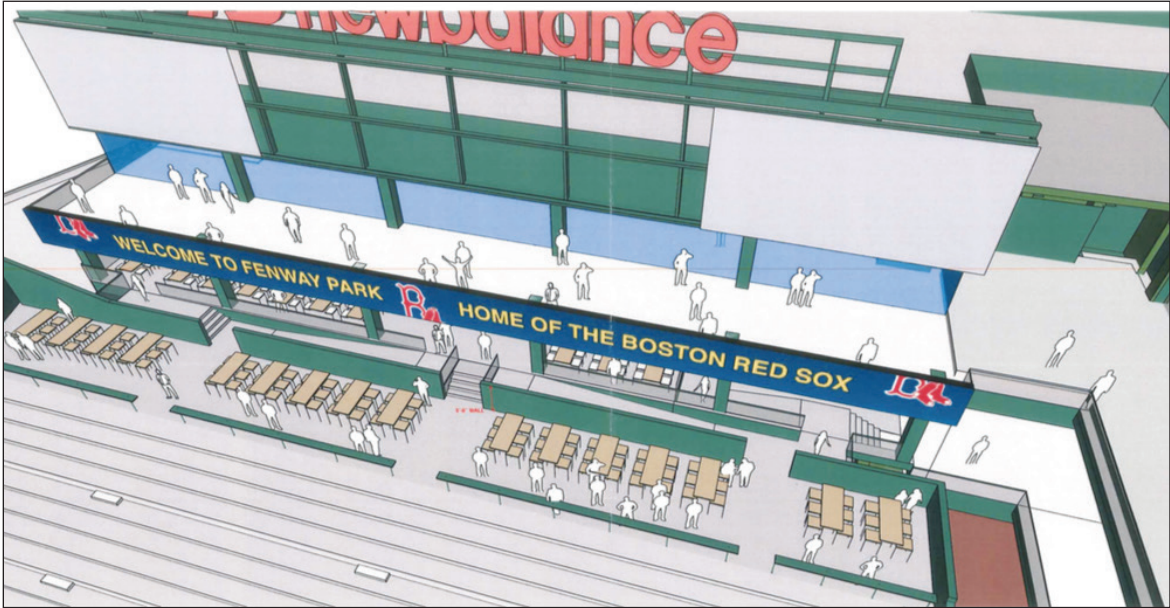


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A rendering of the proposed deck and concession area for Fenway Park that would replace six rows of bleachers in the Historic Ballpark.

Removal of rows of bleachers proposed at Fenway to install deck

By Lauren Bennett

Big changes could soon come to Fenway Park. The historic ballpark is proposing to remove six rows of bleacher seats to accommodate a new deck, as well as the relocation of some signage. The proposed work is set to be heard by the Boston Landmarks Commission next Wednesday, May 28, at their monthly hearing at City Hall.

The area where the bleachers

would be removed will feature new concession stands, restrooms, and “other elements designed to enhance the fan experience in the bleachers,” according to the Letter of Intent filed with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) by the Fenway Sports Group on Dec. 18, 2018. The rendering also shows tables and chairs behind the bleacher seats.

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D8 candidates talk traffic, affordable housing, and education at forum

By Lauren Bennett

Six contenders for Boston District 8 City Council participated in a standing-room-only forum moderated by President Emerita of Lesley University, Margaret McKenna, on May 21. Candidates Kenzie Bok, Montez Haywood, Landon Lemoine, Kristen Mobilia, Jennifer Nassour, and Helene Vincent shared their thoughts on various issues ranging from education to the opiate crisis to traffic. Though the position of city councilor is non-partisan, all candidates are Democrats except for Jennifer

Nassour, who is a Republican.

The first round consisted of questions asked at random to certain candidates. One was related to the \$60 million in unpaid Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program in the city and what should be done about it.

“It’s an embarrassment, honestly, that these institutions are not pulling their weight,” Mobilia said. She said she believes that making sure assessments are done properly will help raise the amount of payments for institutions like schools

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SOWA MARKET OPENS FOR THE SEASON



PHOTO BY KEIKO HIROMI

The SoWa Market Opening Day in the South End took place on Sunday, May 19, after two previous attempts to open the market were rained out. On Sunday, just enough sun shone through to bring out shoppers and kick the market off right. The market runs through October, and features vendors, a beer garden and lots of exciting surprises every Sunday. See more photos on Page 4.

Josiah Quincy Upper School to move from Bay Village

By Seth Daniel

The Boston Public Schools announced sweeping changes to the City’s school configurations on Tuesday, and one of those changes included moving the Josiah Quincy Upper School off of Arlington Street in Bay Village.

Interim Supt. Laura Perille announced sweeping changes on Tuesday to the City’s schools, and one of those announcements was the purchase of property in Chinatown to re-locate the school.

The School is currently housed in the Abraham Lincoln building on the corner of Marginal and Arlington streets.

Perille announced that the City is in the process of purchasing a property in Chinatown at 249 Harrison Ave. from the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church (BCEC). The purchase price has been identified as \$9.5 million.

“We were able to find property in Chinatown, and as many might know, that is not an easy thing to

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Downtown trash contract back in hands of Capitol Waste

By Seth Daniel

Citing a much lower cost, and much better tools to hold accountability, the Public Works Department has awarded all five trash collection contracts to Capitol Waste – including the downtown neighborhoods where many troubles existed from 2009 to 2014 when Capitol last held the contract.

Chief of Streets Chris Osgood

and Supt. of Waste Reduction Brian Coughlin said this week they had awarded the contracts to Capitol, and that included replacing Sunrise Scavenger in the downtown districts (which includes South End, Back Bay and Fenway/Kenmore) with Capitol.

The contract is valid for five years and would start July 1. Replacing Sunrise has the entire City under just one trash contrac-

tor, and Capitol already had the other four contracts previously.

“We received proposals from Sunrise and Capitol and the award went to Capitol for each of the districts, including 1 and 10 – which are the downtown districts,” said Osgood. “They had bid significantly lower than Sunrise and were also judged responsible and responsive...We think Capitol is

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EDITORIAL

MEMORIAL DAY IS A DAY TO REFLECT UPON THOSE WHO GAVE THE LAST FULL MEASURE

The Memorial Day weekend is upon us, a three-day weekend that for most Americans marks the start of the summer season. Many will celebrate appropriately with barbecues and outdoor activities with family and friends.

However, amidst our festivities, we should not forget that Memorial Day is America's most solemn national holiday, marking our nation's tribute to those who made the Supreme Sacrifice for our country.

Memorial Day initially was observed on May 30 and was known as Decoration Day, in an era before the turn of the 20th century, when the Northern states paid tribute to the Union soldiers -- who gave their lives to preserve America as we know it -- by decorating their graves that were a part of the landscape of every Northern community whose sons died to preserve the Union and free the slaves.

That tradition continues to this day, with the graves of those who gave their lives for their country being decorated with American flags and flowers around the country, whether by veterans organizations or family members.

The new century soon brought with it wars, seemingly every generation, that would give new meaning to the words Supreme Sacrifice. Starting with the Spanish-American War in 1898, American blood was shed on foreign soil in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, and then Iraq and Afghanistan, not to mention in other far-off places around the world that are known only to our government.

