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## Public gets first look at massive 2.1M SF Fenway Project

By Dan Murphy

The public got its first look at a proposed 2.1 million square-foot project that would transform the blocks around Fenway Park into new office and residential space during the city-sponsored kick-off meeting held virtually on June 24.

WS-Fenway-Twins Realty Venture LLC – a partnership made up of the Fenway Sports Group, which owns the Red Sox; the D’Angelo family, who own the 47 sports apparel and memorabilia company; and Newton-based WS Development, which led the transformative redevelopment effort in the Seaport, intend to redevelop 13 parcels it owns near Fenway Park,

collectively totaling approximately 5.32 acres, into eight new buildings on four major along Jersey Street, Brookline Avenue, Van Ness Street, and behind the park’s left field “Green Monster” on Lansdowne Street, respectively. The proposed project would comprise approximately 1.7 million square feet of new office space and around 215-plus residential units, as well as new retail and restaurant space.

“This is more than just single-build project, and more than a collection of buildings - this is aspiration for the Fenway neighborhood,” said Yanni Tsiptis, senior vice president of WS Development, who described the

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## Fenway residents rally for full restoration of service on the #55 bus

By Lauren Bennett

Several months after rallying for restoration of the 55 bus after it was suspended, Fenway residents, organizations, and businesses are calling for complete restoration of service on the bus line, which has been running on a summer schedule since the spring.

The first rally was held on June 27 at the Jersey and Queensberry

(#55 Bus, Pg. 4)



PHOTO COURTESY COUNCILOR KENZIE BOK

Many residents held signs like this one showing their support for the 55 bus and the vital service it provides to many residents of the Fenway community.

## AFTER A ONE-YEAR CLOSURE, FROG POND OPENS TO TO JOY OF EVERYONE

By Seth Daniel

Splashing at the Frog Pond is such a familiar sight of summer in the Boston Common that many residents can tend to overlook it as familiar summer scenery year in and year out.

However, like so many things, the fund of summer at the Frog

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PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL

An enthusiastic group of children and elected officials celebrated the re-opening of the Frog Pond wading pool on Thursday, June 24, after a full one-year closure to wading and ice skating through the COVID-19 pandemic. The Frog Pond had not been open to wading since 2019, so a sunny June 24 offered a great reason to celebrate another reclaiming of joy taken away by COVID. Here, Acting Mayor Kim Janey joyfully pulled up her slacks and splashed with the kids in the wading pool on Thursday after it officially opened. Earlier, South End youngster Collier Voight took the opportunity to talk to Acting Mayor Janey about the conditions of Blackstone Square – telling her he was scared of the dogs there and hoped she could bring in a fenced-off dog park. Voight said he plans to run for Council as soon as he’s 16 years old, if that’s allowed. See more photos on Page



## BMC outlines conceptual plan to add 130 units of mixed-use and supportive housing on Harrison Ave.

By Dan Murphy

Boston Medical Center officials were on hand to discuss the hospital’s conceptual plans to convert two administrative buildings on Harrison Avenue into 130 units of mixed-use and supportive housing during the Worcester Square Area Neigh-

borhood Association meeting held via Zoom on June 29.

As part of its Institutional Master Plan (IMP) for 2021-31, BMC intends to create 30 units of supportive housing for people with complex medical issues, such as kidney or heart disease, as well as an additional 100 units of affordable housing, in the

Collamore and Old Evans buildings at the corner of East Newton Street and Harrison Avenue. Housing would be located on the buildings’ third through seventh floors, while the first and second floors of both buildings would offer new retail and office oppor-

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# EDITORIAL

## ENJOY AN AWESOME -- AND SAFE -- 4TH OF JULY

Although the Fourth of July falls on a Sunday this year, many of us will be enjoying an extra-long holiday weekend for which the weather hopefully will cooperate.

In addition, with most (though not all) of the COVID-19 restrictions having been lifted, Americans will be primed to enjoy the holiday festivities in many of our traditional ways.

The Fourth of July rekindles fond memories from our childhood of the times when we spent the holiday with our families and friends for gatherings at barbecues, at the beach, and at municipal fireworks displays in the evenings.

Amidst all of our celebrating however, we often overlook the reason why we have a Fourth of July: That's the date in 1776 when a group of America's leaders and best thinkers gathered in Philadelphia to declare their independence from England by means of a proclamation to the world in which they stated "... that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Another overlooked aspect of the Fourth, especially during a long holiday weekend, is that too many among us will engage in behavior that is risky not only to ourselves, but to our loved ones and others around us.

Possession of fireworks is illegal for everybody, and in no event should be allowed in the hands of children. It is a sad -- but inevitable -- fact that countless Americans will be maimed for life because of accidents involving fireworks over the holiday weekend.

Alcohol abuse is rampant in our country today, especially in the wake of the pandemic, and the Fourth unfortunately provides an opportunity -- which is to say, another excuse -- for those who have alcohol abuse issues to indulge way more than they should, especially when operating a boat or automobile.

It is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that the Fourth is enjoyed safely not only by ourselves, but by those we care about. If someone has had too much to drink, take their keys -- none of us wants to say to ourselves the next day, "If only I had not let them drive...."

As we emerge from the pandemic, we wish all of our readers an awesome -- and safe -- Fourth of July.

## THE TRAGIC SHOOTING IN WINTHROP SHOWS ALL THAT IS WRONG IN AMERICA

The tragedy that struck the town of Winthrop on a quiet Saturday afternoon represents a confluence of everything that is wrong in America today.

The deranged, 28 year-old white gunman who shot two Black persons multiple times in cold blood on a residential sidewalk on an early-summer afternoon was motivated solely by one thing and one thing alone -- racial hatred.

He came across others on that same sidewalk who were white, but he did not threaten them. He saved his wrath -- and his bullets -- for two Black persons, 68 year-old Dave Green and 60 year-old Ramona Cooper, who were not connected to each other, but who only shared the same fate of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Racial animosity is nothing new in America, but incidents of race-based hate crimes have been on the upswing in recent years, not only as to persons of color, but also against the Asian, Latino, Muslim, and Jewish communities.

Fueling the increase in race-based violence is the easy accessibility to military-grade weaponry that is becoming omnipresent in our country, where there are almost as many guns as people. The Winthrop shooter had obtained a license to carry a firearm from another police department and was armed with multiple weapons, providing him with the firepower to carry out his murderous spree.

Social media is playing a huge role in the radicalization of white men such as the Winthrop shooter. Social media has opened the doorway to the ideology of white supremacist groups for disgruntled and mentally-unstable individuals. Although the shooter reportedly had a Ph.D and was married, neighbors described behavior that was not normal for a 28 year-old man.

Finally, the economic dislocation being caused by the huge degree of income inequality in our country has left many people in a state of despair, which manifests itself either in self-destructive drug abuse or socially-destructive acts of violence.

None of this is meant to excuse hateful behavior -- but it does provide an explanation for what is going wrong in America today.

