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Sox season means brisker business for Fenway restaurants

By Lauren Bennett and Dan Murphy

Now that Fenway Park is accepting fans up to 12-percent capacity, or about 4,500 people, more residents are already flocking back to the neighborhood's restaurants.

Ryan Jones, Vice President of the Lyons Group, which runs Game On!, Lansdowne Pub, Loretta's Last Call, and Bleacher Bar, said the Red Sox opening weekend "met our expectations."

Jones said on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday following the Opening Day game on April 2, there was "certainly good energy

around the park."

"People wanted to be in the area," Jones added. "It was very noticeable."

While there were no food or drink promotions at any of the Lyons Group restaurants, Jones said, "We had promotions with radio stations and some beverage sponsors and stuff like that."

COVID safety is at the forefront of people's minds, said Jones, as many begin to return to versions of the activities they used to enjoy, such as dining out and attending a baseball game.

"It's a huge point of empha-

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PHOTO BY MAYOR'S OFFICE/JEREMIAH ROBINSON

Red Sox star Xander Bogaerts hands the ball over to Acting Mayor Kim Janey in order to throw out the first pitch for the new baseball season at Fenway Park last Friday, April 2. For the first time since the 2019 season, a limited number of fans were allowed to view the game inside the Stadium. Meanwhile, outside on Lansdowne Street, Councilor and mayoral candidate Michelle Wu was having fun with "Elvis" and "Big Papi," among other new friends.



Old South Church unveils paper crane project Easter weekend

By Seth Daniel

More than 2,000 paper cranes decorated the portico on Boylston Street at the Old South Church – a project long in the making to provide symbols of

hope and peace that were created by members of the church and by other participants hailing from 14 different states.

The installation was dedicated

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PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL

The Paper Crane project at Old South Church in the Back Bay premiered on Easter Sunday last weekend and featured more than 2,000 hand-folded paper cranes in the portico of the church on Boylston Street. The cranes were made by members of the church and volunteers from 14 other states. The Church has dedicated the Paper Cranes to the 500,000 Americans who lost their lives to COVID-19.

Acting Mayor Janey launches campaign for full term

By Seth Daniel

Already sitting in the corner office and being the first African American and woman to lead the City, Acting Mayor Kim Janey released a video at 6 a.m. on Tuesday morning to officially announce she would be running for mayor in the September Preliminary Election.

She joins five other candidates who have already announced a run for mayor in what will surely be a very crowded ballot in September, assuming everyone running gets the required signatures to be placed for consideration on the ballot. In the three-minute video, Janey



Acting Mayor Kim Janey – the former Council President – announced on Tuesday that she will officially join the race for mayor.

– who represented about half of the South End as a City Councilor – stressed, "we can't go back, we can only go better." "The work to address the chal-

lenges we face from COVID-19 and the racial inequalities that have been inherited from centuries of structural racism will take longer than a few months to change," she said in a statement during her announcement. "It is going to take fearless leadership, bold action and a commitment to doing the hard work to make Boston the equitable city our residents want, need and deserve. I am 100 percent committed to leading this change." The video was filmed in her Roxbury neighborhood, in Nubian Square, on the bus and at City Hall. It recounts the past and

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EDITORIAL

GET THE VACCINE

For the vast majority of people, getting a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they are eligible is a no-brainer.

COVID-19 not only has a high death rate for older persons and those with underlying health conditions, but it also has been shown to have serious after-effects for young, healthy people who experienced only mild symptoms when they contracted the disease.

The ramifications of the health consequences for the so-called COVID long-haulers promises to adversely impact the lives of millions of Americans, as well as burden our society and health care system, for years to come.

However, despite the obvious health risks posed by COVID-19, many of our fellow citizens say they will refuse to get the vaccine. No doubt many of those who tell a pollster that they will not get a vaccine are doing so just to be contrarian. In the end, they will get a vaccine.

But unquestionably there are segments of society on all sides of the political spectrum who are opposed to the idea of vaccinations.

In our view, vaccine-hesitancy in the face of a world-wide pandemic is both inexplicable and sad.

It is inexplicable because the benefits of vaccination are so clear. There is every reason to get it and absolutely no reason to oppose it.

But it also is sad because the vaccine-hesitancy movement shows that so many of our fellow Americans are susceptible these days to rumors, misinformation, and conspiracy theories to the detriment of their own health and that of their loved ones.

The COVID-19 vaccines are a modern scientific miracle. They represent the best avenue of protection for individuals, as well as the only chance for society to overcome the pandemic in order to return our economy to normal.

In addition, with early trials showing that the vaccines are 100 percent safe and effective for older children, a vaccination program for children will assure that our schools can reopen safely. In our view, a COVID-19 vaccine should be required for all children as a condition for returning to school, similar to the requirement that children be vaccinated against other diseases.

We urge all of our readers to get the vaccine as soon as they are eligible under state guidelines.

And to those who have some degree of vaccine-hesitancy for themselves or their children -- please stop listening to those wacky and ill-informed opinions on social media.

ROYAL FAMILY, COMMON PROBLEMS

On a certain level, it is easy to dismiss the recent interview of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle as frivolous and irrelevant to the lives of the rest of us. To most Americans, the concept of a royal family is a joke to begin with, an anachronism of history.

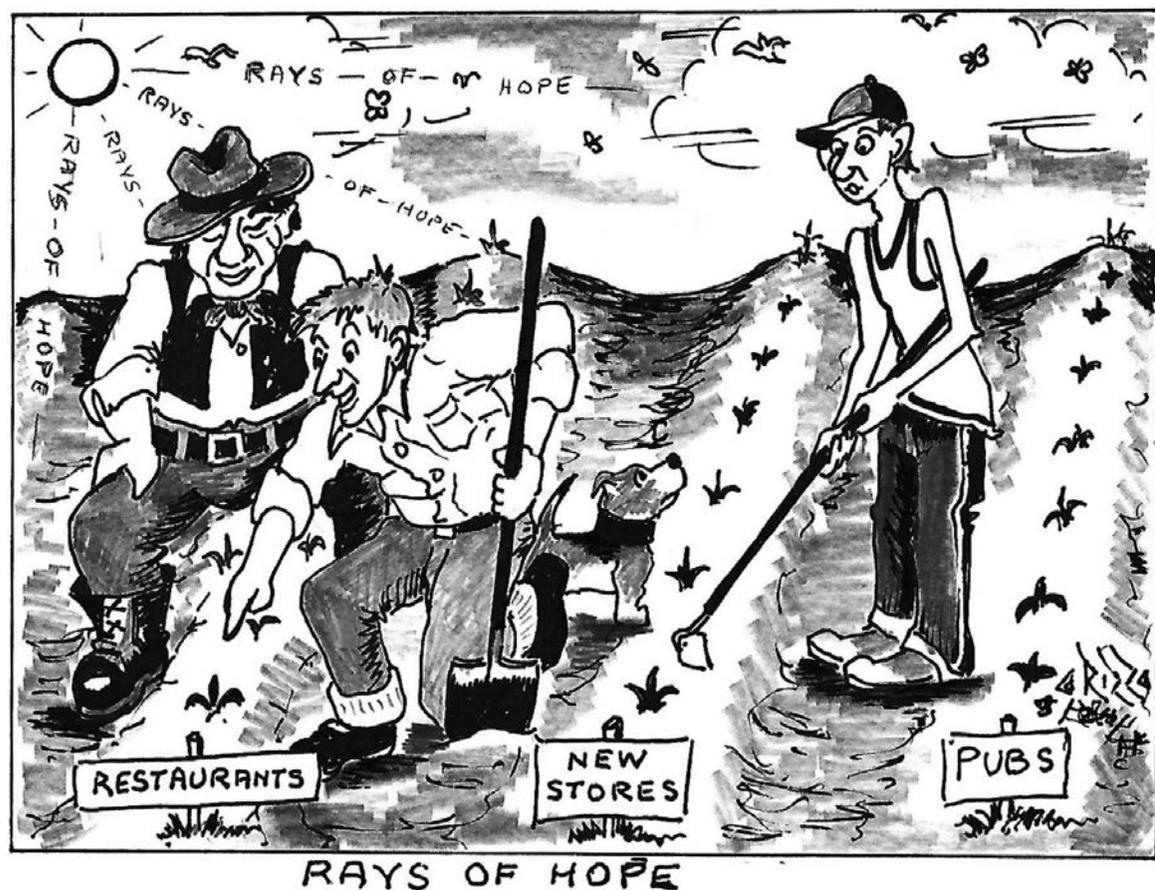
On the other hand, there were certain aspects of the interview that made the travails faced by Harry and Meghan all too real -- and extremely relevant to the 21st century.

The revelation that Meghan contemplated suicide, but received no mental health support among the royal family because it would make them "look bad," was shocking, but it is something to which ordinary families can relate.

Mental health problems still carry a stigma in society at-large. If nothing else, Meghan Markle's willingness to discuss her issues hopefully will serve as an inspiration both to those suffering from depression (among other mental health illnesses) and their families to seek help in the same way that we do for physical health issues before it is too late.

Then of course, there was the discussion of race, which demonstrated just how deeply embedded racism remains in every strata of society across the globe in 2021.

The concept of royalty may be a bunch of nonsense, but the issues of mental health and racism are not and we are grateful that Harry and Meghan were willing to share their personal and painful experiences to shed light on these matters that bear relevance to everybody, regardless of social status.



ZBA approves renovation to St. Botolph Apartments; cannabis shop at 297 Newbury deferred

By Lauren Bennett

The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) on Tuesday approved renovations to the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) Saint Botolph Apartments.

"This is a substantial renovation and the 132 dwelling units will remain deeply affordable under the Section 8 program," said Carolyn Barry, a project manager for the BHA. "BHA will continue to manage this development."

She said that "multiple resident and stakeholder meetings in this neighborhood" were held regarding the proposed renovations.

"This project will provide much needed building transformation and expansion of residential services while preserving these apartments as affordable housing for the BHA's elderly and disabled populations," Barry said.

Rick Jegerow, a senior project manager at BHA confirmed that the building envelope and number of units is staying the same for the project.

Christian Simonelli of the Boston Groundwater Trust said that there an approval letter from the Boston Water and Sewer

Commission, as well as a no harm letter have been received, as the project is within the city's Groundwater Conservation Overlay District.

