780,000
Lean, Richard C	Laird, Schuyler A	219 Shawmut Ave #3	\$1,760,000
Highline 143-145 Warren	Richard A Campana RET	143 Warren Ave	\$5,075,000
Guifoile, Barbara J	Lesica, Jonathan	148 Warren Ave #3	\$820,000
Dearing, Marissa C	Park, Andrew	32 Traveler St #210	\$1,245,000
Proud, Graham	MB Canton RT	150 W Canton St	\$4,450,000
Gallagher, Matthew	Novotny, Stephanie	58 W Rutland Sq #1	\$1,628,500
Danny Prenda Inc	Shaar, Doron	333 Washington St #344	\$70,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Goel, Sanjay	Besciu, Patricia	1 Avery St #24C	\$1,525,000
Nicholson, Thomas C	Adamo, James A	142 Commercial St #404	\$995,000
Gardner, Kelly	Osullivan, Sheila	166 Commercial St #3	\$785,000
Tan, Jefferson	Atchue, Callie F	181 Essex St #E203	\$351,647
Punjabi, Tony J	Hillman, Jeffrey	151 Tremont St #17M	\$677,580
Parr, Scott	Lopez, Scott	151 Tremont St #8B	\$645,000

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

By PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The unusual black and white brick work in the last clue is on 70-64 Burbank Street built in 1912 as a tenement house. "In 1995, Fenway CDC refurbished the buildings into 36 apartments, 31 of which are affordable to low- and moderate-income residents," the Community Development Corporation explains on their website.

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



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COMPASS

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY CROSS OPENS FOR PALM SUNDAY AFTER TWO-YEAR RENOVATION

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

After two years of renovations, the historic Cathedral of The Holy Cross held its first Mass after the \$26 million restoration project was finally completed. The tim-

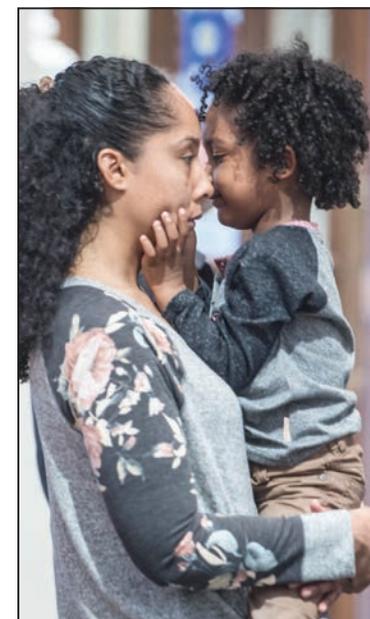
ing was perfect as it was the Mass for Palm Sunday and the Blessing of the Boston Marathon runners. The Cathedral was packed with parishioners, and despite a fire alarm triggered by incense, the Mass was a perfect day of reflection and community.



Church volunteer Michael Berbe offers palm fronds to parishioners in honor of Palm Sunday.



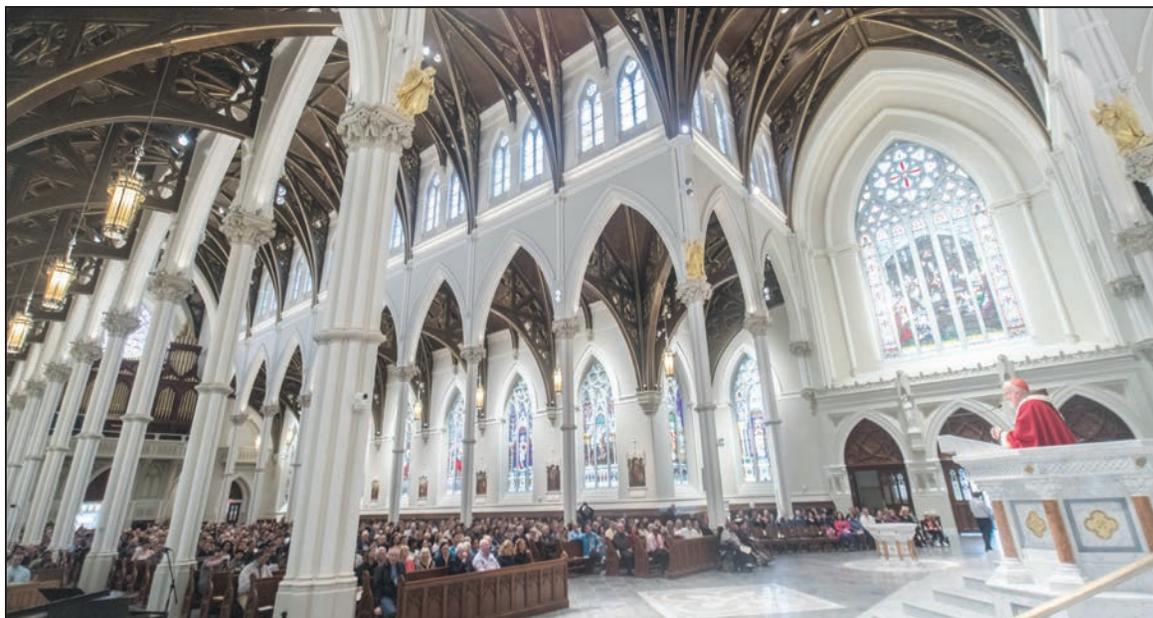
Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley walks with blessed palms to the altar to begin the Mass.



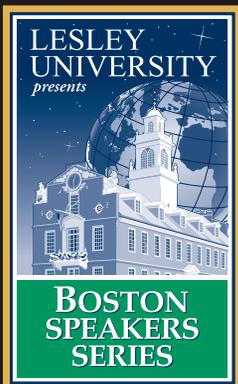
A mother and son in a moment of contemplation together.



Cathedral of The Holy Cross Music Director Richard J. Clark conducts the choir while playing the organ.



Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley gives the homily in the newly renovated Cathedral of The Holy Cross.



