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## Michelle Wu elected next Mayor of Boston

Wu was a favorite among Back Bay voters

By John Lynds

In a historic election where two female candidates of color squared off for the first time for the Boston Mayoral seat, Michelle Wu edged out Anissa Essaibi George during Tues-

day's election to become the first woman elected Mayor in Boston's history.

The unofficial results citywide had Wu receiving 91,239 votes to Essaibi George's 50,879 votes.

With all Back Bay precincts reporting Wu received 3,552 votes and won all precincts here. Essaibi George received 1,693 votes from Back Bay residents.

"So one of my sons asked me the other night if boys can be

elected mayor in Boston," said Wu of her historic win at Tuesday night's victory party in the South End. "They have been and they will again someday, but not tonight. On this day, Boston elected your mom because from every corner of our city, Boston has spoken. We are ready to meet this moment. We are ready to become a Boston for every-

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PHOTO BY JAMES RASAIHAH

Mayor-elect Michelle Wu speaks to her supporters at the Cyclorama Building following the results of the election on Tuesday. It was a historic moment in the City as Wu is the first woman and person of color to be elected to the office of Mayor.

## Community learns about seven-story building proposed for 1395 Washington St.

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held a public meeting on October 27 regarding the proposed seven-story building for 1395 Washing-

ton Street in the South End.

Attorney Marc LaCasse and architect Dartagnan Brown were on hand to present the proposal and address comments and questions from the public.

The proposal includes demol-

ishing the existing one story commercial building on the lot and constructing a seven story building with 35 residential units and retail space on the ground floor. The unit mix will consist of

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## Women's rights trailblazer and longtime One Longfellow Place resident, Anne T. Barron, turns 100

By Dan Murphy

Anne T. Barron, a trailblazer for women's rights in the 1970s following the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, as

well as an original resident of One Longfellow Place, spent her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, Oct. 30, surrounded by 14 relatives who traveled from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Califor-

nia, Florida, and North Carolina to fete her at a dinner party at Anne's West End home.

Born on Oct. 30, 1921, Anne

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## CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN WITH A DOG COSTUME PARADE



Even Halloween's Michael Myers needs a faithful friend even if it is Chucky from Child's Play. Walter and Andrew Carter present an untold angle from horror movie lore. See more photos on Pages 6 and 7.

## Upscale corner store and café proposed at former Pret-a-Manger

By Dan Murphy

An upscale corner store, as well as a café, intends to open in the former Pret-a-Manger space at 501 Boylston St., said representatives for the business at the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay License and Building Use Committee meeting held virtually on Nov. 1.

The 3,000 square-foot, ground-level storefront would be the first location in Boston of Foxtrot, which opened began around eight years ago as a delivery app in Chicago, Ill., before transitioning to retail. Foxtrot now has 10 locations in that city, as well as two locations in Dallas, Texas, and three more in Washington, D.C., Taylor Bloom, the company's co-founder and Chief

Technology Officer.

"We want to be part of the neighborhood, so each store is uniquely designed for the neighborhood," said Bloom. "The layouts [of each store] are different, and the items they carry are catered to the specific neighborhoods."

With proposed hours of operations of 7 a.m. to 10 or 11 a.m. daily, the Boylston Street location, would have one side of the store dedicated to a retail grocery store, which would also sell beer, wine, and liquor, said Bloom, while the café would be located on the other side of the store.

Between 10 and 15 percent of the store's items would be locally sources, such as baked goods or

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# EDITORIAL

## IF TAIWAN IS ATTACKED, SHOULD WE DEFEND IT?

We are living in unprecedented times -- from the COVID-19 pandemic, to the supply chain issues that are affecting all aspects of our economy, to the dire consequences of climate change, to the messy pullout in Afghanistan, to the spike in energy prices, to the craziness that has engulfed our politics.

It seems that we are living in a period of crisis-after-crisis-after-crisis. But there is another potential source of disruption looming on the horizon that will dwarf all others: The spectre of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan.

So the question is this: If the Chinese decide to invade Taiwan -- as they clearly are preparing to do -- what should be our response?

We have a few thoughts:

1) The possibility of a military move by the Chinese against Taiwan has been a foreign policy issue for more than 60 years. Nixon and Kennedy debated the appropriate U.S. response should the Chinese invade Quemoy and Matsu, two small islands that belong to Taiwan, but that are within a very short distance (just a few miles) from the Chinese mainland. Kennedy made it very clear that the two islands were indefensible and not worth risking a large-scale war. Quemoy, Matsu, and Taiwan have fallen off our national radar, so to speak, since then, but they are back in the spotlight thanks to the recent Chinese provocations.

2) Although the Chinese government never has been a model of Western-style democracy, there always have been competing factions within the Communist Party. However, to whatever extent the Chinese Communist Party exhibited democratic tendencies within its own ranks, they are a thing of the past thanks to President Xi Jinping, who essentially has established himself as a dictator for life.

From abolishing term limits for his office, to destroying democracy in Hong Kong, to placing a million Uighurs into detention camps, to building up the Chinese military, Xi has abandoned the former model of a China that adhered to some semblance of international norms. The China of today is not the China of even 10 years ago.

3) The recent obsession with Taiwan by Xi is one of those issues that lacks rationality to non-Chinese. Although Taiwan poses no threat to China, there is no room for compromise on Taiwan in Xi's world-view. But that is what makes it such a potential tinderbox for world peace.

4) Some suggest that a Chinese invasion and takeover of Taiwan would be a prelude to further Chinese military domination in Asia, including So. Korea and Japan. But that's a version of the Domino Theory that got us into the war in Vietnam. We didn't understand that the Vietnamese War was merely a civil war. It was our misguided intervention that destabilized the surrounding region, just as we did 40 years later in the Mideast with our invasion of Iraq. Similarly, an American capitulation on Taiwan hardly would be a modern-day equivalent of a Neville Chamberlain-style appeasement that would be a prelude to Chinese domination of the Pacific.

5) Do we have a national interest in defending Taiwan? The only plausible reason in this regard is that the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. is the largest supplier of computer chips in the world. We all know about the chip shortage. But while a Chinese invasion of Taiwan might make the chip shortage worse in the short term, is TSMC really worth fighting for?

