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BOSTON LANDMARKS ORCHESTRA PERFORMS AT THE HATCH SHELL



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Shown above, Music lovers gather at the Hatch Shell as the Boston Landmarks Orchestra treated visitors to a free concert last week.

Shown right, Violinist Chavez Singletary poses on the outer podium at the Hatch Shell. See more photos on Pages 6 and 7, and upcoming concerts on Page 8.



Copley BPL resumes free art-and-architecture tours

By Dan Murphy

In another move towards pre-pandemic normalcy, the Central Branch of the Boston Public Library in Copley Square has resumed offering free art-and-architecture tours on a regular

basis.

The approximately one-hour tours take place from 11 a.m. to noon on Friday, July 29; Saturday, July 30; Friday, Aug. 5; Saturday, Aug. 6; Friday, Aug. 12; Saturday, Aug. 13; Friday, Aug. 19; Saturday, Aug. 20; Friday,

Aug. 26; and Saturday, Aug. 27. To secure a place on a tour, visit the McKim Building welcome desk any time in the hour leading up to the start time to receive a tour sticker. Tours are led by BPL guides and begin in the McKim Building vestibule, located just through the library's Dartmouth Street entrance.

Tours do not require a reservation for parties of five or fewer guests, but group sizes will be limited to 25 guests per guide, and tours are subject to guide availability. (Please note, however, that the library is unable to accommodate individual parties larger than five people on these tours, and that unauthorized guides are not permitted to lead tours within the library.)



D. MURPHY PHOTO

The Central Branch of the Boston Public Library's McKim Building.

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Wu signs Executive Order on Inclusion of Daycare Facilities

By Lauren Bennett

On July 26, Mayor Michelle Wu signed an executive order that will make sure zoning requirements are made stronger regarding childcare options in the City.

From the City Hall childcare program's outdoor play space, Wu made the announcement alongside city officials, councilors, and former Mayor Ray Flynn on Tuesday.

"The work that happens here; the learning, the care, the love, is absolutely amazing," Wu said of the City Hall childcare program.

"I know it personally because both of my boys came through this program."

She added that "we are only here because of the vision and commitment of a mayor who I've been proud to follow in the footsteps of."

Mayor Ray Flynn created the City Hall childcare program in 1989, "at a time when Boston was facing a different set of issues, but also very urgent issues," Wu said. "The policy that he put in place would require that any new commercial building being built

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BLC approves several projects

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) discussed several proposals at its July 26 virtual hearing, including one to include a new DAS node near the Boston Public Garden; one to erect a monument for David G. Mugar on the Esplanade; one to create an accessible front entrance at Jacob Wirth Restaurant; and one

at the Sunday School Building at the Christian Science Center to enclose the northeast arched passage to create an elevator.

BOSTON PUBLIC GARDEN DAS NODE POLE

Keenan Brinn spoke on behalf of ExteNet Systems to propose the replacement of a single pen-

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FARMERS MARKET AT COPLEY SQUARE



The Copley Square Farmers Market was bustling with visitors on Tuesday, July 26. The market operates every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

EDITORIAL

MASS SHOOTINGS GET ALL THE ATTENTION, BUT THIS IS WORSE

Americans have been saddened by the recent mass shootings that have occurred in recent weeks across the country in Buffalo, Uvalde, and Highland Park.

But as much as these tragic events have seared our national consciousness and brought demands for action by our elected officials for appropriate gun legislation, there is a far worse aspect of the epidemic of gun violence that occurs day-in and day-out throughout the United States.

We are referring to the shooting of women by their domestic partners. Each and every year, 600 women are murdered with a gun by their partners. We'll do the math for you -- that works out to a woman who is shot and killed every 14 hours by her present or former significant other.

The statisticians also tell us that the possession of a gun by a domestic partner makes it five times more likely that a woman will be killed than if the domestic partner did not have a gun.

In short, the more guns there are, the more women who are murdered by their partners.

Yes, the shootings in schools and malls and supermarkets horrify us and make us feel not safe anywhere, even at a Fourth of July parade.

But the reality is that an American woman in a household with a handgun is far more at risk for being shot and killed than any of us by some random angry person with an AR-15.

PROGRESSIVES ARE THE REAL HYPOCRITES

No doubt most of our readers who care about the environment and the issue of climate change were disappointed when Senator Joe Manchin put the proverbial final nail in the coffin of the Build Back Better Bill (BBB) that, by some estimates, would have reduced U.S. emissions to 45 percent to 51 percent of 2005 levels by 2030.

However, as we have written previously in this space, we believe the real blame for the failure of the bill lies with the progressives of the Democratic Party, who should have coalesced last summer to pass the basics of the bill, rather than "playing politics" last year when they held up the separate infrastructure bill and then loaded up the Build Back Better bill with items that were extraneous to climate change.

They overplayed their hand and as a result, they got nothing -- zero -- nada -- and did more than Republicans to sink Joe Biden's presidency.

However, in addition to being bad at politics, the progressive environmentalists also are hypocrites because of their failure to tell the truth to the American people. Despite the statistics quoted above, the BBB actually would have done very little to keep global warming from reaching the 1.5 degree Centigrade threshold that scientists (and the 2015 Paris Climate Accord) say will be catastrophic for the planet.

Instead of blaming Joe Manchin, if progressive politicians were to tell the truth to the American people, they would explain that each and every American can do more to affect climate change than the BBB simply by changing our eating habits by consuming less meat and switching to vegetarian alternatives.

Industrial farming for meat production accounts for 14% of greenhouse gas emissions, despoils the immediate environment of these factory farms, and encourages the destruction of fragile rain forests for the raising of cattle.

