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Hatch Shell Dome restoration receives honorable mention

Special to the Sun

The Boston Preservation Alliance has recognized the Dome restoration of the Hatch Memorial Shell on the Esplanade with an honorable mention among its 2023 Preservation Award recipients.

"The Alliance doesn't normally recognize projects with an Honorable Mention in our Awards program, but we wanted to highlight the impressive solutions the project team employed for this iconic Boston structure," according to the BPA.

Coming on the heels of minor changes, upgrades, and repairs

made to the structure over the years, Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype (BH+A) began work in 2015 on the Hatch Shell by completing a conditions assessment report that noting separation and spalling of the terrazzo finish that exposed the concrete substrate. This condition could have led to water damage in the interior of the structure so after analysis, the team determined that the rustic terrazzo finish could be obtained with a system that had an open drainage cavity, with the panels set on pedestals. An open cavity underneath would eliminate the

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KINGSLEY MONTESSORI HOLDS KINDERGARTEN MARATHON



Sofia with her family, Anthony, Melissa, and Barbara during the Kingsley Montessori School Kindergarten Marathon on May 12. See more photos on Page 6.

MEMORIAL DAY FLAG GARDEN RETURNS TO THE COMMON



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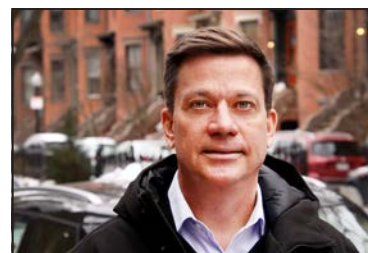
For the 14th consecutive year, volunteers planted more than 37,000 American flags – one in honor of each of the Commonwealth's fallen veterans – at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the Boston Common to commemorate Memorial Day. Every year since 2010, the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund has led the effort behind the annual Memorial Day Flag Garden.

John Moran wins 9th Suffolk District general election

By Sun Staff

South End resident John Moran won a resounding victory in the general election for the 9th Suffolk District state rep seat on Tuesday, May 30.

"Thank you to the voters of the 9th Suffolk district for your support and belief in our vision to bring about better days for all residents in our community," Moran said in a press release. "I promise to fight for affordable housing of all types, access to a



COURTESY OF JOHN MORAN

State Representative-elect John Moran.

great education, face the addiction and mental health issue head on, protect reproductive freedom

and equity and LGBTQ+ rights, and ensure that no matter your zip code, you can access a good quality of life. Together, we'll accomplish these victories and more on Beacon Hill and deliver for the 9th Suffolk district."

Throughout his campaign, Moran, who will succeed Jon Santiago as state rep, received significant endorsements from elected officials, statewide unions, Boston Teachers Union, and Planned Parenthood.

District D-4 sees 10-percent spike in Part One crime

By Dan Murphy

By Memorial Day Weekend, District D-4 had seen a 10-percent increase in Part One crime from last year, according to Boston Police.

Between Jan. 1 and May 28 of this year, 1,106 incidents of Part One crime were reported in the

district, which includes the Back Bay, South End, Lower Roxbury, and the Fenway, compared to 1,008 incidents during the same timeframe last year. This year also marked a more than 6-percent reduction from the five-year average of 1,074 Part One crime incidents in the district.

Part One crime includes vio-

lent crimes (homicide; rape and attempted rape; robbery and attempted robbery; and aggravated assault), as well as property crimes (burglary and attempted burglary; larceny and attempted larceny; and vehicle theft and attempted vehicle theft).

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EDITORIAL

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023

A high school graduation is a singular event in the life of every community, where almost everybody knows one of the graduates or their families. All of us share the happiness and sense of achievement of our young people who will be receiving their diplomas. And for all of us, a high school graduation brings back our own fond memories from our long-gone youth.

For the graduates themselves, their high school graduation marks both an end and a beginning. They no longer are children, either in the eyes of the law or in reality. They are full-fledged adults who will be leaving the sheltered harbor of their families and communities and setting sail on a journey that none of them will be able to anticipate, but which will be full of surprises, both good and otherwise.

Yes, graduation is a bittersweet time, both for the grads and their family members.

For the parents who will be watching their sons and daughters step to the podium when their name is called, no doubt they will be thinking of how fast time has gone by since they first brought their child by the hand to preschool and kindergarten.

