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Staff Report

The year 2020 was a tough one for all, and was full of unknowns after COVID-19 hit and the City had to adjust to a “new normal.” As we head into a new year, here’s a look back at 20 of the stories that shaped how the Back Bay, South End, Fenway, and Kenmore neighborhoods, as well as the rest of Boston and beyond, will move forward together.

1. In January, the City Council welcomed four new councilors: At-Large Councilor Julia Mejia, and District Councilors Ricardo Arroyo, Liz Breadon, and District 8’s Kenzie Bok. District 7 Councilor Kim Janey was also elected president of the most diverse City Council Boston has ever seen.

2. Also in January, Mayor Walsh delivered his State of the City address, saying he promises investments in education, affordable housing, and transportation, as well as to fight for equality for all.



Peters Park Protest—June 4 Photo by Ej Lemay. Protestors in Peters Park gathered on Friday, May 29, for the first protest organized in response to the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis (MN) police officers on May 25. What was expected to be a smaller gathering quickly swelled to hundreds of people. The peaceful situation in Peters Park lasted for nearly an hour. Later, it moved to the D-4 Police Station where there was a small confrontation with Boston Police, before the crowds left for a gathering in Roxbury. It kicked off a weekend and week of protests that went on nearly every night.

3. In 2019, the state announced that it hopes to sell the Hynes Convention Center in the Back Bay as part of an

expansion plan for the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. A hearing was held in January 2020 to talk about the future of the building, but many Back Bay neighbors and leaders had concerns about the loss of the Hynes and how it would affect the neighborhood.

4. Marijuana proposals were still a hot button topic at community meetings across the City this year. Pure Oasis in Dorchester was the first recreational marijuana dispensary to open within the boundaries of the City of Boston, but other proposals left residents questioning the process for approving the recreational dispensaries. Controversy surrounding sitings for the dispensaries has also been a large part of the discussion in the Sun’s neighborhoods this year.

5. In mid-March, after a

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Puerto Rican Veterans Monument statues with masks—May 21. No Memorial Day exercises were held this year at the Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Square in the South End, but in appropriate fashion, the iconic statue was outfitted in face coverings using the Puerto Rican and United States flags. Most remembrances were cancelled, and most veterans groups and City leaders participated in virtual memorials to celebrate those that sacrificed their lives for freedom.

King Boston receives \$2.75 million in grants

Dedication to take place Jan. 18

By Lauren Bennett

As the year comes to a close, nonprofit King Boston has recently been awarded \$2.75 million in grants which it will put towards its programs, “The Embrace” Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial slated for the Boston Common, and more.

King Boston received a \$1 million grant from the Barr Foundation, \$1 million from the Wagner Foundation, and \$750,000 from three other corporations, according to a press release from King Boston.

“We’re honored and humbled that the Barr Foundation and Wagner Foundation are partners with us in the fight for racial equity and economic justice,” Imari Paris Jeffries, Executive Director of King Boston, said in a statement. “It all brings us closer to reaching our goals of creating a space for community-led social action here in Boston.”

The \$2 million from the Barr Foundation and Wagner Foundation will be put towards The

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Emancipation Group statue in Park Square comes down

By Dan Murphy

A platform, which until earlier this week was used to showcase the Emancipation Group statue in Park Square, now sits empty, following Tuesday’s removal of the controversial sculpture that depicts a freed black slave crouching at the feet of Presidents Abraham Lincoln.

The Boston Art Commission voted unanimously on June 30 to remove bronze figurative elements from the statue and, at that time, indicated that it would place the statue into temporary storage while initiating a process to “re-contextualize” the existing piece in a new publically accessible setting (e.g. a museum).

“Over the course of two public hearings that

allowed hundreds of residents to express their feelings, and after taking into account the petition from local artist Tory Bullock that gained more than 12,000 signatures to remove the statue, we’re pleased to have taken it down this morning,” according to a statement released by the Boston Art Commission and the Mayor’s

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EDITORIAL

HAVE A HAPPY -- AND SAFE -- NEW YEAR

The arrival of a new year marks a time for reflection, as to both the year that has passed and the year that lies ahead.

In the words of the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson:

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

To put it another way, we might ask ourselves, “Where have we been -- and where are we going?”

The latter question asks us to foresee the future, which by definition is an impossible task. Though we may make our best guess to predict what may lie ahead -- and to plan accordingly -- none of us has a crystal ball. The vicissitudes of life more often than not throw us curve balls that lay to waste even the best-laid of our plans for the year to come.

Who among us imagined on December 31, 2019, that 2020 would bring a world-wide pandemic that already has killed more than 330,000 of our fellow Americans, devastated our economy, and directly impacted the lives of each and every one of us?

As bad as 2020 has been, we dread to contemplate what 2021 might have in store for us. There is no certainty that 2021 will be any better.

However, the former question is equally as tricky. Answering it requires both introspection and self-awareness, two qualities that typically are in short supply, even during a pandemic when most of us are house-bound for more hours of every day than we ever have experienced.

But trying to figure out the, “Why?” of what we have done with our lives is essential if we are to meet the challenges of the future.

As the philosopher said, if we do not learn from our mistakes, we are condemned to repeat them.

We do not pretend to have all (or any) of the answers, but we do know that in the difficult days ahead one thing is true: Each of us must step up to do our part to ensure the safety of ourselves, our loved ones, and everyone around us.

We all have a role to play in combating COVID-19 (by wearing masks, not gathering in large groups, and maintaining a physical distance from others wherever we may be) AND in helping those who desperately are in need of assistance because of the devastating economic effects of the pandemic.

Although a New Year is here, our problems are not magically going away.

We wish all of our readers a happy, safe, and healthy New Year.



~ HAPPY NEW YEAR ~

GUEST OP-ED

Decisions for 2021

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

2021 is here, and will it be just another year? If it's just another year then that won't be bad at all because too many will not have another year. The opportunity and privilege to have another year is the gift of life. Being alive and living your life is about as good as it gets. Aim for being alive this time next year.