Bernie Sanders blasted Sen. Manchin for his position on the BBB, but we never have heard Sen. Sanders tell his constituents to eat less meat and dairy -- because of course, he's from Vermont, which has a lot of dairy farmers -- and Bernie himself loves his red meat.

We disagree 100% with Joe Manchin for his rejection of the BBB, but at least we know where he stands.

On the other hand, the self-described environmentalists are both politically inept and morally hypocritical.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DEMOCRACY IS AT STAKE

Dear Editor,

The January 6 attack on our nation wasn't a random act by a handful of sore losers, but a premeditated and organized insurrection. Now, thanks to the hearings, there's overwhelming evidence that Trump and his allies were at the helm of it.

We heard from former members of the Trump administration and Republican state officials about how Trump illegally

pressured the Vice President, the Department of Justice, and state legislatures to overturn the election he knew he lost. And when it didn't work, he summoned an armed mob to march on the Capitol Building in a final, violent attempt to stop the peaceful transfer of power.

These insurrectionists haven't gone anywhere. In fact, more than 100 of them have already won their primaries. It's up to us to do our part and vote to make sure they don't win this fall.

Should these dangerous can-

didates win their elections, we could have election deniers in key seats of power, like secretary of state and county clerk, ready to overturn whatever election results they don't like.

Our democracy is at stake. If we want to hold onto our freedoms to vote, to have our votes decide elections, and to rely on elections to keep our leaders in check, then we have to cast our ballots during the midterms this year on November 8th.

Jo-Ann Sipple

Harvard Book Store to open second location at Prudential Center

By Sun staff

Harvard Book Store is opening a new store this spring in the space previously occupied by Barnes & Noble at the Prudential Center, according to a press release.

The new location will contain a wide selection of books, a state-of-the-art event space, and a large children's book section, as well as community spaces. The store will operate under a long-term lease with Boston Properties (BXP), owner of the Prudential Center.

"We are delighted to bring Harvard Book Store to the City of Boston, while continuing our long tradition of bookselling at our flagship Cambridge location," Jeff Mayersohn, co-owner of Harvard Book Store, said in a press release. "This is an ambitious project and we think we've established an excellent team to bring it to fruition. We envision it as an important addition to the literary life in the city and a welcoming space serving the many communities of Boston. We thank John and Linda Henry, whose recent investment in our company enables us to expand in this way."

Added Bryan Koop, executive vice president of Boston Properties for the Boston region: "We look forward to welcoming Harvard Book Store to Pruden-

tial Center. We are particularly excited about providing another home for the bookstore's award-winning event series, which will attract many thousands of visitors annually."

The new store will occupy over 29,000 square feet. Project consultants include the design collaborative Bergmeyer, Colliers Project Leaders and the construction management firm Gilbane Building Company. Harvard Book Store is an independent bookstore located in Harvard Square and founded in 1932.

The store is also renowned for its author event series, hosting hundreds of book talks and signings annually, and has been rec-

ognized over the years as Boston Magazine's "Best Bookstore" (2014), "Best Literary Series" (2017, 2018), "Best Neighborhood Shop" (2019), "Best Virtual Author Series" (2020, 2021), and "Best Old-School Bookstore" (2022).

Harvard Book Store is owned by Jeff Mayersohn and Linda Seamanson, who bought the store in 2008, and John W. Henry—principal owner of The Boston Globe and the Boston Red Sox, among other holdings—who joined the ownership group last December.

Barnes & Noble vacated their home of 20 years at the Prudential Center last month.



D. MURPHY PHOTO

The future home of Harvard Book Store in the Prudential Center.

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downtown and surrounding downtown area neighborhoods would include childcare..." or offer the resources to provide care in the nearby area.

Wu said that "that decision and that investment" made by Flynn "has changed the lives of hundreds of families" who work for the City of Boston.

Today, there are "still so many working families in Boston who don't have access to reliable, high-quality childcare," Wu said, because many work non-traditional hours or just simply do not have child care options in their areas and instead rely on family and friends for care, which is not always consistent.

According to a press release from the City, "Under the existing rules, developers may fulfill their obligations by creating on-site child care programs or causing programs to be created elsewhere in the City. This language has been interpreted as contributing to a fund that sup-

ports and enhances child care in Boston. However, the amount of each child care contribution has been subject to negotiation, which creates an opaque process for developers to navigate and allows for inconsistencies in enforcement. Additionally, the original intention of IDF regulations—to create more on-site child care options for downtown workers—may not match families' preferences for child care arrangements today or meet the high demand for child care in underserved neighborhoods."

Wu signed an Executive Order on Inclusion of Daycare Facilities that would help "refresh this policy [created by Flynn] and add to it."

She said that updating guidance to make sure that "zoning requirements are transparent and predictable" will "better enable large developers to invest in our communities and create childcare options for every family in Boston."

Wu continued, "this order modernizes our zoning language by reflecting the needs of a changing childcare sector, one where families are looking for licensed, high-quality care across all of our neighborhoods" as well as "help create a more transparent, clear process in collaboration with the BPDA and the Office of Early Childhood.

She said that the Office of Early Childhood, led by Kristin McSwain, will be distributing grants "to expand and improve existing providers and create new ones," as well as invest in environmental justice, energy efficiency, and climate resilience at childcare centers.

This executive order applies to 14 zoning districts "centered around the downtown areas,"

but she said the City is also looking "long-term" as well.

She said that the city plans "to look at the underlying zoning code to make sure these provisions match our dynamic development sector while meeting the needs of all of our neighborhoods across the city."