Such moments bring to mind the sentiments expressed in the lyrics of the song, Sunrise, Sunset, from the musical Fiddler on the Roof:

Is this the little girl I carried

Is this the little boy at play?

I don't remember growing older

When did they?

When did she get to be a beauty

When did he grow to be so tall?

Wasn't it yesterday when they were small?

We congratulate the Class of 2023 for all of the accomplishments that have earned them the right to step onto that podium to receive their diplomas.

We know we join with all of the members of our community in wishing them blue skies and sunny days, both on their Graduation Day and in the years ahead.

PROGRESSIVES: PLEASE GET REAL

If you've been following the histrionics of the debt limit negotiations these past few weeks, the political theatre on all sides of the political spectrum has been amusing. Republicans will tell us that the country's burgeoning deficit will lead us to ruin thanks to the Democrats, and a few minutes later, the Democrats will assert that the Republicans are holding the country hostage to their unreasonable demands.

As always, the reality lies somewhere in the middle.

We know that a good chunk of the so-called Republican Party has only one goal -- to sow as much chaos as possible, whether by overt means (e.g., January 6) or otherwise -- so their posturing on the debt ceiling is not surprising. But what has been disappointing is that the Progressives on the Democratic side have been bad-mouthing the deal -- for which we have a few comments:

1) The Democratic agenda came out way ahead in the final bill. To the extent that President Biden and his team made some concessions, they were minimal. We would remind Progressives that politics is the art of compromise.

2) Progressives who complain that Republicans were holding the country "hostage" are being hypocritical because that's exactly what they did when they refused to pass the Build Back Better infrastructure bill until they got what turned out to be the Inflation Reduction Act (although their strategy backfired and they ended up with a lot less than they would have gotten if they'd moved ahead with the BBB quickly).

3) But the biggest problem with Progressives' deceptive assertion that, "Joe Biden let us down," is that some of their supporters might actually believe it -- when that is not even remotely the truth -- and in so doing, these Progressives only contribute to the sort of cynicism about government that brought us the outcome in 2016 when many Progressive voters either did not turn out to support Hilary Clinton or voted for Jill Stein.

The bottom line is that Progressive officeholders need to stop their constant stream of exaggerated negativism. It's bad for the country and ultimately is counterproductive to their own agenda.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REGARDING COMPOSTING AND THE CITY'S RODENT POPULATION

Dear Editor,

Mr. Whitney makes a good case for reducing the overwhelming rat population that inhabit many of Boston's neighborhoods by not allowing trash in plastic bags to be put out curbside the night before scheduled trash pickup (per Rob Whitney's Page 10 Commentary published in last week's edition of this publication). He rightfully identifies this as the major contributor to the proliferation of rats. But he leaves out one significant tool that will contribute to reducing Boston's rat infestation and that is composting. Last year the city launched a free composting program for the first 10,000 households to sign up. The reception to the program has been overwhelmingly positive with the next 10,000 sign ups almost complete.

Most of us know that composting has a very positive impact on the environment. But what we don't think about is how composting keeps food waste away from the rat pop-

ulation. The composting bins supplied by the city are made of strong plastic with a tight lid so the bin can be put out the night before without any concern that the rats are going to get to the food waste. We have been using a 3rd party composting company until we can get on the city's program. What we have found is both the volume and weight of our trash has dropped to the point where some weeks we can even skip a trash pick up. It is so easy to do and makes a huge difference.

And there is good news about the city's next round of the composting program - they will be offering smaller 5 gal buckets for those of us who have no room for the current 12 gal bin!

Does this mean that we can now put out our trash the night before if we compost? Probably not. Many food containers will still have remnants of food waste. The city should weigh in on this before the new contract is completed.

The combination of same day trash placement and composting will lead to a much reduced rat population.

Stephen Morgan
Warren Avenue

ON GLOBE STORY

Dear Editor,

Thursday's Globe front-page featured Leipzig Germany's successful city plan to integrate cars, walkers, pedestrian zones, bikers and public transportation, in contrast to the piecemeal, confusing bike lane project Boston city hall is foisting upon us.