Although history has been less than kind in judging the wisdom of our policy-makers who involved us in many of these conflicts, what is beyond dispute is that in every war to which we have sent our young men and women, they have performed with courage and patriotism in the belief that they were serving the best interests of our nation.

For those of us who have been spared the horrors of war, it is difficult, if not impossible, to appreciate the sacrifices that have been made on our behalf by those who served -- and died -- while wearing the uniform.

It is these brave Americans, who gave "the last full measure," whom we honor on Memorial Day. Without their heroic efforts, we would not be writing this editorial -- nor would you be reading it.

So as we enjoy the long holiday weekend with friends and family, let each of us resolve to take a moment -- if not longer -- to thank those who gave their lives in order that we might be able to enjoy the freedoms that make America the greatest nation on earth.

Abraham Lincoln's words in his Gettysburg address ring as true today as they in 1864:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SEEKING ARTISTS OF HT PARK

Dear Editor,

The HT Park was dedicated on June 20, 1999. It may be the only park in the country with two original works of art by Afro-American women artists. There are also 15 pavers -12 around the Tubman statue and three on the sidewalk of Pembroke Street. In the coming months, we are planning a 20-year celebration and would like to recognize the 15 youngsters/students

from the Children's Art Centre and Park School in Brookline where Fern Cunningham, the artist who did the Tubman statue, taught for many years.

Heidi Shork, who works for the City, will be painting copies of the pavers on the electrical boxes with the artist's name (see the electrical box on Pembroke Street).

We have tracked down seven of the 15 artists who did the pavers and would like to contact the following eight people to invite them to a planned celebration later this

year:

- Nelson De Castro
- Shawn Atkins
- Adilia James
- Grace Faturoti
- Meagan Scott
- Sanchana Hardy
- Caitlyn Zeller
- Sarah White-Stern

If you know any of these folks, please get in touch with me at "garciafrieda@comcast.net". Thank you.

Hugs,
Frieda Garcia

JOSIAH QUINCY SCHOOL (from pg. 1)

do," she said.

The move will put the school much closer to the Josiah Quincy Lower School, making a smooth transition for parents who wish to have their students attend the Josiah Quincy from K-12.

Perille said it would trigger the construction planning for the Quincy on the new site.

"We're thrilled to announce the City also acquired property for the construction of a new Josiah Quincy Upper School in China-

town at 249 Harrison Ave.," she said. "This has been a long-awaited, and very challenging search to acquire property. We are thrilled the Josiah Quincy, which was approved by the (state) a number of years ago and has been waiting for property, has been able to find that piece of property."

She said occupying any new building would be some way down the road, so there isn't yet any plan for what might occur at the Lincoln building in Bay Village.

"All of the buildings that come offline, we'll assess for swing space -- whether it can solve a problem at another school," she said. "We haven't identified the plans for that (building) because it's a lengthy timeline of the swaps and transitions. They'll be in that school building for a while longer."

More discussion and meetings on the construction of the school are expected in the coming months.

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News Briefs

DAVIS COMPANIES LOOK AT JUNE GROUNDBREAKING

Demolition has begun on the Davis Companies project at the corner of Herald and Shawmut in the New York Streets area. The large residential project will be fully under construction this summer. Officials said to look for an official groundbreaking in mid-June.

BCA GARDEN TO GET REVAMP

Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) Director Greg Ruffer said he and Banyan owner Rebecca Roth Gullo are working on a revamp of the BCA garden, which hosts open space, plantings and an outdoor seating area for the restaurant.

“The garden has had its ups and

downs and this year we’re working with a landscape architect that will ramp up and re-think the garden,” he said. “That will be phase one of a new reconfiguration of our garden on the plaza.”

BODY FOUND IN MUDDY RIVER

State Police detectives assigned to the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office responded to the area of Charles Gate East and Commonwealth Avenue where an unresponsive male in his 30s was located in the Muddy River at approximately 6 a.m. The individual was pronounced deceased at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. The cause and manner of death will be determined by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, but a preliminary investigation does not suggest foul play.

MOTOR MART GARAGE PUBLIC MEETING

The Boston Planning and Development Agency is holding a public meeting on May 28 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Revere Hotel regarding the Motor Mart Garage project at 201 Stuart St.

URBAN GARDEN CONTEST

Mayor Martin Walsh this week announced the Boston is seeking proposals for creative installations and events at three community gardens as part of the Community Grown program, a three year-partnership between the Mayor’s Office of New Urban Mechanics, The Trustees, and TD Bank. Now in its second year, the program is seeking ideas for innovative design

SHANICE PIMENTEL NAMED NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON



Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced the appointment of Shanice Pimentel as the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway, Mission Hill Neighborhood Liaison within the Mayor’s Civic Engagement Cabinet. “I am excited to announce Shanice as our new liaison to the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Mission Hill and Fenway neighborhoods,” said Mayor Walsh. “Each of those neighborhoods is rich in activism and history, and I know Shanice will be an effective advocate for them.” Pimentel said, “Thank you to Mayor Walsh for this opportunity to serve these four dynamic neighborhoods. I am very excited to continue the Mayor’s goal of providing excellent services to every constituent and also helping them access government services and helping those neighborhoods thrive.”

FENWAY CHANGES (from pg. 1)

This change is part of several other changes that the Fenway Sports Group is calling “The Fenway Park Improvements,” which were presented as part of the pro-

posal for the Fenway Theater at several community meetings hosted by both the Red Sox and the BPDA.

The public is invited to make

comments on this proposal at the Boston Landmarks Commission hearing on May 28 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 900 at City Hall.

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responsible. They have done work in the rest of the City and actually hold contracts in a majority of the neighborhoods.”

For all five districts, Capitol bid \$28 million annually, while Sunrise bid \$39 million – both over five years – which was an \$11 million difference between the two. In the downtown district, Capitol bid \$8.9 million to Sunrise’s \$11.1 million – which was a \$2.2 million difference. This year, the City is paying \$6.9 million for collection – making both bids significantly higher than in the previous contract.

Similarly, Osgood said this year the City is paying \$24 million for trash collection, and it was noted that even Capitol’s low bid was about a 16 percent increase over current costs.

He said he is not worried about the fact that Capitol’s bid might be too low to perform.

“Capitol’s bid is still 16 percent higher than what we are currently paying,” he said. “That is still an increase. It’s not as though \$28 million is so much lower than what we are paying now to do the job.”

The award to Capitol has riled up many in the downtown neighborhoods, particularly in the South End where meetings on trash col-

lection problems dominated the landscape from 2009 to 2014.

South End Forum Moderator Steve Fox has been outspoken on the issue and his preference is for Sunrise to continue as the downtown contractor. He said he hopes things go better than in the previous time, but he is skeptical.

“I have been incredibly worried that this might happen and voiced my view that this was a decision that should have been balanced by actual views by neighborhoods on vendor performance and not just lowest bid,” he said. “The bidding process involved no solicitation of performance reviews for either vendor during the past five years. Had that been a key part of the bid review process, I think the results would have likely been different.”

He said he hopes he is wrong, but he said it is his opinion – and that of the Forum’s membership – that the new award is not good news in the South End.

