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Fourteen students were recognized on June 9 at the AC Hotel in the South End as part of the Blackstone/Franklin Neighborhood Association scholarship, the first year the effort wasn't spearheaded by Andrew Parthum – the late founder of the scholarship who passed away earlier this year from cancer. It is the 15th year for the scholarship awards, and as a tribute several of Parthum's friends were in attendance. Pictured above are Andrew's husband Bill Leonard, his mother Marge Parthum, John Osthaus, Douglas Spencer and Andrew Fullem. In the bottom photograph celebrating her award was Boston Latin Academy senior Ayat Yusef (left), with her mother Leosandra De Los Santos, her sister Amanie Yusef and Scholarship Committee member Chris McBride. See more photos and story on pages 6 and 7.



Parthum remembered with scholarships

By Seth Daniel

While 14 students were celebrated by the Blackstone/Franklin Neighborhood Association Scholarship Committee on Wednesday, June 9, it was the late Andrew Parthum who was

at the center of the show in the hearts and minds of so many in the room.

The annual Scholarship Night ceremony, and the scholarship itself, were much smaller last

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Janey announces creation of PILOT Task Force

Council holds hearing on PILOT community benefits

By Lauren Bennett

On June 14, Acting Mayor Kim Janey announced the creation of a 2021 PILOT Task Force "to revisit and modernize the current voluntary Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) payment program for Boston's charitable institutions," according to a release from the City. "Its initial charge will be to improve and strengthen the Community Benefits component of the PILOT program."

The release continued, "The City of Boston has one of the nation's leading PILOT programs, which seeks cash contributions from academic, medical and cultural institutions that own real estate otherwise exempt

from property taxes. This program offers tax-exempt institutions an opportunity to voluntarily support basic City services and other important programs in acknowledgement of the unique relationship between the City and its major nonprofits. PILOT contributions go into the City's general fund, the source for City expenditures, including education, snow removal, street repair, fire, and police. The PILOT program includes potential credits for Community Benefits, which allow institutions to offset a portion of their cash payment by demonstrating and documenting ways they support the City and its residents through their charitable missions."

The City Council Committee on PILOT Agreements also held its first PILOT on Monday "regarding increasing oversight, transparency, and coordination of PILOT community benefit offsets," according to the hearing notice. The chair of the committee is District 8 Councilor Kenzie Bok, who, along with Councilor Liz Breadon, also sponsored this hearing.

"For me, one of the core reasons that we filed this hearing order was because we've really seen in COVID and under duress what it looks like when our institutions in our city come together in a coordinated way to really tackle a crisis," Councilor

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Neighbors of Parcel 12 construction have had it

By Seth Daniel

Sleepless nights full of pile-driving and jack-hammering have turned into some frustrating days for residents of the Fenway area dealing with around-the-close construction impacts for the Parcel 12/Boylston Street air rights project – a situation that has boiled down to a game of finger pointing between state and City government entities, they said.

The situation erupted after construction started in earnest on the air rights office/retail/lab space building brought by Samuels & Associates that is the first to be built over the Mass Pike in decades. With a building permit being granted in July 2020, and construction starting late last year, this spring season the real work began – and it hasn't stopped long enough for residents of Fenway Studios, and

several other abutting buildings to get a wink of sleep or respite.

Few knew that work would be so intense and throughout the night, neighbors said, and even fewer have been able to get answers and solutions to help mitigate it.

Ellen Haiken of the Fenway Studios lives and works on the top floor of the building facing Boylston Street and Mass Ave. She said she is "Ground Zero" for the noise 24/7.

"I went without a full night's sleep for almost three months, with the noise not only during the day, but all night also," she said. "The only lull was during the shift change, from 4 to 7pm. From 9 pm on, the noise – from pounding, pile driving, banging, backhoe beeping, and crashing – got worse and worse, loudly peaking at 1am and continuing until 4 a.m. The lack of sleep has impacted my life, my

health, and made me unable to work, since where I live is where I work. I feel that my home has been invaded, and I have no escape. The developer offered me nothing more than acrylic over my window and a very noisy air conditioner to replace my brand new one. And a head wrap. And a white noise thing." Dido Thayer, also of Fenway Studios, said many members of their community attended project review meetings and construction planning meetings, and no one mentioned there would be night-time work to such an intensity.

"We have now become a neighborhood under siege by overnight construction, which started roughly nine months ago," he said. "We are being woken up by the constant intermittent overnight noise, various

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EDITORIAL

THE GUN CRISIS

The recent increase in mass shooting incidents across the country comes as no surprise to anyone with an ounce of common-sense.

The ease of purchase, and relatively low-cost, of assault-style weapons, particularly AR-15 semi-automatics with large-capacity magazines, makes it possible for anyone to become a mass murderer.

And make no mistake about it, the purpose of high capacity magazines in assault weapons is to reduce the time it takes to reload, thereby increasing the time in engaging the target, ensuring that a mass murderer can kill and maim large numbers of victims in a matter of seconds.

It is not a coincidence that the vast majority of mass shootings occur in states with lax gun laws. Texas, Georgia, and other Southern states impose virtually no restrictions on the purchase and sale of these weapons that are designed to kill and maim as many people as quickly as possible.

Up to now, Massachusetts and many other states with stronger gun laws fortunately have been fairly insulated from such incidents.

However, that soon may change. It has long been the goal of the National Rifle Association and the gun lobby to invalidate what those groups consider to be restrictive gun laws in violation of the Second Amendment in every state. They want every citizen in the country to be able to buy whatever gun they want, whenever they want, and to be able to carry loaded firearms in public all the time and everywhere.

The NRA basically has adopted Archie Bunker-reasoning. (Archie's solution to solving the airplane hijacking problem of the 1970s was to give every passenger a gun when they boarded so that they could "get the drop" on the would-be hijacker).

The NRA's long-cherished dream of an AR-15 in every household took a big step forward two weeks ago with a decision by a federal judge striking down California's ban on the sale of assault-style weapons that has been in effect since 1989.

The judge began his opinion with these words: "Like the Swiss Army Knife, the popular AR-15 rifle is a perfect combination of home defense weapon and homeland defense equipment. Firearms deemed as 'assault weapons' are fairly ordinary, popular, modern rifles."

Obviously, even comparing an AR-15 to a Swiss Army Knife is ridiculous on its face -- we've never heard of a mass murderer using a knife as a weapon -- but what in our view was really chilling was the judge's words stating that an AR-15 is useful as a "homeland defense weapon."

That wording mimics what the gun crowd (the type of guys who like to dress up in camouflage) sees as the principal argument in favor of lax gun laws: That ordinary citizens will need these weapons in order to defend our country against the possibility of a foreign invading army.

That argument likewise is nonsense, but it's what animates the gun types who like to play soldier -- and obviously was among the reasons for the judge's decision striking down the California statute.

The state is appealing this judge's ruling. Ultimately, this question will reach the U.S. Supreme Court. However, given the present make-up of the court, we would bet even-money that the court will strike down the California statute -- and when that happens, it will be open season on innocent Americans all across the country for mass murderers.

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GUEST OP-ED

Economic equity is key in Boston's efforts to recover from the pandemic

By Mayor Kim Janey

Throughout the pandemic, our city has remained resilient through uncertainty and hardship. Together, we are making real progress in our public health recovery. Cases of COVID-19 continue to decline, as vaccination rates climb steadily across the city. Now, we must focus on an economic recovery, reopening and renewal that includes all of our communities. That starts with bold measures that encourage equity in our city and open opportunities for those who have been shut out.

