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Cafeteria owner hopes to repeat success in same Newbury Street restaurant space

By Dan Murphy

Cafeteria closed during the height of the pandemic in October of 2020, ending a successful 13-year run in a space at the corner of Gloucester and Newbury streets that had previously been home to a succession of ill-fated restaurants, and now its owner is looking to repeat his luck at the same location when his newest

restaurant, Eva, opens there in early- to mid-April.

“Before Cafeteria was here, it was always changing hands, with different restaurants and different concepts,” said George Aboujaoude, owner of the erstwhile Back Bay restaurant, as well as Committee in the Seaport, among other dining establishments.

In fact, turnover at 279A

Newbury St. was previously so frequent that many had likened the success of Cafeteria in a space where so many other restaurants had failed to the Red Sox “reversing the curse” in 2004 when the team ended its 86-year slump with a World Series victory.

“Once Cafeteria really established itself, the press and the

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MFS PRO-AM DOUBLES SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP AT UC



Manek Mathur goes after the ball during the MFS Pro-Am Doubles Squash Championship hosted at the University Club on Stuart St. See more photos on Pages 6 and 7.

Council holds hearing on conservation corps set to kick off in May

By Lauren Bennett

The City Council Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks, chaired by District 6 Councilor Kendra Lara, held a hearing on March 29 regarding the creation of a

city-level conservation corps in Boston.

This docket is sponsored by District 8 councilor Kenzie Bok, who said that the first hearing on this idea was held in the fall of 2020. She said that there is “a real need for high quality jobs for

folks in Boston,” and “unlike the New Deal, we really need this to be a program that serves all of Boston, especially Black and Brown communities.”

Bok said that in the spring of 2021, she visited Philadelphia

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BOSTON ARTS ACADEMY ANNUAL MEETING



From left to right, Dina Scianna, Denella J. Clark, Anne Clark, David Felton and Jeff Rosica. The check is from Cambridge Trust Charitable Foundation in support of Boston Arts Academy. Cambridge Trust will be a sponsor for BAA Honors 2022 on October 8, the grand opening event of the new state-of-the-art Boston Arts Academy school building. See more photos on Page 8.

Hard-working Back Bay barber now faces uncertain future

By Dan Murphy

Abdou Benouardia, owner of Anfa Barber Shop, which has locations on Gloucester Street in the Back Bay and in Dedham, now works seven days a week, often putting in 10-hour days as the sole barber at both shops. But despite all this hard work, he is now faced with an uncertain future, including the potential closure of his Dedham location.

“It’s better than 2020, but not enough to pay the bills at all,” said Benouardia. “I’m just collecting debt.”

Since opening in 2010, Benouardia had enjoyed considerable success at the original location of Anfa at 33 Gloucester St., so he made the ambitious decision to expand his business. He then

spent about year and half looking for an ideal spot for a second location of Anfa before signing a five-year lease for a space at 702 Legacy Place in Dedham, which eventually opened Oct. 2, 2020, during the height of the pandemic.

Since then, the landlord for the Dedham location has been understanding, allowing Benouardia to pay a portion of the rent each month, even though he’s still on the hook to pay back the remainder of the balance down the road.

But now, because of the barbershop’s central location in the Legacy Mall, his landlord is insisting that he stay open there seven days a week, putting Ben-

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EDITORIAL

TOXIC MASCULINITY AT THE OSCARS

When we first heard the joke by Chris Rock that was directed at Jada Pinkett-Smith at the Oscars, we didn't get it. It was not until Will Smith stepped up to smack Rock that we grabbed our laptop to do a Google search for "G.I. Jane" and "Jada Pinkett-Smith" to figure out what the incident was all about.

We've admired Chris Rock and Will Smith throughout their careers, both on and off the stage.

But the behavior exhibited by both of them at Sunday's Oscars show was inexcusable.

Chris Rock's joke (which wasn't even funny) was obnoxious, in bad taste, and hurtful. Mocking a person with a disease (Ms. Pinkett-Smith suffers from alopecia) or a disability never is appropriate in any setting.

This sort of bullying behavior is a characteristic of many men. Recall for example, when our former president mimicked with his body language a New York Times reporter who has a physical disability.

Similarly, Will Smith's subsequent assault and battery upon Rock exemplified another variation of a uniquely-male noxious attitude in which men justify the use of their fists (or guns) either to salve their bruised egos or to get what they want by brute force (e.g., Vladimir Putin).

We have read in various media that some have attempted to justify Smith's criminal behavior on the grounds that he was defending his wife's honor. However, women are more than capable of taking care of themselves. They don't need a man to do so. That attitude prevails only in societies where women are treated like second-class citizens.

In our view, both Chris Rock and Will Smith should be banned from the Oscars until further notice. Their toxic masculinity has no place anywhere in our society, but especially on a stage as big as the Oscars.

RECALLING THE APRIL FOOL'S DAY BLIZZARD OF 1997

This Friday, April 1, will mark the 25th anniversary of the great April Fool's Day blizzard of 1997.

As often is the case when a major storm strikes, the forecasters had not predicted the extreme severity of the storm.

We recall going to bed that night of March 31 and preparing to go to work the next day, only to wake up to discover that Mother Nature had dumped more than two feet (25.4 inches was the official total at Logan Airport) of heavy, wet snow on our area, making it the fourth-largest snowstorm in Boston history, exceeded only by the 27.5 inches in the President's Day blizzard of 2003; the 27.1 inches in the famous Blizzard of '78; and the 26.3 inches in the blizzard of February, 1969.

The storm was the biggest on record in the month of April and made April 1997 Boston's snowiest April ever, nearly doubling the previous record of 13.3 inches. It also set a record for Boston's greatest 24-hour snowfall in April.

We vividly recall waking up to the wonder of that morning. "Are we still dreaming?" was our first thought when we opened our front door, only to be greeted by a huge drift of snow that had been driven by winds that reached 70-90 miles per hour in many areas.

Ironically, that winter had been fairly uneventful (there had been only 26 inches of snow in total that winter season).

Although the storm essentially paralyzed the Boston area for that entire day, it was not a particularly dangerous storm. We recall a lot of downed tree limbs that were laden with the heavy, wet snow, which in turn brought down power lines in some places. The only deaths were the result of heart attacks by persons trying to shovel the heavy snow. In addition, there was no coastal flooding.

Our overall memory of the blizzard is the picture in our mind's eye of a Winter Wonderland amidst temperatures that reached the 50s by mid-day.

It was a joyful event, an unexpected day off from work (and back then, the internet was still barely a thing, so no one worked remotely). We took our young children sledding and walked around the neighborhood with our Golden Retriever, Jake, who loved the snow.

Yes, it was a ferocious, record-breaking storm. But for us, we always will have only warm memories of the April Fool's Day Blizzard of 1997, a particular point in time when we, and our now-adult children, were 25 years younger.

GUEST OP-ED

Ukraine Refugees are coming

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

America has been good to help people and more are on the way.

Refugees from Ukraine are coming to America, up to 100,000 would be welcomed as recently announced by President Biden. The population of some communities will grow depending on where the federal government places these people.

Since the passage of the refugee act there are already over 3 million refugees in America. They are located throughout the United States with large populations in some towns and cities.