Osgood and Coughlin said things have changed since the last go-around with Capitol, specifically that Code Enforcement has been removed from the Inspectional Services umbrella and put under Coughlin’s department.

“I think there have been important changes by the City over the last five years,” said Osgood. “One of those changes has expanded the numbers of inspectors on Brian’s team.”

Added Coughlin, “The concerns the neighborhood had from 2009 to 2014 came before expanded code enforcement and the inspections we are currently doing... From 2014 to now, there is a different playing field than in 2009.”

They said Coughlin’s team has one of the highest response rates to 3-1-1 calls and complaints, with 97 percent addressed on time.

Coughlin said another key difference is that they have Capitol mobilize at 6 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. That will lead to quicker service and contractors being in less of a rush to get to the trash plant and back.

“Residents will see trash go a little earlier than they are seeing now,” he said. “They will be able to get out to Lynn, Saugus or Braintree and back by 9:30 a.m. for their second trip. That’s a lot sooner than 1 p.m. or 2 p.m.”

Coughlin assured they would be able to respond quickly to any problems, particularly in the downtown areas where there are two pickups per week.

installations at the Joe Ciampa Community Garden in East Boston, the Berkeley Community Garden in the South End, and the Fenway Victory Gardens that support

the gardens’ role in strengthening social connections and creating welcoming spaces. Applicants are encouraged to submit their pro-

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor’s Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing has received the following application:
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A public hearing on this application will be held at Boston City Hall, Room 809A, on **Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.**

Anyone wishing to speak on this matter is invited to attend the hearing.

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

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Mayor’s Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing
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Telephone (617) 635-4165 Fax (617) 635-0709

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE

[Handwritten Signature]

SOWA OPEN MARKET RINGS IN 16TH SEASON ON MAY 19

Photos by Keiko Hiromi

The SoWa Market opened its 16th season in the South End's Art + Design District on May 19. After two previous tries that were cancelled for rain, rain and more rain, the market gathered some sun

on Sunday. SoWa Open Market hosts more than 175 makers and vendors from local art, food and music every Sunday from May through October. Despite the spotty weather, many visitors enjoyed products, services and arts of local businesses.



Above, A family walks by colorful paintings to match their colorful coats. Kerry (left) and Molly Kistler (right) enjoying activities together at SoWa Market Opening Day.



SoWa Market goers enjoyed drawing on wall with chalk.



Duncan Donnelly, of I see Spain, demonstrating grazing techniques at SoWa Market Opening Day.



Nicole Fichera (wearing a cast) and Tyler Shannon (R) enjoying beverages from Meghan O'Connor of the Captain's Daughter.

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and hospitals that have not been pulling their weight. Haywood said that tax exempt status should be removed from any institution that is not paying their fair share.

When asked about what can be done about “public school deserts” in the district, Vincent said that parents want “local schools for their kids that are in the local community,” and a lot of people want to stay in the city so figuring out how to create schools in neighborhoods like the Back Bay needs to be a “priority.”

“A downtown school is critical,” Bok said. She said that looking for buildings that can be used as schools should be a priority for the mayor, as well as seeing if some early education seats could be expanded downtown. With a lot of parents opting out of the public school system altogether, “for us to make this a reality, it has to be in the context for the whole school system,” she said.

The candidates were asked how to close the opportunity gap—Nassour, Vincent, and Bok said universal Pre-K, while Lemoine thinks free lunches would help, Montez said building schools in neighborhoods, and Mobilia said that additional support services would contribute to closing the gap.

Traffic is a huge issue in the district, and the candidates seemed to agree that it was one of the top, if not the top, issues they hear about from residents. Vincent thinks the current transportation system “sets you up to fail.” She thinks that a comprehensive plan is need-

ed with physical barriers for bike lanes, as well as the enforcement of traffic rules for bikers. Lemoine said that moving meters off of the street curbs would keep lanes available for bikes, and proper signage needs to be in place. All six candidates are in favor of designated bike lanes, but Helene Vincent believes that designated bus lanes across the city would also be beneficial.

Jennifer Nassour said she does not believe the MBTA should be a fare-free system. “If you’re a user, you should be paying for the services,” she said. The MBTA is slowly rolling out a cashless system, and Nassour believes this will be an issue and cause inequities.

Bok, on the other hand, thinks of the MBTA as a public benefit, as using it lowers emissions and reduces the number of cars on the road. She thinks the T should be fare-free, but does agree that the cashless system is going to be a “real issue.”

Uber and Lyft have also caused major issues in the district, with pickup/dropoff clogging up streets. The candidates were asked if they think there should be a cap on the number of rideshare vehicles on the road in the city. Haywood said he would not support a cap, as “that is people’s income.” He would, however, advocate for different pickup/dropoff zones that gets them off of the main roads. Mobilia said she would like to figure out how to regulate GPS so these vehicles are not cutting through neighborhoods and destroying parts of



District 8 City Council Candidates Kenzie Bok, Montez Haywood, Landon Lemoine, Kristen Mobilia, Jennifer Nassour, and Helene Vincent, with moderator Margaret McKenna

them.

Affordable housing is another hot button issue in District 8, as there is development everywhere but not enough housing that moderate-to low-income families can afford. Bok, who works for the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), said “the scary part” is that much of Boston’s affordable housing was built in the 1930s and 1940s. With 40,000 people on the BHA waitlist, Boston needs to preserve the existing units. Another way to free up units is to look at affordable home ownership in the city—“we’ve got to look for more ways to do that,” she said.

Lemoine believes that the way the Area Median Income (AMI) is calculated needs to be rethought, as it currently includes students and international investors who are “parking their money here,” which skews the data towards a higher AMI. He also believes that builders need to be incentivized to build units that are affordable.

Environmental issues were another large topic, and McKenna asked the candidates what could be done to protect Boston as a coastal city.

Nassour said she believes there is a lot that the city can do better, and she wants to learn more from environmentalists. She also believes that having more electric car stations throughout the city would be beneficial for people who would like to own an electric car. Vincent said increasing the urban tree canopy would be somewhere to start, Haywood said he would advocate for electric buses throughout the city, Bok believes that making changes to the energy infrastructure would be helpful, and Lemoine said that reinforcing the sea wall is where to start.

Candidates were also asked individual questions based on their personal experiences. McKenna said that the last time a Republican was on the Boston City Council was 1981, and asked Nassour what it would be like to be the sole Republican on the Council should she be elected.

“We need a diversity of opinions,” Nassour said. “I’m a public school kid, my mom said, ‘go to school, get your education, and work hard.’ It’s not about politics, it’s about streets, traffic, sidewalks, and quality of life. That’s why it’s a nonpartisan position.” She believes her experience raising three young girls has given her a “vast view of the world.”

Kristen Mobilia ran against Josh Zakim in the 2017 City Council race, so McKenna asked what she learned from her first race and if there is anything different this time around. “This is a completely different race,” Mobilia said, with the incumbent councilor not in the running. “We got a third of the votes [in the last election],” Mobilia said, adding that she feels it’s important to hit the doors, get out there, talk, and have conversations with the community.

