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Boston School Police quietly phased out from all BPS schools

By Seth Daniel

Though very few know, the long-standing Boston School Police have been phased out this month, losing their arrest powers and most other powers on July 1 due to the state Police Reform Act – and they will now be known as the Office of Safety Services.

And they are just the tip of the iceberg, as it is estimated a total of about 400 Special Police Officers (SPOs) across the city working in various capacities, including as Boston Common Park Rangers, Boston Medical Center hospital police, Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) police and private security firms such as Back Bay-based Longwood Security that has long-patrolled the South End's Villa Victoria housing community, have

also lost their police powers as a result of the Police Reform Act.

At Villa Victoria, their long-standing work with Longwood in partnership with Boston Police has changed, they said. Because of the changes in the Act for Longwood officers, they are working and depending more on Boston Police (BPD).

“IBA is working closely with Longwood Security Services and D4 officers to continue to build trust between law enforcement and our community,” said Mayra Negron-Roche, COO at IBA. “Following the implementation of the Police Reform Act, we have been continuing to strengthen our relationship with D4 police officers, including Captain Steven Sweeney, through attendance at our com-

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EAST COAST IVY BOUTIQUE OPENS AT 88 CHARLES ST.



East Coast Ivy Boutique, specializing in women's clothing, accessories and jewelry, held its grand opening on Saturday, July 10, at 88 Charles St. Its owner, Greta Belsole, a Pennsylvania native who now lives on Newbury Street, launched the boutique as an online business last May after she graduated from the College of Charleston, in Charleston, S.C., which proved so successful that it allowed her to open her first brick-and-mortar shop. As for why she settled on Charles Street, Belsole said that Beacon Hill's historic feel reminds her very much of Charleston. To learn more, visit www.eastcoastivy.com; follow East Coast Ivy Boutique on Facebook, or Instagram @eastcoastivy on; or call the boutique at 717-364-6842.

'QUIN HOUSE OFFICIALLY OPENS UP



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE/JEREMIAH ROBINSON

The newly restored 'Quin House – formerly the Algonquin Club – in the Back Bay celebrated a grand re-opening on July 7 with Acting Mayor Kim Janey joining philanthropists Paul and Sandy Edgerley to cut the ceremonial ribbon on the 'Quin. See Page 7 for more photos.

Santiago drops out of Mayoral contest

By Seth Daniel

Though he had a gleaming resume for the job of mayor, South End State Rep. Jon Santiago's campaign never took a strong foothold citywide and never caught the momentum needed to show strong in September, and as a result he ended his campaign for mayor on Tuesday morning.

His move to end the campaign leaves five announced major candidates still in the race, including Acting Mayor Kim Janey, Councilor Michelle Wu, Councilor Annissa Essaibi George, Councilor Andrea Campbell and John Barros.

Santiago had significant support in the South End from several community leaders, including State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz

and several neighborhood associations in the South End as well.

Santiago has had a great run as a state representative in the South End, and was a natural fit when he announced for mayor. However, polls continued to indicate that he was running too far behind other candidates to likely catch up.

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The Community Church of Boston receives award from Back Bay Green for efforts towards energy efficiency

By Lauren Bennett

The Community Church of Boston, located on Boylston St. in Copley Square, recently finished the first phase of its work to make the building more energy efficient and reduce its carbon footprint, and was awarded with a Certificate of Excellence by Back Bay Green, a local “grass-roots advocacy organization,” according to its website.

The Sun spoke with Dean Stevens, Administrator and Music Director at the Community

Church of Boston, to learn more about the project and what's next for the church building as the process continues.

Stevens said that the building was built in the late 19th or early 20th century and operated as a five story commercial building in the early 1900s.

“We've owned it since 1946,” he said of the church.

The project to make the building energy efficient came about for a couple of reasons, Stevens said. He said the church was “longing to first catch up on maintenance

that had been deferred for a long time,” and “second of all,” there was “concern for the planet and wanting to do the right thing by our building.” He added that the church members want to “be good stewards to this building that has treated us very well.”

Since the church is “not a very conventional church-looking structure,” Stevens said, and is “more like an office building,” the different sections of the church are located on different

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EDITORIAL

SORRY FOLKS -- BUT THE PANDEMIC IS FAR FROM OVER

We in Massachusetts are living in a bit of a pandemic bubble right now, both literally and figuratively.

The high vaccination rate in our state, as well as in neighboring states throughout New England, has contributed to a dramatic drop in the number of COVID-19 infections, deaths, and hospitalizations in our part of the country.

The successful reopening of our economy serves as a testament to the value of having a highly-vaccinated -- and highly-educated -- population.

It's as if our region of the U.S. is equivalent to an island nation such as New Zealand, where COVID-19 has not made a dent in economic or other activity since the beginning of the pandemic because its prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, sealed off its borders to foreigners from the very beginning of the pandemic.

However, New England is not an island. Millions of our own citizens are traveling to other places and returning, and millions of non-residents are coming here to visit this summer.

The Delta variant of COVID-19 is now the dominant strain of the virus both in this country and throughout the world. The troubling aspects of Delta are that it is much more highly-transmissible than the original, it is more lethal, and the vaccines are slightly less-efficacious against it compared to the original strain of the virus for which the vaccines specifically were developed.

In Australia (where vaccination rates are very low), the Delta variant has shown itself to be a whole new ballgame, so to speak, in terms of how contagious it is. The virus has been transmitted among people who simply came fleetingly into contact with each other and shared the same airspace in an indoor mall.

"It is the most hyper-transmissible, contagious version of the virus we've seen to date, for sure — it's a superspreader strain if there ever was one," said Eric Topol, a professor of molecular medicine and an executive vice president at the Scripps Research Institution, in a recent interview in Scientific American.

The Delta variant is being blamed for the huge increases in infections and deaths throughout the world, particularly in places where vaccination rates are in the low single digits.

There also are many areas in the U.S., such as parts of Texas, Missouri, and Arkansas, where vaccination rates are low, that predictably now are seeing large increases in COVID-19 cases caused by Delta.

The Delta variant is concerning enough on its own, but the real problem is this: The more people who become infected with COVID-19, the more likely that the virus will mutate into additional variants, with the possibility that vaccination efficacy could begin to drop significantly if one of these strains develops an ability to evade the vaccines' protective effects.

It is nothing less than tragic -- and despicable, really -- that there are some in public life who are urging Americans NOT to get vaccinated. That mindset was on display this past weekend at the Republican-dominated CPAC conference, where some clown on a panel who spoke out against the nation's vaccination program was actually applauded by those in attendance.

There is a strong and vocal minority in this country who strive to create chaos -- that's what makes them tick.

Whether we as a nation can overcome the combination of venality and stupidity that was on display at CPAC this past weekend will determine whether we can beat the pandemic in the short term and whether our democracy and our way of life can survive in the long term.

GUEST OP-ED

Financial Suicide is not necessary

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

There is some risk to all of life.

A friend and his wife had a house paid for and a substantial savings account. At the age of 65 he was retired and bored and bemoaned he had never been a business owner. He was aware of a family who had recently closed a business so he offered to buy it from them and even employed a family member to run it. He knew nothing about the business but was confident all would be well. The cost of the investment, his lack of understanding the business and the monthly outgo spelled disaster. Within two years he had lost his house and his entire retirement savings trying to make his dream business endeavor sustainable.

Another acquaintance had worked hard at an auto plant for twelve years but retired and took his \$150,000 retirement savings and sunk it into a restaurant endeavor. He had never run a restaurant before and within one year the restaurant had failed. His money was gone and he had a sizable debt.

Another acquaintance retired and wanted something to do. He got into a cookie business that lasted three months. He

spent \$30,000 a month for three months in a cookie franchise before he was able to get out of the venture.

