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New traditions, sad reflection mark One Boston Day

By Seth Daniel

It's been nearly eight years since the Boston Marathon Bombing in 2013, where numerous people were injured and four died of their injuries, but already One Boston Day has taken on steadfast traditions throughout

the neighborhoods.

Last Thursday, April 15, known as One Boston Day, Acting Mayor Kim Janey toured several locations to thank first responders at Engine 33 on Boylston Street and Engine 7 on Columbus Avenue, help out with cleaning the Carter School in



At the Carter School in the South End, Donere Johnson of the City's Public Facilities Department cleans out a flower bed as part of the Department's annual One Boston Day cleanup there.



Just after noon, Acting Mayor Kim Janey noted the names of Martin Richard and Lingzi Lu on their memorial on Boylston Street. Meanwhile, at the finish line, there was no Marathon on Monday, but workers on Thursday painted the iconic Boylston Street finish line in yellow and blue to commemorate One Boston Day.



the South End, and to pause for a moment of silence at the new Memorial on Boylston Street just after noon.

"On April 15, 2013, our first responders stepped up in the face of tragedy to protect everyone at the Boston Marathon," she said. "Today, I was happy to visit

Engine 7 and Engine 33 to thank them for their service to our city that day and always.

"The Boston Marathon Memorial serves as a tribute to the victims and their families of the 2013 bombing, but also our City's resilience," she continued. "This #OneBostonDay, I encour-

age everyone to show acts of kindness to others and reflect on the importance of this day."

At the Carter School, the Public Facilities Department for the City made its annual sojourn to the South End to clean up the

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FROM THE MAYORAL CANDIDATES FORUM

Virtual candidates forums bring new challenges

By Dan Murphy

For the Boston Ward 4 and 5 Democratic Committees to successfully partner on their online Mayoral Candidates Forum on Tuesday, April 20, its organizers were met with a different set of logistics and challenges than they would have faced in staging an in-person event, as was the norm in the pre-pandemic world.

Jonathan Cohn, chair of the Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee, said when he and Sharon

Durkan, chair of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee, planned this week's event, they wanted to make sure it took place early enough in the campaign cycle that voters weren't already suffering from "Zoom overload," which they had both read has already happened with voters in New York in the anticipation of that city's upcoming mayoral election.

"We wanted to make sure we had a forum early

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Mayoral candidates answer questions on hot-button issues

By Lauren Bennett

Five of the six declared mayoral candidates gathered on Zoom on Tuesday evening for a Candidates Forum that drew an estimated 500 participants.

The forum was hosted by the Boston Ward 4 and Ward 5 Democratic Committees. and candidates John Barros, Andrea Campbell, Anissa Essaibi George, Jon Santiago, and Michelle Wu answered questions from moderator Callie Crossley, host of Under the Radar and Basic

Black on GBH.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey has announced that she will join the mayoral race, but she did not attend this forum.

The forum covered several topics of concern throughout the city, including the Boston Police Department (BPD), affordable housing, climate change, Boston Public Schools, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), and COVID response.

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Acting Mayor Janey cancels last minute on mayoral forum

By Seth Daniel

Acting Mayor Kim Janey was the only missing candidate for mayor of the six major candidates who have declared during Tuesday night's lively Ward 4 and 5 Democratic Committee.

Janey had been committed and confirmed to the 6:30 p.m. Forum earlier in the day, but cancelled last minute in order to speak at a 6 p.m. press conference regarding the verdict rendered in the Derek Chauvin case in Minnesota.

There was no official announcement made about Janey's absence at the Forum, which began around 6:45 p.m., but Moderator Callie Crossley did mention that she was not able to make it due to the breaking news on the Chauvin verdict.

Janey's campaign told the Sun that the acting mayor had put a stop to all political activities on Tuesday night in light of the verdict.

"In light of the verdict in

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EDITORIAL

AT LAST, SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Spring officially may have arrived on March 21, but the past month has been anything but spring-like.

For those of us who live along the Massachusetts coastline, this is nothing new of course. The prevailing, on-shore sea breezes at this time of year transport air from the ocean that still is in the low 40s. So on days when the temperature may be in the 60s in central Mass., we're at least 10 degrees cooler, with a wind-chill factor that makes it feel 10 degrees cooler than that.

In other words, the 60s elsewhere feel like the 40s for us.

But this week finally brought a measure of spring, not only because of the warmth, but because of the daffodils, forsythia, and flowering trees that signal the end of winter and the promise of nicer days ahead.

With the coronavirus pandemic hopefully coming to an end, the arrival of spring is coming none too soon.

MASS SHOOTINGS ARE OUR NEW EPIDEMIC

Mass shootings with high-powered weapons are nothing new in America. The recent tragedies in Atlanta and Indianapolis are just two more of a long string of the slaughter of innocent Americans who simply were going about their everyday lives at work, in school, or at a shopping mall.

But as horrific as these well-publicized incidents have been, they are just the proverbial tip of the iceberg when it comes to mass shootings all across the country, which have been occurring at ever-increasing rates.

In the past 30 days since the Atlanta massacre, there have been 45 mass shootings -- defined as incidents where four or more people have been shot -- across the U.S.

The vast majority of these shootings never make it into the national headlines to the extent of the Atlanta and Indianapolis incidents, but they are real. For example, on April 8 in Bryan, Texas, a gunman (who apparently was a disgruntled former employee) shot six persons at a cabinet-making company. One was killed and five were wounded, four critically.

We could go on and on, but the bottom line is that America is the only place in the world where mass shootings are a daily part of life. And the reason is very simple: America is the only country where there are more guns than people and a large percentage of those weapons are high-capacity, semi-automatic firearms.

Ardent supporters of gun ownership make the time-worn argument that if there are restrictions on gun ownership, then only criminals will have guns.

But the reality is that the perpetrators of mass shooting incidents are not criminals -- they're typically the guy next door who has some sort of mental health or anger issue, but who has been able to buy a high-capacity weapon on a whim and go on a shooting rampage a short time later.

The shooter in Atlanta, for example, had purchased his gun just a day before he went on his murderous spree.

Other nations -- principally narco-terrorist states such as Mexico and Honduras -- may have higher homicide rates, but mass shootings by, and of, ordinary civilians are a uniquely American phenomenon.

Countries with broad gun-ownership, such as Australia and New Zealand, have instituted common-sense laws that have eliminated mass-shootings. Australia did so after a school massacre in 1996 -- and there have been no similar incidents since then.

What will it take for America to reach the tipping point that will persuade Congress to implement common-sense gun legislation?

We're obviously not there yet. Our guess is it will occur only when Americans will be fearful of gathering such that it will affect travel and business. After all, who wants to travel to a state where people are allowed to openly carry high-capacity weaponry?

But in the meantime, America tragically will remain among the most randomly-violent places on the planet.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MONTEIRO RUNNING FOR COUNCIL AT- LARGE

Dear Editor,

My name is Carla B. Monteiro and I'm running for Boston City Council At-Large. My story is the story of so many Boston families, one of struggle and rising above it.

My parents emigrated from Cabo Verde in 1979. As the daughter of immigrants, my family, like so many others across Boston, struggled to navigate language barriers in our daily lives. At age 4, my father walked out on us and we were evicted. I was too young to fully understand what was happening, but, in so many ways, that day would form the rest of my journey.

As a 16-year-old, I dreamed of buying a house in Boston and moving my family in to protect all of us from housing insecurity. Eventually, I transformed my dream of owning a home into a reality and at 28 I purchased a triple-decker in Dorchester to provide a home for my family and create a stable foundation for my son, Mesiah.

As a social worker, I know families and our youth are struggling to navigate Boston's social safety net just as I did.

As one of my many jobs, I am an emergency psychiatric social worker at Boston Children's Hospital where I provide therapeutic support to our youth. Every weekend, we are flooded with young people who are experiencing symptoms of depression and anxiety and need help. When COVID-19, hit I collaborated with other community leaders, elected officials, and institutions to gather masks, hand sanitizer, and hot food then went door to door across the city delivering them to our elders and those most vulnerable. Many times the people who need support must struggle the most to find resources.

Even before the pandemic hit, the systems meant to meet our basic needs to survive were failing us. I'm running for City Council to use my experience to ensure every Bostonian has what they need to thrive. In this period of healing and recovery, our City Council needs a social worker, one who knows how to put services in place for the people. I

know what it takes to help our families and children be successful.

I know that Boston's families are struggling because I have lived that struggle and see the consequences of the gaps in our social services daily. But the reality is this: 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. Join our neighborhood by neighborhood movement at CarlaForBoston.com

Carla B. Monteiro
Candidate, Council at-large

KENZIE BOK: I'M RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION!