The greatest threat to the safety of every American exists within our own country from white supremacist groups and individuals. Whether our nation is capable of facing up to the threat of these domestic terrorists will determine the fate of our democracy and our way of life.



## GUEST OP-ED

### Left to their own devices

By Alison Barnet

Remember phone booths? The way people pushed hard on the doors to make sure they were tightly closed? Why? Because a phone call was a private matter. Back then, of course, people usually had more to say than "Oh, hi! I'm in a phone booth. Where you at?"

Not to laud the past—although it's looking better and better—years ago we walked down the street with friends and talked to them. We noticed other people and the world around us. We weren't so addicted to phones that we were completely unaware we were walking right into someone—with not even an "Excuse me." What could possibly be so important, so immediate that you have to address it in the middle of the sidewalk? Years ago, someone crossing the street gesturing and laughing would have been considered nuts—certifiable! And how about all those people who walk down the street talking and smiling, making us think they're speaking to us?

It's Saturday and the mall is crowded. Here he comes on his cell phone, claiming, "This is just between you and me."

"Hello, hello!" She's yelling into her phone at an art store. "Would you take the dishes out of the dishwasher for me?"

He's standing on the steps as I walk by. No one else is around, so he must be talking to me when he says, "Could I have the steak tips and a tuna salad?"

On buses and trains, phone calls often begin with a dull "Hull-oh? Hull-oh? Hull-oh?" Then quickly become loud and personal. "I'm on the bus" she says twice. "Can you hear me?"

Yes, I can!  
"You never listen!" he's yelling into his phone.

Unfortunately, I have no choice.

"You know what I'm sayin'?"  
Yeah, I do!  
"I'll talk to you later."  
Good idea!

Children are often ignored. It's so bad that psychiatrists of the future will have an overload of clients crying. "My mother was always talking but not to me."

I have a friend who makes buttons. I told him about cell phones, but he's not a public transportation taker and he didn't quite get it. Instead he came up with a button that says, "Thank you for not speaking."

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# Ruthzee Louijeune, candidate for Boston City Council endorsed by Sen. Warren

Staff report

On Monday, Ruthzee Louijeune, candidate for Boston City Council At-Large, announced that she had received the endorsement of U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren. On Warren's 2020 presidential campaign, Louijeune served as her Senior Counsel.

"Ruthzee is the advocate working families need on the Boston City Council. As a lawyer and Boston native, she fought to uplift the diverse communities of Boston and addressed racial and economic justice head-on," Sen-

ator Warren said in a statement. "From housing and homeownership to access to equitable education, Boston's working families will have no better champion than Ruthzee. I am proud to endorse her for Boston City Council At-Large."

In her role as senior counsel, Louijeune worked to combat voter suppression across the country and helped protect access to the ballot box. Ruthzee also worked to support the collective bargaining efforts of the campaign staff, advising on one of the first presidential campaign



Candidate for Boston City Council, Ruthzee Louijeune with State Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

staff unions.

"I am honored to have the support of Senator Warren," Ruthzee Louijeune said. "She set an incredible example for how to be a champion for working families and fearlessly advocate for structural change in our political system."

Louijeune brings seven years' experience working on political and advocacy campaigns, fighting for working people and Black and Latinx communities on issues of housing, education access, and voting rights. Most recently, Louijeune start-

ed her own legal and advocacy business, The Opening PLLC. Previously, Louijeune served as Senior Counsel for U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign. Prior to that, she was a lawyer at Perkins Coie LLP.

The daughter of Haitian immigrants, fluent in Haitian Creole, French, and conversant in Spanish, Louijeune would be the first Haitian-American to hold elected office in Boston city government. You can find more information about her campaign at: [www.ruthzeeforboston.com](http://www.ruthzeeforboston.com).

## WSANA (from pg. 1)

tunities. The current office tenants are expected to vacate the buildings in the next 18 to 24 months, according to members of the project team, while the timeline to move the project forward is about five years.

The 30 units of supportive housing would not only be reserved for those with not only complex medical issues and give them immediate access to the medical facility, said Dr. Megan Sandel of BMC, but also for those with a history of housing instability. On-site wrap-around services would also be offered to those residents, she said, and all candidates for housing would be thoroughly vetted.

Contrary to some misconceptions, the supportive housing won't be a treatment center, a homeless shelter, a sober house, or transitional housing, nor is it a Housing First initiative, which focuses on permanently housing homeless individuals as quickly as possible, while providing them with other supportive services afterwards, said Dr. Sandel, who described it as "in some ways, a pipeline to long-term supportive housing."

Instead, the supportive housing units would be modeled after Support and Services at Home (SASH) - a national program that provides residents with a community health worker to check in on them regularly, as well as access to a nurse, she said.

Just the same, though, Dr. Sandel added that some patients would have a history of substance abuse, but this is something that BMC would "embrace."

These patients would also be closely monitored, she said, to ensure that they "succeed at all levels."

Income from the proposed

housing would also provide BMC with a possible revenue stream for the prosed rehabilitation of the Shattuck campus, which, she said, is going to be a costly undertaking that won't pay for itself.

(The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) board approved the Shattuck Hospital campus plan on Tuesday, said Desi Murphy, an IMP advisor member, as well as a vice president of the WSANA executive board. The next step, he said, would be to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP), since the Shattuck campus operations moving to the Newton Pavilion would free up the space in Jamaica Plain.)

BMC is also proposing a 15,000 square-foot "wrap-around" addition to the Yawkey building at 850 Harrison Ave., said Bob Biggio, BMC's senior vice president of facilities and support services, as well as a "bump-out" to the lobby of the Menino building at 840 Harrison Ave.

Biggio described the Yawkey addition as "the only immediately project," and said BMC would be seeking design review for it, as well as for the Menino building extension, even though neither project breaks the threshold for a large-scale project review by the city.

The controversial Building H - a 10-story administration/clinical building proposed next to the Newton Pavilion where the loading docks are today - has been removed from the IMP.

"This should make a lot of people happy," said Biggio, who describes the Building H proposal as "a lightning rod for some in the community."

Instead, computational

research space originally slated for Building H will be built in a new building proposed for 10 Stoughton St.

Meanwhile, BMC, which would be the minority owner, is seeking a developer to take the lead in the proposed housing project, said Biggio, and the hospital is emphasizing that current zoning variances would need to stay in place in order for a developer to "make the project work."

"In the long term, it's a small part of picture of what needs to be done to alleviate problems along Mass/Cass so having community be somewhat supportive as we move to next part or process [would be helpful]," said Biggio, "and I think the [Boston Planning and Development Agency] feels that way as well."

The pandemic caused the project team to essentially "pause for a year" and reconsider the IMP, said Biggio, especially with the introduction of telehealth, which is expected to drastically reduce the volume of patients who visit the hospital in person going forward.

But despite this trend, BMC remains at over 90 percent occupancy, even with COVID rates dwindling, he added, and this comes as the Department of Public Health is now mandating that

hospital rooms must be single occupancy.

Hospital are also requiring larger spaces with the advent of new technologies, said Biggio.