City Councilors Michael Flaherty, Anissa Essaibi-George, and Ed Flynn expressed support for the project. Ana Calderon from Councilor Flynn's office said that "the councilor would like to go on record in support of the renovation to improve the building conditions and quality of life for the residents. The project has gone through the local architectural board and has their support. This is also in the city's groundwater overlay district and the drainage system has been confirmed compliant by Boston Water and Sewer."

Shanice Pimentel of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services said that an abutters meeting was held about three

weeks ago, where she said that neighbors were in support of the renovations and did not have any concerns.

The ZBA voted to approve the project with Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) design review, as there are proposed upgrades to windows and other upgrades on the exterior of the building.

297 NEWBURY ST.

The proposal at 297 Newbury St. for a cannabis dispensary was set to come before the ZBA on Tuesday for conditional use zoning relief, but Chris Tracy of O'Neill and Associates asked for a deferral, as he said "more outreach is needed with the current mayoral administration" and other elected officials within the purview of the project.

The project received a new ZBA date of June 22 at 12:30pm.

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State releases RFP on Shattuck Hospital with emphasis on public health

By Seth Daniel

The state Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) is preparing to submit a project proposal for the Shattuck Hospital in Jamaica Plain that is heavy on making the entire 13-acre campus into a center for integrated health care, behavioral health and supportive housing.

The project proposal is scheduled for a public meeting on April 13, at 6 p.m. online, and the project proposal document was posted on March 24. The comments from that meeting, along with further state review, will result in a public-private partnership with a developer who will lead the transformation of the campus even before the Shattuck makes its move in 2024 to the South End's Newton Pavilion.

"The Commonwealth hopes to enter into a Public-Private

Partnership to provide an integrated program of health care, behavioral health, and housing services at the Site," read the proposal. "The selected developer/service provider will partner with the Commonwealth on master site planning and permitting, and implement a phased redevelopment approach with the goal of beginning site redevelopment prior to the Hospital relocating to the South End."

The project proposal has to meet the four stated needs below, much of these looking like what has commonly been referred to as a Recovery Campus. The goals for the state in the project include:

- Provide stable health care and housing options for underserved populations, including the chronically homeless;

- Provide integrated, 'person-centered' behavioral and physical health care and housing systems;

- Provide substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health services that play a critical role in regional public health and treatment systems;

- Provide safe, stable and supportive housing that contributes positively to health outcomes, and contributes to the supply of supportive housing in the region.

The project proposal has all the makings of hurrying the process along, which is very desirable for South End neighbors who would like to see more social services relocated to the Shattuck prior to 2024. One of the hurry-ups in the process is to quickly move on developing supportive housing on about two acres of the campus. A contentious planning process for that project took place in 2018, and ended up approving a supportive housing plan for that part of the campus.

The project plan asks for any

developer chosen to move on that piece and others before the 2024 move of the Shattuck.

"While the Hospital will not be relocating until 2024, a portion of the Site is already available for redevelopment and the opportunity to develop difficult-to-site Public Health Uses including Low Threshold Supportive Housing at a location that already provides services to this population is a unique opportunity that the Proposing Agencies would like to capitalize upon quickly," read the plan. "Additionally, the overall Site will benefit from the identification of a redevelopment partner for the coordination of long lead-time activities such as master site planning, including infrastructure planning, and permitting. Thus, the Proposing Agencies wish to move forward with the RFP as soon as is practical."

The public benefit of the

project includes integration of 'low-threshold' and 'person-centered' programs of supportive housing, detox/recovery beds, MAT treatment and Mental/Physical health treatment.

The project would also seek to integrate the campus in a better way to the park and nearby open space.

"Additional public benefit will come from intentional site design that will connect the Campus to park, open space and improved transportation options, and will consider site design as an integrated aspect of and an amenity for the public health uses," read the proposal.

The Virtual Public Hearing will be held on April 13 at 6:30-8 p.m. At the Virtual Public Hearing, the public may provide comments on the proposed project. Information on participating in the Virtual Public Hearing will be posted on the Project Website.

Carla B. Monteiro announces candidacy for Council at-Large

Staff Report

Carla B. Monteiro (MSW, LCSW) announced her candidacy for Boston City Council at-large in Dorchester recently, surrounded virtually and in-person by family, community members, and leaders including Sher-

iff Steve Tompkins.

Monteiro lives out her deep-rooted values of compassion and caring for others through her professional career in social work. She believes we can achieve a Boston where everyone's basic needs are met if we're bold enough to imagine it and passionate enough

to fight for it.

As a teen mother, Monteiro fought to overcome the housing insecurity, gun violence and mass incarceration that impacted her family and the lives of so many other Bostonians. With life-changing resources and support from government and

local organizations, Monteiro obtained vocational training that enabled her to work her way up from an Associates' Degree to a Bachelors and ultimately, obtain her Masters in Social Work and begin a stable career.

"My story is possible because of all the resources that were available to help me succeed,"

she said. "We must ensure all families can live well. In this period of healing and recovery, Boston's City Council needs a social worker, one who knows how to put services in place for the people. As a social worker, I know what it takes to help our families and children be successful

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Virtual Public Meeting

25 Isabella Street

Wednesday, April 14
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/39MyO2m
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Meeting ID: 160 889 7913

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25 Isabella Street LLC

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sis for us, and has been for the past year," Jones said regarding COVID guidelines.

"Fortunately a couple of our venues are large," Jones added, which allows for easy distancing between tables, and at Game On! and the Bleacher Bar, there is an expanded outdoor patio area as well.

"People who don't feel comfortable eating inside have more options," he said.

In addition to the restaurants providing ample distance for patrons, Jones said a staff member would be on hand at all times, whose sole job is to disinfect and wipe down surfaces. There are also sanitizer stations and UV-C germ killing lights at the restaurants.

"We've done everything we can to make people feel safe and comfortable," he said.

Jones said the restaurants were "full inside," though tables

were spaced out 6 feet apart per guidelines. "It was very obvious that people are feeling comfortable sitting inside," he added.

"As time goes on and more and more people are vaccinated, the comfort level will increase and more and more people will want to sit inside," Jones said.

Heading into this spring and summer, City Councilor Kenzie Bok is hopeful about the city's outdoor dining program, which aims to provide expanded outdoor seating at restaurants citywide.

Councilor Bok wrote: "Our restaurants have had an extraordinarily hard year, and they're so important to our neighborhood fabric, so I'm definitely hoping that we're turning a corner now, and there will be lots of nice weather for folks to support them on the expanded outdoor patios this spring."

Mass/Cass Task Force members, neighborhood leaders upset over Comfort Station closure

By Seth Daniel

The infamous Comfort Station on Atkinson Street, which many say has become a place to use intravenous drugs openly with supervision, closed on March 29 for two weeks while the City re-assesses its purpose — a move that has greatly irritated neighbors in the South End who believe the Comfort Station issues will simply once again migrate to their stoops, alleys and gardens.

The City apparently informed the Mass/Cass 2.0 Task Force that they intended to close the Comfort Station for two weeks to implement additional public safety measures and to re-assess the operations of the Comfort Station. The City said it might re-open the Station before the two-week timeline, but it could also not re-open it again too.

Task Force member Steve Fox said he and other members from the South End protested the closure, as they believe though the behavior and activity in the

Comfort Station has been troubling, it has also served to move those behaviors out of residential areas with neighbors, families and children. Now, they fear it will come back.

The pushback from the Task Force and Fox was joined by Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) President George Stergios, Blackstone/Franklin President (and Task Force member) David Stone, and WSANA Vice President Desi Murphy.

“We write to express strong opposition to the Boston Public Health Commission’s decision to impose a two-week closure of the Atkinson Street

comfort station by way of response to the undoubted problem of escalating violence there,” read a letter to Health and Human Services Chief Marty Martinez. “The inevitable consequence of losing the Atkinson Street comfort station, even temporarily, will be that conditions accommodated there—particularly pervasive all-day drug use—migrate outward, across Albany

Street and Melnea Cass Boulevard into the residential South End and Roxbury. And the drug dealers who prey on the addicted and the violence will come along, too.

“We deeply respect the work of comfort station staff and whatever operational changes BPHC or the Boston Police Department deem necessary to restore acceptable levels of safety for staff and guests at the facility,” he continued. “But we cannot see how closing the comfort station for any extended period advances a safety objective or leads to any result other than both endangering those who rely on it to keep off the street and damaging surrounding neighborhoods and residents.”

Fox said on April 1 that D-4 Police had already seen some new crime in the Worcester

Square area, which had become much more manageable over the last several months.

“Today alone, the second day of Comfort Station closure, D4 made a daylight arrest for a B&E in progress in one South End alley, and shortly after, an overdose occurred in another South End alley,” he said. “Thankfully, because a resident was home and called for EMS, the patient survived. We appreciate the crucial importance of public safety at the Comfort Station as well as within our residential neighborhoods. But we cannot substitute one for the other nor should we create a more dangerous environment for the innocent residents and businesses of our abutting neighborhoods while working to find and implement new solutions to address Comfort Station public safety challenges.”

The City did not respond to requests from the Sun for comment on the closure of the Comfort Station.

The Comfort Stations were originally brought into being as the COVID-19 pandemic descended upon the vulnerable populations at Mass/Cass. To help sequester the population and keep them from congregating on the sidewalks, Comfort Stations were set up on Mass Ave by the Woods Mullen Shelter and, eventually, on Atkinson Street in Newmarket. Last summer, the Mass Ave Station — which had become out of hand according to many neighbors — closed for construction and all parts of the program were moved to Atkinson Street. The Comfort Station program was meant to be a temporary response to COVID-19.

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and how to prevent people from being left behind. I’m running for City Council to use my experience to ensure every Bostonian has what they need to thrive.”