Neither of the prior persons had any prior business ownership experience.

Life is filled with lessons. Education is often very expensive. You must decide if you are still young enough or too old to take on such a business venture. This is especially true if you could end up losing all your investment and further financially obligating yourself.

If you want or need something to do, then get into something that you can afford and know something about. Being informed and applying as much research to any endeavor is crucial. If you can afford a large franchise fee, other investment costs and you can make the business successful, then by all means enjoy your endeavor. If you are risking being homeless then you should probably reconsider.

Years ago, an old friend was almost financially broke at 50. He had worked in various restaurants with others but had little to show for his efforts. He rented an old hamburger restaurant that had been closed and his rent and

overhead were cheap. He went to work making the best ham burger in town. For 16 years his burger business netted him an annual salary of over \$300,000. He retired well.

Sometimes we simply need to be content with what we have. If you need to work, consider what you know, what you have and how you can make it work for you. It could require a minimal amount of advertising. Or, it might simply require letting acquaintances know what kind of work you are doing and building your business by word of mouth. You may be able to use space or land that is sitting dormant and can be rented or bought reasonably.

Life's pursuits can be, and should be, approached with reasonable caution. Financial suicide is not necessary.

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Baker announces findings of the Future of Work Report

By Lauren Bennett

The Baker Administration on July 13 announced the release of the Future of Work Report from the Tufts Launchpad location for BioLabs in Chinatown.

The report was "commissioned by the Administration to evaluate the ways that the COVID-19 pandemic has changed work habits in Massachusetts as the Commonwealth emerges from the pandemic," according to a release from the state.

Baker said that the report examines the future of working in the state, both in the short term, as well as more long-term. "COVID-19 in many respects...has shifted how Massachusetts residents work," Baker said, including the increased use of things like e-commerce and automation.

Additionally, remote and hybrid work has become much more popular and less people are traveling for business, he said.

"...Changes in the economic

landscape will mean that significant workforce training will be needed to connect workers with the skills that they may need for the future economy," Baker said.

Baker added that the "high cost of housing will remain a challenge," and said that the state will dedicate funds for childcare, housing, and transportation.

"In total, the report offers eight key insights that also

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NABB License and Building Use Committee votes not to Bacco Wine and Cheese expansion

By Dan Murphy

The Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay License and Building Use Committee voted not to oppose Bacco Wine and Cheese's planned expansion at 31 St. James St. at its July 5 meeting, which was held virtually.

According to a report submitted to NABB's Executive Committee by LBU Chair, Conrad Armstrong, the applicant wants to expand the space by taking down the wall between their current liquor store and their food store next door to create one larger store that sells both liquor and food. The establishment would keep the same hours, except they will open Sunday at 10 a.m., instead of noon.

In another matter, Yexin Zheng (John), the sole proprietor of Superemoji, detailed his plans to open the bubble tea take-out restaurant at 217 Newbury St.

The establishment wouldn't serve alcohol and is seeking only a CV license, while its proposed hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

The committee voted not to oppose this application, after members expressed no concern with the applicant's plan to share an existing dumpster with a business at 215 Newbury St.

Meanwhile, the committee voted to defer making a decision on Ramsay's Kitchen, the restaurant that celebrity chef, Gordon Ramsay, intends to open in the former Bar Boulud space in the Mandarin Hotel. (Ramsay won't be the full-time manager, Armstrong wrote.)

Bar Boulud had operated under the hotel's liquor license, according to Armstrong, whereas Ramsay's Kitchen intends to bring in their own license (although they haven't identified one to purchase yet), so

"the hotel will be 'carving out' the restaurant space from their liquor license."

Ramsay's Kitchen is also undertaking a major renovation of the space, added Armstrong, and entering into a 10-year lease, with two five-year options.

The new establishment's proposed hours are 7 a.m. to midnight indoors, and the committee requested that the patio close no later than 11 p.m. Trash pickup would be handled by the hotel.

"A couple committee mem-

bers felt that the attorney wasn't well prepared for presenting to NABB, but the biggest concern was that their architectural plans for the patio showed sections of it clearly bumping out beyond the property line and into the public sidewalk," wrote Armstrong. "We stressed that that cannot happen."

A couple of committee members expressed concern with the applicant's architectural plans for the patio, sections of which appeared to extend over the

property line and into the public sidewalk, but the applicant's attorney "seemed to acknowledge that they would not be making the patio any bigger than it was under Bar Boulud," wrote Armstrong

In deferring the matter, the committee requested, that the applicant return "with firm plans that show that the patio will not be larger than it currently is," according to Armstrong,

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cover things like the need for greater flexibility in transportation and childcare," Baker said. "The report's detailed analysis of workforce and economic trends gives us a road map for how we can take tangible steps to make sure that Massachusetts can continue to grow and thrive in a post-pandemic world."

He said that the state is "on track to have a big surplus" this year regarding tax revenue because "significantly more economic activity than was anticipated" was created by residents.

"We believe Massachusetts is well-positioned as we emerge from the pandemic and promote economic growth and recovery moving forward," Baker said.

Baer said that \$1 billion in federal funds will be dedicated for "housing priorities, with a particular focus on creating homeownership opportunities in communities of color," according to the press release.

Additionally, \$240 million will be allocated towards "workforce training opportunities to help train workers to connect with high-demand industries, a key priority raised in the report."

The state will use \$350 million in federal funds for "downtown development and

economic growth," and \$175 million "to boost substance use and behavioral health programming, the release states.

More than \$640 million will be invested in child care, including "sustaining increased child care subsidies for low-income families and other pandemic-era changes," according to the release.

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito also said that investments are being made in transportation for the state, including a new Regional Rail schedule on the Commuter Rail.

This new schedule "represents a shift toward more consistent, regular service throughout the day, compared to pre-pandemic service that was heavily skewed toward AM and PM rushes," the release states. Polito added that the state is "continuing to promote weekend service" on the Commuter Rail.

She also spoke about work with "helping communities make investments in street-scapes," such as trails for cycling and walking, that have been made possible through the Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Program.

To read the full report, visit mass.gov/doc/future-of-work-in-massachusetts-report/download.

Titus Sparrow Park evening concerts return

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (unless noted)

July 21, Grupo Fantasia - Latin/Caribbean

July 28, Dub Apocalypse - Reggae

August 4, Legends of Summer - Pop/Rock

August 11, Booty Vortex - Funk/Disco

August 18, Slim Jim and the

Mad Cows (6:15pm start) - Country

August 25, Big Ol' Dirty Bucket (6:00pm start) - Funk

September 1, Eva Davenport (6:00pm start) - Original Fusion from hip-hop to soul to R&B to Jazz

To Donate:

The Friends of Titus Sparrow Park is an all-volunteer organi-

zation that relies on donations to fund concerts and other events. The pandemic precluded normal fundraising this year. Please consider donating by mailing a check to 800 Boylston St., P.O. Box 990965, Boston, MA 02119 or on our website, www.titussparrowpark.org.



Virtual Public Meeting

380 Stuart Street

Tuesday, July 27
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3ws1EgU
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 951 8595

Project Proponent:
Skanska

Project Description:

The 380 Stuart Street project was originally proposed and permitted by John Hancock for a new, approximately 625,000 square foot office building for the company, with retail, service, and restaurant uses, and below-grade parking for approximately 175 vehicles (the Original Project). The Proponent, through the proposed NPC and PDA Amendment, intends to carry forward all material aspects of the Original Project, with the primary proposed changes being improvements to the building design and the prioritization of occupant wellness. The Proposed Project, as described in the NPC and proposed PDA Amendment, will increase the public realm porosity of the project, generate activation at the ground level, and create a more sustainable building. The Proponent remains committed to the community benefits and mitigation measures established through the Article 80 review process of the Original Project.

