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## CAC meets again to discuss Fenway Corners project

By Dan Murphy

The city's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Fenway Corners met virtually on Tuesday, May 23, for the first time in about a year to discuss the latest iteration of and changes to the project.

WS-Fenway-Twins Realty Venture LLC – a partnership made up of the Fenway Sports Group, which owns the Red Sox; the D'Angelo family, who own the 47 sports apparel and memorabilia company; and Newton-based WS Development, which led the redevelopment

effort in the Seaport - intend to redevelop 13 parcels located south of the Massachusetts Turnpike near Fenway Park on four major blocks along Jersey Street, Brookline Avenue, Van Ness Street, and Lansdowne Street, respectively, which collectively total around 5.32 acres.

Yanni Tsipis, senior vice president of WS Development, said the project-use mix and program changes from what the CAC last saw about a year ago at the group's fourth meeting include the reduction of 50,000 square feet of commercial uses; the



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A rendering of the proposed Fenway Corners project.

elimination of 8,000 square feet of retail to provide more public space; the addition of 50 more residential unit to bring the total to 266 units (including 53 affordable units) on site; an increase in affordable housing from 13

percent to 20 percent on site; a four-fold increase in civic space, bringing it to 10,000 square feet; a reduction in the project's Gross Floor Area (GFA) of current project approvals by 460,000 square feet to align with the cur-

rently allowed Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 7.0; and the creation of the Fenway Family Center, a daycare/early childhood ed center that could accommodate 100

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## HURLEY SCHOOL HOLDS 13<sup>TH</sup> EL TROPICALIENTE FUNDRAISER



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El Tropicaliente attendees listen to Avida Michaud speak. See more photos on Pages 6 and 7.

## Old South Church presents Open Door Award to Melvin B. Miller on Phillis Wheatley Sunday

Special to Sun

Old South Church in Boston awarded Melvin B. Miller, an esteemed journalist and community leader, its prestigious Open Door Award on Sunday, May 14, as part of the church's annual Phillis Wheatley Sunday service.

The Open Door Award was established in 2014 and is described as "a testament to Old South Church's commitment to fostering inclusivity and celebrating individuals who embody the spirit of diversity and equality," according to the church. The award recognizes exceptional individuals whose lead-



PHOTO BY JAMIE GARUTI SAGE  
Melvin B. Miller, who was awarded Old South Church in Boston's prestigious Wheatley Sunday service.

ership, courage, and dedication have made a significant impact in advancing social justice and equal rights within society.

Miller has been actively involved in Boston's political and public affairs for more than 50 years.

In 1965, he founded the Bay State Banner, a weekly newspaper advocating the interests of Greater Boston's African American community. He has been the Banner's publisher and editor since its inception until his recent retirement.

Miller has decades of leader-

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# EDITORIAL

## LET US REMEMBER THOSE WHO “GAVE THE LAST FULL MEASURE”

Although the Memorial Day weekend signifies the start of the summer season and is observed by families and friends who gather for barbecues and similar festivities, we should keep in mind that Memorial Day is our most solemn national holiday in which we remember those who gave their lives in defense of our country.

Their sacrifice in the many wars our nation has fought since our country's founding should serve as a reminder that freedom isn't free.

Although today we technically are at peace, the world feels anything but peaceful. Totalitarian adversaries either are wreaking havoc (Russia in Ukraine) or threatening to do so (No. Korea and China).

If the lessons of the past and present teach us anything, it is that we cannot take our freedom for granted. The same troops who at the present time are providing humanitarian and military aid in far-off places around the globe could be called upon to engage in a far different and far more dangerous mission at a moment's notice.

We should keep in mind too, that the willingness of our military personnel to serve in defense of our country not only places them in harm's way, but also imposes great sacrifices upon their families.

This realization made us think back to the roots of Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day in the aftermath of the Civil War, with the proclamation by Gen. Logan on May 5, 1868, in which he declared:

“The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit. Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.”

In the aftermath of World War I, the term Supreme Sacrifice came into the national lexicon to describe those who gave their lives in that terrible conflict and has been associated with our wars for the past century.

However, prior to that time, President Abraham Lincoln coined a different phrase -- the “last full measure” -- in his speech at Gettysburg to honor the Union soldiers who fought and died to preserve the nation in that epic battle that turned back the Confederate Army.

Lincoln's brief oration rates as the greatest-ever testament to those who have given their lives in defense of their country. We never tire of reading his plain yet profound words, and as the years pass, they seem to take on new meaning. Similar to the state of the nation when Lincoln delivered his speech on November 19, 1863, at the official dedication of the Soldiers National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, we are divided along lines that seem irreconcilable. Not only are we facing challenges to our democratic ideals abroad, but here at home as well.

We are printing the full text of the Gettysburg address in the hope that our readers draw as much inspiration from it as we do:

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

“Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

“We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

“But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

We hope our readers appreciate the eternal truths of Lincoln's sentiments, which are as relevant today as they have been since the founding of our nation.

We wish all of our readers a happy Memorial Day weekend.

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## GUEST OP-ED

### Reevaluate your church mission spending

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

For fifty years of my life, I've been associated with churches that have given over four million dollars collectively to outside denominational endeavors.

The typical mainline denominational church/parish will collect weekly offerings from their members. A percentage of this money each month is given to a state office. The state office will in turn keep a large percentage of the money for state denominational purposes. The rest of it will be sent to the national office. Some denominations have an international mission office and an American denominational office.