Dear Editor,

Two years ago, I walked into City Hall and put my name on the ballot for the first time. This week, I returned to the Elections Department and filed to run for re-election!

I have never loved doing anything as much as I love representing the people of Mission Hill, Fenway, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and the West End. It would be my honor to continue representing District 8 on the Boston City Council, so let this be the first of many times this year that I ask for your vote this fall.

If you can help our campaign by pledging to sign my nomination papers, making a donation, or forwarding this email to a friend, I would be so grateful. I will be having a campaign kickoff on Zoom on Friday, April 30, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

I'm extremely proud of the work we've done together over the past 15 months. We've delivered thousands of boxes of food to our neighbors and prevented the MBTA from canceling the E line to Heath St, the Mission Link Bus, or the #55 in Fenway. We secured record affordable homeownership funds in the city budget, launched a city strategy

to combat youth homelessness, and passed historic zoning legislation to help ensure fair housing access and housing affordability across all our neighborhoods. We've gotten the City to commit to reevaluate large institutional landholdings this year so that the PILOT program can work as intended.

We've also put Community Preservation Act dollars to work improving our parks and preserving our architectural treasures. We've shown our care for our community landscape at countless virtual public meetings, whether by blocking electronic billboards, saving the garden courtyard at the Prudential, or weighing in on updates to our much-loved playgrounds at Clarendon St and Sheehy Park. We have capital projects committed that will bring quality accessible pathways to the Fens, redesign the last block of the Commonwealth Mall at Kenmore Square, improve safety on Boylston and Blossom Streets, give us a new West End Library, and revitalize the Boston Common.

A draft budget came out this week with some more great wins I'm proud to have advocated for on behalf of our neighborhoods: funds to redesign Terrace St and make Mission Hill safer for pedestrians, money to finally renovate the maintenance building in the Public Garden, and another planner for the understaffed Landmarks Commission. The draft budget also permanently expands some of the departments I fought to grow last year as part of the emergency pandemic response, including food access, language access, and our youth jobs program. I am about to run 35+ hearings on the city budget and incoming federal funds in my role as Ways & Means Chair, so there's lots of work ahead, but these are good places to start.

Fifteen months, however, is not

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Trinity Financial files project to re-develop Harvard Club property

By Seth Daniel

Trinity Financial and the Harvard Club of Boston submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) late last week to officially introduce their project on Newbury Street in the Back Bay – a project that seeks to demolish the Harvard Club annex and rebuild it within a residential tower and an accompanying building.

“The project will help to address Boston’s need for transit-oriented housing units while at the same time providing the Harvard Club with member and guest amenities, including underground parking and state-of-the-art athletic facilities,” read the LOI from Jamie Fay of Ft. Point Associates. “The project will also fill a void in the urban fabric along Newbury Street dating to the construction of the Turnpike in the 1960s.”

The project, at 415 Newbury St. on the other side of Mass Avenue, looks to demolish the annex of the Club that houses squash courts and construct a 123,000 sq. ft., 11-story building. That building would contain new member, fitness and athletic facilities for the Harvard Club, and also 95 residential units above it. The existing parking lot would also be developed, with a 60,000 sq. ft., three-story building on the lot that would house 38 apart-

ment units. It would also include parking for 125 vehicles – with the current lot now accommodating 112 vehicles.

“The Project will maintain the existing vehicular passageway connecting the mid-block alley and Newbury Street and will create a new pedestrian passageway to allow for safer pedestrian access to Newbury Street,” read the letter.

The total amount of land, located along Newbury Street

and abutting the Mass Pike, is around 48,000 sq. ft.

Fay wrote that they plan to file an Expanded Project Notification Form very soon in the near future. The project is expected to have to proceed through the reviews of the Article 80 process. That process will result in numerous meetings with the community and the Impact Advisory Group (IAG) in the coming months.

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before Zoom fatigue hit people,” Cohn added.

One major upside to holding the event online, said Cohn, is that it “allows better flexibility as to who can attend,” since they wouldn’t have to overcome travel obstacles or forego eating dinner at home to be there. “When you can attend from your living room,” he said, “it helps to expand the conversation.”

More than 500 people tuned in for Tuesday’s event, according to Durkan, which was the biggest audience for one of their forums in recent years.

“Going virtual/online gave us the opportunity to have our forum reach more members of

our communities, and our planning committee began planning this months ago, which gives you an idea of how much work goes into this event behind the scenes,” Durkan wrote in an email. “I think the best compliment to our event is that other community groups have already reached out to ask for our advice in planning and executing virtual forums.”

She also credits much of the event’s success to its moderator, Callie Crossley, who, according to Durkan, “asked questions that really helped make distinctions between the candidates, and create a captivating conversation

about Boston’s future.”

Despite all the advantages to holding these events virtually, one new issue that has arisen is the possibility of what Cohn calls “crosstalk” in reference to feedback that can result when more than one person are speaking simultaneously.

“If you jump in when someone else is talking, that creates a horrible sound effect on Zoom,” Cohn said.

As for getting candidates to adhere to their allotted speaking times, that job actually got easier for Tuesday’s event, said Cohn, thanks to a downloadable app that “gives candidates a count-

down.”

Another upside to using the app, said Cohn, is that “it makes it run more smoothly flowing in terms of candidates trying to constantly interrupt each other, which can happen.”

Prior to this week’s event, the Boston Ward 4 and 5 Democratic Committees had partnered on a forum for Suffolk County District Attorney in 2018, as well as on candidates forums for both the District 8 City Council and City Council at-Large races in 2019, and they have already scheduled a joint Candidates Form for City Council at-Large on June 24.

Their ongoing partnerships are “logical,” said Cohn, since both wards cover parts of the Back Bay, South End and the Fenway.

As for how he expects these events would look in a post-pandemic world, some previously held in-person Candidates Forums had also been live streamed, Cohn said, and he expects that practice would resume again in the future.

Yet, Cohn anticipates this would likely result in a new set of challenges.

“We’ll just have a whole new set of logistical issues, especially around sound quality,” he said.

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the trial of the murder of George Floyd, Mayor Janey has pulled down all her political activities this evening to focus on the needs of the City of Boston,” read a statement. “The Mayor will be addressing the City, meeting with her City Hall team and connecting with community leaders throughout the evening.”

Many had wondered about Janey not taking out Nomination Papers yet, but the campaign reported she did so on Wednesday afternoon.

Of the six candidates, until Wednesday, she had been the only one not to have taken out Nomination Papers – though the campaigns have until May 11 to do so. All five of the other major, declared candidates took out Papers last week, on April 12.

“The work ahead of us requires bold leadership — and we’re just getting started,” stated Janey on her social media page.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey took out her Nomination Papers on Wednesday afternoon, the last of the major declared candidates to do so. Janey wasn’t present at Tuesday’s Mayoral Forum due to the verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial, though the other five candidates were present for the two-hour forum.



Virtual Public Meeting

771 Harrison Avenue

Monday, May 3
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3mK0Zmo
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 412 3122

Project Proponent:

761 Harrison Church, LLC

Project Description:

The 771 Harrison Avenue project is currently under construction and is approved as a 63 residential unit project (51 rental units and 12 condominiums). On March 31, 2021, the Proponent submitted a Notice of Project Change and the Third Amendment to Planned Development Area No.59 to the BPDA, seeking to convert all of the residential units in the Proposed Project to condominiums. No other changes to the project are being proposed.

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Police was one of the first topics discussed, given that the Derek Chauvin verdict was read in court on Tuesday evening, where he was found guilty on all charges in the death of George Floyd. Crossley asked the candidates if they would make any cuts to the BPD, and if so, how much, and where the money would be reallocated.

"I have put forward a proposal to ensure that we are making structural changes to the department and the budget," Wu said. She said that police do not belong in the Boston Public Schools, and investments need to be made in mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Barros said that as mayor, he would create a new public agency that would respond to calls related to substance abuse and mental health, rather than having police respond first. He said that money from the police budget should be reallocated to this agency and the "trained professionals" that would work for it, as well as to community organizations.

Santiago said that there needs to be a "reduction in the demand of police services," and money should be reallocated towards public health issues, as well as to create space for community policing so that the appropriate individuals can respond to 911 calls.

"I voted against the budget because it didn't allocate enough," said Campbell, speaking of last year's city budget. She said that \$50 million in cuts to the BPD budget should be reallocated "to the root causes of violence," including mental health

issues and helping people out of poverty.

"I do believe we have to get to the root cause," Essaibi George said, but "I do not support defunding the police." She said that investments need to be made in community programs but she also believes that more police officers are needed.

Crossley then asked candidates if they believe the BPDA should be eliminated. Many candidates said they believe that there should be a planning agency and a development agency, but they should not be one entity.