WSANA member Fernando Requena commended the project team on their presentation, which, he said, appeared "much clearer" and "more reasonable" than what they had previously proposed.

"Mixed use in the buildings is a good idea, and would be an asset to neighborhood," said Requena, who added that the proposed market-rate units would also be necessary "to make the project work."

In response to questions regarding the expected sizes of the housing units, Biggio said he "imagines a range of units sizes," including some smaller studios that would likely appeal to grad students. But in the end, though, the developer would ultimately make this determination, he added.

The 441,482 square feet of new space is also expected to have a negligible impact on parking, and BMC has no plans to add additional parking, said Biggio, who added that parking is currently accommodated in

3,800 spaces across five garages and four surface lots. While 72 new parking spaces would be added at 10 Stoughton St., BMC is also expected to vacate a garage owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, so, he said, there we no net gain of new parking.

Biggio also said BMC is reached by patients and staff via public transportation more than any other hospital in the city, and that with the imminent implementation of the Newmarket Business District, new shuttle service would be offered to the area as well.

Additionally, BMC is also moving some departments off campus, which, Biggio added, would further reduce the need for more parking.

"We don't really see parking as a need right now," he said.

In other matters, Stephen Fox, leader of the South End Forum, said "Confess, Fletch," a movie reboot of the 1985 hit comedy (and its 1989 sequel, "Fletch Lives") with former star of TV's "Mad Men," John Hamm, replacing Chevy Chase as the titular private eye, was filming this week ay 161 West Newton St., as well as in Union Square.

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## Ellis Early Learning VP Patricia Daniel Keenan nominated as a Commonwealth Heroine

By John Lynds

Last week, Rep. Edward Philips (D-Sharon) announced he nominated South End's Ellis Early Learning Vice President Patricia Daniel Keenan with the 2021 Commonwealth Heroine Award for her commitment to improving the quality of life in the neighborhood and beyond.

Keenan is vice president for advancement, community and equity for Ellis Early Learning, a socioeconomically diverse early childhood education center in Boston's South End.

"Patricia Keenan has been a champion of the nonprofit sector and social justice organizations throughout her 35-year development career," said Philips. "She has contributed not only to her home community of Sharon but to Boston by serving on nonprof-

it boards; speaking on issues of diversity, equity and inclusion, and serving as a mentor for others in the nonprofit sector, particularly young women of color."

Keenan has held fundraising leadership positions with organizations including Facing History and Ourselves, YWCA Boston, the United Way of Massachusetts Bay, City Year and the WGBH Education Foundation.

Keenan is a graduate of Holy Cross College in Worcester and she and her husband,

Matt, have three grown children, Alexandra, Walker and Xavier and lives in Sharon.

"It is an honor for us to identify extraordinary women from across the Commonwealth," said the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women in a statement. "We would like to thank our many legislative part-

ners who have recommended and recognized women within their district who perform unheralded acts daily that make our homes, neighborhoods, cities and towns better places to live. These acts of public leadership and volunteerism help advance the status of women and girls in Massachusetts in ways big and small, and the collective effort is meaningful."

Each year the Commission partners with state legislators to identify women who make outstanding contributions to their organizations and communities. Each legislator is encouraged to submit one woman from their constituency as a means of recognizing their invaluable community contributions.

The Commonwealth Heroines are women who don't always make the news, but truly make

the difference. They are the women who use their time, talent, and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others and make a difference in their neighborhoods, cities, and towns. They are mentors, volunteers, and innovators who do what needs to be done, without expectations of recognition or gratitude. These women are the glue that keeps a community together and every community has them.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is an independent state agency that was legislatively created in 1998 to advance women of the Commonwealth to full equality in all areas of life and to promote their rights and opportunities. The Commission provides a voice for Massachusetts women and has 19 members who are appointed by the Governor, Senate Presi-



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dent, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Caucus of Women Legislators.

### #55 BUS (from pg. 1)

St. bus stop, where residents and organizations gathered with signs to express their desire for the service to return, as well as to extend the bus route to Park Street from Copley Station, where it currently terminates.

"As a matter of transit equity, we demand that the MBTA restore the 55 bus to full service and extend its route to Park Street. Many Fenway elders rely on the 55 for grocery shopping, appointments, and other activities; and without the 55 route, there is a gap in public transit for residents who rely on it the most," the Fenway CDC said in a press release.

Cassie White, a Community Organizer with the Fenway CDC, told the Sun that "this is a really key issue for Fenway CDC because it's a key issue for the community."

She said that a lot of older residents have expressed their concern for the lack of bus service, because it's the only way they can travel around the neighborhood and the city. She said for "folks who have mobility challenges" and "folks who are low income," not having the 55 bus is detrimental to the neighborhood's equitable access to public transit.

She said that the funds received from the federal government for COVID relief should be helping to "restore service to pre-pandemic levels. To receive that amount of money and not be able to restore the 55 bus... feels very unfair and it isn't serving the community in the way it needs to."

Additionally, with the continually increasing amount of construction going on in the neighborhood, public transit is especially necessary, White said. She said that with new housing and office/lab space going up, more people are working in and moving to the neighborhood.

"In some of the development proposals," she said, "they talk about reliance on the 55 bus. Even developers recognize the importance of the bus route."

Marie Fukuda of the Fenway Civic Association told the Sun in an email that "...we're happy to join neighbors and organizations in advocating for fair service for the Fenway and that we'll contin-



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARIE FUKUDA

Fenway residents and organizations gathered at the Jersey Street @ Queensberry St. bus stop—one of the stops on the #55 bus route—to rally for the full restoration of service on the #55 bus, which is currently only running on a reduced schedule.

ue working towards the return of bus routing and scheduling with our community."

She continued, "for a neighborhood of over 40,000 people that faces ongoing barriers to use of available transit (e.g. pressure from ballpark traffic and other events), having a local bus service that is reliable and that connects seniors and other vulnerable populations to the downtown is vital.

"With more than 2 million s.f. of development that recently included the #55 in its traffic planning and another 2 million s.f. with the recent Fenway Park/WS project proposal combined with residents who will be returning to offices in the fall, the need to provide sustained and sufficient service is more important than ever. We want fair treatment from the MBTA and hope our representatives will advocate

along with us."

White also thanked those who were a part of organizing the rally, including Councilor Kenzie Bok, Operation PEACE, the Peterborough Senior Center, and the Fenway Civic Association, along with the Fenway CDC Organizing Committee.

"We're just really happy to be part of this community effort to make sure the 55 is fully restored," she said.

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# Suspect in custody following random attack on food delivery bicyclist in Back Bay

Staff report

At about 9:41 PM on Monday June 28, 2021, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) responded to a call for a person stabbed in the area of 800 Boylston Street in the Back Bay. On approach, officers were informed that an adult male victim had sustained a non-life-threatening stab wound and was waiting

for officers and EMS while seated on his bicycle. Additionally, officers were advised that the suspect involved, later identified as James Carter, 38, of Boston, (AKA: Tjay Carter), was also on a bicycle and was last seen fleeing the area towards Ring Road. As officers began to search the area for both the victim and the suspect, they observed the victim now standing with Pruden-

tial Security in the area of Ring Road and Huntington Avenue. Simultaneously, officers observed a person matching the given description riding on Ring Road. As the officers attempted to stop the suspect, the victim and witnesses began to indicate that he was the person responsible for the stabbing. Officers were able to stop the suspect and perform a pat frisk, leading to the recov-

ery of an industrial style pocket knife. He was placed in custody on scene without incident after being formally identified.

