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Group of Berklee alums set to release debut EP this Friday

By Dan Murphy

Alex Maes & The Connection, who all met as students at Berklee College of Music, will mark a major career milestone this Friday, April 28, with the release of “The People We Thought We Knew,” their four-song, debut EP.

The group’s 24-year-old lead singer, Alex Maes, grew up in a small town in Colorado and began playing piano and singing at age 6. At around the age of 12, Maes and three of her childhood friends formed the band that would become known as “Red

Bandanna” during a sleepover. They found a band manager and began bringing in and rehearsing original songs, with Maes serving as the primary songwriter and composer.

“It started out pretty innocently, with us playing songs together, but it’s where my love for music came from and when I knew that music was something that I wanted to pursue,” said Maes.

Red Bandanna lasted about four years, disbanding when Maes was a high school sopho-

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Alex Maes & The Connection, featuring, left to right, Francisco Morales, Kevin Barber, Maes, and Warren Pettey.

Mayor Wu’s Bay Village Coffee Hour set for May 2

Staff Report

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2023 Neighborhood Coffee

Hour Series in partnership with Dunkin’® in parks citywide from May 2 to June 21. Visit boston.gov/coffee-hours for more information.

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OPEN HOUSE FOR COMMUNITY BOATING INC



Community Boating Inc. Staff member, Nicholas Valayannopoulos-Akrivou, explaining how to raise a sail during their first Open House of the season on April 22. See more photos on Page 6 and 7.

Henry Santana, a familiar face around City Hall, makes bid for City Councilor at-Large

By Dan Murphy

A familiar face around City Hall over the past few years, Henry Santana will be among the candidates for City Councilor at-Large this fall.

Santana, 27, who serves as the city’s Director of the Office of Civic Organizing, was born in Bani, Dominican Republic. He immigrated to the U.S. with his family at age 3 and moved into public housing in the Alice Taylor Boston Housing Authority apartments in Mission Hill, the neighborhood where his parents still live today. “I’m a product of Boston,” he said proudly.

Like his parents, Santana didn’t speak English upon arriving in Boston, where they all learned the language.

“We all got the proper edu-



COURTESY OF HENRY SANTANA

Henry Santana, a candidate for City Councilor at-Large.

cation we couldn’t have in the Dominican Republic,” said Santana, now a bilingual English and Spanish speaker.

Santana attended Boston Public Schools and, between junior

high and high school, spent one year at Beacon Academy, a Boston-based program that, according to its website, “prepares highly motivated students from communities with limited resources to succeed in competitive high schools, colleges, and careers.”

After completing the rigorous 14-month program at Beacon Academy, Santana entered boarding school as a freshman at Fryeburg Academy in Maine, where he had access to the school’s rich resources, including its own dedicated math-and-science building; a gym with a fitness center; and even a wood-working studio.

Santana “broke barriers” during his four years at Fryeburg

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EDITORIAL

ANTISEMITISM HAS NO PLACE IN OUR SOCIETY

As we were reading about the federal court trial that is getting underway this week of the 50 year-old Pennsylvania man charged with fatally shooting 11 people and wounding six at a Pittsburgh synagogue in 2018, which was the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history, we at first felt a sense of irony -- which then turned to sadness -- and finally into anger.

Irony, because this miscreant's trial follows Holocaust Remembrance Week, which was observed last week (Holocaust Remembrance Day itself was last Tuesday) throughout the world.

Sadness, for the innocent victims of his rampage, most of whom were elderly worshippers, whose lives were taken at the Tree of Life synagogue on the morning of Oct. 27, 2018.

And anger, that antisemitism not only still exists, but is growing all across our country.

When we were young, the typical antisemitic act consisted of a rock thrown through the window of a temple or some ant-semitic graffiti. But those acts of vandalism typically were committed by teens who had been drinking, and who were as likely to throw rocks through a school window as a synagogue.

But in recent years, antisemitic violence has escalated exponentially, both in numbers and in severity, of which the Tree of Life mass shooting is the apotheosis.

The Anti Defamation League (ADL) found that the number of antisemitic incidents in the U.S. increased by more than 36 percent in the past year, from 2,721 in 2021 to 3,697 in 2022. Antisemitic and white supremacist propaganda in the U.S. also hit new levels.

According to the ADL's web site, 2022 saw the highest number on record since the ADL began tracking antisemitic incidents in 1979, marking the third time in the past five years that the year-end total has been the highest number ever recorded.

The ADL also noted that incidents increased in each of the major audit categories: antisemitic harassment increased 29% to 2,298; antisemitic vandalism increased 51% to 1,288; and antisemitic assaults increased 26% to 111.

This trend is having a profound effect upon our fellow citizens of the Jewish faith.

A New Jersey rabbi wrote a column in the New York Times over the weekend in which he said::

"In the four years since the shooting at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh, American Jewish institutions have developed rapid-response playbooks to address concrete terror threats and best practices have been shared around the country. We have invested in our security infrastructure and communicated those changes to our congregants. Over the past few years we've added cameras, panic buttons, shatterproof film to our windows, and boulders meant to keep cars from plowing into our buildings."

For those of us who were born shortly after the end of WWII, it is inconceivable that antisemitism can be on the rise. To be sure, antisemitism always has existed in our country, but when we were growing up in the '60s and '70s in the immediate aftermath of WWII and the Holocaust, it seemed that the lessons of the horrors of WWII had been learned and that the world was becoming a better place, not only for Jews, but for people of all races and creeds.

So it has been with a profound sense of sadness, dismay, and anger for us to witness the sharp increase in antisemitic acts across the United States today.

The theme of Holocaust Remembrance Week is that the world must never forget what can happen when hate and politics merge to create a force of evil. That is a message that is just as timely today as it ever has been.

Wu announces funding to support small businesses

Staff Report

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) last week announced that the City of Boston awarded the first grants from the previously announced Affordable Commercial Assistance Fund (ACAF) to make commercial rents more accessible to small businesses in Boston impacted by the pandemic. The first awards will subsidize rent for Jean Appolon Expressions, a Haitian dance company in Roxbury, and for Words as Worlds Bookstore in Dorchester.

In August 2022, the Mayor's Office of Housing announced a request for proposals (RFP) for the Affordable Commercial Assistance Fund. The ACAF made \$1 million available to help sustain local businesses and community-based nonprofits operating in affordable housing buildings. ACAF funding awards enable property developers to lower their commercial rents and support the growth of businesses investing in local neighborhoods. The funding is available to owners of buildings with City-supported affordable housing, including rental and homeownership properties, that include commercial space. The City anticipates that this new fund will ensure the affordability of approximately 35,000 square feet of commercial space for local small businesses and nonprofits that would otherwise be unable to afford market rents.

"When Boston small businesses prosper, everyone bene-

fits—anchoring our economy and community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We will continue to support these drivers of innovation and connection throughout our neighborhoods."

"Providing affordable commercial space in our neighborhoods strengthens our local business districts, supports entrepreneurship, and creates a pipeline to Boston's economic engine," said Councilor Brian Worrell, Chair of the Boston City Council's Committee on Small Business & Professional Licensure. "I am excited to see local small business owners utilize this program to enhance our communities and expand Boston's small business ecosystem."