Campbell said that she has heard from her constituents as a city councilor that the BPDA has caused many issues for residents in terms of process. "At different moments, the process is rigged," she said, and at the "end of the day, the project goes through. We need to reform the system and the culture within it."

Barros said that he does not want to get rid of the agency, as it "would cause more lack of transparency." Instead, he said the BPDA needs to "increase planning staff and resources," and "needs to take planning seriously."

Essaibi George said she supports creating a "separate office of planning" that would help "prioritize the needs and wants" of Bostonians.

Wu also said she supports a separate planning agency, and called for "big changes" to address the issues within the current agency, including an updated zoning code.

Santiago said that he also seeks to reform the BPDA, and

wants all residents to be more engaged in the planning and development processes. He said that things like transit-oriented development and "modernizing" the Article 80 process are important, and he agreed that an update to the zoning code is needed.

Affordable housing is one of the biggest issues in neighborhoods across the city, and all candidates said they believe that more needs to be done in this area. Wu said that more resources should be put into affordable housing, especially climate resilient housing. Santiago said he wants to "leverage our AAA bond rating" to allow for more affordable housing to be built. Essaibi George said that "better paths to home ownership" is something she would strive for, as well as "break down systemic racism that we see in our housing market." Campbell said that helping people out of public housing and into homes they own is a goal of hers, and Barros said that he believes "affordable housing is critical" and that housing is a human right, so he said that as mayor, he would also work to ensure that Boston residents are not displaced or evicted from their homes.

When it comes to schools, Crossley asked candidates if they believe the school committee should be appointed, elected, or a hybrid of the two.

Essaibi George, a former BPS high school teacher, said she is a "true believer in an appointed school committee," adding that she doesn't "want to involve politics." She said there should be a nomination process, and the appointments should be made

in a transparent manner by the mayor's office and the City Council and include representation from parents.

Santiago said that he is "committed to changing things up and seeing what we can do," adding that he would support a hybrid model that would work with the City Council and the Mayor's Office.

Campbell said she believes a hybrid model would work best, though she does not have a specific one in mind. She said that the fully appointed committee is not the answer.

Wu said that a majority elected committee would be her answer, though some seats should remain by appointment only for things like expertise and racial and geographic inclusivity.

Barros believes that appointment is the way to start out. "I agree that we should not bring more politics onto that body," he said, adding that it "should not be something that is fully elected for sure."

The candidates also discussed what grade they would give Governor Charlie Baker for his COVID response. Wu gave him a C-, Santiago gave him a C+, Barros gave him a B-, Campbell gave him a C+, and Essaibi George gave him a B-.

"We've seen too many of our communities miss out on the testing, vaccine opportunities, economic opportunities," Essaibi George said.

Barros said that information related to COVID-19 should be "immediately" available to the public in different languages, and he said that state resources

should be allocated "disproportionately" to areas where people were disproportionately affected by the virus.

The candidates were then asked a series of yes or no questions on topics ranging from voting to BPD to safe consumption sites.

On removing police from the Boston Public Schools, every candidate except Essaibi George said "yes."

When asked whether there should be a "hard cap on overtime" for police officers, Barros said "yes," "at 30 percent of an officer's salary; Campbell said "yes," but wasn't sure what percentage; Essaibi George said, "not at this time"; Santiago said "no"; and Wu said "yes," but didn't provide a total.

When the candidates were asked if they would implement a rent control ordinance should the state lift the ban, Barros said "no"; Campbell said "yes," but a conversation would need to be had with small landlords; Essaibi George said "no"; Wu said "yes"; and Santiago said "no."

On whether or not the city should have safe-consumption sites, Wu said "yes, but the siting decision is important"; Essaibi George said "no"; Santiago said "yes" "but it's important how we think about these...sites"; and Barros said "yes," but only as a way to continue helping folks recover from substance abuse.

For the complete range of questions asked and the candidates' answers, the full video of the forum is up on the Ward 4 and 5 Democratic Committee's Facebook pages.

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nearly enough for all we'd like to accomplish. We need to launch a City Conservation Corps; we need to fundamentally improve our tools for historic preservation; we need to take advantage of a federal program that will let us build new public housing units. From supplementing sidewalk snow removal to brick sidewalk repair to revising the traffic signal policy, we still need to do so much more to make Boston a "Vision Zero" city that's safe for our elders, parents with strollers, bicyclists, and gawking tourists alike.

We also have to make sure that our economy recovers in a way that actually puts independent local businesses in our vacant storefronts and gets Bostonians into well-paying jobs. We learned from the COVID-19 crisis that our hospitals, universities, and

the City can coordinate to pursue shared urgent goals; we must revise the way we structure PILOT community benefits to enable that kind of coordinated strategic approach to Boston's crisis of racial and economic inequity. We should launch a plan to add elementary schools in our area and use federal support to jumpstart major improvements to all our public high schools. And we can pursue the real need for community safety with a pilot of alternative 911 responders for mental health calls.

There's a lot I could add to this list; I'm energized by the work that lies ahead, because it's a blueprint to a better city. And I can't wait to get back to seeing you all in person again as we tackle this list together!

Councilor Kenzie Bok

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Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice

Prime Storage - Boston
Southampton St. located at 100 Southampton St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenant at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 5/12/2021 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Richard Williams unit #4261. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION (APCC) PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the City of Boston Air Pollution Control Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on May 12, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86329377111>. The Commission will consider the proponent's request for a modified permit for a facility located at Hilton Back Bay, 40 Dalton St, Boston, MA, pursuant to the Procedures and Criteria

for the Issuance of Parking Freeze Permits adopted under M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 31C. This application consists of two hundred and eighty (280) exempt parking spaces. This permit modification would remove a permit condition that limits use of the parking facility to hotel guests only, to allow parking by exempt users in the surrounding area. Issuance of the permit would have no effect on the Downtown Boston parking freeze bank. Due to the public health emergency, the public hearing may only take place virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86329377111>. If you are unable to access the internet, you can call 1-929-205-6099, enter Meeting ID 863 2937

7111 # and use # as your participant ID. Translation and sign language interpreters will be provided upon prior request. A copy of the application is available for public inspection by appointment at Boston City Hall, Room 709, from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday. Questions should be directed to: APCC@boston.gov or 617-635-3850. For the Commission, Alison Brizius, Executive Director
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StoryWalk series comes to Fenway, Kenmore, South End

By John Lynds

A family-friendly outdoor multilingual program that combines reading with the outdoors kicked off Monday and will go through May 10.

The city's second StoryWalk series will be held at Symphony Community Park, 39 Edgerly Road, Fenway-Kenmore and at the South End Branch of the Boston Public Library at 685 Tremont St.

At Symphony Community Park there will be a multicultural "board book" that lets young children explore the area. The board book's bold illustrations show children the people and animals they will meet, and objects that they will see and hear during the outdoor park experience. Laminated pages from children's books are attached to wooden stakes and installed along outdoor paths. As visitors stroll through the park, they are directed to the next page in the story.

Over at the South End Library there will be themed book displays, themed book bundles and make-and-take crafts for families for the duration of the StoryWalk series installation.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department teamed up

with the Boston Public Library, the Highland Street Foundation, the New England Patriots Foundation, and Xfinity to produce the series of these StoryWalk installations in Fenway-Kenmore, the South End and eight other neighborhood parks across the city.

After completing the StoryWalk, City of Boston residents are invited to scan the QR code and enter their information to enter to win one of five grand prizes of a Kindle with a three-month Kindle Unlimited subscription courtesy of Xfinity.

The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library as an innovative way for children and adults to enjoy both reading and the outdoors.

The distance between stations will naturally support social distancing, but visitors are reminded to stay six feet away from those who are not members of their own household. Face coverings must be worn in public parks. If participants find the StoryWalk to be crowded, they are encouraged to come back another time or choose a different StoryWalk location.

VACCINATION CLINIC AT CASTLE SQUARE APARTMENTS



Councilor Ed Flynn was proud to join residents at Castle Square Apartments at last Saturday's vaccination clinic. The clinic was supported by Castle Square Tenant Association, GOTVax, Rep. Jon Santiago, Brewster Ambulance Service, Last Mile Vaccine Delivery, and Boston Fire Department. Staff from Councilor Flynn's office was also there as volunteers to provide Cantonese interpretation.

City budget focuses on climate climate resiliency in Back Bay

By John Lynds

Last week, acting Boston Mayor Kim Janey proposed her administration's recommended \$3.75 billion Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) operating budget and \$3.2 billion Fiscal Year 2022-2026 (FY22-FY26) Capital Plan. Janey said the budget focuses on providing the resources for the city's continued robust public health response to COVID-19, making strategic investments in Boston's neighborhoods and residents, and setting the stage for Boston's equitable reopening, recovery and long-term renewal.

