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State holds public hearing for Shattuck Campus proposal

By Lauren Bennett

On April 13, a public hearing was hosted by the state's Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) to present the project proposal for the Shattuck Hospital campus on Morton St. in Jamaica Plain, and to allow for public comment on the proposal.

The Shattuck Hospital plans to move to the Newtown Pavilion in the South End in 2024, and throughout a several year process, the community has been outspoken about what should be done with the campus site. The proposed plan includes turning the existing 13 acre campus into an area for supportive housing, integrative health care, and other services.

Many residents and organizations have said they would like to see the existing Shattuck site be returned to parkland for Franklin Park and have suggested that these services be sited at the MBTA's Arborway bus yard instead, while others expressed that they feel these services are needed as soon as possible and agree with the plan as proposed.

As previously reported by the Sun, the state has four goals for the proposed project, including:

- 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 sup-

portive housing that contributes positively to health outcomes, and contributes to the supply of supportive housing in the region.

DCAMM project manager Loryn Sheffner explained some of these goals further at the public hearing, saying that they include a "minimum" of 75 to 100 supportive housing units, as well as "integrated health services including both services currently offered on the site and new types of services/programs cited in the Vision Plan," according to a slide presented.

The state is also looking at "other allowable public health uses pursuant to deed restriction," the slide stated.

Sheffner said that the team anticipates a "phased redevelopment" of the site.

"This project only pertains to the Morton St. site," she said, and addressed the suggested use of the MBTA Arborway Yard for these services that has been brought up several times in the community.

"Our discussions with the MBTA have indicated that this is not an option at this time, and we are moving ahead with this project at this site," she said.

In a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the site, DCAMM "will include all of these elements" of the proposal, "including team qualifications," Sheffner said, and will look at things like "responsiveness to the program and design goals, financial feasibility," and the schedule for implementation.

"The RFP will seek a single master developer," she said—which could either be a sole developer or a partnership—"to propose a redevelopment plan

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With "activity" going on in the background, Newmarket Business Association Director Sue Sullivan said this week at a press conference that she and some others in the community no longer support the re-opening of the Comfort Station on Atkinson Street. This butts up against a call by neighbors in Worcester Square and Blackstone/Franklin to re-open the Station as soon as possible. Sullivan said it has become an open air drug market, and a troubling situation is becoming normalized.

Businesses, some community members say 'no' to Comfort Station in South End

Situation cannot be normalized, leaders say

By Seth Daniel

While a smattering of individuals appeared to be using intravenous drugs on the sidewalk, a group of business owners from Newmarket and some South End

and Roxbury residents made a public call to City officials not to reopen the Comfort Station on Atkinson Street and to make a drastic change to the "open air drug market" that exists in the area.

That call came in direct opposition to leaders in other parts of the South End, most notably

Worcester Square and Blackstone/Franklin, who had called for the City to immediately re-open the Comfort Station on Atkinson Street last week. The butting of heads comes also as many areas of the South End that have been inundated with

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Five of six mayoral candidates take Nomination Papers on Day 1

Early poll shows half of voters undecided, Wu with highest favorability

By Seth Daniel

Five of the six declared candidates for Mayor of Boston took out their Nomination Papers on the first day of their availability, April 13, with only Acting Mayor Kim Janey still not yet taking papers.

An inquiry to her campaign

late on Tuesday was not returned.

The Boston Election Department showed that 11 people had taken out papers for the mayoral campaign, including the declared candidates John Barros, Councilor Andrea Campbell, Councilor Anissa Essaibi George, State Rep. Jon Santiago, and Councilor Michelle Wu.

Janey is the only other major candidate that has declared, but the only one as of Wednesday morning not to take out papers.

Others taking out papers

included Michael Bianchi of Brighton; Robert Cappucci of East Boston; Joao DePina of Dorchester; Roy Owens Sr. of Roxbury; Richard Spagnuolo of the North End; and Patrick Williams of Dorchester.

Candidates for mayor and City Council have until May 11 to get their Nomination Papers, though many do it on the very first day, and must file them by the end of business on May 18.

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NUMB TO THE NUMBERS

With just about all of the states now reopening their economies, the conventional wisdom among most Americans is that the worst days of the coronavirus are behind us.

Yet the reality is that hundreds of Americans continue to die and tens of thousands more are contracting the disease each and every day.

This past Monday, April 12, for example, the New York Times -- which gets its data from Johns Hopkins University -- reported that 476 Americans died from the virus and that there were 72,286 new cases on that day.

Admittedly, these numbers pale in comparison to the 3000 Americans who were dying and the 300,000 new cases that were being reported each day at the pandemic's height this past winter.

But even these lower daily figures still are huge, rivaling the numbers that were in evidence last spring and summer.

Yet despite the ongoing tragedies of friends and family members across the country who are succumbing to the pandemic, there has been a complacency developing among most Americans about the virus.

To be sure, all of us are suffering from virus fatigue, attributable to the quarantining, restrictions, and omnipresent fear of catching the disease.

In addition, with the vaccine rollout proceeding ahead of projections, most of us believe that the worst is behind us.

And while that may be true, we still have a rough road ahead. With the announcement earlier this week that the one-and-done Johnson & Johnson vaccine is linked to serious side-effects in a tiny number of recipients, the national vaccination program will be facing a slowdown.

More ominously, the so-called United Kingdom variant of the virus now is the dominant case-type in the U.S. -- and that variant has been shown to be 60% more contagious AND 67 percent more deadly.

Even more worrisome, the variants that have been attributable to Brazil and South Africa are thought to be more resistant to vaccine-efficacy AND have been shown to reinfect persons who previously had caught the disease.

The arithmetic is this: More Americans still are dying each and every week from the coronavirus than were killed on 9/11. Let that sink in for a moment.

For those of us who like to compare the fight against COVID-19 to a war, the proper analogy to WWII is this: We may have won the war in Europe (V-E Day was on May 8), but American troops still were fighting and dying in the Pacific in epic battles on Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

To paraphrase Winston Churchill, we are not at the end of this pandemic and, in view of the huge numbers we are seeing nationwide, we may not even be at the beginning of the end.

Although we may be at the end of the beginning, it is premature to let our guard (which is to say, our masks) down.

The reality that we all must acknowledge is this: We still have a long way to go before we can declare victory over COVID-19.

GUEST OP-ED

Mask wearing in America

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Like most everyone else, I'm tired of wearing a mask.

Every time I go to the grocery, a restaurant, church, or work I have to put on a mask. Not long ago, if we wore a mask into a bank or convenience store, the attendants would be alarmed and call 911. Today if we don't wear one, we are in trouble and not welcomed.

A lot of people have died from Covid-19 and thus I understand masks are important in this pandemic era. I don't want a disease. I have had two Pfizer shots and I wear a mask most every place I go.

Is it our American, God given right to take off our masks? While we are free to take off our masks, others are free to ask us to put them on. The business owner has the freedom to require a mask. The airlines have the freedom to require masks. The religious assembly has the freedom to require you to wear a mask. People with whom you

socialize may ask that you wear a mask. Of course, you are free to not patronize those businesses, forsake religious assembly and not hang out with certain people.

You are free to go maskless if you want to. However, you aren't free to be in someone else's face without a mask if they don't want you there without one. There are many places where you aren't allowed to smoke. There are some businesses that will not allow your pet. They have the freedom to refuse you service and you have the freedom to go somewhere else. This is America.

We've all been to the funeral home around sick people. A dear friend of mine eulogized a funeral in late November. Two people were in attendance who had Covid-19. He caught the virus and was dead by mid-December. He spent his last two weeks of life isolated in intensive care. He meant well in trying to help out a family in their time of grief. It cost him his life. He had been very active and healthy.

I've spoken in churches and to groups where people would come up and shake my hand and then say, "Well, I've been sick, but I came anyway." They acted like they should have received a trophy for coming and contaminating everyone. In reality, their actions were inconsiderate of everyone else's health.

State governments may remove mask mandates. However, keep in mind that business owners still have the right to require masks. Churches still have the right to require masks. You don't have to let anyone in your home without a mask if you choose.

We have freedom in America to make choices - all of us.

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Gov. Baker provides vaccination update; addresses pause on J&J

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker held a press conference on April 14, where he provided an update on vaccination in the state as well as addressed the recent recommendation by the CDC and the FDA to pause the administration of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Baker reported that as of Tuesday, there were 1400 new cases of COVID-19 in the state, 714 people were hospitalized with the virus, and 165 were in the ICU.

He also said that so far, there have been more than 4.6 million total doses of the COVID-19 vaccine distributed statewide, and the state is "on track to fully vaccinate 2.1 million residents this week."

Baker said that "we continue to be a national leader with respect to getting residents vaccinated."

He then spoke about the pause on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine after six cases of a "serious medical condition" were reported in individuals who had received that vaccine.