Boston's recovery and reopening is a chance to renew our city, making it stronger and more equitable. The racial wealth gap among Boston residents made headlines even before the pandemic. I know we can do better. My administration is implementing concrete changes to help working families earn living wages and build wealth of their own. I have announced two new measures to promote economic equity and opportunity for working families in Boston.

The first initiative put homeownership within reach for first-time homebuyers. I used a first-time buyer program to purchase

my own home, so I know how important homeownership is economic stability and breaking the cycle of poverty. That is why I am excited to triple down payment assistance for the Boston Home Center's first-time Homebuyer Program.

With a \$2.4 million commitment to this program in my FY22 budget proposal, we will be able to provide up to \$40,000 in assistance to income-eligible residents seeking to purchase a home for the first time. Residents can also receive assistance with down payments and closing costs. This change more than triples the average amount of assistance previously offered by the City.

Owning a home is part of the American Dream, and I am proud of the work our City is doing to make this a reality. As we work to close the racial wealth gap, it is programs like these that can help us achieve equity in Boston.

Closing the wealth gap means we also have to address the wage gap. That is why I have also signed an executive order establishing a prevailing wage standard for key city service contractors.

Starting July 1, Boston will guarantee rates for city contrac-

tors of \$14.85 to \$20 per hour for services such as cleaning and security, with an additional \$6.26 to \$6.70 per hour in health and pension benefits.

This executive order recognizes the importance of sustainable wages and benefits. It is time that the City of Boston sets a standard for other employers to follow that supports the well-being of Boston's working families, while also encouraging other employers to join us in the effort.

These new steps help ensure an equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. These efforts will work together with other programs I have introduced since being sworn-in as Mayor, including the ONE+Boston Homebuyer Program, \$50 million in new rental relief to help residents stay in their homes and a \$50 million emergency package to support an equitable recovery and reopening for our City's residents, workers and small businesses. I will continue fighting for a stronger, more equitable Boston. It takes persistence to make a difference, and I promise that economic equity for residents will be at the forefront of Boston's agenda to recover from the pandemic.

Kim Janey is the Mayor of Boston.

I AM OUTRAGED

Dear Editor:

I'm outraged that some of the people we entrust with decisions about the education of Boston's children have proved to be biased and prejudiced, blind to the fact that our strength is in our togetherness. While I find the resignations appropriate, I am saddened by how this drives a deeper wedge in our City. An attack on any of our neighborhoods is an attack on all of our neighborhoods. This city's strength lies in our neighborhoods -- ALL of them -- and anyone who disrespects that is not fit to represent us.

As a teacher in Boston Public Schools for 22 years, I fought for my students, their families, and our communities. Zip codes

don't determine the value of our kids or families, and that's a core belief we all need to embrace.

I also call on the City of Boston's Office of Public Records, as well as BPS and the City's legal department, to investigate and explain to the people of Boston why the public record of the texts between the School Committee members at a public meeting were withheld from FOIA requests. Public records that are released with redactions must, by law, be plainly marked as redacted and an official explanation for the redactions must be included in a FOIA response.

I'm a Boston teacher and a Mom. I know our neighborhoods, our public schools, and our kids and families very well. And I know that expressions of

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hate and animosity against any group will do nothing but deepen divisions and sow animosity among people. We are ONE city. Everyone in government and elected office, and those seeking public office, must be committed to working TOGETHER, with good will toward all, to make sure Boston's future is as bright as we know it can be, for ALL of us.

**Erin Murphy,
Candidate for Boston City
Council At-large**

REINSTATEMENT OF SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Dear Editor:
"Without the Lord's day, we

cannot live!" His Holiness, Pope Benedict, in his homily at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen in Vienna on September 9, 2007, quoted the Abitiniian Martyrs, who during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian were arrested for celebrating Sunday Mass. The martyrs responded to the magistrate: "Sine dominico non possumus!" – without the Lord's day, we cannot live! The Pope went on to say: "For these Christians, the Sunday Eucharist was not a commandment, but an inner necessity. Without him who sustains our lives, life itself is empty. To do without or to betray this focus would deprive life of its very foundation, would take away its inner dignity and beauty."

Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we are joining dioceses in the Boston Province (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) in lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective the weekend of June 19 and 20, 2021.

We are mindful of the Lord's statement: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt 18:20). While we certainly can pray alone, there is both strength and blessedness in communal prayer.

We do also note that attendance at Mass is our way of following the Third Commandment of the Decalogue: "Remember the sabbath day – keep it holy. For six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy." (Ex. 20:8,11)

We call to mind the many times we see Jesus observing the sabbath by going to the synagogue and teaching there (Mt 13:54, Mk 1:21-28, Lk 4:16-30, Jn 6:22-59). It is a desire of every Christian to conform his or her life to the life of Jesus, and Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath.

Most significantly, receiving the Eucharist is the center of every Catholic life. The Lord commands us to take and eat, and to do it in memory of Him. (Mt 26:26-30, Mk 14:22-26, Lk 22:14-20, 1 Cor 11:23-26, CCC

1324). The Eucharist is food for our difficult journey through life, filling us with joy and strengthening us to embrace our suffering. It transforms us from the inside out and creates a unity among us that is a strong witness to the whole world.

Therefore, it is with great confidence and trust in the Lord that we reinstate this Sunday Mass obligation. It has been a long, difficult year. People have experienced great pain and suffering throughout this pandemic. Loss of life has been immense. People continue to recover from the long-term effects of the coronavirus.

The heroes among us — our nurses, doctors, first responders and all medical professionals — were a source of enormous comfort. Priests brought the Sacrament of the Sick to COVID patients. Now we are able to join together, remembering the lives changed and the sacrifices made. Let us gather together again in joy, as one people united around the Eucharist.

In this year of Saint Joseph, who was always a faithful observer of the sabbath, we chose Father's Day as an appropriate day to encourage all of our people, and especially our families, to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have been recently exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness; those who are confined to their homes or to hospitals or other facilities due to illness, infirmity, frailty, or age; and those who are not yet able to be vaccinated, due to age or any health consideration. Parishioners should consult their local pastor if they have questions about the obligation.

To all of those who have not been able to be with us during this last year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass.

**Cardinal Séan P. O'Malley,
OFM Cap
Archbishop of Boston**

GUEST OP-ED

Taking on our housing crisis

by Michelle Wu

One of the biggest challenges the next Mayor of Boston will take on is our housing crisis.

Too many Bostonians are shut out from buying homes, dealing with soaring property taxes on a fixed income, or struggling to make rent. Many residents worry about the cost of living, so much that they aren't sure that they can stay.

That's reflected in the number of families being pushed out by cost of living: Though our population keeps growing, the number of school-aged children in Boston is about half what it was in 1970.

The vibrancy and long-term wellbeing of our city depends on our ability to keep our housing costs under control—not just to attract and retain new residents but also to protect and invest in the ones already here.

We cannot allow the city of Boston to be hollowed out by its lack of affordable housing options.

Our city has a proud legacy of incredible innovation. We were the first city in this country to build a public library, a public park and a taxpayer-funded public school. Yet when it comes to tackling the housing crisis and managing development in a way to build growth, affordability, community and environmental

justice, we have lagged behind.