A refugee is "a person who is unable to return his or her country of origin because of a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group." A refugee legally resides in the country of resettlement and is eligible for federally funded cash assistance for up to 8 months. Refugees are resettled in the United States by the federal government and are afforded specific refugee assistance to help them

rebuild their lives in America. This federal funding is limited in both duration and amount. It is important to note that most refugees arrive with very little in terms of possessions, beside a few bags of luggage, and if they are lucky, all of their family members.

All refugees arriving in the United States are entitled to 8 months of Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) from the date of their U.S. arrival. The RCA amounts vary based on the size of the family: Single person (\$230/month), Family of 2 (\$363/Month), Family of 3 (\$485/month), Family of 4 (\$611/month), etc. If a family qualifies for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), offered by the State Department of Health and Human Services, they will not receive RCA funds, but will immediately begin receiving TANF funds, which provide the same amounts of funds as outlined above for families (Refugee or American), yet unlike RCA, there is 5 year time limit to their receipt of funds which can be reviewed and extended depending on need. All TANF recipients must be participating in verified edu-

cational courses, volunteer placements, and/or employment searches in order to access these funds. Source, Catholic Charities

The Ukrainian people appear to be hard working people. Once they make it to America I would not be surprised if some of our worker shortage will start to disappear. These people have nothing. If you still want a job you probably should take one and go to work.

At this point we have no choice but to help these people as the economy and infrastructure of the countries surrounding Ukraine cannot absorb them all.

Can you imagine if Russia and China combined to attack America? What if we had to run to Canada to survive? We would appreciate anything anybody would do to help us.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

GUEST OP-ED

Election Day registration would be a victory for MA voters, Democracy

By the Boston Ward 4
Democratic Committee

The MA House and MA Senate have taken important steps to protect voting rights and modernize our elections

by passing versions of the VOTES Act (An Act Fostering Voting Opportunities Trust, Equity, and Security). Both the House and Senate bills extend the popular recent expansions of mail-in

voting and early voting and strengthen protections for the voting rights of those currently incarcerated.

But there is a major dif-

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NEWS IN BRIEF

TREMONT STREET CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction is underway for the Tremont St. design project,

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ference between the two bills: Same Day Registration. The Senate's bill embraced this time-tested reform, which would enable voters to register or update their registration at the polls. The House, by contrast, blocked the inclusion of Same Day Registration or even a narrower compromise Election Day Registration (focused only on Election Day itself) from the bill. We urge the Conference Committee working on a final version of the bill to include this vital reform.

All four of the state senators currently (or soon-to-be) representing Beacon Hill, Back Bay, the Fenway, and the South End are supporters of Same Day Registration: Will Brownsberger, Sonia Chang-Díaz, Nick Collins, and Lydia Edwards. State Representatives Jay Livingstone, Jon Santiago, and Chynah Tyler have also voiced support. Their colleagues House Ways & Means Chairman Aaron Michlewitz and Elections Committee Chairman Dan Ryan (who will soon represent much of the West Fens) have not, but they have a powerful role in determining whether or not Massachusetts voters will finally be able to register or update their registration at the polls.

The case for such reforms is clear. Last year's municipal preliminary, for example, fell just

which has a goal of improving pedestrian safety on the street. The city wrote in an email newsletter last week that "as the work continues, the contractor will occasionally need to post no

two weeks after the city's major move-in day, September 1. With our twenty-day voter registration cutoff, many voters were shut out of the election or forced to travel to their old polling locations. This situation will be repeated this fall, with a state primary falling the day after Labor Day.

The good news about these reforms is that they work. Studies have shown that allowing voters to register at the polls is among the best reforms for increasing voter turnout and participation in our democratic process. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia already have such laws, including our neighbors in Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Vermont.

When voting rights are under attack across the country, the least we should expect out of our Legislature here in Massachusetts is to embrace the time-tested, well-researched policies to strengthen them.

Members of the Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee: Jonathan Cohn, Carol Lasky, Ryan Hatcher, Gary Bailey, Mary Ann Brogan, Nina Garfinkle, Lisa Jeanne Graf, Timothy Mahoney, Suzie McGlone, Andrea Olmstead, Anne Renehan, Jacqueline Royce, Benjamin Siegel, Jane Siegel, Don Steinberg, Jacob Wessel

parking signs. They may also create temporary pedestrian and vehicle detours. Please pay attention to and abide by posted signage."

The project, which is being led by D'Allessandro Corporation, includes safety updates like reducing the number of lanes at unsignalized intersections from four to two, building raised crosswalks, improved bus stops, and changes to parking regulations along Tremont St.

If any residents have concerns or questions about the construction process, they can reach out to Derek Grossi, Project Manager at D'Allessandro Corporation at 774-297-7947, or on-site superintendent Kyle Bettencourt at 617-413-2484.

The City said they will continue to provide updates as construction progresses.

MAYOR WU ANNOUNCES 2022 OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the return of the Outdoor Dining Pilot Program, a collaboration of the Licensing Board, Boston Fire Department, Inspectional Services Department, Boston Transportation Department, Public Improvement Commission, Disabilities Commission, Public Works, Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services. The Outdoor Dining Program is

a citywide initiative that allows restaurants the use of expanded public spaces for outdoor dining. The applications for the 2022 Outdoor Dining Pilot Program are now open. Those interested can apply here. Visit boston.gov/outdoordining for more information and ongoing updates about the 2022 Temporary Outdoor Dining Program. Questions and concerns about the program can be sent to outdoordining@boston.gov.

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AT THE ANNUAL MUDDY RIVER CLEANUP

Registration for the 2022 Muddy River Cleanup is now

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Virtual Public Meeting

415 Newbury Street

Monday, April 11
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3tjPM5E
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 830 8446

Project Proponent:

Trinity Back Bay Development LLC

Project Description:

The BPDA is hosting a virtual Public Meeting in connection with the Project Notification Form associated with the 415 Newbury Street project located in the Back Bay received by the Boston Planning & Development Agency on January 19, 2022. The proposed project consists of two buildings containing approximately 134 apartments, residential amenities, and Harvard Club replacement facilities within approximately 180,780 square feet (sf) of building space, together with approximately 125 off-street parking spaces, and related site and public realm improvements.

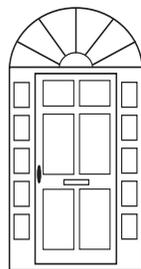
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Mothers Out Front co-hosts webinar on benefits and ease of City Composting

Staff Report

The Downtown Team of Mothers Out Front, a vibrant grassroots organization best known for its advocacy to eliminate large gas leaks and transition off of fossil fuels, recently hosted an educational webinar extolling the many benefits of

residential composting in the city of Boston. The webinar was the first effort in a new campaign by Mothers Out Front to add city-wide compost pick-up services to Boston's current trash and recycling schedule. The advocacy group believes that like San Francisco, Austin Texas, and Seattle, Boston could greatly benefit by

adding curbside composting to its waste management practices.

