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## Public gets a look at Charlesbank Landing project proposed for the Esplanade

By Dan Murphy

Details of the proposed Charlesbank Landing on the Esplanade, including a timeline for the project, as well as several alternatives for its multi-purpose recreational space, were unveiled during a public meeting held on Thursday, June 22, at the West End Branch Library, as well as virtually.

The Esplanade Association, which sponsored the meeting, is overseeing funding for the more than \$20 million project, and will manage the operations of the future Charlesbank Landing over the next several decades. The two-acre project site will reclaim the area in and around the former Lee Pool complex on the Esplanade; it sits between the Longfellow Bridge and Museum of Science and is adjacent to the Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields,

and Alford Memorial Spray Deck, as well as the future site of Gronk Playground.

The project design includes plans for a two-story, year-round pavilion and visitors center, with a café that would offer indoor and outdoor seating; a covered plaza with a roofdeck, which would provide views of the Charles River and could accommodate yoga, among other activities; an outdoor nature play area; a "double-wide" community room with a divider; and multiple public restrooms, said Alison Badrigian, the Esplanade Association's director of projects and planning.

One unique feature of the proposed pavilion is its slanted roof, which would resemble a butterfly's wings and allow for solar panels to be positioned at

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MARYANN THOMPSON ARCHITECTS AND MICHAEL VAN VALKENBURGH ASSOCIATES. COURTESY OF ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION

A rendering of the riverside view of the proposed Charlesbank Landing project on the Esplanade.

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CLEANS UP THE SQUARES

Mocha with his human Kai Tribble, Meg Stebbins, and Blackstone Franklin Neighborhood Association Vice President Jonathan Alves shown with some of the bags of trash collected during the clean up. See more photos on Page 7.

## Berklee expected to open up applications for Neighborhood Improvement Grants next month

By Dan Murphy

Berklee College of Music is expected to start accepting applications for its Berklee Neighborhood Improvement Grant program sometime in July, according to school officials, but whether the pilot will extend past its initial two-year time commitment

remains to be seen.

Kaitlin Passafaro, Berklee's Chief of Staff and vice president of community and government relations, told those on hand for the June 26 virtual meeting of the Fenway NIC (Neighborhood Improvement Committee) the pilot had been launched as part of mitigation for the two-

year extension to the college's Institution Master Plan (IMP), which included only one project – the renovation and conversion of an existing four-story building at 12 Hemenway St. into student housing.

The program will run for

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## Old South Church calls the Rev. John M. Edgerton as 21<sup>st</sup> Senior Minister

Special to Sun

Old South Church in Boston announced the call of the Rev. John Marlow Edgerton as its 21st Senior Minister on Sunday, June 25, during a congregational

meeting at the church.

Rev. Edgerton's call follows a year-long discernment process, carefully undertaken by the Senior Minister Search Committee of 14 church members. Maren Batalden, who served

as the Search Committee Chair, said in a press release, "From a pool of strong and diverse candidates, John emerged as the candidate best equipped to serve the

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# EDITORIAL

## HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

With the Fourth of July falling on a Tuesday this year, many of us will be enjoying an extra-long holiday weekend for which the weather hopefully will cooperate.

The Fourth of July brings back fond recollections from our youth, when we celebrated the Fourth with cookouts at our grandmother's house at Yirrell Beach on Pt. Shirley in Winthrop.

Those happy summer memories on the beach with family members, many of whom are no longer with us, are etched indelibly in our mind's eye and always bring a smile to our face as if they happened just yesterday, though they occurred decades ago.

Amidst all of our celebrating however, we often overlook the reason why we have a Fourth of July: It was on that date 247 years ago when a group of America's leaders and best thinkers gathered in Philadelphia to declare their independence from England by means of a proclamation to the world in which they stated, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We hasten to point out that in 1776, "men" literally meant only "white men." About 20 percent -- almost 500,000 persons -- of the country's 2.5 million population were enslaved. Half of the rest -- women -- were treated as chattel and did not have the right to vote in America until more than 150 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

But in the context of 2023, the basic premise of the Declaration of Independence -- "all men are created equal" -- resonates as loudly and as clearly as ever. To be sure, there are forces in our country that do not adhere to that belief. Racism, sexism, and prejudice still exist to far too large an extent.