Devin Quirk, Deputy Chief of Development & Transformation for the BPDA, said in a statement, "The Mayor's new Executive Order establishes a clear, transparent formula to allow the Boston Planning and Development Agency to work with the Office of Early Childhood and the development community to make sure child care obligations are met and to further leverage Boston's strong real estate market for the benefit of Bostonians

who need our help the most. This is exactly the clear, strategic direction the BPDA needs to provide on development decisions to help ensure a more equitable growth of our city."

Office Of Early Childhood Director Kristin McSwain said, "Our city is growing and changing, and the need for child care in neighborhoods does not necessarily align with the areas where builders are required to create childcare. This Executive Order gives us the flexibility to create high quality childcare where families and children need it most."

For more information about the Office of Early Childhood and this executive order, visit boston.gov

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1400 BOYLSTON ST. (FENWAY STAR MARKET) BPDA PUBLIC MEETING

The BPDA is hosting a virtual public meeting for the proposed project at 1400 Boylston St. (Star Market), a project located in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston, on Monday, August 1 from 6:00-8:00pm. The purpose of the

meeting is to discuss the overall project, the potential impacts and mitigation for the project. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public. Register for the meeting at bit.ly/3uF451X.

FLOOD DAMAGE AT SOUTH END LIBRARY

From the South End Library

e-news: The basement flooding in April damaged mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, requiring replacements. The Library is engaged in this redesign and the purchase of new equipment. Delays due to supply chain challenges are expected; the estimated time frame is another 6-8 months during which the Library will remain closed. Please don't leave book donations at the

door; borrowed books can be returned to the Central Library (or any other branch).

FREE CONCERTS AT SOUTH END LIBRARY PARK

In spite of the extended closure of the South End Branch, the shows will go on! The below

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dant light pole on Charles St., closer to the Beacon St. side of the Public Garden, with a DAS node. Proposals for these nodes have come before this commission and others in the area as cell phone providers aim to ensure there is adequate coverage for its customers.

He said that the existing pole is 25 feet, nine inches tall, and the replacement pole will be nearly 28 feet with the antenna on top. He said that this particular location "calls for the equipment to be located higher up on the pole." The equipment is located on the shaft of the pole, rather than on the base.

Brinn said that there are a total of four street lamps that provide

cell coverage from Beacon St. to Boylston St., and they are spread out fairly evenly.

The Commission voted to approve this proposal.

DAVID G. MUGAR MONUMENT

A monument in honor of the late David G. Mugar, who had worked on the Boston Independence Day celebration since 1972, is proposed to be erected on the western side of the Music Oval on the Charles River Esplanade. Mugar passed away earlier this year.

His daughter, Jennifer Mugar, as well as sculptor Robert Shure and David Strom, were on hand to present the proposal.

Shure explained that the monument is to be located in between two trees that are 27 feet apart, and would be set back about 30 inches from the sidewalk. He said that they have been working with Strom on preserving the trees and their roots during the installation of the monument.

Strom said that these trees are already "under a decent amount of stress" and some of the roots might need pruning. There will be monitoring onsite during excavation to ensure there is no damage to the roots.

Shure then talked about the design and materials for the monument, saying that it will be an "eight foot high portrait of David" with a granite base and a tablet that Mugar will lean on that will feature a narrative piece for people to read. The Mugar statue itself will be bronze, and the monument will be coated in a wax material that will protect it against graffiti.

He also showed other monuments near the Hatch Shell, such as the General George Patton, Jr. monument, the Charles Devens Monument, the David Ignatius Walsh Monument, and the Maurice Tobin monument.

He said these sculptures are also around eight feet tall, which means the Mugar will fit in with the existing sculptures.

Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review for the Boston Landmarks Commission, said that he has received a letter from the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) in support of the monument.

R. Jefferson Smith also submitted a comment, saying that he believes Mugar "was a great man," according to Cornish, but he had concerns about the sculpture's design.

Margo Newman said that "I think David Mugar was wonderful and everything he did was wonderful," but had concerns about the trees.

The Commission voted to

approve the monument with the provisos that the footing be lowered "at least three more inches along the low point so you don't see any of the exposed concrete footing," as well as asked for the installation of a paved portion leading up to the sculpture to avoid a muddy area in front. The applicants will also contact staff if any issues with the tree roots are discovered.

JACOB WIRTH RESTAURANT

Architect Scott Treneer proposed an accessible front entrance for the Jacob Wirth Restaurant at 31-39 Stuart St.

There are several doors on the front facade of the building—he said that the door on the right labeled 31 and the door on the left labeled 39 are for the residential units above the restaurant.

The door labeled 37 is where the proposed accessible entrance will be. He said a closer and an automatic opening device will be installed, and will provide access to the vestibule and a lift.

On the interior door, there will be some beadboard wainscoting, he said. Other details were discussed, but things like a railing and potential signage for the door will need to come back before the Commission.

The Commission approved the proposal in concept, but they would like to see more details flushed out and another potential design option as well. The applicant will need to come back with a more detailed proposal.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE COMPLEX—SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING

Architect Lan Ying Ip talked about a proposal for the Sunday School Building at 235 Huntington Ave., part of the Christian Science Center Complex. The building is used by the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO) and does not currently

feature an elevator. The proposal is to enclose the exterior arch on the northeast corner of the building with glass to create a heated and air conditioned elevator vestibule.

"The proposed elevator will serve the public and some BYSO students at the south end of the Plaza parking garage," according to a slide presented. "An opening in the concrete wall will allow for the elevator door to open into the space."

The glass is proposed to be low iron, which will maintain transparency, the architecture team said.

Commissioner David Berarducci said that he "urges" the design team to look at the doors going into Horticultural Hall, as well as the Apple Store on Boylston St. for some examples of well-done doors that are extremely transparent.