"We are thrilled to see the Affordable Commercial Assistance Fund supporting small businesses and nonprofits, particularly those that are providing essential services and cultural assets to our neighborhoods," said Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing. "The Jean Appolon Expressions dance company and Words as Worlds Bookstore are great examples of how we can invest in the economic vitality and cultural richness of our communities through this new program. The ACAF is an important tool for creating economic opportunities and supporting our city's diversity and vibrancy."

The development team for 2147 Washington Street has been awarded a \$225,000 Affordable Commercial Assistance Fund grant for their 74-unit mixed-use development in Roxbury. The

grant will support Jean Appolon Expressions, a dance company focused on contemporary Haitian-rooted dance, by subsidizing their rent for 2,846 square feet of first-floor retail space. With the assistance, their rent will be reduced to almost half the area's average market rate per square foot. The construction of 2147 Washington Street is expected to be completed in the spring of 2024.

"We are thrilled to be moving into the 2147 Washington Street building in Nubian Square and are excited to partner with other artists and area businesses to expand our impact in Boston's growing arts ecosystem," said Jean Appolon, Founder and Artistic Director of Jean Appolon Expressions (JAE). "This ACAF award from the City of Boston is making it possible for JAE to partner with the New Atlantic Development team and enter our first dance studio home, at a lower rent level, allowing us to continue offering our arts programming at a very accessible level for our diverse community members."

"On behalf of the entire development team for the 2147 Washington project, we are extremely grateful to Mayor Wu and the Mayor's Office of Housing for providing this ACAF award. Without it, we would never have been able to bring Jean Appolon Expressions into our building," said Bill Madsen Hardy, Owner of New Atlantic Development.

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COFFEE HOURS (from pg. 1)

Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours are a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and their neighborhoods. Through these conversations, and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Wu looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon parks, public areas, and City services.

Participants will enjoy Dunkin' Iced Coffee and assorted

Dunkin' MUNCHKINS® Donut Hole Treats along with fresh fruit from Star Market. Additional support is provided by City Express courier service. Each family in attendance will receive a free flowering plant from the Parks Department, while supplies last. Residents at each event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin'.

All coffee hours will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., weather permitting. Please see

below for the Bay Village and South End Coffee Hours!

Tuesday, May 2

Elliot Norton Park

295 Tremont Street, Bay Village/Chinatown

For more information and updates on possible rain locations, please contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505 or @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, or by visiting boston.gov/parks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FENWAY CDC MEETING SET FOR APRIL 27 AT ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH

The Fenway CDC (Community Development Corporation) will hold its 50th annual meeting on Thursday, April 27, from 5:45 to 8 p.m. at St. Cecilia's Church at 30 St. Cecilia St.

The event will feature an overview of Fenway CDC's accomplishments of 2022, recognize the group's Community Service awardees. The meeting will also

include a panel comprising Emily Jones, Senior Program Officer for LISC Boston's Green Homes and Green Jobs Initiative; Brian-na Millor, Chief of Community Engagement, City of Boston; and Coco Alinsug, Outreach and Enrollment Manager, Fenway Health and a City Councilor in Lynn.

Admission to the meeting is free, and guests can register for it at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fenway-cdc-50th-annual-meeting-tickets-546123408817?>

NABB ALLEY RALLY SET FOR APRIL 29, AT CLARENDON STREET PARK

The Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay will hold its annual Alley Rally on Saturday, April 29, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Clarendon Street Playground.

From 8:30 to 9 a.m., volunteers meet at the playground located at the corner of Clarendon Street and Commonwealth Avenue for coffee and donuts.

At 9 a.m., volunteers register for the event and head off to clean their block with tools provided by the city.

At 11 a.m., volunteers head back to the playground to return the tools and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

CHESTER SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP SET FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 29

The Chester Square Neighbor-

hood Cleanup is set for Saturday, April 29, beginning at 9 a.m.

For more information, email info@chestersquareassociation.org.

'SONGS TRANSCENDING THE NATURAL WORLD' CONCERT SET FOR APRIL 30 AT FIRST CHURCH BOSTON

First Church Boston Choral Ensemble presents "Songs Tran-

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more.

In high school, Maes was awarded the Daniels Scholarship which allowed her to attend Berklee in 2017. She graduated in 2022, taking a bit longer to complete her studies during the pandemic, like many of her classmates.

Maes first connected with her future Connection bandmates, including Warren Pettey (keys/piano), Kevin Barber (bass), and Francisco Morales (drums) at Berklee, where they formed the band in 2019.

In describing their signature sound, Maes said, "The foundation is R&B and soul. It's progressive, alternative R&B or soul music, with elements of jazz, elements of rock, elements of pop, and maybe even elements of folk sometimes."

Since their inception, Alex Maes & The Connection have performed at a number of prestigious venues, such as Rock-

wood Music Hall, The Narrows, and Boston City Plaza, and have also been nominated for several awards, including for the Best R&B/Soul artist at the New England Music Awards in 2021. The group was named finalists in the New England Last Band Standing Competition in 2022 as well.

Though they started recording the songs that appear on "The People We Thought We Knew" about a year ago, Maes said the songs had been "in progress" for a while beforehand.

The EP was recorded by Brian DiMaio, a Grammy-nominated recording engineer who has worked with notable artists, including Terrace Martin. Production was spearheaded by Maes, with help from Sean McLaughlin, who produced the vocals. The mixing was handled by Pettey, the group's keyboard player and pianist, while Jonathan Wyner, a Grammy-nomi-

nated mastering engineer, mastered the release.

Maes and her bandmates recorded most of their new EP at the Berklee studios, along with a number of other locations, including the Record Co., a non-profit recording studio at 960 Mass Ave. (where they will be holding their record release party on Friday).

The songs themselves "delve into the complexities of human relationships, both with others and with

oneself," according to a press release for the EP.

Asked whether she considers it a 'concept album,' Maes responded: "I like to have concepts within projects. I really like having something that's threaded together."

Maes added, "The thing about an album is it's a point in your life...and being about a certain period in your life."

While she had initially consid-

ered crediting the EP to just herself, Maes soon decided to also give The Connection top billing as well.

"This is our first release officially as a band," she said. "For a while, I was thinking of just using my name, but I think a lot of the songwriting comes from all our collectiveness as a band, which I think makes it really special."

Two songs on the EP – "Us" and "You," respectively – Maes co-wrote with her bandmate, Pettey.

Another song, called "We," Maes wrote with a Berklee classmate, Emily Sangder.

"She's a really good friend from Berklee, so it made sense for us to write [songs] together. It came out really well, and I'm happy we were able to collaborate," said Maes.

The fourth track, which Maes wrote by herself, is called "Me."

To commemorate the release of the EP, the group will be hold-

ing a free record release party on Friday, April 28, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Record Co., located at 960 Mass Ave.

"We just want people to listen to the music," said Maes. "We want it to be a celebration, more than anything else."

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/alex-maes-the-connection-ep-release-show-tickets-608815452407> to register for the event. Food and drink will be provided at the event, where the band will also be selling merch.

As for the future, Maes is now looking forward to whatever comes next for her and The Connection.

"Making more music is really our goal," she said. "We obviously want to be performing more as well, just chugging along."