Carla B. Monteiro is running

to represent every neighborhood of Boston as a City Councilor at-large. The preliminary election is on September 21, 2021. For more information, go to CarlaForBoston.com

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present individuals who blazed the trail to her announcement — Mel King, Melnea Cass, Bruce Bolling, Ayanna Pressley, Rachael Rollins and many others. In her own words, Janey then tells her story and the story of Boston — the challenges the city faces and her commitment to building a more equitable city for every resident. “You’ve heard the problems,” she said in the video. “It’s a broken record. Affordable Housing isn’t actually affordable. Deep racial inequities. The median net worth for white Bostonians is \$247,000. For Black folks it’s eight. Eight Dollars. It’s all centuries in the making. But women — Black women — have been stepping up to do the work, and we’re winning. They’re inspiring little girls and boys everywhere, including my own grandkids. And my life’s work, from education advocacy to leading the City Council, has been centered around making sure every child

has the opportunity to learn and succeed in a more just city than the one I grew up in.” Janey recalled being part of the desegregation of schools era, and the pitfalls of being bused to attend the Edwards Middle School in Charlestown when she was 11, before joining the Metco program in high school and graduating from Reading High School as one of only two Black students in her class.

“I was part of desegregation busing,” she said. “Eleven years old having rocks and racial slurs thrown at me. I’ve been at the center of Boston history. The bad and the good. I’m ready to lead our city. To listen. To collaborate. To fight this pandemic and the racial and economic inequalities that COVID only worsened.” She said the pandemic is an opportunity to change the City into a more just place to live for everyone. “We can’t go back, we can only go better,” she concluded.

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Several Back Bay, Fenway, South End restaurants featured in new digital cookbook

By John Lynds

A slew of popular restaurants in Back Bay, Fenway and the South End that have made a name for themselves outside the confines of their respective neighborhoods are now featured in The Food Lens's first digital cookbook "Dining in Boston".

The Food Lens, an online dining resource that helps readers discover the best food, drink, and happenings in Boston, has included recipes from three Back Bay, four Fenway and six South End restaurants.

The Food Lens's founders Molly Ford and Sarah Jesup also compiled more than 38 other recipes from the area's best chefs and restaurants in an effort to bring their readers a new way to experience local dining at home during Covid-19.

A portion of proceeds from Dining in Boston will benefit Massachusetts Restaurants United (MRU) to help strengthen and support the industry after a chal-

lenging year.

"We find purpose in our work to showcase the area's many talented chefs every day, but this effort feels particularly meaningful as we look back on a year of Covid-19 and the devastating toll it has taken on the city's hospitality industry," said The Food Lens Co-Founder, Molly Ford. "Our hope is to not only offer our readers with another fun and dynamic way to experience their favorite spots, but also to give back to the restaurant community that we love so deeply," added Co-Founder Sarah Jesup.

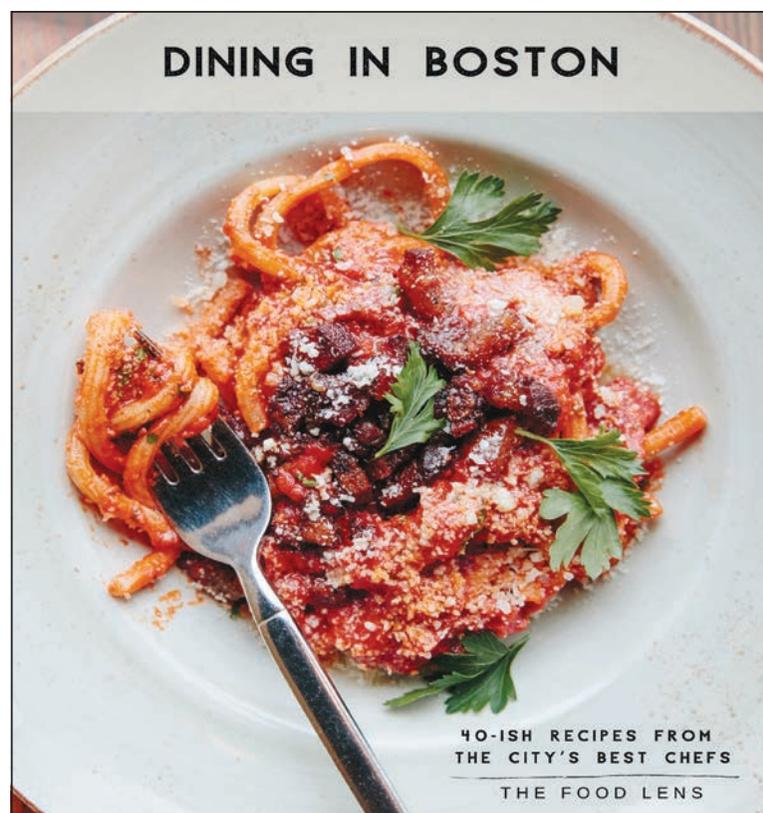
Mike & Patty's on Church Street's recipe for the breakfast sandwich "The Fancy"; UNI on Commonwealth Avenue's recipe for Ramen Cacio e Pepe; and Select Oyster Bar on Gloucester Street's recipe for Salmon Crudo are all in the book.

Over in Fenway the book includes Mei Mei on Park Drive's recipe for the "Double Awesome" plate; Sweet Cheeks on

Boylston Street's recipe for Mac + Cheese; Hojoko on Boylston Street's recipe for Kimchi Fried Rice; and Tiger Mama on Boylston Street's recipe for Yu Shiang Eggplant.

Finally, in the South End the recipe's in the cook book include Toro on Washington Street's Maiz Asado; Coppa on Shawmut Avenue's recipe for an Italian Grinder (sub); Picco on Tremont Street's recipe for Alsatian Pizza; MIDA on Tremont Street's recipe for Focaccia; Myers + Chang on Washington Street's recipe for Pork and Chive Dumplings; and SRV on Columbus Avenue's recipe for Polpette (meatballs).

The Food Lens' digital cookbook, Dining in Boston is available for purchase at thefoodlens.com/shop for \$14.00, with 10% of every sale contributing to MRU's mission to not only help local restaurants survive the pandemic, but to keep them open and thriving long after the spread of Covid-19.



The front cover of The Food Lens's new digital cookbook that features recipes from popular restaurants in Back Bay, Fenway and the South End.

EBNA presumably stood up again by city transportation official

By Dan Murphy

A representative for the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) presumably stood up the East Berkley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) for the third month in a row. The BTD representative was scheduled to appear at the Tuesday, April 6 meeting to discuss the imminent reconstruction of Harrison Avenue between Herald and East Berkeley streets.

"It really feels like as a neighborhood we are getting the run-around here," said Ken Smith, EBNA president, "and I think it's time we step up and make something happen."

Smith, who also asked for support on this from Sophia Wang of City Councilor Ed Flynn's office, added, "We're not going away, so he needs to hear us loud and clear."

Kim Crucoli, the City's liaison to the South End and Bay Village, said she had reached out

to the BTD for an update on the project.

"There doesn't appear to be an active contract for the project," said Crucoli, who added, "The former contract had closed out a while ago."

As the city is now "nearing completion on the street work," Crucoli said, "The main thing is they're not trying to fix the street when construction is still going on."

(In an unrelated matter, Crucoli also said she would forward the request to the city for the installation of "no smoking" signs at Peters Park.)

EBNA board member John Connelly requested that the BTD representative return to the group with a PowerPoint or some other visual presentation on the project.

Connelly said the Harrison Avenue Plan was finalized and paid for in 2015 and a public

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Janey announces All Inclusive Boston campaign

By Lauren Bennett

Acting Mayor Kim Janey on Monday announced the All Inclusive Boston Campaign, which aims to help the tourism and hospitality industries recover equitably from the effects of the pandemic.

“The goal is to curate new narratives and aspirational content about Boston, enticing a broader and more diverse set of consumers to visit later this summer or fall,” according to a release from the city. “The local focus is a vital part of All Inclusive Boston. The vibrant small businesses, local attractions and eclectic neighborhood offerings across the city are pillars of this campaign. Ultimately, All Inclusive Boston will reposition the

city to a new demographic of visitors while spotlighting its rich cultural and commercial assets, including those beyond traditional tourist sites. Mayor Janey is dedicated to supporting all of Boston’s communities throughout the recovery.”

The campaign was funded using CARES Act money, and “in accordance with the regulations, the project must provide resources or assistance to mitigate effects on health and/or provide economic support,” according to the city.

Colette Phillips of Colette Phillips Communications said at Monday’s press conference that she is “grateful for the opportunity to have worked on this project,” adding that she believes “this campaign is one that I

believe is a game changer.”

Janey said that revenue is “down as much as 70 percent” for the tourism sector, and hotel revenue is down 80 percent.

“Boston is one of the hardest hit cities when it comes to the tourism sector,” she said.

Janey said that “our public health recovery is essential for the recovery, reopening, and renewal of Boston’s travel and hospital sector.”

She added that the campaign asks residents of Boston as well as residents of the surrounding region to “rediscover Boston’s neighborhoods.”

Janey said that she is “proud of this campaign and what it represents,” and “with the launch of All Inclusive Boston, we will begin to write the next chapter

in Boston’s safe recovery, reopening, and renewal.”

The campaign began “with a very comprehensive and strategic research component to it,” Janey said, with surveys of past and potential visitors conducted.

“The All Inclusive campaign is showing visitors that Boston has it all—by highlighting the city’s many sides, stories, shops, small businesses, festivals and flavors,” according to a release from the city. “It is running locally—on billboards, bus shelters, bike shares, bus wraps, radio, social media, print, and digital publications—to encourage Bostonians to try new restaurants or explore new neighborhoods. The six-week campaign is targeting a drive market of people searching for a safe stay-cation. The preview video tells the story of those

who live and work in the City of Boston, and features communities and businesses beyond traditional tourist sites. It will direct people to allinclusivebos.com, a microsite full of curated resources: restaurants, events, itineraries, hotels, neighborhoods, and experiences both known and unknown.”

Daren Bascome, founder of Proverb, said that “Inside of our efforts, we really wanted to connect neighborhoods, we wanted to attract visitors, we wanted to increase visibility, demand representation, support small business, and shift the lens.”

For more information on the campaign, visit boston.gov/news/all-inclusive-boston-campaign-promotes-equitable-recovery-covid-19.

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meeting followed, and that the current plan was also finished and announced as part of the City’s fiscal ’21 budget before the pandemic struck.

Councilor Wu’s mayoral bid

City Councilor Michelle Wu, the first candidate who announced her intentions to run for Mayor of Boston, was also on hand at the meeting to discuss her ongoing campaign.