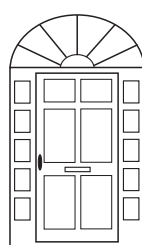
"If you could look at both examples," he said, "that would help make this whole thing disappear even more."

There was some discussion amongst Commissioners about whether or not the entire arch needs to be enclosed, and an example of the Mother Church was brought up. A similar proposal was approved by the Commission at the Mother Church, as those applicants said that it was important to keep hot air out in the summer and cold air out in the winter, so the vestibule was necessary. Also, it can create pressure on the elevator door and affect its mobility if it is constantly exposed to the elements.

The Commission approved the proposal in concept, but they would like to see more details flushed out and a potential option to not enclose the entire archway. The applicant will need to come back with a more detailed proposal.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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shows are all on Tuesdays beginning at 6:30pm in the park:

August 2: Zeke Martin and The Oracle (jazz/funk fusion)--featuring Pat Loomis

August 9: The Dope Lotus (R&B, neo-soul)--featuring Pat

Loomis

August 16: Sarah Seminski and Friends (jazz and blues)--featuring Pat Loomis

August 29 & 30: International Strings (classical, jazz, popular, and world music)

CONCERT IN UNION PARK JULY 31

From 4-6pm on July 31, the Carl Eisman Band and vocalist John Munro will be performing popular music in Union Park. Face painting will also be

available for kids, and folks are encouraged to bring their own chairs, blankets, and refreshments. The concert is free of charge, and the park will be open from 3-4pm before the concert, as well as after the concert.

BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC VIRTUAL TASK FORCE MEETING

The BPDA is hosting a Task Force Meeting for the proposed Institutional Master Plan for Berklee College of Music, located in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the overall Institutional Master Plan and the poten-

tial impacts. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the Task Force and the public. Please note that the purpose of this meeting is different from that of a traditional community meeting. As part of the development review process, Task Force members work closely with BPDA staff to identify the impacts of a project and recommend appropriate community benefits to offset those impacts. Task Force meetings prioritize discussion between the project proponent (i.e. the developer) and Task Force members. Please register for the meeting using the following Zoom link: bit.ly/3IGK5S1.



COURTESY OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Puvis de Chavannes Gallery in the McKim Building.

BPL TOURS (from pg. 1)

The current iteration of the library's art-and-architecture tours dates back to 1987 and was established with a grant from the Junior League of Boston, said Meg Weeks, the BPL's curator of interpretation, who now coordinates the tours. Right before the pandemic struck, the BPL was giving tours to 15,000 guests each year, said Weeks, and the program had "essentially doubled in size over the seven years prior to 2019."

Last summer, the tours, which had been suspended due to the pandemic, resumed as a pilot, with a limited number of guests who were all required to wear masks, according to Weeks. But as COVID-infection rates again began to rise, the tours were temporarily put on hold again before resuming on June 24 of this year.

"The tours focus on the arts and design highlights of the 1895 McKim Building and center around the building as a singular 'place of the people' in the words of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes," said Weeks.

According to the BPL website, "At the cornerstone-laying ceremony of the Boston Public Library's Central Library in 1888, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes proclaimed before the gathered

crowd that 'This palace is the people's own.' In designing the new building, architect Charles Follen McKim and library trustees sought to create a veritable 'palace' to inspire and elevate its public. BPL's McKim Building, opened in 1895, is considered one of the finest examples of 19th-century architecture in America; the adjoining Boylston Street Building, opened in 1972, is newly renovated to provide leading offerings in 21st-century library services."

Said Weeks, "The McKim Building itself is a singular design masterpiece...but on the tours, we also dive into the really significant contributions by painters, sculptors, and decorative artists that are attached to the building."

Besides the two marble sculptures of lions in the McKim Building's grand staircase created by the renowned American sculptor, Louis St. Gaudens (brother of the renowned American sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, who contributed work to the library façade), these works also include a third-floor mural cycle that the venerable portrait painter John Singer Sargent, spent 29 years working on, as well as another mural cycle by Pierre Puvis

de Chavannes, whom Weeks describes as "arguably among the most significant wall painters in Western Europe in the 19th century."

The murals in the library's Puvis de Chavannes Gallery adorn the walls of the McKim Building's grand staircase and second-floor hall gallery. The central mural is called "Hail the Spirit, the Harbinger of Light," The Muses of Inspiration, and the eight stairway murals depict "the disciples of poetry, philosophy, history, and science complete this allegorical cycle," according to the BPL website.

Looking to the fall, Weeks hopes that these library tours will become even more-frequent offerings.

"We're really grateful to our volunteer tour guides who have partnered with us in their dedication after the pandemic to help us bring this service back to the public," said Weeks. "We hope things continue to move in the right direction in terms of the public health situation...and that we will be able to expand the tour schedule come autumn."

For more information on the tours, visit <https://www.bpl.org/art-tours/>.

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BOSTON LANDMARKS ORCHESTRA SUMMER CONCERT

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Area residents enjoyed the free inaugural Boston Landmarks

Orchestra Summer Concerts at the Hatch Shell last week. Visit landmarksorchestra.org for the full schedule.



Friends Reginald Johnson and Charlie Sin are excited to hear some music.



Paloma Ortiz finds a comfy spot to relax as her mother Alaina holds her.



The BLO had a full audience on the Lawn of the Hatch Shell.



The string section of the Orchestra pictured performing.



Members of the Four Strings Academy from Memphis TN started the program. Here performers Chavez and Jaiden (2nd from left) Singletary and Giovanni Vazquez (2nd from Roddy) with Artistic Director Marcus Hurt and Executive Director Mariana Green-Hill.