If there are any requests for interpretation services for this meeting, please reach out to Nick Carter at nick.carter@boston.gov

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Acting Mayor Janey talks about Health Equity Now Plan

By Lauren Bennett

Acting Mayor Kim Janey on July 13 held a press conference to talk about the Health Equity Now Plan created by the COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force.

She thanked the members of the Task Force, which she said is a “group of 26 health and human service leaders appointed by former Mayor Walsh in April 2020.”

Many of the Task Force members were on the “front lines of the pandemic,” she said, adding that “the pandemic magnified

pre-existing health inequities. We cannot return to the way things were before. Our only option now is to go better.”

Janey also announced the creation of the Health Equity Action Team, which will help implement the Health Equity Now Plan.

She said members of this team are “charged with a broader scope beyond the pandemic response,” and will identify where progress has been made and where more progress is needed. They will also ensure that the community is a part of the process and has a say in what happens.

Janey also said that the Health Equity Now Plan will help “inform” where to invest funds from the American Rescue Plan.

Janey also talked about increasing “transparency and accountability in our police force,” and “reimagine our city’s response to mental health emergencies.”

She added that “investment in our youth is a critical importance,” mentioning the creation of the city’s first Children and Youth Cabinet that serves all Boston youth ages 0-24.

Affordable housing is also a one of the city’s top issues, and

many officials and mayoral candidates have spoken about the effects that the lack of affordable housing has on the city, especially as a result of the pandemic.

“We must do more to make affordable home ownership a possibility for all Boston residents,” Janey said, adding that \$4.1 million has been invested so far.

“With this investment, down payment assistance for Boston residents has increased from \$10,000 to \$40,000,” she said.

Public transportation is another big city issue, and Janey said she is “dedicated” to increasing

the accessibility, efficiency, and affordability of Boston’s transit, while reducing its carbon footprint.

Lastly, Janey addressed public safety in the city following “several non-fatal shootings” over the weekend.

She called the shootings a “tragic reminder that violence prevention is a critical part of public health. This plan includes important measures to address violence and bring healing and justice to our communities.”

The full Health Equity Now Plan can be found at boston.gov/equity.

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“When I announced my campaign for Boston Mayor, it was with optimism, energy, and a sincere desire to serve the people and families I see every day across our city,” he said. “Today, I announced that I am ending my mayoral campaign. But my intention to serve remains as strong as ever. Service has taught me so much about life, Boston, and myself. That drive to give back led me to serve my country in the Army and as a Peace Corps volunteer. It gave me an opportunity to provide medical care for patients in the most difficult of times. And it inspired me

to represent my community as a state representative in the Massachusetts Legislature. These experiences in service are what drove me to launch my campaign for mayor.

“I’m deeply proud of the impact our campaign was able to have, the relationships we’ve built, and the race we’ve run,” he continued. “It was a true honor to join a historic field of candidates, and I look forward to supporting the first elected woman of color to lead Boston.”

Santiago sent out a letter to his campaign team and supporters thanking them for their work

and contributions to the campaign over the last six months. He also thanked his wife, Alex, for standing by him since day one. Beyond that, Santiago – having been re-elected last year to the state rep seat – will return to the State House to resume his duties there having learned a great deal about the residents outside his district. He said he would be a tireless advocate for issues such as the opiate epidemic at Mass and Cass and other inequities even though his mayoral race has concluded.

“My campaign for mayor may be ending, but let me be clear:

The work to address our systemic inequities and crises like Mass and Cass has never been more urgent,” he said. “You have my commitment to remain a tireless advocate on these issues as we move forward. But, for now, my message is simply thank you. I’m full of gratitude and optimism, and I look forward to talking soon.”

South End Forum Moderator Steve Fox was backing Santiago for mayor, and he said Santiago had been a great voice in the race to promote the critical issues and solutions for the Mass/Cass opioid issues.

“Jon has been an incredibly dedicated state representative and had forward thinking and realistic plans to wisely address the most critical issues facing the city such as the opioid and homelessness crisis of crucial importance to the South End, Roxbury, and Newmarket,” he said. “That voice will be missed on the campaign trail.”

Santiago’s home neighborhood association, the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood

Association (WSANA) didn’t officially back Santiago, and doesn’t endorse, but said many of his plans for the opioid epidemic in their neighborhood hit all the right buttons.

“We were all surprised at the lack of traction that Jon’s campaign received, but perhaps that is because we know him so well and thus are confident that he would have made a great mayor, especially given the moment,” said President George Stergios. “WSANA does not endorse candidates, but we do encourage anyone who pays any attention to us, to look carefully at their plans for Mass and Cass, and especially if they have a history of advocating for opening the same sort of facilities we have in Mass and Cass in other neighborhoods of the city.”

Councilor and mayoral candidate Andrea Campbell – formerly Santiago’s opponent in the mayoral race – issued a statement immediately thanking him for his advocacy.

“I am grateful for the unique experience and passion for service that Representative Santiago and his team brought to this race,” she said. “I look forward to continuing to work in partnership to move our city forward.”

Many wonder where Santiago’s supporters might turn in the wake of him leaving. In his base of the South End, many have already turned support to Councilor Anissa Essaibi George due to her long-time advocacy for Mass and Cass opioid issues. Meanwhile, other support is likely to go to Campbell and Wu and Janey.



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Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 226 8653

Project Proponent:

Scape Beacon, LLC

Project Description:

This is a Public Meeting regarding the proposed 819 Beacon Street project in the Audobon Circle district of the Fenway neighborhood. The Project consists of approx. 280,900 square feet of mixed-use programming, comprised of 397 residential rental housing units and 53 institutional patient-family housing units in partnership with Boston Children’s Hospital. 200 parking spaces will be relocated below grade and 8 of the existing surface parking spaces will remain above grade. The Project includes a 1,600 square foot retail space on the corner of Beacon Street and Maitland Street.

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Wu holds two campaign events at Ramler Park

By Lauren Bennett/Staff Report

City Councilor and mayoral candidate Michelle Wu held two campaign events on July 10 in Ramler Park in the Fenway. The first was a Park Party, where between 20-25 Fenway and South End neighbors gathered and chatted with Wu about her campaign and issues that matter to them, and the second was an event and moderated conversation arranged by Queers 4 Wu, where another 25 people attended, according to her campaign.

“I am so inspired by our supporters and community members who came out to talk about the future of our neighborhoods and city,” Wu told the Sun in an email with regards to the Park Party.

“This election is about meeting the moment with a vision to address the urgent challenges our city faces, and I cherished the conversations I had with

South End and Fenway residents on Saturday for an afternoon of conversation and community-building for Election Day and beyond.”

The Queers 4 Wu party featured a conversation with Wu and Julia R. Golden (They/Them), who is the Associate Dean of Students, Student Affairs at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science University. Attendees also had a chance to talk with Wu about her campaign and how they could be a part of it.

“It was deeply meaningful to have an event organized and led by the TQBIPOC community, and a conversation with leaders and organizers for justice and change,” Wu said. “We are building community and connecting with residents from across our city to fight for a city that hears and values every voice.”



Michelle Wu and Julia R. Golden were all smiles at the event last Saturday, which was attended by about 25 people.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE WU CAMPAIGN

Michelle Wu and Julia R. Golden had a moderated discussion at Ramler Park as part of a Queers 4 Wu event at Ramler Park on July 10.



South End and Fenway residents posed for a quick photo as they enjoyed the Park Party with Michelle Wu in Ramler Park on Saturday.



South End and Fenway residents gathered at Ramler Park on July 10 to chat with Michelle Wu about her campaign and the issues that matter in their neighborhoods.



