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## BOK AND FRIENDS GIVE THE FENWAY A LITTLE 'TLC'



PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY COUNCILOR KENZIE BOK'S OFFICE

City Councilor Kenzie Bok shown with volunteers last Saturday morning, Nov. 7, whom participated in a neighborhood cleanup in the Fenway, sponsored by Love Your Block Boston and the Fenway Civic Association and Community Center. The community clean-up drew around 15 volunteers.

## South End reusable bag company switches gears to mask production, gives back to community

By Lauren Bennett

Prior to the pandemic, South End resident Aurelie Steere was heavily focused on creating environmentally-friendly reusable bags with her company Cabagg, but has since switched

gears to creating comfortable masks instead to meet the growing demand.

Cabagg was founded by Steere more than two years ago "in response to the lack of reusable bags in the market," she said. She said she hadn't

found a bag that was easy to carry, held a lot of items, and was fashionable, so she set out to create one herself. Originally from France, Steere named the company Cabagg, which she

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## Man wanted for sexual assault in Public Garden

Staff Report

The BPD is releasing an image of a person wanted in connection to a sexual assault which occurred on Sunday, November 8, at about 2:03 a.m. in the area of 2 Charles Street (The Public Garden).

Detectives have learned that the suspect encountered the

victim in the area of Bromfield Street, where he forcefully brought her through the Boston Common into the Public Garden where he sexually assaulted her. Suspect is described as an unknown male.

The Boston Police Sexual Assault Unit is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances

surrounding this incident. Anyone with any information is asked to call detectives directly at (617) 343-4400.

Community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1(800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463).

## Villa Victoria Center for the Arts could start demo Monday

By Seth Daniel

The Villa Victoria Center for the Arts on West Newton Street – a former German church from the 1800s – could begin demo-

lition as soon as Monday, IBA Director Vanessa Calderon-Rosado said this week.

The former Center, which was purchased by IBA in the

1980s and converted to an Arts Center, had become structurally deficient. When trying to repair it, the organization found it was

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## First public Mass/Cass 2.0 Task Force gets warm reception

Questions linger about Pine St. Roundhouse lease

By Seth Daniel

Mayor Martin Walsh hosted the first public meeting of the Mass/Cass 2.0 Task Force on Monday evening, with more than 300 people viewing the proceedings, and while residents said a very encouraging report was made, there were still lingering concerns in the South End about Pine Street Inn's lease of the Roundhouse

Hotel.

The Task Force is a 24-person appointed body of residents, community leaders, elected officials and medical professionals that oversee the 2.0 plan and meet at least monthly, if not more. They have never had a public meeting do date, though.

The mayor told those on the meeting there was no easy solution to the problems at Mass/Cass, but he felt like things have improved since the situa-

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## WHAT A WEEKEND WARM WEATHER GRACES BOSTON



PHOTO BY SETH DANIEL

The first part of the week – plus last weekend – were just the right medicine for the cooped-up population, with temperatures soaring into the 70s for several days. It was a rare mid-November respite, and this gentleman at the Lagoon in the Back Bay took his time to see if he could snag some fish. It could have been the last huzzah before winter, but hopefully not.

# EDITORIAL

## REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

It was 102 years ago on November 11, 1918, that World War I formally came to a conclusion on the “11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month.”

Americans observed the first anniversary of the end of the war the following year when the holiday we now know as Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day in 1919.

The first world war was referred to at the time as “the war to end all wars.” It was thought that never again would mankind engage in the sort of madness that resulted in the near-total destruction of Western Civilization and the loss of millions of lives for reasons that never have been entirely clear to anybody either before, during, or since.

Needless to say, history has shown us that such thinking was idealistically foolhardy. Just 21 years later, the world again became enmeshed in a global conflagration that made the first war seem like a mere practice run for the mass annihilation that took place from 1939-45.

Even after that epic second world war, America has been involved in countless bloody conflicts in the 75 years since General Douglas MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender on the Battleship USS Missouri. Today, we still have troops fighting -- and dying -- at various places around the world.

“Peace is at hand” has been nothing but a meaningless slogan for most of the past 102 years.

Armistice Day officially became known as Veterans Day in 1954 so as to include those who served in WWII and the Korean War. All of our many veterans since then also have become part of the annual observance to express our nation’s appreciation to the men and women who bravely have answered the call of duty to ensure that the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been preserved against the many challenges we have overcome.

Although Veterans Day, as with all of our other national holidays, unfortunately has become commercialized, we urge our readers to take a moment, even if just quietly by ourselves, to contemplate the debt we owe to the veterans of all of our wars and to be grateful to them for allowing us to live freely in the greatest nation on earth.

If nothing else, Veterans Day, that was celebrated this week, should remind us that freedom isn’t free and that maintaining our freedom since our nation’s founding has required the sacrifice of tens of millions of our fellow Americans who have placed their lives on the line to preserve our ideals and our way of life.



SHOP LOCALLY

## GUEST OP-ED

### Help your city by getting tested for COVID-19

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged us in profound ways, and has impacted nearly every aspect of city life. Although we have made great progress since the spring in controlling the spread of the virus, Boston has been facing an increase in COVID-19 positive rates for the last few weeks. Currently, 7.1 percent of people who get tested are testing positive. Since anyone can be infected and spread the virus even if they don’t show symptoms, testing is a key part of stopping the spread.

I recently announced a new campaign called “Get The Test, Boston,” a pledge that encourages every Boston resident to make testing a regular part of their routine. It also encourages employers to let their employees know about testing resources available to them. The City of Boston is offering benefit-eligible City employees one paid hour every 14 days to get tested during their normal work hours. Several local businesses have also committed to signing the pledge, to ensure

their employees know how and when to get tested for COVID-19.

I encourage everyone in our city to look at the testing resources we have worked so hard to make available, and seriously consider getting tested to protect themselves and their communities as we work to stop this increase in COVID-19 cases. Here are some reasons why you should get tested:

If you are experiencing COVID-like symptoms, like fever, cough, or shortness of breath

If you are at high risk for complications from COVID-19

If you have been in contact with someone who was infected with COVID-19

If you have traveled or have been in large gatherings

The City offers free testing for residents with or without COVID-like symptoms through our mobile testing teams currently in East Boston’s Central Square and at Jubilee Christian Church in Mattapan through Saturday, November 14. The teams change locations every couple of weeks to increase testing accessibility and avail-

ability, prioritizing neighborhoods that need dedicated testing efforts. For locations and hours of the more than 30 COVID-19 testing sites we have in the City, including these mobile sites, please visit [boston.gov/covid19-testing](https://boston.gov/covid19-testing).

We are entering a critical time in this pandemic, and everyone who does their part will help save lives, and make a real difference. By following the safety guidelines, everyone can minimize the spread. In addition to getting tested, residents should continue to wear a face covering or mask, stay six feet apart from others, wash your hands often with soap and warm water, and avoid crowds and gatherings.

Together, we will continue to keep our city and our communities safe.

Individuals and businesses that would like more information or to sign the pledge can visit [boston.gov/testing-pledge](https://boston.gov/testing-pledge). You can also share #Get-TheTestBoston on social media to encourage your network to get tested.

*Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.*

## GUEST OP-ED

### Democratic process must be protected by not succumbing to resentments based on differences in political views

By Alexander Gray, candidate for at-large City Council

Today our country, one of the oldest democracies and most diverse societies in the world, should take pride in the success of the electoral process. We thank all the candidates who have participated in the elections and commend the historic voter turnout, a tribute to the citizens who voted in such striking numbers, in stark contrast to earlier elections. That

encouraging sign has opened the way to begin a process of participation among all citizens however they voted. As Catholics we are committed to the common good, social justice and the Gospel of Life. Participation in the political process is a sacred duty. In a country facing the threefold challenge of addressing a global pandemic, repairing a fractured economy and renewing a national commitment to the goals of racial justice and equality, the broad

participation of citizens in the election should be a foundation for rebuilding our unity as a people.

The President and those who will serve with him have both the opportunity and the challenge of rebuilding civic trust, of providing a sense of hope in a time of social crisis, and of calling us all to share our best talents and energies in a common task. Our prayers should

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likely beyond reasonable repair. Instead, they plan to demolish the building and begin a planning and fundraising process to build a brand new Center on the site.

Work on that could be as soon as Monday.

“Last Thursday we submitted all the final paperwork and checklists to ISD,” said Calderon-Rosado. “We’re just

waiting for the final demo permit. We believe we might be able to get everything together and start next Monday. We’re in a holding pattern now for the permit. It’s the last thing we’re waiting on before we can get started.”

If it starts on Monday, that will begin the Active Phase of the demolition, and will include closing that stretch of West Newton Street by O’Day

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be with all those called to lead the country.

The task we face is not fully captured in the data; the numbers, charts and graphs, the task is also a spiritual challenge. As Pope Francis shared in the recent Encyclical Letter, Fratelli Tutti, we are called to promote ‘friendship and an acknowledgement of the worth of every human person, always and everywhere’. Each citizen, each person, across lines of color, ethnicity, of faith and philosophy, can and should be asked to place solidarity over inequality, compassion over revenge, generosity over self-interest.

An election is never only about who wins and who loses. It is always about a moment in time when a new beginning is possible. Such a beginning relies upon our best traditions and aspirations: belief in our common humanity and the unique dignity of each person in the land; beliefs which can bind us together, rich and poor, black and white, citizens and dreamers, women and men. We are now at a moment when a new beginning is not only possible but urgently necessary. The work at hand calls us to respect the opinions of others,

to dialogue about differing perspectives, to seek reconciliation where there has been estrangement, to work for healing among the people of our country. I confidently believe that as a nation we can achieve these goals, to rise above our differences, to embrace our unity as brothers and sisters who lives are a gift from God and who share a mission to build a just society.

We must not succumb to resentments based in divergent political views and divisions that have emerged from the stress of recent months. The challenge is always to transform a crowd into a community, a people who share a commitment to building a civilization of love and a culture that can sustain democracy, freedom and respect for human rights. Let us remember the unity and charity we are called to at the celebration of the Eucharist and in the proclamation of the Scriptures. Let us witness to the ideals of the Gospel, striving to have a positive impact on our families, communities and the nation in these crucial days. Let us follow Jesus’ call to love one another as He has loved us.

Playground for one week to accommodate cranes and other dismantling machines.

“That will last about a week and will be to knock down the building,” she said.

After that first week of active demolition, the project will move into more of a quiet phase as crews work for about four months to completely clean up the site and remove all of the debris safely.

In that time, she said they wanted to make sure lines of communication remain open to abutters, neighbors and businesses in the area. Anyone who has a concern or suggestion can e-mail the project team at 85WestNewton@ibaboston.org.

While that is happening, Cal-

deron-Rosado said they would begin a selection process for a designer of the new building, and a fundraising professional to kick off a capital campaign.

“The most important and exciting thing about this long and drawn out process is a new building,” she said, nodding to the extended reviews done by the South End Landmarks for about a year. “We’re looking at selecting a design team and we’d like to have that decision made at the latest in the beginning of 2021.”

There are no designs yet, of course, but Calderon-Rosado said it can be expected to have a product that fits in the neighborhood but is more open and transparent.

“We will have a building that

retains the old and brings in the new – that is open and transparent and interactive with both the street and playground,” she said. “That would be the next stage.”

At the same time as they select a design team, they will also select a fundraising professional to tap into donations for the Center.

“We have a development team in house, but this is a much heavier lift,” she said. “We’re going to engage professionals who do that for a living and we have a few good leads. Hopefully by early 2021 we’ll have the design team and the capital campaign in place.”

She said they hope to break ground on the new Arts Center in 2022.

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# BLC votes not to impose demo delay for two Fenway buildings related to Scape proposal

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) on November 10 voted not to impose a demolition delay on two different buildings related to Scape's mixed-use proposal in the Fenway. The buildings, 1252-1268 Boylston St. and 1270 Boylston St., were both determined by Landmarks staff to be significant, but the Commission ultimately voted against the delay after hearing the public com-

ment and the commitment of the developer to honor their history.

## 1252-1268 BOYLSTON STREET

The BLC demo delay process begins with the confirmation that the community process has been met for a particular building, which was the case for 1251-1268 Boylston.

Nicole Benjamin-Ma, a senior preservation planner at VHB, presented some history

of the two story masonry building, saying that it was constructed between 1923 and 1924 as an automobile garage, then became a garage and various commercial storefronts. In 1931, the garage became vacant and was leased for other automobile-related uses. She said that the Great Depression had "taken a hit on private automobile ownership," then other storefronts began to occupy the garage area.

Around 1950, a bowling

alley moved into the space, and she said that in the 1990s, the bowling alley was renovated into a restaurant and bar with the Ramrod name, and the billiards area was renovated to the Machine nightclub and recording studio, as well as a fitness center.

Commissioner John Amodeo said he believed that Ramrod had opened in the 1970s, then closed in the 90s when Machine took over and then the Ramrod name was given to the restaurant and bar.

Benjamin-Ma said that there was "a lot of conflicting information" in her research, so she "stuck what was in the phone book at the time," as well as what was found in a long form building permit. "Those were the only things I could definitely pin down," she said.

The public also made comments about the newly proposed space, which includes residential housing and retail space, as well as a Black Box theater to honor the LGBTQ community that relied so heavily on the Machine nightclub as a safe space.

"What I really appreciate about the new space is the continued support that they're going to allow schools like Boston Arts Academy to use for the theater and to support this important population of friends," said Denella Clark, president of the Boston Arts Academy Foundation, who was not in favor of imposing a demo delay. "I really hope that we will be able to move forward with this process."

Pam Beale, a member of the Impact Advisory Group for this project, said that there has been "no mention or request to save this building," at any of the meetings during the public process for the project. She said that there is "no architectural significance" in the building, and that it has lived its life. There is "broad support for the design and programming" of the newly proposed project.

City Councilor Kenzie Bok also spoke out against the imposition of a demo delay. She said in a letter submitted to the BLC that the changes made to the Scape proposal throughout the community process are positive ones, and suggested that the "memorialization" of the Machine nightclub "would be highly appropriate."

Amodeo said he "appreciates" the "commitment to community and keeping the community alive" from the project team, who said they want to work with the Commission and with The History Project, which documents the history of the LGBTQ communities in New England, as suggested by Amodeo.

The Commission voted to not impose a demolition delay for 1252-1268 Boylston St.

## 1270 BOYLSTON STREET

The community meeting process was deemed sufficient for this building as well, and Benjamin-Ma said that the building was constructed in 1919 as a catering headquarters and a food manufacturing plant.