Concerned citizens flocked to Wednesday's meeting on the corner of Boylston and Berkeley Wednesday afternoon to universally oppose the Berkeley Street bike lane that will bottleneck traffic on an indispensable cross town artery and imperil day care drop-offs on the block between Appleton and Chandler, where accidents have already occurred.

City Hall is tone deaf to neighborhood input and intransigent in its juggernaut to impose bike lanes that will swell congestion and increase risk to overall safety.

The Wu administration has romanticized the curative green effect of the bike; to wit a mere handful travel Berkeley on any day. No special lane is warranted!

Barry Zaltman

GUEST OP-ED

Everybody must get stoned

By Alison Barnet

Cool, man! Groovy! We're getting yet another pot shop—a "cannabis dispensary"—conveniently located in the neighborhood. Wanna get high as a kite?

To some of our neighbors, too young to have lived in the Sixties, nearby cannabis outlets are welcome, bringing back pot,

weed, reefer, beatniks, and hipsters. How naïve! Do they also think these shops will be playing Joanie Baez and Bobby Dylan? They say cannabis is no worse than alcohol. OK, but why are we adding on another layer of possible addiction, legalized or not?

We live in a society that pushes unhealthy habits and encourages addiction. If It Feels Good, Do It!

From cigarettes and smoke shops, to online gambling, to food that makes us fat, to vaping, to social media, to cell phone addiction, to gun sales, to pharmaceutical companies pushing dangerous drugs, to cannabis outlets. Tons of money to be made by them, not us. We should know better. Isn't anyone thinking about what comes next for civi-

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OUR MEMBERS, YOUR NEIGHBORS, THEIR EXPERIENCES ...

We've been really impressed with the ease of Acorn, and how much it has made day-to-day city life stress free. We can't imagine living in the city without this fantastic service-we save so much time not walking to and from the garage, or trolling for a spot.

Bravo to the Acorn staff!

Jim P.
Beacon Hill, Boston

Acorn Valet parking service is a game changer for living in Back Bay.

The service is efficient and reliable, and the employees are professional and personable.

The cost is reasonable compared to owning a space. My car is parked in a garage, out of the elements, which is perfect for street cleaning, weather emergencies and when I travel.

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Libby M.
Back Bay, Boston

Acorn has been a complete game-changer for our family of five and after just a few months of using it we could not imagine life without it. While we previously had to dread hurried drop-offs (strollers, car seats, pets, etc) on our busy Boston street and long walks from the garage. We now enjoy timely and stress-free pick-ups and drop-offs right at our front door. The app makes it seamless to track our car or the valets progress and we have removed a major stress point in our lives.

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Beacon Hill, Boston

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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>, [facebook.com/SoWaArtists-Guild](https://www.facebook.com/SoWaArtists-Guild), or www.instagram.com/sowaartistsguild/.

PANEL DISCUSSION TO FOCUS ON PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE TO THE HOMELESS

“Medicine in the Streets: A

Conversation” with Dr. Jim O’Connell and Dr. Eileen Reilly as featured in ‘Rough Sleepers’ by Tracy Kidder on Monday, June 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Rabb Hall at the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library.

This conversation will include the Homelessness Outreach Team featured in ‘Rough Sleepers,’ a recent publication by Pulitzer Prize winner Tracy Kidder. Dr. Jim O’Connell, president of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP), and Dr. Eileen Reilly, Street Team Psychiatrist for BHCHP, will speak and answer questions about their work providing medical care and psychological support to help stabilize and heal Boston’s rough sleepers.

Kathleen Young, co-chair of the Homelessness Task Force of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB), will moderate the discussion.

Audience members will gain a better understanding of the diverse social, medical, and psychiatric issues leading people to find themselves living in the street. This program will also offer an overview of effective services and their limitations, and how housed citizens can help reduce homelessness.

Admission is free; visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/medicine-in-the-streets-with-dr-jim-oconnell-and-dr-eileen-reilly-tickets-617710206857> to register for the event.

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. Ward 4 covers parts of Back Bay, the Fenway, and the South End. For any questions, reach out to ward4dems@gmail.com.