Councilor Wu, who is now serving in her fourth term, said as the oldest child of two immigrant parents from Taiwan who moved to Boston in the early ‘80s, she “had always been told to stay away from politics.” But when her mother began struggling with mental illness, Councilor Wu, who was then finishing up college, became the guardian of her younger siblings and had to learn to navigate an often broken system to connect with services for her family. And this disconnect, she said, is what prompted her to attend law school and later enter city politics.

Councilor Wu, who now lives with her husband, their two children and her mother at her Roslindale home, said the first thing she did upon assuming office in 2014 was to visit emergency shelters citywide, as she vowed to do during her campaign.

“I had been to Long Island just a few weeks before the bridge was shut down, and saw how rickety it was,” she said. “Having seen what was there

and how quickly it was dismantled by the city without a plan precipitated [the ongoing crisis at Mass Cass].”

Councilor Wu said the “bottom line” isn’t just to address the symptoms of the problem, like picking up discarded needles, but instead to address the substance abuse problem itself, as well as housing instability.

Moreover, Councilor Wu pointed out the need to “decentralize” services, which, she could be achieved by helping community health centers to overcome what she calls the “licensure hoop” so they too can offer services.

“Calling it the Mass Cass problem leads to solutions that are myopic and shortsighted,” Councilor Wu said. “We need a citywide coordinator response, and we need point of accountability standing right next to mayor.”

Councilor Wu added that she “refuses to point fingers at other cities to say other people should step up more,” but she also said she isn’t convinced reopening Long Island, with its ballooning bridge cost, is the best solution either.

“The largest concentration of beds is on Long Island, but the last administration had no plans to move them back there,” said Councilor Wu, who added that the city should also be exploring water transportation as an alternative to rebuilding the bridge.

With Boston now in comple-

tion nationwide for investor dollars, Councilor Wu also looked to city government for outreach to fill all the currently vacant storefronts and added that recovery from the pandemic includes getting small business back, as well as the return of more-regular MBTA service.

“We need to have proactive leadership to address the issues in an intersectional way and bring together every community,” Councilor Wu said.

Police and other matters

Captain Steve Sweeney of District 4 said crime was down 27 percent in the district from last month, noting a 57-percent decline in larcenies to motor vehicles; a 34-percent decrease in robberies; and a 29-percent drop in residential burglaries.

Additionally, the number of commercial burglaries in the neighborhood fell to 13 from 22, said Captain Sweeney, while, in contrast, incidents of auto theft rose to 28 from 24 last month, which commonly occurred when an Uber Eats driver left his car running when they ran into make a delivery.

Captain Sweeney also said while it’s less common now for people to leave their car doors unlocked, they were still falling prey to “smash and grabs” by leaving valuables out in plain site in their vehicles.

The neighborhood has also seen an uptick in instances of graffiti since the last EBNA meet-

ing on March 2, said Captain Sweeney, with extensive damage reported around the Blackstone School.

“We have an idea of who kids are, but we’re still investigating,” he said.

Regarding Peters Park, Captain Sweeney said that while “things are looking good there now,” he’s still hoping to get some addition officers on bicycles in that area, if resources allow for it.

As for dirt bikes seen speeding on East Berkeley and Albany streets, Captain Sweeney requested that concerned citizens not give chase if they witness any, but instead to notify police if they see large groups riding dirt bikes or ATVs gassing up or pulling into a public garage with U-Haul trucks where they sometimes park overnight.

Captain Sweeney also said a firearm had been recovered earlier that day in the Cathedral area across from Foodies.

“These things pop up,” he said, “and hopefully it’s not a sign of things to come and we’ll have a quiet springtime.”

•In another matter, the EBNA’s business spotlight was on Venegas and Company, a kitchen design studio located on the second floor of Jordan Lofts at 477 Harrison Ave.

Donna Venegas, the company’s proprietor, said they uprooted from their former home at Boston Design Center about five years ago to build out the 5,000

square-foot showroom they occupy today.

Venegas said she’s “excited to see a design district developing around [her] front door” and hopes other businesses would follow suit.

Venegas also extended an invitation to the EBNA to use her showroom for future meetings or functions.

Representatives from [solid-core], a small exercise studio located at 345 Harrison Ave., were also scheduled for the EBNA meeting, but ultimately didn’t attend.

•Restaurateur Jeffrey Gates briefed those in attendance about his latest venture Brasserie, which will soon open in the former home of Gaslight at 560 Harrison St.

Brasserie will be open seven days week, Gates added, but the restaurant plans to “hold off for about a month” on Saturdays and Sundays.

•The EBNA also bid farewell to Chris Wells, a longtime member of the organization who recently succumbed to cancer.

Smith, president of the EBNA, described her as “a true neighborhood advocate, an activist” who was a friend to many in the neighborhood, himself included.

Meanwhile, Smith said he hoped the organization would resume in-person meeting in June, but September seems like a more realistic bet, since the group doesn’t typically meet in July or August.

OPENING DAY FOR THE RED SOX AT FENWAY PARK

Photo by Mayor's Office/Jeremiah Robinson

Red Sox players were happy to get the season underway, this

time with fans in Fenway, and gave each other "virtual" hugs prior to the game.



Retired Red Sox legend Jim Rice and Acting Mayor Kim Janey came together in the South End last week at Jim Rice Field to practice for the ceremonial first pitch – which Janey threw out successfully last Friday, April 2.



Acting Mayor Janey warms up her arm with Red Sox legend Jim Rice on Jim Rice Field in the South End last week – where the leader of the City got some pointers about throwing out the Red Sox ceremonial first pitch.



PHOTO COURTESY MAYOR'S OFFICE/JEREMIAH ROBINSON AND MICHELLE WU CAMPAIGN Councilor and mayoral candidate Michelle Wu found some fun characters outside Fenway Park with the vendors and a...pink pig princess eating a hot dog. Nice to have the old feel of the ballpark back.



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Acting Mayor Kim Janey celebrates after successfully kicking off the new and in-person Red Sox season with the ceremonial first pitch on Friday, April 2.



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Colorful cranes hang from the ceiling of the Old South Church portico.

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to the more than 500,000 Americans lost to COVID-19 since last year.

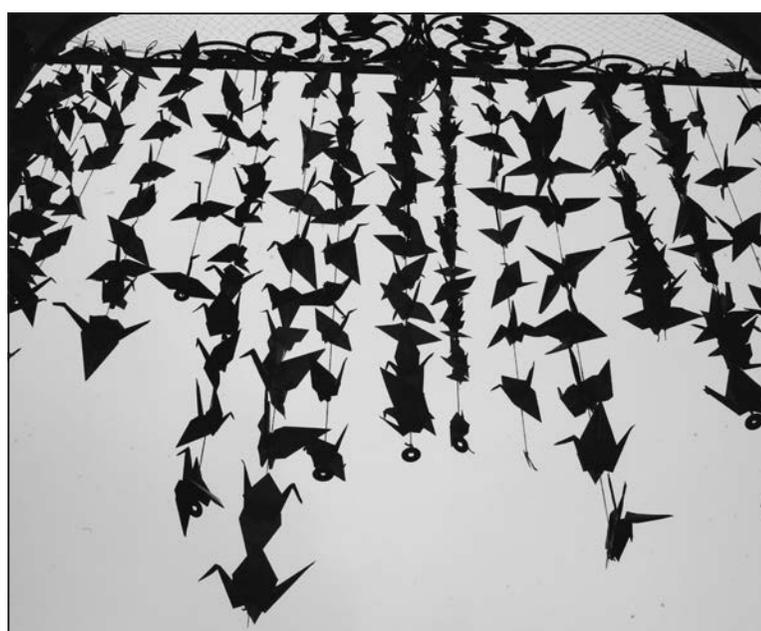
“As we open a new door as a country and move with hope towards making our community and world safe again both in health and in our government and leadership, we would like to fill our portico with paper cranes as symbols of peace, hope and our heart’s desire,” read a statement from the Church. “We are hosting an all church art project of making these cranes to hang in an art installation to be presented to the church and the community on Easter Sunday.”

The project was coordinated by Ralph Watson, of Old South, and included members of the Church and also other interested parties around the country. The project started in February with a goal of getting 500 cranes made, but it quickly ballooned and by Easter Sunday – there were more than 2,000 to hang in the portico.

Those from other states send notes of interest, and they were sent a packet with materials and instructions and instructed to mail them back to the church when finished.

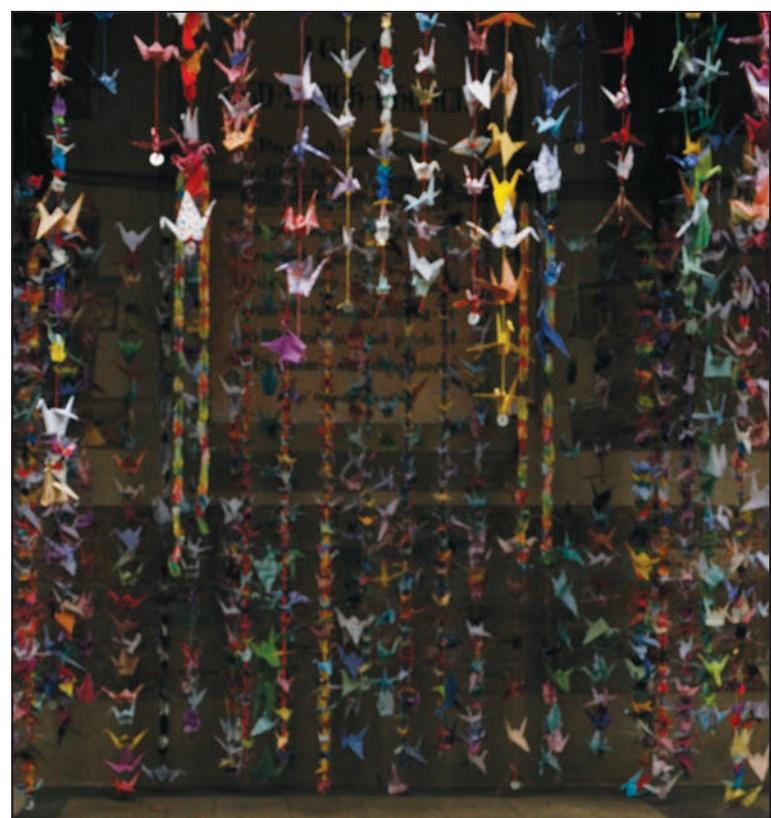
Many did. In addition to that, the Global Pandemic touchstone – which started at the Peace Abbey in Millis – made a stop in front of Old South Church and found a temporary home on the sidewalk in front of the paper crane project.