Andy Brooks, CEO and founder of Bootstrap Compost, a local compost pick-up service company, led the webinar, which had over 50 attendees. Bootstrap currently serves 65 residents on Beacon Hill and operates throughout southern New

England. Brooks illustrated how composting produces healthy soil for local gardens and farms. He also dispelled the myths that composting in one's home creates bad aromas and attracts unwanted pests. His company, as others, provides their customers with a clean bucket with a tight-fitting lid. Customers collect their left-

over food scraps, including vegetables, coffee grounds, egg shells, dead flowers, even meat and dairy products. The tight-sealing lid prevents any offending odor from escaping the bucket. Bootstrap collects these buckets every Tuesday morning, leaving behind

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media knew it here to stay and going to become part of the Back Bay and part of Newbury Street," said Aboujaoude.

When Cafeteria eventually closed during the pandemic, this provided Aboujaoude enough down time to not only rethink the restaurant and come with the new concept for Eva, which he describes as having more a Mediterranean flair than its predecessor, but also to completely gut and overhaul the space itself.

Eva's menu will highlight "modern American cuisine," according to Aboujaoude, as opposed to Cafeteria's "upscale American comfort food." Along with traditional appetizers, and salads, Eva's signature dishes will include the grilled octopus; braised short-rib gnocchi; tuna tartare, prepared with soy-and-citrus-dressed tuna, avocado and spicy mayo served with wonton

crisps.

"Everything is first locally sourced," said Aboujaoude.

Eva will also be introducing a new spin on Cafeteria's renowned burger, with locally sourced, grass-fed ground beef served on a brioche bun.

As for libations, Eva will also feature an "extensive craft beer program" with nine breweries represented from Boston, Massachusetts, and throughout New England.

The front of the house will be in the hands of Nick Antonucci, Eva's General Manager, who worked for 10 years at Back Bay Social, before becoming the assistant general manager at Committee and then going on to open Trillium Brewing Company as its bar manager.

Davis Norton, who previously worked with Antonucci at Trillium, will be Eva's Assistant Gen-



COURTESY OF TIFFANY BARQAWI DESIGN

Renderings showing a look inside Eva restaurant, which is slated to open in April in the former Cafeteria space at the corner of Gloucester and Newbury streets.

eral Manager.

The restaurant's design, credited to Newton's Tiffany Barqawi Design, is accentuated in a palette of blues, greens, and natural wood tones.

"We wanted more exposed wood and a rustic look," said Aboujaoude.

In all, 90 can be accommodated on Eva's two floors, with seating for 45 customers on each level.

Downstairs, which is adorned with hand-woven raffia chandeliers and a unique leaf-like wall covering, is home to a 12-seat bar, while the remaining 33 seats are split among two- and four-seat tables.

The bar upstairs has 13 seats, with the other 32 seats dispersed between two- and four seat tables.

While the layout of both floors remains the same as before, the overall capacity inside has been increased by a total of about eight seats, since a "few seats were added to each floor," said Aboujaoude.

For outdoor dining, Eva's 91-seat patio is believed to be the biggest in the Back Bay.

Eva, meanwhile, takes its name from the Aboujaoude's children and also means "full of life," which is how Aboujaoude often described the atmosphere when Cafeteria occupied the space.

"When we had all three levels going, it was just alive," said Aboujaoude, a South End native whose father, Elias, was the owner of the Cedars of Lebanon Restaurant in that neighborhood for more than 20 years.

"We're hoping to make this for

Newbury Street what my Dad's restaurant was for Shawmut Ave, and to make it the neighborhood restaurant that Cafeteria ended up becoming," he added.

Above all else, Aboujaoude, hopes Eva will become what he describes as "a neighborhood-first restaurant," and one that's in it for the long haul.

"My hope is to have another 10 to 15 years of success, and to really capture some of my old customers who used to be my neighbors when I was living on Comm. Ave," said

For more about Eva, visit eva-boston.com (which is still under construction), or follow the restaurant at [EVA_Boston](https://www.instagram.com/EVA_Boston) on Instagram.



Virtual Public Meeting

Longwood Place (305 Brookline Ave.)

Wednesday, April 20

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/36MtGws

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 161 780 1559

Project Proponent:

Skanska USA Commercial Development Inc.

Project Description:

This is a Public Meeting in regards to the Longwood Place (305 Brookline Avenue) development proposal. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss updates to the proposed Planned Development Area (PDA) Development Plan. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and discussion from the public.

The proposal includes the redevelopment of approximately 5.8 acres, consisting of approximately 1.7 million gross square feet of residential, office/laboratory, retail, restaurant, commercial, community space, and parking. The proposed PDA Area will be organized around approximately 2.3 acres of new public open space.

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ANFA BARBER SHOP (from pg. 1)

ouardias as the sole barber now working at both Anfa locations in an untenable situation.

“I’m thinking about maybe shutting down the one in Dedham soon,” he said.

Like Anfa in the Back Bay, the Dedham barbershop has four barber’s stations, but the space is slightly larger at about 575 square feet, compared with around 560 square feet on Gloucester Street.

Just before the pandemic struck, Benouardias had three barbers working for him at his Gloucester Street location, but when COVID came, all three went on unemployment and never returned to work. Benouardias has reached out to them and asked them to return to work on multiple occasions to no avail.

Around October, Benouardias hired a barber with previous experience at a barber’s

shop in Downtown Crossing to work at Anfa’s Dedham location. The barber quickly grew tired of making the trek from his East Boston home, so Benouardias would buy him coffee or lunch during his shifts as an added inducement. But after a few months, the barber left, and Benouardias again found himself as the sole employee at both of his barbershops.

Benouardias also placed a help wanted ad seeking barbers on Craigslist a couple of months, but so far that has proven fruitless.

He has spoken with a few job candidates, but they always find an excuse to beg off coming to work: Dedham was too far a commute for a couple of would-be barbers he spoke with, while one prospective Back Bay barber declined because of parking concerns.

Since the pandemic struck,

the only time off from work Benouardias has taken was one week last July when he traveled back to Morocco for his father’s funeral.

If he’s lucky, Benouardias said maybe he’ll be able to take a week off this July, but that largely hinges on whether he can find another barber to come work for him.

Last month, Benouardias, caught a much-needed break, however, when he signed another one-year lease for 33 Gloucester St. as an at-will tenant, and his landlord “took off the taxes,” which will amount to significant savings in rent at that location.

And with more people expected to return to the office in April, Benouardias is optimistic that business will soon pick up at his Back Bay location. But even so, he expects business will only be “50 percent” of what it was during pre-pandemic times.

But if another COVID surge comes along, Benouardias said that could be what puts him out of business entirely.

“If we have another COVID



Abdou Benouardias at work at Anfa Barber Shop on Gloucester Street.

and more restrictions, I’m going to have to file for bankruptcy,” he said.

Anfa Barber Shop at 33 Gloucester St. can be reached

at 617-267-0605 or via email at anfa@dr.com, or visit them online at www.anfabarbershop.com.

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a fresh container. Customers report a decrease in the amount of trash that they put outside on the sidewalk each Monday and Friday morning. By eliminating leftover food from easily opened trash bags, the rat population is denied their biweekly “dine and dash” opportunity.

Bootstrap collects almost 28,000 pounds of organic material annually from Beacon Hill alone and regionally diverts 1.3 million pounds of organic material from Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island landfills. These amounts would greatly increase should the city provide this service to its residents. Diverting these materials from already overflowing landfills would not only reduce

costs for the city, but would also reduce methane gas emissions.