Make some decisions about 2021. Where do you want to be this time in 12 months? Would you like to be ten pounds heavier? Maybe you would like to be ten or twenty pounds lighter? If you cut back on your portions and get off the couch you can lose a pound a week on average. This is daunting but just think about where you can be the first of March if you start today? Don't start tomorrow. Start right now. Today. This minute. Throw all that junk cake and pie in the trash. This is a tough decision because we hate to say goodbye to all those holiday cookies and candies. Your body will thank you and you will feel so much better very soon.

Decide about financial habits. Millions of Americans carry credit card debt. Minimum

payments on \$3,000 of credit card debt is like swimming up river. If you have missed a few payments your credit card company may be anxious to hear from you. Ask them if they will consider a settlement payoff. A friend of mine owed \$5,000 and his credit card company settled for a \$2800 payoff. Your company might or might not but it never hurts to negotiate. You might be able to sell some things in order to erase that back breaking high interest debt.

Make some money in 2021 - if you want to. Most Americans need to make money in 2021. Work on job applications. Peruse the newspaper. Search online. Consider places you have heard about and call them, go see them. Knock on doors of opportunity. You get nowhere if you do not try. You might complete 20 or 30 applications to get one job interview. Complete the application thoroughly. Give them a reason to consider you. Put together a good biographical sketch, resume. Have a friend or two to review and edit because two heads are better than one. Have some good trusted references. Wherever you work do a good job because you want them to say a good word about you. A

good word may seal the deal on your next job opportunity.

Jobs sometimes are scarce. Consider your personal knowledge and abilities and what might you do to make a dollar or two? What do you know that others need to know? What can you offer that others need or might want? Can you make something? Can you fix things? How can you help others? Creating your own life and business might be the financial and mental sanity answer for you. If you create your own work and are good at what you do, you will not run out of something to do.

Our decisions determine our destiny. Whatever decision we make we have to put into action. Faith without works is dead. May your life be good, healthy and filled with wonderful love, family and friends in 2021. Let's work together for a good year.

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Office of Arts and Culture. “As expressed by so many during the public process this year, we fully agree that the statue should be relocated to a new publicly accessible location where its history and context can be better explained. The statue is being stored in a controlled storage facility in South Boston until a new location is determined.”

The piece, which is a replica of a statue created by Charlestown native Thomas Ball in Washington, D.C., was a gift to the City of Boston from local politician Moses Kimball in 1879. It depicts President Lincoln with his right hand resting on the Emancipation Proc-

lamation while his left hand is raised in a gesture of benediction above the crouched figure of Archer Alexander, who assisted the Union Army, escaped slavery and was recaptured under the Fugitive Slave Act. An inscription on the front of the piece reads: “A race set free/ and the country at peace / Lincoln / Rests from his labors.”

Meanwhile, Karin Goodfellow, director of the Art Commission, said in July that she expected the commission would be able to secure some funding from the city to install a new piece of public art at the Park Square location.



The platform that was previously home to the Emancipation Group statue in Park Square now sits empty following the controversial statue's removal on Tuesday.

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King Center for Economic Justice, “which will create innovative ideas to end economic and social disparities, engage residents with data about the systemic issues they face, and solicit their input to cultivate greater community,” according to the release.

Paris Jeffries told the Sun that the hope is for the Center to be located in Nubian Square in Roxbury, as the neighborhood is where Martin Luther King, Jr. preached about issues like poverty, housing, and education.

“Those are still the themes,” Paris Jeffries said, but now the focus will be on “prosperity and wealth building” versus poverty, and the Center will focus on research and “grass-roots organizing, all through the lens of collaborating with other activist organizations doing this work,” he said. King Boston will also have its own research director, he added, and has plans to “launch that position” in January.

The 22-foot Embrace memorial depicts the hands of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife Coretta Scott King, and is expected to be completed in October 2022, Paris Jeffries

said, adding that “roughly about 20 organizations” have agreed to host an event during the week of the memorial unveiling.

He said that this is an “opportunity for us to coordinate... and be a catalytic moment for other organizations, nonprofits, civic organizations,” and more.

Before then, though, a dedication ceremony will take place on January 18, 2021—Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday—at the spot on the Boston Common where the memorial will be erected.

Paris Jeffries said it will most likely be a “small gathering,” and it will not be a public ceremony, though it will be recorded for people to watch or listen to, either live or at a later date.

“I think people are really Zoomed out,” Paris Jeffries said, referencing the video calling platform that many use day in and day out for work or school because of the pandemic.

He said that the goal for the event is to make it “sort of like a podcast” that can be listened to later on, though he added that King Boston is talking with some news organizations to livestream the dedication.

King Boston is also partnering with the Museum of Fine Arts to livestream the event as well.

He said he wants the event to “feel like a good 45 minute series of mini TED Talks,” that include both spoken word and some music as well. He said it should be “something that takes in mind the moment and this Zoom exhaustion. We’re not trying to be the new kid on the block,” he added, but rather see “where we can fit in, collaborate, [and] uplift existing work. I think that’s what new Boston looks like. New Boston looks like collaboration, new Boston looks like lifting each other up...punching above our weight class and really winning.”

Paris Jeffries said that what the memorial says for Boston as a City is that “...we are ready.” This is the “first major memorial launched post-vaccine,” he said, and at nearly three stories high, it makes a statement.

“Boston is ready to emerge in this post-vaccine America ready for conversations, and I think people have been incredibly supportive of wanting to engage in their own ways,” he said.

“We have a progressive

slate of leaders who are elected officials and an emergence of incredible civic leaders and faith-based leaders who have banded together.”

He said that Boston “has to start somewhere,” and called the memorial “incredible.” The fact that it is located in the country’s oldest public park that has a “history of ideas” and “gathering,” Paris Jeffries said it is “fitting that we would have it there.” It also connects through the 1965 Freedom Corridor, deepening the meaning of the placement for the monument, he added.

Paris Jeffries said that looking towards a new year, King Boston is “looking forward to people being safe and being able to get together with their loved ones.”

He added that the organization is gearing up to continue conversations around affordable communities for all, “adequate access to education and food,” and a “city that allows people to feel safe—that includes the way that people are supported by law enforcement,” he said, as well as economic equality.