As home prices skyrocket, rents rise and disparities along racial and economic lines only increase, we need bold solutions that match the scale and urgency of the crisis.

In Boston, our leadership for housing can have immediate and far-reaching impact. Several years ago, when Airbnb was driving rents up across the city, we built a coalition to stand up and pass the most protective ordinance in the country. They sued Boston, but when we won in court, it set a national precedent so cities across the country could also protect their tenants.

This week, I am announcing a Housing Justice Agenda to expand homeownership opportunities and housing stability for low- and middle-income Bostonians, residents of color and seniors, and to address the intersection of our homelessness, substance use, and mental health crises.

As Mayor, I will expand existing city programs to increase the purchasing power of first-time homebuyers, increase property tax relief for seniors and others living on a fixed income, and leverage our capital budget to build new, permanently-affordable housing. We must take advantage of existing public assets to co-locate housing with libraries, schools and other

municipal buildings to create new, multi-use developments that are deeply affordable and energy-efficient. This is a simple solution to help grow our housing stock while ensuring that units fit the environmental standards we need for a city of the future.

I will also push for greater tenant protections against eviction and displacement, and I'll prioritize investments and improvements in the Boston Housing Authority while creating new supportive housing.

These are just some of the actions we can take to tackle displacement and make Boston a city where people of all incomes, backgrounds, professions, and ages can make a home and build community.

We will only deliver housing justice when we place our full focus and energy on opening up more housing opportunities, and listen to our residents who are dealing with this crisis every day.

But we have to act quickly. Our city is made vibrant by our neighborhoods and communities. To ensure they can thrive well into the future, we need leadership that takes on our housing crisis with the urgency it requires.

Michelle Wu is a City Councilor At-Large and Candidate for Mayor

State Administration announces \$2.655 billion FY22 Capital Plan

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration has announced its Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Capital Plan, a \$2.655 billion plan that makes substantial investments in critical priorities including housing, transportation, climate resiliency, health and human services, and education to promote economic growth and opportunity. The plan maintains flexibility by supporting existing short, medium, and long-term investments, and funding new initiatives that encourage growth and strengthen the Commonwealth's communities amid the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito joined Administration and Finance Secretary Michael J. Heffernan and Secretary of Education James Peyser Monday at Bridgewater State University to release the FY22 Capital Plan and highlight a major renovation project at the university, which is funded under the capital plan.

The Administration is investing \$87 million in five major renovation projects across the Commonwealth's higher education system. The capital investments at these colleges and universities are focused on strengthening programming that connects students with high-demand fields like STEM and health care, which will remain crucial to the Commonwealth's economic recovery.

The plan also begins implementing the Economic Development Bond Bill and Transportation Bond Bill that Governor Baker signed last year. Through these investments, the plan aims to promote economic growth and strengthen the Commonwealth's transportation system as more residents return to work. It also funds the Commonwealth's share of costs for the redevelopment of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, which the Administration is seeking to augment by applying for federal funds. It provides significant capital investments in all regions of Massachusetts while maintaining the Administration's commitment to addressing and preparing for climate change and considering the environmental impact and resiliency of its investments.

"As Massachusetts emerges from the pandemic, our FY22 Capital Plan aims to strengthen and modernize infrastructure

throughout the Commonwealth in ways that promote opportunity," said Gov. Baker. "These meaningful investments will encourage economic growth and strengthen existing initiatives around housing, climate resiliency, health and human services, and food security – critical priorities that have proven even more important as a result of the COVID-19 crisis."

"We are continuing to invest in local cities and towns in order to support the ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic," said Lt. Gov. Polito. "By providing capital funding for education, public safety, information technology, and other infrastructure projects, we can help reinvigorate the economy and ensure Massachusetts has a bright and prosperous future."

The funding detailed in this FY22 plan will complement the more than \$100 billion awarded to Massachusetts residents, businesses, and governments throughout the public health emergency to address both the response and the recovery from the pandemic. The vast majority of this funding has flowed directly to businesses, individuals, non-profits, and unemployment insurance in Massachusetts.

In total, the Commonwealth exercises some level of discretion over approximately \$15.6 billion of this federal funding, notably the \$2.5 billion in Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars received through the CARES Act. These Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars have supported numerous key priorities consistent with federal guidelines, as for example, \$750 million of this funding has been transferred to other governments and \$780 million has been allocated for economic assistance.

Also included in the \$15.6 billion total is the \$5.3 billion in direct federal aid the Commonwealth has received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to support a range of initiatives, including infrastructure investments that will leverage municipal funding to maximize impact. ARPA is also providing a total of \$3.4 billion in direct aid for municipalities throughout Massachusetts, as well as substantial funding for key priorities including a total of \$2.6 billion for housing and economic development initiatives, \$1.1 billion for transit, \$315 million in child care stabilization funding, and \$200 million in Child Care

and Development Block Grant funding.

"The Baker-Polito Administration's fiscally responsible FY22 Capital Plan devotes significant resources toward key areas while also protecting state finances and leveraging other funding sources to achieve the greatest impact with spending," said Secretary of Administration and Finance Michael J. Heffernan. "We look forward to collaborating with key stakeholders as we carry out these capital projects and strengthen infrastructure throughout Massachusetts."

The \$2.655 billion capital plan is fiscally responsible, demonstrates careful long-term planning, and is informed by numerous factors including the Debt Affordability Committee.

FY22 Capital Plan Highlights:

Transportation

- The combined MassDOT and MBTA capital plan is funded from a variety of state and non-state sources, and totals approximately \$4.0 billion in spending for FY22

- \$200 million for the Chapter 90 Program for local road and bridge repairs

- \$10 million for the Administration's Municipal Small Bridge Program

- \$10 million for the Complete Streets Program

- \$4 million for the Shared Streets and Spaces Program which was started in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic to help municipalities and businesses adapt their operations

- Funding for programs authorized through the Transportation Bond Bill including the Local Bottleneck Reduction Program, the Municipal Pavement Program, and the Transit Infrastructure Partnership Program

DCAMM

- Funding for five new major higher education capital projects totaling \$1.3 million in spending in FY22 and \$87 million in total bond funds awarded including:

- \$300,000 for a renovation project to create a centralized home for the College of Education and Health Sciences Burnell Hall at Bridgewater State University (total state bond investment of \$25 million)

- \$300,000 for new and renovated Science Labs at Mass Maritime Academy (total state bond investment of \$16.7 million)

- \$100,000 for a partial renovation of labs at the Danvers

campus of North Shore Community College to create a Life Science Pathways Center (total state bond investment of \$14.1 million)

- \$485,000 for a partial renovation of the Medical School Building at UMass Medical to create collaborative spaces for integrated teaching and learning (total state bond investment of \$6.1 million)

- \$150,000 for a renovation at Quinsigamond Community College to create an innovation center for advanced manufacturing and robotics (total state bond investment of \$25 million)

- Planning efforts for a project to construct a new Regional Justice Center in Quincy

- Funding for the Commonwealth's share of costs for the redevelopment of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, a major project to construct a state-of-the-art facility for veterans

Economic Development

- New and expanded authorizations in the Economic Development Bond Bill which will provide access to capital for underrepresented entrepreneurs, revitalize underutilized properties, improve tourism facilities and destinations, support advanced manufacturing, and encourage regional and industry-specific innovation clusters

- \$94 million for MassWorks to provide municipalities and other public entities with funding for infrastructure projects that promote economic development

- \$35 million for the Life Sciences Capital Program to foster job growth and innovation in the life sciences industry

- \$10 million in Seaport Economic Council Grants

Housing

- Support for new programs authorized through the Economic Development Bond Bill intended to promote neighborhood stabilization, transit-oriented housing, and climate resilient affordable housing

- \$146 million for the production and preservation of affordable housing including \$5 million for housing choice grants.