Local churches are always encouraged to give more of their weekly offerings to the state and national causes. The state and national entities employ people who do denominational work. They have full time salaries, medical insurance, retirement plans and usually newer model cars to drive. They need more money like most everyone else. Many churches will give ten and often as high as 25 percent of their general offering to these outside entities.

The denomination rewards the church by praising them. Patting them on the back. They will usually list the top 100 giving churches on their denominational website or state publication piece. They will work hard to enlist the pastor of the church to

serve on state committees. This is done to make the pastor feel important and to keep their hand in the local church through the church's pastor. Executives from the denomination will come a couple of times a year to visit the church and praise them for their generosity. This usually is about the summation of what the local church gets back from their sacrificial 10 to 25 percent giving.

In far too many cases the local church deprives itself of needed money to fund their own local needs. The local minister often has to scrape to get by while the church is mailing a big check to the denominational hierarchy.

I've been a strong advocate of International and state missions most of my life. However, I'm tired of seeing so many small churches do without while the state and national entities regardless of the denomination, do and have more.

If your church has been mailing 15 percent of its money down to the state office every month then why not keep eight percent of that to do local mission work in your neighborhood? Will the state or national office come to your town and help the homeless? Are they in your town helping unwed mothers and ministering to pregnant teenagers? Are they supporting the local halfway house for drug addicts and safe house for abuse victims? Are they going door to door in

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# News in Brief

## CITY CONTINUES PUBLIC PROCESS FOR BERKELEY STREET BIKE LANE

As the city is envisioning a one-way protected bike lane on Berkeley Street that would connect the South End to the Back Bay and the Esplanade, the Boston Transportation Department will continue to host a series of in-person event to share its plans for the project, including on Thursday, May 25, from 8 to 10 a.m. on Boylston Street near Trader Joe's; and on Saturday, May 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Berkeley Street and Commonwealth Avenue (Spanish interpretation).

The city is installing separated bike lanes on Berkeley Street, as well as on Boylston Street and on a block of Beacon Street. The Berkeley bike lane will connect to a new two-way bike lane on Beacon Street, which will bring bicyclists to the Arthur Fiedler



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A rendering of the one-way protected bike lane proposed for Beacon Street.

footbridge and the Charles River.

While the city anticipates some change to the number of parking spaces on Berkeley Street as a result of the project, it expects most existing street parking will

remain.

“While we have not yet developed specific designs for the new bike lane, we plan to retain all of the existing travel lanes and turn lanes north of Boylston Street,”

according to the city’s project page. “We are also working with traffic signal engineers to make adjustments to signals that could improve the flow of vehicles along Berkeley Street.”

Construction is expected to get underway on the Beacon Street bike lane this summer, according to the city.

Visit <https://calendly.com/active-transportation/bike-lanes?month=2023-05> to sign up for a virtual 15-minute meeting with a member of the project team; or visit the project page at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/transportation/berkeley-street-bike-lanes> to sign up for email updates.

## MAYOR WU TO HOST 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

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## FENWAY CORNERS (from pg. 1)

children.

Tsipis said the intent for the proposed Fenway Family Center is to give preference to people living and working in the neighborhood, but this would ultimately hinge on the selected operator and what they can provide in this regard.

The project would also allocate \$13.5 million for area-wide transportation improvements (\$6.50 per square foot); extend the Richard B. Ross Way from Van Ness Street to Brookline Avenue and create a Ross Way bike hub with valet service available on non-game days; and create .75 miles of new bike lanes and roadway improvements, said Tsipis.

Additionally, the developer has committed to deferring around 460,000 square feet of development until after the completion of the Fenway-Kenmore

Transportation Action Plan, said Tsipis, to take into account its findings.

The developer has also committed to advocating that the \$23 in Housing Linkage funds from the project be used to the Fenway, and to work with the Fenway CDC (Community Development Corporation) and other stakeholders to achieve this goal, said Tsipis, while also pledging that payment of these funds would be accelerated, rather than paid over seven years (which would amount to an additional \$5.4 million in NPV [Net Present Value]).

As another project amenity, the developer has also now committed to completely funding the restoration and renovation of the city-owned Duck House “into a proper public facility,” said Tsipis.

Moreover, the project will

“pedestrianize” Jersey Street, as well as create additional access points to the second level of the public space overlooking Jersey Street at the Jersey Street Porch, added Tsipis. The developer has also committed to leasing the food-and-beverage space at the Jersey Street Stoop to a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color) operator at a below-market rate, he said.

The developer has also pledged to dedicate the majority of its \$1 million budget for public-art installations to local and Boston-area artists, said Tsipis, as well as to work with the city and community organizations “to build job pipeline and pathway programs” including for jobs in the life-sciences field.

CAC members on hand for the meeting largely praised how far the project has evolved, since the public process began more than two years ago.

Still, the creation of new parking (about 1,740 spaces scattered throughout the site) concerned several CAC members, but Tsipis assured them that the new parking would likely be welcomed particularly by business around Kenmore Square, where parking is in short supply.

Likewise, CAC member Pam Beale said new parking is also essential for the “neighborhood to thrive and grow,” especially in light of sometimes unpredictable MBTA service to the Fenway and Kenmore area.

The next steps for the project are a public meeting sponsored virtually by the Boston Planning

& Development Agency on June 12, said Michael Sinatra, senior project manager for the BPDA, while the public comment period for the project is open through June 23. Public comments can be left on the BPDA’s project page at <http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/fenway-corners>, or submitted to Sinatra directly via email at [michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov](mailto:michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov).