The Global Pandemics touchstone is carried on a carriage



A silhouette of the Old South’s paper cranes along with a real bird flying by.

– which has hosted other touchstones in the past dedicated to People Love to Violence and People Lost to War. The Global Pandemics touchstone was dedicated in the fall of 2020 and was expected to travel around Massachusetts and beyond.



The Global Pandemics touchstone simultaneously made a stop in front of Old South Church in the Back Bay this week. The touchstone is on a long journey that has started in Massachusetts and is likely to go worldwide – as have other touchstones in the series.



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UPNA talks construction permitting, rodents at general meeting

By Lauren Bennett

The Union Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA) held its general meeting on March 31 via Zoom, where the major topic of conversation was con-

struction permitting and rodents with Flavio Daveiga of the city's Inspectional Services Department (ISD). Neighbors also heard from South End Business Alliance (SEBA) president Elizabeth Beutel about what's been

going on with businesses in the neighborhood.

Flavio Daveiga, Director of Constituent Services for ISD, first spoke about construction permitting. He said that there are often several projects happen-

ing at the same time, with many being granted permits to work on the weekend or after hours during the week.

"When a permit is issued through ISD, we have to get [the Environment department]

involved to get the rodent control underway before we issue the permit, but when public works issues their permit we don't necessarily have a rodent

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The Miracle in our Backyard:

Reggie Lewis mass vaccination site offers community special access to appointments

By Seth Daniel

When the Reggie Lewis Center mass vaccination site opened a few months ago, the idea from the get-go was to appeal to the local communities like the South End – and particularly to make it easy for skeptical Black and brown residents in those communities to access information and the vaccine right in their backyard if they so choose.

To the astonishment of many, when it opened, the community really didn't come.

Initially, most of the appointments were taken by people from other parts of the city, or more likely, from far-flung suburbs where there was a clamor and an ease for grabbing appointments as soon as they appeared online. So it was, the lines for vaccines didn't initially look like the community around it.

Now, the operator of the Center – CIC Health – and its partners in the state, Roxbury Community College, the Black Boston COVID Coalition and Mass General Brigham have debuted a community outreach program for Mission Hill, Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, South End, Dorchester, Mattapan, Chinatown, Roslindale and Hyde Park. Anyone living in those communities, and eligible to be vaccinated, has direct and unimpeded access to 50 percent of the daily vaccine appointments before the general public.

"We know that there are folks still trying to get access and find out where to get it," said Shana Bryant, who is doing outreach on the program for CIC Health. "There are still the wait and see folks too. We now know that by the end of April everyone

will be eligible, so wait times could increase dramatically. The turnover with this program is very quick – a callback within two or three days and getting them booked within the week. We want to encourage those who have a positive experience to communicate that to friends and family. We have very unique access here and the ability to vaccinate many people in the community. That will allow us to experience the joys of being around friends and family and doing the things we enjoy again."

The allocation in the program is no small number.

At this point, the Reggie is distributing about 2,000 vaccinations per day, so residents of the South End have a special deal on at last 1,000 appointments per day at the Center. Those reserved appointments stay in the system until a day before, and then any that aren't claimed are dumped back into the pool for the general public. While it's not just available to people of color – but rather to any qualified resident living in the South End or the other mentioned neighborhoods – one focus group is people of color, as statistics are showing they are getting vaccinated at a lower rate than other groups.

Jeff Rogers, who lives near the Reggie, said he was open to getting the vaccine and did his research on the science behind it. He was convinced that all three were safe, but had questions about the rollout and operations pieces. Last Friday, he was able to get his second dose of the vaccine at the Reggie, and said the vaccine is a "miracle" and it couldn't have been easier to get it in his own backyard.

"I feel very relieved now," he said, just about an hour after getting his second dose last Friday. "We've been immersed in COVID-19 for a year now. If you think back to March 2020 and there's this phantom disease and they want folks to go on lockdown...At that time, like everyone else, I was spraying my groceries with bleach. My mother is a senior citizen. I was doing everything to protect her.

To think they came out with a vaccine so quickly and it's 100 percent effective against death... That's a miracle. To think that miracle is now available to me in my neighborhood from people I know is amazing...I don't think it's hyperbole to say it saved lives and saved Black lives to do it this way."

Prior to hearing about the Reggie Lewis program, he said his faith in the vaccine was faltering because the roll out seemed so skewed towards people not in the neighborhood and people who were not Black or brown.

"It looked like a big cluster to me," he said. "Then when the Reggie Lewis people called and set up the date, it felt real. I could tell also the people calling me back were Black people, and as a Black man, that gave me more confidence."

Rogers qualified after calling the number for the community program, and was quickly booked into one of the special community appointments. He got a call-back within two days and was booked for his appointment a few days later. His experience was very smooth and quick, he said. There was no anxiety and he said he was impressed with how he was treated and catered to.

For Karleen Porcella, who lives only a few blocks from the Reggie Lewis, the experience was one of skepticism. From the get-go, she wasn't sure about the vaccine, but after giving the program at Reggie Lewis a shot, she has changed her mind and is looking to do the same for everyone she knows.

"There was a lot of anxiety around COVID and the vaccine and how it rolled out," she said. "I didn't know what to expect... There were so many hesitations in our community to take this vaccine. The history we've had with health care cannot be taken for granted. I saw people waiting for hours to get appointments and waiting for hours in line to get vaccinated. I literally walked in with no wait and came in and out in 20 minutes. Having it there with people that

I recognized made all the difference. Also, having it right down from my house was convenient because I didn't have to take a day off of work and travel outside of the city to find a location. It was right here."

Now, Porcella said she's been telling friends and family all about the experience, the professionalism and the ease for using the special community appointments.

"We have this opportunity in the community and we're not taking full advantage of it," she said. "We have to step up and think about taking the vaccine. Once I got the appointment and saw how easy it was, I was telling everyone they needed to do it too."

In addition to reserving 50 percent of the appointments, the program has also engaged in a robust campaign to flier the neighborhoods using information in eight different languages. There has also been a door-to-door neighborhood awareness campaign that seeks to get information from residents interested in getting vaccinated – allowing the CIC's phone bank to pro-actively call and set up appointments. The phone system is also easy to use and provides translation in 240 different languages. There are also weekly town hall meetings online with trusted community groups, community health centers and elected officials.

The community partners assisting in the CIC Health community program include: Black Boston COVID-19 Coalition; The Urban League; MassVote; Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers; Chinese Progressive Association; Massachusetts Immigration & Refugee Advocacy Coalition; and City of Boston's Office of Immigration Advancement.

To access the community preference appointments, call (617) 675-0005 and start the process of finding out qualification and appointment booking. To access the appointments online, go to www.cichealth.com/reggielewis/outreach.

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control plan in place," he said, so that needs to be better coordinated with public works moving forward.

He also said that permits for after hours and weekend work are issued on a weekly basis, and that in the future, ISD will not allow so many of them at the same time and are "only going to issue the ones that are really necessary."

Anne Sheridan, a resident on Union Park, said that there are "four gut rehabs" happening all in the same vicinity near her home and the weekend work is causing noise disruption.

"Union Square has been one of our areas where we get a lot of complaints," Daveiga said, adding that much of the thought process behind the weekend work is to "expedite the job" so workers are not spending extended periods of time in the neighborhood.

Daveiga added that if there are any complaints, especially with weekend work happening without a permit, residents can reach out to ISD as a manager is on call 24/7. The complaint can also be reported to 311, he added.

The conversation then shifted to the rodent problem in the neighborhood, and UPNA president Abigail Cohen said that "it's been escalating. There are certain areas of our neighborhood that seem to be seeing it a little bit more."

She said she had recently met with representatives from Villa Victoria as well as a manager from Vejigantes Restaurant, who said that they are working on getting new dumpsters that do not have holes, and are also in touch with their trash company to see if a third trash removal day can

be arranged from the back alley. "They are also going to be in touch with the company they work with for rodent remediation," she said, to see if anything else can be done.

"That specific area has always been a specific problem for his crew," Daveiga said of ISD Assistant Commissioner Leo Boucher. He also said on behalf of Boucher that more "manpower" will be directed towards that area, as well as better coordination with public works and the large amount of construction happening "to make sure that there's pre-bating in a trap set prior allowing any digging..."

He also said that a team will be distributing flyers to residents and business owners outlining proper trash disposal, as improper trash disposal is also contributing to the rodent problem.

Several residents shared their personal experiences with rodents, saying that they have seen them running from the trash on the street into the back alleys, and one person even mentioned they saw a 14 inch dead rat. Another, who has moved to various cities over the years and is now back in the South End, said that the issue with trash and rodents is even worse than it was when she left the city 10 years ago.

Daveiga encouraged residents to reach out to him with concerns and to set up a walk-through of the neighborhood that could be done at a time most convenient

for residents with his and Boucher's teams.

Councilor Ed Flynn said that he would like to go on the walk-through as well.

"As we approach budget season, this is something I will advocate for the South End," he said, "more pest control outreach." He said that this is a "critical issue," and that if not resolved, residents might leave the city.

Aside from coordinating the walk-through, Daveiga said that he will be able to share a plan for the permitting process moving forward as well.

SEBA UPDATE

Elizabeth Beutel, president of SEBA, explained that SEBA is a "business alliance organization" that "focuses on businesses within the four walls of the South End."

It consists of a volunteer board that works to provide resources to businesses in the neighborhood. She said that over the past year, SEBA has had a "lot of PPP and grant conversations," and has also conducted analytics on the neighborhood.

While many businesses have shuttered due to the pandemic, "we've actually gained businesses in the South End," she said, and SEBA has "organized customer strolls" to bring folks into the neighborhood to patronize the local businesses.

She said that "the South End is really underrepresented from a tourism perspective. We need

people to be spending money here."

For more information on SEBA and its businesses and upcoming events, visit sebaboston.com.

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Graffiti was also a topic of conversation at the meeting, though Cohen said that the first order of business should be getting the rodent population under control.