Throughout the 20th century, the building was used for food manufacturing or restaurant space, and then became a series of bars and clubs serving the LGBTQ community, Benjamin-Ma said, including the 1270 Club. Most recently, the building was home to the Baseball Tavern, which has since closed.

Amodeo said that the 1270 Club "played an important part of history for the LGBTQ community," as a "significant meeting place for the community." He said that these bars and nightclubs served as more than that; they were community centers for people. "It's very important that that history be documented."

While the Commissioners did not seem to think the building itself was extremely significant, they thought that what happened within the walls needs to be preserved in the new building.

Commissioner David Berarducci said that he remembers the 1270 building and the changes it had gone through over the years. He "recommends the documentation of it in a very significant way," he said.

The applicant for the project, Andrew Flynn, said he is committed to preserving the history and the community, and gave his "personal commitment" to providing these resources to the community moving forward.

The BLC did not impose a demo delay for this building either, allowing the project proponents to move forward to the next steps of the process.

# BPDA to recommend BU lease of space on Comm. Ave.

By Seth Daniel

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) will likely recommend the use of 16,000 sq. ft. of studio space be leased to Boston University long-term to support academic and office uses.

Two floors in the 540 Comm. Ave. building, in Kenmore, will be utilized according to the plan, which is before the BPDA Board on Nov. 12.

The use is a change to the

University's Institutional Master Plan (IMP) and includes using floors two and three in the building on a long-term basis for academic and administrative uses. Boston University has been using the space for studios to support its online learning programs.

On Aug. 3, the University received a temporary recommendation to allow the change, and an online community meeting took place on Oct. 20. The

BU Charles River Task Force voted unanimous support, the BPDA said.

"Task Force members specifically noted their support of the University occupying formerly vacant space in Kenmore Square and bringing consistent activity to the public realm on a long-term basis," read the BPDA memo.

The BPDA staff recommended the Board approve the amendment to the IMP.



## Virtual Public Meeting

### PLAN: Nubian Square

## Virtual Chat with a Planner

Monday, November 16

6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Zoom Link: [bit.ly/2Jge9ti](https://bit.ly/2Jge9ti)

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 105 0039

#### Event Description

Join the PLAN: Nubian Square team to discuss where the planning process is today, and what to expect from future community engagement. The team will be available to answer questions and discuss next steps.

For interpretation services, contact the planner listed below by 11/9/20

Únase al PLAN: al equipo de Nubian Square para analizar la situación actual del proceso de planificación, y lo que se espera de la participación comunitaria en el futuro. El equipo estará disponible para responder preguntas y comentar los próximos pasos.

Para los servicios de interpretación, comuníquese con el planificador que se indica a continuación antes de 09/11/2020.

Vin patisipe ak ekip PLAN: Nubian Square la pou diskite sou estati aktyèl pwosesis planifikasyon an avèk kisa pou nou atann nou nan angajman kominotè kap fèt alavni a. Ekip la ap disponib pou reponn kesyon epi pou diskite sou pwochen etap yo.

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said means “shopping bag” in French.

With a mission to help support local businesses and organizations, the South End-based company has a philanthropic aspect that she said she hopes to continue to expand. The reusable bags are made in conjunction with K. Sew and the Center of Hope in Southbridge, MA, to support adults with disabilities.

“It was a good time for Cabagg to join that global movement and help in some way mitigate the impact of single use bags and plastic bags,” she said of founding the company.

“When the ordinance from the governor came in where nobody would be bringing their reusable bags, I shifted quickly to making masks,” she said, adding that they “complemented the current line of reusable bags in response to community needs.”

The design of the bags was done in France by Steere’s friend who designs wedding dresses. The bags can carry up to 25 pounds, and have thick straps that won’t fall off people’s shoulders while carrying.

For the masks, Steere decided she would use the CDC’s guidelines for creating homemade face cloths. She said that “we wanted it to be thick in terms of protection,” so the masks have four layers of cotton fabric, which provide both strength and softness, and is environmentally friendly.

Steere creates all of the masks at her South End home, and said that she uses social media



*Cabagg founder Aurelie Steere poses with a matching mask and bag.*

and websites like Nextdoor to find out who needs a mask in the local communities.

Cabagg was also one of 13 finalists in the Massachusetts COVID-19 Intrapreneur Challenge, where Steere participated in a 5 week virtual program that focused on helping businesses change their manufacturing practices to be able to produce face masks.

“I got to ply with the big guys, I would say, and learn a little bit from them,” she said of the program.

Steere said that most recently, Cabagg’s model to give back has allowed about 20 percent of net proceeds to be donated to organizations like Community Servings.

“I don’t know how long we will be wearing masks; for a while,” Steere said. “I didn’t plan on this being the core of Cabagg’s business.” She said

that people have been asking for a “matching ensemble of bags and masks.”

She said creating all the masks by herself has been “a tremendous amount of work,” but “our customers pay about a \$15 premium for consistency of premium products. She said that’s what she believes sets Cabagg’s masks apart from the sea of other choices on the market now.

“I’m also supporting the community at a time when we all need to support each other,”

she added. She said that while masks from places like Gap or Under Armour are a “fraction of the cost,” but don’t have “the aspect of transparency” that Cabagg does.

“It’s just to answer the need and supporting other community needs,” she said. “I’d love to be in a position where I can build partnerships with different organizations such as the Animal Rescue League and the MSPCA,” she said, and “have the customer really choose

where they would want their donation [to go]. That would be a great next step for us and we grow philanthropic goals at the same time.”

She said she is “excited” at the addition of masks to Cabagg’s product lineup. “Hopefully this will help us get a little more on the road map of local businesses that are trying to support each other,” she said. “It’s been a great adventure; I’m super excited to see what comes next.”



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**AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION (APCC)  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Boston Air Pollution Control Commission will hold a **virtual** public hearing on **December 16, 2020 at 11:30 A.M.** at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86329377111>. The Commission will consider the proponent’s request for a modified permit for a facility located at 321 Harrison Ave, Boston, MA, pursuant to the Procedures and Criteria for the Issuance of Parking Freeze Permits adopted under M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 31C.

This modification consists of fifty (50) commercial parking spaces to be used by members of the general public and two hundred fifty-nine (259) exempt parking spaces to be shared between lessees, employees, patrons, customers, clients, patients, and guests of the project to be constructed in an aboveground parking garage. The project consists of 230,000 square feet of office and laboratory space. Issuance of the permit would have no effect on the Downtown Boston parking freeze bank.

Due to the public health emergency, the public hearing may only take place **virtually** at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86329377111>. If you are unable to access the internet, you can call 1-929-205-6099, enter Meeting ID 863 2937 7111 # and use # as your participant ID.

**Translation and sign language interpreters will be provided upon prior request. A copy of the application is available for public inspection at Boston City Hall, Room 709, from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday, or you may request a digital copy by email at [APCC@boston.gov](mailto:APCC@boston.gov). Questions should be directed to: [APCC@boston.gov](mailto:APCC@boston.gov) or 617-635-3850.**

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## MASS/CASS 2.0 (from pg. 1)

tion spiraled out of control last summer when a toxic stew of COVID-19 issues met a free-for-all drug market based on the sidewalks of the corridor.