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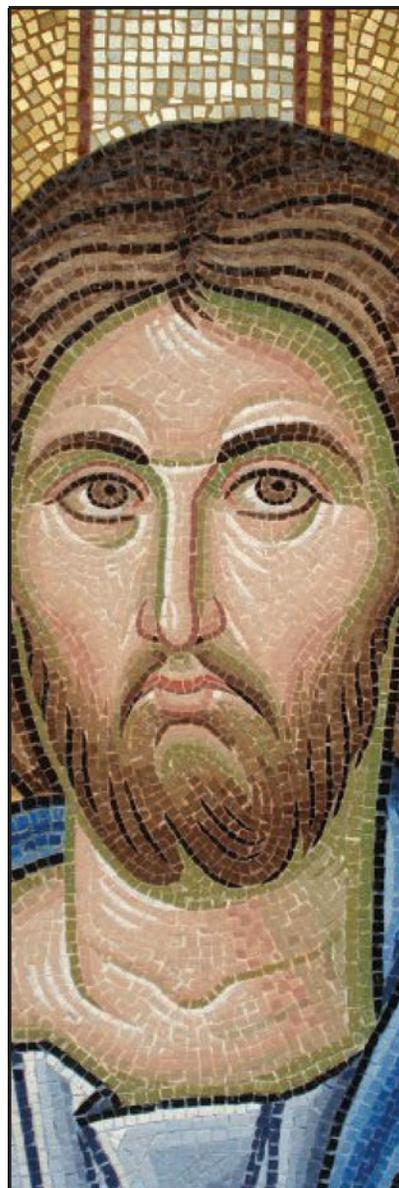
Marathon runners Luigi and Marian Pascua from Las Vegas bring the gifts.



Boston Marathon runner Andrea Keefe (second from right), from Chicago, in prayer.



Above, Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley and Boston Marathon runners attending the Mass pose for a picture after the blessing. Pictured right, Boston Marathon runner Kyle Timko from Ohio.



Holy Week at Saint Cecilia Church

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

*Masses are at 5:00 p.m. (Saturday), 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday

8:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m. | Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m. | Night Prayer

Good Friday

8:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. | Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday

9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer
8:00 p.m. | The Great Vigil & First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday

*Masses are at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. | Paschal Vespers

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Update on Landmark Center provided at ACNA annual meeting

By Lauren Bennett

Members of the community and several elected officials came to the Ruggles Baptist Church on April 3 for the Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association (ACNA) annual meeting. The community heard from Sen. Will Brownsberger, Councilor Josh Zakim, and an update on the Landmark Center from Peter Sougarides of Samuels & Associates, before hearing a Year in Review from ACNA President Dolores Boogdianian.

Sen. Brownsberger discussed several transportation projects that are going on in the neighborhood, saying that the MBTA has accepted responsibility for the deck of the bridge but the crosswalk on Park Drive that belongs to them. He also talked about the construction on the Green line by Fenway Station. He said that there are two components: track work and redoing the area inside the tunnel from Kenmore station where the lines split into the D, C, and B. "That work will be down in the next month or so," he said, and then another project will start. The next phase is to create a door to the tunnel at Fenway Station that can be closed in the case of a flood in the Fens. "These are the things people are talking to me about in this neighborhood," Brownsberger said.



Peter Sougarides of Samuels & Associates showed the community some renderings of things to come for the Landmark Center on Park Drive.

"We appreciate your intercession on these issues," Boogdianian said. "It will be a continuing effort." She added that Rep. China Tyler has been helpful in the crosswalk efforts as well.

Councilor Zakim spoke about the issue of temporary street occupancy permits, as many in Audubon Circle have run into issues with this. He said that they are "seeing proliferation of people getting these permits and not using them," so they are working with inspectors to determine if the spaces are not being used. "We did raise the fees and changed the fee structure

to incentives them to get out more quickly," he said. As it is his last term as District 8 City Councilor, Zakim told the Audubon Circle community that "it's been a huge privilege to work with you all."

People will finally start to see the fruits of all the construction that was going on behind screening fences on Park Drive for so long. Peter Sougarides, a principal at Samuels & Associates, presented an update on the status of the Landmark Center construction. He began with a brief history of the building, saying that it was built in

1928 by Sears and purchased by Samuels & Associates in 2011.

He said that "a couple hundred" trees will be arriving this week, along with benches that will be situated along park drive. Time Out Market Food Hall, which will bring 14 different eateries in a communal seating-type area, is expected to open in the middle to the end of May, Sougarides said. They have also improved the walkway from the T to the new building, along with lots of other little improvements. "It's all coming together and I think it will be amazing when it's done," he said.

There will also be a grand two-story atrium when coming in off of Brookline Avenue, in an effort to make the building "much more publicly accessible and friendly to the neighborhood." Similar to Post Office Square Park, Sougarides said, there will be cushions for people to take onto the newly laid lawn to read or each lunch. They are also looking to activate the lawn out front with things like fitness classes and movie nights. There is also ample space to have a skating rink on the lawn that will be open this winter, according to Sougarides. Trillium Brewing will have a small kiosk outside the building on Park Drive as well.

As far as parking goes, Sougarides said that at least 50 percent

of employees in the Landmark building take public transportation or bike to work. "We can't keep up with the bike parking in the building," he said. He said that generally speaking, parking usage is "way down," and showers will be provided in all the office facilities.

Over the summer, renovation of the garage will begin, he said. Blick Art Materials will relocate to a different space. "In order to get ready to build the next phase, we have to do some renovations to the garage," Sougarides said. The interior work will be done sometime in October, he added.

After Sougarides' presentation, Dolores Boogdianian gave a quick 2018 Year in Review. She said that many Audubon Circle residents are "terribly impacted" by the Fenway Portal Project that Brownsberger had talked about earlier. She talked about a new noodle restaurant that is "a nice new addition" to the neighborhood, and also brought up the concerts at Fenway Park. ACNA asked that there be no weeknight performances, but the city approved all 12 dates so there still may be some weeknight performances this summer. Boogdianian said that ACNA also asked for "better review on traffic and transportation impact" regarding the proposed Fenway Theater.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY CROSS HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday, April 18

- Bi-Lingual Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m. (with Cardinal O'Malley).

- Sung Compline (BSC), 11:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19

- Morning Prayer (BSC), 9 a.m.
- Live Station of the Cross through the South End, noon, meet in front of the Cathedral.

- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in English, 3 p.m. (with Cardinal O'Malley).

- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in Spanish, 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 20

- Morning Prayer (BSC), 9 a.m.
- Via Matris (Stations of Mary - BSC), 10 a.m.

- Solemn Vigil of Easter, 8:30 p.m. (with Cardinal O'Malley).

Easter Sunday, April 21

- Mass in English, 8 a.m.

- Mass in Spanish, 9:30 a.m.

- Mass in Latin (OLC), 10 a.m.