McKenna asked Kenzie Bok if it would be a challenge for her to give constructive advice to the Boston Housing Authority, as she works for them. She said she started on housing from outside of City Hall and realized that more funds were needed for affordable housing. “I do a lot of lobbying,” she said, so she would “think about what would be the best thing to do.”

“You’re a big data guy,” McKenna said to Landon Lemoine, who works for a healthcare start-up. She asked what “data-driven decisions” he thought could help

the city.

“The whole point of using data is to articulate the data,” he said, adding that he believes it’s up to the individual person to make an informed decision based on the data. It would work similarly in the City Council, he said—the councilor’s job is to look at the data and decide what the best decision would be.

A large part of Helene Vincent’s platform has been diversity and inclusion, but McKenna said that Boston has one of the largest wealth gaps, so she asked Vincent how the city should provide access to resources for those who historically have not been the recipients. Vincent said that it is important to think about providing support throughout the whole city so that everyone is included regardless of age, sexual orientation, race, socioeconomic status, etc.

Montez Haywood is a prosecutor, and when asked if he agrees with District Attorney Rachael Rollins’ policy of not prosecuting everyone who commits a crime. “I don’t agree with not prosecuting everyone,” he said, saying that every crime needs to be examined on a case-by-case basis by looking at things such as an individual’s criminal history.

The conversation was co-hosted by the Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee, the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee, the Fenway CDC, the Fenway Civic Association, Greater Boston Young Dems, MassVOTE, and Berklee College of Music.

All candidates encourage District 8 residents to vote in the preliminary election on Sept. 24, as well as in the general election on Nov. 5.

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proposals by 9 a.m. on May 20.

"Community gardens bring families, friends and communities together, creating stronger connections in neighborhoods throughout our city," said Walsh. "Through this partnership, Boston's green spaces will continue to welcome visitors and provide a free, welcoming space to all across Boston."

RED SOX HOME GAMES

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

- 5/27 vs. Cleveland Indians at 4:05pm
- 5/28 vs. Cleveland Indians at 7:10pm
- 5/29 vs. Cleveland Indians at 7:10pm

BACK BAY HAPPENINGS

•**SAVE THE DATE:** A NABB Homelessness Forum will take place on June 17 at 6 p.m. The discussion will focus on homelessness and how it affects the Back Bay and many neighborhoods in the city.

SOUTH END DATES

•The South End Forum cancelled its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, May 7, but will be back in action on June 4. The agenda will include a discussion by New Boston Ventures for the USES redevelopment; as well as a discussion for the proposed Concord Square development.

•The East Berkeley Neighbor-

hood 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. There will also be an update from the Davis Companies on their construction schedule

for Shawmut Avenue.

•The Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association will have its next General Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in the D-4 Police Station. State Rep. Jon Santiago will be joining neigh-

bors for the meeting to hear concerns and feedback. The annual elections will also take place at the meeting. Those interested in running for a seat on the board have until May 7 to do so.

•The next Pilot Block Neighbor-

hood Association meeting will be May 21, 6:30-8 p.m. at Whaling in Oklahoma on Tremont Street. The agenda will include elections.

•The Worcester Square Area

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SOUTH END COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS AT SOUTH END KICKS

Photos by Seth Daniel

The South End Community Health Center (SECHC) held its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary South End Kicks fundraiser on Wednesday, May 8, at the Ink Block Community Room. SECHC CEO Bill Walczak relayed how a group of South End mothers crashed a state meeting on hospitals and health care to demand better services for their children. Now, 50 years later the SECHC is still living out that mission of providing health care to children, families and adults in the neighborhood and beyond.

A highlight of the May 8 fundraiser was the live auction with Mayor Martin Walsh and Yadires Nova-Salcedo - host and producer of WBZ-TV's "Centro." The lively auction was fun and daring and raised a lot of money for the organization.



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Shown above, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center CEO Manny Lopes and Mayor Martin Walsh. To the right, Rhonda Dickson, an employee of SECHC since 1977, laughs at one of the lighter moments while Katie Black (front) enjoys the occasion.



Yadires Nova-Salcedo, host/producer at WBZ-TV, and Mayor Martin Walsh don sunglasses in an effort to convince people to bid higher on items at the live auction.



Fredy Stamos, a patient at SECHC since he was 3, gave his testimony about how the SECHC group had encouraged him to become a Zumba instructor. On May 8, he taught hostess Yadires Nova-Salcedo a few moves.



CEO Bill Walczak greets the crowd.

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FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN ANNUAL GREEN AND WHITE BALL GALA RAISES \$580,000

Photos by Pierce Harman

Just under 300 guests came out for the Friends of the Public Garden’s signature springtime black-tie gala, the Green and White Ball, at the Four Seasons on Friday, April 26, raising \$580,000 to provide care for the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

Friends Executive Director Elizabeth Vizza, Honorary Chair Peter A. Brooke, whose late wife Anne Brooke played an integral role in the organization and this event for many years, and co-Chairs Ashley Harmon, Amanda Pratt, Jessica Schmitz, and Lisa Taffe (all from Beacon Hill) welcomed guests for



Glen Sutton and Ben Mezrich.

the elegant seated dinner of vichyssoise and halibut and dancing with the band Night Shift. Event partner Marc Hall dazzled guests with his floral inspiration for this year - the rose – with towering rose sculptures atop the tables.

The Friends invests over \$1.5 million a year to meet the urgent needs of the parks, from annual care and maintenance to major park improvement projects. Over the past two decades, the Green and White Ball has raised over \$7 million to renew, care, and advocate for the Common, Garden, and Mall. Proceeds from the events have provided critical funds



Jennifer Garra, Kate Lubin, Morgan Lintz, Jo Swani.

to ensure the health and beauty of these important green spaces.

A slated 2019 project involves working with the City of Boston on a new master plan for the Common to bring this park to a higher level of excellence. Another is to remove the Shaw 54th Memorial from its site for a full restoration, in partnership with the City, the National Park Service, and the Museum of African American History. Plans to light the sculptures on the Mall and improve the lighting of the Brewer Fountain are also in place.

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# Tufts says it plans to develop New York Streets parking lot in three years

By Seth Daniel

An operations manager from Tufts Medical Center told the East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) that they do intend to develop the empty lot between Harrison Avenue and Washington Street in the near future, but in the meantime would put more effort into keeping the property clean and orderly.

President Ken Smith welcomed Mr. Foley from Tufts to Tuesday's EBNA meeting, which was held at the patio bar of Cinquecento Restaurant, and he told the Association they do have plans for the lot – which now serves as employee parking.

"We would like to develop it at some point," he said. "Right now, we're working with the BPDA [Boston Planning and Development Agency] on an Article 80 process for 288 Tremont St. near our campus...We're doing that part first and once that's complete – maybe 2023 – then we'll look at developing that lot. It's about three years off."

He said they are in the middle of community meetings with the BPDA on the Tremont Street property. In that project, Tufts plans to construct a hotel, 500,000 square feet of function space, and 300 low-income housing units over 250 parking spaces.

Following that, they'll move on to the employee surface lot in New York Streets.