One of those investments highlighted in the budget was money focused on climate resiliency in the Back Bay.

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"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 Mayor 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."

Focusing on protecting our environment Janey said the City of Boston has been at the forefront of recognizing and addressing the risks of climate change, and protecting our environment. As part of the city's Capital Plan, 10 percent of all new capital spending has been dedicated for resilience projects.

The city will spend \$15.5 million as part of its Capital Plan to complete the park redesign at Copley Square to optimize resilience to high-traffic events and storm-water.

Landscape architecture firm, Sasaki, is working with the City of Boston and the Parks & Recreation Department to bring new life to a well-loved, iconic Boston destination.

The project is just beginning with an initial public engagement phase and will extend into design and implementation over the next two years.

The city will spend another \$7.5 million to repave pathways at the Back Bay Fens to improve accessibility and site conditions.

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Please Recycle

Third meeting held for Copley Square Park redesign project

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is in the middle of a design process to provide some needed updates to Copley Square Park.

A third public meeting regarding the Copley Square Park redesign project was held on April 14, where the project team proposed some designs that were based off of some feedback that has been gathered from the community.

B Chatfield, a project manager for the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, said that construction is currently planned for after the marathon in the spring and summer of 2022, with an opening in 2023.

Radhika Mahan of planning and design firm Sasaki went over several reasons why the square needs renovations, including that the trees are under a lot of stress, the fountain needs repairs, the pavement is uneven, and the lawn is not in good shape.

“The challenges run deeper than Copley’s surface,” the presentation read, as the square is heavily used by the public for things like the farmer’s market, a place to meet friends, and a place to skateboard, which have caused it to become worn down.

“Our project continues to coordinate with the BPL Master Plan team,” Mahan said, to collaborate on ways to make the two projects work together.

She then went through different conceptual options for the square that include a large platform scheme, a raised crossings scheme, and a framed ellipse

scheme. She said that the hope is to “maintain and reinforce some of the significant features of today’s square,” and maintain an “open view” between the Boston Public Library (BPL) and the Trinity Church. It will still include a fountain area, a lawn area, and a plaza area.

Kate Tooke of Sasaki said that “the vision for Copley needs to be updated,” and it “needs to be a 21st century space that can support 21st century urban life.”

She also spoke about trees in the square, saying they want to preserve the tree canopy, and they had discussed with the community how best to preserve the trees. The trees will need more soil to thrive, she added.

Tooke also talked about the proposed platform, saying that it will provide “key views of the surrounding architecture and civic activity,” as well as become a “signature gathering space” that is slightly elevated.

The proposed concept for the fountain will continue to be refined, she added, but is proposed to be next to the lawn and able to be viewed from the platform. It will also include a textured slope and a waterfall.

Tooke said that the plaza could be drivable for events like the farmer’s market, where vehicles would need to have access to bring goods onto the site.

“The goal is to be resilient to different kinds of vehicular traffic,” she said.

The new design would also allow for larger events to take place in the square, including a possible 40 by 60 foot stage

setup, and the infrastructure would allow for tents to be set up as well.

The project as a whole hopes to create a “renewed square” that connects the area’s cultural institutions as well as protects the existing trees.

In the chat, there were some comments that there was too much paving proposed and not enough grass.

“I feel like I grew up in Copley Square,” said City Councilor Kenzie Bok. “I am a lifelong parishioner of Trinity Church,” as well as a “longtime attendee of the farmer’s market and user of the BPL. It’s just such a treasured civic space for those of us in the Back Bay and for the

whole city.”

The team also addressed a concern about skateboarding in the square.

Chatfield said that the parks department is “not opposed to skateboarders,” but “we understand that they use public space and they can be wonderful people.”

However, “our redesign is not seeking to accommodate that use,” she said. She said that although the proposed platform is a “large angled piece of material and that can be enticing to skateboarders,” and the proposed linear benches might have the same effect, they will be designed to discourage skateboarders from using them.

She said that the parks department has worked to identify spaces in the city that can be used for skateboarding instead of places like this.

The team will continue to refine the design in the coming months and then construction documentation will be drawn up, with construction set to begin in the summer of 2022.

More information on the Copley Square redesign as well as the full videos from all three meetings can be found at boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/improvements-copley-square-park. There is also a community survey that can be filled out.

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grounds of the unique school, which is getting re-built soon to be fully inclusive and accessible.

Principal Mark O'Connor said the new school, which is in the final design stages, will include a rooftop classroom, generous outdoor spaces and even zero entry therapy swimming pool – something the physically-challenged students at the Carter have to travel to Canton to access now.

“It’s an exciting project and it’s what our students deserve – that they will have a school building that supports their education and allows us to provide that education,” he said. “It will be a building that won’t be a physical barrier to them achieving support and learning.”

At Engine 33 in the Back Bay, Fire Commissioner Jack Dempsey hosted the mayor along with the jakes in the Boylston Street house.

Janey presented them with Dunkin’ Donuts treats and thanked them for what they did in 2013, and what they continue to do each day.

Meanwhile, at the Memorial down the street, Chris Loper stood off to the side of the crowd with a single Daffodil plant. The former manager of the Forum, Loper looked over at what still is an empty space where the thriving restaurant existed up until 2:49 p.m. on April 15, 2013.

Every year, Loper returns to the site of the Memorial – even before there was a Memorial – and puts down a Daffodil plant.

“It’s unbelievable it’s been eight years,” he said. “I come back every year to do this. I’ve been down to Florida for a while and I live in South Boston so it’s not too far. After I put down the Daffodil, the former staff from the Forum and I get together for lunch. It’s a tradition we have. One of the young women is eight months pregnant now, and it’s amazing how their lives have progressed since that day.

Now, Loper said he’s training to run the Marathon on the 10th anniversary, in 2023, and is writing a book about his experiences.



Acting Mayor Janey and Fire Commissioner Jack Dempsey, as well as other fire officials, stood for a moment of silence outside the station.



Acting Mayor Janey and Boston Athletic Association Director Tom Grilk observe a moment of silence at the Memorial.



John Mansfield retrieves some mulch at the Carter School while speaking with Public Facilities Director Kerrie Griffin.



Joe Battafarano and Tim Fannin pose for a photo with Acting Mayor Janey outside their restaurant, the Atlantic Fish Company, which made a comeback after the bombing.



Supt. Brenda Cassellius and School Committeeman Michael O'Neill got their hands dirty planting herbs in the Carter School garden.



Former Forum General Manager Chris Loper stood ready to place his Daffodil plant next to the Memorial outside the former restaurant. He said it is an annual tradition for him to come back to the site, and then to meet up with former staff to socialize.



A group shot at the clean-up for the Carter School in the South End.

Boston Water Sewer Commission offers property owners credit to replace lead pipes

Staff report

Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) announced that it is doubling to \$4,000 the credit for replacing lead pipes through its Lead Replacement Incentive Program. A recent review conducted by the Commission estimates that as many as 4,800 property owners may be eligible for the program. For most customers, this credit will cover the total cost of the lead pipe replacement.

Lead water pipes can significantly increase a person's exposure to lead, a toxic metal that can be harmful to human health. The water provided by BWSC and Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) is lead-free when it leaves the reservoirs because distribution pipes are made mostly of iron and steel. However, lead can leach into tap water through home service lines and internal plumbing, especially if water sits for long periods of time before use. People in homes

and businesses built before 1950 should run their drinking water for two to three minutes if it has been stagnant for several hours, before drinking or cooking, to flush out any lead that might have leached into the system.

Under the Lead Replacement Incentive Program, properties owners who may have lead pipes will receive a letter outlining the program and urging them to reach out to the Commission to schedule an evaluation and estimate. Owners are responsible for all pipes on their property. The Commission is giving property owners 60 months interest-free to pay for replacement costs beyond the amount of the incentive. To be eligible for the program, property owners must be current in their payments and agree to have the work performed by the Commission. Lead pipe replacement is subject to availability and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For additional information

regarding the program and other lead resources, property owners are encouraged to visit the Commission's website at: www.bwsc.org, or call the LEAD HOTLINE at (617) 989-7888.

About the Boston Water and Sewer Commission: The BWSC manages the largest and oldest system of its kind in New England, providing drinking water and sewer services to more than one million people daily. The BWSC's goal is to provide residents and businesses in the city of Boston with the best water quality and sewer services available in a way that is both protective of the environment and financially prudent. BWSC was created by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1977, replacing separate water and sewer divisions of the city's Public Works Department. BWSC is overseen by a three-member Board of Commissioners that is appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.