Officers then spoke to the victim who stated that he works for a food delivery service and had stopped to ask Prudential Security the specific location of a restaurant inside 800 Boylston Street when the suspect approached him and slashed him

on his arm without provocation. The victim said he did not know the suspect and that the attack was completely random. The victim was treated on scene by Boston EMS but refused further medical attention.

The suspect will be charged with Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon in Boston Municipal Court.

## FENWAY DEVELOPMENT (from pg. 1)

block of Jersey Street across from Fenway Park where the D'Angelo family's Souvenir Shop is located as "the beating heart... and heart and soul of the whole project."

Jersey Street would be re-envisioned to put pedestrians first by removing vehicular traffic (expect for emergency vehicles) from it, said Tsipis, and a public amphitheater would also be created adjacent to the ballpark, which he described as a "place of respite" and a "really wonderful gathering space."

Once the project is completed, Jersey Street would also be home to an expanded Souvenir Shop, he said, "along with other retail sprinkled along the frontage."

Arthur's Alley, located behind the Richardson Building at the corner of Brookline Avenue and Jersey Street, would be transformed into something resembling a mini pedestrian mall, said Tsipis, with small retail spots spilling into alley. The Richardson Building would also be restored, with a rooftop addition, he added.

At the other project sites, the building on Lansdowne Street is

expected to reach seven stories, or around 100-105 feet, at its highest point, said Tsipis, he said, while an existing parking lot on Van Street would make way for a new building, as well as for street improvements.

A new roadway would also extend Richard B. Ross Way through site to connect Boylston Street to Brookline Avenue to Beacon Street, said Tsipis, via a two-way vehicular and bike connection designed to take vehicular traffic off Jersey Street.

Additionally, the project proposes reconstructing the Brookline Avenue corridor "to stitch to Kenmore Square and the Sears building and beyond," he said, as well as transforming Brookline Avenue from the I-90 overpass to Kilmarnock Street into a modernized roadway with bike lanes. Additional improvements are planned for Van Ness and Lansdowne streets, as well as for David Ortiz Drive, he said.

The project proposes creating a community bike hub on Richard B. Ross Way as part of its \$20 million in public realm and community infrastructure improvements with an emphasis



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A rendering of the Fenway Development Project.

on pedestrian and bike access, said Tsipis, and will also create four acres of new public realm space within the five-acres development site.

Tsipis also said the developer would work with the Fenway CDC to identify redevelopment opportunities in the Fenway in an effort to make sure linkage funds for the project stay in the neighborhood.

Regarding parking provisions, 800 existing surface and garage spaces would be eliminated, said Tsipis, while a net 1,000 spaces would be created per Boston

Transportation Department guidelines. Some existing metered parking spots on the project site would also be replaced by bike lanes, he added.

Marie Fukuda, a Fenway Civic Association board member and a longtime neighborhood resident, expressed her concern that the city permitted the applicant to file a routine Project Notification Form, with public comments due in several weeks, as opposed to filing an Institutional Master Plan, for such a large-scale project.

Fukuda was also among those who said the project's designa-

tion as the "Fenway Development Project" would likely lead to confusion among other development in the neighborhood. In response, Tsipis committed to a name change for the project.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency will be hosting upcoming public meetings on the project virtually on July 13 and 19, respectively, while the public comment period for it ends July 23.

Visit <http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/fenway-project> to learn more about the project, or to submit comments.

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### FROG POND OPENS *(from pg. 1)*

Pond was taken away in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Frog Pond remained closed in 2020 and for skating in 2021, but the veil was lifted and the spray fountain turned on Thursday, June 24, as a Boston tradition was restored after a count-down by Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods and Acting Mayor Kim Janey.

“We are so happy to be here and to re-open the Frog Pond after a year of not being able to use the Frog Pond because of COVID,” said Woods.

Janey said the Pond is something that has been a part of her family for four generations, at least.

“This is a wonderful day and a joyful day in our city, particularly given we’ve had a difficult time dealing with COVID-19,” she said. “We still have work to do with the vaccinations, but it’s because of that good work we’ve

already done that we can be here and have this time of joy and revival. I played in the Frog Pond as a kid in the 1970s. I brought my daughter here in the summers when I was a single mother and I bring my grandchildren here now. There are at least four generations of my family that have enjoyed the Frog Pond. It is an important place for us to be able to cool off and have access to the water on these 90 degree days.”

A year-round recreational facility, the Frog Pond offers ice skating in the winter, a spray pool and supervised wading for youth in the summer, and a Carousel from spring through fall. The spray pool is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Labor Day. The facility is managed by The Skating Club of Boston and staffed by youth workers from the Boston Youth Fund. For further information, please call the Frog Pond at (617) 635-2120.



*Back to the Pond: The familiar scene of kids splashing in the summer sun at the Frog Pond, as the Boston skyline towers behind them didn't exist last summer, in 2020, due to COVID-19 restrictions. With that in mind, scores of children and families flocked back to the Pond on Thursday, June 24, to celebrate the re-opening after a one-year hiatus.*



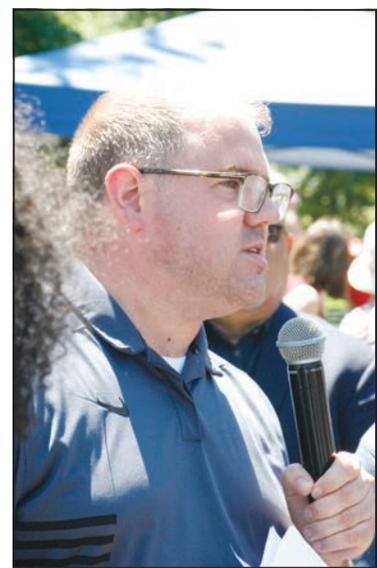
*The spray fountain went off and children were overjoyed to return to the Frog Pond for the summer.*



*Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, chief of environment, energy and open space, said the Frog Pond is an important part of Boston's open spaces where people go to cool off and escape "heat islands" in the neighborhoods.*



*Shown above, Fenway residents Soleil and Ciel Desai have their father, Nirav Desai, take their picture in the Frog Pond with Acting Mayor Janey.*



*Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods gets ready for the countdown.*



*Shown to the right, Estella and William Biss help to color the chalk mural for the opening of the Frog Pond.*

# SCENES FROM THE FROG POND RE-OPENING



Helping to paint the community Frog Pond mural were friends Grace Robbie and Scarlett Seidman.