Staff members and volunteers of the Boston Landmarks Orchestra who worked hard to make this public event happen.



The Esplanade at the Hatch Shell drew a sizeable gathering relaxing and absorbing the music.

BOSTON LANDMARKS ORCHESTRA SUMMER CONCERT



Playing an impromptu game of Uno during the concert, Annie Matz and Zach Milo were visiting from Cleavland and saw this event was happening thanks to this publication.



Boston Philharmonic Conductor Benjamin Zander (2nd from right) with family enjoys the music from the other side of the orchestra.



Kelly and Liam spend some mother-son time together.



The Boston Landmarks Orchestra performance gracefully coincided with the sunset.



The Boston Landmarks Orchestra stands for applause at the conclusion of the concert.



Shown above, Boston Landmarks Orchestra conductor Christopher Wilkins

Shown to the left, in The Maestro's Zone Aura Gonzalez and Noam Ben-David get some "pointers" on conducting from Damali Willingham (center), an educator with Boston Landmarks Orchestra.

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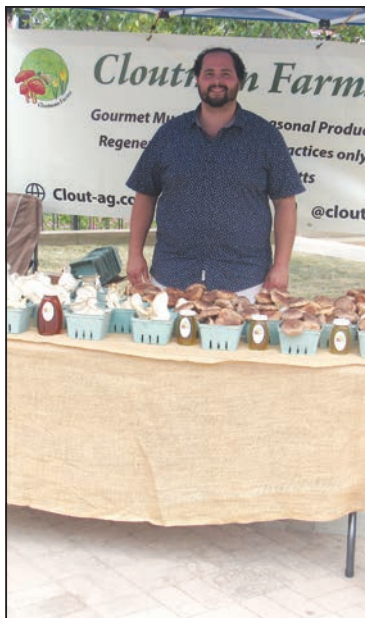


Matthew LaVergne of Black Moon Hollow Flower Farm in Worcester County.

D. Murphy Photos

After the prolonged heat wave, the Copley Square Farmers Market was again bustling on Tuesday, July 26.

The Copley Square Farmers Market, which is the city's biggest and busiest farmers market, runs every Tuesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine, through Nov. 22.



Nick Cloutman of Peabody's Cloutman Farms selling gourmet mushrooms.



John Kalissa, owner of the Framingham-based coffee company, Happy Bean Roaster.



Doug Drozdowski, owner of Billerica's Polish Prince Pierogi.



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2022 Boston Groundwater Trust Forum set for September 20

The Boston Groundwater Trust established by the Boston City Council to monitor and protect the integrity of building foundations in Boston that are threatened by low groundwater levels, will be hosting a City-wide Forum on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Boston Public Library in Copley Place, Downtown Boston. The Forum will examine how climate change over the coming years may threaten the very foundations upon which Downtown Boston has been built.

The Honorable Mayor of Boston Michelle Wu will be giving the opening remarks at the Forum, and we will also hear from local City & State officials as well as two panels of experts on the state of groundwater levels under our City streets, and a how a changing climate may drastically alter the Boston we all now know.

"I am excited to have this

forum and update the public on all that the Trust has accomplished over the past several years," said the Boston Ground-

water Trust's Executive Director Christian Simonelli. "I look

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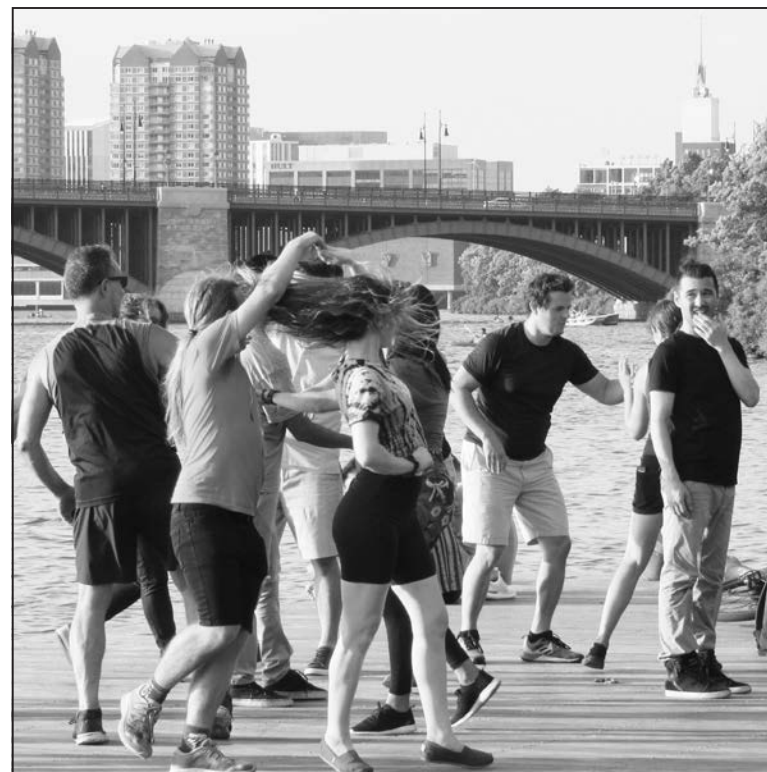
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DANCIN' ON THE CHARLES



D. MURPHY PHOTOS

The Esplanade's docks were transformed into a de facto dancing studio on the evening of Sunday, July 17.