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New liquor store takes over former Clarendon Wine space

By Dan Murphy

A new liquor store specializing in high-end wines and liquor, and craft beers, has taken over the former home of Clarendon Wine at 563 Commonwealth Ave., a longstanding Back Bay business that permanently shuttered last June after falling prey to looters and vandals in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis Police.

Whiskey & Wine will mark its grand opening with a week-long celebration, with various specials and promos, kicking off Sunday, July 18, but since their soft opening about three weeks ago, customers have immediately taken note of how different it is from Clarendon Wine, the family business that had operated from the storefront since 1949 until a little more than a year ago, said Nainesh Patel, whose wife, Krupa Patel, is the owner of the new Commonwealth Avenue liquor store, as well as City Liquors in Cambridge and Sullivan Square Liquors in Somerville.

While Nainesh, who helps Krupa oversee operations at the Commonwealth Avenue store, is reticent to put a number on the amount of money they sunk into renovating the space, the



A look inside Whiskey & Wine.

job, which, he said, took about a year to complete, has completely transformed it with a new interior, including towering built-in display cases for wine that extend nearly the whole length on one side of the store, as well as a new refrigeration system. “We built it out from scratch,” he said of the store.

Work is also still underway on an approximately 400 square-foot second-story lounge area that overlooks the front of the store from a large window, said Nainesh, and once finished, will be used to host tastings and for other special events.

Unlike its predecessor, which, Nainesh said, carried a wide-ranging selection of beer, wine and liquor, Whiskey & Wine focuses instead on high-end and craft wines, as well as craft liquor and craft beer.

Their Cambridge location is widely renowned for its craft beer collection, with 200 different beers, including many from New England, which will all be stocked at Whiskey & Wine as well.

The wine selection, meanwhile, “tries to cover the best brands from all over the world,” said Nainesh, with offerings



Whiskey & Wine at 563 Commonwealth Ave.

from French and Italy; their California collection from Napa Valley; Australia and New Zealand; and South America, among other places.

Additionally, Whiskey & Wine carries a selection of cheeses, as well as a variety of hummus, said Nainesh, all of which are meant to complement the beverages they sell.

Although Nainesh said he and Krupa weren't very familiar with Back Bay before opening Whiskey & Wine, they already love

the area, as well as the residents they've met.

“The location is great,” he said. “It's right in the heart of the Back Bay area. The neighborhood's really good, and we have lots of tourists. All the neighbors [who previously patronized Clarendon Wine] have also been great and really supportive.”

Visit Whiskey & Wine online at whiskeyandwineboston.com, call 857-233-5227, or drop by the store at 563 Commonwealth Ave.

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This handsome brick and granite five-story, 4,188 sqft single-family townhouse is located on the most desirable “Flat of the Hill”. Built in 1878 and beautifully maintained, it shows off the fine materials and craftsmanship of that time. 12-foot ceilings crown spacious rooms, 8 fireplaces of which many have their original white marble mantles. The property includes one of Beacon Hill's legendary hidden gardens and lower level living space with its own separate access. Within walking distance of Back Bay and downtown attractions, it is just around the corner from Charles St, the Charles River and The Esplanade. Garage parking available nearby.



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THE QUIN HOUSE HOLDS GRAND RE-OPENING FOLLOWING RENOVATIONS

On July 7, two of the Boston's most respected business and philanthropic thought leaders, Sandy & Paul Edgerley, were joined by Acting Mayor of Boston, Kim Janey, to officially open the doors to The 'Quin House along Commonwealth Avenue in the Back Bay. Formerly the Algonquin Club, The 'Quin House is

a modern social club designed to stimulate the mind, body and spirit while fostering unexpected encounters that can lead to meaningful connections and creating a community of impact. Housed in one of the Back Bay's most historic and glamorous buildings, The 'Quin House is a 56,000 square foot six-floor architectur-

al gem – reimagined by famous interior designer Ken Fulk – comprised of four globally-inspired restaurants, six lounges, three bars, eight guest quarters, a roof deck, a fitness and wellness center as well as a collection of private event spaces where the region's interesting and interested meet, work, stay and play.

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Acting Mayor Janey and Interior Designer Ken Fulk look over some of the architectural changes to the restored gem.



With a chandelier one can only wonder in amazement (or confusion) at, Acting Mayor Janey surveys one of the dining rooms in The 'Quin House.



Attorney Mike Ross, Acting Mayor Kim Janey and Sandra Edgerley.

COMMUNITY CHURCH (from pg. 1)

floors. There is an auditorium and office space on the upper floors, an archive collection on the fifth floor, and the Clover Food Lab on the first floor, which is not affiliated with the church.

The first portion of the renova-

tions included the installation of electric air-source heat pumps, he said, that provide both air conditioning and heat to the floors of the church.

“We started on that quest in the middle of COVID,” Stevens

said, adding that it was around March of last year “when we realized our oil fired steam boiler was on its last legs. We searched around and got some estimates, and were hoping to make that transition from fossil fuel to elec-

tric.”

After receiving some bids that were rather costly, Stevens said that the church was able to get a grant through Eversource to cover about two-thirds of the cost of the installation. The city's Office of Environment, Energy, and Open Space was able to help the church find the grant money.

Stevens said that all in all, the heat pump installation process took 14 months, but they are now in place for three of the five floors. The restaurant has its own HVAC unit, he said, so the church just needs to work something out for one remaining floor.

Four heat pumps have been installed, two on the auditorium level, which has a larger square footage, and there is one each on two of other floors with smaller square footages. Jackie Royce, a member of Back Bay Green, told the Sun in an email that the pumps are located on the roof of the building, and “were connected to existing inconspicuous vents in the ceiling of the auditorium...” She said installation was finished in the middle of June.

“We see it as the first phase,” Stevens said of the work, and the church hopes to “complete a refit as we can do. There's lots of

things that need to get done.”

He said next up is repairing the existing windows to make them more energy efficient, as the current ones are “single pane, old windows with deteriorating frames.” The church is in the process of meeting with an architect and building contractors to see how they will go about that project, he said, which will also hopefully include repairs to the building's facade as well.

All of the church's hard work is not going unnoticed. On June 16, Back Bay Green awarded the church with a Certificate of Excellence “in recognition of Green Leadership,” according to Royce.

“It's really a wonderful acknowledgement of a lot of hard work around securing these heat pumps,” Stevens said. “I see it as a first step toward a real state-of-the-art efficiency for a building of this sort, which is an old, grumpy, ornery problematic building. It is our home, our church, our sacred ground, and we want to do the right things with it.”

For more information about the Community Church of Boston, visit communitychurchofboston.org.



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Pictured third from left is Dean Stevens, Church Administrator/Program Director with Board members (Alan Clements, Charles Welch, Dave Woodruff); Back Bay Green members (Jacqueline Royce, Michael McCord, David Ward, Pamela Musoke); and contractor Joel Darby at the award ceremony on June 16, where the Community Church of Boston received a Certificate of Excellence for its work to make the church more energy efficient and reduce its carbon footprint.

BLO announces summer schedule

After 15 long months, The Boston Landmarks Orchestra is announcing a return to live performances this summer, kicking off in July.