Baker advised any residents

who recently received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and have "severe symptoms" such as severe abdominal pain or leg pain to reach out to their healthcare provider.

Every Massachusetts resident over the age of 16 will become eligible for the vaccine beginning Monday, April 19, which Baker said is a "significant milestone in our mission to vaccinate eligible residents and bring this pandemic to a close."

Baker then announced that from April 19 through April 25, there will be "Red Sox Week" at the Hynes Convention Center mass vaccination location, where up to 20,000 first doses will be reserved for residents from communities that are "disproportionately affected by COVID-19," he said.

He said that the state's partner organizations have been "working hard to get more people and households out to get their shots."

Red Sox Week at the Hynes will offer a completely bilingual experience, with Spanish speaking staff and volunteers, "Red Sox themed attractions," a sel-

fie station, and even Wally the Green Monster will make an appearance.

"The goal is to encourage more people to come to Boston to get vaccinated with family and neighbors," Baker said.

With Phase 3 of the vaccination plan beginning on Monday, an additional 1.7 million people will be eligible statewide.

He said that residents should "expect it may take several weeks to book an appointment," but residents can still preregister for a vaccine at one of the state's mass vaccination locations, as well as six regional collaborative providers that have been added.

"Millions of people across the country have been vaccinated," Baker said, who received his first dose of the Pfizer vaccine on April 6.

"It's critical for all of us to take advantage of the opportunity when we have it," he said, adding that "we can't let down our guard." He said that people still need to follow all of the COVID protocols and guidance.

"When you're eligible, please sign up and get vaccinated," Baker said.

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BBAC subcommittee hears latest rendition of proposed building at 149 Newbury St.

By Lauren Bennett

A subcommittee of the Back Bay Architectural Commission (BBAC) met virtually on April 12 to discuss the proposed building at 149 Newbury St., which will sit on the corner of Newbury and Dartmouth Streets.

The proposed building is five stories tall and will offer about 17,500 square feet of retail space and about 26,000 square feet of office space, according to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

This project last came before the BBAC early last year, and the team said they have been working on refining the design based on comments and feedback received from various organizations.

Architect Haril Pandya went over the design changes, starting with the overall building envelope. The originally proposed design featured a lot of glass, and after receiving several comments, more brick has been added to the facade.

He said that early last year, there were several different “corner treatments” where some of

the designs featured the entry on the corner, while others placed it on either Newbury or Dartmouth Streets instead.

Aside from the concerns about too much glass, Pandya said that other feedback from last year included looking more at the corner, reviewing brick colors, looking at the brick detail along the facades on Newbury and Dartmouth Streets, looking at the scale and proportions of the office windows, and taking a look at alternatives for the proposed floating brick piers.

Pandya said that moving to the alley, the paving on the ground will be brick, the trash will be located farther away, and there will also be a loading area as well as a bike area with some landscaping. There is also an “opportunity” for a flowering tree to be planted in the alley area, he said.

“We also felt that it was important to turn one bay into the alley,” Pandya said.

He then talked about the fifth floor cornice, saying that the team “lost a lot of the articulation to simplify it,” and now just includes “a simple band.”

He said in his “personal opin-

ion,” it’s “nice to have a level of articulation.”

Chris Jones of engineering firm IBI Group talked about the public realm portion of the project, saying that they want to “delineate between the public and the private space,” as well as wanted to understand “the fabric of Newbury St. today.”

He talked about the existing concrete sidewalk on Newbury St., as well as the proposed brick promenade and granite threshold.

There is also a proposed custom wood and steel base bench that allows for seating on both sides and is “meant to be as flexible as possible,” and “begins to provide some verticality as we get to the corner and defines that edge,” Pandya said.

“We know we have to incorporate bike parking on the site as well as find a home for Bluebikes,” he added.

Pandya then talked about the interior floor plans of the building, adding that they do not yet know what tenants would go in the building.

“I want to applaud the design team,” said Commissioner Robert Weintraub. “This project has

come leaps and bounds from the first time you presented it to us.” He said that in his opinion, the team is “close to being done here.”

He added that “redirecting the entryway to either street is probably the right thing to do,” and he also said he likes the staggered bay window design as it “breaks up the monotony.” Weintraub also said that he likes the thicker cornice and the taller, grander entry for the office space.

He then asked about the brick color, to which Pandya said that “as of right now, there’s really just one brick.” He said “we don’t want it to necessarily blend with the abutters, but it will fit within the context of the other buildings in the area.

“What defines the Back Bay historically are buildings with energy and idiosyncrasies,” said Commissioner David Eisen.

“You started out this project with some very unresolved but interesting ideas,” he said. “To me, it is a bit unfortunate that those haven’t been developed and accepted.”

He said he believes the bays are “important elements” while walking down the street.

“It is a very handsome building,” said BBAC Chair Kathy Connor. “I do, however, feel that’s such an important corner.” She said that the “animation you started out with...certainly made a statement from all angles.”

She said that she recognizes that it’s “been reduced dramatically based on design by committee,” but it’s “still an important message to have the corner articulated.”

She added that she believes the “alleyway gives it a sense of presence and importance,” and agrees with other Commissioners that uplighting the brick could be a positive aspect for the building.

Commissioner John Christiansen said that he likes the design for the building, but would like to see a “heavier cornice on the corner,” which could be lightened up in other areas. “I think that could work fine,” he said. “The corner is more important.”

FOSEL TO HOST VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR



April is Sexual Violence Awareness month and the South End Writes series from the Friends of the South End Library (FOSEL) is pleased to host Tanya Selvaratnam, who will discuss her new book, ‘Assume Nothing: A Story of Intimate Violence.’ In ‘Assume Nothing,’ Selvaratnam bravely recounts the intimate abuse she suffered while in a relationship with former New York State AG Eric Schneiderman and examines domestic violence crises. The virtual event is accessible for free on Zoom. The event will take place on a new date, April 27, at 7 p.m.

He said he likes the entrance on the side rather than on the corner, and prefers the more open two story entrance. “I like the overhang,” he said, adding that “you see that as you go up the street. I do think there’s a lot of light coming out of it.”

Sue Prindle of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) said that she believes Pandya has “done a fabulous job of dealing with comments.” She also said that the NABB Architecture Committee “had brought up the cornice issue,” and “I think there should be a hierarchy of cornices,” she said. “The lower one maybe fights with the upper one a little bit.”

She also said that while she “loves” the bench, she said she has concerns about skateboarders using it.

Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review for the Boston Landmarks Commission, said that there will most likely be one more subcommittee meeting to address the BBAC’s remaining issues and concerns with the design, and then it will go before the full Commission for a vote.



Virtual Community Meeting

Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

Monday, May 3
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/May2021RSMPOC

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 161 848 8944

Event Description

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

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Long-time ESNA President to step down after 10 years

By Seth Daniel

The long-time president of the Eight Streets Neighborhood Association in the South End, Michael Almond, announced Tuesday night that he would be stepping down from his leadership role after five good years of leading the organization.

Prior to that, he was also a very active vice president for five years.

“I will be stepping down as president after five years as president of Eight Streets, and spending the previous five years as vice president,” he said. “We still haven’t decided who will succeed

me. It’s been an absolute pleasure working with everybody over the years. But after 10 years it’s time for someone new.”

Almond has been an affable leader for Eight Streets over the last five years in particular, running a very efficient meeting and tackling tough issues. He was particularly instrumental in getting attention to Watson Park and other parks in the neighborhood – not to mention addressing persistent trash and rat issues.

All of the other officers in the organization will continue to serve, and he said he will stay on until a new president is chosen.

•SEBA STROLL COMING IN MAY

The South End Business Alliance (SEBA) President Liz Beutel announced the organization will hold the annual South End Stroll on May 14, 15, and 16 to highlight the lifestyle of the South End, and bring business to the numerous stores in the area.

“We have a lot going on,” she said. “We had a stroll in December and had about 90 businesses participate. I have more than 40 signed up now and I expect to get 130 to 140 participants involved and we want neighbors and neighborhood associations

to participate as well. It coincides with the spring cleanup also.”

SEBA has reinvented itself since Beutel took over last October, and even has increased its membership through the pandemic by offering Webinars and help to local businesses. She said they are looking at businesses in the South End now as everyone comes out of the pandemic, and it looks like the neighborhood fared well.

“We had wondered if we were going to lose a lot of businesses in the South End,” she said. “The South End itself has grown and we’ve added 100 businesses in the South End since 2019. We’ve

really grown. We did lose a few restaurants and a lot of them went on hibernation. Home services and personal services have actually grown a lot. People have done more startups than we’ve seen previously.”

•PETERS PARK

The City is currently resurfacing the Peters Park tennis courts as promised some time ago, and they will be adding lines to accommodate the emerging game of Pickle Ball. The Park is also expected to get new basketball hoops too, and a new tool shed is to be installed by the City as well.

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and lead implementation.”

She said that after approval from the state’s Asset Management Board (AMB), the RFP will be issued and “advertised for no less than three months,” according to a slide presented.