The project is then targeted to go to the BPDA board for a vote in July, said Sinatra, and if it’s approved, the matter would then likely go to the Zoning Board of Appeal in August for final approvals.

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your neighborhood telling people about God’s love? Too many churches rationalize, “We are doing mission work by sending our money to the state office.”

Churches should use more of their mission money at home. Your local area has needs. Jesus gave The Great Commission to

go into the world but too often we miss what is right in our face. I’m for supporting mission work around the world but your greatest mission work is in your neighborhood.

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Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

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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 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](http://boston.gov/parks).

### SOWA FIRST FRIDAY AND SOWA SUNDAYS IN JUNE

SoWa First Friday takes place on June 2 from 5 to 9 p.m. at 450 Harrison Ave, and the artists of SoWa Artists Guild will also open on Sundays, June 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 450 Harrison Ave.

For more information, visit <http://www.sowaartists.com>.

# MUSIC OF HAYDN AND MOZART COMES TO LIVE IN KING'S CHAPEL



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Renowned Viennese fortepianist Daniel Adam Maltz brought the music of Haydn and Mozart to live on Sunday, May 21, at King's Chapel.

## MILLER (from pg. 1)

ship triumphs, serving as Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts; Conservator of the Unity Bank and Trust Company, Boston's first minority bank; Chairman of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission; partner in the law firm of Fitch, Miller and Tourse; Vice President and General Counsel of WHDH-TV; trustee of Boston University; director of OneUnited Bank, the largest African American owned and

operated bank in the U.S.; and more.

Besides the presentation of the Open Door Award, Ade Solanke, award-winning playwright and screenwriter and founder of Spora Stories, read the scripture lesson. Solanke's original new play, "Phillis in London," dramatizes and re-imagines Phillis Wheatley as an enslaved African Woman writer abroad in Georgian London, 'celebrated' by the elite of the capital of the Brit-

ish empire, at the height of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Following the scripture reading will be a stirring sermon preached by the Rev. June R. Cooper, Theologian in the City at Old South Church.

Phillis Wheatley Sunday, observed annually by Old South Church, honors the legacy of the remarkable poet, who, as a slave, triumphed over adversity to become the first published African American poet in the U.S.

com, <http://facebook.com/SoWaArtistsGuild>, or <https://www.instagram.com/sowaartistsguild/>.

## WARD 4 DEMS TO HOST JUNE 3 CAUCUS AT UNION CHURCH

The Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee will be hosting its caucus to elect delegates to the 2023 Massachusetts Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 3, at 11 a.m. at Union Church at 485 Columbus Ave.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, delegates will gather at the Tsongas Center in Lowell to adopt a Party Agenda and/or Platform. All registered and pre-registered Democrats in Ward 4 are able to attend and to run. Don't know your ward? Check [wheredoivotema.com](http://wheredoivotema.com). Ward 4 covers parts of Back Bay, the Fenway, and the South End. For any questions, reach out to [ward4dems@gmail.com](mailto:ward4dems@gmail.com).

## REP. LIVINGSTONE'S COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Rep. Jay Livingstone will hold community office hours on Tuesday, June 6, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Fenway CDC; and on Thursday, June 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library at 700 Boylston St.

Rep. Livingstone will also hold

virtual office hours on Thursday, June 15, from 10 to 11 a.m. via Zoom.

To receive the link for Rep. Livingstone's virtual office hours, or to set an alternate time to meet with him, email [Cassidy.Trabily@mahouse.org](mailto:Cassidy.Trabily@mahouse.org).

## 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](http://www.fenwayporchfest.org) for more information.


## WARD 5 DEMOCRATS CAUCUS SET FOR JUNE 17 AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH

The Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee will hold a Caucus to elect delegates to the Massachusetts State Democratic Convention on Saturday, June 17, at 9:30 a.m. at Old South Church, located at 645 Boylston St. in the Back Bay. All are eligible Ward 5 Democratic voters can participate in the caucus but must be checked in by 10 a.m.

The Convention is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell.

For more information, visit <http://bostonward5dems.org/>.

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# Virtual Public Meeting

## Fenway Corners


**June 12, 2023**

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Zoom Link:** [bit.ly/41QaZij](https://bit.ly/41QaZij)

**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864

**Meeting ID:** 160 166 1327



**Project Proponent:**

WS-Fenway-Twins

Realty Venture LLC

**Project Description:**

WS Development, on behalf of WS-Fenway-Twins Realty Venture LLC (the "Proponent") is proposing a 5.32-acre redevelopment (the "Project") of 13 privately-owned parcels of land on four primary development blocks located south of the Massachusetts Turnpike in the vicinity of the historic Fenway Park. The Project will consist of approximately 1.8 million square feet of Gross Floor Area of building area for office/research, residential, and retail uses, and will involve the reconstruction and improvement of approximately 3.7 acres of other public roadways, sidewalks, and other areas of public ownership as part of the Project's overall commitment to making extraordinary public realm improvements in the Fenway neighborhood. The Project will also include the extension of Richard B. Ross Way from Van Ness Street to Brookline Avenue, achieving one of the City of Boston's long-planned transportation goals for the neighborhood.

Interpretation will be provided for Cantonese and Mandarin.

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**Close of Comment Period:**

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WOMEN’S LUNCH PLACE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER RETURNS TO PARK PLAZA HOTEL



State Rep. Jay Livingstone, State Senate President Karen Spilka, and WLP Executive Director Jennifer Hanlon Wigon.