•Sunday, July 18, 4pm
Arlington St. Church
25 Arlington Street, Boston

The following concerts are all

at 7:00pm at the DCR's Hatch Memorial Shell

•Beethoven's Fifth and American Icons
Wednesday, August 4
Christopher Wilkins, conductor
Sigourney Cook, soprano
Adrian Anantawan, violin

•Rachmaninoff to Ellington:

Music & Healing
Wednesday, August 11
Christopher Wilkins, conductor
Jean Appolon Expressions
Peter DiMuro/Public Displays of Motion
Urbanity Dance

•Bach and Beethoven
Wednesday August 18

Longwood Symphony Orchestra
| Ronald Feldman, Music Director
Mercury Orchestra | Channing Yu, Music Director

•Amazing Grace and Sousa Marches
Wednesday August 24
Christopher Wilkins, conductor

•Rhapsody in Blue & American Portraits

Wednesday, September 1
Christopher Wilkins, conductor
Brianna Robinson, soprano
Carrie Cheron, mezzo-soprano
David Coleman, piano

SCHOOL POLICE (from pg. 1)

munity meetings, increased presence in the neighborhood and access to our security cameras.”

BOSTON SCHOOL POLICE PHASED OUT

The Boston School Police are the most vocal so far on the matter and have been in place for several decades. They, like others, are a force that is in effect under the Rule 400 process that allows Special Police Officers (SPOs). While they are not armed and were instituted as a mediation group to keep regular Boston Police out of the schools, Boston School Police had arrest powers and could carry handcuffs and produce Police Reports – and also remove those trespassing on school grounds. With little fanfare, all SPOs under the state Police Reform Act lost their police powers on July 1 when the law went into effect. One of the largest forces to lose their powers were the Boston School Police, but other Rule 400 SPOs that lost their powers were hospital police forces like the Boston Medical Center Police, private companies like Longwood Security, Boston Common Park Rangers and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) Police, among others.

Few are talking about the changes, which have already been put into place, and current and former SPOs estimated that around 400 officers lost their powers in Boston.

Boston Public Schools (BPS) said it had been working on a plan to implement the Office of Safety Services and to phase out the Boston School Police since May. They said Supt. Brenda Cassellius mentioned it in her report on May 12 and June 16. However, it has not been well-publicized and it appears parents have not been informed of the change yet.

“BPS is committed to providing safe, welcoming and culturally affirming environments for our students and staff,” read a statement from the schools. “Since September 2019, Superin-

tendent Cassellius and her team have been working to address student safety policies that have adversely impacted students in our schools. A key component of this work is the new student data privacy policy that was approved in September 2020.

“The Governor’s new law accelerated the work BPS is already doing to reimagine the role of the Office of Safety Services,” it continued. “The ultimate goal of this ongoing work is to promote school safety while cultivating trust in the community, building strong relationships, and placing a greater focus on intervention and restorative justice practices.”

POLICE REFORM ACT MOVED POLICY FASTER

BPS said the Police Reform Act impacted the ability of local police, in this case the Boston Police Department (BPD), to issue police licenses to SPOs like the Boston School Police patrolmen and superior officers. The change in the law removed their authority to make arrests, and write/access police reports. Now, in the event that police are needed, BPS said it will be calling Boston Police to respond instead of the School Police.

Those on the School Police are now known as Safety Services, and they now wear polo shirts and not uniforms, and no longer have cruisers or carry handcuffs. BPS said they have been meeting with Safety Services staff over the summer to develop a plan that promotes school safety through relationship building and intervention strategies that are not dependent on officers having police powers. The district also said the relationships built by officers over the years will provide a foundation for the Safety Services to move to their next phase of work, being mentors, coaches and valued members of the school community.

Boston Police Department officials did not wish to comment on the School Police situation or the SPO situation in general.

“WHAT CAN WE DO?”

Southender Ames Stevens is a former Boston School Police officer who was assigned to the McKinley South End Academy. He is also the former vice president of the union, but quit the force recently when the changes came down, and entered the regular Police Academy to become a Boston Housing Authority Police Officer. Stevens had also worked for Longwood Security as an SPO for many years in Villa Victoria.

He said the changes in the School Police and for other SPOs were abrupt and he doesn’t agree with them.

“That was our big gripe is that it was done so abruptly and so quickly,” he said. “Parents and staff and families should know and I don’t think they do. They’ve been trying to move away from the police in the schools. There are ways for them to get us certified and retain police powers, but they didn’t want to entertain that because it meant sending us to an academy...It was perfect for them because they were looking for this anyway. This law allowed them to do this quickly and quietly. This was a two-year plan and when the law passed and the date was July 1, it made that two-year plan into a two-month plan.”

Current School Police President Ian Maclean said they are left with little to no power, and he said now all they can do is call the Boston Police when something happens and, with BPD being understaffed, hope that they respond. He recalls breaking his leg and hand at English High School in Jamaica Plain when trying to remove a firearm from a young adult that had trespassed from outside, and noted there would be little he could do about that now.

“I took the gun from the kid and basically let him go to remove him,” he said. “I don’t know how that would play out now. We don’t have the authority to do much. We can’t even remove

someone trespassing or deal with an external threat, which worries me the most. Even with external threats, we can’t even move people out of the property now. The only thing we can do is call for someone to help. Five minutes go by before a response, if that, and that’s five minutes of people getting their butt kicked or worse... We don’t even have the authority to tell people to move that are sleeping or loitering on school property. It’s a real mistake.”

Added Stevens, “I was assigned to the McKinley South End and that’s a rough school. If I were still there, I don’t think there’s any way I could work at that school without authority or powers. It’s setting someone up to fail.”

Stevens also said the move undermines the reason the School Police were brought in to the schools many years ago – as a diversionary force that could protect the school and also mediate situations to give kids a break and potentially avoid an unnecessary arrest. Now, he said, the whole idea of mediating situations will be thrown out the door if BPD shows up and has to arrest kids without the understanding or relationships.

“Now, all they can do is call 9-1-1 and hope that the call is prioritized and then the Boston Police come in,” he said. “We had relationships and we handled a lot of situations. The BPD won’t come in with those relationships. Do you really want street cops coming in with guns? That’s the last thing I would have thought...We could keep street cops out of the schools by handling and mediating things ourselves. An arresting officer has discretion and we could keep things in house and maybe not bring charges if we felt it’s not the best thing. Now you don’t have that. If there’s any crime, they have to call 9-1-1.”

OTHER AGENCIES

Most other agencies didn’t return inquiries from the Sun about the disbanding of their

police forces.

BPHC officials did not return an e-mail, but Maclean said their union has been in contact with him. He said those officers are responsible for patrolling Mass and Cass and the homeless shelters – which can be a daunting assignment.

“They told us they took their badges, their cruisers and uniforms,” he said. “They don’t have any handcuffs or duty batons with them. They patrol the homeless shelters and down at Mass and Cass. They are being told to double up or triple up when the patrol so they don’t get into any trouble.”

Boston Medical Center (BMC) said they don’t expect the changes to affect how they keep their campus safe, a campus that is also in the middle of the Mass and Cass nexus. They said they will be working closely with the BPD and State Police to respond to incidents.

“Boston Medical Center’s Department of Public Safety works around the clock to maintain the safety of our campus for staff, patients and visitors,” read a statement. “The recent changes in special police licensing and training will not impact the ability of our public safety department to fulfill its mission and keep our campus safe. We also work closely with the Boston Police Department, the Massachusetts State Police and other law enforcement agencies.”

Stevens and Maclean said patrolling Villa Victoria will be harder for the BPD, because their experience is that D-4 and Longwood SPOs have had a great relationship and they take some of the pressure off the local district.

“Especially in the summer it can get pretty crazy there in my experience,” Stevens said. “Boston Police responds there a little quicker than other places, but the call volumes could skyrocket for them. You’ll see a big difference when it gets really hot...The Longwood guys take a big chunk out of the workload for D-4.”

Councillor Baker endorses Erin Murphy for City Council At-Large

Staff Report

City Councillor Frank Baker, who represents parts of the South End, announced his endorsement last week of Erin Murphy for an At-Large City Councilor seat, calling their shared vision for a united Boston a central reason for his support.