Visit <https://www.alexmaes-theconnection.com/> for more on Alex Maes & The Connection.

SMALL BUSINESSES (from pg. 2)

"As a nonprofit, community-oriented, and community-serving creative business with deep ties to Boston, they are an ideal tenant for this prominent commercial space. Most importantly, their long-term presence in Nubian Square will further the goals of the Roxbury Cultural District and the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan."

The development team for 1463 Dorchester Avenue, Tlee Development LLC, has been awarded a \$150,000 Affordable Commercial Assistance Grant to support their Dot Crossing Apartments project. This transit-oriented development features a five-story building with 29 mixed-income units, along with a residential lobby and a retail

space that will be occupied by the Words as Worlds Bookstore. The project includes rent restrictions for the next five years, reducing the rent by 40 percent and ensuring that the bookstore's rent does not increase by more than 2% annually. The anticipated completion date for the Dot Crossing Apartments is June 2023.

"We at Words as Worlds are incredibly grateful for this rent relief support through the Affordable Commercial Space Assistance funding, which makes our model for a community bookstore and gathering space so much more sustainable over the next ten years," said Bing Broderick, Community Organizer for Words as Worlds. "We appreciate this support and vote

of confidence. We know that this will facilitate collaboration and partnership in the years ahead.

"We look forward to being a community staple in Boston," said Travis Lee, President of TLee Development LLC. "Words as Worlds will provide a curated and culturally relevant book selection to residents of the Dorchester neighborhood, as well as a small space for spoken word performances. The community has expressed overwhelming support for this new addition to the neighborhood, and we all look forward to its opening this fall."

"This investment in affordable commercial space for Jean Appolon Expressions and Words as Worlds is so important, because

it allows for these organizations to provide programming that is accessible to community members in a way that is sustainable over the long-term," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture. "Investing in cultural spaces and housing goes hand in hand with creating healthy communities, and we're so excited to see the opportunities these organizations will be able to provide for community gathering, cultural celebration, and creative expression in the Dorchester and Roxbury neighborhoods as a result of this funding."

"The Affordable Commercial Assistance Fund is an exciting opportunity to support the local, small, diverse businesses that are so integral to Boston's econ-

omy," said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. "This program is an important step in supporting our small business community and addressing the need for affordable commercial spaces in the City."

The Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) currently prioritizes applications for commercial spaces that are either on the first floor or contribute to an active street space and proposals that can demonstrate significant community and neighborhood ties for the proposed tenants. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until June 30, 2023.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR APRIL 25- APRIL 30 2023

Events happening in the City of Boston this week will bring some parking restrictions and street closures. People attending these events are encouraged to walk, bike, or take public transit. Information on Bluebikes, the regional bike share service, may be found on the Bluebikes website and information on the MBTA may be found online. The MBTA advises riders to purchase a round-trip rather than a one-way ticket for a faster return trip. Walking is also a great way to move around.

BACK BAY
Love Your Block– Saturday, April 29, 2023

A portion of Saint Botolph Street will have parking restrictions to assist with a Love Your Block Event that will take place from 9 AM until 12 PM. Parking restrictions will be in place from 7 AM to 12 PM at the following location:

- Saint Botolph Street, Both sides, from Massachusetts Avenue to Harcourt Street

DOWNTOWN
GREEK INDEPENDENCE

PARADE – Sunday, April 30, 2023

The annual Greek Independence Day Parade will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2023. The end of the parade route has been modified from previous years. The route for 2023 will be: on Boylston Street, left onto Tremont Street, straight onto Cambridge Street ending at City Hall Plaza. Some of Congress Street will be used as a disbursal area or for staging buses. Parking restrictions and road closures will occur the following streets:

- Boylston Street, Both sides,

from Massachusetts Avenue to Tremont Street

- Tremont Street, Both sides, from Boylston Street to Cambridge Street

- Charles Street South, Both sides, from Park Plaza to Boylston Street

- Cambridge Street, Both sides, from Tremont Street to Sudbury Street

- Congress Street, Southwest side (City Hall Side), from Sudbury Street to State Street

WEST END
Canal Street Pedestrian

Way for Playoffs – Tuesday & Wednesday, April 25 & 26, 2023

The Mayor’s Office will be hosting a pedestrian-only event on Canal Street so fans can gather and celebrate in a car-free environment. This event will be repeated for both the Celtics and the Bruins as they progress through the playoffs. Parking restrictions and street closures will occur on the following street:

- Canal Street, Both sides, from Rip Valenti Way to Causeway Street

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Academy, he said, becoming the second-ever class president in the school’s history.

During high school, Santana returned to Boston in the summers and worked as a junior councilor for the Mission Hill Summer Program, which he first attended as a 7-year-old camper. He remained with the program during summers in college as well, eventually becoming a senior councilor and program director.

“Spending time in Maine and then coming back to Boston and serving in [the Mission Hill Summer Program], I really saw the lack of resources that youth in Boston really had access to,” said Santana, “and that really motivated me to serving my community.”

Upon graduating from Fryeburg Academy, Santana returned to the Boston area to attend Lasell University in Newton, where he originally planned to pursue a degree in education.

“I really thought I wanted to be an educator,” he said. “I thought I wanted to be a teacher or a principal one day.”

While attending college, however, Santana said he quickly came to the realization that it was local and state government “who has access to making decisions.” He subsequently changed his academic focus to majoring in history, with a minor in political science.

Weeks after graduating from Lasell University, Santana visited Beacon Academy, where he struck up a conversation with one of program’s directors. He mentioned to her that he hoped to get involved in politics. By chance, this connection was a

relative of Kenzie Bok’s and put Santana in touch with the future District 8 City Councilor as Bok was embarking on her maiden campaign for office.

While he would eventually join Bok’s campaign, Santana said he first decided to do his due diligence by acquainting himself with all the candidates in the five-way race.

“They were running to represent the neighborhood I grew up in, so I wanted to make sure I was basically engaged and educated, and that I was aligned with the candidates and their ideas and priorities,” said Santana.

Santana got to know Bok better over the course of that summer, and by its end, she had offered him the position as her campaign’s field director.

After Bok proceeded to win the election as the top vote-getter in all the neighborhoods she would come to represent, she offered Santana the role as her office’s Director of Operations and Mission Hill and Fenway Liaison.

Councilor Bok was sworn in January of 2020, and two months later, the pandemic struck.

“We really had to buckle down with constituent services and make sure the most vulnerable people in the district were protected and connected to our office,” said Santana. “Because we were a new office, we wanted to make sure that the whole district knew we were available to them.”

Additionally, Santana said: “We saw firsthand the challenges that families and residents, especially vulnerable residents, were experiencing, and we tried to do our best to connect residents

with the resources they needed.”

In February of 2022, Mayor Michelle Wu selected Santana for his current role as the city’s Director of the Office of Civic Organizing.

“I love it,” Santana said of the position that has charged him with working to improve the facilities and infrastructure of the city’s public housing. “I’ve been honored to serve in a position and in a new office that really focuses on identifying different barriers that residents are facing in engaging with local politics, and creating programs and initiatives that break down those barriers.”

Santana will take a leave of absence from this role at the end of April to focus on his campaign.

If elected, Santana, a self-described “product of public housing,” said “the investments we need to make to expand affordable housing” would rank among his top priorities.