- \$110 million to support our state-aided public housing portfolio.

- Energy and Environmental Affairs

- \$45 million for the Food Security Infrastructure Program, which includes \$30 million for grants awarded in the last year, and \$15 million for a future

grant round

- \$21 million for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness ("MVP") Program to aid municipalities with climate change vulnerability assessments and planning, and adaptation projects
- \$12.5 million for inland dams and seawalls

- \$3.5 million for Greening the Gateway Cities which has already planted nearly 30,000 trees and has a goal of planting at least 20,000 more trees over the next four years.

Public Safety

- \$5 million for the new Protective Fire Equipment Grant Program which provides direct assistance to municipalities to ensure access to safe and reliable firefighter equipment

- \$4 million for the new Municipal Body-Worn Camera Grant Program

- Support for the Body Armor Replacement Program which provides a state match for the reimbursement of bulletproof vests by municipalities

Technology

- \$64.9 million for business applications development

- \$42.1 million for IT technical infrastructure modernization

- \$15.5 million for cybersecurity

Local Cities and Towns

- \$3 million in Community Compact IT Grants which support cities and towns in their efforts to modernize their technological infrastructure

- \$3 million for the new Municipal Fiber Grant Program that is focused on strengthening supports for municipal IT security

- \$2 million for Municipal ADA Grants which fund planning, design, and capital improvements specifically dedicated to improving access and removing architectural barriers for people with disabilities

Education

- \$15 million for Workforce Skills Capital Grants to improve students' skills and knowledge and better meet the needs of employers in the Commonwealth

- \$4 million for Early Education and Out-of-School Time Grants to improve the indoor and outdoor space at early education and out-of-school time programs in which more than 50 percent of the children served are eligible for financial assistance

BBAC votes to form subcommittee for five story addition at 761-791 Boylston St.

By Lauren Bennett

The Back Bay Architectural Commission (BBAC) voted on June 9 to form a subcommittee for additional review on the five story rooftop addition proposed for 761-791 Boylston Street. The project came before the Commission last month under an advisory review.

Architect David Manfredi presented the proposal for the addition, saying that there will be "very minimal impact on the existing buildings," and there will be "no intrusion into the buildings on the east side or the west side." The existing buildings are Crate and Barrel, Atlantic Fish Co., and Abe & Louie's Steakhouse.

The proposal includes demolishing the structure behind the facade of the existing Crate and Barrel location. There will be a “central structure” that “goes all the way down to the ground,” as well as “two cantilevered wings.”

Floors one and two will feature retail space, floor three will

potentially be retail or office space, floors four and five will be office space, and there will be three levels of residential units on the sixth, seventh, and eighth floors. Manfredi said.

There will also be mechanical equipment on the roof as well as space for the residential tenants.

He said that the construction to the east and west will feature metal paneling in a lighter color than previously proposed.

He also said a comment received was to "bring the fenestration around" into the alley area. He said that they are "real-

ly trying to make a distinction between the very ordered facade on Boylston as the facades are very regular along Boylston." He added that the "construction on the east and west is clearly lighter in material and in color," and is "stepped back from Boylston St. and stepped down from the lower portion."

There were some commissioner comments that the new color palette worked, but there was a concern with the design of the western portion of the building.

Commissioner John Christiansen asked the team if they had considered a stone veneer. Manfredi said "we didn't, but it's certainly a conversation we'd be willing to have in subcommittee."

Resident John Tankard said that "the central block has come a long way to unifying the block with the building," but he was

with the building,” but he was not a fan of the metal facade. He called it a “very irregular, and to me, unresolved, fenestration pattern that is just totally alien to the nature of the building that it’s being added to.”

He said that the Committee believes a subcommittee would be beneficial so some of the details could be worked out.

"It just seems like it's a totally different building and has no connection to the existing building," Tankard said. "To unify it, I think stone would be a much quieter material than a metal," and also suggested the use of terra cotta on the building. He said that the "side elevations need a better connectivity to the central core of the building."

Meg Mainzer-Cohen of the Back Bay Association agreed that a subcommittee would be useful for this project.

The BBAC ultimately voted to form a subcommittee for the further study of this proposal, and the application was continued. Commissioners Kathy Connor,

Genia Demetriades, James Berkman, Lisa Saunders, and Meredith Christensen all volunteered to sit on the subcommittee, but those hearings will be open to all Commissioners and the public, and will be listed on boston.gov/publicnotices once a date is set.

Restaurants can keep outdoor dining

By John Lynds

Local restaurants and small businesses in the Back Bay and across the city need the tools to achieve financial recovery from the pandemic. Supporting the local restaurant industry's successful recovery is extremely important, as it was among the hardest hit by economic challenges associated with the state of emergency caused by the pandemic.

On Tuesday, the state legislature took the necessary steps to extend the outdoor dining and cocktails-to-go bill that was signed by Gov. Charlie Baker last summer.

These options allow restaur-

rants to serve patrons who prefer dining outdoors while making the streetscape in neighborhoods like Back Bay more vibrant.

If the legislature once again gets Baker's blessing, customers of bars and restaurants in Back Bay will be able to continue to order two cocktails per entree. However, the total volume of liquor being sold can not exceed 64 ounces.

All cocktails must be sold in a sealed container, and the volume of alcohol-to-mixer must be the same as for on-premises consumption. Numerous Back Bay restaurants took advantage of the cocktail-to-go and the City of Boston's outdoor dining program.



PARTHUM REMEMBERED AS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GIVES OUT \$35K IN AWARDS



Blackstone/Franklin Treasurer Matt Mues and Blackstone/Franklin President David Stone.



Twin siblings, and scholarship recipients, Dominic Udoakang and Esther Udoakang just graduated from Boston Trinity Academy. They are with Boston Trinity Chairman of the Board Robert Bradley. Both were referred to the Scholarship from their participation in St. Stephens Youth Programs on Shawmut Avenue. Esther was awarded one of two Andrew Parthum Scholarships for Outstanding Community Achievement.



South End resident Vivian Lu was part of last year's four-person scholarship class, which was promised a second round this year as well. Lu is a student at Boston University in the Class of 2024 and is majoring in Behavioral Health.



Harold Grams, Mary Grams, Jennifer Coplon, and Bob Frank.



Scholarship Committee member Toni Crothall, Recipient Stephen Li (Josiah Quincy Upper School), Committee Co-Chair Jenni Watson and Councilor Ed Flynn.



George Cribb graduated from Josiah Quincy Upper School and is deciding between UMass-Boston



South End resident Christelle Francois graduated from Boston Community Leadership Academy this year and is headed to Salem State University where she wants to become a 10th grade history teacher.



Woody Pierre and his son, Ja'Karri Pierre, who just graduated from Boston Latin School and is headed to Harvard University. He was one of two students to receive the Andrew Parthum Scholarships for Outstanding Community Achievement. He also plays the trumpet, baritone and tuba.