Flavia, Junior and little Clara Cartolano couldn't wait to get back into the Frog Pond to cool off after a year without the wading pool in 2020.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey used to come to the Frog Pond to splash around as a kid in the 1970s.



Frog Pond staffers Jean Farias, Megan Harrison and John Schaub.



Freddie the Frog Pond mascot gave enthusiastic high fives to kids excited to be back at the Boston Common for the summer.



Yugo an Takuto play with Legos from the Lego Discovery Center exhibit.



The horse-mounted Park Rangers were in attendance to keep everything safe.



Acting Mayor Janey and Freddie the Frog Pond mascot dance the Macarana before opening up the Pond.

# Homeless man's good-luck streak starts with chance find on the Common

By Dan Murphy

Curtis Preston's recent streak of good luck began May 25 when a Good Samaritan reached out to St. Francis House after finding some of his personal effects, including an ID card for the Boston day shelter, on the Boston Common.

The previous evening, Allston resident Heidi Chase and her teammates from the BGMC BassRunners, a team in the Beantown Softball League ([www.beantownsoftball.com](http://www.beantownsoftball.com)), the largest athletic organization in New England open to LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies, were playing a game on the Common when something beneath the bleachers caught her eye. Strewn along the ground there were what appeared to be the loose contents of someone's wallet, including a Boston Public Health Commission identification card, a St. Francis House ID, and a social security card, along with various personal papers and business cards.

Chase and her teammates gathered the personal effects of, as it turns out, Preston, and the next day, she sent out three emails to addresses she found in his possessions that she hoped would put her into contact with him. The first person who got back to Chase later that day was Chei Williams, an employment coach with St. Francis House who has known Preston for several months, and the two women made arrangements for Chase to

stop by the shelter at 39 Boylston St. to drop off Preston's belongings.

"I felt really responsible," Chase said. "You can only imagine how he was feeling after losing these very valuable items. I just imagine him in a state of being helpless and me being responsible to get the items back to him."

Preston, 42, was born in New Haven, Conn., and at 3, he was placed in foster care, along with his brother, Louis, and sister, Karen. Three years later, when Preston, the youngest of the three, was 6, he and his siblings were featured on TV's "Sunday's Children." Dorothy Preston was watching the segment from her Stratford, Conn., home and decided to adopt all three kids on the spot.

Both of his siblings left Dorothy Preston's household within a year - Louis went to live in a boys home, while Karen went with to live with their grandmother, Gloria, in Milford, Conn. Only Preston stayed with Dorothy, whom he described as a kind Sunday School teacher who taught him to love and respect others. About two years later when he was in the fourth grade, Preston and his mother relocated to North Carolina.

In 2005, Dorothy died, and from then on, her adopted son was out on his own. Preston, who dropped out during his junior year in high school, worked hard at a series of jobs until about eight years ago when

he was operating a forklift in a Hampton, Va., shipyard.

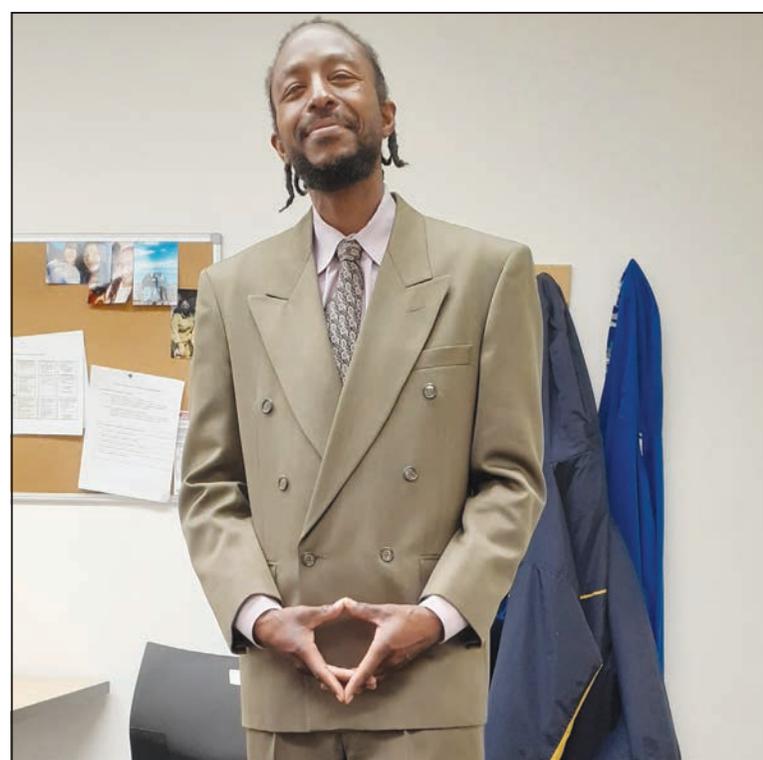
Despite his steady employment and income at the time, Preston eventually found himself in a position where he didn't have enough income to cover his rent. That was what first put him out on the streets. Since then, Preston has experienced homelessness in various places before landing in the Boston area about two and a half years ago.

Meanwhile, when Chase dropped off Preston's belongings with Williams at St. Francis House on May 25, she also included a \$50 Target gift card for him, knowing that such a small gesture could go a long way for someone in Preston's unfortunate position. At first, Chase considered buying him a wallet, she said, but decided against the idea since she wasn't sure that he would necessarily like the one she picked out for him.

"It was a feel-good moment for me, too," said Chase, "and as much as it helped Curtis, I was just happy to play a small part."

Williams echoed this sentiment in saying, "I think it's totally awesome what she did and a great way to pay forward, and for him, I look at it as a blessing."

For Preston, this seemingly small gesture on Chase's part proved to be literally life altering. Not only did he need his social security card back to rent an apartment, open a bank account, or even get a job, but he also was able to use the gift card he



Curtis Preston.

received to buy himself some new clothes.

"Without that [social security card], even securing a job or opening a bank account would've been really tough," said Preston, "so I really appreciate [Chase] coming forward with [my belongings]."

Afterwards, Preston wrote Chase a thank you letter, and a St. Francis House staff member also reached out to thank Chase for returning the items, and to tell her what a profound impact her kind gesture had on Preston.

And after learning about St. Francis House, Chase decided she wanted to get involved with them. So when her softball team wraps up its season at the end of July, the next step for Chase and her teammates will be to take a tour of St. Francis House to learn more about the organization, as well as about volunteers opportunities there, either as a team or on an individual basis.

"I'm really grateful to have gotten those items back to Curtis," said Chase, "and to have now learned about his other recent run of luck."

On May 27 - two days after he was reunited with his belongings and was given the gift card - Preston was walking along a path on the Common. As he passed two women, Preston, who was carrying sleeping bags and a backpack, politely excused himself. The women then engaged Preston in conversation and asked him about what he was carrying. Preston explained to them that he's homeless and had slept in the park the previous night.

The women told Preston this

simply wouldn't do and took him out to dinner at Mare Oyster Bar in the Seaport, where he feasted on salmon with zucchini flowers, olives, and asparagus.

