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Gibson House Museum's annual benefit to honor the French Library

By Dan Murphy

At "À la Belle Époque," the organization's 26th annual benefit set for Tuesday, April 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the St. Botolph Club at 199 Commonwealth Ave., the Gibson House Museum will be honoring the French Library.

The evening will include drinks, a light supper, and entertainment provided by a French music trio, while the Gibson House Museum will also be recognizing the French Library for culturally inspiring the community and for its dedication to preserving Boston's architectural history with the recent historically sensitive renovation of its 1867 brownstone headquarters located at 53 Marlborough St. in the Back Bay.

"Every year, we have an honoree, and this year we decided to honor the French Library," said Jackie Blombach, Benefit Committee co-chair and a longtime museum board member. "The

Gibson House wanted to recognize someone else who is preserving an important, very beautiful Back Bay building. They've finished a long preservation, and we wanted to honor



MARY PRINCE PHOTO

The front entryway of the Gibson House Museum.

the library's work to preserve the building as they update it and make it more modern, yet they were also very sensitive to balancing future needs with the building's charm and character."

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The French Library building was built seven years after the Gibson House as a much-more elegant building, added Blombach.

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HILL HOUSE HOLDS ANNUAL WINE DINNER AT BEACON HILL BISTRO



Hill House Executive Director Lauren Hoops-Schmieg offers remarks during the annual Wine Dinner at Beacon Hill Bistro. See more photos on Pages 6 and 7.

Park supporters prepare for annual Green & White event set for May 5

By Sun Staff

As the weather warms and buds begin to bloom, the Friends of the Public Garden prepares for its signature springtime event, The Green & White, to be held on Friday, May 5, at The Newbury Hotel Boston.

The Green & White is the

Friends' single largest source of funds to support the care of the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

Led by co-chairs Leslie and Alastair Adam of Beacon Hill, and Gloria Coleman and Kenda Coleman, both of the Back Bay, the volunteer committee expects 250 guests to enjoy a festive

cocktail reception, followed by an elegant dinner, and dessert and dancing with DJ Dance with Lance. Event partners Marc Hall and Frost Productions will dazzle guests as they find ways to recreate the three parks in the ballrooms overlooking the Public Garden.

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Applications open for the SPARK Boston Council

Staff Report

Mayor Michelle Wu announced applications for the 2023-2024 SPARK Boston Council are now open and avail-

able online. The SPARK Boston Council is a volunteer leadership and civic engagement council made up of 20 to 35 year olds charged with spearheading the City's efforts to engage Boston's

young adult population. Applications are due Friday, May 26, 2023.

"The SPARK Boston Council helps serve as a direct line from

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EDITORIAL

HAPPY RAMADAN, EASTER, AND PASSOVER

One of the things that we take for granted as Americans is our freedom to worship -- or not to worship -- as we see fit.

What brings this thought to mind is the plethora of religious-oriented observances that are occurring this month: the Muslim holy month of Ramadan has been ongoing since March 22 and extends through April 20; the week-long Jewish celebration of Passover begins today (Wednesday); Easter Sunday, preceded by Good Friday, is this Sunday for Catholics and Protestant denominations; and the Orthodox Christian observance of Easter is set for next Sunday.

In addition, the Cambodian community will be celebrating the Cambodian New Year for three days from April 14-16.

This confluence of religious holidays serves as a reminder to all of us that the concept of freedom of religion began -- and still exists -- in America. Most of the Pilgrims, as well as many of the other early settlers of America, were religious separatists who had broken from the Church of England and who came to America in order to be free from persecution (though the Pilgrims, who were known as Puritans, were themselves intolerant of other religions),

We wish to take this opportunity to wish our readers of all religious preferences a happy and healthy holiday season.

GOOD LUCK, MR. ENG -- YOU'LL NEED IT

Governor Maura Healey last week announced the appointment of Phillip Eng as the next General Manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). Eng is an engineer with nearly 40 years of experience in transportation, including serving as the President of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) Long Island Rail Road and the Interim President of New York City Transit.

To say that Mr. Eng will be facing a number of significant and immediate challenges is not even an understatement.

His appointment comes on the heels of an announcement by the T a few weeks ago that speed restrictions between 10-25 miles per hour on the Red, Orange, Blue, and Green Lines -- in other words, the entire system -- were to go into effect immediately because of the decrepit condition of the rail beds on the T's tracks.

As we can attest after riding on the Red Line two weeks ago -- in which we crawled along at a snail's pace for almost the entire ride from South Station through Quincy -- the T's Rapid Transit system is anything but rapid and more aptly could be described as the Turtle Trolley.

In addition to unsafe tracks, the T also has to deal with the roving gangs of thugs on its trains who terrorize passengers with seeming impunity, as has been the case recently on the other end of the Red Line, where passengers were mugged during rush hour at Harvard Square station.

The T also has to address a serious shortfall of workers. According to news reports, the T is offering new employees a \$7500 cash signing bonus in order to make a dent in its present shortfall of 2800 workers. The manpower shortage already is having an effect on the frequency of bus routes. But given the low unemployment rate in the state, the T's prospects of getting the new workers it needs to function at anywhere near 100 percent optimization seem slim.

The T also is dealing with a huge decrease in ridership across all of its modes of transportation. We took the Hingham Ferry to Rowe's Wharf last week during rush hour. Before the pandemic, there would be a long line of commuters snaking along the waterfront from the Rowe's Wharf hotel to board the ferry back to Hingham.