SCHOLARSHIPS (from pg. 1)

year than in previous years – with only four applicants and recipients getting scholarships at a quick exchange in Franklin Square. As it turned out, it was the last year Parthum would participate in his treasured effort. That was front and center on everyone's mind June 9 in the ballroom of the AC Hotel – where a traditional ceremony in honor of Parthum took place.

"Because of Andrew Parthum starting this scholarship, this is the 15th year we are able to give out scholarships," said Lisa Jenks, of the Scholarship Committee. "This is our first year, though, without Andrew Parthum. We have placed his picture on his chair and we know his light is shining on us tonight. We all are working hard to carry on

Andrew's legacy and it's not easy to do. However, tonight we have 14 scholarship recipients and we have enough funding to do the same thing next year."

Chris McBride, of the Committee, said he and his husband, David, moved to the neighborhood and met Parthum 15 years ago. Soon enough, he had brought them into the fold on his vision. At first, it was just to pay for books in college, as many scholarships didn't cover books. McBride said it was very low key. The kids would send over their book list, and Parthum would go to the book store and buy the books for them. In 2007, he said, Parthum hosted the night in his apartment, and the late Mayor Tom Menino and his wife, Angela, attended.

"Andrew would often tell the students, his advice to them, was that a small idea can become a big thing and not to give up on their small ideas," said McBride. "This was Andrew's small idea 10 years ago, and it has become something very big with great impact."

This year, two students received the Andrew Parthum Scholarship for Outstanding Community Achievement – a fund started while he was still alive and that he often gave out himself at the ceremonies. The two winners this year were:

- Ja'Karri Pierre – Boston Latin School, to Harvard University.

- Esther Udoakang, Boston Trinity Academy, to Boston College.

The remaining 12 recipients included:

- Jennifer Osayande – UMass Amherst

- Nikioly Soto – UMass Boston
- Vivian Lu – Boston University

- Jason Liu – UMass Boston
- Christelle Francois – Boston Community Leadership Academy, Salem State

- Dominic Udoakang – Boston Trinity Academy, Amherst College

- Hailan Gan – Charlestown High, Boston University

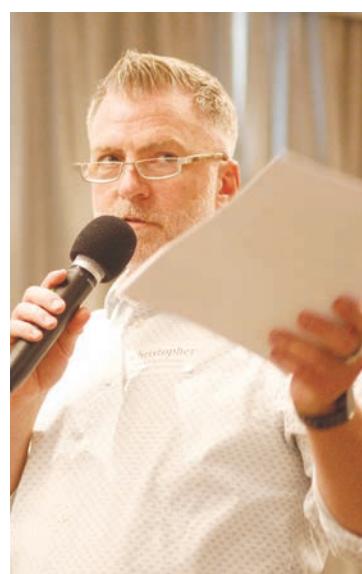
- Stephen Li – Josiah Quincy Upper, Boston College

- Ayat Yusef – Boston Latin Academy, UMass-Dartmouth

- Diany Henriquez – O'Bryant High, Emmanuel College

- Elwyn Cruz – Edward Kennedy Academy for Health Careers, UMass-Dartmouth.

- George Cribb – Josiah Quincy Upper, UMass-Boston or Northeastern



Scholarship Committee member Chris McBride said Parthum had gotten he and his husband, David, involved in the scholarship idea as soon as they had moved into the neighborhood.



Hailan (Helen) Gan graduated from Charlestown High and will attend Boston University in the fall, where she hopes to work on vaccine discovery.



Scholarship Committee member Lisa Jenks spoke about the memory of Andrew Parthum and his reasons for starting the scholarship more than 15 years ago – the first one being held in his small South End apartment.

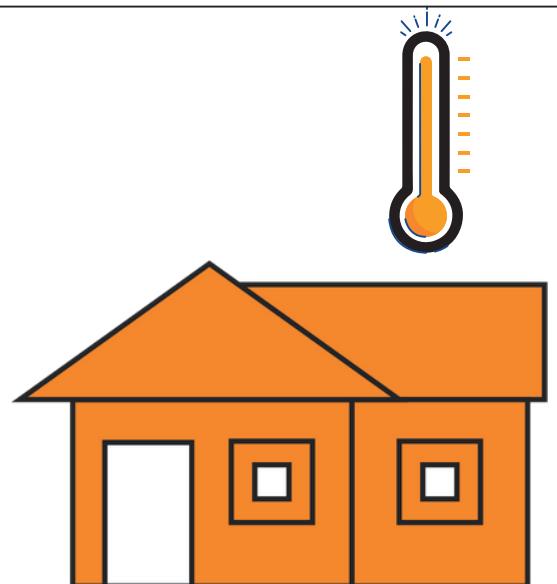


The 14 members of the 2021 Blackstone/Franklin Neighborhood Association Scholarship Class: (standing L-R) Jennifer Osayande, Elwyn Cruz, Diany Henriquez, Vivian Lu, Jason Liu, Ayat Yusef, Ja'Karri Pierre, and Hailan Gan. (Sitting L-R) George Cribb, Nikioly Soto, Esther Udoakang, Dominic Udoakang, Stephen Li, and Christelle Francois.

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NOISE (from pg. 1)

pounding, dragging, scrapping of barriers, equipment being loaded or moved, beeping trucks as they back up. The ill effects of lack of - and interrupted - sleep are well documented.

"We need to know who is responsible for deciding that the residents of our Fenway neighborhood, or residents of any other Boston neighborhoods do not matter, and that our health and well-being are of no concern when it comes to moving forward with development and construction projects in Boston, especially any involving overnight construction," he continued.

Ed Stitt, also of Fenway Studios, said his workspace is primarily just a work space, though he and his wife have used it in the past for a live-work space. Not long ago, they decided to move back in full-time in order to reduce commute times for his wife and himself. Soon, he said, they noticed jack-hammering close to 11 p.m., and then heavy machinery and then intensely-loud noise all night long.

They soon were in despair, he

said.

"One morning I woke up to find that my wife had left in the middle of the night to return home, the prospect of a few hours' sleep being more palatable than a shorter commute," he said. "We eventually abandoned any hope of trying to sleep at the studio. Yet, we had the luxury of going to a place where we could get sleep. My heart goes out to those in our building, more, our entire neighborhood, who have no other place to retreat to...The level of noise is unacceptable, especially during the early morning hours. This has been going on for months and this cannot continue."

The City Inspectional Services Department (ISD) has heard resident complaints from Fenway Studios and from buildings on Newbury Street and Ipswich Street. Spokesperson Lisa Timberlake said ISD and Councilor Kenzie Bok have met with neighbors, and all the concerns were noted, but ultimately they are not in charge of the project. She also said it has been deemed that it would not be practical to

do such construction in the day when traffic volumes are just too heavy.

"It's not under our jurisdiction," said Timberlake. "At the end of the day, the project is solely overseen by MassDOT and the MBTA. We listened and took notes, but had to refer them back to the state at the end."

"This issue at hand is the practicality and timing of it with heavy traffic during the day," she continued. "It more practical for that work to take place overnight."

MassDOT Spokesperson Kristen Pennucci said they carefully permitted the project with the City, and took into account the effects on neighbors. She said after the recent complaints, they will go back and review field data and sound measurements.