The state will then review the proposals and choose a “private/non-profit development partner/service provider” which will then be required to come up with project plans and secure approvals, permits, and financing.

Sheffner said that the state hopes to issue the RFP this year, and the final project proposal draft can be found at mass.gov/service-details/shattuck-campus-redevelopment-at-morton-street-proposal.

The majority of the hearing was dedicated to allowing the public to make comments on this proposal.

Many residents spoke in favor of the proposal, saying they believe these services are crucial and this plan would provide a space for them to become a reality.

Sue Sullivan, Executive Director of the Newmarket Business Association, said that “I truly think we should stay with the vision that is intended,” as the city is in “desperate” need of affordable housing. She supports the proposal as is.

“We will be the new host for the Shattuck Hospital and as such, we have a really important and vested interest in this process and how the Shattuck campus is redeveloped,” said Steve Fox, chair of the South End Forum.

He said that there is a “need for both temporary and permanent supportive housing,” and he believes that the “recommendations that have come from this process” are “right on target in terms of how it can help the South End.”

Fox said that the South End community supports the proposal as is.

Kathy Brown of the Boston Tenant Coalition was a part of the Citizen’s Advisory Board for the Shattuck planning process, and said that there is an “unbelievable housing crisis” that has been made worse, and there is a great need for emergency shelter and substance abuse treatment. “Please move forward on the plan,” she said.

However, many JP and Roxbury residents, like Louis Elisa, don’t feel that the Morton St. site is the right place for these services.

Elisa expressed his concern with the siting of these services, as he believes it is “not well thought out,” and will isolate people from the rest of the surrounding community. He said that “no amount of transportation” to and from the site will be of any help.

“Other than Franklin Park, the only surrounding for that community is cemeteries,” he said.

Sarah Freeman, a JP resident who is active in the community, suggested that the MBTA site be seriously considered.

“I’m not suggesting displacing the bus uses; it is a bus site,” she said, “but if they segue to cleaner technology with a more compact site, their needs could be met. These Shattuck proposed uses have been shown that they could work by some collaborations between the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and Northeastern University.” Freeman said that she “urges” the state to “take a look at those” and to “help us work together to get the T to follow through on their promises.”

Karen Mauney-Brodek, president of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, said that “Bos-

ton’s Emerald Necklace is a very important park system for the City of Boston.” She also said that there is “an important set of needs” that this proposal seeks to fulfill, “and we must find a location,” as she does not believe Franklin Park is the best location for them.

She and others support the use of the Arborway Yard site because it provides easy access to public transportation, along with “a more accessible site for supportive services and the 75–100 housing units for the formerly unhoused, as proposed by Massachusetts Health and Human Services, eight acres for community-serving development, residential units and affordable

housing, the opportunity to provide space for the MBTA’s electric bus fleet, and continued direct access to Franklin Park,” Mauney Brodek said in a statement.

Former governors Bill Weld and Michael Dukakis also supported the use of the MBTA Arborway Yard for these services, with Dukakis saying that “this is precious parkland.” He said that “the T is a public agency. It responds to the governor,” adding that “I hope we can work with you and I hope we can do this right.”

However, resident James Michel said that he doesn’t believe Dukakis or Weld “are in a position to speak for Black and

Brown and indigenous communities that surround the park.” He said he believes affordable and supportive housing is much needed, and he supports the project as proposed.

Teronda Ellis, CEO of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation, said that “we have to remember that we’re all kind of working towards the same set of principles here,” and “understand that our positions need to be flexible. We need to find ways to find common ground.”

The written comment period for the proposal has been extended to April 23, and comments can be sent to loryn.sheffner@mass.gov.



Virtual Public Workshop

PLAN: Nubian Square Parcel P3 Workshop

Monday, April 26
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/P3Workshop3
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 650 6076

Event Description

Please join members of the PLAN: Nubian Square team on April 26th from 6-7:45pm to discuss Parcel P3. During this workshop we will continue to review existing site conditions and discuss potential future uses to guide the RFP. For more information please visit bit.ly/PlanNubian.

Únase a los miembros del PLAN: equipo de Nubian Square el 26 de marzo de 2021 de 6 a 7:45 pm para discutir el lote P3. Durante este taller, continuaremos revisando las condiciones existentes del sitio y discutiremos los usos posibles para guiar la RFP. Para obtener más información visite bit.ly/PlanNubian.

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Women's Lunch Place Mother's Day cards have returned

For \$25, one card buys lunch for a week for a woman in need

By Lauren Bennett

Women's Lunch Place (WLP), a day shelter that provides meals and programs for women experiencing homelessness and poverty, is back with its 19th year of Mother's Day cards.

Each \$25 card will provide lunch for one woman for five days through WLP's Healthy Meals program.

This year's card utilizes pieces of cards from years past that have been cut up and arranged into a floral mosaic design. The card was created by Darcy, who has been a WLP guest for more than 10 years, according to WLP Chief Development Officer Paula White.

"She came to us after she was in a car accident and injured her back, and was unable to work," White said. "She has been sta-

bly housed for quite some time through efforts of WLP."

White said that Darcy fell in love with WLP's Creative Expressions program, which is part of the organization's "over-arching wellness program," she said, adding that "...through expressing yourself in a creative way, a lot of our guests find peace, they find their inner voice, they talk a little bit more easily about what they've experienced and the trauma that they have felt and witnessed by expressing themselves through art rather than just retelling their stories."

After becoming housed, Darcy continued to visit WLP to participate in the Creative Expressions program, as well as "to have community, because she found community when she started coming to us and to ensure that she had well-balanced, nutritious meal," White said.

The Mother's Day cards are created through the Creative Expressions program, where one

woman's design is chosen to be the face of the card, and they can either be sent blank to be filled out later, or sent directly to the recipient with a message.

White said that Darcy, "probably more than anyone," has had her design featured on the cards the most over the years.

This year, many of WLP's programs and activities are still being conducted via pick-up rather than at the shelter, though White said that WLP is starting to return to the community slowly. The Creative Expressions program was "takeout rather than on-site" this year, so the women "didn't have a lot of time" to create the designs.

The cards are priced at \$25 each, and White said that the prices for meals were increased this year because everything has to be individually packaged per COVID regulations. Additionally, they couldn't have any volunteers in the kitchen and instead had to hire staff to prepare the meals.

Aside from the \$25 card, there are also other options to help the entire WLP community.

For \$300, an individual, business, or organization "can sponsor a day of breakfast...for everyone we serve," White said. "That's very impactful for a lot of people. We do about 200 meals a day."

For \$500, a day of lunch can be sponsored, and for \$150, fresh fruit can be provided for a



Women's Lunch Place guest Darcy creating the design for this year's Mother's Day card.

day. Each of these three options also includes one Mother's Day card.

White said that the sale of these cards "gives people something very meaningful to give women in their lives," and allows people to "honor the women in your life by supporting women in need."

She said that often, people buy cards for their wives, sisters, and other important women in their lives, not just their mothers.

"You don't have to be a mother to understand the importance of caring for each other," White said.

Additionally, the purchase of a Mother's Day card from WLP "spreads our message," she said,



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"It really helps to educate those who need to understand... exactly the impact of our work," she said.

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Councilors call for hearing on enforcement of short-term rental regulations

Staff report

Boston City Councilors Ed Flynn, Kenzie Bok, and Lydia Edwards are calling for a hearing this week regarding the status and the enforcement of the Short Term Rental Ordinance passed in 2018. The hearing order follows a decision at the Zoning Board

of Appeal last week, opposed by both Councilors Flynn and Bok, in which relief was granted for Sonder to convert 26 units to Executive Suites on Battery March St. This decision runs contrary to the spirit of the 2018 ordinance, which sought to remove non-owner occupied properties, Investor Units and large corpo-

rate operators from participating in short term rental activity due to their impact on Boston's housing stock, rental market, and quality of life issues they presented in our neighborhoods.

In 2019, a hearing from Councilors Flynn and Edwards on the implementation of the ordinance specifically raised these concerns, of both the Councilors and civic organizations across the city, that large corporations could potentially continue operating short term rentals in the same manner under the guise of Executive Suites. The Councilors seek to discuss this critical issue and other concerns that exist regarding enforcement of the ordinance, the eligibility criteria

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FEMA to reimburse families up to \$9,000 who lost a loved one due to COVID-19

By John Lynds

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. With many families struggling through the pandemic with loss of jobs and income the added expense of providing a funeral for a loved one that succumbed to the virus has been a heavy burden.

This has been especially true for many in Boston but a new program by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) aims to ease some of those financial burdens.

Last week FEMA launched a new program that began providing financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020 for deaths related to COVID to, “help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic”.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the new program will reimburse local residents who lost a loved one to COVID up to \$9,000 for funeral expenses.