The Swan Boats in the Boston Public Garden.

Swan Boats return on May 8

Staff report

Mayor Kim Janey is pleased to announce that the popular Boston Swan Boats will open for the 2021 season at the Boston Public Garden lagoon on Saturday, May 8, at 10 a.m.

For the first time in its history, this annual rite of spring did not take place last year due to COVID-19 and the Paget family is pleased to bring this tradition back to the Public Garden. In keeping with current health guidelines masks are required and passengers will be safely spaced both in line and on the Swan Boats.

Launched in 1877 by Irish immigrant and shipbuilder Robert Paget, the Swan Boats continue to be owned and operated

by the Paget family. Mr. Paget designed the Swan Boats after attending the opera Lohengrin in New York City. At the end of the opera, the hero crosses a river in a boat drawn by a swan.

2021 marks the 144th season for the Swan Boats. The oldest and smallest boat in the fleet just celebrated its 111th season, while the newest was launched in 1993. The swan on today's boats is made from either copper or fiberglass, depending on the age of the boat, and encloses a paddle mechanism that is used to foot propel the boat through the water.

For more information, please visit the Swan Boats of Boston online at www.swanboats.com, call (617) 522-1966, or email info@swanboats.com.

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Researchers concerned, studying nearsightedness in children

By Seth Daniel

Prior to the advent of remote schooling on electronic devices ushered in by COVID-19, doctors and researchers at the Children's Vision Lab in the Back Bay's New England College of Optometry (NECO) were concerned about how those devices might be contributing to nearsightedness (known as myopia) in young people.

Now, with vastly greater amounts of time spent looking at a device without breaks, the concern has grown even greater, and the researchers are conducting informational sessions around the city – including one at the Hurley School in the South End recently – and also looking for volunteers to help them further study the issue.

“Myopia is caused by the eyeball getting too long,” said Dr. Fuensanta Vera-Diaz, of NECO. “It causes you to see blurry but it's because the eye is too long. When it's too long, you can't change that. At the moment, the only treatment is to slow it down from growing longer. Once it starts, we cannot reverse it. The majority of myopia is caused by the environment. There is a genetic component, but that accounts for only about 10 per-

cent...Our ultimate goal is to prevent myopia and to do that we need to find out more.”

That's exactly what Dr. Vera-Diaz, Cecilia Idman-Rait and Kristin Kerber have been doing at the Children's Vision Lab, as well as in presentations to local schools and parent groups in Boston.

One of the keys is that they know myopia is caused by environmental concerns – particularly spending more time inside and more time looking closely at things like computers for long periods of time. They believe if that can be slowed down or changed, the growing numbers of young people with myopia can also be slowed down.

“It's a fact we're using our eyes to look closely long periods of time,” said Dr. Vera-Diaz. “It has the effect of bringing on myopia for younger people. We know that. We have to reduce the time spent looking up close. That's very important. If we reduce the overall time we spend looking up close, it's very positive. What's also very important is taking breaks when we are looking up close.”

That was difficult before COVID-19 as children and young people were more and more drawn to video games, phones and other devices that

are used up close – and much less likely to go outside to play or exercise. Now, with COVID-19 in play, the situation has gotten much more concerning much faster. Prior to COVID, kids could go outside, they could have recess and they took breaks at certain times of the day. Now, with remote schooling all or part of the week, it's much harder to find that kind of schedule.

Dr. Vera-Diaz and her researchers recommend for children and adults to take a device break every 20 minutes. That can be a challenge, but even looking out the window for a bit into the distance can change things if done regularly.

“Taking these breaks is hard to do, especially with electronic devices because you get immersed in them and lose track of time,” she said. “That is especially true with games and developers are good at keeping you from getting up.”

In addition, she said there are numerous studies and evidence they've uncovered that spending at least two hours outdoors every day reduces the ability to develop myopia.

“Sunlight is important,” she said. “We don't know why for sure. We do know there is a benefit of having sunlight...We just know light plays a role and sun-



Dr. Fuensanta Vera-Diaz with children at NECO's Myopia Control Clinic in the Back Bay, where the researchers are educating and studying the growing numbers of children with nearsightedness – or myopia.

light is very different than indoor lighting, but we don't know exactly the mechanism.”

The problem with myopia, she said, is a modern problem that developed over the last 150 years as people started spending more time indoors and less time outside. Myopia started to show up in young people 150 to 200 years ago when children started to go to school and started having to look close up at books. That has gotten worse with electric lighting and now, with technology. As more time is spent inside, and less time outside – as well as the demand of having to spend long periods of time looking closely – the numbers have only increased.

Over the last 25 years, she said, there has been a 50 percent increase, and now 43 percent of older kids and adults have it.

“The numbers are rising rapidly and that one reason it's so important to us,” she said.

Additionally, they are concerned because myopia is associated with a number of other eye problems, including retinal detachment and glaucoma.

Dr. Vera-Diaz and Idman-Rait and Kerber said they have great concerns about what the last 18 months has done for kids in relation to myopia. She said the studies are not done yet, and they are just now starting to see some early studies, but her gut feeling is that it's not going to be good news.

“Looking up close is detrimental,” she said. “Looking up close at the screen all day for school is a problem.”

For those in remote schooling, and even adults working online remotely, she said it's important to make sure free time is spent doing things that don't involve a screen or looking up closely.

“It will be very important that when screen time is over for school, kids don't spend their

free time on a device as well,” she said.

The reason they have gone on a virtual tour to the various schools is to educate teachers and parents about the threat myopia is causing and will cause. Education is a primary purpose of the visits, to sound the alarm and let everyone know this is a growing problem they may not have heard a lot about.

“Our main purpose is to educate,” she said. “Education is being in the know about what's good and not good for kids' eyes.”

The other part of the visits are to recruit kids to study treatments within their PICNIC study at the Children's Vision Lab. That study is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to do a long-term study with kids on myopia. For three years, the kids visit the clinic and the researchers measure their eyesight for the study. That all falls within the purpose of slowing down the advance of myopia in kids – and thus more severe sight issues as an adult.

For more information on the study or on myopia in kids, go to the study's website at www.neco.edu/PICNIC.



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Monday, May 3
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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 Street. 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.

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Shattuck Hospital to start construction this summer, residents concerned about parking plan

By Seth Daniel

The construction on the new Shattuck Hospital – formerly the Newton Pavilion – on East Newton Street in the South End could begin as early as July, with new green spaces and a smart new exterior, but a plan to park transport vans near East Brookline Street neighbors has put the kibosh on any welcome wagons for the new state ownership.

Frank Doyle of the state's Health and Human Services appeared at an abutters meeting on Tuesday night for the project, which seeks to refurbish the Newton Pavilion over the next three years and move the Shattuck Hospital from Jamaica Plain to the new building in 2024.

That plan has been out in the public realm for some time, but with construction on the way in July, the specifics of the plan are now being shared with the public – including a mostly favorable design of the new Shattuck.

“We are at an extremely exciting juncture for this project,” said Doyle. “This is the stage where in architectural lingo we move from the design development portion to the construction phase.”

Architectural team members from the SLAM firm said they

would begin site work as early as July as part of Phase 1, to include demolition and utilities. Phase 2 would begin work on the back alley in October, and then Phase 3 would include the rest of the project such as the exterior envelope and the interior fit-up. That would start in April 2022 and would continue through 2024.

“We have a lot of road in front of us, but we feel we can get there,” said Rick Povino of SLAM.

Yet it wasn't an interesting new façade or the refreshing green space in the front of the hospital that drew neighborhood attention. Rather, it was a new plan to have Corrections Vans drop prisoner patients off at the old ambulance entrance, and then circle around the back alley and park near the loading dock – directly behind the backyards of neighbors on East Brookline Street.

Most neighbors were not happy losing the green buffer space they've had there, and worried that the vans would idle while there and no one would enforce laws requiring them to shut off the vans.

Marc Croteau said he is an abutter, and while he appreciated everything being done at the front, he said there wasn't much being thought about for the

neighbors behind the alley.

“That's not giving the abutters much thought in taking away what has been a nice buffer from the hospital and the buildings there,” he said. “It was talked about creating dignity for patients and staff at the front, but I think more dignity should be given to the neighbors in back.”

David Meguerdichian, an abutter and an emergency room doctor at BMC, said while signs and cameras might be in place, he didn't feel the idling law would be enforced – thus subjecting neighbors to exhaust from numerous vans in the daytime hours. The parking spots were pledged to be unoccupied in the evenings and weekends.

“That green space back there that was removed has been a great buffer between the industrial hospital and the neighborhood behind,” he said. “As an ER doctor, I dispute the no idling claim because vans and ambulances are constantly idling...I doubt that if we call the State Police to enforce this it would be a top priority for them to deal with.”