Instead there were no more than 10 people waiting to get onto the boat -- and this was at 5:30 on a Friday evening, usually a prime-time rush hour boat that ordinarily would be packed with commuters. This decrease is not confined to the ferry. According to the T's own figures, there were 1.2 million daily riders of the T in February, 2019. However, in February 2023, the number was 702,000 -- a huge decline that is not expected to increase any time soon.

In addition, the T's ambitious plans to electrify its buses have encountered significant delays. In order to electrify its buses, the T needs to construct new garages that are capable of charging an electric bus fleet. However, the garages that already are under construction in Cambridge and Quincy are facing significant delays and the third garage on the Arborway in Jamaica Plain already is two years behind schedule. Plus, according to news reports, the T is facing delays in the delivery of the electric buses it has ordered.

It is clear that even with a significant infusion of cash from the legislature, the T will have difficulty bringing its system into the 21st century. Moreover, given the already-low ridership and the poor quality of service, the T will continue to lose riders who cannot afford to be late for work everyday because of decrepit infrastructure and a lack of workers.

The MBTA always has been a favorite target for criticism from the press and politicians. However, the many years of neglected maintenance, which are due entirely to underfunded budgets from the legislature, combined with the after-effects of the pandemic, have brought the T to the crisis situation it is facing today.

Mr. Eng may very well be a superb choice for the top job at the T, but no one should expect him to work miracles.

All of us should wish him the best of luck because a modern and efficient public transportation system is essential for the Boston Metropolitan area to thrive.



BPHC urges residents to update MassHealth information

Staff Report

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is advising residents that the MassHealth redetermination period is now in effect, and that recipients must update their information in order to continue receiving MassHealth benefits.

Redetermination, the period for MassHealth benefits renewal, was done yearly prior to the COVID-19 pandemic to verify eligibility, but federal law waived this requirement starting March 2020, to ensure continuous coverage. The continuous coverage requirements ended on April 1 of this year, requiring state Medicaid programs like MassHealth to reinstate eligibility redeterminations.

Now that redetermination has been reopened, BPHC reminds residents that this is an important time ensure their coverage is maintained. Residents covered by MassHealth must make sure that MassHealth has their most up to date contact information and report any changes in their household such as a new job, changes to income, disability status, or pregnancy.

Boston is currently home to more than 300,000 MassHealth members, some of whom may no longer be eligible for MassHealth coverage. Many residents may have already received blue enve-

lopes from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) that provide more information about redetermination and their benefits and contain an application to be completed and returned to EOHHS. If you have received one of these envelopes, review the content carefully and reach out to the Mayor's Health Line if you have questions or need assistance.

The Mayor's Health Line (MHL) specializes in MassHealth and Medicaid and is here to assist residents with their application during the redetermination period and assist any residents who no longer qualify for MassHealth find the best coverage available to them. The MHL regularly provides multilingual support in more than five languages to 10,000 residents annually find the health insurance benefits that are best for them. All services are free and confidential regardless of immigration status. The MHL is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm. For support, call 617-534-5050 or visit boston.gov/mayors-health-line.

As part of BPHC's efforts to help residents keep their coverage, the MHL has already begun to contact its existing clients to begin working on their applications.

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GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM (from pg. 1)

bach. By chance, the family who built the French Library were also friends of the Gibson family, she said, and both families summered together in Nahant.

Moreover, Mrs. Rosamond (nee Warren) Gibson was a Francophile, even before she married Charles Gibson, and they raised their three children in the Gibson House.

"She was a lover of all things French and even decorated the music room at the Gibson House to look like French salon of 19th century," said Blombach. "She also made sure their cook knew about French recipes so she could have French food in her home, and they traveled to Europe, like a lot of other wealthy Bostonians in late 19th century."

Added Blombach: "It seemed like a good match to honor the French Library for their preservation efforts and connection with the Gibson Family and Rosamond's interest in France."

The Gibson House also wanted to recognize the French Library this year, said Blombach, because of the high-quality French language instruction and cultural programs that the French Library provides.

This year also marks the 25th anniversary of Barbara Bouqueneauhad's tenure with the French Library. She worked in a variety of different capacities before assuming her current role as executive director and president of the organization.

"The French Library has been part of the cultural life of the Back Bay for more than 60 years, ever since sculptor Katharine Lane Weems gifted to us her former home in 1961," wrote Bouqueneauhad. "We take very seriously our obligation to help preserve the Back Bay's special character. We admire our colleagues at the Gibson House and are very grateful to them for this recognition."

Regarding the personal recognition she'll be receiving, Bouqueneauhad added: "It has always struck how the people who join our French Library very quickly fall in love with it, just like I did 25 years ago. Our community is very passionate about France and the Francophone world, but they also feel that we are a special place, where you learn things, get entertained, and form lasting friendships. Going to work in this beautiful Back Bay mansion every day is a privilege and an immense source of joy."

As for what guests can expect from this year's benefit, Blombach said: "It's really a party. We're going to have hors d'oeuvres and a very light buffet supper that will include quiche and crepe, and French macarons and chocolate mousse [for dessert]. We're going to have music with a pianist and a singer with an accordionist playing traditional French music. We're going to create the feeling of French café society."