6) On that note, we should keep in mind that an all-out shooting war with the Chinese would result in thousands of U.S. casualties and the sinking of just about every ship we have in the Pacific fleet.

7) Finally, why should the Taiwanese expect us to defend them when they themselves have shown little or no interest in their national defense? As a recent news article made clear, the Taiwanese are a far cry from the Israelis, for whom national defense is an imperative that is taken seriously by every Israeli citizen.

In our view, when you add it all up, Taiwan is not worth shedding one drop of American blood. We shouldn't let our emotions get in the way of reality. Whatever treaty the U.S. has with Taiwan was conceived in a different world.

But this is 2021, and the present generations should not be bound by something that they have had no part in.

## GUEST OP-ED

### We need to invest in America

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

America needs attention to our infrastructure. It's pathetic that our Congress and President are having so much trouble putting something together they can agree on. We managed to spend the equivalent of a trillion dollars in today's currency on the Vietnam war. What did we get for a trillion dollars? Over fifty-eight thousand dead American soldiers. Plus, over 1500 missing in action and thousands of wounded. Many who have never recovered.

We lost 4,497 American soldiers in Iraq. We spent two trillion dollars in Iraq. We had over 32,000 other casualties. What does America have to show for the war in Iraq?

We spent 20 years in Afghanistan. Over 2,400 American soldiers were killed and over 20,000 were wounded. We spent at least 2.3 trillion dollars. What does America have to show for our war in that country? (United States Military casualties of war, Wikipedia.org)

Did these wars make us safer? Did they make our country greater and stronger? Is America better and freer because of these wars? America suffered great loss from these wars. Thousands of American families are still grieving.

The stimulus proposal, approximately \$1.75 trillion is about investing in America. We are long overdue for a major investment in America. We don't all agree on the infrastructure bill's spending list. However, can't these "great" politicians come up with an "essential" needs list that is starkly visible to any naked eye?"

Maybe we could get busy in our nation and stay out of other countries' business for a while. Maybe we could take a break from fighting among ourselves. A working nation will be a much happier nation. We hear all this bull talk about we'll never get out of debt from this infrastructure bill and we won't. However, we've spent too much time trying

to solve the world's issues while ignoring our own problems. We need to work on our homeland. The roof is leaking, the walls are crumbling, the electrical work needs to be repaired. The water we are drinking is dirty. The driveway is crumbling and potholes abound. The plant down in town relocated and the local coal mine closed. Things are tough.

The house needs a lot of repair but it's hard to repair a house and buy expensive groceries on the meager wages that are available to most Americans. Families can't live on \$15 an hour, or go to the doctor. Over forty million Americans still live in poverty. Millions more live right above the poverty line and struggle. "According to Pew Research, a household with an income between two-thirds of and double the median household income is considered middle class. The national median income in 2021 is \$79,900, which would mean an individual would fall squarely in the middle class with an income between \$53,266 and \$159,800." (Motley Fool Service, fool.com) Is this you? The average household income for 2021 has been \$79,900 according to huduser.gov.

A financially strapped American living in an aging house that is desperate for repairs is symbolic of much of America. Yes, we have seen a stock market boom. Americans selling houses are doing well financially. Yes, a lot of people in America are in the

medium income level which is not bad.

However, too many Americans are still financially insecure. They don't make enough money. They can't afford adequate housing. They still put off going to the doctor because of costs. They aren't saving any money. More senior Americans are working than ever before because they can no longer live on their meager pensions and Social Security is being eaten away by rapid inflation.

We need an investment at home, our home, America. Congress, please make a reasonable list. Our needs are so visible. We need clean water, Internet, available affordable healthcare including prescriptions, affordable clean energy, chips for our cars and phones, roads and bridges and real paying jobs for Americans who are willing to work. Why is this so hard?

In comparison to over 5 trillion dollars and thousands of American lives spent around this world, spending a few dollars at home should be a cakewalk for this Congress and President.

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# Bok and O'Malley pass an order to remove parking minimums

Staff Report

At the October 20 Boston City Council meeting, the Council passed "An order regarding a text amendment to the Boston zoning code with respect to parking minimums for affordable housing." The order was introduced by Councilors Bok and O'Malley. The amendment would remove parking minimums for affordable residential developments where at least 60% of the units are income-restricted at 100% Area Median

Income (AMI) or below.

Often, affordable, senior, and supportive housing developments are delayed, stalled, or reduced in size due to lawsuits on the basis of parking. Just recently, several developments with broad community support have been delayed or stopped due to frivolous lawsuits connected to their pursuit of variances to official parking minimums. Back on September 18th, advocates from Mass Senior Action, City Life / Vida Urbana, Abundant Housing MA, and other local resident

groups protested one such property in Jamaica Plain, where 38 units of affordable senior housing are held up by such a lawsuit. This zoning amendment would eliminate the use of parking minimums as a bad-faith tactic for stalling such affordable housing, while still allowing the right amount of parking for each affordable housing project to be determined on a case-by-case basis through the project review process.

"We know that every unit lost due to delay or the cost of

unnecessary, mandated parking is a lost housing opportunity for someone who badly needs it," said Councilor Bok. "It's time to make sure we are putting homes for people first and doing away with parking minimums that don't reflect our current needs." A study by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council found that the current parking minimums in the City of Boston are largely outdated and produce parking that goes unused.

"The need to build affordable housing in Boston has never been

more vital, with half of Boston's renters being rent-burdened," said Councilor O'Malley. "Eliminating parking minimums is an impactful and commonsense policy solution that can provide transformative relief for affordable housing builders."

Having received City Council approval, the proposal will next proceed to consideration by the Board of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and then the Boston Zoning Commission.

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one. We're ready to be a Boston that doesn't push people out, but welcomes all who call our city home. We're ready to be a Boston where all can afford to stay and to thrive. And yes, Boston is ready to become a Green New Deal city."

Wu said her campaign was a continuation of Boston's historic activism and community, and showed residents what's possible when Bostonians push for what they deserve.

"And what we deserve is a Boston where all of us are seen, heard, treasured, and valued — a Boston for everyone," she said. "We're ready for every child to

go to a school connected to the full resources of our communities and their full potential, for every resident from the Forbes Building to Georgetown Homes to be protected from soaring rents and displacement; for a thriving Boston business community grounded in a thriving Black business community; for every Bostonian experiencing homelessness, mental health, substance use at Mass. Ave and Melnea Cass Boulevard and across our city and beyond to have dignity, treatment, and housing.