- Solemn Easter Mass, 11:30 a.m. (with Cardinal O'Malley).

ST. CECILIA'S PARISH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday, April 18

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

- 10 p.m. Night Prayer

Good Friday, April 19

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 20

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- Masses at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.
- 6 p.m. Paschal Vespers

Charles River Esplanade leading in national preservation contest

By Lauren Bennett

A piece of Boston is involved in yet another contest, but this time it's not football, baseball, or the marathon. The Charles River Esplanade is one of four national landmarks in a contest started by the American Association of Endodontists in an effort to recognize the importance of natural preservation.

The Esplanade is up against the Chicago River, Phil Hardberger Park in San Antonio, Texas, and the Wissahickon Valley Park in Philadelphia. At press time, the Esplanade was tied for the lead with the Wissahickon Valley Park at 41 percent of the vote. "The landmark with the most votes will receive \$20,000 to their preservation fund, \$30,000 in free endodontic services for their city, and, most importantly—bragging rights," according to a press release from the Esplanade Association. People can vote once per

device until April 24.

The Esplanade boasts 1,700 trees, 14 ornamental gardens, a number of historical monuments, and over five miles of running, walking, and biking pathways, the release states. The Hatch Memorial Shell also calls the Esplanade home.

Kelsey Pramik, Director of Programs and Outreach for the Esplanade Association, said that the organization has reached out to partner organizations as well as local city agencies in order to promote this contest to Bostonians. They are also running some ads on social media. "We're doing as much as we can to raise awareness," Pramik said.

The \$20,000 prize money must be used for preservation, so Pramik said that if the Esplanade were to win the contest, the money would most likely be used for preserving the Esplanade's 1,700 trees, as that is "one of the biggest project priorities coming into next year," Pramik said. She said winning the

contest would be a "huge boost" to the tree care plan, which they have already received Community Preservation Act funding for. The prize money would "get us even closer to fully funded for the year," Pramik said.

"We're honored to have the Esplanade recognized as one of four landmarks nationally worth saving and worth investing in to ensure their continued vibrancy," said Michael Nichols, Executive Director of the Esplanade Association, in the release. "Each of the four finalists play an important role in their communities and we're hopeful that the people of New England will rally to support a landmark that continues to bring beauty, joy and year-round activity to daily life in Boston."

Pramik added, "We hope everyone in Boston will help rally behind this vote and help push us into first place and we're really excited to have been chosen."

Visit aae.org/Landmarks through April 24 to cast your vote.

BBAC approves mural on Boylston St., denies Chick-Fil-A facade design

By Lauren Bennett

Several projects came before the Back Bay Architectural Commission (BBAC) on April 10 that will make significant changes to the Back Bay.

545 Boylston St.—Mural

At 545 Boylston St., Chris Tracy of O'Neill and Associates said that they are seeking a one year approval of a public art mural on the west wall of the property, which is owned by John Hancock. The proposed mural is 75 by 85 feet, and "is a nod to the marathon," Tracy said. It depicts people running in the blue and yellow marathon colors, with the words "What Gets You to the Finish Line" written off to the right in blue.

Tracy said they want to have this artwork in place for two years, but are willing to come back to the BBAC for another approval after one year. The mural will be mounted on mesh vinyl, so light and air would be able to get through. There will be no mold or damage to the building, Tracy said, but in the instance that damage is done, the building would be fixed. The fasteners would go from one and one-quarter to one and one-half inches into the building, he said.

The Back Bay Association wrote a letter of support, and Sue Prindle of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) said that while she believes "it's a great place for a mural," she said she is not a fan of the content. Though she accepts that she has "no right to comment on content," she "wants to work together on a broader approach" for the mural's appearance.

"I think the verbiage cheapens the iconic image that you've got,"

Commissioner John Christiansen said. "I can't vote for anything that has words on it." He believes that appropriateness is something that they can vote on, even if they are not permitted to scrutinize the design. Commissioner Robert Weintraub said he likes the words.

After some more discussion, the Commission voted to approve the mural for one year and revisit it after that time is up.

827-829 Boylston St. —Storefront Restoration

The BBAC was pleasantly surprised by the proposal for this storefront that, according to Commissioner Patti Quinn, "has been an eyesore for so long."

The applicants are looking to revamp the existing retail storefront with a "more cohesive and attractive finish," one said. They are also looking to strip and resurface the original brownstone, as well as modify the sidewalk and curb for handicap access in the rear. "Our every intent is to try and bring it back to the original brick color," the applicant said. An alternative option would be to apply another layer of paint, one that is "better and more consistent," but the Commission really urged them to do everything in their power to strip the paint.

"My comment is hallelujah!" Patti Quinn said. "I'm just so happy."

"This is such a nice proposal that I would urge the Commission to approve the removal of paint," said Tom High from backbay-houses.org, adding that it would be a "major improvement" to that block of Boylston Street.

The Commission voted to approve the project with the contingency that all paint be removed to expose the brick. They are not

permitted to repaint it without coming back to the Commission "with a good reason" and discuss paint color with them. They must also come back for a signage approval.

569 Boylston St. —Chick-fil-A

At 565 Boylston St., the site for the ZBA-approved Chick-fil-A restaurant, the proposal was not as successful. The building currently houses the Boloco restaurant. The applicant presented a proposal for the windows, roof equipment, and patio. He said that Chick-fil-A will be taking all four floors of the building. He said the patio would be replaced in kind, and they are proposing a bump-out for the first story only. They are proposing "very little change in the rear," except to replace existing windows for energy efficiency.

He proposed the classic red Chick-fil-A logo on a bright white background, which was not too popular with the Commission. Commissioner Jerome CooperKing said that "even Dunkin' (Donuts) was willing to work with us" when creating a facade in a historic district.

Commissioner David Eisen suggested changing the architecture of the front a little bit so the sign would be as large. Commissioner Robert Weintraub agreed that the "white background is not going to work—it has to be a more historic color," he said.

BBAC Chair Kathleen Connor wanted to know what other colors have been used throughout the rest of the stores. The applicant said that they could do a "two inch surround of white" with the logo so they could still achieve that contrast.

CooperKing said that the applicant should come back with different options for the signage.

The roof equipment was also not favored by the Commission,

as it can be seen from the street. Weintraub said that since they are gutting this building, they "have the opportunity" to make changes to the roof, such as reconfigure the equipment or figure out how to push them back further.

The Commission voted to deny this application without prejudice, which mean the applicant is allowed to come back with a different proposal.