The host of this year's event is Robert B. Dimmick, an etiquette expert referred to as an "etiquetteer."

Besides food, drink, and live music, another returning highlight of this year's benefit will be the always popular raffle.

This year's raffle will have 12 items, some of which are "French-themed," said Blombach, including French lessons donated by the International School of Boston; a family membership to the French Library, which the organization donated; and tickets to the Boston Ballet's production of "Sleeping Beauty." Other raffle prizes include restaurant gift certificates; an "instant French wine cellar"; designer jewelry; and vintage treasures. The creators of BackBayHouses.org are also offering a walking tour for up to eight people.

One particularly enticing raffle offering is the "Green Fairy," which, said Blombach, comprises "all the fixings to make drinks using absinthe," included a bottle of absinthe; four glasses specially designed for drinking it; an absinthe spoon; and sugar cubes.

"It's a really fun raffle item that kind of sums up 19th century French café society," said Blombach, who pointed out raffle participants can buy tickets (one for \$10, or six for \$50) in advance and don't need to be present at the event to win prizes.

Meanwhile, all proceeds from the event will go to preservation of the Gibson House Museum, as well as to support its operations and programs.

"It's an important event for us," said Blombach. "The Gibson House is pretty much exactly as it was when it was built in 1860. It's like a time capsule."

Tickets are \$150 and may be purchased at <https://www.thegibsonhouse.org/museum-benefit>, or by sending a check with the names of your guests to the Gibson House Museum, 137 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02116.

Visit <https://www.thegibsonhouse.org/museum-benefit> for more information on the event.



Upstairs Downstairs Home to hold annual Easter Egg Basket give-away

On Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Upstairs Downstairs Home at 69 Charles St. invites you to join in their fourth annual Easter Egg Basket give-away.

While supplies last, close your eyes and select a magic egg from our colorful basket. Each egg is filled with a treat, a magic coin or

two - and a discount coupon for selected store items. Now as spring is busting out all over, Owner Laura Cousineau in her Easter Spring Bonnet and her staff look forward to welcoming you, and to having the opportunity to thank you in person for your steadfast and loyal support.

MASSHEALTH (from pg. 2)

"Access to healthcare is key in enabling our communities to thrive," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "If any resident is having difficulties, the Mayor's Health Line is dedicated to supporting residents in applying for MassHealth benefits and determining what other coverage might be available so that they receive the care they deserve."

"Ensuring our residents maintain their MassHealth cover-

age will be a marathon effort throughout the rest of the year," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "This coverage is vital for keeping so many of our residents healthy, so we are going to be steadfast in our efforts to make sure that as many of our residents as possible maintain insurance coverage without interruption."

MassHealth members will receive a due date with their renewal packet, and it is important that they submit all requested information by the specified date. Over the next year, BPHC will work closely with partners in state and local government, as well as community-based organizations, to reach as many individuals as possible to ensure they are connected to coverage and can access health care.

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News in Brief

SOWA FIRST FRIDAY AND SOWA SUNDAYS THIS MONTH

SoWa First Friday takes place on April 7, from 5 to 9 p.m. at 450 Harrison Ave.

The artists of SoWa Artists Guild will also open every Sunday in April from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 450 Harrison Ave.

For more information, visit <http://www.sowaartists.com>, <http://facebook.com/SoWaArtistsGuild>, or <https://www.instagram.com/sowaartistsguild/>.

WARD 4 DEMS OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO AREA NINTH- AND 10TH GRADERS

The Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee is offering scholarship awards for students in the ninth and 10th grades.

The committee will be honoring several students with awards of \$400 each at its summer community event in August.

To apply, students must submit written responses to two essay questions in the language of their choice; the essays will then be judged on the merits of depth and originality. The extended deadline for essays is May 15.

Apply at bostonward4dems.org/scholarship-program.

For more information, email scholarship@bostonward4dems.org.

Ward 4 schools include Boston

Latin School, William McKinley South End Academy, and the Windsor School, while Ward 4 includes parts of the Back Bay, Fenway, and South End.

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This year's benefit features some select raffle items, including private tours; tickets to the theater, symphony, and ballet; a French Library family membership; French-language classes; restaurant gift certificates; an "instant French wine cellar"; designer jewelry; and vintage treasures. You do not need to be present to win.

Tickets are \$150 and may be

purchased at <https://www.thegibsonhouse.org/museum-benefit>, or by sending a check with the names of your guests to the Gibson House Museum, 137 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02116.

Visit <https://www.thegibsonhouse.org/museum-benefit> for more information on the event.

GARDEN OF THE BACK BAY'S ANNUAL TWILIGHT PARTY RETURNS APRIL 26

The Garden Club of the Back Bay's annual Twilight Garden Party will take place on Wednesday, April 26 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the St. Botolph Club, 199 Commonwealth Ave.

The event will include live music, drinks, and hors d'oeuvres, with proceeds going to support the Garden Club's "mission in caring for neighborhood trees, promoting civic beauty, and providing horticulture education to the public."

Visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/twilight-garden-party-tickets-492999042407?mc_eid=f6104b19a0&mc_cid=ab07e7ad33 to purchase tickets and learn about sponsorship opportunities for the event. R.S.V.P. is requested by April 14.