But if we believe in the vision expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who declared, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice," the essence of the Declaration of Independence remains as true today as it did in 1776.

## ENJOY THE LONG WEEKEND SAFELY

An often-overlooked aspect of the Fourth, especially during a long holiday weekend, is that too many among us will engage in behavior that is risky not only to ourselves, but to our loved ones and others around us.

Fireworks are illegal for everybody in Massachusetts, but that has not stopped the proliferation of fireworks in recent years. In Massachusetts alone in 2022, fire departments reported 106 fires and explosions attributed to fireworks, an increase of nearly a third from 2021. More than half of these incidents took place during the week of July 4. All told, fireworks-related incidents in Mass. last year caused 38 injuries and \$414,279 in damages.

Every year there are more than 10,000 injuries across the country that require emergency room visits, with many fireworks' users losing fingers and suffering burns that will maim them for life.

Other risky behavior also spikes during the holiday weekend. From 2017 to 2021, there were 1,460 drivers who were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes over the Fourth of July holiday period, of whom 38% were drunk.

This same admonition also applies to boat owners, who all-too-often think that being in the water while under the influence is safe and acceptable behavior.

In addition to happy memories from our youth, the Fourth of July also resurrects a tragic memory of a friend, an athletic young man in his 20s who was one of our basketball buddies, who became intoxicated at a backyard barbecue. He fell off a small porch when he missed a step and fractured some vertebrae, leaving him a paraplegic and wheelchair-bound for the rest of his life.

That tragic event happened almost 30 years ago, but the shock of hearing of our friend's accident, and then seeing him for the first time in a wheelchair, never to play basketball again, is something we never will forget.

In the 1800s and early 1900s, the Fourth of July served as a convenient excuse for young men to go on a rampage throughout their communities, vandalizing public and private property. The term "a safe and sane Fourth" was introduced at the turn of the 20th century to discourage deliberate acts of rowdiness.

Although we no longer celebrate the Fourth as wantonly as our ancestors did, nonetheless we all must do our part to make sure that we observe the Fourth's festivities safely and sanely, both for ourselves and our loved ones.

We wish all of our readers a happy, fun-filled, and safe Fourth of July.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### RESIDENT CONCERNS RE: CITY OF BOSTON BIKE LANE PLANS FOR BACK BAY

Dear Editor,

As a resident of Back Bay for the past 8 years and a Boston resident for over 30 years, I am passionate about advocating for my neighborhood. I am also a supporter of biking and no longer own a car. My urgent plea is for the Boston media to cover the important issue of the impending development of bike lanes in the city that will likely pose consequences concerning consequences to two major intersections; Storrow Drive exit onto Mugar Way/Beacon Street and the popular entrance to Storrow Drive at the Berkeley/Beacon Street intersections exiting Back Bay.

We are involved with the City of Boston, Mayor Wu, and their Planning Office over a proposed bike lane installation on Berkeley Street. The plan would extend from Columbus Ave in The South End, continue onto Beacon Street, and turn right onto Arlington Street in Back Bay. We believe this plan is reckless and unvalidated, and it will likely cause additional traffic strain and negative impacts on commuters using the primary exiting thoroughfare of Berkeley Street in Back Bay. It also raises safety concerns for all types of travelers on these roads, including pedestrians, pets, cyclists, and drivers. Other serious impacts include significant losses to premium parking spots (all spots on Berkeley Street's right side from Columbus Ave through Beacon Street would be removed) and preventing residents (some of whom are elderly, have physical challenges or are parents with young chil-

dren) from safely entering their home. Additionally, there are serious safety concerns for The Fisher College students on Beacon Street trekking to and from classes and parking spot losses impacting student accessibility and loading and unloading demands, as well as traffic flow constrictions, on the already narrowed Beacon Street, where double-parking remains problematic by the hour, all day and night.