Interest in this practice is growing. Councilor Kenzie Bok has ordered a hearing to discuss matters relating to recycling, composting and waste services in the City of Boston. The hearing is scheduled for March 28 at 2:00 PM. Mothers Out Front plans to testify in support of city-wide composting. With companies like Andy Brook’s Bootstrap Compost seeing an increase in customers, Mothers Out Front believes it is time to add Boston’s name to a growing list of environmentally savvy cities, diverting valuable resources away from landfills and into healthy soils for our city parks, farms and gardens.

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Name of Nominee:

Please print name of the individual, group, committee, institution, or organization you are nominating: _____

Award (please select one):

Paul Prindle Community Leadership Award

Criteria: Recipient selection will be based on important and sustained leadership in promoting residential interests in the Back Bay.

Mary Natale Citizenship Award

Criteria: Recipient selection will be based on significant and sustained dedication and service to the residential interests of the Back Bay. This award honors unselfish and unheralded commitment to the Back Bay residential neighborhood.

Nominating Party Contact Information:

Name _____

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For more information and a list of past recipients visit: nabbonline.org/About
Send this form with a description of the work and contribution of the nominee to:

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Or Email: info@nabbonline.org

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: May 1, 2022

2022 MFS PRO-AM DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP



Sisters and teammates Elani and Lume Landman (in white) with opposing teammates Kayley Leonard and Maria Elena Ubina.



Lume Landman (far right) hits the ball while her sister Elani and their opponent Maria Elena Ubina look on.

The 2022 MFS Pro-Am Doubles Championship was hosted by The University Club on Stuart Street this past weekend. Sunday saw the Finals for Women's Doubles with South African sisters Lume and Elani Landman facing Americans Maria Elena Ubina and Kayley Leonard (women's winners 3-1) and for the Men's Doubles Manek Mathur and Chris Callis (men's winners 3-1) from the USA faced Zac Alexander from Australia and Greg McArthur from Scotland.

Title Sponsor of the event was MFS Investment Management, and Associate Sponsors were Windham Capital Management, Massachusetts Squash and

Allegiant Global Partners. The Tournament Committee is Len Bernheimer, Greg Collins, Will Hearty, John Nimick, Thomas

Poor, Fernanda Rocha-Maturi, Errin Siagel, Chris Spahr, Ben Thorndike, and Sandy Tierney.



Elani Landman eyes up a shot while opponent Kayley Leonard looks on.



American squash legend Lenny Bernheimer addresses the audience and thanks the two Women's Final teams, Elani Landman and Lume Landman with Maria Elena Ubina and Kayley Leonard, for their perseverance in their match.



The victorious Men's Final Team of Manek Mathur and Chris Callis from the USA stand with their opponents Zac Alexander from Australia and Greg McArthur from Scotland.



Sisters Lume and Elani Landman and Lume Landman from South Africa with Kayley Leonard and Maria Elena Ubina from the USA.

2022 MFS PRO-AM DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP



Greg McArthur (far right) strikes at the ball while teammate Zac Alexander (2nd from right) and opponents Manek Mathur and Chris Callis look on.



Manek Mathur (far right) goes after the ball while teammate Chris Callis (2nd from right) and opponents Zac Alexander and Greg McArthur look on.

Gabriela Coletta releases Education policy platform

Staff Report

Gabriela Coletta, candidate for Boston City Councilor District One, has released her policy platform focused on education and youth development. Excerpted from GabrielaColetta.com:

The public schools in District One are working hard to provide quality education but students, parents, and teachers need targeted investments and support from our city government. ...

At this moment, there are many uncertainties surround-

ing BPS: a new superintendent, state intervention, elected school committee, and high resignation of school officials. The challenges BPS face are structural and require proven leadership with the ability to focus on big picture strategy while also executing the day-to-day operations that serve families everyday.

The policy platform outlines classroom recommendations in areas such as:

- Facilities Master Planning
- Retaining and Recruiting Talented Teachers
- Early Literacy and Universal

Pre-K

- College and Career Readiness
- Closing Opportunity Gaps
- Emphasizing the Arts

In addition, the policy platform outlines related enrichment areas like socio-emotional and mental health supports, wrap-around services, and mentorship and after-school programming.

To learn more, visit GabrielaColetta.com, Facebook at @GigiforDistrictOne, and Twitter @Gigi4District1. Election Day is May 3, 2022.



Men's Final victors Manek Mathur and Chris Callis with opposing team Zac Alexander from Australia and Greg McArthur from Scotland.

Boston restaurants still facing uncertainty concerning future of outdoor dining

By Dan Murphy

Even as Mayor Michelle Wu and North End restaurants appear to be moving closer to reaching a compromise on the future of outdoor dining in that neighborhood, the status of outdoor patios for other restaurants throughout the city remains undetermined amid changing state and city regulations, according to one well-established Boston restaurateur.

"It's unfortunate that state still hasn't approved outdoor dining," said Babak Bina, who along with his sister, Azita Bina-Seibel, owns and operates Bin 26 on

Charles Street, as well as jm Curley and its steakhouse, Bogie's Place, in Downtown Crossing. "We hope that they can come to an agreement and authorize our cities and towns to have outdoor dining back, which residents in most Boston neighborhoods are in support of."

On top of this, approximately three weeks ago, Boston restaurants learned that the city's application process for outdoor dining was being "fine-tuned," said Bina, and that restaurants would have to "resubmit more details regarding the setup and infrastructure for outdoor dining."

"What was filed before is null

and void. There is an all-new application process, and generally, they've fine-tuned issues they might have identified, like drainage or safety," said Bina. "Now, we have to spend additional funds to apply. We hope [our applications] can be approved, and that we can open quickly."

Additionally, some restaurants have already spent significant sums on barriers to separate diners and the street, which are no longer acceptable per the city, and they are now required to use certified concrete barriers or water-weighted barriers that can withstand a heavy impact instead.

Bina personally spent \$4,000 on his street barriers, which are no longer permitted, while he knows of other restaurateurs who spent between \$7,000 and \$10,000 on barriers that are now useless in the eyes of the city.

Another problem Bina and other restaurant owners continue to face is the ongoing supply-chain issue, which, since the onset of the pandemic, has had adverse effects in nearly every industry.

"I don't think in 2022 we'll see a drop in our costs," said Bina. "Our costs continue to rise, but we're seeing no relief from suppliers, and that has con-

tinued. Although the business has had glimpses of making an excellent comeback, that's the biggest challenge for us across the board."

Looking ahead, Bina and other restaurateurs like him are hoping to see some more consistency in terms of policies around outdoor dining, as well as some more stability when it comes to the supply chain.

"We're hoping this year we can come up with a long-term agreement for outdoor dining, as well as a possible decrease in our costs by the end of the year," he said.

BOSTON ARTS ACADEMY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING AT FENWAY PARK, NEW SCHOOL BUILDING SET TO OPEN THIS FALL

Photos by Dante Luna

The Boston Arts Academy Foundation held its Annual Meeting at Fenway Park on March 22, where attendees heard about the brand new Boston Arts Academy which is set to open for students this fall. Lee Michael Kennedy, President and CEO of Lee Kennedy Co, Inc., spoke about the features of the new building and the opportunities it will provide for students as the only public high school in Boston for the visual and performing arts.