REP. LIVINGSTONE’S COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Rep. Jay Livingstone will hold community office hours on

GEORGE GETS A GROOMING



D. MURPHY PHOTO

The Friends of the Public Garden has established a strong ongoing conservation program for the 42 sculptures, tablets, plaques, and fountains they care for in the Common, Garden and Mall. Working with Sarah Hutt, the group’s Collections Care Manager, each year, the Friends decides on a selection of monuments to maintain in the three parks, moving through a regular cycle of conservation cleaning in order to keep each piece in good condition. This year, it’s George’s turn! Over time, the protective coating which protects the George Washington statue in the Public Garden wears off. The conservation process involves the Friends’ conservators from Daedalus of Watertown carefully cleaning the statue, washing off the biological residue and clearing out the nooks and crannies. The statue design often creates near perfect hiding spaces for moths, bugs, and even small birds. Once washed and cleaned, the statue is checked for breaks in the coating and repairs are made, and then the entire surface coating is stripped off and a new one is applied. This work keeps the statue’s condition stable, protecting it from the weather and ensuring environmental factors like acid rain cannot harm the bronze.

The conservation work is expected to be complete in mid-June, according to the Friends.

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.Trabilcy@mahouse.org.

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The bid documents will be accessible online from Monday, June 12, 2023, through Friday, June 23, 2023 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website at boston.gov/procurement/ and clicking on the supplier portal button to access event ID # **EV000012555**

The term of the contract shall be for three (3) years starting July 1, 2023 ending June 30, 2026

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 4:00 pm on Monday, June 26, 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 10, 2023.**

Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner
(June 12, June 19, 2023)

Op-Ed (from pg. 2)

lization? No, It’s blowin’ in the wind.

What’s goin’ on? What’s goin’ on?

Are we too distracted by social media and the internet to think clearly anymore? Why are children and teeny boppers allowed to eat edibles that make them sick and lands them in the hospital? It’s happened too many times already.

Medical marijuana may be helpful to many people, but why

don’t doctors prescribe it the way they do everything else and have patients fill prescriptions at genuine pharmacies? There is the possibility aging hippies may go into a head shop—sorry, a cannabis outlet—and flip out—not on grass. It might blow their minds to see how dreadfully the world has changed, if they don’t know it already. The cheap illegal pot they used to know is now a trendy commodity. Greed over groovy. Profit over people. We

don’t need it.

Today is NOTHING like the Sixties. Even the smell from someone smoking a joint is different.

We should take a lesson from the Sixties and Question Authority. Think what a Summer of Love we could have!

Alison Barnet is a longtime South End resident and author of five books on the neighborhood’s history.

Make Way for Goslings

By Michael Maler

Three ago, Pearl (my poodle) and I were walking through the Public Garden early in the morning. Pearl was alerted to a “chirping” coming from the Lagoon, so we went over to investigate.

We arrived to find a tiny gosling, paddling around. But no mother in sight.

Park Ranger Emily noticed us at the water’s edge and came over to make sure everything was okay. She explained that mother geese were very protective, and since none of the geese present seemed to be bothered by our presence, that this sweet little baby must have been abandoned. She quickly and gently scooped up the gosling, which we named “Puddles.”

Ranger Emily placed Pud-



Puddles takes a bath.



And then has a moment for self-reflection.



PHOTOS COURTESY MICHAEL MALER
Puddles is seen in Ranger Emily’s hand.



Puddles (the smallest gosling seen here) and his new family at the Muddy River.

dles in a box, and since he was hungry, she gave him some grass to eat. I gave him my shirt, so he had a soft and warm place to rest. He quickly nodded off. Poor little thing must have been exhausted.

Puddles was taken to the Ranger Station on the Common, where he got the royal spa treatment. A quick swim in the sink -

and some time for self-reflection.

Later in the day, I received an email from Ranger Emily that Puddles had been taken to the Muddy River, where she hoped he would find a new family. Upon arrival he was quickly accepted by an adoptive mother who had three other chicks. These three were born a week or

she found...

Puddles was doing great, having been both literally and figuratively taken under the wing of his new mother. He seems to be very happy with his new family.

Michael Maler is a resident of Temple Street on Beacon Hill who recently founded Crescendo Productions, his own special events and programming production company.

HATCH SHELL (from pg. 1)

freeze/thaw spalling problem. The process required utmost precision, but after a successful installation the panel surfaces give a smooth, uniform appearance.