Doyle said the vans begin arriving at 7 a.m. and would all be gone by 4:30 p.m. He said they would have signage and cameras to prevent idling, and a police force there – to include the State Police – to act on any com-



A rendering of the new façade of the Shattuck as unveiled to neighbors on Tuesday night. The new façade features warmer colors and more creative lighting, and the Plaza introduces a badly needed green space in what is now totally hardscape. The construction on the hospital will start in July.

plaints about idling. He said they don't expect Officers driving the vans to be sitting in them.

“The expectation is the prisoners would be getting treated and the Officers would go into the hospital,” he said, “and not sit in an idling van by the alley.”

Nevertheless, Doyle and others said they would investigate other alternatives, such as negotiating with BMC about their lot next to the DOB Building – which is rarely at full capacity and doesn't really abut the neighbors. It would also allow neighbors to keep the green space barrier in the alley.

Some more positive news from the project including a front design that brought in a new green space at the cul-de-sac in front of the hospital. The exteri-

or would also feature new treatments with warmer colors and warmer brick – as well as more appropriate lighting.

Architects were excited to announce the removal of the black tempered glass on the Pavilion and replace it with clear glass so the inside and outside are more visible.

“It's all about the human experience in the building now,” said Neil Martin of SLAM. “The glass is transformed to a clear glass to see and be seen from the Plaza.”

The team has also recommended moving the bus stop from in front of the hospital to just 50 yards down the street under the existing overhang of the hospital – creating a natural safe space from the elements.

YouthINK offers aspiring teen writers the chance of a lifetime

By Dan Murphy

Through her newly launched, Boston-based nonprofit initiative, YouthINK, Christy Cashman is offering a trip to Ireland for some lucky teenaged writer to hone their craft in a most inspiring setting, Cashman's own Kilkea Castle, located just outside County Kildare.

“There's a lot of history there, and for writers, especially young writers, they can only focus on their art and their storytelling and have an experience that, in the words of [American writer] Joyce Carol Oates ‘will utterly change a young person's life,’” said Cashman, an author, actress and producer who divides her time between her family's homes on Dartmouth Street in Back Bay and in Chatham on Cape Cod, as well as at Kilkea Castle. “Encouraging young people to be creative and use their imagination is an important step to developing the next generation

of great authors,” she said.

YouthINK is holding a short-story writing competition for young people worldwide, ages 13 to 18, and accepting submissions of a short story or an essay of no more than 3,000 words pertaining to nature and/or animals. The deadline has been extended to Dec 31. Visit <https://www.christycashman.com/youth-ink> to submit an entry or for more information.

The winner, and their parent or guardian, will receive an all-expenses paid trip to Kilkea Castle, where they will attend a three-day creative workshop that includes music, paintings, sculpture and a culinary experience – all attended and facilitated by notable authors and other creative luminaries.

The contest's runner-up will be invited to a one-day, remote workshop a creative writing workshop hosted by GrubStreet, a Boston-based nonprofit writing center.

Cashman has hand-picked a group of esteemed authors, musicians, film-makers, actors and artists to judge the entries, including New York Times-best-selling author Andre Dubus III; award-winning Irish author Colum McCann; bestselling authors Tom Perrotta and Arthur Vanderbilt; Emmy award-winning producer and journalist Lisa Pierpont; business strategist and bestselling author, filmmaker and director Michael Mailer; musician and artist Sally Taylor; columnist and novelist Jonathan Soroff; literary agent Lucy Cleland; casting agent Angela Peri; and writer and editor Louise Piantadosi.

As for Cashman, she had previously visited Ireland to go horseback riding in her 20s, but her husband, who is half Irish, had never visited the country, so at her urging, the couple was married at Adare Castle in County Limerick. During their stay in Ireland, Cashman said she went

horseback riding during the days while her husband went out looking for a castle for them to buy, and she said, “Low and behold, around 15 years later, he bought a castle.”

Cashman said they “didn't do much with it for a few years” until they renovated the building, which dates back to 1180, and converted it back into a hotel, with two restaurants, which opened in October of 2018.

Kilkea Castle also served as the setting for the retreat and workshop for GrubStreet's board of directors one year. (Cashman started taking classes at GrubStreet in 2013 and went on to serve on the organization's board was for nine years, just finishing up her last term a couple of weeks ago.)

“It gave me the idea that everyone loves being on the property because it's so historic,” Cashman said of the experience that paved the way for YouthINK. “We wanted to create an annu-

al writer's retreat to encourage a young person who might not ordinarily think of themselves as a writer to submit something.”

And while YouthINK is now just a fledgling initiative, Cashman anticipates a long future ahead for it.

“Even though, it's in its infant stages, it's my favorite organization I'm involved with and something I want to do for the rest of my life,” she said.



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Christy Cashman, founder of YouthINK, as well as an established author, actress and producer.

Federal judge sides with School Committee on temporary Exam School Admissions policy

South End parent of two children seeking admission part of the case

By Seth Daniel

Federal Judge William Young late last week issued his decision on the challenge to this year's altered Exam School Admission process, saying that the temporary admissions system did not discriminate by race against white and Asian students, but it should be a system in place only one year to accommodate COVID-19.

Locally, intervening in the case with other organizations, was South End parent Maireny Pimentel, who is mentioned in the case as having two children seeking to enter the Exam Schools – including her eighth grade son looking to attend Boston Latin Academy and her sixth grade son who plans to apply next fall.

In a 48-page opinion, Judge Young stressed that the plan was well-thought out and accomplished the goals of making the school more geographically and economically diverse, and though race was spoke of, it wasn't a plan that sought to racially balance the Exam Schools – which would be unconstitutional.

"It comes down to this: This year, the best way for a rising seventh or ninth-grader to get into one of Boston's three prestigious exam schools is get excellent grades all around (the GPA Criterion), attend a school with a high level of grade inflation, live in a Boston zip code heavily populated with school-age children (geographic diversity) - but hopefully not too many rising seventh or ninth-graders (your direct competition), but a zip code encompassing the poorest residential area of the city (socio-economic diversity)," he wrote. "...Only the third and fourth criteria bear any correlation to racial demographics at all, and both have been approved by the Supreme Court...The fact that the policymakers appreciated the correlation does not render these diversity criteria unworthy of consideration as rationally advancing proper educational goals for Boston's children.

"Here, this Court rules only that this one year Plan has a rational basis and denies none of Boston's citizens the equal protection of the laws," he continued. "Nor does it violate Massachusetts General Laws. Judge

ment shall enter for the School Committee defendants."

That said, Judge Young also ruled that the plan should only be in effect for one year and the new mayor elected in November should champion a robust discussion about how these schools handle admissions in the future.

"The education of one's children is a matter of prime concern to any parent," he wrote. "Thus it is worthy of remark that the Plan the Court today upholds applies only to the 2021-2022 school year. All parties here concede there may be better race-neutral ways to handle Exam School admissions. This is also the year of a mayoral election. As the mayor appoints the School Committee, these matters are sure to be, and of right ought be, the subject of lively civic debate."

The Admissions Process to the three Exam Schools – Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy and O'Bryant High School – typically involved a standardized Admissions test and the consideration of grades for students, who all must live in Boston. This year, because of COVID-19, it became impossible to conduct the exam, so that was scrapped for a new system based on zip code and grades that also sought to make the school population more geographically and economically diverse – while at the same time likely increasing the racial diversity as a consequence.

In February, the Boston Parent Coalition for Academic Excellence filed suit against the School Committee and its plan, saying it – among other things – violated the 14th Amendment and discriminated against white and Asian students. The students and families were from West Roxbury, Chinatown, Beacon Hill and Brighton.

Judge Young said he did not agree with the arguments made by the attorney for those parents, that there was an illegal racial diversity goal that was discussed when formulating the plan and that discussion influenced the plan.

"The School Committee's goal of a more racially representative student body, although more often discussed and analyzed, did not commandeer the Plan, and it in fact necessarily took a back seat to the Plan's other goals, which the Plan more aptly achieved," he wrote. "Consequently, any effect on the racial diversity of the Exam Schools is

merely derivative of the Plan's effect on geographic and socioeconomic diversity -- not the reverse. This Court finds and rules that the Plan is race-neutral, and that neither the factors used nor the goal of greater diversity qualify as a racial classification."

That said, the judge did not take lightly the racial comments made by the School Committee members in formulating the plan, and even racially-insensitive comments toward Asian Americans allegedly made by the former Chair of the School Committee during a hearing on the Admissions Plan in October. He said some of the comments made by the Committee and the Admissions Working Group were cause for concern, but didn't drive the plan.