272 Marlborough St.—Tree Removal

Bruce Godfrey, a trustee of 272 Marlborough St., proposed to remove a Norway Maple that sits in the front garden of the property and replace it with a flowering tree. He claimed that the tree "is completely inappropriate and out of scale for that sort of space." He said they have tried numerous times to plant shade tolerant planting underneath it, but it will not survive.

"We want to plant a tree to allow the garden to be viable, and would take any advice on that," Godfrey said. He said it has been pruned numerous times, and said that they have "received professional advice that we cannot plant anything under the tree that would live."

The Garden Club of the Back Bay, however, had much different thoughts about the tree. Laurie Thomas of the Garden Club said that they oppose removal of the tree, as it does not meet any of the BBAC's tree removal guidelines. She said they also disagree that the tree is out of scale, as it is about 40 feet tall, which is "a typical front garden tree." They are also looking to preserve large, older trees, and this tree in particular is "unlike any other in Back Bay," Thomas said. She said it is not an invasive species, it has reached maturity, and is considered a heritage tree

or a specimen tree. She said it "needs special care and needs to be 'pruned properly in order to keep it at its best.'" With proper maintenance practices, she added, there are several species that can survive underneath this tree. A letter from the Garden Club lists a dozen or more plants that "should survive along this tree," and Thomas suggested designing a garden around a raised planter as well.

She also mentioned that the Garden Club just completed a tree inventory, and they found that there are "hundreds" of dogwoods and magnolias, and they are concerned about a pest that might devastate the neighborhood. "Species diversity is important," Thomas said, so that's why they want to preserve this tree and not plant yet another magnolia or dogwood in the neighborhood.

"This is the only one we know in the Back Bay of this type of tree," Thomas said.

Godfrey and a woman he was with said they would not consider planting anything else under the tree should the removal be denied. They said "it's either mud or a new tree" for them.

Commissioner David Sampson said he is a fan of the tree, and Connor said that they should do some sort of a test with the Garden Club this spring to see if something grows under the tree.

The Commission said that they have always relied on the Garden Club to help them make informed decisions. They ultimately voted to deny the removal of the tree without prejudice and asked Godfrey to consult the Garden Club and explore other solutions for plantings below the tree.

The woman with Godfrey responded, "We've tried many things and you're asking us to take action so it will remain the way it is."

OP-ED (from pg. 2)

socialists, Scandinavians, and, of course, the French leadership. The God supporters included new EU member states that had escaped godless communism—with Poland in the forefront, along with Hungary and the Czech Republic—and the continent's preeminent religious figure: Pope John Paul II.

The pope, suffering from advanced Parkinson's, took up the fight with vigor. In the summer of 2003, he devoted a series of Sunday Angelus addresses to this political issue that transcended politics. He made arguments akin to those made by the American Founding Fathers: It is crucial for citizens living under a constitution to understand the ultimate source from which their rights derive: their rights come not from government but God. What government

gives, government can take away. What God gives, government cannot take away.

"European culture cannot be understood without referring back to Christianity," explained John Paul II. "Christianity is at the very roots of European culture." He said that "an explicit recognition of the Christian roots of Europe" would represent "the principal guarantee for the continent's future."

The pope was countered by French president Jacques Chirac, who sniffed: "France is a lay state, and as such she does not have a habit of calling for insertions of a religious nature into constitutional texts." The "lay character" of France's government and public institutions, according to Chirac, simply did "not allow" for a reference to God in a constitution.

Nope, no room for God, insisted the president of France in spearheading the continental revolt. It was predictable Jacques Chirac, who in retrospect seems like Joan of Arc compared to Francois Hollande or Emmanuel Macron. So goes France.

In the end, the EU compromised on a gutless statement grudgingly conceding the continent's "cultural, religious, and humanist inheritance." It was a nod to God that George Weigel described as "so bland as to be meaningless."

But, in an important way, it was not meaningless. It was sadly symbolic. Again, Belloc: "the faith is Europe and Europe is the faith." Well, the state of the faith in much of Europe is in flames.

That brings us back to the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Anno

Domini 2019, the day after Palm Sunday. We do not yet know what caused this tragic episode, nor whether the authorities and responders could have done a better job preventing the sickening level of destruction. Let me repeat: I don't know whether the authorities and responders could have done a better job. Maybe they did a great job. Maybe what was saved was spared because of its original architecture. I don't know.

Nonetheless, this seems, at the least, an undeniable symbol of France's loss of its Christian heritage and its failure to protect its Christian heritage. In this case, the pinnacle of its Christian heritage.

The Easter season is about hope, about a Redeemer who rises again. If there's a particular hope for Europe this Holy Week, it's that

the Cathedral of Notre Dame will be resurrected. And yet, given the state of modern France, it's hard to be hopeful about what will replace it.

We can't go wrong placing our faith in the inspiration of that cathedral, but we will always find disappointment in the secular authorities who seek to replace it. The former stood strong for over 800 years; the latter will fail us again and again.

Dr. Paul Kengor is professor of political science and executive director of The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College. His latest book (April 2017) is A Pope and a President: John Paul II, Ronald Reagan, and the Extraordinary Untold Story of the 20th Century. He is also the author of "11 Principles of a Reagan Conservative."

HALF HALF HALF HALF HALF MARATHON TO SUPPORT 826 BOSTON

Photos by Mike Mejia

826 Boston held its third Annual Half Half Half Half Half Marathon on Thursday, April 11. The fundraising event, a 0.826 mile race around Boston Common, which raised more than \$26,300, will help support 826 Boston's free writing and tutoring programs. 826 Boston, located in Egleston Square, is a non-profit writing and tutoring center for students ages 6-18. With the help of more than 2,500 volunteers from the Boston community, 826 Boston is serving more than 4,700 students.

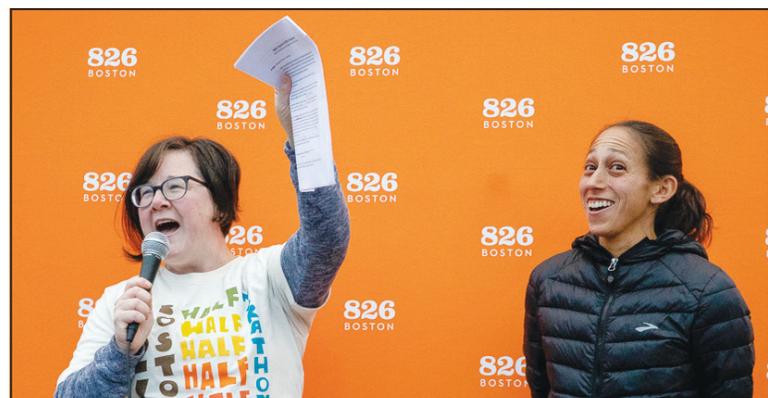
The 826 network services 30,000 students in eight cities across the U.S.