Matilda Drayton, president of the Tenant Task Force at Alice Taylor, the BHA housing development where Santana grew up, said in an April 3 press release announcing his candidacy: “We are so proud of Henry. We need more candidates that know firsthand about living in public housing and can advocate for us.”

Another top priority for Santana is “civic engagement,” particularly providing affordable options for after-school and summer programming to the city’s youth.

Moreover, Santana said: “Public safety is a big issue that I want to focus on. Obviously, there are hot zones where violence is most likely to happen, but across the neighborhoods, there’s a sense of feeling unsafe...whether it’s walk-

ing your dog or going to the convenience store.”

As city councilor, Santana said he would strive to better connect Boston Police with communities to “build trust and transparency” between them.

But Santana also realizes that communities cannot heal if pathways aren’t created for returning citizens.

David Jean-Jacques, executive director of the Big Hope Project, said in a press release: “As someone who’s spent years working with incarcerated individuals, I know firsthand how important it is to have leaders who prioritize criminal justice reform and support reentry programs. Henry Santana is that kind of leader. He understands the challenges faced by the formerly incarcerated and is committed to ensuring they have the resources they need to successfully reintegrate into our community.”

Meanwhile, Councilor Bok has endorsed Santana for City Councilor at-Large.

“Henry Santana has a heart for service and an instinct to include everyone,” Councilor Bok said in part in an April 19 press release announcing her endorsement of him. “He knows firsthand how public housing and great youth programming gave him the opportunity to thrive in Boston, and he wants to lay that same foundation for every other person in our city. I’m proud to endorse him for an At-Large seat on the Boston City Council, where his experience in city government and his passion for civic engagement will make him a great champion for all our communities.”

Councilor Bok continued: “When the pandemic hit, I saw how Henry served as a resource to his whole community. He was the person who helped our

office connect with Mission Hill families that were hungry during lockdown, and who Tobin School teachers asked for help delivering computers and reaching out to absent students. As a former director of the annual affordable summer camp in Mission Hill, he has also been a mentor and role model to countless young people, whom he still connects to resources and opportunities. I know that the entire city of Boston would benefit from Henry’s strong work ethic and passion for helping others.”

Likewise, Sandra Nijjar, executive director of East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, said in a press release: “I’ve seen firsthand how Henry Santana is committed to improving the lives of our neighbors in East Boston. As a City Councilor at-Large, I know he’ll fight to ensure that every person in our community has access to healthy food and a warm meal.”

Jerren Chang, CEO of civic nonprofit GenUnity, is another supporter of Santana for City Councilor at-Large.

“Each of us can contribute to building a community that works for all of us,” Jerren Chang, CEO of civic nonprofit GenUnity, said in a press release. “Henry Santana shares this vision of bringing people together to drive change and has a proven track record of working tirelessly to improve our neighborhoods.”

Santana will be among the candidates for City Councilor at-Large in the preliminary municipal election on Sept. 12.

To learn more about Henry Santana’s campaign for City Councilor At-Large, visit henrysantana.com or follow him on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

John Moran earns endorsement from Mayor Wu, 11 other electeds statewide

By Dan Murphy

John Moran has received endorsements in his bid for the 9th Suffolk District state rep seat from Mayor Michelle Wu, as well as from 11 other elected officials from across the Commonwealth.

Moran's campaign announced Tuesday, April 25, that Mayor Wu has endorsed Moran to succeed Jon Santiago in the seat.

"John is a public servant at heart, and he has a deep understanding of the issues facing the 9th Suffolk district," Mayor Wu said in a press release. "I know John will be a strong partner to tackle our housing crisis and climate change, advocate for more state resources to face our mental health and substance use crisis and ensure that every constituent can access a good quality of life no matter their zip code within the district. I look forward to working with him and seeing his leadership on Beacon Hill."

Moran said in a press release: "Mayor Wu is a true fighter and community leader, and I am proud to earn her support in our campaign's mission to bring about better days for the 9th Suffolk district. I'm looking forward to working alongside her to get things done for our community. Together, we will tackle the biggest issues facing Bostonians."

Moran's campaign had previously announced on Monday, April 24, that a group of eight elected officials from across the state are endorsing him for state representative.

These endorsements include State Sen. Julian Cyr, State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, along with Reps. Jay Livingstone, Jack Lewis and Adam Scanlon., as well as City Council President Ed Flynn and At-Large City Councilors Ruthzee Louijeune and Michael Flaherty.

"I am grateful to have the support of some of the most hard-working and committed leaders in the Commonwealth. They are joining our movement to fight for more affordable housing of all types, combat the mental health and addiction epidemic and bridge the growing economic divide in our state,"

Moran said in a press release. "These endorsements reflect the continued strength of support our campaign has received from all corners of the 9th Suffolk district. Together, we will bring about better days for all."

In a joint statement, these eight electeds supporting Moran wrote: "Now more than ever, Bostonians need a leader they know will bring real change to the 9th Suffolk District. With a housing crisis, a mental health and addiction epidemic and an economically divided city, John Moran is a civil servant that will work hard for the constituents of Boston and bring about better days for all. His vision for a better Commonwealth, Boston, and district is one that fights for reproductive freedom, working families, and those struggling to access a better quality of life – and it's resonating in our communities from Roxbury to Dorchester to the South End. John is who we need to represent the 9th Suffolk District on Beacon Hill. We are proud to offer him our full support and endorsement to be our next state representative."

On April 20, Moran's campaign announces that he had also received endorsements from Sen. Nick Collins and Rep. Chris Worrell.

Sen. Collins said in a press release: "John Moran has the passion, experience and commitment to hit the ground running as State Representative for the 9th Suffolk District. From his grasp of our public health and safety challenges along with his vision for shared economic prosperity and building livable communities, John will ensure that the people of the 9th Suffolk District will continue to have strong representation in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. I am proud to endorse John's candidacy and look forward to working with him so the communities of the South End, Back Bay, Roxbury, and Dorchester get the resources and attention from the Commonwealth they deserve to thrive."

Likewise, Rep. Worrell said in a press release: "I'm supporting John Moran for State Representative, because he has a proven

track record of activism and engagement in his community. The 9th Suffolk District deserves a Rep. who will show up, advocate, and deliver for Roxbury, Dorchester, and the South End. I look forward to working closely with John to ensure that our neighbors in Roxbury and Dorchester have the resources in the community and the leadership we need on Beacon Hill."

Said Moran: "I'm honored to have earned the support of some of the most hard-working and committed leaders the Commonwealth has to offer. These incredible elected officials are joining our movement because they believe in our vision for the 9th Suffolk District and understand the importance of bringing about better days for all this May 2."

Moreover, Moran's campaign announced on Wednesday, April 26, that Moran has also been endorsed by Sen. Ed Markey.

Sen. Markey said in a press release: "John Moran is the leader with the experience, dedication, and heart to lead the 9th Suffolk District as State Representative. His love for and commitment to his community is reflected in his decades-long advocacy work to create opportunities for all residents, ensure access to green spaces and affordable housing, and protect its most vulnerable. John will be a strong voice for progressive change in the Massachusetts State House, and I am pleased to endorse him for the 9th Suffolk District."