Mayor Wu joins Starbucks employees on strike

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Wu joined employees and State Rep. Tommy Vito- lo on July 25 at the Starbucks near Boston University at 874 Com- monwealth Ave., where employees are on strike “ due to union-busting management, understaffing, and inconsistent scheduling,” according to the city

“Today and the whole union movement is about lifting up the voices of leadership in our city today,” Wu said. “I am here because I want you to know very clearly that the City of Boston stands with you. We are going to make sure that Boston continues to lead the way in fighting for safe working conditions and the benefits and wages and respect that you all deserve.”

Wu said that Boston will continue to stand in support of these employees and what they are fighting for.

Brookline State Rep. Tommy Vitolo said that “I’m glad to be out here again with workers fighting for wages, benefits, and working conditions. It’s that simple. That’s what folks deserve. That’s what they’ve unionized

for, and we’re going to fight for it until we get it.”

Raul Fernandez, who has served on the Brookline Select Board and is also running for State Rep., is also a faculty member at Boston University and teaches at the building across from this Starbucks location. He said he has often come to this Starbucks location to grab a coffee beforehand.

“When I heard about what was happening here, it was really important for me to be out here and stand with you all,” Fernandez said.

Spencer Costigan is a shift manager at the 847 Commonwealth Ave. Starbucks location, and said that “we’re on strike because as soon as we voted to unionize in early June, the company brought in a union busting manager who has done everything in her power to make sure that the store does not retain all of our pro-union partners.”

Costigan continued, “our union is stronger than any union busting that they can do. We like working here; we like working with each other. We just need Starbucks to negotiate with us

in good faith, which is not something that they’ve been doing in this past year. I believe in them; they talk a big game about being an ethical corporation, obviously we’re still waiting to see that. I have an open mind—I’d love to see them surprise me.”

Starbucks provided the following statement to the Boston Globe earlier this month in response to the strike:

“Starbucks values each of our partners and we respect their legal rights to engage in organizing activity or protest,” the statement read. “We are grateful for each partner who did come into work today, and we are doing our best to listen to the concerns of all our partners.”

Costigan spoke about Starbucks employees being called “essential workers” at the beginning of the pandemic. “We’re still as essential as we were back then. It’s proven by just how many people walk by and say, ‘hey, this is great—we love what you’re doing. Can’t wait til you guys figure this out so I can get my coffee again.’ I can’t wait until we figure it out so I can make that coffee.”

Suspect arrested in connection with non-fatal shooting outside MFA, puts museum on lockdown

By Dan Murphy

A suspect was arrested in connection with a non-fatal shooting on Saturday morning outside the Museum of Fine Arts, putting the museum on temporary lockdown.

At about 11:11 a.m. on July 23, officers assigned to District D-4 responded to a call for a person shot in the area of 491 Huntington Ave. and located an adult male victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds, according to Boston Police. The victim was quickly transported by Boston EMS to a local area hospital for treatment of injuries, which were considered to be non-life-threatening at that time. As a result of the investigation on scene, responding officers were provided with a suspect description, leading to the stop of Marcello Holliday, 27, of Boston, in front of BPD Headquarters located at 1 Schroeder Plaza.

Holliday was placed in custody without incident and will appear in Roxbury District Court on charges of assault to murder while armed, discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building, unlawful possession

of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, and carrying a loaded firearm, according to Boston Police.

The MFA doors locked its doors for about an hour on Saturday following the shooting as visitors and staff were advised to “remain in a safe location,” according to The Boston Globe. The museum reopened that day at about 12:30 p.m.

In a statement, Superintendent in Chief Gregory Long said, “These arrests speak to the tireless work being done by the men and women of the Boston Police Department as they continue to remove illegal firearms from our neighborhoods in spite of the many dangers they face on a daily basis.”

Likewise, Mayor Michelle Wu said, “Our Boston police officers have been doing the tough and impactful work, day and night, of taking illegal guns off our streets. I’m grateful for the officers responding quickly today at the MFA, from the immediate coordination with community partners to swift action identifying those involved and keeping our residents and visitors safe.”

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forward to working with City & State officials on the important next steps in mitigating the impact of climate change to our historic buildings.”

According to Rob Whitney, Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Boston Groundwater

Trust: “The potential impact of climate change on ground water levels is just now being discussed. This forum will explore how climate change and rising temperatures in the future may limit the amount of water to replenish groundwater, and the

adverse effect that could have on the wooden pilings that underpin many of our Boston buildings and homes.”

To register for this free event, click [here](http://www.bostongroundwater.org) bostongroundwater.org.

Mayor Wu announces Summer Dance Party Series

Staff Report

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment today announced the City's Summer Dance Party Series on City Hall Plaza. This family-friendly event series, featuring salsa, kizomba, R&B, and house music, is free and open to the public.

"I'm so excited to be in com-

munity and launch our Summer Dance Party Series on City Hall Plaza," Mayor Michelle Wu said. "This series will celebrate Boston's communities and support our local artists. I'm grateful to all of our partners and I encourage everyone to stop by these events."

The Dance Party Series schedule is as follows:

- Salsa Dance Party: On Fri-

day, July 29, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., enjoy a salsa dance party on City Hall Plaza! DJ Big O (Instagram: @djbig1) will be playing salsa music and Salsa y Control will be providing dance lessons.

- Kizomba Dance Party: On Friday, August 19, 2022, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., enjoy a kizomba dance party on City Hall Plaza! DJ Shy (Instagram: @djshy.cv)

will be playing kizomba music and Kwalify Kiz will be providing dance lessons.

- R&B Dance Party: On Friday, August 26, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., enjoy an R&B dance party on City Hall Plaza with DJ ReaL P!

- House Dance Party: On Friday, September 9, 2022, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., enjoy a house dance party on City Hall Plaza!