“At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters,” said Acting

FEMA Administrator Bob Fenton. “The COVID-19 pandemic has caused immense grief for so many people. Although we cannot change what has happened, we affirm our commitment to help with funeral and burial expenses that many families did not anticipate.”

Local funeral directors across Boston are encouraging customers who lost a loved one due to COVID-19 to sign up for the program. Families may qualify for up to \$9,000 for funeral costs related to a single loved one and up to \$35,500 for funeral costs related to multiple COVID-19 deaths.

However, FEMA does not permit funeral homes to submit documentation on a family's behalf. In fact, no one can register for FEMA Funeral Assistance but families who lost a loved one. FEMA has received reports of scammers reaching out to people offering to register them for funeral benefits. FEMA has not sent any such notifications and will not contact you before you register for the program.

With that said, families should keep and gather documentation. The types of information should include an official death certificate that attributes the death

directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia. Other important documents are funeral expenses documents that include the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.

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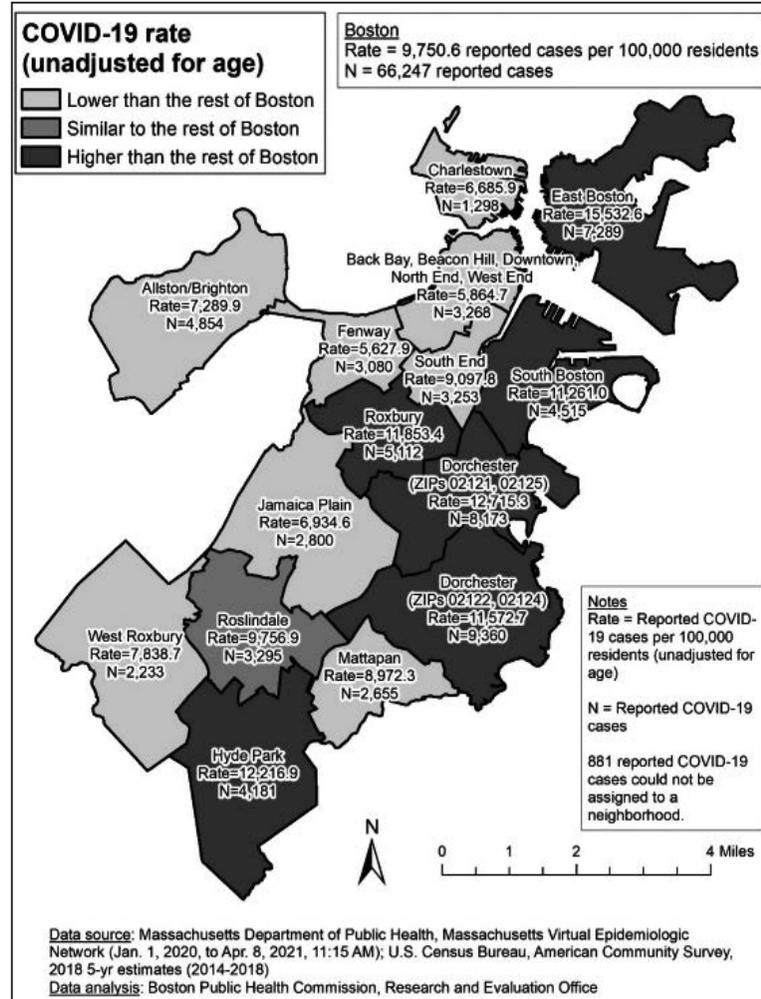
The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.

There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

FEMA began accepting applications Monday, April 12 and additional information may be found at <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>.



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

COVID-19 numbers decrease in neighborhood

By John Lynds

Last week the Back Bay's weekly COVID-19 positive test rate decreased after posting a 17.2 percent increase two weeks ago.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday, 2,987 residents were tested and 3.2 percent were positive--this was a 5.8 percent increase from the 3.4 percent reported by the BPHC two Fridays ago.

Overall since the pandemic started 48,822 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 6.7 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a 1.5 percentage increase from the 6.6 reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Positive test rates citywide decreased but still remain at the 5 percent threshold. According to the BPHC 28,091 residents were tested and 5 percent were COVID positive--this was a 3.8 percent decrease from the 5.2 percent positive test rate report-

ed by the BPHC two weeks ago. The 5 percent threshold has been used to plan Boston's phased reopening strategies.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 586.4 cases per 10,000 residents, up 3.3 percent from the 567.6 cases per 10,000 residents reported two weeks ago.

An additional 105 residents became infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area increased from 3,163 cases to 3,268 cases as of last Friday.

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

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 2.5 percent last week and went from 65,474 cases to 67,138 confirmed cases in a week. Five additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,358 total deaths in the city from COVID.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS (from pg. 6)

and screening process, and the removal of Investor Units.

Passed in June of 2018, the ordinance regulates short term rentals on platforms, such as Airbnb. Only units that are owner-occupied are eligible for short term rentals. The ordinance would also require short term rentals operators to register their units, apply for a license yearly, and notify the abutters. Currently, Executive Suites are exempt from the ordinance and residents, advocates and civic organizations have expressed concerns that large corporations will continue to operate their units by pursuing these conversions. Last week's decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals included a large, corporate operator who had similar proposals elsewhere Downtown and in the South End. This decision has raised concerns from civic organizations and housing advocates that commercial operators will now seek to exploit Executive

Suite conversions to once again run unregulated, de facto hotels, and taking much needed units from our housing stock.

“In the midst of an affordable housing crisis, and as we recover from both a pandemic and economic crisis, I find it wholly unconscionable and disappointing that the Zoning Board approved last week's proposal from a large, multinational corporation to convert 26 units to Executive Suites. It's time for us to stand up for our values as a city. I voted to ban these large companies from operating these unregulated hotels because they take away precious housing stock, drive up the market, and present serious quality of life issues in every neighborhood,” said Councilor Flynn. “We must not let these large, corporate operators exploit any potential loopholes or circumvent regulations to take away valuable housing stock. I look forward to having this discussion to ensure

that our regulations are enforced and our neighborhoods are protected.”

“As we have seen in the past few years in the downtown neighborhoods, if we don't continue to take action against short-term rentals, housing stock will be converted and residents will not actually live in our neighborhoods anymore,” added Councilor Bok. “We can't allow an executive suite loophole to frustrate our efforts to preserve much-needed housing in our community.”

“Both the current and previous administrations supported the ordinance,” said Councilor Edwards. “Why are they now supporting workarounds and loopholes? It doesn't benefit Boston and goes against the spirit and intent of the ordinance.”

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203, or at Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.



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Be A Maker by Katey Howes includes the robot project. Craft materials for this project will be available at the Charlestown Library the week of April 19th 2021. Other titles include Tiger Days by Clark, I Promise by Lebron James, In The City by

Chris Rascka, The Sandwich Swap by Kelly DiPucchio, and Michelle's Garden by Sharee Miller. In addition, each session will include reading a poem from Mr Rogers' A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.

The Zoom meeting link will be given to you closer to the date of the first program. To sign up contact ewhittle@bpl.org

Also, on June 9th the BPL will welcome Wally (the Green Monster) from The Red Sox for a virtual, interactive reading adventure. Visit bpl.org for the Zoom link for this webinar or contact the Charlestown Branch at 617-242-1248.

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Acting Mayor Kim Janey took a business tour of the South End on April 10 and visited Freddie and Carlos Blanco at the Don Quijote Market on Washington Street and Vejigantes Restaurant in Villa Victoria. (Photos courtesy Mayor's Office/Isabel Leon)



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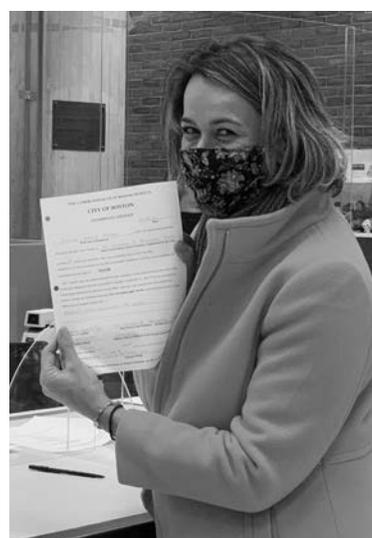
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Taking out Nomination Papers for Mayor on Tuesday were five of the six declared candidates for the open seat – including John Barros, Councilor Andrea Campbell, Councilor Anissa Essaibi George, Councilor Michelle Wu, and State Rep. Jon Santiago. Acting Mayor Kim Janey had not taken out Papers by presstime, but has until May 11 to do so.

NOMINATION PAPERS (from pg. 1)

Nomination Papers came just as a new voter poll from WBUR, the Dorchester Reporter and the Boston Foundation came out with interesting results – most notably that around 46 percent of voters were undecided about mayor.