He said that answers to these issues “won’t happen immediately,” and that the work started long before King Boston came into existence, but he is proud that King Boston is “able to join coalitions of elected officials” to work on these issues and the organization is “looking forward to continuing that work.”



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Walsh and Boston Housing Authority extends moratorium for nonessential public housing evictions through end of February 2021

Staff Report

Tuesday, December 29, 2020 - Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Administrator of the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) Kate Bennett today announced an extension on the moratorium on nonessential evictions for BHA public housing residents until March 1, 2021. The moratorium offers housing stability to BHA's public housing residents and reduces coronavirus risks associated with the processing of its nonessential eviction cases. Nonessential evictions include all eviction proceedings except for those related to criminal activity, and those that are necessary to protect the health and safety of BHA residents, employees, and others.

"It's been a difficult year, with a dueling public health and economic crisis that has hit our communities hard," said Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "This moratorium continues to

serve the best interests of both our residents who struggle to make ends meet and of our city as a whole, as we fight to maintain the health and safety of our city."

The Boston Housing Authority was the first major housing provider in Boston to implement a moratorium on non-essential evictions in March 2020. Its previous extension was set to expire at the end of 2020.

"A safe, stable home is the best protection our residents have in battling coronavirus, and it is critical that we take the steps we can to keep our residents safely housed through this pandemic," said BHA Administrator Kate Bennett. "The vaccine is on its way, and there's cause for optimism going into 2021, but now is not the time to take our foot off the gas. There were reasons we put this moratorium in place, and those reasons are still with us."

"This moratorium has given public housing residents some

extra peace of mind at a time when many families are struggling," said Matilda Drayton, President of the Alice Taylor Tenant Task Force. "BHA has been a strong partner for residents this year as we have worked together to keep our families and communities safe."

Any BHA program participant who is unable to pay current rent during the pandemic should notify their housing manager or landlord through text, email or printed letter and establish a plan for repayment. Although there is an eviction moratorium currently in place for public housing, it is temporary, and tenants are still required to perform their contractual obligation to pay their rent.

BHA program participants facing a financial hardship must reach out to BHA to re-certify their income and reduce their monthly payments. Statewide financial assistance for rent is available through RAFT funding.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Boston and the BHA have taken swift action to protect homeowners and renters from eviction, and have made resources available to help residents stay

in their homes. In March, BHA and the Boston Public Schools (BPS) announced a new partnership to house up to 1,000 families with BPS students at risk of displacement and experiencing homelessness over the next year.

Building on the Mayor's support of promoting housing stability, the City has also made \$5 million available to almost 1,400 households in Boston through the Rental Relief Fund to assist tenants who were unable to make their rental payments. The City has also enacted the Housing Stability Notification Act which requires landlords to provide information to tenants on resources available to help avoid evictions. The Landlord Pledge was created during this time to encourage landlords to work with their tenants on payment plans and strategies to keep tenants in their homes. To date more than 30 landlords have signed it including some of the largest property owners in the City.

In addition, the City has contracted with Greater Boston Legal Services to add additional attorneys to assist tenants facing eviction. The Office of Housing Stability (OHS) has

expanded the Housing Court Navigator Program that assists tenants who are in Housing Court and need financial, legal or other assistance.

This effort supplements the City of Boston's work in partnering with banks and mortgage lenders. Currently, 17 banks and mortgage lenders have signed on to a pledge, issued by the Mayor, which provides homeowners with at least a three month loan deferment from lenders.

The City has also taken steps to enhance services to help homeowners, many of whom are small landlords, to meet their own financial obligations, make critical repairs, and stay in their homes. The Boston Home Center (BHC) has partnered with the City of Boston's Tax/Title division to send multi-lingual inserts in tax bills to more than 8,000 homeowners who are past due in property taxes to let them know that help is available from the City. The Boston Home Center also sent multi-lingual notices to 10,000 homeowners, in neighborhoods with traditionally high foreclosure rates, informing them of assistance available through Foreclosure Prevention and Intervention services.

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State awards \$170,000 for Park Drive accessibility improvements

By Dan Murphy

Crossing Park Drive will be a lot less hazardous for pedestrians in the future, following the allocation of \$170,000 last week from the Baker-Polito Administration's Shared Winter Streets and Spaces Program to make safety improvements at that Fenway location.

The grant was awarded to the MBTA, in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation, according to a press release, and will cover the costs of constructing a new crosswalk, median, curbs, a flashing safety beacon, signage and pavement markings on to provide safe and accessible connections between

Park Drive and MBTA bus service and the MBTA Green Line.

Pedestrians now getting off at the Fenway T station need to cross "four lanes of busy traffic in the middle of a bridge," which are separated by a raised median, said Matthew Brooks, a West Fenway resident and vice president of the Fenway Civic Association, to reach the bus stop serving the MBTA's outbound 47 line.

Today, someone with accessibility issues would need to walk a distance of slightly more than 300 feet, Brooks said, from that location to the next dedicated crosswalk at the Landmark Center, 401 Park Drive.

"[The planned improve-

ments] will make the pedestrian crossing official that people have been using unofficially for years," Brooks said. "It's a significant safety improvement and a major improvement for accessibility."

As part of the more than \$3 million in funding from the second round of the Shared Winter Streets and Spaces Program, the sum of \$123,000 was also awarded to the MBTA, in partnership with the City of Boston, to install a dedicated bus lane on the northbound side of Cross Street/North Washington in the North End from Sudbury Street to Causeway Street, according to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

'City Hall' offers a revealing glimpse of the people of Boston

By Dan Murphy

While the title of Frederick Wiseman's monumental four-hour-and-32-minute documentary, "City Hall," refers to the seven-story Brutalist building that has served as the nerve center of Boston city government since it opened in 1968, the film, which debuted on WGBH-TV on Dec. 22, is in essence about the people of Boston, including those who work for the city, as well as the nearly 700,000 constituents they serve.

Filmed over the fall of 2018 and winter of 2019, the documentary opens as workers in the titular building are seen fielding 311 city services calls that range from a report of a nonfunctioning traffic signal in West Roxbury to a call from a tenant alleging their landlord has shut off the utilities before the viewer sees Mayor Martin Walsh juggle myriad responsibilities, such as planning for the Red Sox's 2018 World Series championship parade or talking about the urgency of climate resiliency with a room-

ful of developers.