“Our inaugural annual meeting was a great success,” said Denella J. Clark President and CEO of Boston Arts Academy

Foundation. “We are excited to kick off an important year for Boston Arts Academy Foundation – one that will be marked by two important milestones – The Foundation’s 25th anniversary and the opening of the brand new, cutting edge school building that will provide the city’s diverse student-artists a learning space that allows creativity to flourish and ambition to thrive. The Foundation’s efforts to support Boston’s only public high school for visual and performing arts is incredibly important to building a community of young artists. We are thankful to Cambridge Trust Company for supporting the future of the talented students of the Boston Arts Academy.”



Co-moderators Lee Michael Kennedy, President and CEO of Lee Kennedy Co., Inc. and Rebekah Salwasser, Executive VP of Social Impact Boston Red Sox



A group of BAA alumni.



Antoine Maley, Denella J. Clark, and Hector Pina.



Lee Michael Kennedy, Natalia Reyes (BAA '20 and the Mission Moment, and developed the 5-story glass curtain wall) and Seungok Lee

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where she observed the city’s conservation corps—PowerCorps—and saw the “reality of a green jobs program.”

She continued, “It’s so exciting that the Council was able to support \$3 million for the launch of this pilot that we’re going to talk about today.”

The purpose of the hearing, Bok said, was to “give the department an opportunity to talk about the plot that’s going to kick off this summer.”

Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Spaces Mariama White-Hammond thanked the Council for allocating \$3 million towards this program. She said she was in Philadelphia with Councilor Bok to visit with PowerCorps. “I was blown away,” she said.

She said that the goal for Boston’s conservation corps is to work with young people on building skills and “making good on the promise that our work on climate can be reparatory to environmental justice communities who have always taken the burdens and very rarely” reaped the benefits of such efforts.

White-Hammond said that

with Boston employing things like bioswales in parks, “we have not yet trained our workers to be able to do the work in our parks in some instances.” This program will allow workers to have that skill set, but White-Hammond said that the city intends on providing training on these things to existing workers as well.

For the first three years of the program, the goal is to focus on building the program to ensure that fundraising for future years will be easier.

Julia Hillengas, Executive Director of PowerCorpsPHL, said at the hearing via Zoom that “you guys have a fantastic team” and a “great vision” for a PowerCorps in Boston.

She said that Philadelphia’s PowerCorps was founded in 2013 to “help young people and individuals connect to economic opportunity,” as well as help connect their work to larger goals that can benefit the whole city.

“We specifically recruit what we call untapped talent,” she said, which includes people ages 18-30 who are “not not a mainstream pathway to success.”

She spoke about the model that PowerCorpsPHL uses to employ and train its workers before Davo Jefferson, Executive Director for the City of Boston’s Youth Green Jobs Program, spoke about the plan for PowerCorps Boston.

According to a slide shown at the hearing, the goals for Boston’s PowerCorps are to “promote workforce development for opportunity youth in growing industries” as well as “support environmental stewardship and City of Boston’s climate policies.”

During Year 1, which begins in May of this year, foundations training will be the focus. In Year 2, the program will be expanded and include “Industry Academies” for trainees to learn “specialized technical skills in certain areas.”

Jefferson also talked about recruiting participants for the program. For the first year, the goal is to have 30 participants, “including direct referrals from other city programs” like the Office of Public Safety, BCYF-SOAR Boston, Boston Public Schools, and others.

Like Philadelphia’s program, Boston’s PowerCorps will recruit Boston residents ages 18-30 who are “unemployed or underemployed and are not already on a higher education/career tract,” according to a slide presented.

In year one, participants will take part in six months of full-time skill building projects and will be paid to learn these skills. They will also receive soft-skills training for career and employment as well as labor and technical training.

He said that staff members need to be hired, relationships with training partners still need to be finalized, and employer partners need to be established. Additionally, the program needs to be promoted and a permanent location for office space and training needs to be found. The program will also need long-term funding so it can be sustained.

Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods said that Boston has 331 park spaces in the city that need to be cared for. “The biggest challenge that the Parks Department has is looking for skilled candidates that have City of Boston residency,” he said, as the work

on climate resiliency measures like bioswales and rain gardens have had to be contracted out to workers outside of Boston.

White-Hammond said that the cost for this program for three years is \$10 million, and as the “level of complexity” is increased with more kinds of training, the cost will increase.

The Council had some questions for the team, but there was a sense of excitement for this program’s launch in May.

Kendra Lara thanked the PowerCorpsPHL team for their attendance at the hearing and for all of their support.

“I want to give a really, really warm, warm sendoff to our folks in Philly. Thank you so much for coming to our hearing, thank you so much for sitting with us on Zoom for three hours as we talked about this program and for all of the work and education that you did with staff and people from the City of Boston to make this a reality,” she said. “We’re incredibly grateful.”

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live! Each year since 2009, the Conservancy's largest annual volunteer event has brought hundreds together to pick up litter, remove invasive plants and assist with park maintenance throughout all 1,100 acres of the Emerald Necklace. This year's cleanup takes place Saturday, April 23 in each park of the Necklace, from Franklin Park to Charlesgate Park. The Muddy River Cleanup is part of the larger Charles River Cleanup, which was recognized nationally from 2016-2019 by American Rivers for the Most Pounds of Trash Collected and Most Volunteers Mobilized. Register at <https://www.emerald-necklace.org/event/mrc2022/>

PROCESS OUTLINED FOR BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPT. SEARCH

Mayor Michelle Wu and School Committee Chair Jeri Robinson announced the members of a nine-person search committee and the collaborative process for selecting a new Boston Public Schools Superintendent, as outlined by the Chair in Wednesday's School Committee meeting. The search committee will focus first on gathering community feedback that will inform an accelerated process to select a new Superintendent in time for the next school year. The search committee includes representation of BPS students, parents, teachers, school leaders, and community members. The search committee is hosting a series of public listening sessions to gather community input to shape the Superintendent's job description and inform the interview and selection process. The final listening session will take place on Saturday, April 2, 10AM - 12PM. You can also share feedback on the attributes, values, and experience you'd like to see in the next Superintendent by emailing superintendentsearch@boston-publicschools.org or via survey. The survey is available in multiple languages at bostonpublicschools.org/supt-search.

126TH BOSTON MARATHON— MONDAY, APRIL 18

30,000 entrants will participate in the 126th Boston Marathon, starting the 26.2-mile route from Main Street in Hopkinton

to Boylston Street at Copley Square near the Boston Public Library. Race day road closures will be in effect on roads in the vicinity of Kenmore Square, Copley Square, Boston Common, and other areas in the Back Bay. Please visit www.cityofboston.gov for more information as closures become available.

Crowd barriers will be set up along Boylston Street and areas of the course within the City of Boston. Spectators are asked for their cooperation in following reasonable and common sense guidelines that will help ensure the safety and security of participants, volunteers, and spectators. For more information, please visit www.baa.org.