Afterwards, the women, whom Preston refers to as his "angels," gave him some pocket money, and one of them named Roberta also pledged to do what she could to help find him a job.

Fast forward to June 9 when Roberta met up with Preston again at St. Francis House and made good on her promise with an offer of a job for him at a friend's painting company.

Roberta then took Preston to get a cell phone and pre-paid for its first six months of service. She also gave him some money to buy new clothes, and to ride the ferry, since he would be working in Cohasset.

On June 10, Preston started his new job working for the painting company, and he's been sleeping on Revere Beach while saving up to rent an apartment.

"It just really just made me see there are good people out there," said Preston of the whole experience, "and no matter what your situation is someone is willing to look beyond that and help out."

Of his "angel," Roberta, Preston said, "She's really genuine, and has been willing to do anything to help me out."

In the end, Preston can't express enough gratitude to Roberta and her friend, or to Chase and her teammates.

"It really touched my heart and touched others around me that know me as well," a clearly emotional Preston said of the kindness and good fortune recently bestowed upon him.



The BGMC BassRunners, including Heidi Chase (center row, far right).

# MassDOT releases information ahead of the July 4th holiday weekend

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is asking the public to plan ahead this Fourth of July, and to expect increased holiday travel. If driving, plan for trips utilizing MassDOT's many "real time" travel tools, and if taking public transportation, to check holiday schedules in regard to your trip.

"The number of people traveling has been steadily increasing since early spring so members of the public should expect to find it busy on the roads and on public transportation this holiday weekend," said Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler. "And while the Baker-Polito Administration is pleased to report approximately 4.2 million individuals in the state are fully vaccinated, travelers should be prepared for some COVID-19 restrictions to continue in some instances, including a mask mandate on public transportation and some health policies specific to some establishments."

"We ask that anyone traveling for the Fourth to plan ahead," said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "With the Fourth falling on the weekend, travelers should expect higher volumes on Friday and

Monday. We urge everyone to slow down and make smart decisions before getting behind a wheel this weekend."

MassDOT is taking steps to facilitate the flow of traffic during the holiday period and will be postponing scheduled roadway construction effective at 5:00 a.m., Friday, July 2, with scheduled construction activities resuming at the normal start of business on Tuesday, July 6. In addition, the High Occupancy Vehicle Lane (HOV) between Boston and Quincy on I-93 will open one hour early for the afternoon commute on Thursday, July 1, at 2 p.m. and two hours early on Friday, July 2, at 1 p.m. The HOV lane will re-open during regularly scheduled hours on Monday, July 5. The Sumner Tunnel Swing Lane will open to normal scheduled operations Friday, July 2, and Monday, July 5.

MassDOT has carefully scheduled construction to avoid high summer holiday traffic volume periods so work activities will pause over the Fourth of July Weekend on the project to replace eight bridges during eight weekends on I-90 in Southborough and Westborough.

The MBTA has released the information regarding travel during the holiday period which can be found on [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com).

Customers are reminded that face coverings are required on all MBTA property, including vehicles, stops, and stations. More on mask requirements on public transportation can be at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-mask-requirements>.

- Additional subway service will run after 2:00 PM to accommodate Boston Harborfest attendees on Saturday, July 3.
- Additional subway service will run after 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 4.
- All Bus, and the RIDE service will run on a Sunday schedule on Sunday, July 4.
- All Commuter Rail and Ferry service will run on a regular weekend schedule on Sunday, July 4.
- All MBTA modes will be free after 9:30 PM on Sunday, July 4.
- Subway and Commuter Rail service will run on a Saturday schedule on Monday, July 5.
- Bus and the RIDE service will run on a Sunday schedule on Monday, July 5.
- Ferry service will run on a weekday schedule on Monday, July 5.
- For full MBTA schedule details, please visit: [mbta.com/July4](http://mbta.com/July4)

Customers should sign up for T-Alerts and follow @MBTA on Twitter for the latest service information. Real-time parking

updates can be found on Twitter @MBTA\_Parking.

The MBTA has also provided additional information for those traveling to see the Boston Common fireworks on Sunday, July 4.

In the interest of public safety, Park Street and Boylston Stations will close at 8 PM. Nearby Green Line service is available at Government Center or Arlington. Nearby Red Line service is available at Downtown Crossing or South Station.

Commuter Rail lines will hold the last outbound train for riders returning from fireworks on the Common.

Customers should be aware that the City of Boston will close some streets near the Boston Common.

Customers are also advised that all Commonwealth of MA Administrative offices are closed on Monday, July 5, including the Registry of Motor Vehicles customer service centers. Please visit, at any hour of the day, the RMV online to learn more: [www.mass.gov/RMV](http://www.mass.gov/RMV). In addition, AAA members can conduct many RMV services at numerous AAA branch office locations in Massachusetts during AAA normal business hours.

Massport expects higher than normal traveler volume over the weekend. Additionally, there are several ongoing construction projects happening at the airport.

Airport travelers are advised to allow for extra time while getting to and from Logan Airport. Massport encourages travelers to use the MBTA Blue and Silver Lines, or the Logan Express to get to the airport. More information on transportation options can be found at <https://www.massport.com/logan-airport/to-from-logan/transportation-options/>.

For traffic and road conditions, drivers may use the following options to make decisions:

- Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions.
- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions on I-90 and other roads.
- Visit [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com), which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

MassDOT wishes all members of the public an enjoyable holiday weekend and reminds the public that the mask requirement remains in place in certain spaces. Additionally, if you are sick you are asked not to travel. And if you are having symptoms of Covid-19 you should get tested. For more information about Covid-19 and to get a vaccine visit: [www.mass.gov/covid-19-updates-and-information](http://www.mass.gov/covid-19-updates-and-information).

# 2021 Boston Pops July 4th Spectacular concert to take place at Tanglewood

Staff Report

This 2021 Boston Pops July 4th Spectacular will be a televised, live-streamed concert to take place under the direction of Keith Lockhart from the stage of Tanglewood's Koussevitzky Music Shed, Sunday, July 4, 8-11 p.m., broadcast live on Bloomberg TV and Radio, as well as locally on WHDH-TV Channel 7. The Boston Pops will partner with the City of Boston on a live fireworks display from the Boston Common, bringing the closing portion of the July 4 event back across the state to the city that has proudly presented this iconic, large-scale event since 1974. The Boston Common fireworks display will be carried by Bloomberg and locally in Boston on WHDH-TV Channel 7.

The July 4 event will consist of the Boston Pops/Keith Lockhart televised concert live from the Shed at Tanglewood (approx. 8-10:30 p.m.), with no fireworks planned at Tanglewood; the con-

cert will be followed by a live fireworks display televised from the Boston Common (approx. 10:30-11 p.m.), with no concert sound or video planned for the Boston Common.

Keith Lockhart, who will direct his 26th Fourth-of-July program as Boston Pops Conductor, will lead a program featuring the extraordinary talents of headliners Jon Batiste—winner of the Academy Award for Best Original Score for the Pixar film *Soul*, Grammy-nominated musician, television personality, and bandleader of *The Late Show* with Stephen Colbert—and Mavis Staples—the legendary R&B, soul, and gospel singer, civil rights activist, and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award winner, and Kennedy Center honoree.