"Parcel 12 has advanced with permits from both the City of Boston and MassDOT, with the MassDOT focus primarily focused on the activities on and around I-90," she said. "From the beginning of the planning process, MassDOT has worked closely with the City to approve

a strategy that limits impacts to the neighborhood and I-90 as much as possible. The permit issued by MassDOT has many protective provisions - like noise and vibratory limits. We are in the process of reviewing the complaints and field data, including sound measurements. As this review advances, we will continue to work with the City and the developer on any mitigation strategies that are identified."

Eric Chivian, who has lived and worked in Fenway Studios for two decades, said they've tried all avenues and gotten nowhere. The noise never stops, and quality of life has plummeted.

"I have lived in Fenway Studios with my artist wife for 21 years and have loved living here until now," he said. "The nighttime construction being carried out by Samuels on Parcel 12, which has been going on for several months, and we are told will be going on for several months more, has made life here intolerable. I share the experiences of my colleagues - jack-hammers, pile driving, trucks loading and

un-loading heavy material and beeping all the time they are backing up all night, almost every night, making sleep difficult, and at times, impossible. This problem is worse during the summer with windows open, or with air conditioners in them unable to block out the noise."

As a practicing physician and professor at Harvard Medical School, he said the health risks for such noise and sleeplessness are very serious. It leads him to wonder if the Boston building boom is the best thing for those living in Boston.

"Boston is not New York City; it is a small, old city with narrow streets and an inadequate public transit system," he said. "It is a city of gridlock much of the time, and no place to park. But it is a city where one can see the sky, where you are not walking down wind tunnels like in New York City, like next to the Samuels Pierce Building across the street from the Landmark Center. Is this what the people of Boston want? If not, they should make their voices heard."

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 order of Gov. Charlie Baker. Some meetings, however, have been moved to an online or teleconference format under the emergency order on the Open Meeting Law issued by Gov. Baker.

From the June 16 Public Facilities School Board meeting, online:

•The Public Facilities Department and Boston Public Schools will be holding a School Building Committee Meeting for the Schematic Design Program (SDP). Per the MSBA regulations, for the future William E. Carter School building. This submission of the SDP requires a vote of the SBC

From the June 17 South End Landmarks Commission meeting, on site Montgomery Street, 5 p.m.:

•69 Montgomery Street. Previously reviewed at the 3/02/2021 SELDC Public Hearing. Proposed work:

Construct a roof deck and install HVAC equipment at the roof.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS WORKING SESSION: An order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to parking minimums for affordable housing, referred to the Committee on May 19, 2021. The sponsors of this docket are Councilor Kenzie Bok and Councilor Matt O'Malley.

From the June 22 Boston Landmarks Commission hearing, 4 p.m., online via Zoom ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/82782110490](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82782110490)):

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

•Christian Science Church Complex: Continued repair and restoration at the Christian Science Plaza as approved involving the in-kind replacement of the Clearway Street sidewalk.

•256 West Newton Street: At the front facade second level (above the parlor), replace 5 non-historic one-over-one wood windows with new con-

struction windows of the same configuration.

ADVISORY REVIEW

•Boston Public Library - Copley Branch, 700 Boylston St. Review and discussion of McKim Building master plan which explores ways the Boston Public Library can enhance the visitor experience of the building, collections, and services through various improvements targeted at accessibility and new uses in underutilized spaces. Proposed upgrades include a new entry plaza design, interior circulation improvements and exploration of a courtyard enclosure.

Boston's Downtown Neighborhood Associations are sponsoring

a Mayoral Candidates Forum on June 22 at 6 p.m. online. Moderated by Montez Haywood, President of the West End Civic Association and former candidate for Boston City Council.

From the June 23 License Commission meeting, 1 p.m., online ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/87184178172](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87184178172)):

•Endis University Services, LLC; DBA: The University of Massachusetts Club Café 1 Beacon St., Beacon Hill/Back Bay. Has applied for a Common Victualler License to be exercised on the above - Grab & go coffee bar on concourse level. Manager: David Eichsteadt. Hours of Operation: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

•2000 Chef Food Corp. - DBA: FINS SUSHI & GRILL, 636 Beacon St., Back Bay. Holder of a (Restricted) Common Victualler 7 Day Malt and Wines Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to change the d/b/a of the licensed business - From: Fins Sushi & Grill To: Nagomi.

•Algonquin Club Hexagon, LLC - DBA: The 'Quin House, 217 Commonwealth Ave., Back Bay. Holder of a Club All-Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to amend the condition #5, allowing hours of operation on the courtyard to change - From: 9 p.m. To: 1 a.m. if retractable roof is closed. Secondly, has petitioned to amend the capacity - From: 461 Patrons To: 1350 Patrons.

•Clarendon Restaurant,

LLC - DBA: POST 390, 406 Stuart St., Back Bay. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day All-Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to change the d/b/a of the licensed business - From: Post 390 To: Grand Banks Fish House. Secondly has petitioned to amend the description of the licensed premise - From: on two floors; first floor exhibition kitchen, bar and restaurant seating for 117 patrons; 2nd floor exhibition kitchen, bar and private dining with seating for 243 patrons and storage area. Capacity breakdown 1st FL- 117 (78 seated, 39 standing); 2nd Fl-243 (192 seated, 51 standing. To: On two floors: First Floor-Oyster Bar with preparation area, Bar and Restaurant Seating for 104 patrons with storage, locker rooms for staff and bathrooms for patrons and staff . Second Floor: Restaurant, Bar and Private Dining with seating for 211 patrons and with bathrooms for patrons and staff, kitchen, and storage areas. Total square footage 11,960.

At-large forum set for June 24

By Dan Murphy

The Boston Ward 4 and Ward 5 Democratic Forces are joining together to co-sponsor a Boston City Council At-Large Forum via Zoom on Thursday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m.

"The Ward 4 and Ward 5 Democratic Committees love to get together and create these forums so our communities have an opportunity to meet and take a deep dive into these candidates running for very important public offices," said Carol Lasky, vice chair of the Boston Ward 4 Committee, "and we'll have the opportunity to see these candidates in action and ask them questions that pertain to the most-pressing issues facing our city."

Boston Globe reporter Meghan Irons will serve as the event moderator, while candidates running for the four at-Large City Council seats who are expected to attend include Said Abdi Karim, Ruthzee Louisjeune, Kelly Bates, Julia Mejia, James Colimon, Carla Monteiro, Domingos DaRosa, Erin Murphy, Michael Flaherty, Bridget Nee-Walsh, Alex Gray, Jon Spillane, David Halbert, and Nicholas Vance.

Since the field of candidates is so large, they'll be broken into two groups for the forum, said Lasky, and afterwards, each candidate will lead smaller groups of attendees in informal settings where they can ask the candidates questions and get to know them better on an individual basis.

R.S.V.P. for the virtual forum for at-Large City Council candidates at tinyurl.com/Bos2021At-Large.

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WARD 5 COMMITTEE TO CAUCUS ON JUNE 29



Registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 5, which includes parts of the neighborhoods of Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Fenway, and Bay Village, will hold a caucus on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 7PM via Zoom ([Bit.ly/Ward5Caucus](https://bit.ly/Ward5Caucus)) to elect delegates to the 2021 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention.

This year's convention will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, where thousands of Democrats from

across the Commonwealth will come together to discuss Party business and to vote on a new Party Platform. The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 5. Youth, minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as delegates may apply to be add-on delegates at the caucus or online at www.massdems.org. Questions or accessibility questions? Email ward5boston@gmail.com.