Heather Nelson, Writers' Room Coordinator for 826 at the O'Bryant High School, and Nakia Hill, Writers' Room Manager for 826.



Heather, in center, leads her team, the Unicornies.



Jenna Leschuk, Associate Development Director for 826, and Desiree Linden - winner of the 2018 Boston Marathon.



Chris Logue, member of 826, was first to finish after the "long and grueling" 0.826 mile run around the Common.



Patrick Banfield wheelbarrow-walking with his daughter across the finish line.



Kevin Arnett received an award for the most creative costume.

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April running across the finish line with her rabbit, Soybean.

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City's engineers confident Long Island piers are sound, reusable

Key will now be to get peace, permit from Quincy ConCom

By Seth Daniel

When it comes to the old piers for the Long Island Bridge, engineers said last week they are solid as can be even after 75 years.

However, when it comes to relations with Quincy regarding the re-use of those piers for a new bridge, things are a little shakier.

An engineering study revealed last week to the public and the media showed that the old piers used for the bridge can be re-used, accelerating the construction schedule for a bridge that will unlock the use of Long Island as a regional recovery campus. That, many hope, will relieve some of the homelessness and addiction quality of life problems that now play out in the South End and Fenway in greater and greater numbers each year.

The 500-pound elephant in the room, however, was a stalled and litigated permit from the Quincy Conservation Commission. That, Chief of Streets Chris Osgood said, is the one thing standing in the way of the Bridge.

"We need that permit to build the bridge," he said repeatedly and

succinctly at a press conference.

He did say they are working with Quincy and do expect to eventually reach agreement with them. The Long Island Bridge touches the Squantum neighborhood and any vehicles using it have to make a circuitous trip through Quincy to get to the Bridge. After it was closed and condemned in 2014, many in Quincy were ready to fight any resurgence of the bridge.

"We are certainly there at the table with our partners in Quincy and that dialog will continue in the weeks ahead," he said. "We certainly can understand the concerns residents in Quincy have and we want to be able to hear from their constituents about their concerns with the Long Island Bridge. We've been to the Quincy Conservation Commission a pair of times and had a community meeting... We expect to be able to work with the City of Quincy on this to make sure we're not just replacing a bridge, but really meeting the greater goal of re-opening a recovery campus on Long Island that will serve the entire region."

One of the most positive aspects of the new information was the engineering report.

Mark Ennis of STV consultants reported they performed test borings of the concrete inside the piers. That old concrete was built to withstand 3,000 psi in 1949, and he said they needed a test of 3,600 psi to be satisfied. The concrete, however, proved to be much stronger, averaging 7,100 psi throughout the borings.

Now, by inserting metal rods to increase the tension in the concrete, they will cap them off with new concrete and rest 12 girder-type spans on the repaired piers. They will also use one truss span to accommodate boat traffic underneath.

"The approach we're taking is one to minimize the environmental impact during construction on the bridge as well as minimizing any impact on abutting communities," said Ennis. "What we're planning on doing is assembling the pieces in the City of Boston and float them to the Boston Harbor area and float them onto the existing piers... In this case, our goal was to absolutely minimize impacts to the seashore and the surrounding seashore around the bridge. That introduces levels of complexity, but we believe we have found a

solution."

On a complexity scale of 1 to 10, he said it would be a 7 – with the Longfellow Bridge in the Back Bay being a 10.

Added Osgood, "They have a plan to take an approach that's been used on a lot of other bridges in the Boston area to make sure those existing piers can support the superstructure we plan to use for connecting to Long Island.

It's one of those things that can speed the construction, reduce the environmental impact and reduce the cost."

Beyond all of that, however, Osgood said they really want to stress the purpose of the Bridge, which is to create a regional recovery campus to address the national opiate epidemic. He said that should not be lost in all of the discussion about the bridge.

That was re-affirmed by a video released earlier this month by the City talking up the programming and importance of the recovery campus for those that used it in the past, and perhaps, those that will use it in the future.

"We are talking about a bridge, but the intent is really about addressing the opiate epidemic we

face in all of our communities," he said. "We want to support all of the communities and we see Long Island as a critical component of that. The bridge allows us to open a critical set of buildings that are already there today. (A ferry doesn't work because) the programs we're looking to put on Long Island, the program gap we're looking to fill, really requires ambulatory care. That requires vehicle access to the Island, which is why we think the bridge is the best solution to re-open the campus."

Osgood said in 2018, they were able to apply for all of the permits needed on the bridge. The City did get a state environmental (MEPA) certificate for the bridge, but that is being challenged in court by Quincy. That, however, does not hold up construction on the Bridge.

The Conservation Commission permit from Quincy does hold it up, and that one was denied by Quincy and is being challenged in court by Boston.

He said design should be completed this fall,

If all goes well, the \$100 million construction project could begin in 2020.

Eight Streets looks at ideas to manage trash

By Seth Daniel

The Eight Streets Neighborhood Association is considering several possible solutions to managing their trash before the summer months hit and the rat population begins to feast once more on rubbish.

The options include night pick-up, new collapsible trash barrels, more enforcement on trash pickers and trying innovative methods such as have been used in Europe.

"All of these options, none are perfect," said President Michael Almond. "There have to be trade-offs."

One of the ideas being floated around the neighborhood – particularly in the brownstone neighborhoods where there are not building dumpsters or room for traditional trash barrels – is a new collapsible trash bin. That got a good review earlier this year at the South End Forum but didn't go over so great at Eight Streets.

"It's a good idea until it's windy; they'll blow everywhere," said one neighbor.

Most believed that it was just too complicated and wouldn't end up working out.

"It's not going to be perfect and it's not going to stop rats from going in there," said Almond.

"These are marginal improvements."

Some neighbors said the collapsible barrels might work if they were disposable, but no such thing exists at the moment.

One resident said he has seen a system in Europe where they have community barrels that take up about one parking spot and have the trash underground. Trash trucks come around and pull a cylinder out of the underground chute, empty it, and then put it back. That received a very good response, but it was also deemed to be rather pricey and would take away a parking spot.