She added, "We are ready for every Bostonian to know that we don't have to choose between

generational change and keeping the streetlights on; between tackling big problems with bold solutions and filling our potholes; to make change at scale and at street level. We need, we deserve, both. All of this is possible. ...These things are possible. And today, the voters of Boston said all these things are possible, too. I want to be clear: It wasn't my vision on the ballot. It was ours, together. Over 10 years in City Hall, and in every neighborhood, connecting with all of our residents I've seen and experienced just how big an impact local government makes in people's lives. And I'll never stop fighting to make our

systems work for all of us."

In Tuesday's At-Large race incumbent City Councilors Michael Flaherty and Julia Mejia retained their seats and will be joined on the council by newcomers Ruthzee Louijeune and Erin Murphy.

Citywide, Flaherty topped the At-Large ticket with 62,242 votes followed by Mejia who received 61,709 votes. Louijeune finished third with 54,601 votes and Murphy rounded out the

field with 42,841.

In Back Bay, Mejia was the top vote getter with 2,302 votes followed by Flaherty who received 2,125 votes. Louijeune finished third among Back Bay voters with 2,040 votes with Dave Halbert finishing fourth here with 1,751. Halbert did not make it into one of the top four spots citywide and finished just behind Murphy with 33,760 votes overall.

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The bid documents will be accessible on line from Monday October 04, 2021 through Friday October 29, 2021 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website and Supplier Portal at the following link (<http://boston.gov/procurement> and accessing the event ID #EV00009747.

All sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than 4:00 pm on Friday October 29, 2021 by logging onto the City of Boston Procurement website as listed and accessing the above event number.

The attention of all bidders is directed to the provisions of the Invitation for Bids and contract documents, specifically to the requirements for bid deposits, insurance and performance bonds as may be applicable.

Sealed bids shall be opened electronically by the Official on Friday October 29, 2021 at 4:00 PM. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation to bid will commence on or about November 15 and will end on June 30, 2022.

Marty Martinez, Chief of Health and Human Services  
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# Bay Village Neighborhood Association holds annual meeting on Zoom

By Lauren Bennett

The Bay Village Neighborhood Association (BNVA) held its annual meeting virtually on November 1, where committee members provided updates. No special guests were invited to the meeting this year, as many who would have normally been invited had been to recent events in the neighborhood, according to BNVA President Tom Perkins.

## PARKS

Aoife Austin reported on the recently Bay Village Neighborhood Park meeting held by

the city. There is a proposal on the table to redesign the park located at 32 Melrose St, with improvements such as making the fountain “more environmentally friendly,” making the park accessible, “and make it easier to do plantings in there,” according to Tom Perkins. Additionally, electricity would be brought to the park as part of this project to allow for easier lighting of the Christmas tree and other things.

Austin said that per the city meeting, next steps for this process include getting quotes to do the work, and then more details

about the final proposal will be presented to the public. She said discussion at the meeting included talking about “the potential homeless situation” in the area.

Perkins said “I think a presentation to the community would be welcome,” and suggested that sometime early next year would be a good time.

## SAFETY

Danny Moll reported that Bay Village remains a safe neighborhood, and provided a brief update on the surveillance camera program that the organization

has been working on for a while.

Moll said that the Boston Police Department “gave me the thumbs up that everything has been approved,” but “they’re just waiting on one document from the [Boston Planning and Development Agency] to push this thing along.”

## LICENSING AND PLANNING

Sarah Herlihy talked about the space in the rear of the Park Plaza Castle space that is currently a large function hall. She said there has been a proposal for

an “experiential art-type space” there that would be similar to the Van Gogh immersion experiences. “They want to take over the space for a year,” she said, but no formal plan has been made yet. She said the committee is also “watching stuff on the perimeter of the neighborhood as well” as far as development projects go, so they can be ready to act and provide input should Bay Village be impacted.

## CITY SERVICES

Bay Village resident Kimberly

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studios, one bedrooms, one bedroom pluses, and two bedroom units that will be for home ownership.

LaCasse said that the total building size is about 41,000 square feet and will be about 83 feet tall.

He said that a building permit application has been submitted with the city’s Inspectional Services Department, who provided a zoning code refusal letter that will require the project to request variances from the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) for things like groundwater, the restaurant use, and roof decks, as well as dimensional variances. The project will go before the ZBA once it is through the Article 80 process.

Dartagnan Brown said that the design team has spoken with abutters who live in the building to the right regarding things like sight lines and height.

He then talked about the proposed design, saying that it has a “bottom, middle, and top,” with the bottom being the retail, the middle the residential portion, and the top will be to “work the massing in and tying it to the adjacent context.”

The residential lobby will be located on the righthand side of the building, and the retail can be used for either a single space or three spaces.

Brown said that the pricing will be “much better” for these units than a typical renovation

of a brownstone would be, and called it a “really unique product for the neighborhood.”

Georgantas said the unit prices would range from \$600,000 to \$1.2 million.

The materials proposed are a “high quality metal panel on the ground floor” as well as a lighter colored variegated brick.

The owner of an apartment at 1411 Washington St. expressed concern about a bedroom in his unit that would have its window covered up by this proposed building. He said this would cause sunlight to be blocked from the bedroom, and he also had concerns about the height of the proposed building, as it is higher than 1411 and would “cause the privacy of our roof deck to be completely violated by your project,” he said.

Peter Georgantas, the developer for the project, said that he “tried through your property manager to reach out a few times to take a look at the windows and discuss an alternative.” He said that the team is willing and open to discuss alternatives with

those affected.

“We’re happy to meet,” Brown said. “Our understanding was that was serving hallways, not bedrooms,” he said of the windows. “Party wall windows are not allowed in the city without variance relief, which I can’t imagine this had.”

Another resident of the 1411 building said that this project would be “taking potentially two bedroom apartments and forcing them to be one bedroom.” He said that would be a “pretty big decrease in value,” and also echoed some of the first resident’s concerns about light.

Sheila Grove said that she is “really happy to see some of the things about your project,” including pulling back the sidewalk and the bays on the building. She asked about putting blade signs for the retail portion.