USES COMMUNITY YARD SALE SET FOR MAY 6

USES (United South End Settlements) will hold its Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May

6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 48 Rutland Road

Donations are also being collected for the sale at 48 Rutland Road, with clean and good conditioned items being accepted, including children's and adult clothing; shoes and boots; household items; small appliances; and toys and sports gear.

All proceeds from the sale will benefit the children of USES.

For more information, call 617-375-8150 or email kcoffin@uses.org.

PROJECT BREAD'S WALK FOR HUNGER RETURNS MAY 7 TO THE BOSTON COMMON

After going virtual for the past three years due to the pandemic, Project Bread's annual Walk for Hunger returns on Sunday, May 7, from 9-11 a.m., as a three-mile walk around Boston Common, with proceeds benefitting the fight against food insecurity in the Commonwealth.

The fundraising event, which dates back to 1969 and traditionally takes place on the first Sunday in May, has set a target of \$1 million this year.

Visit http://support.projectbread.org/site/TR?fr_id=1490&pg=entry to register and for more information on the event.

DUCKLING DAY EVENT SET TO RETURN MAY 14

The Friends of the Public Gar-

den will again partner with the Boston Parks Department for the annual Duckling Day event on Sunday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Every year, hundreds of participating children, dressed as their favorite characters from Robert McCloskey's classic children's book, "Make Way for Ducklings," join the parade led by the Harvard Marching Band. The parade route begins on the Boston Common at the Parkman Bandstand and ends in the Public Garden near the Make Way for Ducklings sculpture.

Playtime on the Common will take place ahead of the parade and include Interactive Circus Games with Esh Circus Arts; Jenny the Juggler; Peter O'Malley, magician; Jump, climb, and play with Knucklebones; a chance to meet the giant Duck; a visit with the Harvard University Band; a "Make Way for Ducklings" reading station; and a goody bag for every kid filled with Duckling Day-themed items.

The registration fee is \$35 per family in advance (before May 12) and \$40 per family the day of the event. Each child who registers will receive a special goody bag. Register at <https://friendsofthepublicgarden.org/2022/12/01/ducklingday2023/>.

For more information on Duckling Day, visit <https://friendsofthepublicgarden.org/events/ducklingday/>.

SPARK BOSTON (from pg. 1)

what young people want to see change in our City, to the services of City government," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "SPARK Boston is a great opportunity for young adults to connect with their neighborhoods, peers, and the possibilities of government. I've enjoyed getting to know this year's group of future Boston leaders and encourage all that are interested to apply."

Under the direction of the SPARK Boston Director, the 2023-2024 Council will create programming and advise Boston's leaders to help the city grow as an inviting, connected, culturally rich, and sustainable home for young adults. Throughout the SPARK Boston Council term, participants hear from key members of the Mayor's staff, leaders

within City Hall, and community organizations about topics like climate resilience, education, housing, and civic innovation.

"Recruitment is my favorite time of the year for our program," said SPARK Boston Director Audrey Seraphin. "I love being able to share our work with so many amazing young residents all across the City. I hope to see applications from every single neighborhood in Boston this year!"

Those looking to join the SPARK Boston Council can learn more about the program and application process by attending one of two Virtual Open Houses on either Tuesday, April 18 or Wednesday, May 10 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Those interested in attending can register at

bit.ly/SPARKinfoession2023. Applicants can also reach out with questions to sparkboston@boston.gov.

The 2022-2023 SPARK Council will be continuing their work through the end of their term this August, but have already taken part in several opportunities, including attending Mayor Wu's first State of the City; meeting with Boston's Sister City delegation from Strausbourg, France during Mayor Jeanne Barseghian's visit; and marching in the Allston-Brighton Parade with Mayor Wu. On-going programming includes participatory mapping project Boston You're My Home; public education series Back to School; a civic text Book Club; and greener living newsletter & lifestyle brand Sus-

tainable Boston.

The 2022-2023 council has also continued legacy & signature programming such as: Neighborhood Socials, events designed to bring City Hall staff and local leaders into spaces young people already patronize; Chief Chats, fireside discussions with cabinet leadership; and Pint with a Planner, an event series in partnership with the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA).

The SPARK Council meets on the first Monday of each month. Council members must also attend one community meeting and one SPARK event or sub-committee meeting a month. Applicants must reside in Boston, and be willing to commit 15 hours monthly to the SPARK

Boston program. SPARK Boston and its previous iteration ONEin3 have now been serving young adults and the City of Boston for over 18 years.

"SPARK Boston can ignite your confidence in civic engagement. It is a space where you can build your voice, involvement, and engagement in your neighborhood while understanding how the Mayor's Office serves the City of Boston," said 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Captain Ricky Meinke. "By applying to SPARK Boston, you are confirming that you want to be a future leader in your neighborhood, that you want to serve the City of Boston, and that you can make a difference in your community."

GREEN & WHITE (from pg. 1)

The Friends of the Public Garden invests more than \$2 million annually in the stewardship of these three iconic parks. With work focused on tree and turf care; conservation and maintenance for the largest collection of public art in Boston; capital improvements, and ongoing advocacy for these public greens-

paces, the Friends serves as a vital partner to the city and the Parks and Recreation Department.

This year's event is meant to celebrate two of their most critical partnerships – that with the City's Parks and Recreation Department and with Embrace Boston.