"...this Court does not take lightly the statements made by the School Committee and the Working Group," he wrote. "Without question, some statements raise cause for concern. The statement within the Equity Planning Tool, for example, about a hard pivot away from equality and towards equity simply has no support in the Equal Protection jurisprudence of the Supreme Court...Had this Plan unconstitutionally substituted equality of result for equality of opportunity along racial lines, this Court would not hesitate to strike it down. But that is not what happened here. Apparently well counseled, the School Committee considered diversity and developed its Plan within the permissible framework of the Supreme Court precedent."

The Boston Branch of the NAACP, The Greater Boston Latino Network, Asian Pacific Islander Civic Action Network, Asian American Resource Workshop, Anti-Defamation League of New England, and the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, who are intervenors on the lawsuit, said the ruling was a victory for all students in Boston.

"Over the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed deep inequities in our education system, and created unprecedented and unforeseen challenges for students, educators, school leaders, and families," read the statement. "The admissions criteria that were the subject of this lawsuit were designed thoughtfully and intentionally to respond to this crisis in a way that is fair to all of our students. By upholding them, Judge Young has helped ensure

that every student in Boston, despite the pandemic, will have the chance to attend some of the most selective schools in our city. We look forward to continuing our multi-racial coalition work with Boston Public School leaders, educators, students, and families to ensure that this policy is implemented with integrity and transparency."

Almost immediately, the Boston Public Schools sent out instructions about how they would begin issuing invites to students who had applied to enter the seventh grade or ninth grade at the Exam Schools. Due to the lawsuit, sixth grade to seventh grade assignments citywide were delayed for about a month.

"The court issued a ruling today in the exam schools admissions suit that means Boston Public Schools (BPS) can now proceed with the temporary Exam Schools admissions policy as adopted by the Boston School Committee in October 2020," read the letter.

"This one-year policy was developed in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges of administering the entrance exam during a public health crisis. We are in the process of finalizing exam school invitations and working with our external independent partner to make sure our final calculations are accurate. Invitations to the three exam schools will be sent via email and regular mail by the end of April as soon as that work is completed."

In a simulation released in January, the South End would be scheduled to lose approximately four seats or 11 percent of its Exam School seats. The Back Bay would lose 7 seats or 27 percent, and Fenway would gain one seat. That is only from the allotment of 80 percent of the seats that go by zip code. Another 20 percent of the seats go to the students with the top GPA citywide, no matter what zip code they are within.



Virtual Public Meeting

Minor Modification to Urban Renewal Plan

Thursday, May 6
6:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/32fkGKW
Toll Free: (833) 568-8864
Meeting ID: 161 149 0476

Project Proponent:

Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA)

Project Description:

The Boston Planning and Development Agency welcomes the surrounding community for a meeting to discuss a minor modification to the South End Urban Renewal Plan for parcels within Villa Victoria. The modification would update the allowable land uses in the plan to properly reflect existing conditions at two sites. (1) At 100 West Dedham Street where allowable land uses would be updated to include (Residential, Commercial, Office, Community and Cultural Land Uses) and (2) at 2 San Juan Street where land uses would be updated to include (Office, Community, Cultural and Parking). Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or if any translation or interpretation services would be needed in advance.

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ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The cupola in the last clue is on the main college building at Simmons University. The school was granted a charter as Simmons Female College on May 24, 1899. Today's answer is a photo of the building by photographer Baldwin Coolidge taken between 1904 and 1908. You'll find the next clue in the South End.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



BUYER 1 BACK BAY

Apgar, Mahlon A
Apgar, Anne N
Busiek, Don
Case, Andrea G
361 Beacon Unit 3 LLC
Hunter, Sarah L
McClain, Jeffrey D
Miller, Thomas B
Hsieh, Diana P
Weisman, Andrew B
Goyal, Sanjeev

BEACON HILL

Beck, Susanne
Kapetanopoulos, Alexandra
Davis, Paul R
Vasudevan, Shobha
Rubino, Katherine A
Dagher, Courtney M
R&Pamela Donnelly RT
Houlik, Elisabeth
Davila, Carine C
Ankner, Robert C
Workie, Dawit

BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE

Schlesinger, Noah W
Francoise Surel T
Morrison, William
Grimes, Daniel
Reiss, Timothy C
Schreurs, Ann-Sofoe
Frigon, Josh
Foster, Wayne
Teague, McKenna
Chang, Baolin
Karst, Andrew
Rausch, Emma W
Yiyos LLC
Kumaresan, Ilanko
Wehling, Randall L
Budden, Philip
Brown, Harley
Evan Pevery 2017 FT
Elterich FT 2004
Purdy, Ian
Nguyen, Huy H
Harbinger Ptnrs 2000 Wltn

Fallon, Peter J
Veneziano, Andrew
Moore, Elisabeth W
Donohue, Bryce W
Reiss, Timothy C
Kumar, Neal
Prum, Stone
Waldau, Morgan
Sipowicz, Phillip J
Curley, Jonathon P
Gehrke, Jason
Rowles, Xiaoyan

WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN

Lawson, Phillip O
Sato, Yuko
Hill, Jess
L R Talesnick Residence
Fuentes, Carlos
Costello, Lee C
Dulac, Nicolas
Li, Yau Y
Salem, Karim
Coghill, Shannan
Balesh, Elie R
Kanmert, Daniel K
Nascimento, David

Real Estate Transfers

SELLER 1

Sherin, Peter M
Sherin, Peter M
Baker, Erin
Dieffenbach, Bryan V
361 Beacon LLC
Harrisberger, Kenneth J
377 Commonwealth Ave LLC
Cervin, Ronald
Cullen, Michael M
Mathew, Paul
Alterovitz, Gil

Taff, Derek
Fox, Christian F
Chestnut Street RT
Quint, Scott B
Burnham, Diann C
Valiveti, Prakash
Patel, Jayeshbhai D
Brimmer Chambers Condo
Gabrek, Daniel
Cherundolo, John C
Fava, Scott

Rossi, Alexandra
CRK Boston Properties
Piantedosi, Lewis
15 Woodbriar LLC
McLoughlin, Peter J
2451 Washington LLC
Lofaro, Franca
Hodgkins, Tucker
Copeland, Aaron
Carpesino, Ana S
11 Durham Street LLC
Steven Mantelli IRT
Baghaei-Rad, David
Feliciano, Linda
Stojkovic, Nebojsa N
Zhou, Jingyi
Raphael Alice LLC
Bec LLC
Leopold, Gary
Alessi, Ellen M
50 Symphony LLC
125 Tremont LLC
Curley, Jonathon
Alves, Stephen E
Satish R Maripuri RET
King, Joshua
McLoughlin, Peter J
Meunier, John J
Allied Residences LLC
Hyde, Nathaniel A
Delvecchio, John A
Getchell, Phillip
Seligman, David B
JP Property 1 LLC

Abukhadra, Hazem
Klaus, Stephen
Caro, Anthony J
Power, John
Yaghoubi, Nader
Watchtower RT
Green, Lawrence A
Zhang, Yi
Millennium X T
Gibson, Diana L
Kry, Hadiza
Macherides, Stamatina
Vanderwerf RT

ADDRESS

122 Beacon St #3
122 Beacon St #4
163 Beacon St #7
295-297 Beacon St #54
361 Beacon St #3
366 Commonwealth Ave #31
377 Commonwealth Ave #1
386 Commonwealth Ave #52
405 Commonwealth Ave #2
416 Marlborough St #103
183-185A Massachusetts Ave #404

51 Beacon St #5
21 Bowdoin St #1A
142 Chestnut St #7-9
9 Hawthorne Pl #10K
9 Hawthorne Pl #12R
32 Myrtle St #2-2
68 Phillips St #2
112 Pinckney St #24
145 Pinckney St #228
15 River St #704
9 Temple St #B

150 Appleton St #2D
1 Charles St S #1512
274 Clarendon St #8
50 Robey St #50
213 W Canton St #2
2451 Washington St #305
1111 Boylston St #B1
505-505A Columbus Ave #6
14 Concord Sq #1
20 Concord Sq #5
11 Durham St #3
7 Durham St #5
111 Gainsborough St #308
96 Gainsborough St #5W
485-495 Harrison Ave #3507
12 Keswick St #4
53 Rutland Sq #1
32 Rutland St #1L
225 Shawmut Ave #3
12 Stoneholm St #522
50 Symphony Rd #102
125 Tremont St
758 Tremont St #3
33 Union Park #3
41 Upton St #1
159 W Brookline St #1
213 W Canton St #2
45 W Newton St #5
88 Wareham St #405
90 Wareham St #213
90 Wareham St #312
1313 Washington St #104
1672-R Washington St #PH1
3531 Washington St #516

1 Avery St #29D
2 Avery St #23B
109-119 Beach St #4H
109-119 Beach St #5A
80 Broad St #1008
85 E India Row #25B
85 E India Row #26G
1 Franklin St #1510
1 Franklin St #4103
112 Fulton St #5B
580 Washington St #410
2 West St #303
43 Winter St #4

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For the Record

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

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARINGS FOR THE WEEK:

•From the April 26, 10 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: One of a series of hearings to review the FY22 Budget. The focus of this hearing is an overview of the FY22 Budget. Orders for the FY22 Operating Budget, including annual appropriations for departmental operations, for the School Department, and for other post-employment benefits (OPEB).