Taking public transportation is strongly encouraged. The following nearby MBTA stations will be open:

- Hynes Convention Center Station (MBTA Green Line)
- Prudential Station (MBTA Green Line)
- Back Bay Station (MBTA Orange Line / Commuter Rail)
- Arlington Station (MBTA Green Line)

Please note, Copley Station (MBTA Green Line) will be closed for the entire day on race day. For more information on MBTA service, please visit www.mbta.com/events.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY CONCERTS IN THE COURTYARD APPLICATIONS OPEN

Musicians! Apply to be a part of the BPL's Concerts in the Courtyard 2022 season and get a chance to play live in our spectacular courtyard at the Central Library in Copley Square. All genres are encouraged. The deadline is April 4. Learn more and apply at bit.ly/BPLCITC2022.

ANNUAL SPRING CELEBRATION AT CLARENDON STREET PLAYGROUND

Ring in Spring at the Clarendon Street Playground on Saturday, April 9, 10 AM - 12PM. Children and families are invited to delight in seasonal games and crafts, complimentary beverages and snacks and balloon art at their favorite neighborhood playground. Donations will be accepted and directed to UNICEF to support humanitari-

an efforts in Ukraine. If you are interested in volunteering at this event, please email playground@nabbonline.com.

FENWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S 49TH ANNUAL MEETING

Attend and celebrate the Fenway CDC's accomplishments, hear keynote speech, and celebrate our community awardees on Thursday, April 7, 6PM - 7:15PM. For more information and to register for the virtual meeting, visit fenwaycdc.org. Questions? Please contact Hang Le at hle@fenwaycdc.org or (617) 865-9915.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR 2022 SPRING OPEN STUDIOS

Please join the artists of the Fenway Studios at 30 Ipswich Street, Boston, MA 02215 for a springtime weekend celebration on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, 11AM - 5PM. Learn more at fenwayartstudios.org.

FENWAY CARES FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Fenway Cares distributes free food boxes every other Wednesday at the following locations:

- West Fenway: Fenway Community Center, 1282 Boylston St. (pickups at Jersey St. entrance).
- East Fenway: Symphony Community Park, 39 Edgerly Rd. (in case of inclement weather pickup is under the breezeway next to Whole Foods and across from Caffe Nero).

Upcoming distribution dates:

- Wednesday, March 30, 3:30PM - 4:30PM
- Wednesday, April 13, 27, 3:30PM - 4:30PM
- Wednesday, May 11, 25,

CONSTRUCTION OF THE AUBRY MOVING ALONG



RENDERING COURTESY OF THE BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Shown above, construction continues to move forward on The Aubry, Chicago-based L3 Capital's five-story mixed used building at 149 Newbury St. now being built on the site of a former 66-space parking lot. Inset, a rendering of the Aubry.

3:30PM - 4:30PM

- Wednesday, June 8, 22, 3:30PM - 4:30PM

WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE SPRING FUNDRAISER

The Women's Lunch Place will host their spring fundraiser "Eat, Lunch, Give" on Thursday, April 14, at the Park Plaza Hotel. Learn more at womenslunchplace.org.

FENWAY'S TOP SPOTS FOR RED SOX OPENING DAY ON APRIL 15

Whether you're one of the lucky few looking for a spot to grab a bite before heading into the game or are opting for a spot to watch all the action from afar on April 15th, Boston's top sports-viewing restaurants

on Lansdowne will be opening bright and early at 9 a.m. and covering all the bases this Opening Day:

- Bleacher Bar
82A Lansdowne St.,

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Please take notice Prime Storage - Boston Southampton St. located at 100 Southampton St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 4/13/2022 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.

Kristofer Garcia unit #1022 contents: vending machine and household goods; Nathaniel Martin unit #1085; Lisa Freeland unit #1115; Christine Daka unit #2069; Junior Mota unit #3118; Rhonda L Persip unit #3221; Deborah Ann Bratkon unit #3306; Ismael Diaz unit #3309; Detarsha Jones unit #4069; Darwin Omar Solis unit #4073; Christine Peguero unit #4143. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms

and conditions apply. See manager for details. 3/24/22, 3/31/22 BS

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Olmsted Now events bring communities together

By Lauren Bennett

With the 200th birthday of Emerald Necklace creator Frederick Law Olmsted coming up on April 26, a national bicentennial effort has been created with local efforts popping up across the country as well—including in Boston.

Olmsted's pride and joy was his work in Boston and Brookline with the Emerald Necklace parks, so the Emerald Necklace Conservancy (ENC), along with the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site are partnering on Boston's celebration, called Olmsted Now.

The Sun spoke with Jen Mergel, Director of Experience and Cultural Partnerships for the ENC, to learn more about the celebration, its goals, and upcoming events.

Mergel said that Boston's programming is "not focusing so much on the man, but how his ideas relate to" what is going on right now in Boston and in the

country. "We are honing in on the concept of shared use, shared health, and shared power" and looking at things through a "justice lens."

Aside from the ENC and the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic site, there is a growing coalition of more than 117 community partners ranging from landscape architects to colleges to public health organizations working on this effort. Mergel said that Olmsted Now has a "goal of making parks a more vibrant space," and is "not a single day, not a single person, event, or organization. It's really a process, not a product."

She said that a group effort was necessary for this celebration, especially as the city looks to recover after the pandemic to connect with one another in a just and equitable way.

There are four elements that are part of the Olmsted Now effort: collaborating as a coalition, connecting across disciplines, creating a committee

of neighborhoods that centers power within them, and "centering voices that have been missing in parks programming," Mergel said.

Programming will go from April to October in parks across the city, and includes different types of events and programs, such as a Public Dialogue series that has been going on virtually each month since January.

"We don't assume everybody knows what spatial justice is," Mergel said. "We want to host open public dialogues."

The next dialogue will be on April 20, and will have two parts: the first will focus on the question of "How can we turn the idea of parks equity into action?" and the second will be a "focused conversation on really recognizing what youth need in their relationship to nature," Mergel said.

The question will be focused on the theme of shared power," and based on criteria, a call for proposals will be made to make under-recognized artists and community organizers' work more visible in well-known parks in Boston. Conversely, attention will be brought to lesser-known parks by showcasing the work of more well-known artists.

Parks as Platform is also

another important piece of the Olmsted Now celebration, Mergel said, and is an "opportunity for the Conservancy to do what it is already doing," as it is an expansion of the Summer on the Necklace Series.

The ENC will work with a partner at each site, typically in conjunction with another event going on in the park that day. On April 23 in Olmsted Park, the event will be Park Serve Day, and the ENC will help ensure that there are signs and communication that will bring "more diverse audiences" to the parks through these events.

"We want to help facilitate through these big partnerships," Mergel said.

"The whole point of this is for us to use this as a listening experience and a learning experience," Mergel said of Olmsted Now. She mentioned that when Mayor Michelle Wu was elected, she "said Boston needs to be a Boston for everyone," and now the ENC is asking "how do we turn that into action?"

Residents are encouraged to share their park stories and events on the Olmsted Now website at www.olmstednow.org, as well as interact with the Instagram page @olmstednow. "If people want to become part of the coalition,

they're welcome," Mergel said.

She said that the ENC has received different types of feedback about parks in the city.

"I talked with colleagues who want the process of producing events in public space to be more welcoming and more streamlined," she said. "We've heard from people that they don't know what is allowed in parks."

Mergel said that a goal of the ENC and of this partnership is "turning observations into actionable suggestions," and actually looking into addressing feedback heard from residents.