Brown said that the team is looking into how signage would work on the facade for the retail, and said that there will be space on each of the spaces to put signage, whether it be for one retail space or multiple different ones.

Grove also asked about the quality of the materials being used, as she said she doesn’t “want it to look cheap.”

Brown said that “we’re picking high quality metal panels” and “real brick. We’re not looking to do fiber cement or vinyl or plank siding,” he said.

Another question was asked about trash, and Georgantas said that there will be a “designated trash room in the basement of this building” that will be privately managed for city pickup.

Additional concerns were raised about unit sizes, with some residents saying they believe larger units are requested.

“What we’ve seen,” Brown said, is that people are looking for a work from home setup, which would be provided in the 17 one bed pluses that are being proposed as part of this project. He said that because these “plus” rooms do not have a window, “legally they can’t be called a two bedroom.”

LaCasse added that “these are proposed to be condominium units for ownership. There is virtually a dearth of that product in the South End.”

Grove disagreed with that statement, and said she believes the demand is high for larger units.

Brown said that he can look further into the demand for the area.

The comment period for this project closes on November 5. Comments can be made and more information about the project, including a full recording of this meeting, can be found at [bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/1395-washington-street](http://bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/1395-washington-street).

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### BVNA (from pg. 1)

Kulasekaran raised some safety concerns about the crosswalk that goes to Eliot Norton Park, as she walks her two young sons to and from school each day.

She called the crosswalk “so dangerous,” as “cars come flying around the corner there near the skateboard shop.” She also said that the reflection “is so bad in the afternoon” that cars are “skidding to stop. We are definitely highly concerned about this.”

Kulasekaran added that she is “appreciative and definitely notice the Arlington side,” which has had improvements made to make it safer for pedestrians.

The City Services committee said that they would prioritize this issue going into next year.

City Councilor Ed Flynn, who

attended the meeting, said that he believes pedestrian safety is a top issue in the city, and that there needs to be further enforcement of the 25 mile per hour speed limit, and the potential to lower it to 15 or 20 miles per hour.

“We have to focus on infrastructure improvements,” he said, as multiple people have been killed in his district because of these kinds of issues.

He suggested a site visit to this crosswalk with himself and a member of the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) during morning hours when families are trying to cross to get to the Josiah Quincy School. He said that this would allow BTD to provide recommendations about how to make it safer.

### FOXTROT (from pg. 1)

food items made by area restaurants, and a local roaster would likely supply the coffee for the café, added Bloom.

With only approximately 200 square feet of the 3,000 square-foot store would be dedicated to alcohol, its sale, including beer and wine, is only expected to account for between 15 and 10 percent of the store’s revenue, said Molly Sandza, director or real estate expansion for Foxtrot Ventures,

Foxtrot would also agree to a request from NABB Chair Elliott Laffer that the Boylston Street store enter into a written commitment not to sell single-shot “nip” bottles of hard alcohol, said Molly Souza.

Prepared food items would be cooked at an off-site commissary, said Bloom, so that only the reheating of food would take place on the premises.

Trash would be transferred via an interior passageway to a rear loading dock where there’s a trash compacter, said Bloom.



The former Pret-a-Manger space at 501 Boylston St., which is now proposed as the future home of Foxtrot, an upscale corner store and café.

As for an expected opening date, “the goal is to open by next spring,” said Bloom, although Foxtrot hasn’t yet started the application process with the city’s Licensing Board to obtain Common Victualler (CV) License, as well as an off-premises liquor license, for the pro-

posed Boylston Street location, and that likely wouldn’t happen until after the holidays.

Conrad Armstrong, chair of NABB’s LBU Committee, told the applicant that he would notify him of the outcome of the committee’s vote on their application by the end of next week.

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# CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN WITH A DOG COSTUME PARADE AT PETERS PARK

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Peters Park held a Dog Costume Parade Halloween after being rained out the day previous. It was a spectacular day for dogs and their humans to show off

their imagination. Four legged friends melted hearts and made friends. An “ice cream” truck for canines was on hand to reward all the costumed participants and make sure that every dog has its day and frozen treat cup.



Rocky was transformed into “Max” the hapless accomplice to The Grinch when the Dr Seuss character stole Christmas.



A dog enjoys a frozen non-dairy treat after a long day of pagentry.



JB's Doggies' Ice Cream Treats provided cool non-dairy refreshment to all the canines in Peters Park.



Yuxi He captivates Renoir with a treat fit for a Centurion.



Sunday Wiley with Livia Drusilla won First Place for their team effort of cowgirl and cow.



Reggie was the Cowardly Lion and his human Elle Daoust was Dorothy in their homage to Wizard Of Oz.



Not only did this guy have the looks of a tiger, but all the energy as well.



Champagne “Champs” is a Cowardly Lion in costume but makes sure his human Jon Wilson is safe.



Karen Lazarian coaxes Neeko out to say hello.

# CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN WITH A DOG COSTUME PARADE AT PETERS PARK



Chase's costume shows his human Will Dorfman that he's ready to "chase" away porch pirates after the delivery is made.



Katherine Murphy with Freddy dressed as salmon nigiri.



Scott Ebner is happy to hear that Claude won First Place for large dogs with his artistic costume.



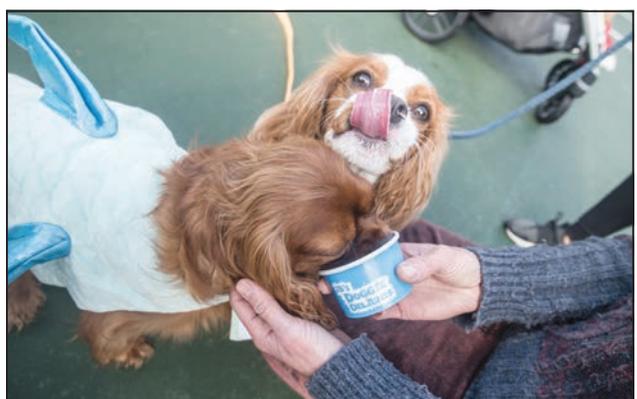
Residents enjoying the parade at Peters Park.



A recent puppy is given some love from neighbors.



A lady enjoys her two "lobsters".



Some dogs enjoy frozen non-dairy treats after a long day of pagentry



A dog enjoys a frozen non-dairy treat after a long day of pagentry.