The idea of having pick-ups at night was not well-received either, and that idea was beat back many years ago in the South End because it intruded on the sleeping hours – particularly in the summer when windows were open.

Another solution was to push back the time that trash could be taken out from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. – further encouraging people to put their trash out in the morning and not the night before.

A major concern is the trash scavengers that often tear open bags and leave trash strewn everywhere – creating a smorgasbord of pickings for the rat population to feast on.

Mayoral Liaison Faisa Sharif

said there isn't much that can be done about the pickers, but she said there has been an uptick in those activities. City officials are looking into it and she said it is something that needs better coordination between departments.

•The Community Music School of Boston (CMSB) President Lecolion Washington appeared at the April 9 meeting to discuss this summer's Fete de la Musique program.

That program will take place on June 22 and will appear in five different parks this year, a reduction in the numbers of parks from last year.

"We are looking at using five different parks this year for live music," he said. "This year, we want to try to incorporate more relationships with the neighborhood. We had 2,500 people come last year. I think people didn't know the CMSB was producing this event in the South End. We're going to be more deliberate and open about that work."

He said they are looking to partner with neighborhood organizations and businesses for this year's Fete.

•Finally, the Association voted unanimously to write a letter of support for a variance at 27-29 Dwight St. that would allow developer Ghita Akkar to build a back deck on the townhouses.

CAPITAL PROJECT (from pg. 1)

In the South End, a new project in the queue lands in the Mass/Cass area where the Miranda Creamer/South End Fitness Center building is scheduled for \$5.1 million in improvements to the roof, windows, masonry, electrical and HVAC systems.

A major upgrade to the frequently-forgotten Plympton Street Courts will see \$8.76 million spent in the next four years to rehabilitate the tennis, basketball and street hockey courts there next to the D-4 Police Station.

In the Back Bay, a major coup is the securing of \$1.53 million for a new project that will upgrade the play equipment in the Clarendon Street Playground. Also, in Copley Square, a \$500,000 re-design of the park area will look to accommodate large events and improve stormwater drainage.

Snowden International High School in the Back Bay will see \$2 million for a new roof.

The South End Library was successful this time around in getting its \$500,000 program study placed in the Capital Budget, and only now needs to be scheduled.

A new project included for the Fenway is the Fire Alarm Roof and Antenna project, which is in the Fens. The project includes \$1.55 million for repointing masonry, replacing the roof/skylight and relocating antennae.

Other projects carried over from previous plans include:

•Woods-Mullen Shelter, \$4 million, South End. This project replaces the elevator, relocates the entryway and renovates the bathrooms.

•D-4 Police Station roof replacement, \$2.5 million.

•Peters Park Construction, Phase 2, South End. A \$370,000 expenditure for the pathways and passive areas.

•Fire Alarm improvements for the Josiah Quincy Adams School in Bay Village.

•The South End's Titus Sparrow Park is waiting for scheduling to complete the \$1.98 million renovation of the playground, tennis courts and basketball courts.

•The \$12.6 million rehabilitation of the Dalton Street Bridge is now in design but will likely move to construction soon.

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BU student recognized for volunteer work at McKinley South End Academy

By Lauren Bennett

Boston University senior Kaitlyn Olivier spends a good portion of her time not on campus, but in the math department at McKinley South End Academy volunteering with multiple students ages 11 to 14.

Though she is a Public Relations major, she took some psychology classes at BU and one of her professors recommended that

she volunteer at the school. For the last year and a half, she has mainly worked in the math period, but she has started staying for art classes, social studies, and awards ceremonies as well. She is so dedicated to this work that she has scheduled her college classes around her work at the school, and was nominated for an award through Boston Partners in Education for her efforts.

"I'm not just a mentor, I have real friendships with students," Olivier said. "For these students, they've grown up in less fortunate households and communities and don't get as much attention as they deserve," she added, so she is happy to "give them that extra help that they need."

She said she is able to build relationships with the students by being honest with them and shar-

ing things about her life. In turn, they open up and share things about their lives. "When they trust me, they do better on their math and whatever else they are doing with me," she said.

Olivier has a special skill: speed-solving Rubik's Cubes. She said some friends taught her how to do it, and it really impresses the students. She said she tried teaching them once, but their attention

span wasn't really long enough to fully learn.

Olivier will be attending grad school for forensic psychology, and is still figuring out what she wants to do after that.

Right now, she is thrilled to be where she is at the McKinley South End Academy, because "like a lot of people, [these students] don't have a first chance to be where they are today."

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Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Joud Aldabbagh unit #1032; Denis Mejia/D. A. Mejia Painting unit #2113; Shurida Fisher unit #2124; Anthony Bly unit #3035; Carl Dean Jr. unit #3040; Michelle Carter unit #3306; Tasha Boswell unit #3307; Kayla Yeje unit #3315; Donald Alford unit #3322; Jennifer Crump unit #4303;

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a Proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for:
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Fenway Community Center, 1282 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02215

The Proposed Marijuana Establishment is anticipated to be located at: 48-62 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215

There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

4/18/19 BS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a Proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for:
Date: Monday, April 29, 2019
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: BPL - Copley,

700 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116

Rabb Hall The Proposed Marijuana Establishment is anticipated to be located at: 114 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02115

There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

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For the Record

From the April 17 License Board meeting, City Hall:

- Life Alive Cafe, LLC, D/B/A: Life Alive Café, 431 BOYLSTON St., Back Bay.

Has applied for a Common Victualler License to be exercised on the above - Ground floor restaurant with a coffee/juice bar, dining area, kitchen, and two restrooms. Outdoor seasonal (April-Nov) on private property with 36 seats same hours as the restaurant. Leah Dubois, Manager. 10 p.m. Closing Hour.

- Tatte Holdings, LLC, D/B/A: Tatte Bakery & Café, 160 Mass. Ave., Back Bay. Has applied for a Common Victualler License to be exercised on the above - First floor with kitchen & Dining. Manager: Tzurit Or. Hours of Operation: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- MJ BACK BAY, LLC; D/B/A: COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, 88 EXETER St., Back Bay. Holder of an Innholder Wines and Malt Beverages License has petitioned to change the manager of the licensed business. From: Bernardo Gubert To: Todd Lincoln.