Alison Frazee, executive director of the BPA, said, “Sometimes when preservation work is done successfully nobody knows you’ve done it, which means you’ve done it right. The types of creative solutions in this project are necessary to protect and preserve the places that mean the most to us. Next time you’re enjoying a summer concert at the Hatch Shell, or visiting any historic site, remember that there’s a team of dedicated stewards ensuring this place survives.”



D. MURPHY PHOTO

D-4 CRIME (from pg. 1)

Two homicides were reported this year, compared to only one in 2022. One incident was also the five-year average in this category.

Rapes and attempted rapes saw a slight uptick, with 11 incidents this year, compared to 10 incidents last year, while 11 incidents was also the five-year average for this category.

Robberies and attempted robberies were up around 26 percent as the number climbed to 48 from 38 last year. This year also marked a more than 17-percent increase from the five-year average for this category of 41 incidents.

The rate of domestic aggravated assaults held steady, with 17 incidents both this year and last,

which was also about a 19-percent decline from the five-year average for this category of 21 incidents.

Incidents of non-domestic aggravated assault were down nearly 27 percent as the number fell to 57 from 78 last year. This year also marked an approximately 30-percent reduction in the five-year average for this category of 82 incidents.

Commercial burglaries saw a more than 38-percent reduction, with 21 incidents this year, compared to 34 in 2022. This year has also seen a 25-percent decline from the five-year average for this category of 28 incidents.

Likewise, residential burglaries were down 50 percent as the number dropped to 17 from 34 last year. This year also marked a

more than 67-percent reduction of 52 incidents in this category.

In contrast, incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle were up nearly 19-percent as the number climbed to 157 from 132 last year. But this was still a minor reduction from the five-year average for this category of 160 incidents.

Other larcenies saw an approximately 17-percent increase, with 708 incidents this year, compared to 604 in 2022. This was also a more than 7-percent increase in this category from the five-year average of 660 incidents.

Similarly, auto thefts were up around 13 percent as the number climbed to 68 from 60 last year. This year has also seen an approximately 51-percent increase from the five-year aver-

age for this category of 45 incidents.

Citywide, Part One crime was

down 5 percent as the number of incidents dropped to 5,307 from 5,606 last year.

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KINGSLEY KINDERGARTEN MARATHON

Photos by Marianne Salza

The Kingsley Montessori School held its 28th Kindergarten Marathon on May 12 on the Esplanade. Forty-two students -- like Siyona, who was happy to see her parents cheering for her on the sidelines -- participated and received medals.

"I had fun running in a race with my friends," said Siyona while eating a popsicle. "It was tiring."



Najla with her mother, Hala, and bubba, Bader.



Kingsley students waving bubble wands at the finish line.



Happy runners on the way to the finish line.



Sofia and Zena.



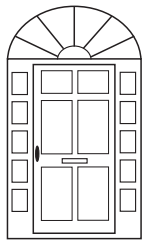
Paula with her family, Marivi, Alvaro, and Lucia.



Students climbing a tree on the Esplanade after receiving their medals.

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Vivianna with her mother, Lexi, and gigi, Wendy.

SCENES FROM MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT PUERTO RICANS VETERANS MEMORIAL



Mayor's Office Photos by John Wilcox

On Monday, May 29, Mayor Michelle Wu attended the Memorial Day ceremony for Puerto Rican Veterans in the South End.



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GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM HOLDS ANNUAL BENEFIT EVENT

Derek Kouyoumjian photos

The Gibson House is a historic home in Boston's Back Bay that still has the oldest furnishings dating to the end off the 19th Century. The museum held its 26th Annual Benefit event at the St Boltolph Club in Back Bay. The honoree of the evening was the French Library for its preservation efforts during its renovation. Therefore the theme of the night was French culture with music, decor, and silent auction items reflecting that spirit.



Cate Carver showing her French spirit in a gown she designed and made based on 1870's French fashion.



Gibson House President Ruth Kupfer offers remarks.



Angela Rossi sang smooth songs in French.



Morgan Chalue and Steven Galante, French Library Board Chairman.



Georg Schmieder and Sam Wallace with Matthew Somers and husband Fred Lincoln.



Matthew and Sara Dickey with Cleyton McClesky, Gibson House Museum board member



Gibson House Museum Board members Jackie Blombach and Janet Dracksdorf present French Library President Barbara Bouquegneau and Board Chairman Steven Galante with a certificate honoring their dedication to preserving the historical character of the Back Bay.