Some dogs let loose and get some friendly playing in.



Latte is proud to be a Google Eye Monster.



Katie McAleer with Stanley.



There was no shortages of costumes, or creativity in Peters Park. This canine companion is all dressed up as a cow.

**BARRON** (from pg. 2)

was the daughter of Hermann, Frankfort, an accountant, and Sara Nunez Vaz, a homemaker who was born and educated in Great Britain.

“My mother was brilliant,” said. Anne last Thursday, two days before her birthday. “If she had lived today [and if she had been born in the U.S.], she

would’ve been President – anyone will tell you this.”

Anne describes Brooklyn of her childhood as a “very pleasant place” that felt “like a suburb of Manhattan.”

She said, “When I was growing up, my sister and beg our parents to move to Manhattan, where the action was.”

After graduating from public high school in Brooklyn, Anne was awarded a scholarship to attend the erstwhile Traphagen School of Fashion in action-filled Manhattan, which, she said, “drove [her] parents crazy.”

By the time she graduated from the Traphagen School, the U.S. was about to enter into World War II, and Anne was unable to find a job in her industry. Her parents were happy to have her living at the home, however, where room and board was free.

While living at her parents’ Brooklyn home, Anne put what she learned in art and design school to use and turned her attention to creating artwork.

Anne was also then taking courses at Brooklyn College, which brought her to the bookstore next store, where she immediately caught the fancy of a salesclerk.

The clerk kept trying to make a date with Anne, but she resisted, she said, since she “didn’t think it was a very good idea.”

Anne returned to the bookstore a short while later to purchase a record album for her mother, and again, the same clerk waited on and attempted to woo her.

The owner of the store, Edward Barron, who Anne hadn’t met yet, was also instant-



PHOTO BY SOUAD LATRACH  
Anne T. Barron, age 100, of Longfellow Place.

ly enamored by her and had the clerk pass Anne a note that read: “If you can go out with the boss, why bother with the clerk?”

Persuaded by the note, the future Mrs. Barron, who was around 21 at the time, accepted the boss’s invitation, and the two were soon inseparable.

“I was very quiet and never said a word, because I didn’t have to,” Anne said of Edward, with whom she enjoyed more than seven decades of marriage, before he died at the age of 100 on Oct. 21, 2018. “I learned how to speak up and speak out because he did it,” she said.

Rick Gold, a relative visiting from New Jersey for Anne’s birthday, said a sign that hangs

in her home emblazoned with the maxim, “I’m the Captain, but my wife is the Admiral” perhaps best captures the dynamic between Anne and her late husband.

After Anne and Edward were married, they settled at Clemson (S.C.) College, where Edward was stationed in the Army.

Following World War II, the Barrons decided they would “prefer to live in a smaller town,” said Anne, and after exploring various opportunities, Edward eventually bought a piece of a business based in Gloversville, N.Y. located in the Adirondacks, about 60 miles northwest of Albany, that manufactured leather goods, such as gloves and bags.

Since Edward had personally designed a style of boots, the company also started manufacturing and selling his leather boots.

The company eventually moved its boot operations to Malone, N.Y., a town located about 12 miles south of the Canadian Border, which Anne described as “freezing cold” and “horrible.”

She said, “The snow would get so high, you couldn’t see the cars when you were walking down the street, and it didn’t melt until July.”

A man, who was also in the boot business, had read about Edwards’ success in the industry and asked to him to interview for a job with a boot manufacturing company in Providence, R.I.

At Anne’s insistence, Edward accepted the position after he received an offer from the company, and the Barrons relocated in the early 1950s to Providence, where he continued to design boots, both for military personnel, as well as for civilians.

Edward later received a job offer to work at the Natick Army Labs, a military research-and-development workshop in Natick, Mass., from the director of development, who, Anne said, “practically demanded that he work for the government, which was a big decision.”

After Edward accepted this position, the couple relocated to Framingham, where they would live for the next 20 years.

In 1955, Anne found work at the U.S. Army’s office on State Street. She worked there for about six to eight months before she was transferred to the Natick

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# SELDC approves re-cladding and mechanical equipment for 440 and 450 Tremont St.

By Lauren Bennett

The South End Landmark District Commission (SELDC) met virtually on November 2, where they approved a proposal at 440 and 450 Tremont St. to re-clad the facades of both buildings, as well as install new mechanical equipment behind a new raised parapet. Additionally, the exist-

ing plaza and concrete sidewalks will be dug up and re-poured after completing work to make the buildings fully electric.

Architect Dunja Vujinic presented the proposal for these buildings, which are in the neighborhood's protection area, giving Commissioners jurisdiction only over height, massing, landscape,

and "views to and from the district," according to Commissioner John Freeman.

Vujinic said that the buildings are located in the Castle Square block and "are two buildings that have not gotten the facade cladding that they did at Castle Square."

She said that the project

includes a "deep energy retrofit" that will include re-cladding of the facades with a continuous panel with windows pre-installed into the panels. She said the existing pre-cast concrete parapet will be removed and replaced with one "that's significantly higher to accommodate everything that we're doing on the roof"

to install new mechanical equipment for the electrification of the building.

She said that the "panels will be stacked on top of each other horizontally to cover up the mechanical equipment."

The equipment is required to sit on raised steel platforms to

(SELDC, Pg. 10)

## BARRON (from pg. 8)

Army Labs, where Edward also worked and where she had wanted to work from the start.

"I had a lovely job there and worked for the commanding officer who would give briefings in different places," said Anne, who eventually reached the position of program analyst at Natick Army Labs.

Anne was even able to put her artistic background to work on the job when the commanding officer tasked her with making charts to use as visual aids during his briefings in the days before PowerPoint.

"He would give me the data and his story, and I would sketch out the basics for his approval," Anne recalled. "It was how I directed my artistic ability, which made me happy."

At Natick Army Labs, Anne also helped establish the Federal Women's Program, becoming its manager in 1974.

"I began to become very interested in the fact that women who worked there [with advanced degrees] were paid considerably less than the men," she said.

Anne joined the Business and Professional Women's Foundation, and in 1972, when the Equal Rights Amendment was passed by the U.S. Senate and sent to the states for ratification in 1972, Anne was at the forefront of the women's rights movement.