Of receiving Sen. Markey's endorsement in the race, Moran said: "Senator Markey is a prolific civil servant, and I am proud to earn his support in our campaign's mission to bring about better days for the 9th Suffolk district. I'm looking forward to working with him to get things done for our people and our great state. Together, we will create a Commonwealth that works for all."

Moran, now the only candidate left in the primary for the special election for the 9th Suffolk District state representative seat set for May 2, has received endorsements from Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund.

SEN. MICHAEL RUSH PRESENTS CHECK TO SUPPORT EMERALD NECKLACE CONSERVANCY



COURTESY OF EMERALD NECKLACE CONSERVANCY

Earlier this month, Sen. Michael Rush presented Karen Mauney-Brodek, President of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, with a \$250,000 check for economic development initiatives by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy in the City of Boston.

This funding was supported by the office of Sen. Michael Rush, Sen. Liz Miranda and Rep. Samantha Montaño of Boston, and was made possible from the Commonwealth's Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund designed to help the areas of Massachusetts that were hardest hit by the pandemic. Sen. Rush remarked that the Conservancy continued to offer free programs and took great care of the parks, ensuring that residents and visitors had a safe and attractive space to gather, play and reflect during the pandemic and beyond.

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COMMUNITY BOATING, INC. OPEN HOUSE ON APRIL 22



Nicholas Valayannopoulos-Akrivou demonstrating how to rig a Cape Cod Mercury during the April 22 Open House

Photos by Marianne Salza

Community Boating, Inc. (CBI) held its first Open House of the season on April 22 for friends to enjoy a tour of the boathouse, attend an orientation, and learn about the Charles River. According to staff member, Nicholas Valayannopoulos-Akrivou -- who explained how to rig a Cape Cod Mercury -- the most important rules of sailing are to be safe and have fun.

Community Boating is the oldest public sailing organization in the United States, and provides a supportive environment for junior sailors (ages 10-17) and adults. Those in need of additional assistance can take sailing lessons or reserve sailboats for recreation through the Universal Access Program. During adult program hours, visitors are welcome to explore the Charles River Basin and Storrow Drive lagoons during two-hour kayak, paddleboard, or sailboat rentals.

Community Boating, Inc. is located at 21 David G. Mugar Way, Boston, along the Charles River Esplanade between the Hatch Shell and Longfellow Bridge. Visit www.Community-Boating.org or call (617) 523-1038 to learn more about opportunities.



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Visitors learning about different parts of a boat during Community Boating's April 22 Open House.

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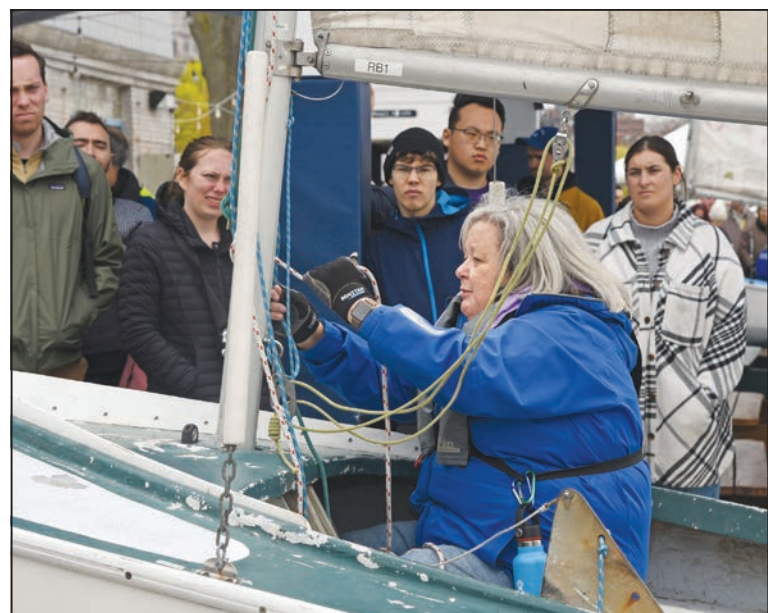
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A man and a woman are standing on a wooden dock next to a sailboat. The man is wearing a blue jacket and the woman is wearing a blue and yellow jacket. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The sailboat has a blue sail with the word "POLAR" on it. In the background, there are other sailboats and a body of water.

Elizabeth Edwards, of Acton, and Matt Doelp, of North Andover preparing their sailboats

COMMUNITY BOATING, INC. OPEN HOUSE ON APRIL 22



Volunteer, Peggy O'Connor, demonstrating how to rig a Cape Cod Mercury.



Visitors learning how to tie knots and raise a sail of a Cape Cod Mercury with Peggy O'Connor.



Carl Zimba, President of the Charles River Alliance of Boats, describing a chart of the Charles River to longtime sailor and Beacon Hill resident, Melissa Naranjo, Taylor Halamka, and Isabel Barrientos.



Jamie Gracie, Elissa Scherer, and Elaine Jeon, of Cambridge.

Wu announces Street Theory as City of Boston mural consultant

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture (MOAC) announced Street Theory, Inc. as the City of Boston's mural consultant. This three year contract, which totals \$3,525,000, includes artist payments and all related project costs. It is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and capital funds through the City's Percent for Art program. As the mural consultant, Street Theory will be responsible for the administration and completion of 10 to 15 murals or other mutually agreed upon public art projects across Boston through December 2025. It is the largest contract awarded by the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture for public art to date.

"Murals in Boston are a critical part of highlighting and amplifying culture and beauty in our communities," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Arts help to create dynamic, connected and welcoming communities representative of our residents. I'm grateful to Street Theory for their partnership and dedication to equity in the creative space. This historic investment will uplift the work of diverse artists in all of our neighborhoods."

Street Theory will work with MOAC to identify potential mural sites across Boston, provide

feedback on Calls to Artists, and facilitate artist selection processes. They will also lead the documentation and community engagement processes related to these new mural projects. This support allows for the City to commission more artists for projects all over the city, with the goal of bringing more public art to every neighborhood. Projects that Street Theory will oversee include three basketball court murals at Malcolm X Park and a mural on a wall of the BCYF Shelburne in Roxbury, as well as murals in partnership with the Boston Public Library, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Public Schools, and Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF).

"Public art has an incredible impact on communities, and we've seen that through some of the artworks we've been able to install in different neighborhoods over the past year, like Rita's Spotlight by Rixy in Allston and The Joy of Growing by Mattaya Fitts in Dorchester," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture. "We're looking forward to continuing our partnership with Liza and her team to transform neighborhoods across the city through more murals."

"Murals are a form of public expression that create powerful experiences," said Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Chair of the Committee on Arts, Culture, and

Special Events. "They represent community values and foster the vibrancy of our beloved neighborhoods. Thank you to Mayor Michelle Wu and Street Theory for their investment that will ultimately empower artists across the City."