Foley said they would be building residential, but they would like to keep some employee parking. That's because, he said, they are losing employee spots all over the downtown at an alarming rate. He said they will have lost 800 to 900 employee spaces within the next several years – a problem that could push desperate employees to infringe upon street parking.

"If we do a project, we would like to wrap it in housing and have some parking hidden behind it to the back," he said. "We're losing 400 employee spots at the Motor Mart in Back Bay. It's getting developed and we're getting kicked out. We probably don't have long at the Herald Street garage. We're

going to lose 800 to 900 spaces for employees over the next several years. What we would do is put residential units on Traveler Street and wrap it around with the parking in the back. We are losing a lot of employee parking spots."

Within the Motor Mart development, the garage is going from 1,090 spaces to 475 spaces.

In the meantime, community members said they applauded how much Tufts has done recently to clean up the lot, improvements that were made at the request of EBNA members.

Foley said they have added another person to clean up the lot on weekdays, and they will have the fence fixed by the end of May. He said there will also be new landscaping on both corners.

Dogs, however, continue to be an issue and he said they will identify problem dogs with their surveillance cameras and ask owners to change their habits in and around the lot. Green and open space is at a premium in the New York Streets, and many dog owners use the Tufts lot to run their



Leslie Fine, Frann Bilus, and Nina Palmer.

pooches. However, some owners do not curb them.

Foley said they also plan to install dog poop bag dispensers and trash cans on the lot within 60 days.

## •DAVIS COMPANIES MOVING ON SHAWMUT STREET

The Davis Companies will have an official groundbreaking in June for their project at the corner of Shawmut Avenue and Herald Street, but construction is long underway, they told EBNA Tuesday.

Chris Moore told EBNA they began construction in February with the demolition and abatement of the existing building, and they have selected Suffolk Construction as the general contractor.

Ted Davenport of Suffolk said in the next few weeks they would begin excavating materials for the expanded basement, trucking out soil and materials. That would be followed by the very noisy process of pounding sheeting into the ground for the foundation.

"In the next few weeks, you'll start to hear the sheets being

pounded in the ground," he said.

The 16-story building will see a Tower Crane be assembled in June, with steel going vertical in the fall. They will construct the façade from September to January as they go up, and begin work over the winter on the interior.

Moore said they have a planned opening of October 2020 if all goes well.

The Davis project includes 138 condo units with 112 parking spaces in the basement and first two levels.

Two other pieces to the project, the nursing home under the control of the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church (BCEC), and the C-Mart Market property and lot under the control of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA), are still forthcoming. They are, however, under the same Planned Development Area (PDA) and contain all of the Davis's affordable housing requirements.

## •MURAL GRAFFITI FESTIVAL IS BACK

Representatives for the Underground@Ink park below the Expressway were on hand at EBNA to talk about their plans for the summer.

Highlighting the summer will be a graffiti mural festival to follow up on the successful festival two years ago. That will take place from June 24-29, with a block party on June 29.

There will be 10 artists participating this time around, with four from Boston, two from New York and one from Spain.

Following the meeting, Cinquecento owner Jeff Gates welcomed EBNA for a social time and gathering, where folks chatted for more than an hour afterward. President Ken Smith said the weather was not the best, but the neighborhood camaraderie was fantastic.



Arthur Coe and Danielle Butke.



President Ken Smith, Cynthia White, and Board member John Connelly

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# 401 Park Phase One complete, Time Out Market to open in coming weeks

By Lauren Bennett

The 401 Park building, formerly known as the Landmark Center, was finally revealed to the public on May 17. Phase One of the project began in 2017, and includes 1.1 acres of open space along Park Drive, restoration and improvements to the Landmark Center building itself, and the creation of Time Out Market, which is set to open in a few weeks.

On a very rainy day, members of the Fenway community and employees of the offices located in the 401 Park building packed into the recently renovated lobby of the building to hear from representatives of Samuels & Associates as well as Mayor Martin Walsh, City Councilor Josh Zakim, and State Rep. Chynah Tyler talk about this milestone for the neighborhood.

“This is a very significant moment for the Fenway neighborhood,” said Peter Sougarides of Samuels & Associates. “We have dreamed for many years about creating an open space that acts as a gathering area for the community.”

Steve Samuels of Samuels & Associates provided a little bit of history about the 401 Park Drive building. “For those of you around this neighborhood 20 years ago, our involvement started with the Red Sox thinking about building a new park just to the west of the existing Fenway Park,” he said to the crowd. “And it brought up a lot of anxiety, and it brought a lot of community groups up to talk about living with a ballpark and what does that mean and how it’s been for the last 100 years. What came out of that was this desire to have something more, to have a mainstream, to have a central place where the neighborhood has a spine and a soul?”

He said that now, 20 years later, the Red Sox have relocated the original park and Samuels & Associates “picked up the torch to do all the other things about making this a 24/7 neighborhood. And while it’s not complete, Fenway to me finally feels whole,” he said.

The 401 park building was built in 1928 as a Sears distribution center, but began to change over the years as Sears became less of a powerhouse, Samuels said, which led to years of decline, vacancy, and disrepair.

But about 20 years ago, Samuels said, the building “made its first iteration of a new life,” and was renovated to include some suburban retail on the first floor and became home to Blue Cross Blue Shield above. “We felt the thing that was missing the most was it was still a barrier,” Samuels said. “It was not a place where



Mayor Walsh was joined by City Councilor Josh Zakim, State Rep. Chynah Tyler, and representatives from Samuels and Associates to cut the ribbon for 401 Park Phase One.

the community could come in and out of. None of the office building employees felt part of the neighborhood. So we felt that it was our responsibility to make this thing entirely different than it has been.”

So to remedy that, in this most recent project, they opened up the interior of the building to expose all of the office space above with an atrium. “We want this to feel connected; we want the neighborhood to feel like they can come through here both east and west and north and south and not walk around it. And so its days as a barrier are over. And we hope that once again will become a place for innovators and dreamers and overachievers. People who want to make things happen. It’s occupied upstairs by tech companies, life science com-

panies, world-class medical institutions,” Samuels said.

Samuels also talked about the Time Out Market food hall, which he said will open on the ground floor in about two weeks and is also opening later this month to Miami, Chicago, and Brooklyn. The food hall “focuses on curating the best of the best food experiences from local purveyors of food,” he said. The market will feature 15 eateries and communal-style tables for people to mingle and enjoy cuisine from Boston’s finest chefs.

“The last piece of the puzzle is the park,” Samuels said. The opening of this park is significant, as it is the connector that will close the gap in Emerald Necklace that has been in place since Sears paved over the Muddy River in front of

the building to create a parking lot. As part of this project, the river has been daylighted and make the Emerald Necklace whole again.

“We thought, well it’s fantastic to have the Emerald Necklace connected again and become a place where Bostonians recreate,” Samuels said. “When we realized we had this incredible amount of frontage on this park and we thought if we could activate the front of our building with activities, lifestyle, skiing, tons of food, and a place where families can convene, then it would be a great stop along the Emerald Necklace.”

Contemporary artist Nicole Eisenman will reveal sculptures in the park in the coming weeks, Samuels added.