In 1977, Anne was elected chair of the Massachusetts Coordinating Committee for the National Observance of International Women's Year, and in this role, she traveled from one end of the state to the other to speak educate women on the ERA, alongside then-Massachusetts U.S. Rep. Margaret Heckler. Together, as Barron recalls, they visited "itty-bitty towns where women were subjugated."

Barron described this as a "very difficult experience," and said first, she and others had to educate women on the ERA

before attempting to get them to serve on the state committee.

"The whole thing was to make people aware of the situation," she said, "because you could go into any large company at that time, and you would find men making big salaries and the women - forget about it."

That same year, Anne attended the Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y. as well as the National Women's Conference in Houston, Texas, now considered a watershed moment for second-wave feminism.

Anne was also named the Woman of the Year by the Framingham B.P.W. Club in 1975 and received the Most Outstanding Achievement in Providing Equal Opportunity in the Department of the Army in 1975 during a ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Due to the efforts of Anne and other like-minded activists, women were assigned to the board of directors of some major corporations, she said, while major strides were also made regarding childcare.

Anne and others also advocated for women to be hired as police and firefighters, which at the time seemed like a farfetched idea. "If that's what they wanted to do, let them do it," she said.

After two decades at Natick Army Labs, Anne left to take a position with the National Park Service as the EEO coordinator overseeing all the national park in New England. "Now, I was in a position to do something in government," said Anne.

Anne personally visited all the national parks in her territory, where she successfully lobbied to get the NPS to hire more women.

"We made progress, but I wouldn't say that's changed anything for most women" said Anne, who eventually retired in 1985 after three decades working for the federal government. "Most [women] still think wrong, or not at all, and allow

themselves to be used," she added.

On the eve of her retirement on Sept. 27, 1985, Anne received the National Park Service's outstanding achievement in the area of equal opportunity.

The Barrons moved to Longfellow Place in 1976 and took the last unit available on the 32nd story, which, back then, offered panoramic, unobstructed views of the USS Constitution and Constitution Marina in the Charlestown Navy Yard, among other city locales.

"It was magnificent," said Anne, recalling their view at the time. "You could practically see to England," she added in jest.

The Barrons always loved to travel, and after they both retired, they took a six-week trip to China as part of a group under the auspices of the Museum of Science, among other memorable trips.

And as a retiree, Anne also kept busy volunteering for myriad nonprofits and other organizations.

"I think it's very important to be busy," she said, "and to keep your mind active."

At the Museum of African American History, which later gave her a lifetime achievement award, Anne served as a docent and would sometimes lend a hand in writing lectures for them.

Anne was also one of the founding board members of the Friends of the West End Branch Library and helped them organize used-book sales, as well as lectures and music programs.

"It has made such a difference over the years, with the money the West End Branch Library has received," said Helen Bender, head librarian of the West End Branch Library, of the Friends group. "It helps supplement the programs for children and adults beyond what the [BPL] supplies."

For many years, Anne also served on the board of the City-wide Friends of the Boston Pub-

lic Library, a volunteer, community-based group that supports all of the city's branch libraries.

And at the Otis House Museum, Anne worked on a project to locate surviving members of the Otis family and was able to add her artistic flair by creating a chart for the endeavor.

Anne also volunteered for a program that sent birthday cards to every Senior Health patient at Mass General Hospital. She helped send cards to around 2,000 patients each year, each of which had to be signed by their individual doctors, until the program was suspended about 10 years later due to a lack of funding.

Additionally, Anne volunteered doing what she describes as "busy work" for the National Park Service in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Anne is also a lifetime member of the Government Center Childcare Corporation, a state-licensed childcare services provider that offers day care programs for young children.

But above all else in her life, Anne most cherishes the time she has spent with her family and friends.

"What stands out the most in my life is my family," she said. "My family wanted to know what I was doing and whether they could help me out, and they always wanted to be present [for me]."

"If you're lucky enough to have family like I do, they're the best in the whole world and rise to the occasion, if necessary, as several friends I have would do, too," Anne added.

Mona Gold, Anne's niece who was up from New Jersey for her birthday, said, "She has a wonderful group of friends who embrace her like family, and check up on her and visit her. She's loved by all her friends - there's no question about that."

Since Anne has always had a special affinity towards giraffes, which she describes as "quiet, majestic, beautiful animals," two of her relatives from Florida, Leah and Glenn Bergoffen, adopted a giraffe that lives at the Tampa Zoo and named it "Lilleanne" in Anne's honor.

"I think it was a very caring thing to have done," said Anne.

City Councilor Kenzie Bok also offered Anne an official resolution on behalf of the Boston City Council in recognition of Anne's service to the National Parks and the West End community on Oct. 30, 2021, Anne's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

But despite all the attention lavished upon her, as well as her numerous achievements, Anne remains self-effacing.

"Everybody tells me I should write a book, but I wouldn't want to do that to the public," said Anne.

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## BOSTON OPEN MARKET BUSTLES ON HALLOWEEN



Lexie Griffith of Lexie Butterfly Vintage; and Colin Gottesman and Victor Sylva of the Victory Project.

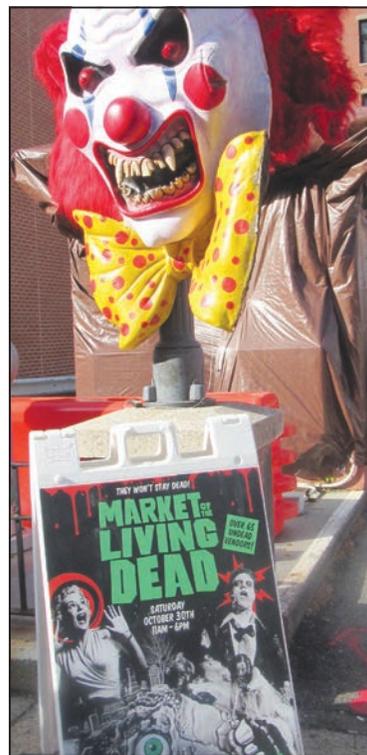


Allston artist Laurel Greenfield.

Photos by D. Murphy

The Boston Open Market, sponsored by New England Open Markets in partnership with the Friends of Copley Square, was in full swing on Halloween, Sunday, Oct. 31, at 146 Newbury St.