Other upcoming events as part of Olmsted Now include Olmsted's 200th birthday celebration on Tues., April 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 at the JP Boathouse, a Muddy River Cleanup on April 23, a Parks as Platform event in Olmsted Park on April 23 in conjunction with Brookline's Parks and Open Space Division, and a tour of Charlesgate Park on April 29.

There are many other events scheduled as well; the full calendar and more information can be found on the Olmsted Now website, where a link to sign up for the monthly e-newsletter can also be found.

The Friends' Green & White Ball returns

Staff Report

Celebrate with the Friends of the Public Garden at the annual Green & White Ball on Friday, April 29, at the Four Seasons Boston.

The Green & White Ball brings together neighbors and friends in elegant fashion to support the Boston Common, the Public Garden, and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall. In fact, this very special event represents the single largest source of funding for the Friends' annual parks care budget. Thanks to the generous support of members throughout the year, the Friends invests nearly \$3 million annually in the care and renewal of these three historic greenspaces in the heart of downtown Boston.

This year's Co-Chairs, Tess Atkinson and Kate Enroth, are thrilled to be welcoming guests back to an in-person event. As Kate shared, "We know everyone is so excited to get together, get dressed up, and have a wonderful party. The Green & White combines the best of all worlds, an amazing celebration that raises money to care for our three beloved parks, the Common, Garden and Mall."

And Friends President Liz Vizza wants everyone to know, "We are so grateful to this amazing committee that works so tirelessly to gather our community on behalf of the parks."

For tickets or to learn more, visit friendsofthepublicgarden.org/events/green-white-ball.

www.bleacherbarboston.com
(617) 262-2424

The only spot in town where you can catch the big game in-person without a ticket, Bleacher Bar will be the place to be on Opening Day. Located inside the Green Monster looking out directly onto centerfield, Bleacher Bar will have a live DJ providing entertainment all day while guests take in the front-row action.

• **Game On!**
82 Lansdowne St.
www.gameonboston.com
(617) 351-7001

With the game projected on its 30+ screens and its official Fenway Park Batting Cage in full swing, guests at Game On! will feel like they're a part of the action happening inside the park just down the street! In addition to a DJ spinning live tunes post-game, Game On! will be opening its garage doors for guests to enjoy its adjacent 36-person patio and offering its full menu, including Max & Leo's artisan

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pizza, along with fun games, like cornhole.

• **Lansdowne Pub**
1 Lansdowne Street
lansdownepubboston.com
(617) 247-1222

Located directly across the street from Fenway Park, Lansdowne Pub will be celebrating Opening Day with live music from The Pop Disaster at 9:45 p.m. Throughout the day, guests can also enjoy its 34-seat patio alongside its full menu and unbeatable views of the park. Lansdowne Street is always bustling, so stop by this Irish Pub to join the good food, good fun, and good people-watching!

• **Loretta's Last Call**
1 Lansdowne Street
www.lorettaslastcall.com
(617) 421-9595

Boston's favorite country bar, Loretta's Last Call, will be serving up finger-licking good country fare, cocktails, and tunes on Opening Day. In addition to its regularly available menu, Loret-

ta's will be featuring a limited brunch menu and music all day long. Musical acts include Mild Bill from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Annie Brobst from 5 to 7 p.m., and Martin & Kelly from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

• **Bill's Bar**
5 Lansdowne Street
www.billsbarboston.com
(617) 247-1222

A guaranteed good time full of belly laughs and fun tunes, Bill's Bar will keep the nighttime party going on Lansdowne Street with a comedy show from 7:30 to 10 p.m. followed by live music with Groovin' You at 10:15 until close.

• **Summer Shack**
50 Dalton St
summershackrestaurant.com

Raise a glass and cheers to Sox season at Summer Shack! All day long on April 15th, Summer Shack Back Bay will be serving up a special menu of Opening Day-themed cocktails in addition to its regular menu.



COURTESY OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN

Green & White Ball Co-Chairs Kate Enroth and Tess Atkinson.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Liu, Yuanjing	Ruth B Clark RET	105 Beacon St #1	\$435,000
Watson, Charles T	Christine C Haddad RET	188 Commonwealth Ave #26	\$880,000
280-406 Comm Ave LLC	Burns RT	280 Commonwealth Ave #406	\$725,000
Alber, Daniel	67 Saint Botolph LLC	67 Saint Botolph St #3	\$1,739,000
Fontes, Silvestre A	Quillopo, Alejandro A	387 Marlborough St #2	\$420,000
BEACON HILL			
Dichiara, Jacqueline M	Heller, Lynda	9 Hawthorne Pl #12G	\$410,000
Tassini, James	Goodman, Reuben	34 Myrtle St #1	\$915,000
Sand, Christopher	F M Scricco 2009 Res T	97 Pinckney St	\$6,125,000
Ravicz, Tanyo	Second South Russell NT	12 S Russell St	\$2,470,000
Tedeschi, Judith	A T Truesdale 2005 RET	3 Spruce St #5	\$2,799,000
Devor, Christopher	Higgins, James D	1-R Strong Pl	\$1,762,887
Curran, Gregory	SSH Willow LLC	9 Willow St #61	\$970,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Balloun 2nd, James S	Albright, Charles F	130 Appleton St #1E	\$765,000
Stone, Hilary M	Vedovatto, Marcelo	108 Chandler St #3	\$2,400,000
Finney, Emily P	Mcnamara, Kelley M	38 Dwight St #4	\$720,000
Scriz Holdings LLC	Craven, Vanessa	485-495 Harrison Ave #409	\$1,315,000
Wagner, Kasey A	Macniel, Cynthia C	127 Pembroke St #2	\$710,500
Crisler, John G	411 Shawmut Avenue RT	411 Shawmut Ave #4	\$825,000
Viswanathan, Arvind	Keller, Travis A	517 Shawmut Ave #1	\$2,000,000
Kirti, Shruti	Dev Vardhan RET	32 Traveler St #313	\$192,797
Wachholz, James	Allied Residences LLC	88 Wareham St #504	\$999,900
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Demidov, Alexander A	Harrist, Terence J	2 Avery St #26F	\$985,000
Jiang, Xuwel	Henderer, James F	80 Broad St #305	\$605,000
Mcgee, Kara L	357 Com St Unit 616 RT	357 Commercial St #616	\$754,000
Malinowska, Izabela A	Uhler, Caroline	1 Franklin St #2111	\$1,370,000
Uhler, Caroline	Arcari, Giuseppe A	1 Franklin St #3201	\$2,300,000
TN Properties 2 LLC	Crik 11G LLC	151 Tremont St #11G	\$650,000

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The light in the last clue is on 67 Appleton Street. Lasker's Market occupied this spot for so long that the Massachusetts Historic Commission uses "Lasker's Variety Store" as the common name for this property. That business is now closed.

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 with your suggestion.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



Back Bay, surrounding area's weekly COVID positive test rate increases

Citywide weekly positive test also tick up

By John Lynds

With the city's COVID-19 state of emergency set to be lifted Friday, the Back Bay and the surrounding area's weekly COVID positive test rate increased last week. With indoor mask mandates and proof of vaccination measures already lifted weeks ago it seems Boston as a whole is heading in the right direction with the weekly positive test rate still comfortably under the 5 percent threshold.