“I would regard Fenway as

one of the best arts and culture neighborhoods in the country because everyone talks about it,” said Walsh. “It’s important that we understand the history. And it’s also important that we think about as we go into this incredible growth and transformation in this city, that we still have the history of our city and understanding the history of our city, and knowing what came before and having a building like this as a gateway into the neighborhood, it really is important.” Walsh also touched upon the importance of open space, not only for recreation and gathering space for the public, but also for the environment.

Zakim said he’s really looking forward to the food hall, and is proud of the changes that have happened in the Fenway community in partnership with the community, such as “...building projects like this that make sense to development opportunity, that help the city, that bring so much to the community,” he said. “From the park outside...to this food hall that is having nationally known chefs and entrepreneurs.”

“I’d just like to congratulate Steve Samuels and the entire Samuels team with the opening of this wonderful facility. It’s truly amazing,” said State Rep. Chynah Tyler.

After the speaking program, Mayor Walsh, Chynah Tyler, Josh Zakim, and people from Samuels & Associates cut the ribbon, officially signifying the completion of Phase One of the project.



Public Meeting

## Simmons University 2019 IMP Projects

Monday, June 3

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

300 Fenway

Main College Building, Floor 1, Room C-101

Boston, MA 02115

**Project Proponent:**

Simmons University

**Project Description:**

In the past year, Simmons has transitioned to a University and reorganized its academic programming into four distinct colleges. The Proponent’s updated Institutional Master Plan will enhance its academic facilities consistent with this new structure and create a consolidated academic and residential campus. The Proposed Projects include renovations to Lefavour Hall and the Main College Building to accommodate the University’s Library as well as College of Natural, Behavioral, and Health Sciences (CNBHS), and the proposal calls for demolition of the existing Park Science Center for the construction of a new, 21-story Living and Learning Center, which will provide athletics space, a dining hall, and approximately 1,100 dormitory beds.

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# Ellis South End elects slate of leaders for the coming year

By Seth Daniel

The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association held its 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting with a packed house in the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology on Tuesday, May 14.

Chair John Alekna welcomed everyone to the meeting, and bid his farewell as the chair of the Ellis, a spot he has held for three years.

"This is my third and final year as chair," he said. "The organization has really been an extraordinary journey for me. The mission is to improve the neighborhood and work on making it better. I hope in my three years, I've been able to make a difference."



Outgoing Chair John Alekna welcomes neighbors to the Annual Meeting.

President of the Ellis did not change this year, with Ellen Sheets remaining in charge for the year to come.

However, the highlight of the night came when State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz presented the Arthur Howe Award to former State Rep.



Angela Johnson of Benjamin Franklin Institute welcomed guests to the building and updated neighbors on their sale process. The property is still on the market and hasn't sold yet.

Byron Rushing. Howe was one of the founders of the Ellis 55 years ago, and helped to shepherd it into the strong organization it is today.

Rushing said he was truly hon-



Angela Johnson of Benjamin Franklin Institute welcomed guests to the building and updated neighbors on their sale process. The property is still on the market and hasn't sold yet.

ored to have the Ellis decide on him for that important award.

"We get awards all the time as legislators," he said. "This is the thing about all those awards. They will make you the legislator of the year and give you an award, but ask you to sponsor a bill for them. Hardly ever are those awards for anything we ever did. They are always for something people wanted from us. This is a unique award. This is an award from the people of the South End for doing something. This means a lot to me."

Rushing said he knew Howe, and recalled him to be a boisterous and opinionated advocate, but one he liked.

"When you got into a conversa-

tion with Arthur, you never knew where it might go," he said with a laugh.

"The Ellis has always been concerned about the neighborhood as a whole, the City as a whole, and not just your few blocks," he said. "You should always be acknowledged for that."

His comments were closed out with a standing ovation from the many neighbors and business people in the room.

The Ellis also heard from representative from the Boston Center for the Arts, the Community Music Center of Boston and the Boston Ballet.

Several directors who have given many years to the organization were recognized as they were leaving the Board. They included: Jonathan Shapira, Dawn Chin, Rebecca Roth Gullo, Scott Semel, and Dave Crowley.

The new directors coming in included: Norma Alekna, Julie Arnheiter, John Chambers, Luis Croquer, Betsy Hall, and Cathy Phillips.

The officers include President Ellen Sheets, new Chair Robert Berstein, Vice President John Alekna, Vice President Patty Brennan, Vice President Matthew Rhoades, Treasurer Robin Johnson and Clerk Chris Block.



Leclion Washington from the Community Music Center of Boston, Rachel Yurman of the Boston Ballet and Gregory Ruffer of the Boston Center for the Arts.



Ellen Munley and Kaysie Ives.



## Public Meeting

### Boston University Data Sciences Center

**Tuesday, June 4**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**595 Commonwealth Avenue**  
Questrom School of Business, Room 312  
Boston, MA 02215

**Project Proponent:**  
Boston University

#### Project Description:

Boston University proposes to construct the Data Sciences Center at 665 Commonwealth Avenue. As described in the Draft Project Impact Report, the Project will be approximately 305,000 square feet, with a height of 19 stories (305 feet). The project will allow the consolidation of the Departments of Computer Science and Mathematics and Statistics and the Rafik B. Hariri Institute for Computing and Computational Science and Engineering in one building at the heart of Boston University's Charles River Campus. The Project is also described in the Fifth Amendment to the Boston University Charles River Campus 2013-2023 Institutional Master Plan.

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RED SOX FENWAY COMMUNITY NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK

On what turned out to be a beautiful night, the Red Sox held a pre-game ceremony on May 17 to recognize the Fenway community for their continued support. Among those recognized were from organizations such as the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, the Fenway Victory Gardens, the Charlesgate Alliance, the Fenway Civic Association, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, and the Fenway Community Center. On behalf of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Michael Sherman threw out the ceremonial first pitch, and Wally the Green Monster made a special appearance on the field.



George Lewis of Charlesgate Alliance and Mallory Rohrig of Operation Peace.



Senior Manager of Fenway Affairs Beth Krudys, Senior Vice President of Fenway Concerts and Entertainment Larry Cancro, and Pam Beale of Corwalls, Boston.



Michael Fogarasi and Sara Demeter, founder and executive director of Art Resource Collaborative for Kids.



Elizabeth Bertolozzi and Rick Richter of Fenway Victory Gardens.



Harvey Minkin, Ayden Minkin, Nancy McHugh Sherman, Michael Sherman, Director of Development and External Relations Veronika Trufanova and President Karen Mauney-Brodek of Emerald Necklace Conservancy.



Matt Keaney and Tim Horn, president of the Fenway Civic Association.



Boston City Councillor Josh Zakim and Senior Vice President of Fenway Concerts and Entertainment Larry Cancro.



Red Sox Director of Business and Government Affairs Claire Durant, who did a great job coordinating the event, and Red Sox Senior Vice President of Legal and Government Affairs David Friedman.



Michael Sherman throws out the ceremonial first ball during the pre-game ceremonies.



Melissa Wade, Carter Alford, Eleanor Alford, and Kevin Alford and Robert Kordenbrock, executive director of the Fenway Community Center.



Boston Police Capt. Steven Sweeney, Joanna Sweeney, Zoe Sweeney and Ava Sweeney.