“Erin sees our city the same way I do,” said Baker, who was first elected in 2011. “We want safe streets, good schools, and a compassionate presence in every neighborhood. Our city’s strength is in our unity, and I can’t think of a better partner in that cause than Erin Murphy.”

Baker added that Erin, who taught in the Boston Public

Schools for 22 years and raised her two kids in the city as a single mother, had taught kindergarten to his twin children ten years ago and that she remains “their favorite teacher.”

“Anyone who can wrangle a roomful of kindergartners has a head start on serving in government,” Baker said. “Erin’s commitment to public service is second-to-none, and she would be a major asset for the whole city.”

“I’m honored by Councillor Baker’s endorsement,” Erin said. “He’s been a great dad to his kids, whom I was lucky enough to teach, and he’s set an example at City Hall for the type of city councillor I will be: hard-working, determined, and absolutely

committed to the people of Boston to do the job, every day.”

Erin’s campaign has been gathering steam this summer, with a string of high-profile endorsements and a surge in grassroots support and volunteerism across the city. Erin has also been endorsed by, among others, State Representative Dan Hunt, the Massachusetts Nurses Association, Boston Firefighters Local 718, Laborers Local 223, and Boston EMS.

Erin and Councillor Baker plan to campaign and hold events together prior to the Sept. 14 primary, when Boston voters can select four candidates to fill the four At-Large seats on the Boston City Council.



Councillor Frank Baker and Candidate for City Councilor at Large Erin Murphy.

Silicon Valley Bank, Boston Private complete merger

By Seth Daniel

With a nod to the growing innovation sector in Boston, Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) took over long-time wealth management bank, Boston Private Bank & Trust, on July 1 after regulatory approvals were completed.

The merger of SVB and Boston Private was previously announced in January.

Boston Private had a presence in the Back Bay, with a branch office in 500 Boylston for some time, though that is intended to move to 400 Boylston soon. Boston Private also had locations in Kendall Square and downtown Boston and many suburban locations.

SVB Spokesperson Lucy Muscarella said SVB has been in Massachusetts since 1991, opening a Newton office in the Rt. 128 technology corridor back then. SVB opened an office downtown in early 2020, and also acquired Leerink Partners investment bank in 2019.

She said SVB and Boston Private are combining their efforts to help innovators in the innovation economy with banking and wealth management.

“SVB and Boston Private combined deliver the understanding, guidance and solutions innovators need to build their wealth and expand opportunities for generations to come,” she said. “Boston is a key innovation hub and SVB only expects to grow its presence and deepen its relation-

ships in the area.”

The combined private banking and wealth management business will be led by Anthony DeChellis, CEO of SVB Private Banking & Wealth Management and Yvette Butler, President of SVB Private Banking & Wealth Management. The private banking and wealth management leadership team will now also include Jim Brown, Head of Specialty Commercial and John Longley, head of Private Bank, Wealth, Trust & Wine.

“With the close of our acquisition of Boston Private, we are well positioned to deliver the understanding, guidance and solutions to help our clients achieve their wealth goals,” said Greg Becker, President and CEO of SVB Financial Group. “We’re excited to welcome our new colleagues and clients to SVB and are appreciative of everyone at Boston Private and SVB who worked diligently to help us reach this milestone.”

SVB’s vision is to be the premier financial partner for the innovation economy, providing companies, entrepreneurs and their investors the services they need to succeed via four core businesses: commercial banking, investment banking, private banking and wealth management, and fund management. With the acquisition of Boston Private, SVB Private Banking & Wealth Management provides the guidance and solutions that fuel its clients to build wealth and expand opportunities for today and tomorrow.

BPS releases draft of 3-Year Federal Funding Plan

Staff Report

Boston Public Schools (BPS) Superintendent Brenda Cassellius this week released the first draft of the district’s plan to distribute Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief II (ESSER II) federal funding.

The funding, approximately \$400 million over the next three years, will provide opportunities to support the Return, Recover, and Reimagine agenda to return students safely to classrooms; recover from the pandemic and create the conditions for reimagining BPS; and reimagine a sustained, successful and equitable district. The one-time funding will also further support the district’s implementation of the five-year strategic plan.

The ESSER funding plan was developed and informed over the past three months through a robust community process that engaged students, families, teachers, staff, and the larger Boston community. The plan outlines how 100% of funding will be utilized to support stronger student outcomes. The plan ensures that the first 50% of funding is

invested directly to schools; the next 30% will go to schools via school department investments; and the final 20% will be allocated to fund districtwide innovation, collaboration and community partnerships.

“This federal funding represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us to dismantle systemic barriers to opportunity that have persisted in the Boston Public Schools for far too long. I am so thankful to all the many stakeholders who contributed the ideas that you see reflected in this plan,” said Superintendent Cassellius. “We are utilizing this ESSER funding as a continuous improvement strategy, directing funds to sustainable investments which will allow us to boldly confront the hard work ahead and achieve our goal of providing every student in every neighborhood with access to an excellent education in a high-quality school.”

The funding is expected in three rounds and the first round of \$55 million was already used in 2020 to return to school safely. Other rounds include:

•ESSER II - Recover lost learning and wellness: \$123 million.

•ESSER III - Reimagine BPS for a sustained strong and equitable system: \$276 million.

ESSER II funding, totaling approximately \$123 million, and ESSER III funding totaling approximately \$276 million, have not yet been received from the state. The draft plan released is specific to the ESSER II funding expected this fall. BPS will continue engagement on ESSER III funding through the fall.

Superintendent Cassellius and her team solicited feedback from students, families, teachers, local leaders, and the general public as part of an engagement process. BPS is also launching a student commission for rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders to share their thoughts as to how the ESSER III funding should be spent. Meetings will be held this summer beginning Thursday, July 22.

The plan will be available for public comment until July 30 at which time BPS will make final revisions based on feedback before submitting the plan to the state.

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Campbell urges City and BPS to get students off waitlist for summer learning

Staff Report

Councilor and Mayoral candidate Andrea Campbell criticized Acting Mayor Janey and her administration for failing to provide a plan for the \$400 million in federal funding, while 461 students sit on a waitlist for summer learning programs and many school buildings lack proper ventilation systems or air conditioning. Campbell stood outside the William H. Trotter School, a K-8 school that primarily serves Black, Brown, and low-income students in Dorchester and Rox-

bury and is providing summer programming, that lacks air conditioning and that the Build BPS report grades ventilation and air quality as “poor.”

“Parents were told that every child that wanted summer learning would have access to it, and now we find out that is not true. With \$400 million coming from the federal government for BPS, not one student should be waiting for a spot in a program,” said Campbell.

Campbell was also critical of the lack of planning around key facilities upgrades, including the

lack of working air conditioning in buildings where students are learning. This week, 80 school-based summer programs started in 63 BPS buildings -- only 29 of which have air conditioning.

“For those lucky enough to have secured a summer learning spot, many are sitting in sweltering buildings without air conditioning or modern, safe HVAC systems. Parents need to trust that they can send their children to buildings that are both safe and comfortable,” said Campbell.

Following a year of tremendous learning disruption, the

Boston Public Schools received \$400 million in federal funding relief for education, on top of an existing \$1.2 billion in the City of Boston budget, to help get students back in the classroom following the pandemic. The City and the District have been aware of this additional funding since March, and yet have failed to release a comprehensive plan on how the funds will be spent.

By contrast, Andrea Campbell released her own plan and priorities for how the District could maximize the impact of this once-in-a-generation infusion of funding for BPS. Over

the last four months, Campbell has shared her priorities for spending the \$400 million in federal funds, encouraging the district to allocate a third of the funds to new “Student Acceleration Accounts,” which families can use to secure academic and social-emotional supports that their children need most, including high-dosage tutoring and mental health supports. The rest of those federal funds should be immediately allocated for school facility improvements, upgrades to technology, and investing in educators to plan for a seamless reopening in the fall.