We learned about the bike lane plans almost a year ago during our annual NABB (Neighborhood Association of Back Bay) meeting. However, we were assured that the Mayor's Office and City Planning Team members would take into account the feedback and safety concerns of the local neighborhood, specifically in regard to the impact on foot, handicapped, car, tourist, animals, and bike traffic in our area.

Instead, we were not consulted in the process and were shocked to learn last month about the City's plans when the City's Planning Office and its Bike Advocacy team announced that they would be holding intermittent pop-up events to publicize their plans. At these meetings, run by relatively junior staff, these staffers told us their plans had already been approved by the Mayor, were not up for discussion and would be implemented by the fall of 2023.

We have attempted to understand the basis for the City's plans and to make a fact-based argument for reconsideration. One neighbor, Michael Weingarten, who is known in the community for producing detailed quantitative analyses (with an MBA from Harvard Business School and experience at the Bos-

ton Consulting Group) conducted a traffic study of key intersections along Berkeley from Commonwealth to Beacon. In just two weeks, he produced a 25-page memo highlighting numerous equities and included several compromises to Mayor Wu's bike plan plans for Back Bay.

- If the City's announced purpose is to connect commuters from the South End to the Back Bay Commercial District through bike lanes, there isn't a significant reason to continue the Berkeley Street bike lane beyond Commonwealth Avenue.

- Other alternate South End to Back Bay connecting streets have been raised within both Mike's memo and including several tenured residents' suggested compromises. The Back Bay residents are simply requesting for the City of Boston, Mayor Wu, and their Planning Office to apply necessary data driven due diligence principles and uphold their responsibility to equitably upgrade existing or design safe bike lanes for all affected parties, by leading with safety first, and resist being influenced by biker convenience as the primary driver for their development principles.

The Berkeley Street lane will create a continuous, comfortable bike route from the South End and South Boston into the Back Bay--a major employment center -- Boston.gov

Michael published his report on June 8. I raised the report at the Mayor's June 22 Back Bay/Beacon Hill Neighborhood Meeting.

{Furthermore, I was fortunate to meet directly with Mayor Wu during a 1:1 and outline appreciable safety

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## News in Brief

### 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 adja-

cent streets, with enforcement beginning at 5 a.m. Signs will be posted informing drivers of the change.

Visit <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgzG-smNZDkqPgWqTWwLlvFTZL-GQbd> for more information on Open Newbury.

### VIRTUAL CANDIDATES FORUM FOR AT-LARGE CITY COUNCIL SET FOR JULY 13

The Boston Wards 4 and 5

Democratic Committees will be hosting a virtual candidate forum for the Boston City Council At-Large race on Thursday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to attend at <http://bostoncitycouncilat-large2023.eventbrite.com/>.

### FESTIVAL BETANCES PARADE SET FOR JULY 15 IN SOUTH END

The Ellis South End Neigh-

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### LETTER (from pg. 2)

advantages to access the Esplanade areas via the Dartmouth Street Footbridge versus The City of Boston Planning and it's Bike Lane Committee's preferred Arthur Fiedler Footbridge which has a total of four (4) blind spots and four-foot cement-wall opacity concerns significantly reducing visibility for all travelers by foot or bike. The Dartmouth Street Footbridge has wide open railings offering maximum visibility and is 1/3rd shorter, reducing pedestrian-vs-bicycle direct exposure time. The Mayor verbally acknowledged she was not aware of some of these notable differences and committed to taking a second look at the Dartmouth Street Footbridge for additional consideration. The City Planning Team has refused to take into consideration any alternatives.)

In the same session, Franklin-Hodge told me that the City had done its own unpublished analyses that supported their plan. I asked for a copy of a report with accompanying data (as Michael did later). He agreed, but so far, we have been ignored.

In sum, the City is proceeding with its plans, and so far, has failed to produce public access to any data analyses the City Planning Office may have used to conclude Berkeley Street as their preferred bike lane connector from the South End to Back Bay, despite numerous requests.

We urge the media to provide comprehensive coverage of all aspects of the bike lane project, including the City Planning data that was gathered and used. If

the project is truly beneficial, it should be made publicly available by Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Boston's Chief of Streets (and head of the bike lane project).