Mike Ryder, Wesley McClure, Zahra Thani, Molly Marshall, Heather Hayes, James Coots, Grace Normandie, Bennet Mesgoun, and Alan Lehmann.

## D-4 POLICE NEWS

## DON'T LET GO THE COAT

On Monday, May 13, at around 1:35 p.m., a victim entered the District 4 police station to report he had been the victim of an attempted robbery at Northampton and Tremont streets.

The victim said he walking in that vicinity on May 6 between

4:30 and 5 p.m., when a male suspect approached him and asked for help before grabbing the victim by the front of his coat. The suspect then shoved the victim as he attempted to remove something from the victim's wallet while rummaging through the victim's pockets.

When the victim jumped towards the street and began

screaming, he said the suspect fled the area.

The victim told police he wasn't harmed during the incident.

## GUN FUMBLE

On Friday, May 17, at approximately 11:57 p.m., police responded to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Upon arrival, officers met with the victim in the emergency room, who said she was walking on a side street after leaving a meeting at 74 Kilmarnock St., when a male suspect approached her, brandished a black 9mm handgun and demanded her belongings.

When the suspect drew closer to the victim, she said she kicked in the groin, causing him to drop his

gun. The victim then took off running, although the suspect threatened to kill her if he ever sees her again.

The victim, who wasn't physically assaulted and sustained no injuries during the incident, was discharged from the hospital, and police searched the area for the suspect to no avail.

## NEWS BRIEFS

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Neighborhood Association will meet on Tuesday, May 28, in Boston Medical Center's Menino Pavilion at 7 p.m. New location, look for the signs through 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 San-

born, peter\_sanborn@comcast.net, and Sahar Zaheer, sahar.zaheer@gmail.com.

•Step Up to the Plate for South End Baseball. On Tuesday, June 4, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., step up to the plate and support the best free youth baseball program in the city and the Hugh Chambers/Paul Rinkulis Scholarship. Join them at

Stella for a fun evening with delicious food, a cash bar, and both live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$50.

•The 2019 Ink Block Underground Mural Project by Street Theory will take place in Underground at Ink Block on June 24-29.

From June 24 – June 29, 2019, The Underground Mural Project

will gather and celebrate creative do-ers, local-national-internationally renowned street artists, and local tastemakers through a week of arts programming, education, one-of-a-kind activations and a block party that celebrates a blossoming City of arts and culture. The Underground Mural Project in curated by Street Theory in

partnership with National Development.

## FENWAY TIMES

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

## For the Record

## From the May 22 South End Landmarks Commission, City Hall:

•1767-1769 Washington St. (Alexandra Hotel)

Applicant: JBVentures, CBT Architects

Proposed Work: Partial demolition of the existing structure, restoration of the street facing façades, and the construction of a 13 story tower at the rear and adjacent to the existing structure

## From the May 22 License Commission Meeting, City Hall:

•DINING INNOVATION MASSACHUSETTS INC. D/B/A: TSURU TON TAN, 512 COMMONWEALTH AVE., Back Bay. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day Wines and Malt w/ Liqueurs License has petitioned to amend the description of the licensed business - From: In one (1) room on ground level with café/bar and 14 seats, with seasonal (April – November) patio on private property with 24 seats (568 S.F. patio); in four (4) rooms on lower level with dining areas, kitchen, office and storage; in two (2) rooms on upper level with dining areas and bathrooms. 4,680 total S.F. To: In four (4) rooms on lower level consisting of dining area with seating for 68, counter area with seating for 10, kitchen, office and storage. In two (2) rooms on upper level consisting of dining area with seating for 52, bar area with seating for 24 and restrooms. Seasonal (April- November) patio on private property with seating for 22 (485 SF). 4,230 total indoor SF. 2 a.m. Closing Hour.

•NEW FRANCE BACK BAY, LLC D/B/A: L'ESPALIER AND SEL DE LA TERRE, 776-778 BOYLSTON ST, Back Bay. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to transfer the license and location from the above - To: 003, Inc. at 312 Stuart Street, Bay Village. Restaurant on first floor (+/- 2,500 SF), consisting of dining area with seating for 54, bar area with seating for 20, lounge area with seating for 12 and storage in basement level (+/- 1,000 SF). Entrances/Exits on Stuart Street and Columbus Avenue. Richard E. Glaz, Manager. 2 a.m. Closing Hour.

## From the May 23 Public Improvement Commission hearing, 10 a.m., City Hall (Room 714):

•200 Clarendon Street, St. James Avenue; Boston Proper – Grant of Location – On a petition by Cambridge Network Solutions.

## From the Non-hearing Common Victualler meeting, 10 a.m., City Hall:

•Amelia's Taqueria IV, inc. d/b/a Amelia's Taqueria, 1076 Boylston Street, Fenway. Amir Shiranian as manager of record. In one room on the first floor, kitchen in rear, basement storage & office. Annual outdoor patio on private property for 28 patrons. Indoor capacity is 40. Hours of operation: 6 a.m. – 2 a.m. Outdoor patio Hours of operation: 7 a.m. – 11 p.m.

## From the License Board One-Day events hearing, City Hall (Room 809), 10 a.m.:

•Eataly Boston, LLC d/b/a Eataly 800 Boylston St., Back Bay, have applied for a one day amendment to extend premise on private property to hold four (4) Italian Food and Beverage Festival "Block Parties" on summer Thursdays June 20, July 18 and August 15 and September 12, in order to activate its Boylston Street patio with Eataly chefs and local producers. The extension of space will be a total; of approximately 2,225 square feet with 2 seating areas for approximately 80 patrons. The patio will include additional food stations and alcohol service stations with space being designated by stations. The hours of the event will be 5-10 p.m.

•Eataly Boston, LLC d/b/a Eataly 800 Boylston St., Back Bay, have applied for a one day amendment to extend premise on private property to hold a Gelato Festival on

Saturday June 1 and Sunday June 2 in order to activate its Boylston Street patio with Eataly chefs and local producers. The extension of space will be a total; of approximately 2,225 square feet with including sponsor booths, a mobile kitchen, a gelato school and booths set up for gelato chef competitors. The patio will include additional food service stations and alcohol service stations with space being designated by stations. The event also proposes to utilize street space on Boylston Street to locate a refrigerated van, freezer unit and storage space. The hours of the event will be 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

## From the Licensed Premise Violations hearing, City Hall (Room 809A), 10 a.m.:

•Rrg, LLC, doing business as: Banyan Bar & Refuge, 553 Tremont St., South End. Date: 03/29/2019. Notice/Violation: Person under 21 in possession of alcohol inside premise (Daiquiri).  
•Cazarossi, LLC, doing business as: Frenchie, 560 Tremont St., South End. Date: 03/29/2019. Notice/Violation: Blocked rear fire exit.  
•Cusiners, Inc., doing business as: Masa Restaurant, 439 Tremont St., South End. Date: 03/29/2019. Expired valet permit (6/30/18).