PILOT PROGRAM (from pg. 1)

Bok said at the hearing.

There were three different panels of speakers invited to the hearing, the first was comprised of members of the administration, the second included members of various organizations, and the third included members of institutions.

Justin Sterritt, Boston's Chief Financial Officer, said that the PILOT program was "created decades ago," and "reformed about a decade ago" with an original task force.

"This task force is not about reinventing the wheel," Commissioner of Assessing Nick Ariniello said. He said it's more about "seeing where the program has succeeded and keeping those elements," as well as where improvements can be made.

"Institutions in the city have done an excellent job of growing together," Ariniello said, adding that the "new task force is really about continuing that relationship" and strengthening it.

Enid Eckstein of the PILOT Action Group, which, according to its website, is "a coalition of community, faith and labor groups who have come together to address concerns around the role of our wealthy nonprofit neighbors in the future of our city," said that the PILOT Action Group is pleased to hear that a task force has been created.

She also said that it is important that "there's increasing oversight and accountability."

Additionally, Eckstein said that "we need to align community benefit spending with current needs of the city, and "ensure strategic investment of benefits."

She continued, "we need a new social contract in our city. We cannot afford to be just a city of the wealthy." She suggested that more investments be made in affordable housing and schools like Madison Park High School

"This is a year where we need to think outside the box," Eckstein said.

Cortina Vann of the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA) said that while students are respected in the city, she thinks a "better job" can be done of not pushing families out of their homes in student-heavy neighborhoods, and working to close the racial and economic gap is high on the priority list.

Carl Sciortino, Executive Vice President of External Relations for Fenway Health, said that he was attending the hearing "on behalf of the Boston CHNA-CHIP Collaborative," which he explained is the "Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan."

Sciortino said that he believes this "gives some context to what I think is a really unique and positive example of community engagement that's leading to priorities and decision-making by institutions that are members of the collaborative."

He also provided the mission of the collaborative, which he said "is essentially to make sure that we can achieve sustainable, positive change in the health of Boston by collaborating with communities, sharing knowledge, aligning resources, and addressing root causes of inequity."

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Sciortino also said that a community survey was completed, reaching more than 2400 residents, aiming to reach people who "usually are underserved and under heard through these kinds of engagement processes."

He said the full report of the CHNA can be found at bos-tonchna.org, and highlighted disparities in many different communities throughout the city.

Sciortino also talked about the Community Health Improvement Plan, which he called "a democratically engaged community engagement process" which was created after the CHNA.

He said that findings from the CHNA were brought back to stakeholders and residents, and then four focus areas were developed: housing, financial security and mobility, behavioral health, and accessing services. "The overarching theme of the Community Health Improvement Plan is to achieve racial and ethnic health equity," Sciortino said.

Public comment was also taken at the end of the hearing. Richard Giordano, Director of Policy and Community Planning for the Fenway Community Development Corporation (CDC), said he was glad to see that a new task force is being created. He also said that "we do need to remind ourselves of the full history of how we got here."

He said that the PILOT program rides on the notion that institutions agree to "pay up to 25 percent of the assessed value and they can offset that with community benefits," but he said that an assessment is "five years

overdue" at this point.

"Universities and hospitals have been either paying more or less of what has been asked of them on a value that is significantly under-representing their real estate," he said, adding that the "offset in community benefits is also under-represented."

Other residents also made comments regarding the PILOT program, task force, and community benefits, especially when it relates to issues of equity.

Mayor Janey said in a statement that "I am launching the 2021 PILOT Task Force as part of my commitment to lead an equitable recovery in the City of Boston. New voices and new frameworks create new opportunities to make our city stronger. Our response to the COVID-19 pandemic exemplifies the importance of City partnerships with community organizations and institutions to serve residents and ensure a recovery and renewal that includes all of our communities." The task force will be

made up of "institutional partners, elected officials, community advocates, labor leaders, and residents," according to the city. "As a collective, the City of Boston and the Task Force will be charged with revisiting the existing program, and developing ideas to address the shared needs of Boston residents, incorporate community voices, strengthen partnerships between the City and its institutions, and examine the Community Benefits credit. The Task Force will meet in the summer of 2021 with meetings through the fall and winter."

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The stained glass window in the last clue is on 305 Newbury Street. While sign and window displays may distract your eye as you walk this area, look for lovely details to be found on many of the buildings. As this paper reported recently, there is much interesting stained glass history in Boston. It would make a perfect subject for a walking tour by a preservation group.

The next clue will be found in the Fenway.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1

BACK BAY

Echo Cove Enterprises LP
Sandoval, Shane
Chen, Ling F
345 Comm Ave P-1&P-2 RT
345 Comm Ave P-1&P-2 RT

BEACON HILL

Walsh, Erin
Agarwal, Anant
Huang, An
Layton, Alexander M
67 A Chestnut St Hm T
67 A Chestnut St Hm T
Alamo Partners Forever
Bernstein FT
Teng, Rong R
Pourana, Ami
Willemsen, Frank
105 Myrtle Street T
Sion, Radu
Parker, David
Perry, Kathryn

BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE

Thayer, Carolyn
Crabtree, Leah M
Nwjw Properties LLC
Oakford, Elinor W
Rivera, Samantha R
Tobin, Timothy
Lu, Jack
Muensterman, Elena T
Boerman, Paul G
Myrto, Vivjan
Davis, Keri A
Rainaud, Henri E
Maguire, Richard
Lam, Jamson T
Stinson, Ross
Kobb, Jordan A
Besteni, Lisa M
Huang, Jingling
Meng, Xiao-Li
Wang, Minjia
Li, Zihan
Haywood, Benjamin
Cho, Hyunchan
Torigoe, Yuko
Nathan, Navanita K
Negron, Thomas H
Potash, Mark T
Daley, Katelyn
Cong, Carolllyn H
Ng, Natalie
Maczuba, Jed
McKeon, Alexandra M
Epstein, Linn
Weir, Colin
Dinardo, Joseph
Nurczynski, John P
Gustafson, Erik K
Oneill-Dee, Connor
Hester, John
Song, Ren

WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN

Bakalov, Tanya
Driscoll, Tracey L
Maund, Gregory
Goode, Eliza J
Alabdulmughni, Ahmed
Bergantino, Elizabeth
OConnor FT
Zhu, Wen H

SELLER 1

ADDRESS

Graham, Bruce W
Evan Peverley 2017 FT
Mauer, Daniel P
Beckingham, Meryl K
Beckingham, Meryl K

Pourana, Ami
Kinmos T LLC
Townes, Frederick P
McCormack, Michael J
67A Chestnut Street RT
67A Chestnut Street RT
Hamzaogullari, Aziz V
Lyons, David S
Igneri, Mary A
33 Mt Vernon Street LLC
97 Vernon LLC
Menzel, Garry E
Kutner, Robert
10 Otis Place Unit 4B
Thomas, Simon H

PRICE

ADDRESS	PRICE
80 Berkeley St #1	\$905,000
82 Berkeley St #5	\$1,800,000
293-295 Commonwealth Ave #6B	\$887,000
345 Commonwealth Ave #1	\$490,000
345 Commonwealth Ave #2	\$490,000