Dianne Phillips, a partner at Holland & Knight and J. W. Carney Jr., defense attorney.



Nancy Schön, the artist who created the “Make Way for Ducklings” sculpture in the Public Garden, and her daughter, Susan Schön, an art and textile designer.

Photos by Keiko Hiromi

Women’s Lunch Place celebrated its 12th annual eat LUNCH give fundraiser on Friday, May 12, at the Grand Ballroom in the Park Plaza Hotel.

The event was a celebration of the tireless work for the city’s homeless women that the Back Bay women’s shelter has performed in the four decades since its inception in November of 1982, as well as a networking event for companies, groups, and individuals interested in supporting WLP’s mission.

This year’s fundraiser also honored the inaugural members of the Presidents’ Council, all former board members of WLP, including many prominent, local business leaders from the past 40

years. The event raised over \$300,000 for women experiencing poverty, hunger, and homelessness.

To learn more about WLP, visit [womenslunchplace.org](http://womenslunchplace.org).



Michelle McGee, owner at Kearney, Donovan and McGee, and Marty Walz, former state representative.

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Wu announces Legacy Business awardees

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu last week announced the inaugural list of Legacy Business awardees, a

group of 30 businesses including Wally’s Cafe and Slade’s Bar and Grill of the South End and India Quality of Fenway that represent the rich diversity and cultural

fabric of all Boston neighborhoods. This program – the most expansive in the country – was developed by the Office of Small Business within the Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet and will support awardees through increased visibility and connecting them with City services. This new program will provide targeted technical assistance with a focus on succession planning, growth, business updates, and employee ownership. Businesses will also receive a commercial lease toolkit, legal consultation and other resources from City of Boston partners.

"Our legacy businesses are pillars in our communities and expand opportunity for our residents and families across Boston," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm thrilled that we get to honor these staple businesses who invest and uplift our com-



*“No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.”*

— Calvin Coolidge

**Rep. Jay D. Livingstone**  
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HURLEY SCHOOL HOLDS 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EL TROPICALIENT FUNDRAISER

Photos by Derek kouyoumjian

The Neighborhood Friends Of

the Hurley School held its 13 annual El Tropicaliente fundraiser event at Artists For Humanity.



Hurley parent Monica Cantelli invites attendees to have fun at the ring toss.



Katy Wetzal and Joy O'Brien.



Courtney and Matt Petersen.



Abbey Wojtowicz and Joe Charest.

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The City of Boston (the City), acting by the Commissioner of the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, hereinafter referred to as the Official, invites sealed bids for the performance of the work generally described above, and particularly set forth in the Invitation for Bids.

The bid documents will be accessible online on or about Monday, May 22, 2023 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website at [boston.gov/procurement/](https://boston.gov/procurement/) and clicking on the supplier portal button to access event ID # EV000012478

The term of the contract shall be for two (2) years starting July 1, 2023 ending June 30, 2025

The attention of all bidders is directed to the provisions of the Invitation for Bids and contract documents, specifically to the requirements for bid deposits, insurance, and performance bonds as may be applicable. All bids for this project are subject to M.G.L. c.30, s. 5 and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract documents.

Sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than 4:30 pm on Tuesday June 6, 2023 by login onto the City of Boston Procurement website as listed and accessing the above listed event number. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation for bid will commence on or about Monday, July 3, 2023.

Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner



Balloon dart winners Justin Hautaniemi and Kellyn Riccitelli with mere mortals Chris Bacon, Rachel Cash-Bacon, Joe Bacon, Chris Marshall, and Heather Govern.



El Tropicaliente was the party to be at.



HURLEY SCHOOL HOLDS 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EL TROPICALIENT FUNDRAISER



Neighborhood Partners of the Hurley School administrators Norin Razzaque and Avida Michaud with Principal Bethy Verano (center).



Fabim Razzaque and Cecilia Idman-Rait.



Jennifer Millen and Nicole Sullivan.



Julian Hayes and Claudia Gomez.



Katie Conlin, Carlos Herrand, Chris Perry, Marcela Bastiva.



Caroline and Matt McLaughlin with Hurley School administrator Karen Gonzalez.



Darren and Katy Wetzel with Bob and Joy O'Brien.



Kellyn Riccitelli shows off her dart throwing skills at the balloon dart game.



Maria Nunez and Samantha Medina.



Michelle Cruz Peverley, Rob Sinnott, and Anna Marie Wagner.



Scotr Cleveland, Steven Cohen, and Bruce Withey.



Frances and Noel Blair.



Faculty and employees of the Hurley School gather for a photo.



# Mayor Wu announces Safety Surge

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

In a press conference at Thetford Evans Playground in Mattapan on Monday, May 22, Mayor Michelle Wu unveiled the City of Boston's Safety Surge, an initiative to make city streets safer for everyone.

As part of this initiative, the city is committing to installing speed humps, redesigning intersections, and updating traffic signal guidelines throughout all neighborhoods to enhance street safety.

"We are looking to having safer streets all across Boston. Not just here around one park as beautiful and as treasured a space as it is but every single neighborhood. We want to make sure our streets are safer for drivers, for cyclists, for pedestrians, and everyone who needs to get around," said Wu.

"Our streets should be a source of connection, not a threat to our safety, and we want to make sure that we're not rationing that safety in limited areas across the city following when major incidents and injuries happen, but we want to be proactive, preventive and really work with communities at a much broader scale and much more accelerated pace to make this happen."