*4 p.m. - A community working session to prepare for FY22 Budget hearings. The focus of this working session is to hear from the public regarding their questions on the FY22 budget.

•From the April 27, 10 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: One of a series of hearings to review the FY22 Budget. The focus of this hearing is the FY22 budget for the Boston Public Schools, including their Return, Recover, Imagine Plan and plan for City, CARES, ESSER and ARP funding.

*2 p.m. - The focus of this hearing is the FY22 budget for the Boston Public Schools. This hearing will cover topics including weighted student funding, enrollment projections, schools with declining budgets, opportunity index, new investments, transformation schools, and Hub schools, as well as BPS use of federal funds for their Return and Recovery plans.

•From the April 28, 6 p.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: The focus of this hearing is public testimony, specifically regarding priorities for an equitable recovery.

•From the April 29, 10 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: The focus of this hearing is the FY22 budgets for the Law Department, Office of Arts & Culture, and Office of Tourism, Sports & Entertainment. This hearing will also cover the revolving funds overseen by these departments.

*2 p.m. - The focus of this hearing is an overview of the Capital Budget, as well as the FY22 budget for the Public Facilities Department.

From the April 21, Conservation Commission meeting, online:

•Notice of Intent for DEP 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, MA (BLSE, Riverfront Area, Waterfront Area, 100ft Buffer to Inland Bank) * Continued from the April 7, 2021 hearing

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.

From the April 26, 1 p.m., BOSTON CANNABIS BOARD INFORMATIONAL SESSION: This informational session will provide an overview of the process for applying for a cannabis establishment in the City of Boston, the process and criteria for certification as an equity applicant pursuant to the Ordinance Establishing Equitable Regulation of the Cannabis Industry in the City of Boston, and the technical assistance and funds available to certified equity applicants by the Mayor's Office of Economic Development. The informational session will also focus on the new delivery license types that have recently been created by the Cannabis Control Commission.

The presentation will be followed by a question and answer segment. The informational session will be recorded and posted to the BCB's website along with the presentation.

From the April 27 Boston Landmarks Commission meeting, 4 p.m., online via Zoom (HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/87279153845):

DESIGN REVIEW

•Commonwealth Avenue Mall (Continued from 3-23-2021): Landscape and lighting Improvements to the Hamilton, Glover, and Sarmiento statues.

•Boston Common: Alterations to sidewalk at corner of Beacon Street and Park Street.

ADMINISTRATIVE

•Back Bay Fens - 121 Park Drive: Upgrade existing antenna facility.

•97 Bay State Road: Replace roof frame and membrane at rear addition.

•97 Bay State Road: Replace seventeen windows and one pair of French doors in-kind.

•Charles River Esplanade: Demolish vacant non-contributing building for future site of concession building.

•8 Church Street: Replace twelve six-over-six non-historic wood windows in-kind.

•491 Commonwealth Avenue: Remove HVAC unit from front garden, infill from removal of window air conditioning units, repair and repaint windows, replace plywood at existing window openings with spandrel glass, and repoint masonry.

From the April 28 License Board hearing, 1 p.m., online via Zoom (HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/87184178172? - PWD=Y2ZZVU1LYXHOU-2JMS0JKK0TZWWDHUT09):

•SORELLINA LLC - D/B/A: SORELLINA; 1 HUNTINGTON AVE., Fenway. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to amend the description of the licensed business -From: In one room on the first floor, kitchen and storage in the rear. To: In one room on the first floor, kitchen and storage in the rear. In addition will include a 1,325 sf patio on private property in front of the restaurant entrance consisting of 14 tables and 60 seats. It will have one main entrance/exit and one exit at the other end. Seasonal operation from April-October. Hours of operation 4 p.m. to midnight.

•CHANG XIN GLOBAL CREATIONS CO. - D/B/A: BOOTLEG SPECIAL; 400 TREMONT St., South End. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day Wines and Malt Beverages with Liqueurs License has petitioned to transfer the license and the location from the above - To: Tora Ramen, Inc. d/b/a Tora Ramen 99 Harrison Ave. Boston MA, 02111. The premises consist of a ground floor with full kitchen, dining area (seating capacity 16), and two accessible restrooms, with a loft area for storage and office use. Total square footage is 645 sqft. Hours of operations are Sunday-Thursday 11:00 AM to Midnight, Friday and Saturday 11:00 AM to 1:00 AM. Patrick Zhong, Manager.

•IN VINO VERITAS BISTRO LLC - D/B/A: LES ZYGOMATES CAFÉ; 129 SOUTH St. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has

petitioned to transfer the license and the location from the above - To: Chang Xin Global Creations Co. d/b/a Bootleg Special 400 Tremont Street Boston MA, 02116. The premises consist of a 3,540 sf ground floor and 957 sf mezzanine. The ground floor has a fully equipped commercial kitchen, dining room, bar and three restrooms, two of which are accessible. Seating capacity, 100. The mezzanine is nonpublic and used for dry storage, utility systems, and an administrative office. The restaurant has one front entrance and two exits. Operational hours: Sun-Wed 4PM to 11PM, Thurs and Fri 4PM to 2AM, Sat 10AM to 2AM, Sun 10AM to 11PM. Stephen Chan, Manager. Lastly, has petitioned to pledge the license to In Vino Veritas Bistro, LLC.

•KENTUCKY BEVERAGE CO., INC - D/B/A: CLARENDON WINE CO.; 563 BOYLSTON St., Back Bay. Holder of a Retail Package Store All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to transfer the license from the above - To: 563 Boylston Inc. D/B/A Whiskey & Wine Back Bay (at the same location). Krupa Patel, Manager. 11 p.m. Closing Hour.

•LEGAL SEA FOODS, LLC - D/B/A: LEGAL SEA FOODS; 100 HUNTINGTON Ave., Fenway. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to transfer the license from the above - To: LSF Copley Square, LLC d/b/a Legal Sea Foods (at the same location). Sean P. Donnelly, Manager. Closing hour 2:00 AM. Secondly, has petitioned to Pledge the License to Northern Bank & Trust Company.

•BKW PARTNERS, INC. - D/B/A: CONOR LARKIN'S; 329 HUNTINGTON Ave., Fenway. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day Wines and Malt Beverages with Liqueurs License has petitioned to transfer the license and the location from the above - To: Teetotal, LLC d/b/a Beacon Hill Books & Cafe 71 Charles Street Boston, MA, 02114. The premises consist of one large room on ground floor comprised of café space with dining area and banquet seating (30), service counter and kitchen located in rear (3,822 sf), and annual outdoor patio located on private property at rear of the building with seating for approximately 15 patrons. Indoor and outdoor closing hour 10:00 PM. Melissa Fetter, Manager.

•Ell Bern Service Corporation; 584 COLUMBUS Ave., South End. Has applied for a Retail Package Store Malt & Wine License to be exercised on the above - Premise includes a building at 584 Columbus Ave that has 3 floors (1150 sf). A basement for storage, middle floor with two rooms where business is conducted and an upstairs office with two rooms. Outside

the building are 6 fueling stations that are open 24 hours. Sale of Alcohol would close at 11 PM. Manager: Scott Goldberg. Closing Time: 24 Hour Operations , 11:00 PM Close of Alcohol Sales.

•552 TREMONT LLC - D/B/A: The Butcher Shop; 552 TREMONT St., South End. Has applied for a Common Victualler 7 Day All Alcohol License to be exercised on the above - Premises includes 1,713 sf on ground floor; one main room with bar (seating capacity 30); kitchen and storage in basement. Main entrance/exit on Tremont St., additional exit on Waltham Street. Manager: Barbara Lynch. Closing Time: 1 a.m.

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.

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.

BEACON HILL PENTHOUSE



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



2 AVERY STREET #29EH
7 BEDS | 6F 2H BATHS | 7,216 SQFT
\$12,000,000



385 BEACON STREET
4 BEDS | 3F 2H BATHS | 5,165 SQFT
\$7,900,000



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



300 BOYLSTON STREET #1003
3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 2,492 SQFT
\$7,990,000