The event was held Sundays during the month of October at 146 Newbury St., but it will move to Copley Square for Sundays in November.



The Boston Open Markets transformed into the "Market of the Living Dead" for Halloween this past Sunday.



Mich Sheridan and Ben Tundairan, with Mohi, their Boston terrier.



Shayna Yacyshyn, a Framingham artist and owner of the online store, Quirk Burp.

### SELDC (from pg. 9)

distribute the weight evenly. The new parapet will be "about three foot seven off the highest point of the roof," Vujinic said.

Commissioner David Sheppard asked how far the panels will stick out from the building, to which Vujinic said that "nine inches are on the property" and "approximately three inches will be over the sidewalk."

Vujinic also said that once the gas systems are removed from the building and new electric service is brought in, which requires digging up the existing plaza and sidewalks, the concrete will be replaced "in kind."

She said that the total height is 68 feet "as far as [the Inspection Services Department] is concerned," and "everything else is above that point."

The highest piece of equipment sits at 78 feet from street level,

and some photos of a mockup of the mechanical equipment was shown. There is visibility from certain angles.

"I'd like to see a proposal for a screen," Commissioner Freeman said.

"For us, the downfall of a screen is the quantity of equipment," Vujinic said, adding that the new equipment requires service from the outside and the screen would therefore have to be removable. She said there is no space inside the building for the equipment, nor is there a basement.

"I am happy to take your advice and explore a screen," she said.

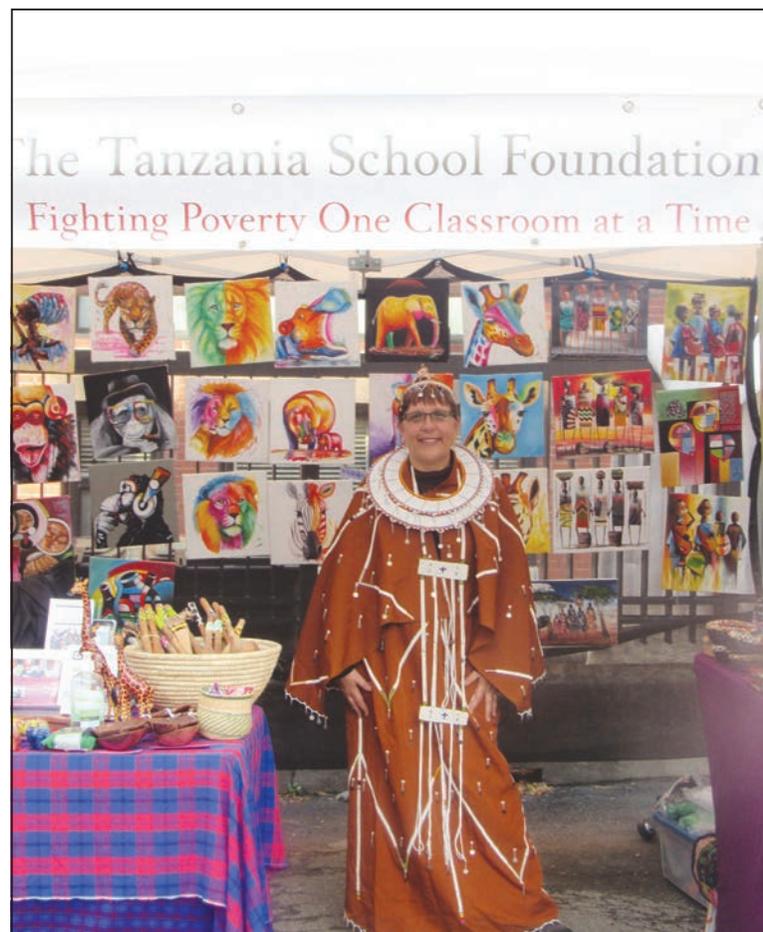
"At least give it a try," Freeman responded.

Commissioner Fabian D'Souza said that this is a "unique approach of re-cladding this

building as el as making it more energy efficient. Our biggest issue is the visibility of the mechanical equipment," which he said needs to be reduced.

Sheppard also made a comment that even though these buildings are in the protection area and not in the historic district, he is "surprised and a bit disappointed that" the Commission is not challenging the covering up of brick with these panels.

Ultimately, the Commission voted to approve the proposal "as submitted with the proviso that the applicant explore options for somehow screening the equipment," Freeman said, for which details are remanded to Landmarks staff to decide to either approve on their own or bring back to the Commission for a vote.



Christine Lott, director/founder of the Tanzania School Foundation.

## Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
<b>BACK BAY</b>			
Paradis, James A	N A Cohen Legacy T	324-332 Beacon St #126	\$2,000,000
Shtembari, Ina	Manning, Mary A	354 Beacon St #6	\$759,000
Cai, Yingying	CDZ RT	75 Clarendon St #209	\$965,000
Mallon, Elizabeth A	Blue Sky RT	16 Exeter St #1	\$5,100,000
Patrose, Prataap	Cohen, Norman A	324-332 Beacon St #126	\$2,000,000
Kaplan, Kenneth	Faulkner, Brett	476 Beacon St #3	\$2,600,000
Nahikian, Anaide L	Moralejo, Federico G	8 Gloucester St #3	\$867,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
Parent, Kathleen	Tudor Beacon 34 LLC	34-1/2 Beacon St #7	\$3,950,000
Kumin, Soloman	Finicane, Moira	37-41 Beaver Pl #BP1	\$1,172,400
Yapchanyk, Peter M	Debye, Danelle	1 Hawthorne Pl	\$509,000
Yapchanyk, Peter M	Debye, Danelle	10 Hawthorne Pl	\$509,000
Yapchanyk, Peter M	Debye, Danelle	2 Hawthorne Pl #2P	\$509,000
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Murcko, Sadie A	8 Joy Street Dev LLC	8 Joy St #1	\$2,825,000
Swiderski, Kathryn J	Moss, Sarah A	74 Mount Vernon St #4	\$1,230,000
Zhao, Ruifang	45 Province 1702 NT	45 Province St #1702	\$1,700,000
Altendorf, Megan	Matalon, Shanna	30 Temple St #2	\$835,000
Poldoian, Linda J	JDMD Owner LLC	45 Temple St #503	\$3,800,000
Snape, Robert A	JDMD Owner LLC	45 Temple St #505	\$2,175,000
<b>BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE</b>			
Wendy M Traynor RET	Pleskow, Sara	107 Appleton St #1	\$737,500
Driggin, Seth J	Boueri, Maurice	150 Appleton St #1D	\$647,000
Garai, Gabor	Highgate Belvedere RT	100 Belvidere St #7A	\$4,150,000
Cieri Group LLC	Rich, Howard	300 Boylston St #613	\$1,500,000
Lizano, Carolina	Edmondson, William	290 Columbus Ave #4	\$468,000
Naphtal, Rachael	400 Stuart Street YZ LLC	400 Stuart St #20B	\$2,195,000
15 Bond Realty LLC	Roco Property Mgmt LLC	15 Bond St	\$1,735,000
An Thinh Dev Limited Inc	Cat Point 2 LLC	1 Dalton St #3601	\$7,070,000
Saf Boston LLC	Chor-Ping, Carol C	84 Gainsborough St #405W	\$799,000
Li, Pei	Pelland, Elena	65 Hemenway St #7	\$712,000
Mann, Gareth	Yohe, Matthew	314 Shawmut Ave #4	\$950,000
Kim, Myo Kyoung	Nerurkar, Aditi	12 Stoneholm St #531	\$515,000
Kimberly A Adkin RET	Rinaldi, Matteo	40 Traveler St #508	\$1,485,000
131 West Newton St LLC	L&P Real Properties LLC	131 W Newton St	\$2,200,000
Leopold, Gary	Ruiz, Eric	15 Waltham St #B504	\$1,229,000
<b>WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN</b>			
Qro LLC	Sargent, Leslie	2 Battery Wharf #3604	\$2,050,000
Vap Ventures LLC	Broadfranklin Dev T	80 Broad St #C100	\$2,887,300
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Mckinley, Christina	Reynolds, Gregory P	17 Clark St #1	\$707,000
Mugherini, Richard	TH 6 Union Wharf RT	343 Commercial St #6	\$3,495,000
Mirabella, Steven	Mei, Jason	357 Commercial St #502	\$699,000
Renna, Kevin	Earle, Tyler	85 E India Row #34E	\$810,000
Andrew Senchak 2007 RET	Yang, Liyu	1 Franklin St #3610	\$3,300,000
McNiven, Trevor J	Koch, Christopher	75 Fulton St #32	\$959,500
Liu, Jin B	Sroczyński, Jamie	70 Lincoln St #L618	\$897,500
Heier, Jeffrey S	Karen E Parsons RET	300 Pier 4 Blvd #8N	\$4,200,000
Journey 99 Sumner LLC	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #99	\$1,850,000

## ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The corner detail in the last clue is on Atelier 505 at 505 Tremont Street. It was constructed in 2004, to a design by Machado and Silvetti Associates. When built, this complex contained 103 condominiums, two theaters, and commercial spaces.

You'll find the next clue in the Back Bay.

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

### THIS WEEK'S CLUE

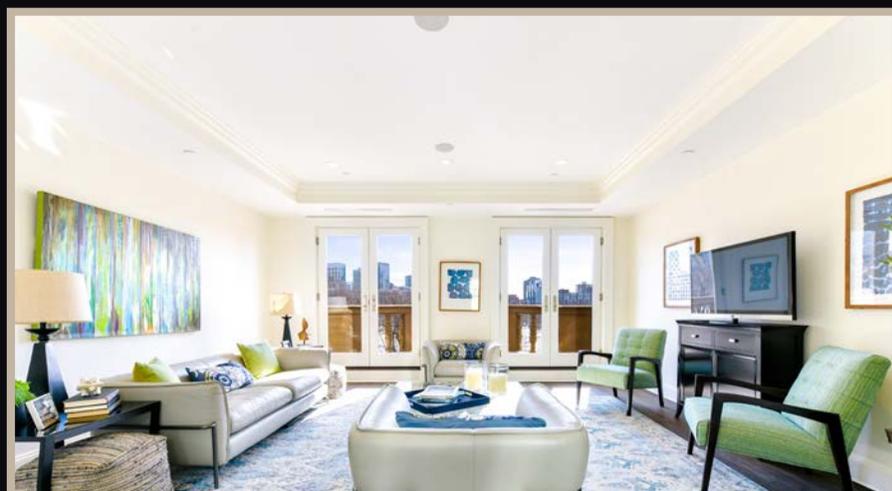



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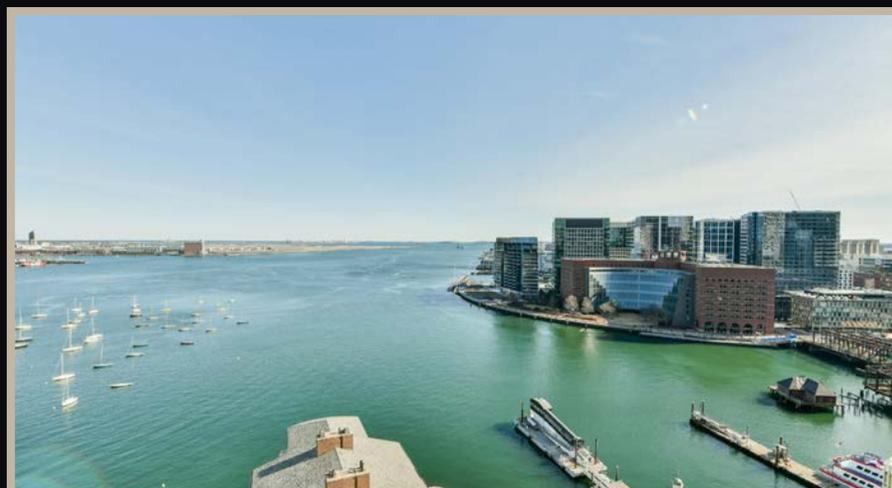
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**2 Beds | 2F 2H Baths | 3,562 SQFT**  
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**4 Beds | 3F 2H Baths | 5,438 SQFT**  
**\$9,500,000**



**333 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, UNIT 4**  
**2 Beds | 3 Baths | 1,552 SQFT**  
**\$1,950,000**



**10 ROWES WHARF, UNIT PH06**  
**4 Beds | 5F 2H Baths | 7,230 SQFT**  
**\$12,000,000**