Wu endorsed for Mayor of Boston by Environmental League of Massachusetts Action Fund

Staff Report

The Environmental League of Massachusetts Action Fund has endorsed Councilor Michelle Wu in the election for Mayor of Boston, a credit to her commitment to the environment and climate action. With issues of public health, environmental justice, transportation, and energy policy inextricably linked, we need leaders at every level of

government who understand the intersectionality of issues within their community and will call for bold action.

“Michelle Wu tackles the climate crisis not as a standalone issue, but at its intersection with the economy, public health, justice, transportation, and more,” said ELM Action Fund Executive Director Clare Kelly. “She is the climate champion our city needs to meet this crucial moment for climate action.”

“I’m grateful to the Environmental League of MA Action Fund for their endorsement. Their organization is doing the work necessary to end the climate crisis and keep Boston families safe and healthy, and I look forward to continuing the fight alongside them,” Michelle Wu said.

Councilor Wu has been leading on environmental and energy issues since she was first elected to the City Council in

2013 and she has led the fight on community choice energy, plastic bag ban and so many other issues. Before running for office, she worked at City Hall for Mayor Tom Menino and on Senator Elizabeth Warren’s first campaign. She was the first candidate to enter the 2021 mayoral race and has released an ambitious and comprehensive plan for a Boston Green New Deal and Just Recovery.

To learn more about Michelle

Wu, visit her website at michelleforboston.com.

The ELM Action Fund is a nonpartisan organization that helps pass laws that protect our environmental legacy, holds our elected officials accountable, and works to build the political power of the environmental community. To learn more about our work and our recent electoral victories visit www.elmaction.org/elections.

ZBA approves larger roof deck with hatch access at 181 Warren Ave.

By Lauren Bennett

The Zoning Board of Appeal on July 13 approved the construction of a larger roof deck on the fourth floor at 181 Warren Ave.

The deck was proposed to be accessed by a “zoning compliant roof hatch,” according to the hearing notice, though the

zoning code violation states that “roof access shall be through a penthouse.”

Architect Derek Rubinoff had previously presented this proposal to the South End Landmark District Commission (SELDC) on June 2, where he stated that the existing private deck would

be replaced with the proposed larger one. The existing deck is also accessed via a hatch that would be relocated for best access to the new deck.

Rubinoff had said at the SELDC hearing that the owner of the fourth unit was looking to expand the deck because his

apartment is not very large, so he would like to have more outdoor living space.

The SELDC had some concerns about visibility of the railings for the new deck at the June 2 hearing, and had voted to have a subcommittee go to the site and view the mockup of the new deck

and potentially make suggestions for reducing the visibility before making a final approval.

The ZBA reported in the July 13 hearing notice that the SELDC had approved the proposal, and the ZBA also voted to approve the deck with roof hatch access.

For the Record

C O R O N A V I R U S
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 July 13 Boston Art Commission meeting, online:

- The Embrace; MOU between the BAC and the Boston Foundation; Boston Common; Artist: Hank Willis Thomas; Proponent: the Boston Foundation

- What Do We Have in Common?; Short-term (Now + There)

- Installation; Boston Common. Artist: Janet Zweig; Proponents: Now + There, Friends of the Public Garden.

- Memory/Diffusion, Final

Design (MASARY Studios): Boston Arts Academy Interior, Fenway; Artist(s): MASARY Studios; Proponent(s): City of Boston.

From the July 13 Zoning Board meeting, online:

- 181 Warren Ave., South End. Applicant: Carrie and Taruno Steffensen Purpose: Reconstruct the existing Unit 4 private legal roof deck with a zoning compliant slightly different footprint and a zoning compliant roof hatch; perform minor interior renovations within Unit 4 (4th floor unit) including adding stair to roof hatch. Project was approved by Landmarks.

From the July 14 Boston School Committee meeting, online:

- Superintendent’s Report.
- Report: Exam Schools Admissions Policy Recommendation.
- General Public Comment.
- Exam Schools Admissions Policy

Vote.

From the July 15 School Committee Nominating Panel, 2 p.m., online:

- Interview applicants for the two open School Committee seats previously held by Alexandra Oliver-Davila and Dr. Lorna Rivera.

- Public Comment.
- Deliberate to determine lists of candidates to present to Mayor Janey.

From the July 15 Groundwater Trust Meeting, 4 p.m., Online:

- GCOD Amendments Update with Bryan Glascock, BPDA Deputy Director for Regulatory Planning and Zoning.

- Financial Report
- Annual SEP-IRA Contribution - VOTE REQUIRED

- Review of Well Installations and Invoice Analysis

- Update on Annual Personnel Review Process

- Draft Ordinance for Legal Representation Update

- Future Trustee Meetings
- Executive Director’s Report

Chester Square Neighbors Summer Festival, Chester Park, July 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join the Chester Square Neighbors for food, fun and music to celebrate the summer and formally dedicate new signs marking the historic significance of Chester Park. A speaking program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

REPORTING WORKPLACE SAFETY CONCERNS

- Workers in any size organization have options if they feel they are being pressured into an unsafe situation. Attorney General Maura Healey has created resources for workers to report safety concerns during reopening. They include an online form at the Attorney General’s website and a dedicated Fair Labor

hotline at 617-727-3465. People can also find those resources by calling 311.

HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM PROPERTY

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

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Broja, Christoph	Lee, Jung	371 Beacon St #1	\$420,000
Lang, Benjamin	Liu, Ke	445 Beacon St #2	\$1,200,000
BEACON HILL			
Stolowitz, Sam	16 Lawrence St LLC	16 Lawrence St	\$3,000,000
Conte, Samuel	43 Anderson Street LLC	43 Anderson St #1	\$1,370,000
Galbato, Michael	Johnson, Elizabeth	1-3 Chestnut St #1B	\$780,000
Louisberg Square RT	Book, Daniel W	1 Louisburg Sq #1A	\$3,185,000
Louisberg Square RT	Book, Daniel W	1 Louisburg Sq #2	\$3,185,000
Moniz-Witten, Tanya D	Via, Gregory L	45 Province St #1506	\$1,470,000
Boston Beacon LLC	Selmasson Holdings LLC	14-14A S Russell St	\$2,450,000
Overmeer, Willem A	Owen Tait LLC	23 Temple St #8	\$460,000
George Martens T	Galluzzo, David J	8 Whittier Pl #24C	\$925,000
Patange, Om	Callahan, Ronald J	8 Whittier Pl #7F	\$544,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Ramos, Elizabeth	Command Center 1 LLC	301-319 Columbus Ave #302	\$2,630,000
Woodside RT	Vineyard 5 LLC	265-275 Dartmouth St #5K	\$545,000
Krass, Benjamin A	Civetta, Alexander	52 Melrose St #2	\$2,400,000
Norfleet, Charles C	Scolamierri, Annie	8 Melrose St #1	\$45,900
Cheryl Lorraine Geiser	Assad, Dennis G	199 W Newton St #1	\$1,570,000
Delgado, Denise	2451 Washington LLC	2451 Washington St #205	\$221,900
Seabe, Justin	Kearns, Shawn J	26 Bardwell St #1	\$930,000
Snowden, Carey M	Cotto, Paul D	700 Harrison Ave #516	\$435,000
Hyes, Connor	Bates, Aaron	32 Rutland Sq #1	\$2,450,000
Bates, Aaron	Cunningham, P Rodney	4 Rutland Sq	\$3,875,000
Johnson, Patrick	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #414	\$793,900
Moy, Kerwin	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #514	\$767,900
Petrella, Kenneth J	478 Shawmut Avenue NT	478 Shawmut Ave #5	\$585,000
Han, Mo	Szteinhendler, Diego	12 Stoneholm St #326	\$452,000
Lynch, Robyn M	Lake, Craig A	604 Tremont St #3	\$1,231,000
Romatoski, Zachary	Snidow, Jerry W	81 Waltham St #3	\$930,000
Karlson, Kaitlin	Shale, Kevin P	97 Waltham St #2	\$670,000
Sun, Yuqian	Allied Residences LLC	88 Wareham St #205	\$590,000
Nguyen, Phuong T	Shaar RT	333 Washington St #507	\$160,000
Nulsen, David J	Hayes, Conner M	1 Wellington St #1	\$1,637,500
Moujahed, Nadine R	Delorey, Andrew S	33 Worcester Sq #4	\$695,000
Cameron, Sean A	Burnard, Bryant D	34 Worcester Sq #5	\$1,015,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Robert Handin FT 1998	Arden Oconnor RET	2-1/2 Battery Wharf #3302	\$1,347,800
Narang, Varun	Halim, Sofian	1 Franklin St #1403	\$1,735,000
Martin, Geoffrey W	Zifteh, Freda L	108 Lincoln St #5B	\$1,200,000
Grewal, Sanjay	Chevrier FT	580 Washington St #11F	\$1,350,000