DJ Bruno (Instagram: @djbruno30) will be playing house music along with a dance performance by Phunk Phenomenon.

For more information regarding this event, other events hosted by the City, follow the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment on social media @VisitBostonCity and visit boston.gov/visiting-boston.

ZBA approves projects on St. Botolph and Appleton Streets

By Lauren Bennett

The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) approved two projects in the Back Bay and South End areas at its July 26 virtual hearing.

121 ST. BOTOLPH ST.

At 121 St. Botolph St., Derrick Tyler proposed to renovate the fifth floor, which is the second floor of Unit 4, to include a new kitchen and to refinish the existing roof deck.

He said that the fifth level faces St. Botolph St., and the owners are hoping to add 217 square feet to the lefthand side of the building for a relocated

kitchen.

Conor Newman from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services said that due to staff turnover, there is "not a lot" of information regarding the community process for this proposal, but the office has not received any letters in support or in opposition of the project, and has not heard any concerns from the community.

Jeff Hampton from the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) recommended approval of this proposal, and the ZBA also voted to approve.

116 APPLETON ST.

At 116 Appleton St., the pro-

posal is to construct a new roof deck with access by hatch, as well as to build a new deck in the rear at the second level.

Architect Eben Kunz first addressed the building code issue with using a hatch rather than a headhouse, which is required by code.

"What we provided in its place is a hatch which lifts up and provides a full, uninterrupted passage to the roof deck."

The ZBA voted to grant the zoning code relief for the hatch.

Kunz then talked about the dimensions of the roof and rear deck. He said that "the roof deck has been constructed or designed to fall within a distance

that provides virtually no view of the railings" on Appleton St. or Chandler St in the rear. The deck is about 20 feet long and a little over 16 feet wide, he said.

The rear deck would be supported by brackets on the rear facade, and would be "accessed through a full door in the center of the bay." It measures six feet by 16 feet, Kunz said.

Kim Crucoli of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services said that an abutters meeting was held on June 15, where there was "generally no opposition from abutters," but some people had concerns related to what the South End Landmark District Commission deals with in its

reviews of proposals like this.

City Councilor Ed Flynn was in support of the proposal, and the ZBA reported that it received letters both in support and in opposition, with concerns regarding the deck in the back as it faces a public way.

Jeff Hampton of the BPDA said that the BPDA recommends approval with design review for the rear deck, and that Landmarks will review the roof deck.

The ZBA voted to approve the proposal with design review from both the BPDA and the Landmarks Commission.

MBTA issues update on safety work progress

Staff Report

The MBTA reported on its progress to address ongoing safety concerns raised during a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Safety Management Inspection (SMI) last month. Over the last several weeks, the MBTA has implemented safety plans to address track conditions and maintenance, updated safety trainings and directives, and has addressed staffing shortages.

"Following the FTA's initial safety review, the MBTA was asked to implement changes to the system to improve the way it is run and operated," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "I am pleased that the MBTA has completed many of those updates and continues to make progress on many more. These recommendations will make the T safer and more reliable for both our riders and our employees. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to work closely with these

safety experts to improve the MBTA system."

The MBTA has met all the FTA's deadlines and requirements to date in response to the four special directives issued and continues to develop Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) to address them. As part of these CAPs, the MBTA has taken the following actions to date:

- Issued a new series of safety directives, trainings, and policies for operators regarding train movements in the MBTA's yard facilities and car houses.

- Ensured all active rail transit employees are certified (completed in June). The MBTA is developing an improved internal tracking system and policies for ensuring recertifications are up to date.

- Prioritized track projects that address track conditions in need of most repair and that currently have substantial speed restrictions. This work is being coordinated with current construction

activities already underway and service diversions already scheduled to take place to improve rider experience. For example, on Sunday, July 10, the MBTA's Track Department installed approximately 500' of rail on the southbound tracks between Back Bay and Massachusetts Avenue stations. This rail is a specific kind of rail that is used in sharper curves. This track replacement work allowed the T to lift a speed restriction that was approximately 1500' long from 10 mph to 25 mph, speeding up trips by about one minute. When all track work is completed in this area, the speed will be able to be increased to 40 mph.

- Updating procedures for accessing track areas to safely increase the time crews have to perform work on the tracks during the overnight hours when subway service does not operate in order to make the Orange line, Blue line, Green line, and Red line safer.

- Launched an aggressive hiring campaign to attract qualified candidates as drivers, dispatchers, and inspectors to improve safety and rider experiences, and updated work rules to allow for more manageable shifts and necessary rest time. Newly hired dispatchers will soon begin a rigorous 10-week training program prior to being assigned to the Operations Control Center (OCC) in the coming months. The T has rehired three former dispatchers (who are currently supervisory employees) to temporarily work in the OCC.

The MBTA also has several ongoing initiatives underway as part of these CAPs, including:

- Exploring ways to accelerate the maintenance of its existing rail construction equipment.

- Developing a PPE compliance checking program.

- Increasing staffing at rail yards.

- Developing a pilot program for Blue Flag procedures on rapid transit. A codified stan-

dard in railroad operations, Blue Flag procedures are clearly distinguishable blue flags/lights by day and blue lights by night that indicate workers are on, under, or between rolling cars or equipment. The purpose of the Blue Flag procedure is to protect workers from the movement of rolling equipment.

The four special directives received by the MBTA involve delayed critical maintenance, train movement operating procedures, staffing within the OCC, and the employee safety recertification process. The CAP to address delayed critical maintenance is due to the FTA on July 15. The CAP to address train movement operating procedures was submitted on time to the FTA on June 30. The CAP to address staffing issues within the Operations Control Center was submitted on time to the FTA on July 5. The CAP regarding employee safety re-certifications is due to the FTA on July 20.