"We are so excited to come

together to support our three parks and celebrate the partnerships that enrich our work," Friends President Liz Vizza said in a press release. "Healthy parks are an essential part of a vibrant city and so important to the fabric of our neighborhoods. It is the support of the community that has ensured that these three – stretching from Park Street to Kenmore Square – continue to be beautiful and accessible urban greenspaces."

Early generous commitments from Visionary Sponsors Beth Johnson, Hope Sidman and Steve Wymer, and Victoria and Don Sullivan have allowed the Friends to include park advocates from throughout the community among the guests.

"We are incredibly grateful to our Co-Chairs and Committee for their dedication to these iconic parks and for the sponsors and friends who support these efforts," Vizza emphasized.

Over the past two and a half decades, the Green & White Ball



COURTESY OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN

Green & White co-chairs, Leslie Adam of Beacon Hill (seated), and Gloria Coleman and Kenda Coleman, both of the Back Bay.



Honorary Co-Chairs for The Green & White, Ryan and Lauren Woods



Imari Paris Jeffries and Miriam Ortiz, honorary event co-chairs.

has raised more than \$10 million to renew, care, and advocate for the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall, ensuring the health

and beauty of these important greenspaces in the heart of Boston.

For tickets and more information, visit www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org.

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HILL HOUSE HOLDS ANNUAL WINE DINNER AT BEACON HILL BISTRO

Hill House held its annual Wine Dinner at Beacon Hill Bistrot. The fundraising event drew many from the neighborhood to support the organization that offers activities such as sorts, music, art, dance, and more for youth throughout the city.



Hill House Executive Director Lauren Hoops-Schmieg with Development Director Katie Keches.



Esplanade Association President Alexi Conine, Board Member Anthony Pangaro, and Director Emeriti Margo Newman.



Hill House President Lisa Taffe welcomes everyone to the Wine Dinner noting is the first such gathering in three years.



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DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

Beacon Hill Bistro provided an intimate setting for the Wine Dinner fitting for the ambiance of the neighborhood.



Meg Thomas and Charley Aldrich.




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Encore announces Red Sox partnership

Staff Report

Encore Boston Harbor announced a multi-year partnership with the nine-time World Series champions, the Boston Red Sox. With the newly formed collaboration, Encore Boston Harbor now has partnerships with all the region's professional sports teams, the Boston Red Sox, Boston Bruins, Boston Celtics, New England Patriots and New England Revolution.

"Boston is the city of champions and Encore Boston Harbor is proud to be a partner of all the city's major sports teams," said Jenny Holaday, president of Encore Boston Harbor. "We truly believe this makes us the premiere destination for all sports enthusiasts and entertainment seekers."

To celebrate the partnership, Encore Boston Harbor has made \$25,000 donations to the Red Sox Foundation, Shamrock Foundation, Boston Bru-

ins Foundation, and Patriots Foundation. The donations were commemorated by check presentations with Encore Boston Harbor President Jenny Holaday; Bekah Salwasser, Executive Vice President, Social Impact and Executive Director of the Red Sox Foundation, Dave Hoffman, Senior Vice President of the Boston Celtics; Kerry Collins, Senior Director of Community Relations of the Boston Bruins, and Andre Tippett, Pro Football Hall of Fame and Executive Director of Community Affairs for the New England Patriots.

"The Red Sox are proud to partner with Encore Boston Harbor, an organization that is highly regarded as a staple to Boston locals and tourists alike and revered for playing an active role in the Greater Boston community," said Troup Parkinson, EVP, Partnerships, Boston Red Sox. "Through this partnership, Red Sox fans will have access to exclusive offers to enhance their



Shown above from left to right: Bekah Salwasser, Executive Vice President, Social Impact and Executive Director of the Red Sox Foundation; Andre Tippett, Pro Football Hall of Fame and Executive Director of Community Affairs for the New England Patriots; Jenny Holaday, President of Encore Boston Harbor; Dave Hoffman, Senior Vice President of the Boston Celtics; Kerry Collins, Senior Director of Community Relations of the Boston Bruins.

gameday experience with Encore Boston Harbor as a post-game destination."

This newest collaboration between two of Boston's most recognizable organizations demonstrates commitment to the fundamentals of what makes Boston special. Together, both the Boston Red Sox and Encore Boston Harbor will continue to

invest in community organizations, build on Boston's passion for sports and offer top-level entertainment to Encore Boston Harbor guests and baseball fans alike.

Under the partnership, the organizations will jointly participate in marketing and co-branded program elements including:

- Complimentary shuttle ser-

vice to Encore Boston Harbor from Fenway Park after each Red Sox home game.

- Red Sox Ticket and overnight stay packages

- Team-related events held at Encore Boston Harbor including watch parties, a Boston Red Sox take-over day, and Red Sox Foundation events.

CITY PAWS

Safely increasing your dog's weight

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We've often covered how to reduce your dog's weight and why. However, some guardians face the problem of safely increasing their dog's weight. Adding weight is a common issue for foster families, shelters, and rescue groups. We learned a lot about it when we were fostering dogs.

Finding the Cause

Any underweight issue should be confirmed by your veterinarian, who will help you set an ideal weight goal. Medical conditions can be responsible for weight loss. For example, parasites, digestive issues, age, dental problems, thyroid disease, diabetes, or a restrictive medical diet can keep a dog from maintaining a healthy weight.