In addition, the Six-String Soldiers of the U.S. Army Field Band—the most-followed military music group in the world—and members of the United States Air Force Band's Singing Ser-

geants, the official chorus of the USAF and the first premier military chorus to enlist women—will be featured in small ensemble and choral selections during the evening's performance. Among the quintessential patriotic selections to be performed are "The Star-Spangled Banner," a salute to our armed forces medley, a patriotic sing-along, and the Boston Pops' signature piece, "The Stars and Stripes Forever." No Boston Pops July 4 concert would be complete without a performance of Tchaikovsky's "1812" Overture, which, in traditional style, with live cannons and bells, will bring the musical portion of the evening to a close. Hosts for the July 4 program will be Bloomberg's Alix Steel, Romaine Bostick, Janet Wu, and Joe Shortsleeve.

Stay tuned to [www.bostonpops.org](http://www.bostonpops.org) and the Boston Pops social media platforms for further program details.

**DECISION TO MOVE THE 2021 BOSTON POPS JULY**

**4TH SPECTACULAR TO TANGLEWOOD**

After careful consideration of recent issuances from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts easing restrictions on masking, physical distancing, and capacity allowances, the Boston Pops determined that in order to best ensure the health and safety of everyone involved, it was prudent to postpone its return to the Esplanade until 2022, when there would be adequate time to plan and execute the complex event, which usually entails a ten-month planning process involving multiple government agencies and many event and concert planning organizations. Owned and operated by the Boston Pops' parent company, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Inc., Tanglewood has the video-capability infrastructure in place to record the concert in a cost-effective way—an important consideration following a year of lost revenue in the millions of dollars due to

16 months of concert cancellations related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"All of us at the Boston Pops are putting our hearts and souls into planning our Fourth-of-July live concert stream for the many wonderful fans of the Boston Pops and the July 4 holiday," Keith Lockhart said in a statement.

"We are thrilled that this special event will launch Tanglewood's reopening and that we will have a chance to show Boston Pops fans across the country the great beauty and appeal of one of America's most beloved summer music festivals.

Though health concerns related to the pandemic have abated over the last few weeks, after careful consideration we determined there wasn't enough time to organize the many forces needed to safely return to the Esplanade and present what is considered one of the largest

# Mayoral candidates answer questions on parks and open space in recent forum

By Lauren Bennett

Boston Park Advocates, which is “a citywide network of people who champion urban greenspace,” according to its website, hosted a mayoral candidate forum on June 29, where candidates responded to a multitude of questions relating to parks and open space in the city.

Candidates John Barros, Andrea Campbell, Anissa Essaibi George, and Michelle Wu were in attendance for the entire forum, while Jon Santiago joined late from another event. Acting Mayor Kim Janey was not in attendance.

The forum was moderated by WBZ journalist Anaridis Rodriguez.

The first question posed to candidates had to do with conflicts between neighbors in the way parks are used, and what changes they would impose to help with these issues.

John Barros said that he has heard from residents that there is “confusion” over park access for some parks. He said the permit process for booking space in parks should be made easier for residents. Additionally, he called for the creation of more green space and park space and “meet the demands of all of our residents.”

Andrea Campbell said that “sometimes there are conflicts,” such as people wanting or not wanting dogs or bikes in park space. She also brought up the discussions had recently regarding dirt bikes, especially in Franklin Park. She said that as mayor, she would engage all residents, including those who are active in civic organizations and neighborhood groups, as well as those who aren’t and may not be aware of certain issues. She said more

dog parks are necessary, as well as space for young people to ride bikes and play music “between reasonable hours,” and “invest in better maintenance.”

Anissa Essaibi George said that it’s important to ensure “that we’ve got active space that is well maintained,” adding that “parks offer such an incredible opportunity to attract visitors to our city.”

She said that she would advocate for more “safe space for dogs to run and play,” as well as “active space for youth programming.” She also spoke about active spaces like the Franklin Park golf course versus other areas of green space like city parklets.

Wu said that “parks have always been the lungs of our city,” and said that for her family, “Boston parks and open spaces are our summer home.” She said that she recognizes this is the case for many other residents as well, and not just in the summer, but year-round. She said an “integrated city plan” is necessary “to match what residents need.”

She said that additional staffing and funding is also needed, as “we are very aware that many of our parks are underutilized.”

Another question was related to development and open space. “While more housing is critically needed in Boston, development also brings threats to our current and potential green spaces,” Rodriguez said. “What creative strategies will your administration implement to balance development and the need for protected and public open space to accommodate a rapidly expanding population?”

Essaibi George talked about “space that is actively designed for passive parklets,” and she said these should be integrated

with development in the city. She also talked about increasing the city’s tree canopy and creating more spaces for “moments of respite and moments of sort of quiet here in the city.”

Wu said that “Boston is the place that invented the idea of free, open parks for all,” and called for “changes within this process” relating to balancing housing and open space requirements.

Wu said that she has also “stood with parks groups” and helped to “defend” the Public Garden and the Common from “encroachment.”

Barros said that “when we think about past developments, we think about what the federal government did with housing,” adding that “quality of life matters.” He said that investing in more open space and paying specific attention to the tree canopy, as well as the “planning process and zoning for the City of Boston,” are important.

Campbell said that the pandemic has shone a light on the need for access to green space. “Sometimes residents don’t necessarily know the value that it brings until you don’t have it,” she said. She said that all of this should also be looked at “through a public health lens,” including the planting of more trees and the creation of more open space and parks. She said using Community Preservation Act funding and the Vacant Lot Initiative, both of which she has advocated for as a city councilor, is a way to deal with this issue.

Equity was also a major factor when it came to all of the questions asked about parks and open space, but candidates were asked what “initial steps” they would take for making parks and green spaces more equitable for all.

“One of the ideas I’m most excited about is already moving forward,” Wu said, referring to the Urban Conservation Corps that has been proposed. She said that restoring buildings so they are more climate resilient as well as continuing the city’s work on an urban forestry plan. Wu said that the city “also need[s] to move forward with the creation of permanent open space for urban agriculture and community gardens as well.”

Barros said that “I’ll make sure that we move forward on building our parks,” and he also called for more protection of

parkland from coastal flooding. He said that expanding green space is something he will work on “immediately” if elected mayor.

Campbell said that “greater planning efforts” are needed to create equity in green space, and she called for jobs for people of color, women, and members of the LGBTQ+ community. She said she “has a track record of delivering” as a district councilor, so she believes she would continue to deliver as mayor of Boston.

Essaibi George said that “by investing in open spaces, we can mitigate the disproportionate impact of climate change on communities of color.” She said that it’s important to pay attention to neighborhoods “that are most affected by climate change,” as well as improving the tree canopy for better air quality. She also said that she would ensure that “the condition of the parks” in neighborhoods like Dorchester is the same as the ones in the Back Bay and downtown.