Real Estate Transfers

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Vaulin, Ruslan	Hu, Lissy	263 Beacon St #3	\$1,155,000
Perez Family 2021 LLC	Cook, Timothy W	2 Clarendon St #305	\$835,000
Sobel, Eitan	Solomon, Susan	74 Commonwealth Ave #4	\$700,000
Vendome 316 LLC	Heinricksen, Ronald N	160 Commonwealth Ave #316	\$499,000
Mccord, Elisabeth	Griffin, Tyler	13 Dartmouth St #3	\$1,520,000
Warson-Hill, Nigel	Palasis, Susan	67 Dartmouth St #1	\$1,200,000
Crall, Cary S	Mirageas, Peter M	79 Dartmouth St #2	\$1,100,100
319 Dartmouth LLC	Howland, Drew	319 Dartmouth St	\$3,625,000
Brannan, Stephen K	Bachelder, Robert	17 Marlborough St #G	\$1,950,000
Robertson, Christopher T	Muir Res Investments LLC	127 Marlborough St #4	\$625,000
Muir Res Investments LLC	Charest, Edmund P	127 Marlborough St #4	\$625,000
Newman, Alison M	Paul Natalizio Exchange	318 Commonwealth Ave #1	\$930,000
Wood-Downey, Tamara	Santos, Miguel A	390 Commonwealth Ave #304	\$1,050,000
Harford, Simon	Joseph J Floyd FT	373 Marlborough St #1	\$2,049,000
Hanko, Christine E	Marlborough 405 LLC	405 Marlborough St #41	\$845,000
Hogan, Araceli	Tran, Lana M	479 Massachusetts Ave #2	\$789,384

BEACON HILL	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Paumier, Tami	Caccamo, Paul D	30 Cedar Lane Way	\$1,950,000
Chamberlain, Miceal G	Duncan, Lyn M	140 Mount Vernon St #3	\$2,632,500
Chamberlain, Miceal G	Duncan, Lyn M	140 Mount Vernon St #3A	\$2,632,500
Wong FT	David K Abend LT	22 Phillips St #2	\$648,000
Selvaggi, Joseph A	Vaule, Hans E	78 Revere St	\$2,545,000

BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Diehl, Alan M	Schneider, Ramie	9 Appleton St	\$807,500
Noelte, Gregory T	Younes, Enayat	1 Charles St S #905	\$1,225,000
Barit LLC	Desantis, Scott J	301-319 Columbus Ave #901	\$2,515,000
Chang, Kiwon	Franz, Moritz	325 Columbus Ave #10	\$1,213,500
Choi, Sungoo	Barges, Valerie A	102-A Mount Pleasant Ave #1	\$557,600
Chiasson, Meghan	Finkenstaedt, Rose L	249 W Newton St #2	\$615,000
121 Warren LLC	Knoefel, Janice E	121 Warren Ave	\$2,300,000
Lohrmann, Atle	Mccarthy, Cynthia J	188 Brookline Ave #PH28E	\$4,461,767
Rydman, Johanna	Burrows, Tiera C	65 Burbank St #14	\$685,000
Makhamreh, Amr	Rawal, Vishal B	70 Fenway #36	\$920,000
Perkins, Faith	Meydani-Korb, Ahou	27 Greenwich Park #2	\$1,300,000
Reynolds, Henry	Kenrick, Conor E	26 Hanson St #4	\$685,000
Carmola, Inneke A	Thomas J Lee 2022 FT	700 Harrison Ave #614	\$1,420,000
Evan K H Liu RET	Belch, Barbara	121-127 Portland St #509	\$735,000
Le, Trang	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #1110	\$625,900
Briggs, Andrew	Clappiv 4th, Eugene H	258 Shawmut Ave #11	\$1,178,000
Evangelis FT	Kotsatos, Nicholas A	676 Tremont St #5	\$1,199,900
32 Upton St LLC	Lagos, George	32 Upton St	\$4,030,000
Bradley Family RE Vent 1	Schneider, Lee	39 Upton St #1	\$1,775,000
Alexander, Brian	Toman, Michael	122 W Concord St #1	\$2,530,000
Mullin, Patrick	Machnes, Aron J	144 W Concord St #2	\$949,000
Ye, Zichang	Geduldig, Matthew D	1721 Washington St #309	\$649,000
Yang, Chendi	Jacobus, Susana E	3531 Washington St #503	\$865,000
Werner, Charline L	34 Worcester Square LLC	34 Worcester Sq #4	\$975,000
Adam, Julia	Love&T	37 Worcester Sq #4	\$1,710,000

WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
KGKF LLC	Orouke, Catheryn A	28-32 Atlantic Ave #513	\$1,650,000
NPG Bos 1 Beach LLC	Foxrock Forty Bch Rlty	14-40 Beach St	\$32,000,000
King, Matthew J	Veneziano RT	120 Commercial St #4-4	\$699,000
Estia Properties LLC	Sarah E Ragland LT	85 E India Row #25E	\$745,000
Shook, Kelly A	Mcgovern, Shaun C	113 Fulton St #3	\$700,000
Stutzman, Paul G	Eisenhauer, Kristen	120 Fulton St #4C	\$1,000,000
Chan, Tat W	Brown, Matthew O	88 Kingston St #5D	\$730,000



The windows in the last clue are on 529 Newbury Street constructed circa 1900. Today many of us forget that Newbury Street actually runs from Arlington Street to Brookline Avenue. Even before the Bowker Overpass, this street was interrupted at Charlesgate by the Muddy River.

You'll find the next clue in the South End.

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

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