Of all the candidates, Councilor Michelle Wu had a 47 percent favorability rate, but also the highest unfavorability rate of 11 percent. Only 21 percent had never heard of her before. Acting Mayor Kim Janey registered at 34 percent favorability, the second highest, and 5 percent unfa-

vorable – with 35 percent having not heard of her before. Councilor Anissa Essaibi George landed in third place virtually tied in all metrics with Councilor Andrea Campbell. Essaibi George had a 27 percent favorability and Campbell had 26 percent. Some 44 percent had never heard of Essaibi George and 42 percent hadn't heard of Campbell.

Meanwhile, State Rep. Jon Santiago found himself at the bottom of the list with a 13 percent favorability rank, and 57 percent not know who he was. John Barros was ahead of him

with 17 percent favorability, and 50 percent not knowing him.

Mayoral candidates must get 3,000 signatures of registered voters in Boston. At-large councilors must get 1,500 signatures and a District Councilor must get 200 signatures.

For South End, Back Bay and Fenway, Councilors Ed Flynn and Kenzie Bok had taken out papers already and no one else had taken out papers in the districts as of yet.

However, by Wednesday morning she had not taken out her Nomination Papers, but was

expected to do so in the coming days.

Meanwhile, Richard Martell of the North End did take out Nomination Papers for a potential run.

The at-large Council race will have a full slate, with two seats vacated due to Wu and Essaibi George running for mayor.

Councilors Michael Flaherty and Julie Mejia are expected to run for re-election, but only Mejia had taken out papers on the first day.

Already, declared candidates Kelly Bates of Hyde Park; Alex-

ander Gray of Jamaica Plain; Ruthzee Louijeune of Hyde Park; and Erin Murphy of Dorchester had taken out papers.

They were joined by new names in James Colimon of Roslindale; Domingos DaRosa of Hyde Park; Raymond Vasquez of Dorchester; Althea Garrison of Dorchester; Bridget Nee-Walsh of South Boston; Roy Owens Sr. of Roxbury; Donnie Palmer of Brighton; Nick Vance of Hyde Park; and Patrick Williams of Dorchester.

Is Hollywood becoming Beane's Town?

Berklee grad, Brennan Hepler advances on American Idol

By Cary Shuman

Brennan Hepler, the Berklee College of Music graduate now known to millions of American Idol fans as Beane, has earned a spot in the popular TV show's final group of 12 contestants.

Hepler, a 23-year-old resident of Brighton, delivered a stirring rendition of Ben Platt's "Grow As We Go" on Monday's live show to enter the coveted Top 12 after not receiving a Top 10 nod in the nationwide vote.

"Beane has worked so hard and wants the title and this is his shot to stay in the competition," said host Ryan Seacrest prior to Beane's electrifying performance.

Celebrity judges Lionel Richie, Katy Perry, and Paula Abdul appreciated Beane's vocal talents. It had to be overwhelming for Hepler to hear such praise from three absolute giants in the music industry.

"Mr. Beane, I am so proud of you," Richie said. "You were

so relaxed, you were so calm. You grew into your artistry. You enjoy being in that rhythm even though it's nerve wracking what you're going through. You gave us a stellar performance where you just relaxed into your talent. On American Idol, you got the best shot of your life."

Perry said, "There is only one Beane. You have convinced me. I'm a card-carrying Beanie baby. I love seeing you grow. I think you're not going back. You're just going forward and your evolution has been amazing to watch."

Abdul also admitted to being a Beane fan. "I think everything about you is very special and unique," said Abdul. "You shine like a bright light."

Hepler, a 2019 Berklee grad, has been in Hollywood (California) for the past month in rehearsals, video promotion packages, and performances for the show.

Hepler talked about Monday's "sing for your life" performance during a telephone interview.

"I was fortunate to have picked a song that meant a lot to me, so I was very excited about the opportunity to sing that song, above all else," said Hepler.

The excitement grows each week for Idol contestants as they develop national followings on social media. Hepler's many fans are known as Beanie Babies.

"I'm excited about how it's progressed so far and I'm really thankful for the support that I've gotten from all over the place," said Hepler. "This has been the most interesting and crazy experience I think I'll ever have. It's such a unique experience to go through, so I think that's why there so much bonding amongst the contestants. The whole thing has been so, so beautiful to connect with people like that. It's been wonderful."

Hepler was also excited about



Brennan Hepler, known as Beane, performs on the American Idol show.

the stylish, sequined white jacket and outfit that he wore during his performance Monday night.

"It's the coolest I've ever felt in my life," he related. "It was very Harry Styles-esque, I guess. It was like Prince meets Harry Styles."

Hepler said he has received tons of encouraging messages from fellow Pennsylvanians and the Berklee College of Music community.

"The people back home are just so thrilled and I couldn't be

more excited be something that everyone can find some joy in during this time," said Hepler. "My friends and family have been so incredibly supportive."

To his many fans in Boston, Hepler offered, "Please tell them how grateful I am for their support and I can't wait to get back home and make music for people live."

Berklee College of Music student Grace Kinstler also advanced to American Idol's Top 12.

COMFORT STATION *(from pg. 1)*

drug and homelessness issues for years, have seemingly turned a corner this past winter and spring. Most of that seems to be in part due to the policy of keeping the quality of life issues bottled up in the Comfort Station. However, businesses in Newmarket and the South End-Roxbury Partnership do not want to see the Station open up and further numb everyone to the drug use and normalizing of "inhumane" treatment.

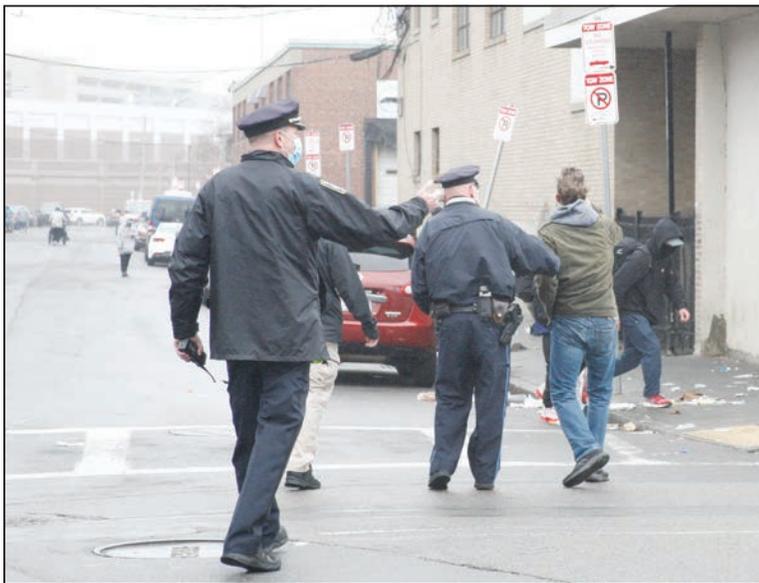
Sue Sullivan, director of the Newmarket Business Association, has been supportive of the City's efforts with the Comfort Stations in the past, but said that is no longer the case. She cited there had been 10 stabbings, two homicides and one shooting in that area. She said the growing violence and drug use can't continue.

"We understand there are people on both sides of the issue," said Sullivan at a press conference Monday morning on Southamptton Street. "We cannot support the Comfort Station re-opening and being operated in the way it was. Atkinson Street is an open air drug market. The Police do everything they can, but they are swimming against the tide. We cannot have an open air drug market. We are not in favor of re-opening the Comfort Station."

Sullivan said she had been working cooperatively with the Boston Police, as well as with Acting Mayor Kim Janey's office. However, she challenged DA Rachael Rollins to more vigorously prosecute the numerous drug dealers that come to the



South End resident Andy Brand points to a man who, during the press conference, wandered into oncoming traffic on Southamptton Street and appeared to be extremely intoxicated. He said it's happens numerous times every hour.



Boston Police had to escort the man during the press conference out of the way of oncoming vehicles and back to the sidewalk, where he eventually laid by a street sign.

area to prey on those with drug issues.

"We're calling for the DA to please help us in prosecuting these drug dealers...to make sure they're not back out on the street before the police officers finish

their reports," she said. "People need to understand this isn't a Boston problem; this is a Commonwealth problem."

She also called on the City of Quincy to drop its lawsuit in the Long Island Bridge project

so that a Recovery Campus for the region can be built on the Island. She also called on Gov. Charlie Baker to push for more treatment facilities and services outside of Boston.

Brian Maloney, who owns Middlesex Truck and Coach in Newmarket, said it's very hard for him to do business in the area now.

"We had a vibrant business up until the last few years," he said. "It's hard to get employees to come here. They're afraid and our customers are afraid to come here too. It's devastating. We need Quincy to stop this lawsuit and let the Bridge be built so people can get help again on Long Island."

Yahaira Lopez, who founded the South End-Roxbury Partnership, said they do not support the re-opening of the Comfort Station because it isn't humane. She cited that the situation is only getting worse, and they plan to protest again starting this week

on the Connector.