Community gardens and urban farms have become increasingly important during the pandemic as a food source for many people, and candidates were asked “what specific actions do you propose to support community gardens and urban farms in our city?”

Essaibi George said that she has been able to visit many community gardens across the city as a city councilor. She said the community factor is one of the most important aspects of the gardens.

“It’s about the flowers and it’s about the vegetables, but it’s also about that sense of neighbor to neighbor engagement.”

She said that providing community gardens with the proper access to resources is important.

“We see community gardens have been a mechanism for organizing, for empowerment, for democracy along with all of the good that directly comes from open space and the financial and economic independence that can come from producing your own food,” Wu said.

She said that the city should “set aside preference for community land trusts, create funding to directly fund the permanent affordability or commitment to designating open spaces as part of community gardens and these spaces.”

She said that “we can model

this with our own culture that we create on public land,” and suggested having fruit trees that are available for anyone in a public space or a seed library at public libraries.

“I live right next to a community garden,” Santiago said, which has helped provide food during the pandemic and allow the community to connect. “I really want to focus my administration on supporting the work that community land trusts do, and by investing in a trust fund to establish them.”

John Barros agreed that the community land trusts are a “very important tool when we’re thinking about urban farms.” He said that providing technical assistance to residents and ensuring that they have healthy, clean soil to grow crops is important for providing healthy and fresh food to Boston residents. He also said that youth should be involved with community gardens and growing food as well.

“This is a tool to address issues of food insecurity,” Campbell said, adding that the City of Boston could use the “hundreds of vacant lots” to create garden spaces. She agreed that technical assistance, providing resources and investing in community land trusts are important, adding that “food co-ops and co-op models are also critically important” in the city.

Candidates were asked if they would commit to allocating one percent of the city’s operating budget to the Parks Department budget, as currently only 0.75 percent of the budget is allocated, Rodriguez said.

All candidates said they would commit to increasing the Parks Department budget, which Rodriguez said covers “maintenance, programs, and project management.”

Candidates were asked several other questions as well on topics relating to programming and access to parks and ensuring that parks and other open space will help Boston be climate ready moving forward, as well as maintenance for woodland areas in the city.

The full video of the forum with all questions asked can be found on the Boston Park Advocates Facebook page. Additionally, responses to a candidate questionnaire can be found at [bostonparkadvocates.org](http://bostonparkadvocates.org).

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# Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
<b>BACK BAY</b>			
Carlson, Craig D	Berk, Philip J	180 Beacon St #11A	\$1,802,500
Porrás-Jacobo, Sarah M	Wu, Christopher	189 Beacon St #4	\$605,000
Schuetz, Gregory K	Kilic Nuri Est	416 Commonwealth Ave #212	\$742,000
Anand, Jaydeep	Franciosi, Anthony P	394 Marlborough St #8	\$667,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
Modi, Jignesh M	Fratazzi, Candida	55-A Garden St #55A	\$650,000
Talotta, Zachary M	Razook, Leona	2 Goodwin Pl #B	\$365,000
Tang, Hao	Hall, Adam	13 Lindall Pl #2	\$690,000
Braly, Alan R	Zalcman, Kenneth E	45 Mount Vernon St #2C	\$1,480,000
NDang, Aohan	Groom, Candida	76 W Cedar St #2R	\$680,000
<b>BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE</b>			
Shilling, Kirsten	Rando, Carol	1 Charles St S #401	\$1,000,000
Clymer, Jeff D	Robbat, Michael J	290 Columbus Ave #8	\$1,100,000
Lafleche, Treffe E	Coll, Rebecca L	1 Lawrence St	\$2,856,000
Owens, Trevor A	Eskuri, Jamie M	245 W Newton St #1	\$649,000
Wagner, Joseph S	Shen, Alice	105 Warren Ave #3	\$1,036,500
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Allen, Benjamin P	Rantakari, Heikki	9 Albemarle St #1	\$770,000
BRS Nation Realty LLC	Paraubek, Edward J	511 Beacon St #2	\$225,000
Moxon, Christopher R	Landry, Michael W	5 Bond St #1	\$1,385,000
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Gilgamesh Shawmut LLC	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #1201	\$3,885,000
Dayalji, Bhavesh	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #613	\$607,600
Frederickson, Derek	Meringoff, Angela H	407-409 Shawmut Ave #5	\$2,250,000
Malliwal, Poornima	Li, Sharon X	12 Stoneholm St #417	\$440,000
Lu, Juye	Allied Residences LLC	88 Wareham St #605	\$740,000
Bath, Janet H	Bove, Mark D	1313 Washington St #225	\$1,500,000
Smith, Matthew	Nicholson, David A	14 Worcester Sq #1	\$1,379,000
<b>WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN</b>			
Orourke, Brian J	Girdler Lewis Est	2 Avery St #17C	\$2,350,000
Iguchi, Kimi E	Nicholas J Carlucci IRT	80 Broad St #PH1104	\$1,900,000
Oliveira, Sean M	Oliveira, Duarte N	300 Commercial St #409	\$85,000
Liang, Xueqing	Li, Andrew C	85 E India Row #38D	\$670,000
Mccormack, Michael J	Frederickson, Derek	580 Washington St #502	\$1,815,000

# ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The roofline in the last clue is on 56 Clarendon Street constructed in 1998 and designed by Finegold Alexander Architects. Building permits show this to be an infill project built on a then-vacant lot after a successful appeal to the Zoning Board.

The next clue will be found in the Back Bay. Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured?

Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

## THIS WEEK'S CLUE



### BOSTON POPS (from pg. 9)

concert events in the world. We decided that it just wasn't advisable to squeeze what is normally a ten-month planning period into a five-week window.

When we return to the Esplanade next year, we look forward to working closely with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston to bring the Boston Pops July 4th Spectacular back to the banks

of the Charles River and to the extraordinary citizens of Boston and music fans worldwide," he added.

"Although Independence Day celebrations look different this July, I am pleased that residents and thousands of others across the country will have the opportunity to enjoy this special televised program from the comfort of their own homes," Acting

Mayor Kim Janey said in a statement. "The televised show will feature a spectacular fireworks display from the iconic Boston Common and a musical performance by the renowned Boston Pops broadcast from Tanglewood. As we reopen our City, it is vital for everyone to continue to follow the public health guidance and get vaccinated."



# PRIVATE RETREAT

**18 LONGMEADOW DRIVE**  
**8 BEDS | 10F 3H BATHS | 15,400 SQFT**  
**\$6,750,000**



**31 CHESTNUT STREET**  
**9 BEDS | 6.5 BATHS | 8,979 SQFT**  
**\$9,950,000**



**144 BEACON STREET #8**  
**4 BEDS | 3.5 BATHS | 3,970 SQFT**  
**\$6,490,000**



**346 CONGRESS STREET #PH2**  
**3 BEDS | 5 BATHS | 4,211 SQFT**  
**\$7,450,000**



**100 BEACON STREET #1C**  
**3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 1,984 SQFT**  
**\$2,950,000**