“It’s no easy solution,” he said. “This isn’t something where we build a bridge and the problems go away. It’s deeper than that. It’s addiction. No matter what I say on this call to you, we have to work with them and convince them to go to the programs. This area has become a magnet for this type of drug use and people coming down there for that and we have to do everything we can to decrease it and create programs for recovery and work with other providers across the Commonwealth to make sure they are getting people access to treatment in other cities.”

The mayor thanked residents for patience, and had his team from all sectors of the Mass/Cass 2.0 Plan give an update on the work being done – paying particular attention to efforts being made decentralize services to other parts of the state.

“We’re trying to get the word out that we want to spread these services around the state,” he said. “We can’t accommodate every single person in need in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.”

That was preceded by detailed explanations by the Department of Neighborhood Development about working on permanent supportive housing in other parts of the City (including Brighton), a report from the Boston Police BEST team, and an update from Pub-

lic Works on how they disassemble encampments humanely – among other things.

One source of continued conflict though is the Roundhouse, and some South End residents and Task Force member Steve Fox aren’t convinced that the Pine Street Inn intends to end its lease of the former hotel after one year. That came up in a question from Worcester Square’s Bob Minnocci.

Pine Street Director Lyndia Downie indicated that placements are happening, but the numbers appear to be behind schedule.

“I think at this point we’ve placed a little over 30 people (into housing),” she said. “Our census is probably a little shy of 140...Finding spots is still tough and that’s what the Housing Placement staff are doing.”

Task Force member Steve Fox said later he was disappointed with that number. He said many still remember that the new shelter situation was dropped on the community without notice, and they were told it would be about 30 housing placements per month, with no backfilling. He interpreted only 30 placements as a setback, furthering his skepticism that Pine Street would extend their lease there or just buy the building.

Downie told him at the meeting, when asked, that they don’t want to buy the building, but Fox said he was frustrated with the uncertain commitment.

“We don’t want to buy the building and don’t have any intention of buying the build-

ing,” said Downie. “We are making the transition and are really interested in becoming a larger supportive housing provider. We are now at about 50 percent of what we do is permanent supportive housing... One challenge in all honesty isn’t about what happens there. It takes time to find property, permit it and then build it. We all want it done yesterday but that is a challenge. I will say that I think the next two years will be tough because when that hotel is no longer used for homeless people, it doesn’t necessarily mean the numbers of homeless people go away.”

Mayor Walsh immediately jumped in to say he would look into what’s coming next personally.

“I’ll reach out to the Roundhouse Hotel to have a conversation about what’s next,” he told the meeting.

Downie did drop another bomb, however, indicating they are looking to substantially move their operations to Jamaica Plain from the South End when their major supportive housing project in JP is finally out of court and allowed to be constructed.

“Once that building is done, most of our services at Pine Street Inn will be in JP,” she said. “We will in fact have moved dial from the South End to JP in terms of numbers of housing and shelter units.”

Minnocci said the team presentation was impressive, and he was happy the mayor is taking charge of the Roundhouse situation.

“I was impressed that the city’s team seemed engaged and

focused on the important topics that, ideally, will lead to decentralization in the Mass and Cass area,” he said. “I was also pleased to hear the mayor speak about topics that were focused on decentralization. It seems as though the administration has advanced in its understanding to realize the urgency and significance of reducing populations of at risk people in the area...I was especially pleased that the mayor is taking a hands-on approach in helping to assure that Pine Street Inn will vacate the Best Western when its lease expires in August. That they added nearly 200 at risk individuals in the heart of the largest illegal drug market in New England is utterly confusing and raises questions about their concern for their clients and the community.”

Desi Murphy, vice president of the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA), said he was also impressed by the presentation, and said the mayor came prepared to talk specifics.

“We saw a professional, organized, and a transparent presentation about Mass Cass,” he said. I was impressed that several cabinet members presented and had in-the-weeds details. The mayor also came well prepared to discuss and I was pleasantly surprised with his in-the-weeds knowledge too. Although I wish the Mass/Cass project would move faster, I’m happy with what I heard and hope we see more updates like this in the future. I was also thrilled that 300 people attended because it shows how important this is to people.”

## Walsh says Purdue Pharma settlements should go to street outreach

By Seth Daniel

Mayor Martin Walsh castigated the Purdue Pharmaceutical Company in an online community meeting Monday and said the \$8 billion settlement reached by the U.S. Justice Department should go straight to street outreach and recovery programs.

“That money will not bring anyone back who died, but 100 percent of that money that comes back to us through the state should be put into recovery and street outreach programs,” he said. “Many of the people you see out on Mass/

Cass that problem was created by the pharmaceutical companies. Obviously, heroin and drugs were on our streets, but the pharmaceuticals and prescription problem fast-tracked it.”

The U.S. Department of Justice announced the settlement in late October, and reported that it was an \$8 billion settlement with Purdue, maker of OxyContin prescription opiates. Two years ago, Mayor Walsh held a press conference in the parking lot in front of Woods-Mullen Shelter on Mass/Cass to announce Boston’s role in that lawsuit. Massachusetts,

with the help of Boston, joined 25 other states in the suit.

AG Maura Healy said late last month she would fight the settlement, as the company pleaded guilty to the criminal charges associated with the case, but she felt there was no punishment or jail time for the decisions made.

The settlement stipulates that the company be dissolved, and Purdue plead guilty to misleading marketing of opioid painkillers. Purdue also faces a \$3.5 billion criminal fine, \$2 billion in criminal forfeitures, and a \$2.8 billion federal settlement.

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# BOSTONIANS ENJOY TEMPERATURES NORTH OF 70°



Warm fall colors contrasted this white swan in the Lagoon on Monday.



Swans enjoyed the sunlight in the Lagoon along the Charles River.

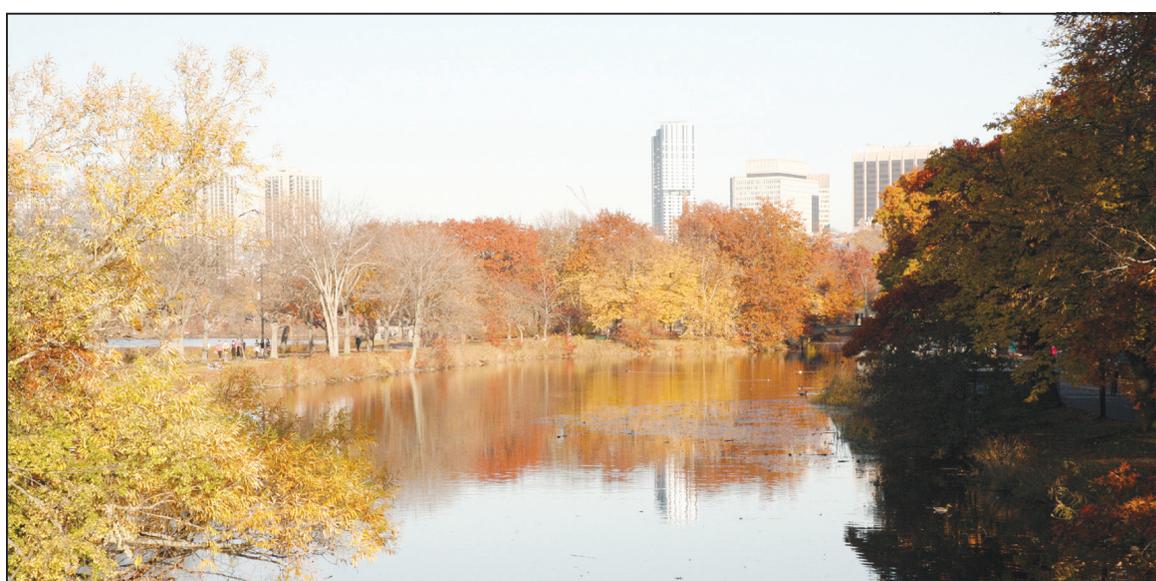
Photos by Seth Daniel

The past weekend and start of the week brought some very unseasonably warm weather. With multiple days in the high