Street Theory, Inc. is an award-winning creative agency that activates communities, spaces, and global brands through street art, experiential marketing, cultural placemaking, branding and design. Established in 2016, Street Theory is an artist-centric agency, owned and operated by its founder Liza Quiñonez. In 2021 and 2022, Street Theory served as Mural Consultant for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, through which Liza supported 11 mural projects across the city, including:

- Doujans D'al Hirhoal by Cyrille Conan at the Patricia White Apartments in Brighton,
- Tree of Life, You Are Loved, Tree with Network of Stars, and Thank You Heroes by Alex Cook at the Engagement Center in Newmarket Square,
- Together by Mz. Icar at the Engagement Center in Newmarket Square,
- Youth Lead the Change: Rise Up from Your Roots by Mel Mandel at Franklin Field in Dorchester,

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DON BOSCO TECH REMEMBERED



PHOTOS BY PEO CONNOR

More than 100 graduates of Don Bosco Tech met on Sunday, April 23 for the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the school at the site of the Doubletree Hotel on Washington Street in the South End. The all-boys trade school, staffed by the Salesian Fathers was located at the site from 1955 to 1998 and attracted boys from all over the greater Boston area. The school was located at 330 Tremont Street.



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Wu announces expansion of curbside food waste collection

Special to the Sun

In celebration of Earth Day (April 22) and building on her commitment to make Boston a greener and more sustainable city, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Public Works Department today announced the expansion of the food waste curbside collection program, increasing from its current capacity servicing 10,000 households to 30,000. Since launching in August 2022, the program has allowed residents to conveniently dispose of their household food waste, while also reducing the City's reliance on landfills and incinerators. The curbside food waste collection program was initially announced last May. The City is now surpassing the original expansion goal for the second year of the program, due to high interest from residents. To date, the program has collected over 800 tons of curbside food waste at no cost to residents.

"As we celebrate Earth Day, I'm excited to announce the expansion of this highly successful program that builds on our efforts to make Boston a Zero Waste City through sustainable food waste disposal," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The strong interest in our pilot program gave us a clear sign that residents are eager to participate in curbside food waste collection if the resources are available. This expansion will make it easier for more residents to help our City fight the effects of climate change."

"I look forward to the expansion of the curbside food waste collection program to more of our households. I have been working closely with my Council colleagues on the issue of pest control, and I believe this program is part of the solution for cleaner streets as we separate food sources from our trash," said Council President Ed Flynn. "This is much better for the environment and will help improve the quality of life for all our residents."

Beginning in July, the City's

Waste Reduction Division will begin onboarding new households into the program, and will continue to add households each month until its capacity of 30,000 is reached. Residents who were previously placed on the waiting list for pick-up service will be enrolled first in the program. Residents who have not previously signed up but want to can do so here. Food waste curbside pick-up will continue to align with residents' scheduled trash and recycling collection days.

"The interest in the curbside food scrap program has been remarkable, so expanding our service capacity and offering the program to more residents was an easy decision," said Chief of Streets, Sanitation and Transportation Jascha Franklin Hodge. "We look forward to our continued partnership with the community as we work together to achieve our Zero Waste goals."

"At the City Council, we're committed to moving toward a greener, cleaner Boston," said Boston City Councilor Kendra Lara. "This expansion of the food scrap program signals exciting prospects for what we can achieve as a City when our goals align."

The food waste, which is collected through a partnership between Garbage to Garden and Save That Stuff, is recycled to make clean energy and nutrient-rich compost. Food scraps sent to Waste Management's CORE Facility in Charlestown are made into a slurry for easier processing. The slurry is then transported to North Andover's GLSD anaerobic digestion facility where it is turned into biogas and renewable electricity which is sent to the grid. Composting is an important part of this program, and in partnership with Garbage to Garden and Save That Stuff, the City is exploring options to expand and secure more composting sites for Boston's food waste.

Any Boston resident who lives in a residential building with six

units or less is eligible to enroll in the program. The City is prioritizing enrollment in the program to residents in environmental justice communities, based on the state's criteria for such communities coupled with proximity to a Project Oscar compost drop-off site.

In June, compost bin "starter kits" will be delivered to residents whose curbside pick-up service begins in July. Another batch of curbside bins will be delivered in July with service beginning in August. The "starter kits" include an onboarding manual, a roll of liners, kitchen bin, collection bin, and a magnet outlining what food scraps are and are not accepted in the program. Accepted materials include common household food scraps such as coffee grounds, fruits and vegetables, meat and seafood, and eggs.

Today's expansion announcement aligns with Boston's Zero Waste Plan, outlining the City's strategy to reduce its waste by 2035. MassDEP estimates that food waste accounts for more than 25 percent of the waste stream in Massachusetts after recycling. When sent to landfills or incinerators, food waste can generate harmful greenhouse gasses, lose potential energy, cause pollution, and lose its agricultural benefits.

"We're thrilled to see the curbside food scrap program expanding, and we look forward to our continued partnership with the City of Boston," said Save That Stuff's Director of Compost Operations, Alex Pogany. "We want to thank all the participating residents for taking proactive steps to conserve our resources and mitigate the impacts of climate change."

"With thousands of residents on the waitlist and new households signing up daily, the expansion of the curbside program comes at a perfect time," said Garbage to Garden's Annika Schmidt. "We encourage anyone interested to enroll."

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scending the Natural World,” a concert featuring a varied set of works by Herush, Narverud, Esēnvalds, Runestad, Gjeilo and Chilcott, with piano four hands, string quartet and jazz trio, on Sunday, April 30, at 5 p.m. at First Church in Boston at 66 Marlborough St.

The concert, funded in part by the Collins Family Fund and conducted by Director of Music Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, is free and open to the public.

PICKLE BALL GROUP LESSONS OFFERED ON THE COMMON

Pickle ball group lessons are offered on Monday-Wednesday, May 1-3, from 11 a.m. to noon at the pickle ball/(tennis) court on the Boston Common.

Register and pay in person \$50 for all three sessions, or \$20 per single session. Paddles and balls will be provided, and lessons continue on a weekly basis until the end of October.

Call 585-448-2005 or email vevsy.jivkova@gmail.com for more information..

MAYOR WU ANNOUNCES NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOURS

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2023 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in partnership with Dunkin’ in parks citywide.

Mayor Wu’s Neighborhood Coffee Hours are a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and their neighborhoods. Through these conversations, and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Wu looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon parks, public areas, and City services.

Participants will enjoy Dunkin’ Iced Coffee and assorted Dunkin’ Munchkins Donut Hole Treats along with fresh fruit from Star Market. Additional support is provided by City Express courier service. Each family in attendance will receive a free flowering plant from the Parks Department, while supplies last. Residents at each event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin’.

All coffee hours will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., weather permitting, including at

Elliot Norton Park, 295 Tremont St. for Bay Village/Chinatown, on Tuesday, May 2; City Hall Plaza, 1 City Hall Square, on Friday, May 19; Hayes Park, 158 Warren Ave. in the South End, on Thursday, May 25; Symphony Community Park, 30 Edgerly Road for Fenway/Kenmore, on Tuesday, June 13; and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall (Arlington Street entrance), 15 Commonwealth Ave. for Back Bay/Beacon Hill, on Wednesday, June 21.

For more information and updates on possible rain locations, contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505 or @bostonparks-dept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, or by visiting boston.gov/parks.

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.