In terms of speed humps – the initiative will lead to the construction of 10 speed hump zones per year. These speed humps can be driven over safely at 20-25 MPH. It should be noted that, per the city's website, major arteries and roads that carry an MBTA bus

route will not be included in this portion of the initiative.

Residents can visit <https://www.boston.gov/making-neighborhood-streets-safer> to view which streets are on the docket to receive speed humps over the next three years.

As for the intersections portion of the Safety Surge – this component will make it so the city designs 25-30 non-signalized intersections per year.

Regarding intersections, Boston's Chief of Streets, Jascha Franklin-Hodge, said, "Each year, we will design safer intersections using street safety tools that will allow for better sightlines, slower speeds, clear crossings, and defined spaces for all."

These safety tools include things like curb extensions, pedestrian warning signs, and much more which can be found at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/transportation/street-safety-toolkit>.

Finally, the signals aspect of the initiative includes updates to the city's Traffic Signals Operations Design Policy.

These updates include an increase in the use of pedestrian head starts – meaning pedestrians will get the walk sign before drivers can proceed, an increase in no turn on red areas, and an increase in the use of "auto recall," which gives pedestrians the walk sign automatically without hitting a button.

The city plans to update at least 50 intersections a year with these new updates to the Traffic Signals Operations Design Policy.

The city is also doing major corridor projects in areas the city's website says have a "history of excessive speeds and crashes that have resulted in death and injury." These areas include Blue Hill Avenue, Centre Street in West Roxbury, Cummins Highway in Mattapan, and Tremont Street in the South End.

"The streets we build must reflect our belief that everyone, regardless of their age or ability, should have the freedom to travel safely and without fear," said Franklin-Hodge.

"The City of Boston is putting that idea into action in asphalt, in concrete, in paint, in flex posts, and signs and signals as we work toward a future where no family ever has to experience tragedy or trauma on our streets."

In terms of how the city is balancing safety and traffic – considering Boston's traffic was ranked the fourth worst in the entire world in 2022 by INRIX – a transportation analytics company – Wu said, "Traffic is one of Boston's biggest concerns."

"We're building housing; we're investing in our schools; we're adding new jobs people have to be able to get around to where they need to go. As our city grows, it won't work if the only way you can get around is driving a car," she continued.

Wu alluded to the idea that the changes made through the new Safety Surge would make other forms of transportation more viable before saying there is also a need to continue pressuring the MBTA.

"It can't be an either-or conversation about whether people can reliably get to work or whether they can be protected and safe as they're walking around their communities. We need to do both; we know we can," said Wu.

For more information on the Safety Surge and all its components, you can visit <https://www.boston.gov/transportation/safety-surge>.

"I want to thank all of our residents across each and every neighborhood for your advocacy and looking forward to continuing that with the specific changes that we'll be making in the weeks to come," said Wu.

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### OPEN NEWBURY SET TO RETURN SUNDAY, JULY 2

Newbury Street will again be closed to vehicle traffic every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. from July 2 to Oct. 15 for the return of Open Newbury, according to the city.

The route will be the same as previous years, with New-

bury Street closed to cars from Berkeley Street to Massachusetts Avenue. Parking will be restricted on Newbury Street and adjacent streets, with enforcement beginning at 5 a.m. Signs will be posted informing drivers of the change.

Visit <https://www.boston.gov/departments/transportation/open-newbury-street> for more information on Open Newbury.

### MAYOR WU'S COFFEE HOUR COMES TO CITY HALL PLAZA



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY ISABEL LEON

Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department hosted a neighborhood Coffee Hour on Friday, May 19, at the newly renovated City Hall Plaza.



## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Self Storage Sale  
Please take notice Prime Storage - Boston South End located at 100 Southampton St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at

the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) on 6/14/2023 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Otar Matchavariani unit

#1061; Rafael Negrón unit #1126; Tyler John Couté unit #3041; Isabel Constantino unit #3055; Daphne Flowers unit #3095; Clinton Satterfield unit #3110; Junior Mota unit #3118; Clementine Perry unit #3218; Robert Anthony Govoni unit

#3324; Jennifer Edgecomb unit #4095; Jose Prado Perez unit #4192; Leo Motis unit #5037. 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. 5/25/23, 6/01/23 BS

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## AWARDS (from pg. 5)

munities. Congratulations to our thirty newly selected legacy businesses and we look forward to being able to support these foundational businesses across Boston's neighborhoods for years to come."

"These small businesses are an integral part of their neighborhoods, and they not only provide indispensable services to our communities, but they also help to make our city vibrant," said Council President Ed Flynn. "I'm happy to see that longstanding businesses in District 2 are being recognized, including ones in Downtown, Chinatown, South Boston, and the South End. Congratulations to all the awardees, let's continue to support our wonderful neighborhood businesses."

"I am grateful for Mayor Wu's unwavering commitment to supporting and preserving legacy businesses throughout the City of Boston," said Councilor Brian Worrell, Chair of the Committee on Small Business and Professional Licensure. "The Legacy Business Program provides vital support to these businesses, helping to ensure their continued success for generations to come. By recognizing the importance of these businesses and providing them with the resources they need to thrive, we can maintain the cultural fabric and unique character of our neighborhoods."