- Silver Nickel, LLC; D/B/A: Union Park Pizza; 1403-1405 WASHINGTON St., South End. Has applied for a Common Victualler 7 Day Malt & Wine License to be exercised on the above - 1300 Square foot counter service pizza shop with slice bar. 2 entrances 2 exits 16 seats and a kitchen. Manager: Joseph F. Sylva Jr. Closing Time: 1 a.m.

From the April 18 License Board One-Day Amendment hearing, 10 a.m., City Hall:

- The Catered Affair, Inc. d/b/a The Catered Affair at the Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston St., Back Bay, have applied for a One Day Amendment for a wedding reception that starts at 7 p.m. with a wedding ceremony which will run for about 30 minutes; followed by the cocktail hour until 8:30 pm, the dinner will start at about 9 p.m., the bar will re-open after dinner when the dancing starts at about 10:30 p.m.-MIDNIGHT, an after party for roughly 75 guests will take place in a smaller room until 2 a.m., the bar will close at 1:30 a.m. with soft beverage service until 2 a.m., all guests out by 2:30 a.m. on August 31.

From the April 18 Non-Hearing Common Victualler's transactions, 10 a.m., City Hall:

- JJT, Inc. d/b/a Blackjack Pasta Kitchen, - 1401 Washington St., South End. John Flaherty as manager of record. One room on first floor; kitchen dining room & basement. Hours of operation: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS HEARING:

An April 18, 11 a.m., hearing for the adjustment of the local occupancy excise rate under state law allowing cities and towns to impose a community impact fee on short-term rentals. The Chair of the Committee is Councilor Michael Flaherty. The Sponsor of the matter is Mayor Martin J. Walsh.

COUNCIL CITY BUDGET REVIEWS: April 22, 10:30 a.m.

- Orders for the FY20 Operating Budget, including Annual Appropriations for Departmental Operations, Annual Appropriation for the School Department,

Appropriation for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), and Appropriation for Certain Transportation and Public Realm Improvements. Also, Capital Budget Appropriations including Loan Orders and Lease-Purchase Agreements.

COMMUNITY MEETING FOR PROPOSED MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT:

There will be a community outreach meeting for a proposed marijuana establishment on April 23 at 6:30 p.m. The Proposed Marijuana Establishment is anticipated to be located at: Brookline Avenue, Fenway. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

From the April 23 Licensed Premise Violations hearing, City Hall, 10 a.m.:

- Auditorium Cafe, Inc., doing business as: The Pour House; 909 Boylston St., Back Bay. Date: 02/27/2019: Patron on assault and battery with dangerous weapon.
- Rebel Restaurants Fenway, LLC, doing business as: Tony C's Sports Bar & Grill; 1265 Boylston St., Fenway. Date: 02/03/2019: Failure to notify Licensing Board manager of record no longer with premise.

From the April 23 Boston Landmarks Meeting, 3 p.m., City Hall:

- Fenway Park (continued) Applicant: Daniel Fitzpatrick, Verizon Wireless Proposed work: Installation of 92 Radio Units inside the stadium and 14 radio units on the exterior
- Arlington Street Church; Applicant: Adam Wylie, Mayhew PMC Proposed work: Replacement of broken slate roof tiles
- Back Bay Fens; Applicant: Anne Donovan, Emmanuel College Proposed work: Replacement of synthetic turf on Roberto Clemente Field
- Back Bay Fens; Applicant: Michael Giaimo, Verizon Wireless Proposed work: Replacement of existing light pole and installation of DAS node
- Five Street Clocks (Massachusetts and Huntington Avenue); Applicant: Michael Giaimo, Verizon Wireless Proposed work: Replacement of existing light pole and installation of DAS node
- Back Bay Fens Applicant: Elizabeth Bertolozzi, Fenway Garden Society. Proposed work: Rehabilitation of plantings at Park Drive entrance to the Victory Garden
- Boston Common Master Plan informational presentation by Friends of the Public Garden (no vote).

From the April 25 Boston Landmarks Commission meeting, Clarendon/Dartmouth:

- Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Collins Statue Proposal 7:45 p.m. Boston Landmarks Commission Design Review Committee review a lighting mock-up and discuss the renovation of the Collins Statue within the Commonwealth Avenue Mall (between Clarendon and Dartmouth Streets).

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NEWS BRIEFS (from pg. 14)

MARIJUANA MEETING ON COLUMBUS AVE.

There will be an outreach meeting to the South End for a proposed marijuana establishment at 552 Columbus Ave. The meeting will take place on Thursday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. in Union Church, 485 Columbus Ave., South End.

RED SOX HOME GAMES

The Red Sox kicked off the home season this month. Other upcoming home games include:

- 4/22: Red Sox vs. Detroit Tigers at 7:10pm
- 4/23: Red Sox vs. Detroit Tigers at 7:10pm
- 4/24: Red Sox vs. Detroit Tigers at 7:10pm
- 4/25: Red Sox vs. Detroit Tigers at 7:10pm
- 4/26: Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay Rays at 7:10pm
- 4/27: Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay Rays at 4:05pm
- 4/28: Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay Rays at 1:05pm

BACK BAY HAPPENINGS

•The Garden Club of the Back Bay, the Boston Parks Department, and the Boston Fire Department will be dedicating a cherry tree and installing a memorial plaque at 298 Beacon St. to Honor Edward J. Walsh and Firefighter Michael Kennedy who lost their lives fighting a fire at that address on March 26, 2014. The dedication will be on April 18 at noon.

•The Back Bay Association will hold its 96th annual meeting on May 13, 9 a.m., in the John B. Hynes Veteran Memorial Convention Center. Keynote speaker will be Mayor Martin Walsh.

•Commonwealth Avenue Mall Lighting: Dark stretches of Commonwealth Avenue Mall will stay bright year round, thanks to the launch of a plan to design and install permanent lighting of the statues on each block of the Mall. The first project will be the Morrison statue in the Spring of 2019, followed by the Garrison and Collins statues. We are currently raising funds for the Commonwealth Avenue Mall Statue Lighting. If you'd like to help, you can donate online at friendsofthepublicgarden.org or by sending a check in the mail. For more information, email Margaret Pokorny at mpok384@gmail.com, or call 617-723-8144.

•On April 30, Jody Adams will be honored with the Women Who Give Award at the Women's Lunch Place eat LUNCH give luncheon. The longtime WLP kitchen volunteer and award winning chef and restaurateur has a strong commitment to hunger relief and is an

active philanthropist in Boston.