Aside from medical problems,

other reasons for underweight dogs are stress, anxiety, and simply being a picky eater. We faced the issue with our second Westie, Maggie Mae. She was not interested in food. We used every strategy and recipe offered to us by experts to get her to eat.

Step-by-Step

Obviously, you need to add more calories for weight gain. Your vet might refer you to a veterinary nutritionist to help you add food correctly. It's not a simple matter of giving your dog larger meals. You might be asked to add to the number of meals you offer daily and include some between-meal healthy snacks.

You may need to switch to higher-quality dog food. Read the label on what you currently use and any new food. Whole Dog Journal is one publication that conducts reviews of commercial dog food. Today we're fortunate to have a wide assortment of traditional, raw, and freeze-dried food for our dogs.

You might switch from dry food to canned to see what your dog prefers. It can also help to add some liquid to the food you

are feeding to see if that allows your dog to enjoy the meal.

Introduce new foods slowly, and choose healthy proteins and fats. Some dogs will eat more if offered a variety of proteins. With Maggie, we learned she loved scrambled eggs, so we added those to her snack routine. She also responded to cheese as a topping on her regular meals. Sometimes she would just lick off the cheese, but other times

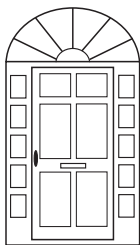
she would go on to eat the food under it. We also offered toppings like chicken and rice baby food to tempt her.

Yogurt, cottage cheese, and peanut butter can be fed in appropriate quantities. Be sure to check the many online lists of safe human foods for dogs and follow the guidance given for each. For example, check peanut

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Some breeds, like this Saluki, are naturally thin. Your veterinarian can confirm if your dog is underweight.

APPRECIATION

Reflections on Mel King

By Marianne Salza and Dan Murphy

Social activist Melvin Herbert King (October 20, 1928-March 29, 2023) believed in the power of unity. His emphasis on compassion, respect, and inclusivity strengthened families, neighborhoods and political institutions throughout Boston.

“In the 130-year history of United South End Settlements, there are few people we hold in higher esteem than Melvin Herbert King, a man whose extraor-

dinary life intersected our organization at a number of historic points,” wrote Jerrell Cox, Chief Executive Officer, United South End Settlements, in a letter to the community. “Mel was a pioneer, an activist, and a radical champion of love, harmony, and justice between all people.”

King was a passionate supporter of racial justice, desegregation, and affordable housing. He was a leader in the Tent City protests against urban renewal in 1968, when hundreds of dis-

placed residents gathered in a South End lot where homes once stood. The area was eventually transformed into the Tent City affordable housing community, with 269 units for mixed-income families.

“Mel King was a giant in Boston’s civic community. For so many decades, his character, courage, and commitment inspired other Bostonians to similar heights,” shared Kenzie Bok, Boston City Council, District 8. “In my own family, it’s a point of pride that my grandfather was able to assist in the legal work for Tent City. Mel leaves a deep legacy in both the physical infrastructure of justice in Boston, and in the hearts of generations of people and public servants here. I hold him and his family in my prayers.”

When King ran for mayor of Boston in 1983, he became the first black person in the city’s history to reach a mayoral general election. During his candidacy, King promoted solidarity through the Rainbow Coalition, unifying people of all ethnicities, sexualities, and beliefs.

“People must come together, moving out of their isolation to challenge conditions which exploit us. Alliance, cooperation, coalition: those are the only paths to follow,” wrote King in an excerpt from his 1981 book, “Chain of Change,” in which he

analyzes the struggles of the black community in Boston. “I want to make sure the city is working for everybody. We just need to hold hands and understand that love is the question and the answer.”

King served as an educator, youth director, and provided computer and technology access to lower income families.

“Mel King was a giant in Boston. He positively impacted so many aspects of our lives in Boston; especially in housing and education,” said State Representative Jay Livingstone. “I was honored to meet him.”

Family and friends of King are inviting members of the community to a two-day celebration in his memory. A visitation will take place on Monday, April 10, 4-8pm, at the Union United Methodist Church, 485 Columbus Avenue, Boston. A 6:30pm speaking program will include remarks by members of the community who were impacted by King’s life.

Funeral services will follow on Tuesday, April 11, 12pm, at Union United Methodist Church. Guest tickets are required for in person admission at [www.](http://www.UnionBoston.org/MelKing)



Melvin King shown in 1975, during his time representing the 9th District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.



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Mel King shown being congratulated by former Mayor of Boston Ray Flynn and others during the Nov. 13, 2021 unveiling of Mel King Square at the intersection of Yarmouth Street and Columbus Avenue.

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Free Family Fun: Dudley Farm Day at Shirley Place

Staff Report

Looking for a family-friendly way to kick-off Spring Recess? On Saturday, April 15 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, the Shirley-Eustis House, 33 Shirley Street in Roxbury, will host its first Dudley Farm Day. This festival celebrates the arrival of spring and the history of Roxbury’s rural past with an assortment of free activities including a farm animal petting zoo, butter-making, wool spinning, seed sales and giveaways. We’ll also have beekeeping demonstrations, snacks, and resources from community organizations on how we can stay connected to nature and each other through gardening and exploring our history.