"This is a public health crisis," she said. "We want action now. We don't have time for Zoom after Zoom and meetings and meeting minutes that aren't open to the public. This is inhumane. These are parents, siblings, children and it's not okay...The South End-Roxbury Partnership doesn't want this Comfort Station re-opened until the City and state can give us a tangible plan."

Two weeks ago, the City announced that they were closing the Comfort Station, which has become infamous for drug dealing and open drug use - as well as upticks in violence in the area. City leaders said they were going to re-assess the Station, and potentially re-open it in two weeks. So far, there has been no communication on the matter from the City, but some sources are indicating the City is leaning towards not re-opening the Station. The two-week closure would end today, April 16.

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Janey discusses police accountability and transparency in the city

By Lauren Bennett

Acting Mayor Kim Janey held a press conference on April 13 to discuss police accountability and transparency, as well as violence in the City of Boston, following the shooting and death of Delois Brown on her front porch in Dorchester last weekend.

“I visited the fatal crime scene on Saturday evening and again on Sunday morning,” Janey said. “It was my first time as mayor, but like the residents on that street, it is something I have experienced far too many times.”

She continued, “It is outrageous that a grandmother or anyone cannot sit outside on a beautiful spring day without the fear of being shot to death. Most Boston residents live in a safe, peaceful neighborhood, but too many others live in fear of vio-

lence.”

She said that “as mayor, I’m committed to ensuring safety, healing, and justice in every Boston neighborhood. I understand that the fabric of trust between the Boston Police Department (BPD) and Boston residents has worn thin in parts of our city, especially in communities of color.”

Janey said that “transparency and accountability” need to be at the forefront of the conversation, “especially” when talking about law enforcement.

“My administration is doubling down on our work to stand up the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency, otherwise known as OPAT,” she said.

On Wednesday, Janey submitted her Fiscal Year 2022 budget, which she said allocates

\$1 million to create the office. At Tuesday’s press conference, she announced that “seasoned attorney and advocate” Stephanie Everett will be the Executive Director of OPAT.

Everett “will lead the organization with the authority to review all BPD internal affairs cases, subpoena the release of records and strengthening police accountability to the people of Boston,” Janey said. “My administration is bringing a new era of transparency and accountability to all corners of city government.”

She also brought up the allegations of child molestation and abuse against former Boston Police Union president and BPD officer Patrick Rose.

“I have directed the city’s law department to immediately

review Patrick Rose’s internal affairs file, and redact any information that could compromise the identities of the sexual assault or domestic violence victims,” Janey said. “The victims of these appalling crimes must be protected, but transparency cannot wait any longer.”

She continued, “As we now know, an alleged child molester was allowed to remain on the police force and rise through the ranks of the patrolmen’s union for two decades.”

She said that “those who are complicit in abuses of power will be held to account,” and that “the release of these files is a first step.”

Additionally, the OPAT will investigate the “BPD internal affairs system that allowed a police officer to remain on the job

while preying upon children,” she said. “We must change the way BPD internal affairs works to ensure that this never happens again.”

She also said that her FY22 budget “dramatically reduced police overtime expenses,” and funding for expanding the police cadet program by 50 percent to allow for more diversity in the police force. She said the program will add “20 new diverse officers to the Boston Police force.”

Janey also said that she has “charged” Chief of Housing Shiela Dillon with helping to “safely relocate families impacted by homicide.”

Additionally, “I’m dedicated to ensuring safety, healing, and justice for every resident in all of our neighborhoods,” she said.

With finances in decent shape, City proposes 3.9 percent budget increase

All eyes are on BPD reform in historic operating, capital budget

By Seth Daniel

The good news about the City Budget is that revenues are predicted to remain in good shape despite the economic upending by COVID-19, but the bad news is that the Police Department budget is likely going to dominate the conversation – and the controversy – once again this Budget season.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey released her budget on Wednesday and a piece of good news likely to be buried in more serious structural budgetary items is that fiscal healthiness of the City. The \$3.72 billion City Budget is an increase of \$142 million over last year – or a 3.9 percent increase. At the same time, it contains no layoffs, no service cuts and fully funds all the liabilities and debt payments facing the City.

New City CFO Justin Sterritt said Boston is in an enviable position compared to many other major cities and locales near Boston – many of whom are struggling with cuts to municipal government due to an uncertain property tax base and declining revenues.

“If you look at other parts in other cities other parts of the state, they’re talking about where they need to spend the federal (Rescue Plan) dollars to make up for losses,” he said. “We are not in a position like than in Boston. We didn’t need to have any layoffs or cuts, but actually we added new programs...That’s the position Boston is in.”

The Operating Budget is accompanied by a 5-year \$3.2 billion Capital Plan that is the largest in history, representing a \$200 million increase over last year’s plan.

“During the past year, Boston has come together like never before, and we must take that spirit of inclusiveness and compassion and translate it into real investments for the City of Boston and our residents. COVID-19 has brought on unprecedented economic and social change for our city, and this budget proposal meets the moment and makes targeted investments to ensure that as we emerge from this public health crisis we are not going back to normal, but going forward better than before,” said Janey. “I am proud of this budget and the enormous work that goes into running our City government and providing the services Bostonians need

and rely on. No one can be left behind as

Boston recovers from COVID-19, and looks forward to the future.”

Sterritt indicated that the City was slated to get about \$435 million in federal funding from the recently-passed Rescue Plan, and that money is something they hope to have a further conversation about – perhaps looking at one-time investments and not using it to fill gaps in municipal government as is being done elsewhere.

As far as revenues go, property tax collections were seen as being very reliable and certain, and the only revenues that were down were parking fines and license fees – down about \$7 million. Revenues for hotel excise tax and other local options like Meals Taxes were also down, but Sterritt said they expected those revenues to return with the economy turning around after the pandemic lifts.

All that said, the focal point of the Budget once it gets to public hearings before the City Council is going to be the Police Department budget – a controversial topic last year that was only going to grow this year.

One councilor has already told the newspaper that there

was some discomfort with the proposal, as it doesn’t seek to cut the Police Department budget very much at all – that coming after Acting Mayor Janey issued the Black and Brown Agenda last year calling for a full overhaul and major cut to the Police budget. Not having such a cut in her first budget proposal has brought confusion on the Council already, said the councilor.

Sterritt said last year’s \$12 million cut to the Police Budget didn’t materialize, and in fact the Police budget exceeded its allocation.

“The Police had a \$12 million cut last year,” he said. “We did not hit that number.”

Most of the overages, he said, came due to overtime paid for the large numbers of protests and election-related unrest that required a large police presence, most of it paid via overtime. That also came at a time when there were large amounts of retirements in the Department, and few new officers coming into the ranks.

As a counterweight to that news, he said this budget cuts overtime by 33 percent, taking it from \$65 million last year to \$21 million this year. That is accompanied, he said, by a plan that will sustain the cut and not

require so much emergency overtime.

He said they plan to add more than 30 officers to the ranks, increasing the numbers to 2,300 officers in the budget. Those officers will hit the academy in June and be on the streets in December. Having more officers available to work, he said, will cut down on having to call in officers on overtime due to shortages in staffing.

That will be accompanied by a 50 percent increase to the Police Cadet program, and a \$500,000 investment in a medical team to help officers that are injured or out of work return safely.

Another piece of that puzzle with the Police Department budget is a \$1.75 million allocation to fund the design of an Alternative Police Force. That force would respond to things like mental health issues, and drug addiction issues – something that has been called for over a number of years by residents. The allocation would be to hire staff and consultants that would usher in the framework of the program – but only after “a robust community process that involves intense and direct conversations with the community.”

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Take the Marathon Daffodils walking tour

Staff Report

The Boston Marathon may be postponed due to the pandemic. However, thousands of Marathon Daffodils will still flourish and be distributed over the Patriots Day weekend to frontline healthcare workers.

The blooms can be found in many public spaces, including Audubon Circle, Kenmore Square, Back Bay, and at the Boston Athletic Association Marathon Finish line area. Also, the Marathon Memorial sites, along the Esplanade and Emerald Necklace, at the “Make Way for Ducklings” statues, Beacon

Hill, Post Office Square, at the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway to Fort Point Channel, along the Seaport where the 20 Knots: Daffodil for Boston art installation is displayed sponsored by WS Development, at the Christopher Columbus Park, Sam Adams Boston Tap Room at its Faneuil Hall Pub and in historic Charlestown.

Boston resident Diane Valle founded the Marathon Daffodils, now in its eighth year, to honor the spirit of the Boston Marathon by growing and delivering thousands of daffodils throughout Boston. The Marathon Daffodils collaborates with

hundreds of generous donors and volunteers who donate their money, time, and energy to add a cheerful display of yellow daffodils to welcome runners, visitors, and residents. “Come take a walk around the city to see the beautiful, cheerful, yellow Marathon Daffodils; enjoy our great City of Boston and celebrate this Spring tradition while wearing a mask and social distancing,” adds Valle.