Legacy businesses are long-standing, independent enterprises that make a strong contribution to residents, communities and neighborhoods across Boston. They are cultural anchors and repositories of community traditions and stories. These iconic businesses have helped define Boston as an innovative, family friendly and world-renowned city. By recognizing these businesses on an annual basis, this program will help to further Mayor Wu's vision of a family-friendly city that ensures each neighborhood is a vibrant destination for all to visit and support.

"We were proud to fulfill Mayor Wu's pledge to recognize and honor those businesses that continue to make our neighborhoods the cultural jewels they are today," said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. "Due to the work of our Small Business team, residents will be able to come together every year to celebrate

the achievements of these local community institutions, and the City will be able to provide needed resources to ensure they remain for generations to come."

"The response was tremendous, and this has truly been a community driven process, which is part of the beauty of it," said Aliesha Porcena, Director of Small Business. "Boston residents submitted over 1,400 nominations, and we are so happy to acknowledge the group of inaugural businesses this month. Our office supports small businesses to start, grow, and stay in Boston. This inaugural cohort represents 30 businesses that are staples in our communities, and part of our rich history- it's an honor to celebrate these businesses who have given our city and communities so much. We are committed to provide continued support and services to these businesses".

"El Oriental de Cuba has been a favorite family owned restaurant for the past 30 years, and it is an honor to be recognized by the City of Boston," said Yvonne Torres, owner of El Oriental de Cuba. "Receiving the Business Legacy award not only acknowledges the restaurant itself, but the incredible community of Jamaica Plain that has kept this restaurant alive during and after the pandemic. My father Nobel Garcia and late owner, well known and loved by everyone, would have been extremely proud to see his restaurant be recognized as a legacy institution."

To qualify for the Legacy Business program, businesses must have:

- Operated for at least 10 years in the same location within the City of Boston.
- Contributed to the cultural, historical, and societal assets of Boston's community or neighborhood.
- A plan to maintain its business in the City.

The process of identifying the 30 Legacy Businesses included nominations from the public, review by the City Council, and selection by a committee that included representatives from City departments, and Main Streets organizations. Selections were based on application scoring and community support. The committee ensured that the list was representative of Boston by industry, neighborhood, gender, and race.

"Ron's has been a part of



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON

Mayor Michelle Wu joined business leaders from across the City for the first annual Legacy Business Awards at Boston's Historic Faneuil Hall.

life in Hyde Park going back decades. As a kid I bowled and attended birthday parties there. They hosted visits for us as school kids demonstrating the ice cream making process. The Covitz family are generous and contribute to local programs. Their ice cream is amazing. I am always proud to bring friends and visitors to try some," said Lauren Firnstein, Boston resident.

"Liz's Hair Care embodies black excellence & legacy. Owned and operated by Liz, a black woman from Boston, LHC has been in business for over 20 years and Liz has over 30 years

of hair experience. She empowers POC to look and feel their best by making them look beautiful, offering hair care tips, and giving them the advice needed to excel. Her salon is perfect for the new professional or the college student looking to nail that interview. She is committed to teaching new stylists and leaving a positive mark on their future of hair care. She is kind, funny and always willing to go out of her way for her customers! Her historical shop will leave a lasting mark on Boston history!" said Ashley Jackson, Boston resident.

"Neighborhood businesses

have contributed to the fabric of our city's culture and represent the diverse people who live in our city," said Brianna Millor, Chief of Community Engagement. "Congratulations to all of the Legacy Business Program Winners!"

In addition to the Legacy Business Awards and related programmatic support, the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion has committed \$1 Million in grant funding to be awarded to a non-profit organization to help support long-standing small businesses in the City of Boston.



# Virtual Public Meeting

## Stanhope Hotel

**June 8, 2023**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Zoom Link:** [bit.ly/3pZJEwV](https://bit.ly/3pZJEwV)  
**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864  
**Meeting ID:** 160 218 6324



**Close of Comment Period:**  
06/23/2023

**Project Description:**  
The BPDA is hosting a joint Impact Advisory Group (IAG) and Public Meeting for the Stanhope Hotel project located in the Back Bay. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the recently filed Supplemental Filing. The meeting will include a presentation followed by a conversation with the IAG members, then Q&A and comments from the public.  
The proponent proposes the construction of a new, approximately 124,400 square foot, 300-key hotel with associated support areas.  
The information at this meeting is crucial to you as a Boston resident. Interpreting services are available. If you require translation services, please contact [Quinn.W.Valcich@Boston.gov](mailto:Quinn.W.Valcich@Boston.gov) no later than 6/3/23.

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# BOSTON TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR MAY 24-28 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/ DOWNTOWN/ SEAPORT

Boston Police Department's

“Run to Remember Road Race” – Sunday, May 28, 2023

The “Run to Remember Road Race” is actually two (2) races combined into one (1) event.

The first race to start at 7:00AM is a Half-Marathon, thirteen and one tenth miles (13.1

miles) with the second race, a five (5) mile race, also starting at 7:00 AM.

Both races start at the World Trade Center on Seaport Boulevard and will follow the same route until all runners reach the Longfellow Bridge area, where the Half Marathon will run over the bridge into Cambridge, return over the same bridge, and

follow the same route as the five (5) mile race onto Charles Street, back to the starting location at the World Trade Center.

The actual 5-mile route is as follows: Seaport Boulevard, right onto Atlantic Avenue, left onto State Street, right onto Cambridge Street, left onto Charles Street, right onto Beacon Street, left onto Arlington Street, right onto Commonwealth Avenue Outbound, left onto Berkeley Street, left onto Commonwealth Avenue Inbound, right onto Arlington Street, left onto Boylston Street, left onto Washington Street, right onto State Street, right onto Congress Street, left

onto Atlantic Avenue, right onto Seaport Boulevard.