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER

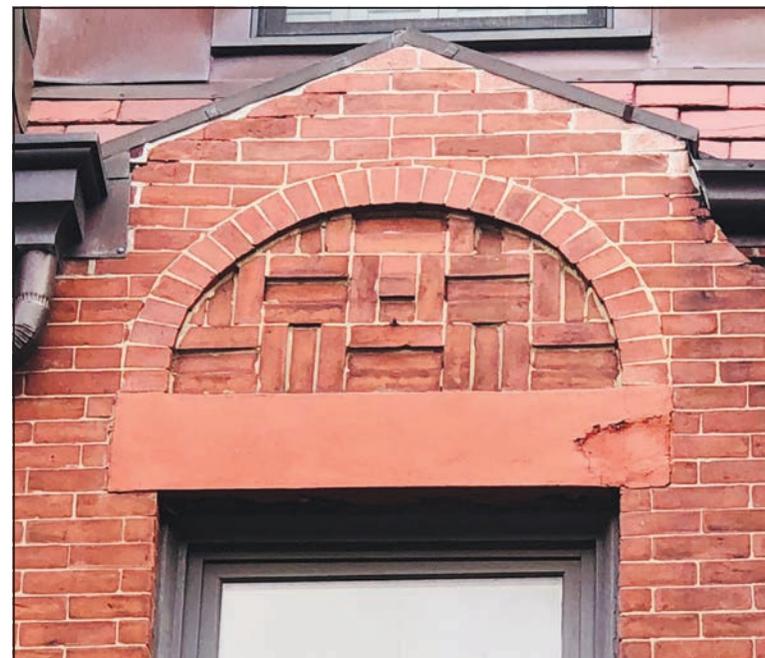


The top of the gate in the last clue is on 152 Bay State Road also known as the Story Mansion. It was designed by the architectural firm of Fehmer and Page and was built in 1902. Today it houses Boston University's Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies.

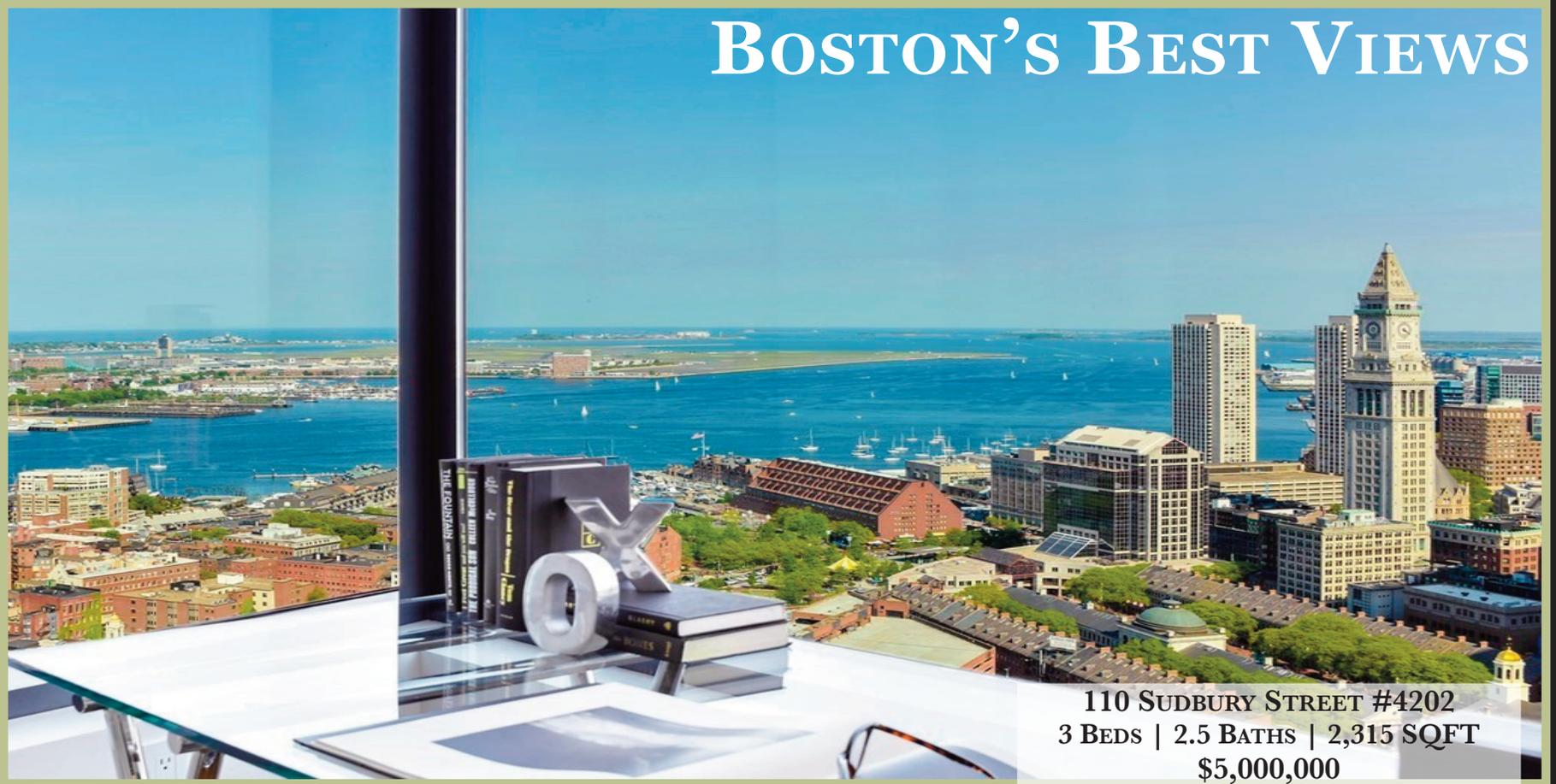
The next clue will be found in the South End.

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BOSTON'S BEST VIEWS



110 SUDBURY STREET #4202
3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 2,315 SQFT
\$5,000,000



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



4 WEST HILL PLACE
4 BEDS | 3.5 BATHS | 3,710 SQFT
\$3,999,000



90 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE #2/3
5 BEDS | 4.5 BATHS | 3,062 SQFT
\$3,990,000



2 AVERY STREET #28A
1 BED | 1.5 BATHS | 803 SQFT
\$1,075,000