She did, however, say that graffiti is "definitely something on our list to work on."

South End resident Sheila Grove said, "You can't really put graffiti on hold, because graffiti breeds graffiti." She said that the "city used to be really good about it...but they don't seem to be coming out. I think it would be really worthwhile that if the city can't do it, that Union Park should take some money out to

pay for it."

Resident Christine Parker agreed with Grove, saying that the issue "only gets worse as these individuals deem it's acceptable because no one is erasing it." She said that graffiti remover can be purchased at Home Depot, along with a bucket for water and a wire brush, and "we can do it ourselves," she said.

Parker also suggested that graffiti can also be part of the rodent tour with ISD.

Councilor Ed Flynn advised residents to report graffiti to 311, as well as reach out to his office, and then he can follow up with the Mayor's office.

"It's budget season now," Flynn said, adding that it's "important to weigh in with elected officials about what is important to you."



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Huntington Theatre announces two-phase construction renovations

Staff Report

Huntington Theatre Company has announced the start of major construction of The Huntington Theatre, its historic home on Huntington Avenue, beginning an 18-month construction period that will restore, renovate, and modernize the 95-year-old Boston landmark.

In order to optimize the time of the theatre's forced closure due to the pandemic, The Huntington has accelerated the timeline of its renovation plan with the goal of reopening the storied venue in the fall of 2022. This revised renovation plan requires an innovative phased approach: phase one includes the restoration of the theatre building, the renovation of the adjoining service building which houses dressing rooms, a rehearsal room and function space, and will include new lobby space, an elevator that serves all floors, new restrooms, and a new accessible-to-all entrance as part of the renovation; phase 2 of the project will include expanded lobby spaces and public spaces in the neighboring residential tower once it is complete. The Huntington remains committed to the full scope of the project.

"The Huntington Theatre has been home to so many extraordinary productions over the past four decades," says Managing Director Michael Maso. "We now have the opportunity to restore this gem of a theatre to its former architectural glory, while also enhancing it with new, modern amenities to serve our artists, our audiences, and our community. And after a year of the theatre being dark, it is thrilling to announce that there is once again energy and activity in the building, as we plan for an exciting future."

Built in 1925 as the first not-for-profit playhouse in the US, The Huntington Theatre was

acquired from developers QMG Huntington by the Huntington Theatre Company on a permanent basis in 2017, through the assistance of the city of Boston when Boston University put the building up for sale.

This major renovation will address the sorely needed maintenance and updating of the almost century-old building, providing critical upgrades of all mechanical systems from HVAC to the electrical wiring, making the facility accessible to all, and bringing the building into the 21st century with sustainable and universal design.

At the same time, the project will also restore and revitalize the key architectural features of this historic gem, highlighting the beauty of the original building, while providing modern comforts and amenities both in public areas and behind the scenes. These substantial improvements to the venue will allow The Huntington to expand its services to artists, audiences, staff, young people, and the community at large.

While the theatre is undergoing this transformation, The Huntington Theatre Company plans to produce a full season of theatre for 21/22 mainly at its Calderwood Pavilion at the BCA in the South End, beginning in late August 2021.

"When The Huntington built the Calderwood Pavilion in 2004, it was an important first step for us to expand our mission and dedication to our communities beyond the Avenue of the Arts and it was a transformational moment for us as a company," says Maso. "We will now embark on another such journey, reinvigorating The Huntington's original, historic location creating a dynamic new center for creativity in the heart of our city."

•CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Led by Capital Campaign

Chair Ann Merrifield and Vice Chair and Huntington Board President Sharon Malt, the Huntington's capital campaign *The Campaign for The New Huntington: A Storied Venue with a Bold Vision* has made significant progress, already raising over \$81.5 million towards a comprehensive goal of \$110 million (which includes annual fund giving for the duration of the campaign and funds to increase the theatre's endowment and reserves).

"*The Campaign for The New Huntington* is both an investment in the diverse cultural fabric of Boston," says Campaign Chair Merrifield, "And a promise that The Huntington will serve even more artists, audiences, and young people for years to come."

Huntington Board Chairman David Epstein and Trustee Betsy Epstein have committed \$9 million as a "non-naming" leadership gift to ensure that The Huntington Theatre retains its name for generations to come. "My wife Betsy and I are proud to support The Huntington in this transformational moment for the company," says David Epstein. "Theatre is essential – The Huntington has the power to inspire people and bring us together for meaningful collective experiences, and we are happy to help secure The Huntington's legacy for the future."

•RENOVATION PLAN HIGHLIGHTS:

*The auditorium will be reimagined with new theatre seating, improved sightlines, and new acoustic systems which will ensure a high quality and comfortable audience experience

*The new theatre seats will be wider with more legroom, and the seating configuration will change to accommodate an increased number of accessible seats and several rows of continental seating (continuous rows



A rendering of the new-look Huntington Theatre on Huntington Avenue. The company announced the start of Phase 1 of its construction and renovation project, and anticipated re-opening in 2022. A key design element for the new theatre is re-constructing the balconies on the second floor overlooking the street.

across the theatre) at the front of the orchestra and mezzanine; formerly housing 890 seats, the new configuration will have approximately 750 seats

*Major upgrades to all systems, including an all-new elevator serving all floors, HVAC and sprinkler systems, and electrical wiring; The Huntington is also consulting with Harvard professor and Director of the Healthy Buildings program Joseph G. Allen and his 9 Foundations team to include high quality ventilation and filtration systems

*A full upgrade and modernization of all staff, crew, and artist support spaces to better aid our personnel and serve our productions

*A new arcade main entrance created in the spirit of universal design allows all visitors to enter together, with a ramp from the sidewalk level to accommodate accessibility needs and the loading of scenery to the backstage area

*A newly enclosed arcade on the second level, providing a gallery convening space connecting the historic theatre and new 2nd floor lobby space

*The 2nd floor rehearsal hall and event space will be rehabilitated, including the restoration of the wood paneling and the revealing and refurbishing of beautiful windows that have

long been bricked and boarded up

*Brand new, elegant, all-gender restrooms will serve all theatregoers in an equitable, inclusive, and dignified way; (notably, the theatre previously had only nine toilets in the public restrooms available to women, and now all theatregoers will have equal access to 29).

The principal architect of the Huntington Theatre project is Jason Forney of Bruner Cott and Associates, working alongside Nurit Zuker, Karen Greene, and Rima Abouseleiman.

The construction process will last approximately 18 months, and The Huntington Theatre is expected to reopen in the fall of 2022. The \$110 million capital campaign includes \$64 million for the anticipated costs of construction (\$55 million for phase one, including the theatre renovation, the initial enabling project, and relocation of The Huntington Production Center and administrative offices, and \$9 million for phase 2 respectively); the remaining balance supports growth in our operations during the campaign period and increases to endowment and reserve funds to safeguard the company's future.

Emerald Necklace Conservancy highlights three things to do this 'Earth Week'

Staff Report

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy will be presenting three different events this Earth Week (April 19-24) with Earth Day being honored on April 22. The first event is a series of Muddy River Cleanups, the second is a virtual talk with the Massachu-

setts historical Society about clean water, green space, and social equity, and the third is a walk to learn about useful plants.

Muddy River Cleanup

Together with the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, the Muddy River Cleanup is a part of the Annual Earth Day Charles

River Cleanup; this event takes place throughout the Charles River Watershed and builds on a national effort as part of American Rivers' National River Cleanup which, to date, has removed over 25 million pounds of trash from America's waterways.

The Charles River Cleanup

brings together over 3,000 volunteers each year to pick up litter, remove invasive species and assist with park maintenance along all 80 miles of the Charles River. Residents are drawn to the popular Charles River Cleanup from a desire to give back to their community while enjoying the beauty and wildlife along

the river. Volunteers hold onto the connections they establish during this day of stewardship by returning to the Charles to exercise, play and enjoy nature throughout the year. Let's #talk-Muddy!

Due to the ongoing COVID-

(EMERALD NECKLACE, Pg. 13)

Janey, Martinez announce campaign to drive awareness about COVID-19 vaccine

By Lauren Bennett

Acting Mayor Kim Janey held a press conference on April 6, where she and Chief of Health and Human Services Marty Martinez announced the Hope campaign, “a new multilingual public awareness campaign, encouraging residents to get the COVID-19 vaccine when it is their turn,” according to the city. “Every dose gives us new hope for brighter day ahead,” Janey said as she urged every resident to get vaccinated when they’re able to.

The campaign, led by the Boston Public Health Commission, began last week and is expect-

ed to run through June for the first phase. It features a series of advertisements that can be seen in social media, on television, on streaming services, on billboards, and in print.

“The ads feature a diverse group of people who speak a variety of languages and aim to build trust with communities of color and other populations disproportionately impacted by COVID-19,” according to a release from the city. “It will be localized to target specific neighborhoods and reach individuals in their own languages.”

Janey added that the “ads are designed to inspire communities of color and others who are disproportionately impacted by

COVID-19.”

In a statement, Janey said that “this campaign was created to speak to the heart of what has been missing in our lives and what can be better, if we get vaccinated. Every dose of the COVID-19 vaccine brings us one step closer to putting this pandemic behind us.”

She also said at the press conference that it is “good news that vaccine eligibility is expanding,” and the Equity & Vaccine Access line is available for older residents and residents of color to call for help scheduling a vaccine appointment. The number is 617-635-5555.

Marty Martinez said that the city’s positive test rate as

of March 28 was 5.2 percent, which has increased over the past few weeks.

“We’re grateful that those increases in rates and positivity have not been seen in hospital numbers yet,” he said.

He said in a statement that “this vaccine gives us hope as we continue to battle this virus and look forward to life after COVID. The best way to protect yourself, your loved ones and your community is to get the vaccine when it is available to you.”

He also said that that the city is continuing its work to “prioritize communities and residents hardest hit” by the virus.

Martinez said that this week,

the city is “expanding mobile vaccination efforts” through more community organizations and partnerships with community providers like the Whittier St. Health Center.

According to the city, as of March 30, 42 percent of those fully vaccinated are people of color, including 11,649 Asian/Pacific Islander residents, 22,328 Black residents, 12,284 Latinx residents, and 175 American Indian/Alaskan Native residents.