## From the May 28 Boston Landmarks Commission, City Hall (9th Floor), 4:30 p.m.:

•Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston St.  
Applicant: Adam Wylie, Mayhew PMC  
Proposed work: Restoration of Boylston Street stairs; installation landscape plantings, footpath, and curbstone  
•Fenway Park  
Applicant: David Friedman, Old Town Team Realty Trust  
Proposed work: Removal of six rows of bleacher seats to accommodate new deck; relocation of signage.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

•1662 Commonwealth Ave.  
Proposed work: At front façade, clean and repoint masonry, and repaint steel lintels to match existing color  
•1705-1711 Commonwealth Ave.  
Proposed work: At front façade, repoint masonry and repaint window trim to match existing color.

•First Baptist Church of Boston, 110 Commonwealth Ave.  
Applicant: Ward Hamilton  
Proposed work: Replacement of slate roofing.  
•Boston Common: Applicant: Elizabeth Vizza, Friends of the Garden  
Proposed work: Temporary installation of public toilet facilities and information kiosk on MacArthur Mall.

•38-40 Saint Botolph St.: Applicant: John LaSpina, Knollmeyer Building Corp.  
Proposed work: Installation of cable covering on side elevation.  
•Boston Common: Applicant: David Snodgrass, Earl of Sandwich Boston  
Proposed work: Installation of plantings and a pizza oven.

## City Council Budget Hearings, ongoing, City Hall/Council Chambers:

•May 23, EMS Services, 10:30 a.m.  
•June 4, Public Testimony, 2 p.m.

# Bay Village rattled by Mike and Patty's trash, traffic; wants more info on marijuana proposal

By Lauren Bennett

Two major topics were up for discussion at the Bay Village Neighborhood Association (BVNA) Planning and Licensing meeting on May 20, including issues with traffic, trash, and patrons at the Mike and Patty's sandwich shop on Church Street, as well as a proposal from Sanctuary regarding an adult-use marijuana dispensary proposed for Tremont Street.

BVNA member Sarah Herlihy said that people in the neighborhood were concerned with impacts of traffic and congestion, particularly on weekends, outside of the Mike and Patty's restaurant. Neighbors were concerned about cars parking to drop people off, people parking in resident spots, and food delivery companies like Grubhub and Uber Eats parking where they are sometimes blocking fire lanes. She said they have previously discussed putting drop-off lanes on Tremont Street to ease congestion, and are trying to see if they can get the Boston Transportation Department down to "move people along," Herlihy said.

The second issue, she said, is trash, as there are "significant concerns" that the amount of time that it is out on the sidewalk is causing a rat issue. "Trash is currently being left out on the street, which is not unlawful but is not particularly neighborly," Herlihy said. She also said there are issues with patrons of the restaurant eating their sandwiches on people's stoops, as there is little seating inside the restaurant.

"I don't think these are issues that are unusual to other restaurants," said Michael Gurevich, one of the owners of Mike and Patty's. "In the city these things are going to happen." He said he would like to take a look at how the North End and Beacon Hill have tackled similar issues.

Bay Village resident Anne Kilguss said she was extremely concerned about safety. She said she has not seen any signs in the window or on the restaurant's website telling patrons not to park illegally. Kilguss suggested that the owners speak with their customers more.

"I wish I could be in control of the customers and where they should park," said owner Ania Zaroda. "We only have 175 square feet of space inside. We always recommend that people take it out and go towards the Common or somewhere further."

"The customers are your responsibility to a certain extent," Herlihy said. She suggested that Gurevich and Zaroda put signage up telling their customers to make sure they are legally parked, as well as talking to the delivery companies like Grubhub and Uber Eats to

make sure they aren't blocking the fire lane.

"We try to tell delivery drivers to do certain things, but they don't always listen," Zaroda said.

"Your customers are sitting on the stoops of Fayette Street," said another Bay Village Resident. He agreed that signs need to be put up, and added that he has never seen restaurant staff outside picking up trash. Gurevich said that he has personally picked up trash outside.

The resident told the owners that they have the power to tell their delivery company to come at a certain time or they will go with a different company. "You've got to make more of an effort," he said.

Gurevich said they have tired to get other companies to deliver supplies, but they will not respond. "The company we have is the only company that will service us," he said.

Another resident said that the people who sit on resident doorsteps are blocking access to the homes, and suggested that the owners hire a police detail on Saturdays and Sundays to discourage this. "We can't afford that; it's not an option," Gurevich said.

"If they're eating your sandwiches and trespassing on someone else's property, you need to take responsibility for your customers," Herlihy said.

"It sounds to me like you guys aren't aware of the volume," said BVNA president Bethany Patten. She suggested that the owners provide their cell phone numbers so they can be reached immediately when a problem arises. "The best thing you can do is be available to us and tell us you're willing to work with us," she said.

The owners agreed to put signs up in their window and on their website.

"We've identified the issues," Herlihy said. She told the owners to send BVNA a list of what they plan on doing to remedy the issues, as well as what they would like help with, such as possible 15-minute parking in front of the restaurant during the day. "The biggest takeaway I've heard is you need to be around more, a lot more," she said. "We're expecting follow-up from how...how to address the issues." She said they would be discussing this again at the Executive Committee meeting on June 3.

## SANCTUARY

The next order of business was a proposal from Sanctuary, a company porpoise an adult-use marijuana dispensary at 253 Tremont St., the current site of the Abby Lane restaurant. Greg Henning of West Hill Associates presented the proposal, saying that the presentation has been given at many community meetings, and they have come up with ways to address common resi-

dent concerns.

The first is neighborhood enforcement, and working with the Boston Police Department, as well as local businesses, on locations for surveillance cameras that can view large areas, and will be able to detect people littering or publicly using marijuana. "We can ban customers if necessary and track issues coming into the neighborhood," Henning said. There will also be private security patrolling the street, with the ability to go down to a park, for example, to make sure there are no problems. "We are taking responsibility for our customers," he said.

An ID must be shown upon entry to the facility, which creates a record of every purchase. "We realize that company labeled trash is our responsibility," Henning said. There will also be additional signage in the area reminding customers that they cannot use marijuana

outside, as well as Sanctuary-sponsored neighborhood cleanups and a 24-hour hotline with operators to answer calls.

In addition, Henning said, personnel will be trained on things like cleanliness and traffic issues and there will be a 2-to-1 staff to customer ratio. Henning also stressed that this will not be an onsite use facility.

There was a resident concern that nearby Cure Loung has "been a nightmare," and having this facility next to it will only exacerbate the problem. Henning said that while the hours of operation are not set yet, there will be no overlap in time or customer base with the club.

There was also concerns about immediate use near the theaters and clubs, and wondered if there could be a minimum purchase amount put in place, similar to the "no nips" policy BVNA places on liquor stores seeking to open in the

neighborhood. Several community members were concerned about this being a "high risk" area with all of the nightclubs and theaters, as there are also a lot of kids nearby.

Joseph Giannino, Government Relations and Public Affairs representative for Sanctuary, said that people working the door of the facility get to make judgements about who gets to come inside. They will be trained to look for signs of people under the influence, and those people will not be allowed into the facility.

Before BVNA can vote to oppose or not oppose this location, "what we would like to see from you is a very detailed plan about how you are going to keep people out of Bay Village," Herlihy said. "You're going to need to decide what your hours of operation are. I think you need to put pen to paper and say 'this is what we're offering to you.'"

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