Last week, 981 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, Down-

town and West End residents were tested for the virus and 4.7 percent were positive--this was a 34 percent increase from the 3.5 percent that tested positive as reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on March 21.

Forty six additional residents contracted the virus between March 21 and March 28 and there are now 9,360 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

According to the BPHC 12,286 residents were tested citywide last week and 3 percent were COVID positive--this was a 30 percent increase from the 2.3 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on March 21.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

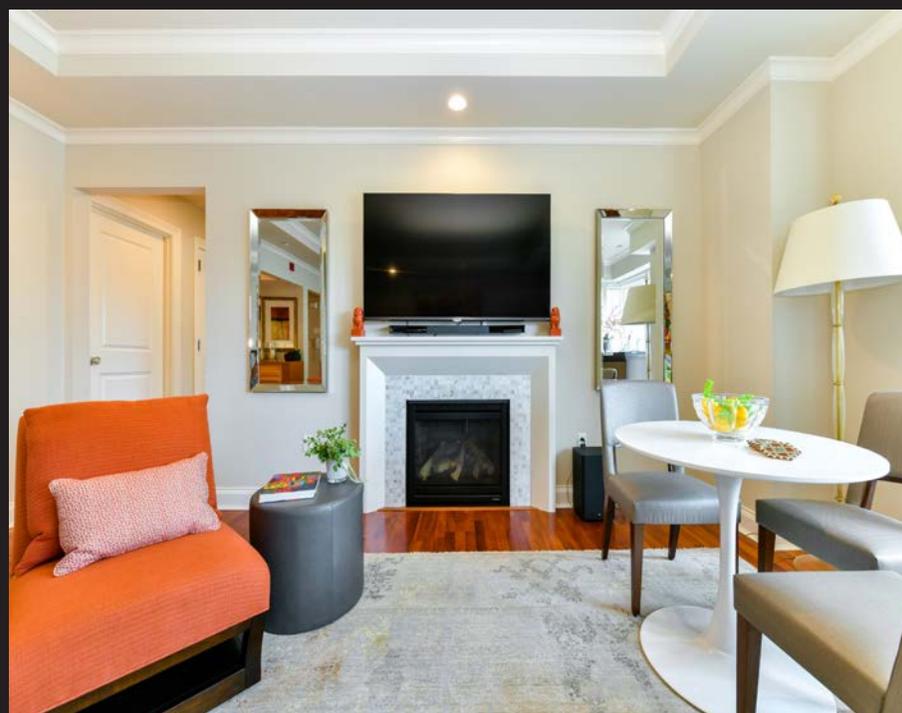
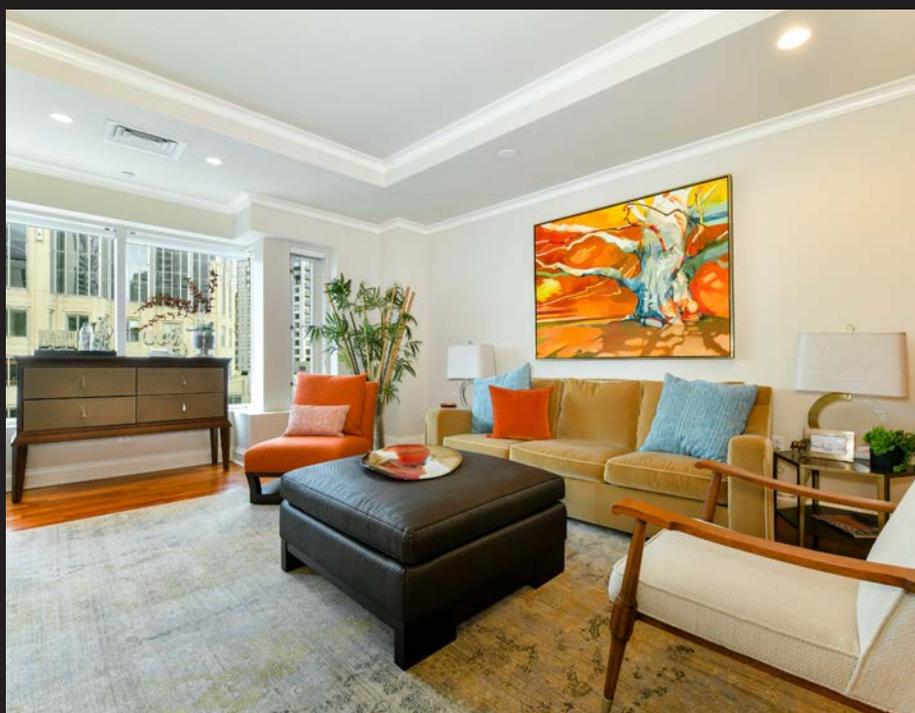
Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.6 percent last week and went from 167,241 cases to 168,260 confirmed since the start of the pandemic.

There were five additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,439. Deaths increased 67 percent in Boston last week with two more deaths compared to the three deaths reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

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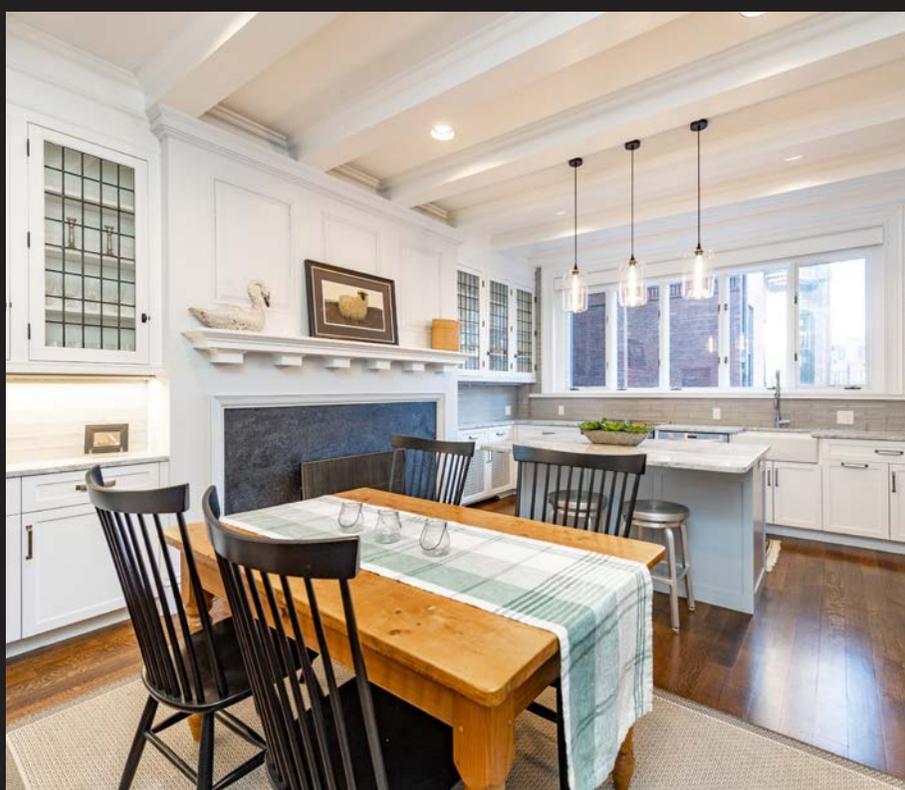
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