Attendees gathered to hear about developments at the Gibson House Museum and witness the French Library be honored for their efforts to preserve the historical character of their building and the neighborhood.



Gibson House Museum Board member Frances Duffly and Jim Hood.



Event co-chair Janet Dracksdorf offers remarks.



French Museum Board Chairman Steven Galante offers remarks.



Gibson House Museum Curator Meghan Gelardi Homes spoke of ongoing efforts to preserve the historical House.



Laurie Thomas with Nancy and Thomas High.



Nancy Devereaux, Anna Hurley, Nancy Olson, Roberta Orlandino, and Brenda Gailhouse.

MAYOR WU'S COFFEE HOURS COMES TO HAYES PARK

Photos by Jon Seamans

Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 2023 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in partnership with Dunkin'® and Star Market. 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'.



Teo G. samples a bowl of fresh fruit from Star Market at Mayor Michelle Wu's May 25 Neighborhood Coffee Hour hosted by the Boston and Recreation Department at Hayes Park.



South Ender Etta Rosen discusses the issue of private sewer lines with Mayor Michelle Wu at the Hayes Park Neighborhood Coffee Hour on May 25. The free series invites residents to enjoy treats from Dunkin' and Star Market along with the chance to meet directly with City officials up to and including the Mayor.



Budding shutterbug Will Spirm, 3, wields his toy camera at the May 25 Neighborhood Coffee Hour hosted in Hayes Park by Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department.



Destiny Davis of the South End enjoys Dunkin' treats at Mayor Michelle Wu's South End Neighborhood Coffee Hour on May 25. The series, held in partnership with Dunkin' and Star Market, offers attendees the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Mayor Wu and City officials.



Shown above and below, scenes from the Mayor Michelle Wu's annual Coffee Hour on May 25.



Nick Garcia-Tunon of the South End has his hands full trying to down a Dunkin' donut under the watchful gazes of two-year-old Evie and their canine pal Lita at Hayes Park.



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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 5 DEMOCRATS CAUCUS ON 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 <https://bostonward5dems.org/>.

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

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Nightly Cleaning of the Main Office

Boston Centers for Youth & Families

EV000012478

Contact Information

Hazel McAfee Grants Manager

617-635-4920 x 2704

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/ 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

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UNITED SOUTH END SETTLEMENTS CELEBRATES 130 YEARS WITH GALA



Jeff and Jane Freedman and Kevin Glaude.

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

United South End Settlements (USES) celebrated its 130th birthday with a Gala held outside of the SoWa studios at Albany Street. The keynote speaker was actress Eliza Dushku and her husband Peter Palandjian who've been avid supporters of the organization.



United South End Settlements CEO Jerrell Cox with Leslie George and George Mallett.



Dawn Shearer-Coren and her son Max Coren.



Karen Liberatore and Miriam Ortiz.



Lindsey Nally and Meagan Gilday.



Rafael Rodriguez and Brenda Hernandez.



Dennis Kearney and Stephan Smith.



Chief Program Officer Melody Valdes and Philanthropy Officer Jeremy Harding.



Robert and Mary Bolway with Alex and Jon Santiago, Massachusetts Secretary Of Veterans Affairs.



USES CEO Jerrell Cox welcomes attendees to the Gala. The memory of community activist Mel King was invoked with a quote "Let life inspire you, to live and to grow."



Actress Eliza Dushku (right) with her husband Peter Palandjian speak before receiving the Philip R Dushku Changemaker Award. The award is named after her father who was a South End resident and teacher in the Boston Public School system. The couple has supported United South End Settlements with generous donations.



Toni Morgan, USES Club48 Site Coordinator Breana Meghan, CEO Jerrell Cox, and actress Eliza Dushku with her nephew Kyle in front of a display celebrating 130 years of United South End Settlements.