Parking restrictions will be in place on the following streets and road closures should be anticipated to accommodate the runners:

- Beacon Street, Southside (Public Garden side), from Charles Street to Arlington Street
- Cambridge Street, Southside (even side), from Court Street to Charles Circle
- Court Street, Both sides, from State Street to Cambridge Street
- Seaport Boulevard, Both sides, from B Street to Atlantic Avenue

• State Street, Both sides, from Atlantic Avenue to Court Street  
**WEST END**

Canal Street Pedestrian Way for Playoffs (Game 5)- Thursday, May 25, 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 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

## COMMENTARY

# The City won't be able to ever solve its rat problem until it changes the garbage pickup schedule

**Editors note:** *The rat problem, not only affects the Beacon Hill area, but many of the neighborhoods in Boston including the South End and Back Bay. This is one opinion that may alleviate the problem.*

By Rob Whitney

I have lived on Beacon Hill since 1985, and I have been living with Beacon Hill's rat problem ever since moving here – and it's getting worse! An Axios report in December 2022 cited Boston as the “rattiest” city in the nation, according to 2021 American Housing Survey data that ranked metro regions by the number of rodent sightings inside homes. With 21.6% of respondents reporting rodent sightings, Boston beats Philadelphia's 19.5% and New York City's measly 15.3%. According to WBUR, cities in the Boston region and across the northeast have recently been facing a worsening rat problem. WBUR recently reported that in the City of Boston, rat and rodent complaints increased by 48% from 2019 to 2021.

Boston City Council President Ed Flynn has described rat infestations in his district, which included part of the North Slope of Beacon Hill, as the issue he's likely focused on the most since joining the City Council some six years ago. Former City Councilor Kenzie Bok, who until recently represented Beacon Hill and is a Beacon Hill resident, has described the city's rat problem as “a critical public health issue.”



Robert A. Whitney.

Councilor Bok also noted that the problem is exacerbated by a couple of factors, including the fact that in parts of the city like Beacon Hill, there isn't adequate room for large trash barrels to be left on the sidewalk or inside homes, and as such, they can't be used to store resident's garbage overnight. Instead, plastic garbage bags must be used.

Another factor in the Boston's exploding rat problem is that since the City changed the garbage pickup time in the summer of 2019, from 7 a.m. to 6 a.m. on garbage pickup days, Beacon Hill residents now mostly put their garbage out the night before the pickup day, with the garbage sitting out overnight, thereby effectively feeding Beacon Hill's rats. In 2019, when the City announced that it was changing the garbage pickup time to 6 a.m. from 7 a.m., and that it was entering a five-year, \$28 million contract with East Boston-based Capitol Waste Services, effective,

July 1, 2019, it represented that the garbage hauler was “contractually bound” to begin garbage pickups at 6am on Beacon Hill.

On Beacon Hill, a Town Hall sponsored by the Beacon Hill Civic Association (“BHCA”) was held in June 2019, at which Beacon Hill residents came together and heard from City officials about the proposed change in garbage pickup times. Almost unanimously, Beacon Hill residents at that meeting opposed the change to an earlier garbage pickup time, stating that the earlier pickup time would likely compel Beacon Hill residents to put out their garbage the night before, so as to not have to get up before 6am on pickup days to put out their garbage bags. And in fact, this has occurred exactly as was predicted – more garbage is now being put out the night before garbage pickup day than ever before. Even before 2019, when the garbage pickup time began at 7am on pickup days on Beacon Hill, many residents put out their garbage the night before, thereby effectively feeding Beacon Hill's rat population overnight twice a week.

The BHCA spent many years before the summer of 2019 educating the Beacon Hill neighborhood that garbage should not be put out the night before pickup day because of the rat problem and encouraging residents to instead get up early on garbage pickup day before 7am and put out their garbage at that time. The education campaign was very successful, with many resi-

dents forgoing putting out their garbage the night before pickup day! But when the City changed the garbage pickup time from 7am to 6am in July 2019, all the many years of educational effort fell to the wayside, and many residents went back to putting out their garbage the evening before pickup day. For many residents, getting up before 6am on pickup day to put out their garbage was just too inconvenient.

New York City has had similar and increasing problems with its plastic garbage bags being left out overnight and thereby becoming an easy and reliable food source for its own large population of rats. According to NBC News, New York City health inspectors documented about 60,000 instances of rodent activity in the 2022, compared to about 30,000 rodent citations in 2021. New York's Mayor Adams, in late 2022, signed a legislative package aimed at eradicating rats in New York City, which included a provision to significantly reduce the number of hours plastic garbage bags are allowed to remain on public sidewalks at night before pickup.

At a hearing held at Boston City Council on April 11, 2023, on the rat issues in Boston's own neighborhoods, Councilor Bok noted that leaving thin plastic bags of garbage out overnight on Beacon Hill, which is the status quo in that neighborhood, isn't a workable solution to the neighborhood's problem with rats. Instead, Councilor Bok recommended scheduling gar-

bage pickup for late morning on pickup days so that residents wouldn't have any excuse for putting out their garbage the night before. Councilor Bok was correct – the only real solution to the rat problem is to deprive the Beacon Hill neighborhood's rats of their overnight food supply.