WLP ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SET FOR MAY 12 AT PARK PLAZA HOTEL

Women’s Lunch Place will celebrate our 12th annual eat LUNCH give fundraiser at the Grand Ballroom, Park Plaza Hotel, 50 Park Plaza, on Friday, May 12, at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

At this dynamic networking event, business professionals from Greater Boston will gather to celebrate 40 years of Women’s Lunch Place and the leaders who share its vision, give back to their community and make an indelible impact on the women that the organization serves.

This special luncheon includes a meal, raffle, and the opportunity to hear about the great work and mission of WLP from some of Boston’s brightest women leaders.

Visit <https://womenslunchplace.org/eat-lunch-give/> to reserve your seat for the event.

DUCKLING DAY EVENT SET TO RETURN MOTHER’S DAY, MAY 14

The Friends of the Public Garden 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://friendsoft->

hepublicgarden.org/2022/12/01/ducklingday2023/.

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

MOZART AND HAYDN AT KING’S CHAPEL ON SUNDAY, MAY 21

Crescendo Productions presents the music of Haydn and Mozart brought to life by renowned Viennese fortepianist Daniel Adam Maltz on Sunday, May 21, at 5 p.m. at King’s Chapel at 58 Tremont St.

Maltz is in demand worldwide with 50 tour dates per year and hosts Classical Cake, the podcast about Viennese classical music and culture. He specializes in Wiener Klassik (Viennese Classicism), especially the works of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven, and performs on Viennese fortepianos typical of their time. He studied historical performance at the Royal Academy of Music in London and the Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst in Vienna.

The program will include Sonata in B Major, Hob. XVI:25 by Joseph Haydn; Sonata in F Major, K. 332 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Sonata in F Major, Hob. XVI:23 by Haydn; and Sonata in C Major, K. 330 by Mozart.

The price of admission for the event is discretionary, but there are suggested donations for guests of \$10, \$15, and \$25, respectively. The price of admission for the event is discretionary, but there are suggested donations for guests of \$10, \$15, and \$25, respectively. Visit www.crescendoproductions-arts.com to reserve your spot at the event, or for more information on other upcoming events presented by Crescendo Productions.

FENWAY PORCHFEST SET TO RETURN SATURDAY, JUNE 10

The free Fenway Porchfest is set to return on Saturday, June 10, to venues across the neighborhood.

Visit www.fenwayporchfest.org for more information.

WARD 4 DEMS OFFERING 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.

PETERS PARK CLEANUP SET FOR SATURDAY, MAY 6

The Friends of Peters Park will be planting petunias in the park and spearheading a cleanup effort on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. (Rain date: Sunday, May 7.)

Meet at Peters Park, next to the Dog Park. Refreshments will be provided by Dunkin’ on Washington Street.

If participants wise, they may bring gardening gloves, but all the necessary tools will be provided.

The Friends of Peters Park is also raising funds to replace the temporary fence with a stronger fence. Donations are being accepted via Venmo; at the group’s website (www.Peterspark.org); or by sending a check to: Friends of Peters Park, P.O. Box 181137, Boston, MA 02118.

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Wu announces registration for BCYF teen summer programming

Staff Report

Mayor Michelle Wu and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) announced that registration is open for a variety of summer teen programs. Building on Mayor Wu's commitment to make Boston the best city in the country to raise a family, these programs foster youth employment and life skills while providing youth with fun summer activities. Boston teens can register now for the BCYF Snap Shot photography program through the City of Boston's Summer Jobs Program, SuccessLink. Registration for the BCYF SuperTeens pre-employment program for young teens opens today. The BCYF Girls Leadership Corps is also now seeking participants for this year's programming.

"These summer opportunities enable teens to learn crucial life skills, while enjoying the company of their peers," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Summer programming, especially opportunities like these that provide a paycheck, help prepare our teens for the future and I encourage any interested families to apply and

take advantage of what BCYF has to offer."

"We have put together a diverse menu of options for young people of all ages this summer across all our centers and we are looking forward to providing these enriching and engaging summer programs," said Marta Rivera, Commissioner of Boston Centers for Youth & Families. "We encourage interested families to sign up as soon as possible to guarantee a spot."

"Summer workshops, programs, and employment are fantastic opportunities for our young people to stay engaged, make new friends, and learn new skills," said Council President Ed Flynn. "I want to thank the BCYF team for putting together a variety of different programs for our young people. Summer programming brings tremendous benefits to our young people's physical and mental well-being, and I encourage our families and young people, especially young women, to join leadership programs to learn about community service, teamwork, accountability, and financial literacy."

BCYF's Snap Shot Teen Photography program is a unique summer job program for ages

16 to 18 that introduces participants to all aspects of photography. Teens receive a paycheck while participating in the program. Led by a professional photographer, the program includes opportunities to conduct photo shoots, visit museums and art galleries, learn digital photo editing, engage in online personal development workshops, and serve as a staff photographer for BCYF. Interested youth should apply to Snap Shot through the SuccessLink Summer Jobs Program at Boston.gov/Youth-Jobs. Select "BCYF Snap Shot" from the summer job spreadsheet on the website. The program will operate from Monday, June 26 to Friday, August 25, 2023.

BCYF SuperTeens program teaches teens ages 13 and 14 life readiness and resiliency to help prepare them for their upcoming academic year and future employment. The program focuses on opportunities to enhance communication, collaboration, teamwork, and problem solving. The SuperTeens are mentored by BCYF staff throughout the summer, and they participate in both online workshops and in-person job shadowing activities that highlight employment skills.

The SuperTeens also participate in weekly social and recreational activities, including a Learn to Row crew program on the Charles River, leadership workshops, job shadowing, community service projects as well as field trips to museums and institutions around the City of Boston. Participants earn a paycheck in the form of a stipend, and they will also be provided with opportunities that encourage civic engagement and physical health and wellness. Registration began today at Boston.gov/BCYF-SuperTeens. The program will operate for 6 weeks from Monday, July 10 to Friday, August 18, 2023.

BCYF Girls Leadership Corps (GLC) provides girls ages 11-14 with workshops and activities. Workshop topics will include self-defense with Girls LEAP, leadership skills, empowerment with the YW F.R.Y.E. Initiative, and more. The Girls Leadership Corps program participants will plan activities that Boston girls will be invited to register for, including Summer Girls Nights and various workshops and special activities. Interested program participants should email Erika. Butler@boston.gov. The pro-

gram will operate from Tuesday, July 18 to Friday, August 18, 2023.

These teen programs are in addition to many activities offered at BCYF community centers across the city. Registration for center programs can be found at Boston.gov/BCYF-Registration. In addition, BCYF is currently seeking full-time, part-time, and seasonal lifeguards for BCYF pools and swim lessons. Sign on and retention bonuses up to \$1,000 are available, depending on date of hire and remaining employed through September 4th. Training is available and equipment is provided. Visit Boston.gov/BCYF-Aquatics for more information or apply directly at Boston.gov/Lifeguard-Jobs.

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is the City of Boston's largest youth and human service agency. BCYF operates 35 community centers in Boston that offer a variety of engaging and enriching programs for people of all ages created through community input and need. BCYF also oversees many citywide programs.

Climate activists take responsivity for deflating tires on SUVs in the neighborhood

By Dan Murphy

A group of climate activists with global ties has claimed responsibility for deflating the tires of 43 cars overnight on Wednesday, April 19, on Beacon Hill.