“Marathon Daffodils is a way to remember those who lost their lives; to acknowledge those who suffered injuries and those who rushed to their aid as well as to signify the resilience and strength

of our entire Boston Strong community,” says Matthew J. Piscitelli, co-owner of Olson Greenhouse that grows the daffodils.

“The Marathon Daffodils are our way of offering a living symbol of Hope, Spring, and Rebirth,” says Clive Olson, Jr, Vice-President of The Marathon Daffodils. “It is especially important after experiencing a challenging year of a pandemic.”

In October of 2020, more than 25,000 Dutch Master daffodil bulbs were imported from Holland, planted in 5,000 pots, and put into a massive cooler at Olson Greenhouse, Raynham, MA. Three weeks before Mara-

thon Weekend, the bulbs are removed from the cooler, ending their winter-long hibernation, beginning their life as a Boston Strong Marathon Daffodil.

On Friday morning, April 16, volunteers’ trucks will be loaded with daffodils while teams of volunteers gather at a dozen locations throughout the City of Boston, to receive and deliver the Marathon Daffodils to hospitals, green spaces, and locations.

Marathon Daffodils is supported by the generosity of numerous donors, Garden Clubs, Massachusetts Master Gardeners and businesses.

BPDA holds discussion proposed change of use for 321 Harrison Ave. project

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held a public meeting on April 7 to discuss changes to the project at 321 Harrison Ave. that is currently under construction.

Joe Imperato of BioMed Realty explained that BioMed is now the owner of the building and is proposing to change the use of the building from its previously approved use of office space to lab space, as previously reported by the Sun.

BioMed is an “owner, operator, and developer of life science real estate,” he said. The proposed changes include upgrades to mechanical systems and loading areas, as well as “minor architectural changes to mask the systems.”

He added that with the increase in interest for this type of life science real estate, he is “confident that a lab building can be occupied fairly quickly.”

Imperato also said that “we feel the change in use brings a number of benefits, economic and otherwise, to the area really immediately.”

He said that BioMed will

“reaffirm our commitment to the promises made” to the original owner of the building, including “workforce financial contributions to infrastructure improvements and stormwater management improvements,” as well as improvements to landscaping and transportation benefits.

“I think we have 93 bike spaces within the garage,” Imperato said, and public bike racks that can fit 26 additional bikes. There will also be charging stations for electric bikes, as well as onsite bike repair, showers, and locker rooms.

Architect Mark Spaulding then discussed some of the proposed changes and how they would affect the eight story building “atop the existing parking structure” that has been approved and is currently under construction.

“The main takeaway from this is that all of the benefits that were public realm improvements as part of the original project are still being constructed as originally designed and approved,” Spaulding.

He spoke about the “cross block connector between Har-

rison Ave. and Washington St.” The streetscape will be activated by retail on the ground floor as well.

He said that two “viewable” pieces of the change in construction from what was originally approved include the addition of more rooftop mechanical equipment for the lab use, as well as a “connector to serve connection between this loading dock and the 321 Harrison building so that lab use can effectively be served from that dock which is on Mullins Way.”

Spaulding continued, “one of the details that was important to

design staff was to incorporate the geometry of the connector with the canopy so that it looked intentional as a design element of the original project. It really is just to extend the canopy in the right side and allow it to connect with the architecture of 321 Harrison in a very intentional way.”

Additionally, the mechanical penthouse will be “extended to the east towards Harrison,” Spaulding said. The penthouse is not being made any taller, but rather just larger to fit all of the mechanical equipment that is required for a lab use.

There were not many ques-

tions or concerns from the public expressed at the meeting, but one resident did as about the penthouse and its design. Spaulding said that “through many studies,” the team has “determined it is better against the sky” for it to be a grayish tone rather than something darker, so the “profile of the building is what you read and focus on as opposed to the penthouse itself.”

For more information on this project and the proposed changes, including the full video from the meeting, visit bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/321-harrison-avenue.



Virtual Public Meeting

BU Fenway Campus Institutional Master Plan

Wednesday, April 21

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3dGBWy2

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 161 734 9858

Project Proponent:

Boston University

Project Description:

This is a meeting of the BU Fenway Campus Task Force, open to the general public, to discuss the proposed ten-year Institutional Master Plan for Boston University's Fenway Campus (formerly Wheelock College), located in the Longwood Medical Area. No new development projects are proposed over the course of the IMP.

Please note: we will not be discussing the University's Charles River Campus at this meeting.

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Close of Comment Period:

5/10/2021

Parking enforcement activities slated to return on April 20

Staff report

Acting Mayor Kim Janey announced that the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) has updated parking enforcement regulations in the City of Boston. Starting Tuesday, April 20, parking enforcement

will return citywide, including towing during posted street sweeping and for parking in spaces without an appropriate resident sticker. Also, BTD will not be ticketing residents with an expired inspection sticker until May 31.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The awnings in the last clue are on the Eliot Hotel at 370 Commonwealth Avenue. On the hotel website they say, "Built in 1925 by the family of then-Harvard University President Charles William Eliot, the hotel originally housed semi-retired Harvard professors. The Ullian family purchased it in 1939 and have owned and operated it since." You'll find the next clue in the Fenway neighborhood. Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Suizenji GP LLC	Pascu, Nicolae L	75 Clarendon St #40	\$845,000
Suizenji GP LLC	Pascu, Nicolae L	75 Clarendon St #502	\$845,000
Robin I Kane T	80 Comm Ave Dev LLC	80 Commonwealth Ave #3	\$5,400,000
Fliegau, Heidi	Baban, Jalal E	492 Beacon St #14	\$1,195,000
Raqeeb RT	Vincent Falanga RET	183-185A Massachusetts Ave #601	\$1,160,000
Lahmadi, Wahid	Forkner, Adam H	425 Newbury St #N58	\$120,000
160 St Botolph Street LLC	Knickerbocker&Brahmin	160 Saint Botolph St	\$3,100,000
Namkung, Andrew	Besosa, Jorge L	175 Saint Botolph St #2	\$850,000
BEACON HILL			
Nicholas, Coral D	Koncilija, Kevin	17 Bowdoin St #5A	\$510,000
Koncilija, Kevin	Schaefer, Justin	125 Charles St #R3	\$820,000
Kaplan, Lee M	Crozier, Julie S	19 W Cedar St #1	\$578,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Brindley, David A	Gianatasio, Frank	213 W Canton St #1	\$1,975,000
Miranda, Zurilla M	Oconnell, Elise W	554 Tremont St #9	\$870,000
Schmid, Anna	Robert J Comazzi	16 Wellington St #5	\$645,000
Mcmahon, Brian	Shannon Robins RET	156 Worcester St #2	\$705,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
LCI 147 Milk Street LLC	Mept 147 Milk LLC	147-149 Milk St	\$47,950,000
Tran, Hai	Roberts, Justin	165 Tremont St #801	\$2,410,000

BTD commissioner discusses traffic concerns with St. Botolph Neighborhood Association

By Dan Murphy

Boston Transportation Department Commissioner Greg Rooney was on hand for the virtual spring meeting of the St. Botolph Neighborhood Association (SBNA) on Thursday, April 8, to discuss ongoing traffic and parking concerns in the neighborhood.

In December, Rooney said the BTD had designated one traffic space specifically as a loading zone for the 7-Eleven at 252 West Newton St., but that "with the pandemic, it's hard to gauge the effectiveness of the changes because traffic patterns are different and the turnover in parking isn't as much."

The BTD also doesn't enforce traffic violations, said Rooney, so that "conversation would need to continue" with Boston Police.

But despite no changes being made to traffic enforcement, Rooney said the BTD has "seen more compliance in the loading zone," with only nine tickets

issues in the last three months, down from 34.

"People are complying more," Rooney added, "but we want to look at the area as a whole,"

Pedestrian safety at the South-west Corridor crossing at West Newton Street, as well as further up West Newton Street at the mid-block crossing, also remains a serious concern for residents. But as the city is now getting ready to prioritize its upcoming street construction projects for the next calendar year, Rooney said, this would give them the opportunity to go out to the intersection and potentially make a "spot intervention" there.

Besides "daylighting" or installing flex-posts, Rooney said there would possibly be an opportunity to add flashing LED crosswalk signage at the intersection, which have proven "very effective" so far. The city has already procured 50 of these signs, he added, and is now trying to get more of them.

The BTD can also make more

immediate changes at the intersection, said Rooney, that won't require any input from engineers. "It can be scheduled literally a day out," he added.

City Councilor Ed Flynn implored Rooney to have the city lower the speed limits to 20 mph on all residential streets.

"Driving 25 miles per hour down St. Botolph or any residential street is reckless," Councilor Flynn said. "We desperately need to lower the speed limit – I've said it 100 times before."