A first-generation Irish American and lifelong Bostonian, Mayor Walsh discusses his and the city's critical response to President Trump's hardline policy on immigration, and while Mayor Walsh never invokes him by name, the White House and its policies cast a pall over the entirety of "City Hall."

Mayor Walsh's enduring character, meanwhile, is on display throughout the film.

In one revealing moment, Mayor Walsh stands outside City Hall in solidarity with local nurses in support of Massachusetts Ballot Question 1 in 2018, which would have limited the number of patients assigned to a single nurse, while sharing memories of the nurses who cared for him at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute when he was diagnosed with cancer at age 7.

During a Veteran's Day Service, Mayor Walsh also candidly discusses his struggles with alcohol as a young adult, including once being ejected from a Bruins game for drunk-

ness, as well as his subsequent recovery.

Elsewhere, city staffers are seen discussing the addiction-plagued intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard while presciently suggesting that a victory in the then-impending court case to reopen the Long Island Bridge could provide some much-needed relief for not only the afflicted, but also for residents of that neighborhood.

A wedding is ordained at City Hall, and in another scene, a new father makes a sympathetic pitch that successfully gets him out of two tickets he received after parking in front of a hydrant overnight.

While much of the film is confined to City Hall itself, it also shows city employees in the field, including an Inspectional Services Department worker responding to a 71-year-old veteran whose home is infested by rats as he faces imminent eviction at the hands of his landlord — his own brother.

"My spirit is broken," says

the forlorn man in the film's most heart-wrenching scene that sheds light on the city's marginalized population.

Mike Ross, the former District 8 city councilor who ran against Walsh in 2013 to succeed Thomas M. Menino as the 54th mayor of Boston, makes a cameo as an attorney for the prospective operator of a Dorchester recreational cannabis dispensary in a segment that also underscores the frustration that many have felt with the byzantine process surrounding this burgeoning new industry in the city.

The city's fraught racial history, especially the strife surrounding busing in the 1970s, also comes to the fore when Mayor Walsh, in anticipation of the NAACP's national convention coming to Boston, is seen discussing how the city can promote itself while also acknowledging its sometimes polarized past.

"It's all about marketing," Mayor Walsh says. "How we do we take the past and celebrate it and also understand where the problems are?"

At the end of Wiseman's absorbing opus, which leaves the viewer with a fully realized picture of just how much it takes to keep the City of Boston up and running, Mayor Walsh emerges as a humble public servant who, after his first five years in office, still appears genuinely honored to represent the people of his hometown.

"I love my job," he emphatically tells the crowd during his State of the City address in January of 2019 at Symphony Hall. "Every day I get to go out into the neighborhoods to talk, listen and work with the people of Boston. In our five years together, we've made Boston a more compassionate, a more dynamic and a more democratic city. We've listened, we've learned and we're leading."

As a documentary, "City Hall" is an engaging and fitting testament to Boston (as well as a flattering endorsement of its city government) in these times that ultimately justifies its daunting running time.

ABCC New Year's Eve enforcement to combine impaired driving crackdown and COVID safety

This New Year's Eve will require additional efforts by the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) enforcement team. In addition to its annual impaired driving program, agency investigators will be ensuring that restaurants and bars throughout the Commonwealth comply with COVID Safety Standards and the 10 PM mandatory night-time closing period.

"This holiday season is unlike any other and for that reason alone we must remain diligent," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, who oversees the ABCC. "We want to ensure that everyone is celebrating the holiday safely, while also limiting the risk of exposure to themselves and loved ones."

To date, investigators have found the majority of restau-

rants to be in compliance with the Governor's Orders and Safety Standards. Facility layouts are maintaining proper distancing and restaurant staff and patrons have been wearing proper facial coverings. However, 38 bars have had their liquor licenses indefinitely suspended, when the commission found that they had flagrantly violated the Safety Standards while several more have pending hearings.

Treasurer Goldberg announced today that the impaired driving enforcement efforts will focus on bars previously identified as those most frequently known to sell alcohol to a convicted drunk driver. In addition to police stops of impaired drivers, Sale to Intoxicated Persons (SIP) enforcement by the ABCC is considered an effective tool

by Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) officials nationwide. These officials agree that consistent enforcement of laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol to intoxicated persons is vital to impaired driving prevention, as well as an overall reduction in criminal activity.

"These efforts support safer roads throughout Massachusetts," added Treasurer Goldberg. "This kind of enforcement establishes a long-term deterrence for bar owners from over-serving, helping keep the public safe."

Alcohol is involved in 40% of traffic crash fatalities resulting in 17,013 fatalities and injuring an estimated 275,000 people annually. Data indicates that well over 50% of impaired driving arrests originate at bars.

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couple weeks of hearing about and workplaces to close while in the news, COVID-19 officially hit Boston and the rest of America, prompting schools and workplaces to close while leaders figured out what the best plan of action was. Governor Charlie Baker implement-



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ed a stay-at-home advisory at first, shutting all non-essential businesses down in late March. He then implemented a phased reopening plan for the state in May, and Mayor Marty Walsh tightened some of the plan's restrictions to keep Bostonians safe over the past few months.

6. In April, a water main break on Harrison Ave. in the South End left cars and buildings underwater, causing more hardship amidst the still fairly new lockdown phase of the pandemic. Renters were displaced from their homes, Cinquecento restaurant was flooded, and power outages caused even more problems.

7. Vic Leon, Sr., owner of Foodie's Urban Market, passed away in late April. Leon was known by many in the South End community, and his family has owned businesses in the neighborhood for over 60 years. Those who knew him say that Leon's dedication to the community will not be forgotten as many still rely on Foodie's for their essentials.

8. The Mass/Cass 2.0 Task Force met publicly for the first time in November. The Task Force is comprised of 24 community leaders, elected officials, and medical professionals who are responsible for the Mass/Cass 2.0 plan to help with homelessness and substance abuse in that area. Residents still have concerns about these issues, but recently many said they were pleased with some of the updates and details about the plan.