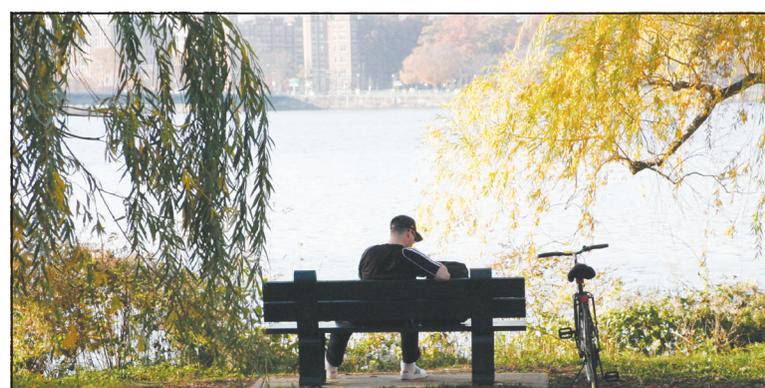
60s and at sometimes, even over 70°, it was the perfect excuse to get out and stretch your legs, or take in some of the sunny warmth, before it retreats for the coming winter months.



After a hard day at (remote) work, nothing hits the spot like a hammock for a long nap.



Shown above, Fall colors shown all along the Esplanade and Charles River in the Back Bay this week, probably the last week of brilliant color. Shown right, Monday was a perfect day for reading a book – a real book with paper pages by the way – on the banks of the Charles River.



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# Positive test rates drop in Back Bay and surrounding area

## Cases on the rise elsewhere in Boston

By John Lynds

After spiking dramatically two weeks ago, the positive test rate in Back Bay and surrounding neighborhoods dropped by 24 percent according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

Last week the Back Bay Sun reported a 138 percent spike in positive test rates here but that number has since come down.

Last week the BPHC reported that 29,103 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 3.8 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a 24 percent increase from the 5 percent testing positive as reported two weeks ago. The citywide positive test rate average was 7.1 percent—a 9 percent decrease from the 7.8 percent that tested positive two weeks ago.

Overall since the pandemic began 2.8 percent of Back Bay, North End, West End

and Downtown residents were found to be COVID positive.

The infection rate in Back Bay and surrounding neighborhoods increased 5.9 percent in one week according to the latest city statistics.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 148.2 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 139.9 cases per 10,000 residents.

Forty-six additional residents became infected with the virus and the total number of cases in the area increased from 780 cases to 826 cases as of last Friday.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID-19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 6.8 percent last week and went from 21,206 cases to 22,646 cases.

Thirteen more Boston residents died from the virus and there are now 884 total deaths

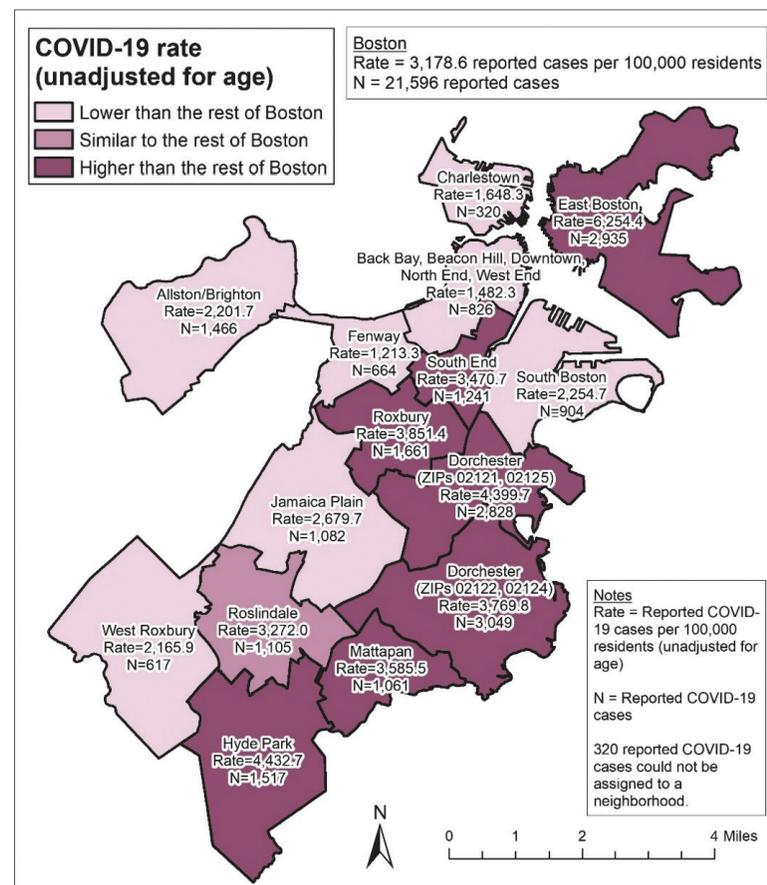
in the city from COVID.

At his daily press briefing last week Mayor Martin Walsh reiterated that the citywide positive test rate fell to 7.1 percent for the week ending October 31, with both more tests taken and fewer positive results. He said that's a good sign, but the city and residents still have a lot of work to do.

"We are still averaging more than 120 new cases per day and, in neighborhood data, East Boston, Dorchester, and Mattapan remain at or above 10 [percent positivity]."

Since launching the city's "Get the Test Boston" campaign Walsh said the city saw an 8 percent increase in the number of people being tested last week. He said that continuing to increase the number of people getting tested will make a big difference, moving forward, in the city's ability to track and contain the virus. He thanked everyone who got tested for COVID-19 recently and encouraged others to do so.

"Our mobile testing sites are free and open to all, regardless of symptoms," said Walsh. "Since we launched them in May, our mobile testing teams have administered nearly 14,000 tests across Rox-



On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.

bury, Allston, South Boston, Mattapan, East Boston, and Dorchester. This week and next week, they are in East Boston at Central Square Park and in Mattapan at Jubilee Christian Church."

The Mayor asked everyone to keep wearing a face covering whenever they are outside the house; keep washing hands frequently with soap and warm water and wiping down frequently used objects and sur-

faces; and keep maintaining six feet of distance from others while avoiding parties and other gatherings.

He also asked all Bostonians to familiarize themselves with the new state advisories that went into effect Friday. They include wearing a face covering at all times in public places; a Stay At Home Advisory for 10pm to 5am; and a closing time for in-person businesses of 9:30pm.

## Suffolk DA files motion to reduce verdict in 1971 Newbury Street homicide

Staff Report

The charges against a man who murdered a former staffer for late Mayor Kevin White in 1971 on Newbury Street after a victory party are being reduced under a filing last week by District Attorney Rachael Rollins.

The Integrity Review Bureau of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins late Friday filed an assented-to motion to reduce to manslaughter the verdict against Arnold King, who has been incarcerated for 49 years on first degree murder.