In total, 119,218 Boston residents ages 16 years or older are fully vaccinated.

“The latest data shows we’re making progress,” Martinez said.

Exam School lawsuit gets hearing, law firm says there is a ‘New Boston’

By Seth Daniel

The blockbuster case now in Superior Court before Judge William Young had a hearing on Tuesday in the case, and Judge Young has said he would rule some time by mid-April to allow for the school assignment process to move forward in some fashion – but within that hearing on large law firm arguing for the temporary system says Boston’s changing demographics support their claim.

Brown Rudnick law firm has signed on to represent a plethora of organizations and civil rights groups that are supporting the plan that looks to achieve socio-economic diversity in the three exam schools via using zip codes across the city and their corresponding median income – as well as school-age population while eliminating the exam school test for this year only.

That sparked a lawsuit from 14 families in West Roxbury and Chinatown known as the Boston Parent Coalition for Academic Excellence Corp. and represented by Attorney William Hurd. They claim the zip code method is a proxy for race-based admissions and discrimination against Asian American and white students.

Brown Rudnick Attorney Brian Alosco has filed an interesting amicus brief in the case that is one of several being considered, but it focusing on the fact that there is a new Boston that has changed so much since this argument started many years ago – when he says the City was much more segregated.

“Their understanding of Boston’s neighborhoods focuses on what happened in the 20th Century in Boston, but present day Boston isn’t what it used to look

like,” he said. “Even in a certain zip code there is now diversity of race and socio-economic status...To say it’s about race just is not accurate.”

One of the examples Alosco’s brief has cited is the Mission Hill/Roxbury zip code (02120) and the East Boston zip code (02128)

“We have a lot of examples, but both of these zip codes has a white population of about 34 percent,” he said. “However, East Boston is going to gain 24 seats and Mission Hill/Roxbury would see a reduction of about two seats.”

He said only four zip codes have one racial group representing 80 to 90 percent of the population, which is the white racial group, and those areas are Beacon Hill, North End, Seaport and Downtown.

“Undoubtedly, race, poverty, and geography are inextricably

linked; past and present racial and socioeconomic discrimination has confined communities of color to low-income sections of neighborhoods,” read the filing. “Those sections, however, do not remain stagnant. More important, the racial boundaries that divide Boston’s communities of color continue to take shape and change over time and are not confined to ZIP code boundaries...For example, historically Black and Latino neighborhoods in the South End, Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, and Dorchester became demonstrably whiter between 1990 and 2017. Those communities cannot be identified by ZIP code because they are within and across most ZIP codes.”

Alosco said there is such diversity now in Boston, and also between racial groups in Boston – such as Asian Americans – that

the old arguments don’t hold.

“You can’t just say, ‘This admissions plan discriminates against white and Asian students,’ because even within that group there is diversity of race and socio-economic status in zip codes,” he said. “It just doesn’t hold that there was some hidden agenda.”

That, of course, is in the hands of Judge Young, and Alosco said the judge has told them he will rule by April 15. Meanwhile, Boston Public Schools announced this week they are holding up all school assignments for grade 6 going into grade 7 in order to wait for the results of the case. Because exam school assignments make up about 25 percent of the assignments, they have chosen to wait and have indicated that decisions will be sent out by late April so families can plan accordingly.

EMERALD NECKLACE (from pg. 12)

19 pandemic, the Muddy River Cleanup organizers have adjusted the traditionally one-day event to span a week – from April 19 to April 24 - in order to promote social distancing among volunteers. All cleanups are from 10am-12pm, and dates and locations are as follows:

- Monday, April 19: Back Bay Fens, Olmsted Park
- Tuesday, April 20: Charlesgate, Jamaica Pond
- Wednesday, April 21: Justine Mee Liff Park, Olmsted Park
- Thursday April 22: Riverway, Franklin Park (Shattuck Picnic Grove)
- Friday, April 23: Charlesgate, Justine Mee Liff Park

• Saturday, April 24: Back Bay Fens, Franklin Park (Valley Gates)

All volunteers will be required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing during the event.

For more information, visit <https://www.emeraldnecklace.org/volunteer/muddy-river-cleanup-2021>. The event is free but must register to sign up: <https://www.emeraldnecklace.org/event/mrc2021/>

Virtual talk – Massachusetts Historical Society presents “Clean Water, Green Space, and Social Equity”

Hosted by the Massachusetts Historical Society, Karen

Mauney-Brodek, President of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Representative Nika Elugardo, and Chris Reed, from the Harvard Graduate School of Design, will come together virtually for a conversation moderated by author Sarah Glazer on the subject of clean water, green space and social equity.

The chain of green spaces and waterways that comprise the Emerald Necklace park system is an invaluable urban oasis. Described as “the lungs of the city” this parkland and its rivers and ponds clean the city air, provide habitats for birds and other wildlife, and greatly improve quality of life for Boston resi-

dents. This panel will explore the past, present, and future of this urban wild, beginning with Olmsted’s vision, through the lens of social equity and environmental justice.

The event will take place on Thursday, April 22 from 5:30-6:30pm. The event is free but must register to sign up at <https://www.masshist.org/calendar/event?event=3461>

Walk – “Useful Plants Among Us”

There are helpful and even edible plants all around us, especially in springtime. Learn how to identify and use helpful plants that grow in the wild on a leisurely stroll along the Emerald Neck-

lace with Pam Kristan, author and wild food practitioner. Find out what is growing, where, when, which parts are edible or useful for other purposes, and preparation techniques.

Note: This tour is educational. No plants will be harvested or eaten. Plants in Public Parks are not for harvesting. All participants will be required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing during the walk. The walk will take place on Saturday, April 24 from 10:00-11:30am. The event is free but must register to sign up at <https://www.emeraldnecklace.org/event/walk-useful-plants-among-us/>.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

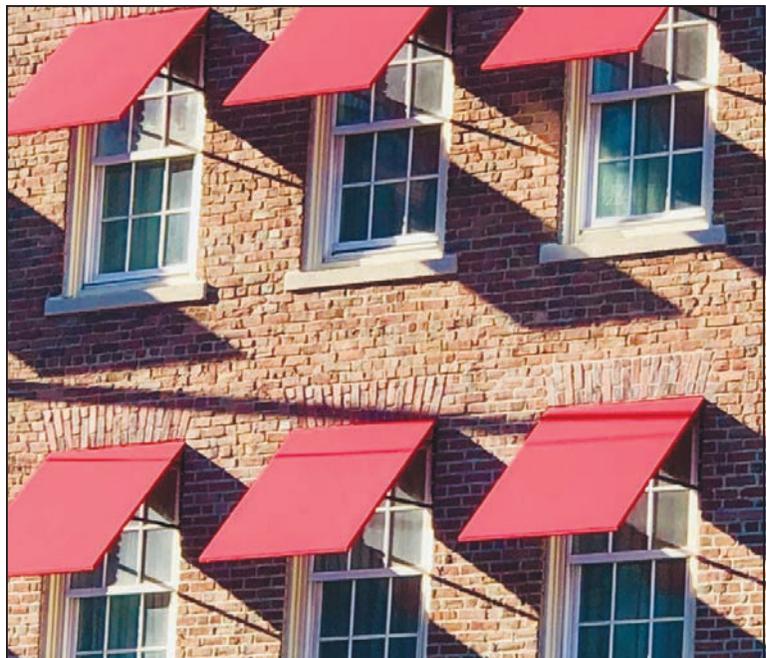
BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The coal vault cover in the last clue is on the sidewalk in front of 118 Pembroke Street. These contained small bullseye prism glass lenses set into cast iron frames that reflected light into the coal storage spaces below. This system prevented coal dust explosions that might have happened if people used candles or lanterns to see into their coal vaults. You'll find the next clue in the Back Bay. 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

BACK BAY

Turoff, Isabella
Vandemeerssche, Daphne M
Jeffrey A Choney
Hoffman, Bradford
Sun, Jack
Yoon, Edward L
Wooten, Luke S

BEACON HILL

Steven Cardin FT
IMP Ventures LLC
IMP Ventures LLC
Kyriakakis, Dylan
Guo, Ying
Ohlson, Amy
Boon, Kara R
Bruneau, Elizabeth
Bell, Elizabeth N

BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE

Mustapha, Wassim
Haydon, Marianne
Chang, Baolin
Davis, Erin W
Katz, Nurit
Chang, Baolin
Ali, Nadiyah
3531 Washington St LLC
Willett, Calvin

WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN

Turcotte, Frederick J
Perry, Anthony
Turan, Mete H
Sullivan, Jeffrey R
Verga, Marc
Hwang, Jack
JCC RE Investments LLC

SELLER 1

Sherin, Peter M
334-3 Beacon Street RT
300 Boylston St 1103
Buege, Paul S
Courage, Martin W
Pawlicki, Raymond
Moussa, Jean-Claude

Cutler, Elizabeth L
La Malmaison RT
La Malmaison RT
Zhang, Chentian
Dooley, Robin A
Zeigler, Luther
Vik&Kamala FT
Benik, Tina C
JDMD Owner LLC

15 Woodbriar LLC
Carona, Richard
Millane, Patrick
Costello, Christopher T
Petruzzello, Carmine
Campa, Simon
50 Symphony LLC
JP Property 1 LLC
Graham, Nicholas S

Otey, Brady
Shilalis, Jonathan A
Enfanto, Richard M
Cathy M Benningson RET
Machacek-Leary, Kristen
Chang, Albert D Ma, Li
MLG Merchants Row LLC

ADDRESS

122 Beacon St #1
334 Beacon St #3
300 Boylston St #1103
75 Clarendon St #201
75 Clarendon St #306
21-23 Marlborough St #3
411 Marlborough St #1

234 Causeway St #1104
234 Causeway St #813
234 Causeway St #913
30 Hancock St #4
2 Hawthorne Pl #9H
60 Myrtle St #5
76 Phillips St #8
45 Province St #1706
45 Temple St #310

46 Robey St #46
505 Tremont St #202
63 Burbank St #16
87 E Brookline St #1
82 Jersey St #B2
15 Park Dr #7
50 Symphony Rd #202
3531 Washington St #1
3531 Washington St #2
3531 Washington St #3
3531 Washington St #4
3531 Washington St #5
43 Westland Ave #404

2 Battery Wharf #4603
300 Commercial St #514
65 E India Row #3G
120 Fulton St #4B
134-136 Fulton St #2
70 Lincoln St #L512
21 Merchants Row #3

PRICE

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\$2,122,878
\$5,400,000
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COVID-19 cases on the rise in Boston

By John Lynds

Last week the Back Bay's weekly and cumulative COVID-19 positive test rate increased—a trend that has begun to sweep the city.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday, 3,041 residents were tested and 3.4 percent were positive—this was a 17.2 percent increase from the 2.9 percent reported by the BPHC two Fridays ago.