In the eighteenth century, Roxbury was a suburb of Boston

– home to more farm animals than people! Rolling hills, groves of fruit trees, and fields full of many different varieties of crops composed the landscape. While Roxbury has undergone major changes over the past three hundred years, some important aspects of life remain the same. Dudley Street was still a main thoroughfare for the town, much like it is today. Gardens were common near the grand homes, like the community gardens tended by neighbors and friends now. And the arrival of spring meant more opportunities to gather as a community and enjoy nature, just as we do today. The Shirley-Eustis House is easily accessible on the 41 and 15 busses and has plenty of on-street parking.

This event is free for all to attend. For questions, please

call 617-442-2275 or email programs@shirleyeustishouse.org.

About the Shirley-Eustis House: The Shirley-Eustis House is a National Historic Landmark located at 33 Shirley St. in Roxbury, Massachusetts. The 1747 house, preserved at Shirley Place, is one of only four colonial governors’ mansions remaining in the United States. It was also owned by a Massachusetts governor of the early Federal era, whose lasting aesthetic marks on the house reflect its nineteenth century story. The Shirley-Eustis House Association preserves the site to explore the early history of our nation and the community of Roxbury. More information about guided tours, events and programs can be found on our website: www.shirleyeustishouse.org.

Back Bay Architectural Commission to meet virtually Wednesday, April 12

Staff Report

The commission will hold its next public hearing virtually on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 5 p.m.

Please note: This hearing will be held virtually and not in person. To participate, please go to our Zoom meeting link or call 301-715-8592 and enter meeting ID 919 0988 6256 #. You can also email comments through email at backbayac@boston.gov. Public testimony begins at 5:00pm

Discussion Topics

1Design Review - 5:00pm

23.0750 BB 216 Newbury Street: At rear elevation create masonry opening and install a six (6") inch by eight (8") inch diffuser vent.

23.0744 BB 44-46 Newbury Street: At Newbury Street Façade redesign entrance. Work includes installing granite ramp and entry steps, converting existing window into an entry door with sidelights, replacing a set of entry doors with single door with sidelights, and adding plaque with address.

23.0794 BB 581 Boylston Street: At front façade renovate existing storefront.

23.0605 BB 349 Marlborough Street: Continued from 3-8-2023 At rear yard remove dead Ailanthus tree.

23.0793 BB 302 Beacon Street: Amend application 23.0640 BB approved on 3-8-2023 to relocate existing door surround at lower entry to approved upper entry door.

23.0330 BB 362 Commonwealth Avenue: At roof replace existing roof deck.

23.0798 BB 14 Hereford Street: At side (north) elevation remove unapproved vents and repair masonry; and install exhaust vent at rear (east) elevation.

23.0702 BB 251 Commonwealth Avenue: Install new rubber roof and new copper gutters and downspouts; wood window replacement in-kind including curved sash at front and rear bays; masonry re-pointing; removal of rear fire escape; new brick paving at front entry and rear yard; new courtyard masonry garden walls; install low profile pyramidal skylight, copper clad elevator override and roof top air conditioning condensers.

2Administrative Review/Approval

23.0697 BB 19 Arlington

Street: Repair existing fire escapes at rear and side elevations.

23.0800 BB 122 Beacon Street: Re-landscape front garden.

23.0787 BB 128 Beacon Street: At rear elevation replace deteriorated copper cladding at bay window in-kind.

23.0797 BB 160 Beacon Street: At front façade, repaint door, window trim and metal railings, and repair masonry.

23.0796 BB 177 Beacon Street: At rear elevation replace non-historic metal fencing with wood fencing.

23.0694 BB 274 Beacon Street: At roof complete temporary repairs to north chimney to stop active water entry into building.

23.0738 BB 289 Beacon Street: At front façade repair and re-point masonry.

23.0746 BB 370 Beacon Street: Re-point masonry.

23.0813 BB 461 Beacon Street: At front garden remove dead Cherry tree and plant a Rutgers Dogwood tree as recommended by Garden Club of the Back Bay.

23.0718 BB 565 Boylston Street: At rear elevation lower roof replace black rubber membrane roof in-kind.

23.0805 BB 44 Common-

wealth Avenue: At rear elevation replace rooftop exhaust vent at rear elevation.

23.0510 BB 160 Commonwealth Avenue: At rear elevation add three sets of window grates to lower level windows.

23.0785 BB 192 Commonwealth Avenue: Modify previously approved roof deck modifications including eliminating a portion of the deck area.

23.0788 BB 239 Commonwealth Avenue: Replace seven one-over-one windows in-kind.

23.0818 BB 287 Commonwealth Avenue: At rear elevation install window grates at lower level windows.

23.0747 BB 290 Commonwealth Avenue: At roof remove roof deck and replace black rubber membrane roof in-kind.

23.0780 BB 347 Commonwealth Avenue: At façade façade repair and re-point masonry, replace copper gutter in-kind, repaint ironwork, and re-glaze and repaint windows.

23.0782 BB 374 Commonwealth Avenue: Roof replacement including new membrane roof, new copper gutters and downspouts, new copper cladding at headhouse, replacement of skylights, and replacement of access door.

23.0748 BB 390 Commonwealth Avenue: Roof and masonry repairs to address water infiltration into building.

23.0742 BB 409 Commonwealth Avenue: At rear elevation replace three second-story one-over-one non-historic wood windows in-kind.