Damien Halfkenny, Elizabeth Santos, Aaron and Jovan Dushku, and Alicia Calero.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Casaday, Laurie	Schiffman, Steven F	154 Beacon St #3	\$1,485,000
Pups World LLC	REtals LLC	220 Boylston St #1117	\$400,000
Crooks, Morgan	Kinmos TLLC	160 Commonwealth Ave #406	\$975,000
Unit 31180 Comm Ave Boston	Kasparian Rt	180 Commonwealth Ave #31	\$1,300,000
Lenihan, Brian P	Cameron, Molly	11 Exeter St #5	\$1,920,000
Sturchio, Janice C	Salo, John E	291 Marlborough St #2	\$1,700,000
Cupps, Michael	119 St Botolph LLC	119 Saint Botolph St #2	\$3,060,000
BEACON HILL			
Laham, Amal	Paula A Harbecke 2009 T	21 Beacon St #4H	\$1,150,000
Noonan, Jonathan R	Paraubek, Edward J	511 Beacon St #3	\$361,000
Brown, Sharon	Mccarthy, Maureen V	21 Bowdoin St #2B	\$412,500
Wang, Jenny J	Scrimshaw Stern Nt	32 Hancock St #1B	\$765,000
Izzo, Samuel F	Wertenberger, Rebecca A	76 Phillips St #3	\$508,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Ja3 Stuart LLC	400 Stuart Street T	400 Stuart St #22D	\$2,450,000
Nair, Resmi	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	55 Lagrange St #16H	\$1,015,000
F H Zhang & Jane Tsai Lt	Zhao, Anqi	188 Brookline Ave #26l	\$1,770,000
Pellow, James	Belanger, Paul H	234 Causeway St #1003	\$1,320,000
Paul H Belanger 2015 T	Kelly, Christopher	234 Causeway St #714	\$2,250,000
Kusiak, Kurt S	Ckg Columbus LLC	566 Columbus Ave #405	\$1,675,000
Gaiter, Donald	Aberizk, Kara	345 Commonwealth Ave #P3	\$550,000
Li, Kaidi	Macmullin, Brad	366 Commonwealth Ave #4C	\$585,000
Nielsen, Kathryn C	South Boston Kulka T	96 E Brookline St #2	\$695,000
Peguero, Denise	761 Harrison Church LLC	771 Harrison Ave #209	\$213,700
Marlborough 403 Rt	C Hal & Bryan Croft Irt	403 Marlborough St #15	\$3,100,000
Marlborough 403 Rt	C Hal & Bryan Croft Irt	403 Marlborough St #16	\$3,100,000
Izzo, Samuel F	Wertenberger, Rebecca A	76 Phillips St #3	\$508,000
Eichner, Jonathan	Zschau, Jonathan	116 Riverway #18	\$575,000
Burns, Kyle	Rice, Chad W	589 Tremont St #1	\$925,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Ribeiro, Dominica	Elder, David K	357 Commercial St #10	\$570,000
Oconnell, Todd	Booras, Denise K	376 Commercial St #4G	\$1,338,500
Wood, Matthew	Fraioli, Dean	99 Fulton St #3-3	\$635,000
114-116 Bowdoin 2022 Irt	Edmonds, Neil A	88 Kingston St #2E	\$680,000
Fogelman, Marlo	Ginnis, Sandra	210 South St #7-4	\$1,200,000

Attention to Detail

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The windows in the last clue are on 185 Marlborough Street designed by Peabody and Stearns, built circa 1885. The Boston Women's Heritage Trail noted that artist and social activist Corita Kent lived at this address. They said that her painting of the Rainbow on the Boston natural gas tank in Boston Harbor is the world's largest copyrighted artwork.

You'll find the next clue in the Fenway.

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



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 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 Negron unit #1126; Tyler John Couto 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 Pe-	rez unit #4192; Leo Motsis 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	Please take notice Prime 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 6/14/2023 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Dennis Miner	unit #130; Ryan K Gisselberg unit #263; Tara Hicks unit #271; Alvin King unit #313; Jamaal Rahmeen unit #345; Gregory Larriev unit #429. 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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THE RESIDENCES AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL

776 BOYLSTON STREET, RESIDENCE E10A

3 BEDROOMS | 2 FULL 1 HALF BATHROOMS | 4,091 SQUARE FEET

LISTED AT \$12,990,000



THE CLARENDON

400 STUART STREET, PENTHOUSE 2

3 BEDROOMS | 3 FULL 1 HALF BATHROOMS | 3,545 SQUARE FEET

LISTED AT \$9,950,000



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