9. Due to the pandemic, many of the City's beloved



Harrison Ave. flooding—April 16. Photo Courtesy The Boston Fire Department.

At the corner of Perry Street, a sinkhole formed and cars were falling into it.

events, such as the Pride Parade, the Fourth of July fireworks and celebrations, the Boston Marathon, Fenway Porchfest, and various other events and parades were cancelled this year. Many, however, managed to hold some sort of virtual version to keep the spirit of celebration alive safely.

10. In May, George Floyd died after a police officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes, sparking protests around the country and leading to an ongoing discussion around police reform in the City and the creation of the Boston Police Reform Task Force.

11. Differing viewpoints between City Councilors led to a robust discussion around the FY21 city budget, which was passed in June. The operating budget passed 8-5, as five councilors believed it did not go far enough to remove money from

the Boston Police overtime budget and fund other departments to meet the needs of communities across the city.

12. Mayor Marty Walsh declared racism a public health emergency in June as well, adding that 20 percent, or \$12 million, of the Boston Police Department's overtime budget would be reallocated to youth food security, and other community programs in the city to take a step in the direction of creating a more equitable Boston.

13. In July, the Red Sox played their first game of the season against the Baltimore Orioles in an empty Fenway Park. The pandemic created many barriers for professional sports as well as many other industries this year, and most activities did not look the same. The sound of a live crowd was played over the PA system, and outdoor spaces were created at venues on Lansdowne St. for spectators to enjoy the game at a distance from one another.

14. In August, the long-awaited WaterGoat trash net was launched into the Muddy River at the corner of Ipswich St. and Charlesgate East. A socially distanced ribbon cutting event was held, where three live goats made a special appearance. The Muddy Water Initiative had been working to get the net installed and has found volunteer groups to help remove trash from the net, keeping the Muddy River cleaner.

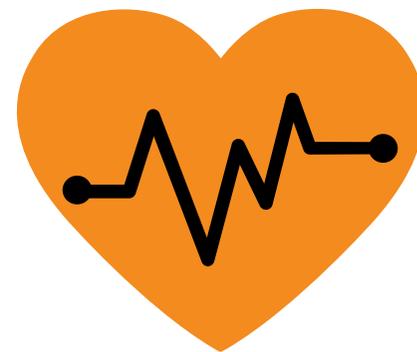
15. The Harriet Tubman

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Mayor Martin J. Walsh

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REWIND (from pg. 6)

house in the South End was an important issue this past year, with protests against the sale and demolition of the building and several lengthy discussions at South End Landmark District Commission hearings regarding the design of the new building. Supporters of United South End Settlements (USES), which owned the Tubman House, said the sale and demolition needed to happen to keep their programming alive. The building was sold in November for \$13.25 million, and in December, the Boston Planning and Development Agency approved the proposed new building, which will consist of 66 units for ownership, including 11 affordable units, a cafe, and a space for community use.

16. Mail in voting and early voting were at an all-time high this year due to the pandemic, with mail in voting being offered for the first time as an option for Massachusetts voters. In person voting and early voting were also offered, giving Bostonians an array of options

to cast their vote in this year's presidential election.

17. City Councilors Michelle Wu and Andrea Campbell both announced their candidacies for Mayor of Boston in September, and have been out in the community, as well as virtually, talking about their platforms and discussing issues important to residents, which include the opioid crisis—particularly at the intersection of Mass/Cass—affordable housing, transportation, racial equity, and public health.

18. 2020 has been a tough year for restaurants, which have had to abide by and adapt to ever-morphing restrictions and changes made by the city and state governments. Several restaurants have also had to permanently close as a result of the pandemic or other issues, including Post 390 in the Back Bay, Cinquecento in the South End, and others. Others found an opportunity for a beginning, such as Greystone Cafe Bakery and Provisions, which opened in the Back Bay over



RBG ducks—October 9. Duckling Dissent, Photo by Karyn Alzayer. Greater Boston artist Karyn Alzayer struck again with the Ducklings in the Public Gardens, installing a public art piece that included dissent collars on each Duckling's neck in honor of the late Supreme Court Justice Ruther Bader Ginsberg. Alzayer said she made them to look like the dissent collar Ginsberg would wear, a special collar she wore when she would dissent.

the summer. Some restaurants, like Fenway Johnnie's, Cask 'n Flagon, and Time Out Market in the Fenway, have recently announced that they will close for a temporary period of time following the most recent rise in cases.

19. In November, the MBTA proposed several changes to its service, which incited backlash from many residents and elected officials who said that the cuts would be a detriment to the city, especially during the pandemic. Proposed

cuts included removing several bus lines, cutting back on service, and ending Green Line service on the E branch at Brigham Circle, among other things. In mid-December, the MBTA announced that short-term service changes will be made in the spring of next year, including a 20 percent reduction in frequency for the Red, Orange and Green Lines, a 5 percent reduction on the Blue Line, and small service reductions on bus routes. There will also be changes made to Commuter Rail service.

20. In December, the first COVID-19 vaccines were delivered and administered in Boston, and Boston Medical Center (BMC) nurse Cheryl Tull was the first BMC employee to receive the vaccine. Governor Baker announced the state's vaccine rollout plan that, right now, has the general public receiving the vaccine in April. Many factors surrounding the vaccine could allow that to change in the coming months, but it is a light at the end of a tunnel for a difficult year.

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WALSH



Back Bay COVID update

By John Lynds

Last week the overall COVID-19 positive test rate in Back Bay and the surrounding neighborhoods dropped slightly but Mayor Martin Walsh said there's still a long way to go in this worldwide crisis.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday, 36,974 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 10.1 percent of those tested were COVID positive—a 19.2 percent decrease from the 12.5 percent two weeks ago.

Last week 3,967 residents were tested and 3.3 percent were positive.

Citywide, 36,332 residents were tested and 7.3 percent were COVID positive.

Overall since the pandemic began 4.3 percent of Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents were found to be COVID positive.

Governor Charlie Baker announced a 25 percent capacity limit for most industries. These restrictions went into effect on Saturday, December 26 and will last until January

10.