ADDRESS	PRICE
65 Anderson St #2B	\$1,600,000
21 Beacon St #11L	\$470,000
21 Beacon St #3K	\$395,000
411 Beacon St #1	\$1,020,000
70 Brimmer St #337	\$5,475,000
67-A Chestnut St	\$5,475,000
34 Hancock St #3A	\$1,225,000
2 Hawthorne Pl #14A	\$580,000
9 Hawthorne Pl #14P	\$422,500
33 Mount Vernon St #3	\$2,600,000
97 Mount Vernon St #21	\$1,275,000
105 Myrtle St	\$3,102,750
58 Myrtle St #5	\$1,027,500
10 Otis Pl #4B	\$3,600,000
5 W Cedar St	\$3,450,000

ADDRESS	PRICE
1 Charles St S #708	\$620,000
50 Lawrence St #A	\$608,000
400 Stuart St #24E	\$4,350,000
133 Warren Ave #3	\$1,615,000
2451 Washington St #404	\$288,700
63 Burbank St #6	\$400,000
4 Charlesgate E #407	\$700,000
486 Columbus Ave #3	\$824,000
529 Columbus Ave #20	\$720,000
18 Concord Sq #2	\$1,025,000
42 Concord Sq #2	\$1,175,000
55 Dwight St #2	\$3,270,000
30-34 E Concord St #13	\$553,000
102 Gainsborough St #306E	\$585,000
84 Gainsborough St #4W	\$499,000
22 Hanson St #1	\$1,320,000
535 Harrison Ave #A405	\$1,125,000
7 Keswick St #G2	\$505,000
120 Norway St #8	\$640,000
100 Saint Marys St #7	\$600,000
100 Shawmut Ave #1109	\$915,950
100 Shawmut Ave #413	\$550,000
100 Shawmut Ave #711	\$787,900
100 Shawmut Ave #801	\$1,364,900
100 Shawmut Ave #904	\$2,121,900
469 Shawmut Ave #9	\$585,000
476 Shawmut Ave #6	\$1,385,000
556 Tremont St #8	\$1,050,000 0
609 Tremont St #3	\$1,135,000
18 Upton St #3	\$868,000
39 Upton St #2	\$970,000
143 W Brookline St #202	\$928,500
160 W Concord St	\$4,100,000
38 W Newton St #3	\$2,025,000
90 Wareham St #208	\$750,000
1154 Washington St #4	\$985,000
1411 Washington St #12A	\$380,000
1721 Washington St #201	\$832,000
43 Westland Ave #608	\$765,000
30 Worcester Sq #6	\$464,000

ADDRESS	PRICE
2 Avery St #33C	\$3,525,000
9-15 Battery St #3	\$740,000
99-105 Broad St #2F	\$617,558
39 Commercial Wharf #4	\$1,220,000
1 Franklin St #2908	\$2,200,000
122-124 Fulton St #5	\$715,000
10 Rowes Wharf #901	\$3,500,000
580 Washington St #600	\$1,300,000

Friday Night Supper Program to resume in-person meals

By Dan Murphy

Friday Night Supper Program can rightfully be called one of Back Bay's most-consistent unsung heroes, faithfully serving hot, nutritious meals once a week since 1984 to Boston's homeless and extremely low-income residents from the Arlington Street Church, and after pivoting to providing hot to-go meals during the pandemic, it will resume offering seated, family-style dinners at the church again Friday, June 25.

"This is a huge, exciting step for the organization to be able to open our doors again [for sit-down meals]," said Jenny Lecoq, development director, of the upcoming event, which will be their first in-person Friday gathering since March of last year. "Our volunteers and staff work so hard to make sure our guests are served meals in a safe, dignified environment."

One of the city's longest-running dinner programs for the homeless, Friday Night Supper Program is a nonprofit secular corporation made possible through an ongoing collaboration between Arlington Street Church, a Unitarian Universalist congregation, and Dignity Boston, a community of LGBTQI Catholics. Arlington Street Church and Dignity Boston donate funding and volunteers for the program, while the

church additionally provides free space and use of utilities for it.

Before the pandemic struck, Friday Night Supper Program's small staff (currently comprising three members who work a total of 35 hours between them) and dedicated volunteers served a three-course meal, consisting of soup, entrée with sides, and dessert, to typically between 120 and 150 homeless and extremely low-income individuals each week. They never missed a single Friday, despite snowstorms, power outages, and major holidays.

The program also ran uninterrupted even after it was forced to adapt in mid-March of last year in response to the pandemic by offering guests hot meals to-go from the church foyer every Friday evening, while sit-down suppers were temporarily put on hold.

And when the program resumes offering in-person meals again on June 25, hot to-go meals will continue to be offered, too, for those who don't feel comfortable eating there, said Lecoq, or in the event that the room reaches capacity, since occupancy will be limited due to the pandemic.

Every other week, the program also operates a Clothing Closet that offers guests seasonally appropriate attire, including coats and winter boots, as well as toiletries, warm blankets, and emergency supplies.

With an annual operating budget of \$95,000, Friday Night Supper Program recently got a major boost, thanks to a \$100,000 grant it will receive over 10 years from the Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, which was founded by Joyce and Bill Cummings in 1986 and supports eastern Massachusetts nonprofits. Otherwise, the program depends on regular individual donations, as well as on grants and corporate funding, and some federal funding it receives, since it operates as a soup kitchen.

The program also receives major support from Project Bread/Walk for Hunger and has access to the Greater Boston Food Bank.

"We're a small, shoestring, bootstrap organization that does a lot because of the dedication of our volunteers," said Lecoq. "The 10-year Cummings Foundation Grant provides us so much stability, especially after a year where everything changed because of COVID-19. Having something like this that we can count on is huge for the organization.

Likewise, Regina Corrao, co-chair of the Friday Night Supper Program board, said in a press release: "We think of Friday Night Supper Program as a 'lean but mighty' organization operating on a very small budget with limited staff but delivering a very important and impactful service that our guests depend on. A long-term grant of this size from the Cummings Foundation is huge for us, and will certainly help us build a stronger organization to serve our guests long into the future."

Prior to the pandemic, Friday Night Supper Program held a gala fundraising event, with an auction and raffle, each spring in the space at the church where its communal meals typically take place. Historically, it has raised around one-third of the program's \$95,000 annual budget, said Lecoq.

The fundraiser was cancelled last year due to the pandemic, but returned on May 15 of this year as a virtual event that raised \$5,000 for the program. While this sum was a far cry from years past, it was still deemed a successful outing, said Lecoq.

Otherwise, added Lecoq added: "The generosity of long-time donors and the community



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Friday Night Supper Program's Kitchen Manager and kitchen volunteers announcing their 10-year Cummings Grant on the steps of the Arlington Street Church.



Friday Night Supper Program kitchen volunteers.

in general has kept us going. We did get some stimulus money, too, which was very significant for a little organization like ours."

Friday Night Supper Program, meanwhile, is now seeking volunteers for dinner services on a one-time or continuing basis, said Lecoq, and is also extending an open invitation to anyone in need of a warm, nutritious meal

in a safe, dignified environment to join them any Friday night beginning June 25 at Arlington Street Church. The events kick off at 5 p.m.

Readers can also support the program, including the Clothing Closet, through a variety of sponsorship opportunities.

Visit www.fridaynightsupper.org to learn more.



FNSP volunteers serve hot food into takeout containers. For the safety of staff, volunteers, and guests, the program has been operating a "to-go" meal service in response to social distancing required by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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