According to Boston Police, an officer responded on Thursday, April 20, to series of vandalisms reported in the area of Mt. Vernon Street. Multiple victims approached the officer at this time and explained to him that the air had been let out of their tires. A piece of paper was placed on their respective windshields, said witnesses, explaining to the vehicle owners that their tires had been deflated in

response to a "climate emergency." It appears that the group were targeting SUVs specifically, police said. Security cameras were observed in some areas, and area detectives were still investigating the matter at press time.

Tyre Extinguishers, a loosely organized international group that takes direct action against climate change by deflating the tires of SUVs, took credit for the acts of vandalism and left fliers behind on the vehicles urging the drivers to switch other modes of transportation, including public transportation and biking, as well as electric vehicles. (The group also said they didn't target any electric or hybrid vehicles,

nor did they target vehicles with handicap plates, during their campaign of vandalism.)

"The activists took this action in Beacon Hill as it is one of the wealthiest neighborhoods in Boston to own a house," the group proclaimed on Twitter while calling this their "first action in Boston."

Rep. Jay Livingstone rebuked the activists for using vandalism in their tactics, even though he agrees with their motive of combatting climate change.

"These criminal acts of vandalism distract the public about the climate crisis and reduce public support for addressing climate change," he wrote. "While

I agree with the goals of the vandals to address the climate crisis, I strongly disagree with their misguided methods. I hope they stop these illegal practices."

Likewise, Sharon Durkan, a candidate for District 8 City Councilor and a Beacon Hill resident, wrote in a statement on Twitter: "We are in a climate crisis, and the means in which this group chose to perpetuate the narrative of individual responsibility, a notion that the fossil fuel industry has manufactured, detracts from our community of local climate advocacy and work to bring people together around real solutions to these pressing challenges. This vandalism alien-

ates those in the best position to support neighborhood based climate solutions, harming residents and neighbors, and diverting resources and distracting residents from the larger issues at hand.

"We have many incredible civic environmentalists and volunteers living in Beacon Hill. While we should reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, and rely as much as possible on the use of public transportation, individual actions need to be backed up by a culture that works to call fossil fuel companies to account, which is responsible for two-thirds of carbon emissions," Durkan added.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale
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Storage - Boston Traveler St. located at 33 Traveler St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com

on 5/10/2023 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Chyunyan Chen unit #358; Jerold Sawyer unit #437; Alexandros Kafkas unit #516; Jingyuan Wang unit #541; Alvin King

unit #831. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

4/20/23, 4/27/23

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Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Davinia Investment Co	Unit 2a Beacon St 100 LL	100 Beacon St #2B	\$2,785,000
Jamn Holdings LLC	Hon, Helen N	316 Beacon St #2	\$3,400,000
Daniel J Sullivan RET	Hadawar, Jordan	148 Commonwealth Ave #G2	\$485,000
Tinkjian, Kevork	Atlast I Rt	3 Gloucester St #11	\$875,000
358 Marlborough LLC	Punch, William A	358 Marlborough St	\$4,250,000
Huffman, Kellie A	Latchague-Irvine T	393 Marlborough St #1	\$1,170,000
Chen, Qian	Adelstein, S J	183-185A Massachusetts Ave #703	\$1,410,000

BEACON HILL

Neff, Thomas M	Marilyn M Hartke 2019 R	26 Hancock St #4	\$910,000
Haydock, Charles	Scott, Kenneth R	145 Pinckney St #227	\$1,950,000
Ng, Tin C	Butternut Rt	45 Province St #1907	\$630,000

BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE

Mfi RET	Connors, Travis D	139 Appleton St	\$3,000,000
Chen, Michael	Chandler Realty LLC	60 Chandler St #1	\$1,180,000
Sherwill, Jennifer L	Fpg Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #510	\$221,700
Guillermin, Olivier	Page, Linda J	38-40 Saint Botolph St #45	\$530,000
Boelitz, Carole A	121 Portland LLC	121-127 Portland St #309	\$875,000
Primerio, Vidal	Macina, Samantha M	486 Shawmut Ave #2	\$740,000
Habib, Ghofran	Ld Rt	518 Shawmut Ave #2	\$594,000
Dalton-Petillo, Stephen N	Rittner, Marc D	1672-R Washington St #301	\$640,000
Foz, Carine	Zohlman, Corey	3531 Washington St #407	\$707,000

WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN

Anthony-Mcman, Paula E	Gerstenberg, Eric	45-63 Atlantic Ave #11B	\$1,800,000
Keaton, John A	Brier, Lauren C	27 Clark St #6	\$635,000
Mandato Ft	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #3705	\$1,950,000
Mandato Ft	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #3706	\$4,120,000
Yee, Alex	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #3905	\$1,975,000
Doktor, Maxim	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #3912	\$2,725,000
Chang, Yung-Hsun	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #4111	\$1,535,000
Woods, Mark	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #4505	\$2,025,000
Lee, Su H	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #4511	\$1,595,000
Sharma, Piyush	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #4611	\$1,720,000

MURAL CONSULTANT (from pg. 7)

• Rita's Spotlight by Rixy at 506 Cambridge St. in Allston,
 • The Future of the Past Is Here Now by Curtis Williams at the Faneuil Branch of the Boston Public Library in Brighton (in progress),
 • The Joy of Growing by Mat-taya Fitts at the Peabody/Engle-wood Apartments in Dorchester, and
 • A mural activation at the Boston Blooms Block Party in Downtown Crossing.

Street Theory's overarching mission and strategy is to empower BIPOC creatives by fortifying and amplifying their respective artforms through talent and business development, intergenerational mentorship, cross-sector collaboration, and

local engagement to increase equity in creative industries and build a more inclusive creative sector. The organization believes in breaking down barriers to the art industry by meeting BIPOC artists at every stage of their careers and creating pathways towards becoming thriving career artists through education, training, advocacy and exposure, while beautifying cities, communities, and neighborhoods with diverse and culturally-inspired public art.

"As the newly appointed mural consultant for the City of Boston, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to develop and administer dynamic and impactful murals and public art projects over the next three years," said

Liza Quiñonez. "I am excited to collaborate with the City, local artists, and community members to create works of art that reflect the diverse and vibrant culture of Boston. I look forward to bringing new life to public spaces throughout the city and leaving a lasting impression on residents and visitors alike."

Street Theory was identified as the bidder that was most advantageous regarding proposal quality, vendor experience and qualifications, and diversity and inclusion plan. Street Theory is also certified by the City's Supplier Diversity Program as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Woman Business Enterprise (WBE), and Small Business Enterprise (SBE).

Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The doorway in the last clue is on 478 Commonwealth Avenue. This residence was designed by architects Kilham & Hopkins and built in 1903. This firm has received accolades for contributions to early 20th-century reform housing. They also designed the Blithewold Mansion in Bristol Rhode Island which is open to visitors for tours and special events.

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.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT

110 ARLINGTON STREET, PENTHOUSE RESIDENCE

4 BEDROOMS | 4F 1H BATHROOMS | 3,552 SQUARE FEET

LISTED AT \$4,999,000



4-5 ARLINGTON STREET, RESIDENCE 5

3 BEDROOMS | 3 FULL BATHROOM | 2,545 SQUARE FEET

LISTED AT \$5,890,000



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