At his daily press briefing Mayor Walsh reminded residents that on December 16, Boston moved back into a modified Phase 2, Step 2 of reopening, for at least three weeks.

“We are also going to be following the State’s rollback on capacity but that does not change the industries temporarily closed to in-person use in Boston,” said Walsh. “Museums, movie theaters, gyms, etc. will not reopen to in-person use until at least January 6.”

Walsh said on Saturday, in accordance with the State’s new restrictions, restaurants, close contact personal services, places of worship, indoor golf facilities, and retail businesses in Boston will be reduced to 25 percent capacity. Office spaces will be reduced from 40 percent to 25 percent as well.

The Mayor reminded everyone that the goal of these rollbacks is to slow the spread of the virus now, so the city can avoid a more severe shutdown later.

“We still have a long way to go in this crisis. But we have turned a corner in this pandemic. And we have reasons to be optimistic,” said Walsh. “The vaccine is rolling out. Every day, people are getting vacci-

nated -- including right here in Boston. When the time comes, I ask everyone to follow the lead of our health care heroes and medical experts and take the vaccine. It’s another act that we can all take as individuals to protect ourselves and our families, and bring our community safely through this crisis. We are finally at a point where we feel like we have less days ahead of us in this virus, than we do behind us. And while we don’t know exactly when this pandemic will end, we know that better days are coming. So I am asking everyone to hang in there. Take care of yourself, and look out for one another. Listen to the public health officials and keep doing your part to stay safe and protect those around you. We will get through this difficult time, if we all continue to work together.”

The infection rate in Back Bay and surrounding neighborhoods increased 9.5 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 299.3 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 273.1 cases per 10,000 residents.

Baker-Polito administration announces \$668 million small business relief package

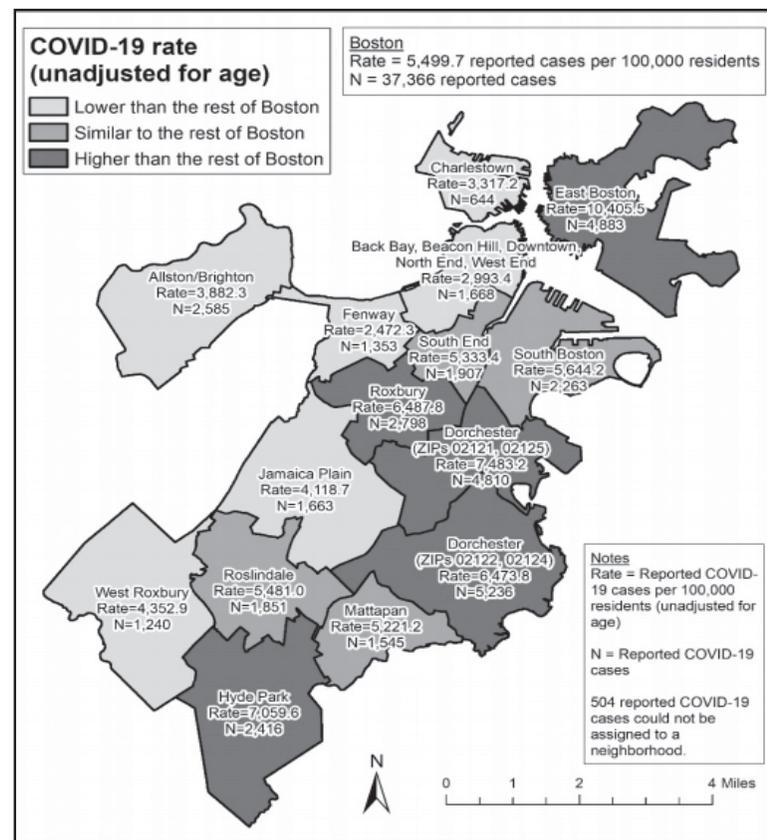
The Baker-Polito Administration launched a \$668 million program to provide financial assistance to Massachusetts small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The

program in part relies on the pending federal COVID-19 relief bill recently passed by Congress. Regardless of the developments at the federal level, the Baker-Polito Admin-

istration will start releasing millions in new funding to restaurants, retailers, and other small businesses throughout the Commonwealth as soon as this week.

Earlier this week, the Administration announced nearly \$49 million in grants through the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) COVID-19 Small Business Program to support over 1,158 small businesses. More than 10,000 applicants had sought relief in this grant round.

Additional grants will be made available to eligible small businesses through MGCC. The Small Business Grant Program was established in the fall, and currently has a pool of eligible applicants



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

One hundred forty-six additional residents became infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area increased from 1,522 cases to 1,668 cases as of last Friday.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 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 10.4 percent last week and went from 35,201 cases to 38,872 confirmed cases in a week. Thirty-three more Boston residents died from the virus and there are now 988 total deaths in the city from COVID.

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The new business relief program would offer grants up to \$75,000, but not more than three months' operating expenses, to be used for employee wage and benefits costs, space-related costs, and debt service obligations.

The online application portal for the new program will open on Thursday, December 31, and will close on Friday, January 15. Awards are expected to be announced in early February.

More details on how to apply and eligibility requirements are available at www.empowering-smallbusiness.org.

First Night Boston announces full broadcast schedule

First Night® Boston, New England's longest-running New Year's Eve celebration, announced today its full performance schedule for its New Year's Eve broadcast, and features an array of performers from Boston and beyond across all genres of music.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until 2:00 a.m., a stream of musical and artistic performances will showcase a diverse range of talents for audiences celebrating from home as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to disrupt everyday life. Held every year since 1975, First Night Boston is an annual celebration of the city's arts, culture, and people. Since 2015, the event has culminated with lights, fireworks, ice sculptures, and music in Copley Square.

"First Night Boston has been a cherished tradition for more than four decades, and a celebration of this size simply doesn't just cancel," said Dusty Rhodes, event director. "This city is packed with brilliant artists and rising stars who depend on events like First Night to showcase their talents, and we're thrilled to move part of the show online and to the air." In addition to the online stream, a special First Night Boston broadcast will air on NBC10 Boston from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and on NECN and

NBC Sports Boston from 11:00 p.m. - 12:01 a.m.