King, who is Black, was convicted in 1972 of the Oct. 20, 1971 robbery and murder

of John Labanara, a rising figure in Mayor Kevin White's administration. Rollins said the trial occurred as racial tensions roiled Boston, and the NAACP sued the Boston School Committee alleging segregation in the city's public schools. During jury selection for the trial, she said prosecutors from the DA's office used preemptory challenges to strike every prospective Black juror from the jury pool.

Labanara was white.

"The issues being raised in the Arnie King case speak directly to Boston's documented and painful history on race relations," said Rollins. "Mr. King stands convicted of a he-

nous murder. Mr. Labanara had the brightest of futures ahead of him and his loved ones and community still feel his loss five decades later. I can only imagine how difficult it is for Mr. Labanara's family to have to relive this horrific crime and loss as a result of the filing of Mr. King's motion," District Attorney Rachael Rollins said.

Her office has been in contact with the victim's family, but the family did not comment on the filing to reduce the charges.

Back in 1972, Suffolk County prosecutors struck all four Black prospective jurors from hearing the case. Then, an all-

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# Police News

## TWO ARRESTED WITH FIREARM IN SOUTH END TRAFFIC STOP

About 9:33 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 8, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) made an on-site firearm arrest in the area of 685 Tremont Street, Boston.

While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle with excessive tint operating on Aguadilla Street toward Tremont Street. The officer activated his emergency lights and sirens, signaling the operator to pull over. The operator ignored these signals, and continued down Tremont Street, taking a right turn and then a left turn into the rear alley of 685 Tremont Street, where the vehicle came to a stop.

As the officer exited his cruiser and approached the motor vehicle, a male exited the rear left passenger seat and ran

down the alley towards Rutland Street, where he took a left causing the officer to lose sight of him. The officer broadcast a description of the male for responding units.

Responding officers observed an individual, matching the description of the fleeing male, walking on W Springfield Street away from the officers. As the officers stopped to speak with the male in front of 154 W Springfield Street, they observed that he was breathing heavily and visibly sweating. Officers retraced the possible flight path of the male, from the rear of 685 Tremont Street to 154 W Springfield Street, and recovered a firearm in the rear of 748 Tremont Street.

The firearm, a silver and black Kahr PM9, was loaded with (1) round in the chamber and (7) rounds in the magazine. A query on the firearm revealed

that it was reported stolen.

The male, Jhonniel Guevara Osorio, 19, from Boston, was placed under arrest and charged with Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition, Carrying a Loaded Firearm without a License, and Receiving Stolen Property (Firearm). The operator for the motor vehicle, Isaac Almendarez, 24, from Boston, was arrested and charged with Failure to Obey a Police Officer, he was also issued a MA Uniform Citation for Excessive Tint. A third occupant of the motor vehicle was released from the scene.

Both Osorio and Almendarez are expected to be arraigned in Boston Municipal Court.

## 19-HOUR STANDOFF ON STUART STREET ENDS PEACEFULLY

At about 4:30pm on Thurs-

day, November 5, 2020, officers assigned to District A-1 (Downtown) along with members of Boston EMS, responded to a radio call for an Emotionally Disturbed Person at 100 Stuart Street (W Hotel), Boston.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with members of the individual's family who expressed concern for his mental health and safety. Officers attempted to offer services to the individual to no avail, causing them to request negotiators from the Boston Police Negotiation Team.

After the individual broke through the 14th floor window, throwing debris onto the street and hitting vehicles below, a Code 99 was declared. The Boston Police SWAT Team responded as negotiations continued, trying to provide services to the individual. After 19 hours of negotiating, entry

was made. Upon entry, officers utilized verbal commands to de-escalate the situation resulting in the individuals surrender.

The individual was taken into custody without further incident and transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Detectives from District A-1 will further investigate, and Stuart Street will remain closed while detectives process the crime scene.

The Boston Police Department would like to thank management at the W Hotel and the Boston Transportation Building, Boston EMS, Boston Fire Department, BEST Team, both the Emerson College Police Department and Emerson College, and the local businesses for their assistance and cooperation throughout this tense situation.

## VERDICT REDUCTION (from pg. 8)

white jury found King guilty of first degree murder in a cross-racial homicide.

The DA's filing states that "John Labanara is, and remains, the victim in this case. Nothing we do today can bring back Mr. Labanara and his family still mourns his loss every day. The cornerstone of this result remains accountability for the tragic death of Mr. Labanara, but is also reflective of our steadfast vigilance to the constitutional principles that apply to all."

"The uncontested facts of the defendant's case merits the reduction in the verdict as he has requested in his pleadings filed with the trial court. The prosecutor's use of preemptory challenges to strike each one of the potential jurors who was Black, the defendant's acceptance of responsibility for the crime charged, and the length of the sentence he has already served requires the retroactive application of the *Soares* holding to the defendant's case in the interests of justice. Based on the totality of factors presented by the case, the Commonwealth assents to the defendant's request to reduce his verdict and requests that it be reduced to manslaughter."

DA Rollins said it is crucial that every case prosecuted and verdicts returned are secured constitutionally and ethically, and achieve a just result. She said the filing was not a victory.

"John Labanara was murdered and his family has lived and will continue to live with that awful fact," she continued. "The man who killed Mr. Labanara, however, did not receive a fair trial as afforded and required by our constitution. Racism undid this verdict and conviction. The race-based challenges of every Black juror by the Suffolk County DA's Office undid this conviction. Any anger and disappointment should fall squarely at the feet of this office's decisions in 1972. Although Mr. King is no longer the 18-year-old who committed murder, Mr. Labanara's family still grieves and will never see John again. This is not a victory."

Rollins' Integrity Review Bureau is the first of its kind in the nation and was launched in 2019. The IRB goes far beyond the work of the conviction integrity units operated by many other elected prosecutors across the country. It is responsible for reviewing policies and practices at each stage of a

prosecution through four program areas.

Case Integrity reviews sentinel events during a case such as a no bill by the grand jury, a judge granting a motion to suppress evidence, or a directed verdict. Conviction Integrity looks

at post-conviction claims of innocence or wrongful convictions based on unconstitutional or unethical actions. Sentencing Integrity examines whether certain sentences have produced unjust results. And the recently announced Law Enforcement

Automatic Discovery (LEAD) Database, includes law enforcement witnesses who have a history of misconduct or whose credibility has been challenged by a court or administrative agency.



## PLAN: Nubian Square

### Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

**Monday, December 7**  
6:00 PM - 7:45PM

**Zoom Link:** [bit.ly/3jZ22xs](https://bit.ly/3jZ22xs)  
**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864  
**Meeting ID:** 161 689 4331

#### Event Description

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. The committee meets monthly to discuss development and planning in Nubian Square. All meetings are held on zoom and open to the public. For more information, on how to Join, Engage, and Take Action, please visit the website.

#### Upcoming meetings/Próximas reuniones/Dat pwochen rankont yo se:

December/ Diciembre/ Desanm 7  
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For interpretation services, contact the planner listed below one week before each meeting.

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# ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The map detail in the last clue is on the side of 75 Clarendon Street and outlines the South End Historic District. The district was established in 1983 to protect "... the largest surviving collection of Victorian row houses in the United States today."

The next clue will be found in the Back Bay.