Beacon Hill and other City neighborhoods have tried other potential solutions, including the use of folding fabric “barrels” in which to place plastic garbage bags overnight, but this turned out not to be a realistic solution: many of the fabric barrels were stolen or damaged, and rats could still easily gain access to the garbage bags placed in the lidless barrels. John Ulrich, Assistant Commissioner in the City's Environmental Services Department, who heads the rodent control operation in Boston, has noted in testimony before the Boston City Council that rat activity in the City's neighborhoods is based on three things: “food, water, and shelter, which are typically easy for rodents to find in Boston because of its density.” Assistant Commissioner Ulrich's comments are dead-on correct: unless the rat population's food supply is eliminated, the rat problem will never get under control in our neighborhoods.

Instead, the only solution that will actually work is to get the plastic garbage bags off the streets overnight in Beacon Hill and Boston generally. And the only way to accomplish this goal

(RAT PROBLEM Pg. 11)



# Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Lynch, Eileen	Fiscus, Glenn W	167 Beacon St #6	\$685,000
Burke, Erica M	Hurlburt, David N	341 Beacon St #1A	\$455,000
Elaine Despines T	T Monti & D M T Uni	354 Beacon St #1	\$459,000
Citrano, Richard J	Gleeson, Richard W	371 Beacon St #9	\$675,000
Gips, Jonathan	184 Comm Avenue Clark Rt	184 Commonwealth Ave #61	\$1,225,000
Azar, Riad	Han, Lu	486 Beacon St #5	\$655,000
Laird, Hannah	Johnson, Jay	362 Commonwealth Ave #2A	\$915,000
Mcquillan, Siena	Patrick, Michael	6 Milford St #1	\$1,815,000
Bridge, Timothy	State Fincl Services Inc	121-127 Portland St #302	\$940,000
Moncada, Guillermo L	10 St George Street LLC	5 Saint George St #101	\$368,500
Goldstein, Jennifer L	Troy M Cox RET 2019	136-140R Shawmut Ave #8A	\$3,750,000
Trompke, David	Granetz, Brian	36 Upton St #3	\$1,875,000
Oe Church Park LLC	United Co Apartments LLC	15 Westland Ave	\$439,000,000
Oe Church Park LLC	United Co Apartments LLC	35 Westland Ave	\$439,000,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
Pyle, Jennifer M	Davis, Kassia A	75 Beacon St #2	\$11,900,000
Haseotes, Vasiliou	Pas T	70 Brimmer St #212	\$500,000
Haseotes, Vasiliou	Pas T	108-114 Chestnut St	\$500,000
Oram, Thomas	Sayare, Christina	73 Pinckney St #5	\$980,000
Quinkert, Jamie W	Debye, Philip	6 Whittier Pl #2G	\$440,000
<b>BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE</b>			
Amato, Maryanne	Lyons, Judith S	511 Columbus Ave #1	\$665,000
22 Cumberland Rt	Mfi RET	22 Cumberland St	\$4,400,000
Winick, Lisa	Aretz, H T	61 Dwight St #2	\$685,000
Lin, Zi T	Lei, Li H	700 Harrison Ave #214	\$339,500
Oe Church Park LLC	United Co Apartments LLC	199 Massachusetts Ave	\$439,000,000
Oe Church Park LLC	United Co Apartments LLC	221 Massachusetts Ave	\$439,000,000
Oe Church Park LLC	United Co Apartments LLC	255 Massachusetts Ave	\$439,000,000
<b>WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN</b>			
Freely, Deborah A	Enrico Petrillo T	2-1/2 Battery Wharf #2503	\$949,900
Harding, Patrick	Kathryn F Kalogerou RET	39 Commercial Wharf #6	\$1,650,000
Phitayakorn, Chet	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #4009	\$2,900,000
Lee, Chia H	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #5001	\$6,125,000
Martin, Thomas	Mcaf Winthrop LLC	240 Devonshire St #5209	\$3,030,000

# Attention to Detail

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## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The lovely mailbox and doorknob in the last clue are on 121 West Newton Street, built circa 1860. Artist and friend Bob Oppenheim pointed out that original details like these are disappearing from our neighborhoods. He hoped a photographic record of those that remain could be created. Let me know if you spot what could be original door hardware.

You'll find the next clue in the Back Bay. Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

## THIS WEEK'S CLUE



## RAT PROBLEM (from pg. 10)

is to have a later pick up time on garbage collection days so that residents have time to put out their garbage bags on our sidewalks in the daylight hours of the morning just before pickup begins. Beacon Hill residents support this change. In 2021, the BHCA took a poll of Beacon Hill residents asking them about changing the garbage pickup time to help alleviate the rat problem. Over 85% of Beacon Hill residents polled supported the idea of having later pickup time in the morning on garbage and

recycling days, thereby reducing the amount of garbage put out the night before and reducing the food supply available for rats on Beacon Hill.

Therefore, the City of Boston's next garbage hauling contract should include the requirement that garbage collection on Beacon Hill and other City neighborhoods that utilize plastic garbage bags cannot begin until 9:00am at the earliest on garbage pickup days. In addition, it should not be permissible for City residents to put out their plastic garbage

bags the night before pickup days, and instead, garbage bags should only be allowed to be put out on the sidewalk during daylight hours immediately prior to 9:00am on garbage pickup days. If we make these simple changes, our City neighborhoods, including Beacon Hill, will at least have a fighting chance in their epic battle against the rats.

Rob Whitney, is an attorney and lives on Phillips Street on Beacon Hill with his family. He is the former Chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association.



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