•The NABB Police Panel/Public Safety Forum will take place on April 25, 6 p.m., in the sanctuary of the First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough St. For more information, contact publicsafety@nabonline.com.

•SAVE THE DATE: A NABB Homelessness Forum will take place on May 20, at 6 p.m. The discussion will focus on homelessness and how it affects the Back Bay and many neighborhoods in the city.

•Hop over to Fairmont Copley Plaza on Sunday, April 21, and celebrate Easter in a grand style this year. The Fairmont is hosting an extravagant, family-friendly brunch buffet with multiple seating options at 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. As a special treat for the little ones, children can hunt for over 1,000 Easter eggs throughout the hotel, interact with adorable farm animals from Enchanted Animal Parties, enjoy an arts n' crafts section, and get creative at a decorate-your-own-cookie station. Plenty of family photo opportunities inside the luxurious setting of Fairmont Copley Plaza.

SOUTH END DATES

•Claremont Neighborhood Association, 4 Wellington St., 7 p.m.

•The Titus Sparrow Friends will have an Easter Egg hunt in the park on Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m. sharp. Bring your own bag and come join the fun.

•The annual Friends of Ringgold Park Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, April 21, at 10 a.m. sharp. The park will be divided into ages 0-3, and ages 3 and over. Bring your own basket.

•More than 1,700 Easter Eggs are being filled for the 12th annual South End Library Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 21. Be there at 11 a.m. sharp. The event is in Library Park and lasts until 1 p.m.

•Councilor Michelle Wu Earth Day Celebration. Join environmental leaders for a fundraiser for the councilor at Banyan Bar + Refuge, 553 Tremont St., South End, 5:30 p.m. To R.S.V.P., please visit: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/wuearthday>.

•The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. in 1 Chandler St.

•The next Eight Streets Neighborhood Association will be on Tuesday, May 14, in Project Place at 6:45 p.m. in the second floor.

•The East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) will meet on May 21 in Project Place, 6:30 p.m. On the docket is State Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz with a legislative update.

•The Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association will meet on Tuesday, April 23, in Boston Medical Center's Menino Pavilion at 7 p.m. New location, look for the signs to the surgical suite. Also WSANA will be holding elections on May 28 for the executive board. Anyone interested can send an email to the nominating committee, Peter Sanborn, peter_sanborn@comcast.net, and Sahar Zaheer, sahar.zaheer@gmail.com.

•Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the South End Community Health Center's providing comprehensive health care that is culturally and linguistically sensitive to every patient. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and live music. Guests are invited to don their favorite "kicks" (a/k/a sneakers) and bring a new pair to donate to an adult or child. The fun begins at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, in the Grand Lobby of the Ink Block, 300 Harrison Ave.

•The South End Forum will have its quarterly meetings before the summer break on May 7 and June 11.

•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 April 23 and May 21.

•Boston Ward 4 Caucus will be Saturday, May 11, at 11 a.m., in the South End Library. The Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee will be hosting its caucus to elect delegates to the Massachusetts Democratic Party convention in Springfield in September. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m.. All registered Democrats in the Ward 4 (which includes parts of Back Bay, Fenway, and the South End) are welcome. Questions? Email ward4dems@gmail.com.

•Josiah Quincy Elementary School 172nd Anniversary Celebration Fundraiser. Enjoy a fun-filled night with a 10-course traditional Chinese banquet, student performance, and online/live auctions. Event to be held on Wednesday, May 15 at Empire Garden Restaurant from 5:30-9 p.m. at 690 Washington St. Online auction items being added daily. All proceeds to fund the school pool and enrichment programs. Visit www.supportjqes.org for more information and to purchase tickets, donate, or view online auction items. Last year's event was sold out.

•USES will have continuing community conversations with its president, Maicharia Weir Lytle at the Tubman House, Weds., April 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; or on Thursday, May 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

D-4 POLICE NEWS**ALL WET**

On Monday, April 8, at about 12:30 p.m., police responded to a radio call for reported threats at J.P. Licks at 173 Newbury St.

On arrival, the officer met with the victim, who said he was driving at a slow speed in an alley behind the aforementioned address between 10 and 10:30 a.m., when he observed the male suspect walking several dogs.

As he approached the suspect, the victim said he got out of the way to let him pass, at which time he accidentally splashed the suspect with water. The suspect then began allegedly yelling profanities at the victim and chased after his vehicle on foot.

The suspect eventually caught up with the victim's vehicle and opened the driver's door. The suspect continued to scream profanities at the victim and made a fist, which the victim said made him feel threatened.

After the victim told the suspect he would call the police, the victim was able to get away from the suspect and parked his car in the alley.

Several minutes later, the victim said the suspect returned to the scene wearing a different jacket and began taking photographs of the victim's vehicle. The suspect eventually left, but the victim alleged that the suspect later called his place of business in an effort to get him in trouble at work.

Police searched the area for the suspect to no avail.

DIRTY BUSINESS

On Wednesday, April 10, an officer assigned to a detail at the House of Blues at 15 Lansdowne St. took a report for an assault and battery.

A witness told the officer that one of his fellow security guards had been punched in the face, and that security was currently detaining the female suspect.

The officer then met with the suspect, who said she had a problem with the victim because the security guard had accused her of underage drinking and attempted to escort her out of the venue. The suspect admitted she punched the victim, saying that victim was "in [her] business."

The security guard said the incident was captured on surveillance video, and that the venue could provide it to police.

The victim was escorted to Massachusetts General Hospital via ambulance before the officer had a chance to speak with her.

BAGMAN

On Wednesday, April 10, at around 10 a.m., police observed a suspect whom they knew from multiple previous encounters and believed to have active warrants in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Tremont Street.

After verifying that the suspect did have an open warrant out of Roxbury District Court for shoplifting by asportation and assault and battery, officers observed the suspect in front of 566 Massachusetts Ave. holding money in his hands. Police were then able to place the suspect in handcuffs following a brief struggle.

Upon frisking the suspect, police seized a gold container from his right-hand jacket pocket.

"Come on, man, I'm a drug addict," the suspect pleaded.

Inside the container, police located eight, small, individually wrapped plastic bags of what appeared to be crystal meth.

The suspect was charged with possession of a Class B substance and resisting arrest and transported to District 4 headquarters, where he was booked in the usual manner.

Police also logged in the confiscated contraband in the District 4 Drug Control log and deposited it in the District 4 drug safe.

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