Randi Lathrop, a neighborhood resident, also requested that West Newton and St. Botolph streets be included in the city's "Neighborhood Slow Streets" program, which allows residents, neighborhood associations and other community-based organizations to apply for traffic calming in a specific neighborhood, since, she said, the current conditions are potentially perilous for residents of the nearby elderly

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living development.

Rooney replied that the neighborhood could apply to the program, and “in the next round, we’ll see where it is in the rankings.”

In response to several requests that street sweeping be extended from March to December, as has been the case in the South End, North End and Beacon Hill, Rooney said he was “agnostic” about trash pickup times, but they need to be coordinated with the Public Works Department, since that agency handles the actual sweeping. He said he would broach the subject with them, however.

Councilor Flynn said it’s important that the community have “one voice” on this matter and offered to personally take it up with the Public Works Department.

Rooney also said he would look into another request to remove as many as half of the parking meters on St. Botolph Street.

Neighborhood Cleanup Day returning May 1

The longstanding Neighborhood Cleanup will return on Saturday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to noon, with the area behind the Midtown Hotel serving as the “base of operations,” said Joan Carragher, president of the SBNA board, and Northeastern

University is donating 25 rolling trash bins for the occasion.

Due to COVID restrictions, the Cleanup will run a little differently this time, said Claire Dargan of the EBNA board, so volunteers are being asked to bring their own tools, as well as to tend to their own stoops.

Volunteers will sign in at West Newton and St. Botolph streets, said Dargan, and then be directed to different areas in need of cleaning up.

“We’re hoping to get a delivery of mulch,” Dargan added, “so we’ll certainly need everyone’s help to move that around.”

On Cleanup Day, Dargan also requested that residents not park on the street so debris could be swept into the center of the street, where it will be collected by the city.

Gisela Griffith, vice president of the SBNA board and the group’s “trash czar,” said Northeastern is being a “huge help” in this effort and encouraged residents to get involved.

Police provide update

Captain Steve Sweeney of the Boston Police Department’s District 4 said crime is down 27 percent district-wide year-to-date, compared to last year, with only an uptick in auto theft; these incidents commonly occurred when Uber Eats drivers left their vehicles unattended with the engine

running momentarily, he said, and someone would take off in their cars, only to abandon them a block or two away.

While Captain Sweeney said the crime rates were low throughout the district during the first three months of 2021, quality-of-life issues, like care idling on St. Botolph Street, remain an ongoing concern.

Captain Sweeney also asked resident to notify police if they see large groups of dirtbikes or ATVs gassing up or being loaded into a garage or a U-Haul in an effort to help curtail instances of drag racing citywide.

As Mass Cass continues to be the epicenter of the city’s opioid crisis, Captain Sweeney said Boston Police are continuing to work with the Drug Control Unit and other city agencies to address that issue, while the police are also partnering with the Pine Street Inn and the city’s Street Outreach workers to address homelessness in the area.

Sgt. Paul Deleo said since the beginning of the year and all throughout February and March, incidents of graffiti had been rampant, and that tagging had persisted despite the arrest of three suspects in February.

Another suspect, who is a teen, has also been identified, said Sgt. Deleo, and police are now keeping an eye on him, and will likely talk to his parents as well.

Car breaks were also low, said Sgt. Deleo, and police arrested a suspect in connection with a March 30 smash-and-grab incident at Cumberland Street and Huntington Avenue.

Moreover, with only four package thefts reported, Sgt. Deleo said that residents seem to be “doing a job of taking their packages away and keeping track of their delivery times.”

Sgt. Deleo also pointed to attempted break-ins at 17 St. Botolph St. and 89 Wellington St. and reminded residents to keep their door locked and to remain wary so not to fall prey to “crimes of opportunity.”

Otherwise, an assault with a firearm was reported on March 31 “somewhere near the corridor,” but detectives are now investigating the matter, Sgt. Deleo said.

Status check on 70 St. Botolph St. redevelopment project

Kathlin McGonagle of the Boston Housing Authority and other members of the project team were also on hand to discuss the city’s upcoming rehabilitation of 132 affordable housing units at 70 Botolph St.

While construction had originally been scheduled to get underway in June or July, McGonagle said the project had just received zoning approval the previous Thursday, and that after a

contractor has been named and the construction management plan finalized, work would likely commence in August or September.

A loading dock located behind the building would serve as a staging area, said McGonagle to help mitigate the project’s impact, and construction hours would be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The scope of the project includes the preservation and renovation of the building’s living units and common areas, she added, while some exterior changes are also planned, including the installation of new energy-efficient windows.

St. Botolph Stained-glass website

Neighborhood resident Dan d’Heilly is developing a website devoted to stained glass in the St. Botolph neighborhood, and the SBNA is accepting photos of St. Botolph stained glass – taken from both inside and out – for the project at info@stbotolph.org or via text at 617-792-7472 (and be sure to include the street address and photographer’s name, as well as whether or not to credit them for the image).

The goal is for the St. Botolph Stained Glass Gallery up and running by May 1, according to the SBNA website.

For the Record

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.

On Thursday, April 15th at 6PM, the Friends of the Public Garden will hold their annual meeting.

From the April 15 Public Improvement Commission meeting, online:

•Dalton Street, Boylston Street, Hereford Street; Roxbury, Boston Proper – Specific Repairs – On a petition by the City of Boston Public Works Department

From the April 16, 1 p.m., COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION HEARING: Order for a hearing regarding the status of Universal Pre-K given

the Covid-19 pandemic. This matter was referred to the Committee on February 17 2021.

From the April 20, 11 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS HEARING: Message and order changing the date of the Preliminary Election for this municipal year from September 21, 2021 to September 14, 2021. This matter was sponsored by former Mayor Martin J. Walsh was referred to the Committee on March 24, 2021.

On Tuesday, April 20, the Boston Ward 4 and Ward 5 Democrats will host the first virtual Mayoral Candidates Forum from 6:30 to 8:30PM, moderated by Callie Crossley.

Emerald Necklace Conservancy Tour of the Muddy River Restoration, April 21st from 2:30pm-3:30pm, led by Army Corps of Engineers, limited to 10.

From the April 21, 1 p.m., COMMITTEE ON CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES HEARING: Order for a hearing

to discuss off-leash dog recreation spaces in the City of Boston. This matter is sponsored by Councilor Ricardo Arroyo and was referred to the Committee on City and Neighborhood Services on March 21, 2021.

The BPDA is having a virtual public meeting for 771 Harrison Ave. in the South End (Immaculate Conception Church) on May 3, 6 p.m. Public meeting in connection with the proposed changes to the 771 Harrison Avenue project (currently under construction) in the South End (the “Project”). On March 31, 2021, 761 Harrison Church, LLC, submitted a Notice of Project Change and the Third Amendment to Planned Development Area No.59, seeking to convert all of the residential units in the Project to condominiums (currently the Project is approved with 63 total residential units, of which 51 are designated as rental units and 12 as condominiums). The public is encouraged to attend.

The BPDA is having a virtual public meeting for 76-793 Boylston St. in the Back Bay on April

26, 6 p.m. The proposed development program provides a mix of uses complimentary to the fabric of the Back Bay. The Project proposes an eight-story mixed use building, building upon the existing three-story building and adding five levels on top of 761-793 Boylston St. The Project proposes approximately 15,830 SF of retail, 25,720 SF of office/fitness and nine residential units within the top three stories totaling approximately 18,600 SF. The retail uses occupies level 1 through level 2, followed by office space on levels 3 through 5, and residential units on levels 6 through 8. A rooftop amenity for the residential units is also imagined. A lobby accessed from an entrance on Boylston Street leads to a compact vertical elevator and fire stair core located to the northern edge of the floor plan. The core provides access to all upper levels.

REPORTING WORKPLACE SAFETY CONCERNS

•Workers in any size organization have options if they feel they are being pressured into an unsafe situation. Attorney General

Maura Healey has created resources for workers to report safety concerns during reopening. They include an online form at the Attorney General’s website and a dedicated Fair Labor hotline at 617-727-3465. People can also find those resources by calling 311.

HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM PROPERTY

Since taking office in 2014, Mayor Walsh has made fixing quality of life issues a priority in his administration. From investing in Public Works to making sure community policing is a staple in every neighborhood, we are making sure every neighborhood is clean, safe and a great place to live and work in. Unfortunately some properties in Boston need more help than others, and that’s why we are here. If you know of a property that fits one of the following criteria: multiple calls to 911, one that’s blighted or just a general concern, we encourage you to reach out to your neighborhood liaison.



FLAT OF BEACON HILL

4 WEST HILL PLACE
4 BEDS | 3.5 BATHS | 3,170 SQFT
\$4,249,000



43 MOUNT VERNON STREET #4
3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 2,300 SQFT
\$3,495,000



812 E 6TH STREET #15
2 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 1,207 SQFT
\$1,349,000



31 CHESTNUT STREET
9 BEDS | 6.5 BATHS | 8,979 SQFT
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