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

## THIS WEEK'S CLUE



# Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Berkowitz, David	Garai, Gabor	117 Beacon St #2	\$9,250,000
Back Bay Boston LLC	175 Beacon Street LLC	175 Beacon St	\$11,750,000
Hans, Marybeth	Hammond, Philip	44 Clarendon St #1	\$995,000
163 Hexagon LLC	Dicamillo, Gary	163-165 Marlborough St #3	\$1,268,801
Adcock, Cob Y	Copeland, Robin	195 Marlborough St #1	\$2,150,000
253 Back Bay T	Skok, Michael J	251-253 Marlborough St #8	\$5,350,000
JC Botolph LLC	St Botolph Street 169	169 Saint Botolph St	\$2,950,000
Belanger, Ryan S	MJR Investments LLC	230 Marlborough St #1	\$2,750,000
Robert P Williamson T	Shaw, Alison	360 Newbury St #403	\$880,000
Oconnor, Allyson L	Mearn, Christopher	12 Gloucester St #1	\$750,000
Maok, Chi H	Ghorbanofhamid F Est	482 Beacon St #11	\$760,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
Sharlow, Albert	Shakun, Kathryn C	437 Marlborough St #22	\$484,000
Winkler, Joanna L	Mcallister, Aengus	97 Mount Vernon St #3	\$790,000
Atkinson, Glen S	Roth, Rebecca	6 Walnut St #3	\$1,529,000
Nashiara Investments LLC	Peggy S Fong RET	21 Beacon St #2J	\$501,000
Gendron, Katherine I	Sullivan, Susan	10 Bowdoin St #404	\$416,513
CJacksonstd Cedar LLC	Fischer, Karen D	6 W Cedar St	\$3,950,000
<b>BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE</b>			
Bryant, Kevin A	Atkinson, Gerald	95 Appleton St #1	\$1,725,000
Macumber, Margaret	Shah, Neil	189 Warren Ave #2	\$660,000
Omalley, Francesca A	Martinece LLC	534 Beacon St #201	\$486,000
Millane, Patrick	Bailey, Raymond G	63 Burbank St #16	\$325,000
Wang, Jenny J	Heim, Thomas	17 Durham St #2	\$1,210,000
Nowrouzi, Navid	Hansen, Russell P	735 Harrison Ave #W403	\$358,000
Sirius Prop Holdings LLC	Busch, Susan	17 Savoy St #D110	\$1,678,000
Moody, Amy	Collard, Melanie	12 Stoneholm St #322	\$460,000
Lee A Coffin LT	Lee, Russell	43 Westland Ave #712	\$1,780,000
Piccirillo, Evan	Borger, Christopher L	27 Worcester Sq #2	\$640,000
North, Crystal M	JCG Investments LLC	33 Worcester St #3	\$669,900
Kuza, Barrie	Herrick T	111 Appleton St #2	\$604,000
Gagnon, Jeffrey A	Fung, Gary W	17 E Springfield St #2	\$627,000
Jain, Sachin	Jones, Jennifer	95 Gainsborough St #304	\$500,000
Gstt Exempt T	Campbell, Alexander T	424 Massachusetts Ave #PH2	\$1,735,000
eladon, Fabio	Case, Jefferson	10 Rutland Sq	\$5,250,000
K A Willmore 2015 RET	Caitlin Donovan 2017	54 Rutland Sq #1	\$1,860,000
Domoretsky, Donald M	Whipple, Andrew	680 Tremont St #1	\$1,540,000
Coombes, Nicole L	Hunt, Heather A	93 Waltham St #3	\$650,000
Hwang, David B	Herlihy, John F	1690 Washington St #2	\$1,110,000
Cronin, Kathleen M	JP Property 1 LLC	3531 Washington St #522	\$895,500
<b>WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN</b>			
Smith, Sarah N	Stauff, Michael F	50 Battery St #502	\$2,400,000
Pollinger, Andrea J	Moss, Alan	65 E India Row #29D	\$685,000
Doran, William J	Windsor Harborview LLC	65 E India Row #31F	\$1,610,000
Basili, Danielle S	Holian, Victoria A	5 Holden Ct #2	\$424,000
Lushaj, Erjona	Boyajian Realty LLC	25 Clark St #8	\$500,000
Estephan, David	Hager, Christie L	357 Commercial St #4	\$570,000
Szeniawski, Charles T	Figueiredo, Jeffrey	33 Commercial Wharf #1	\$1,859,150
Cheng, Mansim C	Deshpande, Sanjay L	151 Tremont St #16H	\$695,000

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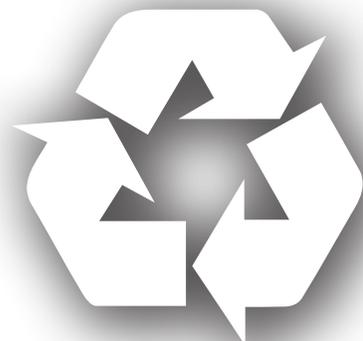
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# NEWS BRIEFS

## BOSTON WARD 4 DEMS NOVEMBER MEETING

The Ward 4 Boston Democrats will meet on Tuesday, November 17, 6 pm: Speakers will include City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George and Ward 4's own Kimberly Vermeer, who will be talking about

her new book *Blueprint for Greening Affordable Housing*. Email [ward4dems@gmail.com](mailto:ward4dems@gmail.com) for Zoom information.

## TWO SOUTH END RESIDENTS JOIN GBFB BOARD

South End resident Cedric

Terrell Pharm.D., MHA, was recently named to the board of directors of The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), the largest hunger-relief organization in New England, while William Adams, also of the South End, was named to the organization's board of advisors.



William Adams



Cedric Terrell

## For the Record

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:** Due to public health concerns, the hearings that normally would be held on a week have been postponed or canceled due to the guidance of Mayor Martin Walsh and the order of Gov. Charlie Baker. Some meetings, however, have been moved to an online or teleconference format under the emergency order on the Open Meeting Law issued by Gov. Baker.

### SUPER SITES FOR BPS MEALS

Beginning October 26, BPS Super Sites open for Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. BPS families can pick up free breakfasts and lunches. Some locations also provide free toiletries and free groceries on select days.

#### •FENWAY

Boston Latin School – 78 Avenue Louis Pasteur

#### •SOUTH END

Boston Chinese Evangelical Church, 120 Shawmut Ave. Wednesdays 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Chinatown location at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School near the South End is open on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**From the Nov. 12 Back Bay Architectural Commission, 4:30 p.m., online via Zoom** ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/81570423097](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81570423097)):

#### VIOLATIONS - 4:30 p.m.

•305 Beacon Street: Unapproved installation of deck at rear elevation.

•329 Commonwealth Avenue: Unapproved installation of HVAC units at rear deck and on top of penthouse roof.

#### DESIGN REVIEW - 5 p.m.

•48 Gloucester Street: Re-design storefront and add window signage.

•353 Beacon Street: Construct roof deck and relocate access hatch.

•126 Marlborough Street: Construct roof deck and penthouse.

•53 Marlborough Street & 300 Berkeley Street: At courtyard: remove two existing condensers, replace two windows in-kind, masonry infill at one window and one door; reverse swing of existing door, and install new make-up air hvac unit, with duct penetration through new masonry infill; at roof of 300 Berke-

ley Street: remove three existing rooftop condensers and install thirteen new condensers on spring isolation dampers; and at entrance to 53 Marlborough Street: replace handrail at entrance.