The show kicks off at 6:00 p.m., and the first hour will feature performances from the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association (GBCCA), jazz from the Makanda Project, a booming organ performance from the Church of Christian Science, and a dance set by North Shore's Guardians of Isadora.

From 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., it's the Boston Youth Chamber giving way to highly acclaimed pianist Yelena Beriyeva, while Boston Gay Men's Chorus closes out the hour after additional performances by GBCCA and Makanda Project.

The Skating Club of Boston kicks off the 8:00 p.m. hour with a lineup of figure skating routines from Olympic hopefuls. Hyde Park's Sweet Harmony performs their first of two upbeat sets before vocalist Maddi Ryan takes the stage, and East Boston's Veronica Robles represents Boston's first all-female mariachi band.

The countdown continues with rising star Alli Haber kicking off the 9:00 p.m. hour, before giving way to the African and Caribbean beats of Zili Misik. The all-men quintet On the Outside performs a short set before the local Dempsey Sisters and Mandi Crimmins rock the house.

The fifth hour features segments from Lori McKenna and Kemp Harris shot at Boston's Boch Center, while Boston hip-hopper Nancia drops some beats with local scenes. Performances from rockers Sons of Levin and soulful Of Sea and Stone bring us to the 11:00 p.m. hour, when NECN and NBC Sports Boston pick up the final countdown.

The online stream will resume after midnight with some of the evening's most popular performances re-airing until 2:00 a.m. The latest stream schedule is attached to this release, and available at www.firstnightboston.org.

In a normal year, hundreds of thousands of guests visit Copley Square and the surrounding area on New Year's Eve. The event showcases Boston's beauty in a night of light, music, and First Night Boston is supported entirely by contributions from the corporate community and the general public. Event sponsors for 2021 include the City of Boston, Xfinity, Conventures, The Boston Foundation, The Greater Boston Visitors and Convention Bureau, Strega Entertainment, and NBC Boston. Donations can be made to help support the event at the event website, www.firstnightboston.org.

Stream Schedule, December 31, 2020 www.firstnightboston.org			
Performer	Performance	Estimated Hit Time	Style
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.			
GBCCA Kick-Off Parade	First Night 2020 Parade Clip	6:00 p.m.	Interpretative Dance
Boston Guzheng Ensemble	Peng Ba Ban	6:01 p.m.	Traditional, virtual performance
Makanda Project	It Takes a While	6:05 p.m.	Jazz
First Church of Christ, Scientist	Fugue in E-Flat Major, by Bach	6:17 p.m.	Organ Recital
Guardians of Isadora	Dance Set	6:23 p.m.	Avant Gard Women's Dance Group
Makanda Project	Caribe	6:32 p.m.	Jazz
GBCCA Chinese Music Ensemble	Divination	6:44 p.m.	Chinese Virtual Ensemble
Chu Ling Dance Academy	Dance Set	6:49 p.m.	Chinese Dance
Chester Brezniak & Yelena Beriyeva	Donald Martino's Sonata for Clarinet and Piano	6:53 p.m.	Piano and Clarinet Duo
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.			
Boston Youth Chamber	Holiday Favorites	7:01 p.m.	Violin Trio
Yelena Beriyeva	Aram Khachaturian's Toccata	7:07 p.m.	Piano Solo
Chu Ling Dance Academy	Dance Set	7:12 p.m.	Artistic
GBCCA Choral Society	Yueqin	7:16 p.m.	Choral
Makanda Project	Why Not	7:20 p.m.	Jazz
GBCCA Yo-Yo Troupe	Dance Set	7:33 p.m.	Artistic
Kim Tavares	Don't Know Why	7:44 p.m.	Female Vocalist
Old South Church	Pops and Pipes	7:48 p.m.	Organ Recital
Boston Gay Men's Chorus	Prayer for Peace	7:54 p.m.	Choral
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.			
Skating Club of Boston	Performances	8:00 p.m.	Figure Skating Performance
Sweet Harmony	Set 1	8:26 p.m.	Song and Dance Troupe
Boston Synchrony Chinese Percussion Ensemble	Drum Performance	8:35 p.m.	Artistic
Maddi Ryan	Set	8:39 p.m.	Female Vocalist
Veronica Robles	Set	8:49 p.m.	Female Mariachi
9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.			
Alli Haber	Set	9:00 p.m.	Female Vocalist
Zili Misik	Set	9:08 p.m.	R&B/Soul
Sweet Harmony	Set 2	9:16 p.m.	Song and Dance Troupe
Paco	Set	9:27 p.m.	Oldies
On the Outside	Set	9:33 p.m.	Boy Band
Boston Gay Men's Chorus	Prayer for Peace	9:38 p.m.	Choral
Dempsey Sisters	Set	9:45 p.m.	Pop
Mandi Crimmins	Set	9:52 p.m.	Rock
10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.			
Kemp Harris	Boch Center's Ghost Light Series	10:00 p.m.	Solo Piano
Boston Gay Men's Chorus	Relax!	10:10 p.m.	Choral
Lori McKenna	Boch Center's Ghost Light Series	10:16 p.m.	Solo
Boston Synchrony Chinese Percussion Ensemble	Drum Performance	10:26 p.m.	Artistic
Nancia	Get Low	10:30 p.m.	Hip-Hop
Sons of Levin	Set	10:35 p.m.	Rock Band
Of Sea and Stone	Set	10:46 p.m.	Alternative Duo
11:00 p.m. - 12:01 a.m.			
Recorded Stream on NECN			
Recorded Stream on NBC Sports Boston			
12:01 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.			
Re-Air of 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.			

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BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The stair rail with bunches of grapes and leaves in the last clue is in front of 29 Marlborough Street built circa 1870. Grapes have been an important design element in architecture since Roman times. You can create a scavenger hunt looking for grapes, grapevines, and grape leaves as decorations on buildings all over Boston.