23.0701 BB 283 Dartmouth Street: At rear elevation re-point and repair masonry, and replace missing roof slate in-kind.

23.0795 BB 140 Marlborough Street: At front façade repair entry steps.

23.0734 BB 256 Marlborough Street: At front façade re-point masonry.

23.0791 BB 2 Newbury Street: At front façade and side elevation renovate existing storefronts and replace signage.

23.0706 BB 108 Newbury Street: At front façade install wall sign.

23.0809 BB 135 Newbury Street: At front façade replace wall sign at first story retail space.

23.0804 BB 139 Newbury Street: At front façade install ADA compliant door opener.

23.0686 BB 176 Newbury Street: At front façade revise design and color of previously approved wall sign at lower level retail space.

Wu announces Kenzie Bok as incoming administrator of BHA

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that Councilor Kenzie Bok will serve as the next Administrator of the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), the public agency charged with providing affordable housing to more than 62,000 Boston residents. Bok will begin a transition period next month before current Administrator Kate Bennett steps down later this summer.

“The Boston Housing Authority has been a lifeline for generations of Boston families, and in this moment of housing crisis, the BHA must be a model for housing as health, safety, opportunity, and community,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Kenzie brings a deep commitment to our BHA communities along with an expansive vision of how public housing should anchor our neighborhoods and city—I’m thrilled for her leadership and look forward to building on the strong foundation set under Kate’s stewardship by the entire BHA team. We are all so grateful for Kate’s decades of service to our residents and work to ensure a smooth transition over the coming months.”

“Public housing is a public good, and all of Boston benefits when our public housing communities are strong,” said Kenzie Bok, incoming BHA Administrator. “I’m so excited to return

to BHA to put our residents and voucher-holders at the heart of everything our City does, by providing safe high-quality housing for every family and by ensuring the best access to jobs, services, and all the opportunities Boston has to offer. To truly have a City for all, we have to boldly invest at the local, state, and federal levels in the BHA housing that continues to anchor so many of our communities. I was lucky to learn from my predecessors in this role, Kate Bennett and Bill McGonagle, that residents come first at BHA, and I’m looking forward to working with Kate over the coming transition to continue that essential focus.”

Prior to her election to represent District 8 on the City Council in 2019, Bok was the Senior Advisor for Policy and Planning at the BHA. In that role, she spearheaded the BHA’s efforts to vary the subsidy amount of federal housing vouchers by ZIP code. Previously, all voucher recipients received the same subsidy regard-

less of where they were applying to live in the Greater Boston area. The change has allowed for significantly greater flexibility for voucher recipients in deciding where they want to live and continues to be an impactful program today.

In 2016, Bok helped lead the successful ballot initiative campaign to enact the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in Boston, which has generated tens of millions of dollars for affordable housing in the City. She has also held community leadership roles in various local organizations, including the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) and the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA). After graduating from Harvard College, Bok earned an M.Phil and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Cambridge in England as a Marshall Scholar, and formerly taught courses at Harvard on housing justice.

Bok will replace outgoing Administrator Kate Bennett,

who was appointed to the role in 2020 after previously serving as Senior Deputy Administrator and various roles in the BHA since 1998. Bennett has helped oversee the capital improvements at the Mildred C. Hailey Apartments in Jamaica Plain, the Choice Neighborhoods revitalization at the Whittier Street public housing development in Roxbury, the redevelopment of Orient Heights in East Boston, and the Bunker Hill redevelopment in Charlestown. Under Bennett’s leadership, the BHA remains resident-centric and has cemented itself as a nationally recognized leader in innovation, environmental safety, and redevelopment work. Bennett has worked in affordable housing development, policy and planning for more than 25 years, with a particular focus on public housing revitalization. Prior to joining the BHA, she managed affordable housing programs for

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butter labels to be sure it does not contain the artificial sweetener Xylitol which is toxic to dogs. If you use salmon, make sure it is fully cooked. Raw salmon contains a parasite harmful to dogs.

Lifestyle Changes

If your dog is stressed or has anxiety, your vet may be able to provide medication to help. You should provide a safe, quiet,

relaxed dining space for your nervous critter. Some quiet music that would block other noises or a safer space under a table or in a crate might help the dog feel secure when eating.

You might be surprised to have your veterinarian suggest more exercise as a step in weight gain. If a dog is listless and inactive, he can lose muscle mass and appetite. Again, start slowly with

longer walks. Pick up the pace when your dog seems willing. You could also add more play sessions, introduce food toys or even play “catch the popcorn” if that is fun for you and your skinny pup.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

KENZIE BOK (from pg. 10)

the City of Chelsea and the City of Newton.

“I am delighted that Councilor Bok will become the next Administrator at the BHA,” said Kate Bennett, current BHA Administrator. “She is the right person to take BHA to the next level. She is passionate about the Authority

and its mission, she knows our staff and residents, and she is a brilliant housing advocate.”

As the largest public housing authority in New England, the BHA houses close to nine percent of the City’s residents. The BHA’s mission is to provide stable, quality affordable housing for low

and moderate income persons; to deliver these services with integrity and mutual accountability; and to create healthy living environments which serve as catalysts for the transformation from dependency to economic self-sufficiency.

Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The window in the last clue is on 63 Bay State Road, built in 1894. The most likely architect for this property is Frank Manton Wakefield, who lived and did most of his work in nearby Brookline. Houses of Boston's Back Bay: An Architectural History, 1840-1917 by Bainbridge Bunting lists the architect as F. M. Makefield, which is most likely a typo.

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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