#### ADVISORY REVIEW

•252 Newbury Street: At front façade add bump out and redesign dig-out area at lower level.

**From the Nov. 12 Cannabis Board meeting, 1 p.m., online** ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/82188521115?pwd=R-1RXCNBRNTMXMOLBEKX-BZXVVSHE5UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82188521115?pwd=R-1RXCNBRNTMXMOLBEKX-BZXVVSHE5UT09)):

•Cypress Tree Management Inc.

Proposed Licensed Premise: 1114 Boylston Street, Back Bay.

License Type: Retail Recreational Cannabis Dispensary License

Proposed Hours of Operation: Monday - Saturday: 10:00am - 9:00pm; Sunday: 10:00am - 6:00pm. Equity Status: Non-Equity Applicant

Date of Initial Application: July 25, 2018

Date of Filing with Inspectional Services Department: February 28, 2019

Date of Community Meeting: April 29, 2019

#### Presentation Team:

Victor Chiang, Co-Founder, President, CEO and Treasurer

Carlos Castillo Co-Founder, Director Community Outreach, Diversity, and Inclusion

Todd Finard, Co-Founder

Eric Liebman, Co-Founder

Lisa Burke, Director of Retail

Rick Nagle, Director of Security

Josh Zakim, Esq., Attorney

Jay Youmans, Regulatory & Policy Advisor

**From the Nov. 12 Boston Groundwater Trust meeting, 4 p.m., online:**

#### Agenda

•NABB Amicus Brief review & discussion: 15 VOTE REQUIRED

•Update on review regarding relationship with the City: 15

•Insurance coverage update: 10

•BPDA GCOD revision review: 15

•Update on operating manual: 10

•Executive Director's report: 10

**COMMITTEE (Nov. 13, 10 a.m.) ON PLANNING, DEVELOP-**

**MENT, AND TRANSPORTATION HEARING:** Message and orders for the confirmation of Appointments and Reappointments. Appointment of Justine Orlando, as a member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2022.

Reappointment of Diana Parcon as an alternate member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2023.

Reappointment of David Berarducci as a member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2023.

Reappointment of John Amodeo as an alternate member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2021.

Reappointment of Felicia Jacques as a member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2023.

Reappointment of Nelson Arroyo, as a member of the Zoning Commission for a term ending May 1, 2022.

Reappointment of Jane Cooper Brayton, as a member of the Zoning Commission for a term ending May 1, 2022.

Reappointment of Drew Leff, as a member of the Zoning Commission for a term ending May 1, 2021.

**CITY COUNCIL Nov. 16, 2 p.m., COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING:** Order for a hearing to discuss the City of Boston and Boston Police Department's oversight protocols for BPD overtime and to discuss ensuring effective oversight measures.

Docket #0839 was sponsored by Councilors Kenzie Bok, Andrea Campbell, and Matt O'Malley, and was referred to the Committee on July 8, 2020. Docket #1039 was sponsored by Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, and was referred to the Committee on October 7, 2020.

**CITY COUNCIL Nov. 17, 2 p.m., COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING:** Message and order approving an appropriation of One Hundred Eighty Two Million Eight Hundred Forty One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$182,841,467.00) for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, equipping, and furnishing a new six story Josiah Quincy Upper School building at 900 Washington Street in the City

of Boston, including the payment of cost incidental or related thereto.

**CITY COUNCIL Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m., COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH HEARING:** Order for a hearing reviewing the City's Melnea Cass/Mass Ave 2.0 Plan in light of COVID-19. This matter was sponsored by Councilors Kim Janey and Ricardo Arroyo, and was referred to the Committee on August 19, 2020.

**From the Nov. 18 St. Botolph Area Architectural District hearing, 5:15 p.m., online via Zoom** ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/85427720095](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85427720095)):

#### DESIGN REVIEW

#### •116 ST. BOTOLPH STREET

Proposed Work: At rear el, remove existing roof deck and privacy fence to repair roof, then replace roof deck and privacy screen.

**CITY COUNCIL Nov. 19, 10 a.m., COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS WORKING SESSION:** Ordinance restricting the use of chemical crowd control agents and kinetic impact projectiles. This matter was sponsored by Councilors Ricardo Arroyo and Andrea Campbell. It was referred to the Committee on June 17, 2020.

### OUTDOOR DINING EXTENSION

The Mayor announced an extension of the Outdoor Dining Program beyond its original end date of October 31. Restaurants using private outdoor space can continue to do so for the duration of the public health emergency. And restaurants using public space on streets and sidewalks can continue until December 1. The City will also waive application fees for the use of outdoor propane heaters in dining areas. Restaurants will still need a permit from the Fire Department, and safety regulations around their use will remain in place. Restaurants can use electric heaters without a permit, as long as no cords are crossing sidewalks.

### FIRST THURSDAYS AT THE GARDNER MUSEUM

First Thursdays are back at the Gardner Museum! Entry is free

on the first Thursday of each month from 3-9 p.m., however, timed ticket reservations are required and guests must adhere to all safety protocols once inside. Visit the museum's ticket website to reserve now.

### FREE BPS BREAKFAST IN SOUTH END/FENWAY

Students who wish to get a free breakfast Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 am.,

have three sites to choose from in the South End and Fenway. This is the BPS initiative,

but other organizations are also serving meals in the area as well.

•Blackstone Elementary School – 380 Shawmut Ave. (South End).

•Boston Chinese Evangelical Church, 120 Shawmut Ave. (Monday, Weds., and Friday only – South End).

•Boston Latin School – 78 Avenue Louis Pasteur (Fenway).

### REPORTING WORKPLACE SAFETY CONCERNS

•Workers in any size organization have options if they feel they are being pressured into an unsafe situation. Attorney General Maura Healey has created resources for workers to report safety concerns during reopening. They include an online form at the Attorney General's website and a dedicated Fair Labor hotline at 617-727-3465. People can also find those resources by calling 311.

### HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM PROPERTY

Since taking office in 2014, Mayor Walsh has made fixing quality of life issues a priority in his administration. From investing in Public Works to making sure community policing is a staple in every neighborhood, we are making sure every neighborhood is clean, safe and a great place to live and work in. Unfortunately some properties in Boston

need more help than others, and that's why we are here. If you know of a property that

fits one of the following criteria: multiple calls to 911, one that's blighted or just a general

concern, we encourage you to reach out to your neighborhood liaison.



**STEPS TO THE PUBLIC GARDEN**

**36 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE #1**  
 4 BEDS | 4.5 BATHS | 3,565 SQFT  
 \$7,990,000



**333 COMMONWEALTH AVE #22-24**  
 4 BEDS | 2F BATHS | 2,796 SQFT  
 \$4,750,000



**OPEN SUNDAY**  
 12:00 - 1:30

**5 JOY ST #PH - \$6,499,000**  
**3 JOY ST #PH - \$5,999,999**  
**3 JOY ST #II - \$2,750,000**



**OPEN SATURDAY**  
 11:30 - 1:00

**403 MARLBOROUGH STREET #14**  
 2 BEDS | 1 BATH | 946 SQFT  
 \$899,000



**OPEN FRIDAY**  
 12:00 - 1:00

**21 S RUSSELL STREET**  
 3 BEDS | 3.5 BATHS | 1,825 SQFT  
 \$2,550,000