The next clue will be found in the South End.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
JDunne, Michael	Mcdonnell, Edward	342 Marlborough St #1	\$2,150,000
BEACON HILL			
Antico, Rosette J	JDMD Owner LLC	45 Temple St #211	\$2,400,000
Callahan, Ronald J	Mccafferty, Kevin M	8 Whittier Pl #6E	\$765,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Lawless, Hannah	435 Columbus Ave LLC	435 Columbus Ave #1	\$850,000
Delgiacco, Elizabeth	Menegatti, Christian	14 Follen St #3	\$1,425,000
Frelich, Michael A	Willett, Ellen D	15 Lawrence St #2	\$1,100,000
SCD 380 Stuart Street LLC	John Hancock Life Ins Co	380 Stuart St	\$177,000,000
Crampton, David	Patti B Silver T	400 Stuart St #18L	\$860,000
ackman, Derek	Morse, Guy W	139 E Berkeley St #602	\$1,020,000
Daynard, David	Stevenson T	28 Greenwich Park #3	\$2,030,000
Bryant, Jonathan	Rowe, Rebecca	5 Hanson St #5	\$900,000
9 Keswick LLC	Fredriksen, Paula L	9 Keswick St	\$2,275,000
Zaniboni Prvte Single FT	Katherine L Pinard T	50-52 Rutland Sq #3	\$1,510,000
Krug, Guyon	Byrnes, Christopher C	711 Tremont St #4	\$1,105,000
Glynn, Tricia M	Ricks, Alan A	52 Union Park #4-5	\$3,436,875
Delgiorno, Alexander V	Walsh, Kimberly	106 Union Park St #1	\$715,500
Merselis, Jeffrey S	Morgan, John	90 Wareham St #308	\$755,000

WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN

Holland, Emily H	Juliano, William	106 Commercial St #1	\$975,000
Nino, Richard	Hunsicker, Brian	57 Fulton St #1	\$619,000

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Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Prime Storage - Boston Traveler St. located at 33 Traveler St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenant at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com

on 1/11/2021 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Adam Mizener unit #222. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager

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unit #3125. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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For the Record

C O R O N A V I R U S =
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.

From the Dec. 30 Board of Election Commission meeting, 9 a.m., online:

AGENDA

Recount of the Republican Party State Committee Woman Seat for the Second Suffolk Senate District (South End and JP) from the March 3, 2020 Election

Time and Date:

- Wednesday, December 30 - 9 a.m., opening of the ballot packets, precinct by precinct, to segregate and block the ballots. This process will continue until all Republican ballots are segregated. (No ballots will be recounted during this process)

- Thursday, December 31 - 9 a.m., recount of the votes cast at the March 3, 2020 election for the seat of Republican Party State Committee Woman for the Second Suffolk Senate District.

The Election Commission will recess at the end of each evening if the recount does not become final at the conclusion of each day.

From the Jan. 4 Emergency Licensed Premise Violation meeting, 11 a.m., online:

•NOTICE OF EMERGENCY LICENSED PREMISE INSPECTION HEARING

The Licensing Board for the City of Boston for a virtual emergency licensed premise inspection hearing on each Monday at 11 a.m. regarding the licensed premise inspection notice issued by the Licensed Premise Unit of the Boston Police Department the preceding weekend. Notice of

this hearing will be hand delivered to any licensee required to attend upon the issuance of the licensed premise inspection notice.

From the Jan. 5 Boston Civic Design Commission meeting, 5 p.m., online:

REPORT FROM REVIEW COMMITTEE

- Summary report on projects followed by vote to review later in the meeting

220 Huntington Avenue, Back Bay and Parcel 10 Tropical Foods, Melnea Cass

REPORT FROM DESIGN COMMITTEE - VOTING (20 minutes each)

- 5:05 - 5:25 - Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment, Charlestown

PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION (25 minutes each)

Informational presentation preceded by a short introduction from BPDA staff.

- 5:45 - 6:10 220 Huntington Avenue, Back Bay: Mixed-use project of residential and retail/restaurant

- 6:35 - 7 p.m. - Madison Tropical Parcel 10 Phase 3, Melnea Cass. Residential component of the three-phase development.

From the Jan. 5 South End Landmark District Commission, 5:30 p.m., online via Zoom ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89326813290](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89326813290)):

DESIGN REVIEW HEARING

- 16 Lawrence Street. Continued from the 11/5/2020 SELDC Public Hearing. Proposed work: At the front façade first and second levels replace historic two-over-two windows.

- 34 East Springfield Street. Proposed work: At the front façade all levels, reconstruct brick façade. At the stoop and entry, construct new entry hood, install new stoop handrail, and install new fire alarm beacon/ bell. At the garden level, install new entry door. At the front façade mansard level, replace wood shingles at dormer with new asphalt shingles.

At the rear façade mansard level, remove existing dormer and construct a new wood dormer. At the roof level, install new HVAC equipment and mechanical screening/ railing.

- 437 Columbus Avenue. Proposed work: Install signage at the storefront.

- Intersection of Columbus Avenue, West Canton Street, and Appleton Street (Crite Park). Proposed work: Demolish the existing brick enclosure, adjacent sidewalk, and existing landscaping; install utilities and irrigation and hardscape features associated with the construction of a new park including brick pavers and concrete, picket fencing, granite curbing, pergola, and park furniture; install public art.

- 541 Massachusetts Avenue. Proposed work: At the rear façade which faces a public street, construct a deck at the two-story ell; remove one (1) window, modify the opening, and install a door; construct a metal spiral staircase; create two (2) new window openings at the rear ell; replace a door with a glass door. At the rear property line, demolish the existing privacy wall and construct brick and wrought iron privacy wall with an iron gate.

- 23 Upton Street. Proposed work: At the front façade parlor and second levels, replace five (5) historic windows. At the front garden/ areaway, replace the garden entry door and install new storm water infiltration system and associated hardscaping.

- 145 Worcester Street. Proposed work: Install a fire department connection and fire alarm bell/ beacon at the front façade.

- 17 Upton Street. Proposed work: Install a fire department connection and fire alarm bell/ beacon at the front façade.

- 31 Worcester Street. Proposed work: At rear/ side yard facing Shawmut Avenue, rebuild privacy wall and install new door to rear yard.

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.

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