Overall since the pandemic started 48,622 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents have been

tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 6.6 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a 3.1 percentage increase from the 6.4 reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Positive test rates continue to rise citywide. According to the BPHC 28,007 residents were tested and 5.2 percent were COVID positive—this was a 23.8 percent increase from the 4.2 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago. This was the first time in weeks the city went above its 5 percent threshold used to plan Boston's phased reopening strategies.

On Monday the Baker-Polito

Administration announced that residents 55 and over and residents with one certain medical condition will be eligible for the COVID vaccine beginning on April 5.

In addition, the Administration announced that Massachusetts will adopt the CDC's updated list of medical conditions. This week, the CDC added more medical conditions that are linked to an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Massachusetts will adopt this guidance and make individuals eligible starting April 5th if they have one of these medical condi-

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Part One crime down 28 percent so far this year in District 4

By Dan Murphy

With the first quarter of '21 on the books, District 4 had seen a 28-percent decrease in Part One crime from last year.

According to Boston Police, 550 incidents of Part One crime were reported in the district, which includes the Back Bay, South End, Lower Roxbury and

the Fenway, between Jan. 1 and April 4 of this year, compared with 762 during the same time-frame in 2020.

No homicides were reported in the district either this or last year, while the rate of rapes and attempted rapes dropped nearly 43 percent as the number fell to four from seven last year.

Robberies and attempted

robberies saw an approximately 45-percent decline as the number dropped to 18 from 33 in 2020.

Incidents of domestic aggravated assault were down around 64 percent as the number dropped to five from 14 last year, while incidents of non-domestic aggravated assault were down around 37 percent, with 37 incidents in 2021, compared to 59

last year.

Commercial burglaries were down around 38 percent as the number dropped to 13 from 21 in 2020, whereas residential burglaries dropped nearly 32 percent as the number fell 26 from 38 last year.

Incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle saw a nearly 59 percent decline, with 57 this year,

compared to 138 in 2020.

The rate of auto theft, on the other hand, nearly doubled as the number rose to 27 from 14 last year.

Citywide, Part One crime was down 25 percent from last year as the number of incidents dropped to 3,081 from 4,120 in 2020.

Suspect in custody following double stabbing at Southamptton Shelter

Staff Report

At about 2:01 p.m. on Sunday April 4, officers assigned to District C-6 (South Boston) arrested Anthony Wall, 34, of Quincy after responding to a call for an

aggravated assault in the area of 112 Southamptton St., the City's homeless shelter's address.

On arrival, officers located two adult male victims suffering from non-life-threatening stab wounds. Both parties were trans-

ported to local area hospitals for treatment of their injuries. The suspect was taken into custody on scene without incident after being positively identified.

The suspect will appear in Roxbury District Court on

charges of Armed Assault with Intent to Kill (2 Counts). Additionally, the suspect was found to be wanted on an outstanding warrant sought out of South Boston District Court on numerous charges including Aggravat-

ed Assault on a Police Officer, Assault and Battery on a Person Over 60 or Disabled, Assault and Battery on a Police Officer and Resisting Arrest.

COVID-19 (from pg. 14)

tions. As a result of adopting the CDC's list, more residents will be eligible starting April 5th.

The full list of conditions can be found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.

html and the full timeline of the state's vaccine rollout is available at mass.gov/COVIDVaccinePhases.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown had an infection

rate of 567.6 cases per 10,000 residents, up 3.5 percent from 548.4 cases per 10,000 residents reported two weeks ago.

An additional 107 residents became infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area increased from 3,056 cases to 3,163 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 3.1 percent percent last week and went from 63,748 cases to 65,728 confirmed cases in a week. Fourteen additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,355 total deaths in the city from COVID.

For the Record

tion Commission meeting, online:

•Notice of Intent from Weston & Sampson on behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation for the proposed test plots associated with the new Charles River Vegetation Management Plan located along the Charles River Reservation, Boston.

•Request for a Determination of Applicability from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation for the demolition of a concession stand building located on the Charles River Esplanade, West End, Boston.

From the April 8 Entertainment Application hearing, 11 a.m., online:

•Sojuba, 1265 Boylston St., Boston 02215.

Request: To maintain and operate the categories of disc jockey, karaoke, dancing by patrons, instrumental music up to nine (9) performers, and vocal music up to nine (9) performers. To operate background music on the rooftop including televisions and speakers.

Applicant: 1260 Boylston Street, LLC.

M.O.R.: Jin Chong

From the April 9, 2:30 p.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS WORKING SESSION:

Ordinance restricting the use of chemical crowd control agents and kinetic impact projectiles, referred to the Committee on March 3, 2021. The sponsors of this docket are Councilor Ricardo Arroyo and Councilor Andrea Campbell.

From the April 12, 3 p.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION HEARING:

Order for a hearing regarding summer learning opportunities and summer planning for the 2021-2022 school year for Boston Public Schools. This matter

was sponsored by Councilor Andrea Campbell, and was referred to the Committee on February 24, 2021.

From the April 13, 9:30 p.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE HEARING:

Order for a hearing regarding inaccuracies in Analyze Boston's crime incident report datasets. This matter was sponsored by Councilor Andrea Campbell, and was referred to the Committee on March 10, 2021.

From the April 13 state DCAMM hearing (Shattuck Hospital), 6:30 p.m., online:

Notice of Intent to Submit a Project Proposal to the Asset Management Board and Public Hearing for the Long-Term Lease and Redevelopment of the land comprising the Lemuel L. Shattuck Hospital located at 170 Morton Street in the City of Boston

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, hereby gives notice under 810 CMR 2.05 that it intends to submit a Project Proposal to the Asset Management Board and that it will hold a public hearing on the proposed project which has been granted Preliminary Project Approval by the Board. The proposed project is for the long-term lease (up to 99 years) of the land (approximately 13 acres) comprising the Lemuel L. Shattuck Hospital located at 170 Morton Street in the City of Boston. The estimated fair market value of the leasehold as restricted is expected to be nominal.

From the April 14, Back Bay Architectural meeting, 5 p.m., online ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/85776959900](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85776959900)):

DESIGN REVIEW

•370 Newbury Street: Replace existing light pole with DAS node.

•276-278 Newbury Street: At rear elevation add signage, window boxes,

and exhaust fan.

•132 Newbury Street: At front facade redesign first-story and lower-level storefronts, steps, and patio.

•48 Gloucester Street: At front facade redesign storefront.

•374 Commonwealth Avenue: Install outdoor dining areas by installing brick patios and installing gates at existing fence.

•2 Commonwealth Avenue: At north facade replace two sets of 2 one-over-one win-dows at 18th floor with two picture window units flanked by casement windows matching existing windows at this location.

•116 Beacon Street: Install canopy at entrance.

•53 Marlborough Street/300 Berkeley Street: Install exhaust intake and exhaust louver at courtyard.

•126 Commonwealth Avenue: At rear yard replace wood fence with brick wall.

•314 Dartmouth Street: At roof install wood trellis to screen existing head-house. CONTINUED FROM 3/10/2021

•118 Commonwealth Avenue: Install HVAC equipment at rear common roof area and extend rear fire escape to roof area.

ADVISORY REVIEW

•761-793 Boylston Street: Construction of five-story rooftop addition.

Alexandra-Ball Neighborhood Association Meeting - Tuesday, April 13, 7 p.m. More de-tails to come.

SCHOOLS INFO

•School Return Timetables - March 1-4 - Students in K0-Grade 3 (Groups A and B); March 15-18 - Students in Grades 4-8 (Groups A & B); and March 29-April 1 - Students in grades 9-12 (Groups A & B).

FREE BPS BREAKFAST IN SOUTH END/FENWAY

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

Due to public health concerns, the hearings that non-mally 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 April 6 Zoning Board meeting, online:

•146 Beacon St., Back Bay. Applicant: Jeremy Sternberg. Purpose: Change of occupan-cy from multi-unit to single family dwelling. Renovations and gut rehab per plans. All new MEPs.

•535 Newbury St., Back Bay. Applicant: George Morancy. Purpose: Renovate existing building and convert from current 4 unit use to 6 units. All work to be done as of right under zoning code. Full sprinkler system to be installed.

•114 Union Pk., South End. Applicant: Thomas M. Realty. Purpose: Add a new 1 bed-room garden level apartment to an existing 3 unit building, changing the occupancy to 4 units with an existing unfinished garden level. The 3 other units in the building are existing to remain. A new sprinkler system will be installed in the new unit only. Exist-ing facade features will remain unaffected.

•60-84 Saint Botolph St., St. Botolph. Applicant: Ryan Lundergan. Purpose: The sub-stantial renovation of the Boston Housing Authority's Saint Botolph Apartments for continued multifamily residential use. The renovation project will include upgrades to the overall building, individual units, common areas, and the site. Request-ing expedited rejection.

From the April 7 Conserva-

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 pres-sured into an unsafe situation. Attorney General Maura Healey has created re-sources 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: multi-ple calls to 911, one that's blighted or just a general concern, we encourage you to reach out to your neighborhood liaison.



SOUTH END PENTHOUSE

201 W BROOKLINE STREET #PH402
3 BEDS | 3.5 BATHS | 3,804 SQFT
\$6,699,000



82 DARTMOUTH STREET #12
3 BEDS | 2F 2H BATHS | 2,339 SQFT
\$2,690,000



52 BEACON STREET #PH
4 BEDS | 3F 2H BATHS | 5,438 SQFT
\$9,500,000



36 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE #1
4 BEDS | 4.5 BATHS | 3,565 SQFT
\$7,499,000



16 EXETER STREET #1
4 BEDS | 4 BATHS | 3,882 SQFT
\$5,900,000