Additionally, we question why Mayor Wu's Administration and City Planning teams have ignored the concerns, suggestions, and compromises put forward by the residents. Raising awareness about this issue in the community is crucial. The City promised open dialogue and has conducted two publicly available meetings for Back Bay residents and have not shared these data points collected and collective residential feedback from these gatherings. Furthermore, these proposed "Sidewalk Meetings" are no place for serious and productive dialogue and data comparisons.

On Thursday, June 29, at 5 pm-7 pm at the corner of Berkeley and Beacon Streets, all parties for and against this project will meet once again at the epicenter of contention outside on the sidewalk, during a so-called rush-hour albeit on a holiday weekend.

Sincerely,

Ali Foley, Beacon Street Resident (between Berkeley and Clarendon Streets)

### READER WEIGHS IN ON BIKE LANE

Dear Editor,

Fuller disclosure of the proposed Berkeley Street bike lane reveals it is part of a master planned network connecting riders to the Esplanade. Essentially, the lane is a joy ride linking the

cross-town connection to the green belt for recreational purposes. Arguments that the lane bottlenecks car traffic, is injurious to businesses, the white posts unsightly and maintenance intensive have been dismissed as irrelevant. City Hall's intransigence to Berkeley protestations is the same modis operandi used to silence similar outcries against bike lanes elsewhere in the city.

Push back against bikes is overdue: bikes are not regulated, they are not insured, not bound by traffic rules, rented without safety helmets, and do not have horns to warn pedestrians of their menacing presence. Instead of creating lanes carved out of already inadequate road-bandwidth, bikes are hazards to unsuspecting pedestrians and drivers, who are suddenly surprised by bikes cutting across streets, weaving in and out of traffic, speeding, and not using existing bike lanes.

The same present danger is true of e-scooters. Paris France, by popular vote, has outlawed e-scooters as being too dangerous for public road use. Boston should move beyond nostalgically indulging the minor conveniences and miniscule green effect provided by two wheel vehicles.

Spending tax money to accommodate outmoded means of transportation is counter productive. This conclusion is obvious to anyone walking, or driving Boston's streets, where risk is an encouraged, dangerous free-for-all by Mayor Wu and her "woke" city hall gang.

Barry Zaltman

# Mayor's Garden Contest deadline is July 12

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu has announced the 27th annual Mayor's Garden Contest highlighting the hard work of Boston's urban gardeners. The competition provides the perfect opportunity to recognize the skills of all Boston residents who contribute to the beauty of the city's landscape.

Boston's green thumbs have until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, to submit their gardens for award contention. The contest recognizes gardeners who have landscaped, planted flowers, trees, shrubs, and, in the process, helped beautify Boston's neighborhoods.

Gardeners or those nominating their favorite gardeners may find printable and online nomination forms at [boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest](http://boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest). The preferred method of entry is to submit photos through the online application. Alternatively, contestants may request an application by emailing their name and address to [gardencontest@boston.gov](mailto:gardencontest@boston.gov). Paper applications are also available in English and ten additional languages.

Judges will fan out across the city visiting finalists the week of July 24. Once the votes are

tallied, first place winners will receive the coveted "Golden Trowel" award from Mayor Wu while second and third place winners will be awarded certificates.

Gardeners who have won three or more times in the last ten years will be automatically entered into the Hall of Fame. These distinguished Hall-of-Famers are not eligible to enter as contestants but are invited to return as judges.

First place winners are eligible for a drawing for a JetBlue Grand Prize consisting of roundtrip flights for two to any nonstop destination from Boston. Terms, conditions, and blackout dates apply. In addition, Mahoney's Garden Centers will provide gardener's gift bags to the top three winners in each category, as well as gift certificates for the 2023 Hall of Fame winners.

Stay up to date with the Mayor's Garden Contest as well as news, events, and design and construction work in Boston parks by calling (617) 635-4505, signing up for our email list at [bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails](http://bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails), and following our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

### GRANTS (from pg. 1)

the two-year length of the IMP extension and offer grants, totaling \$50,000, to nonprofit organizations located in or serving the Fenway neighborhood. To qualify for a grant, all applicants must offer programming that is both publicly accessible and free, and that also provides a public benefit or serves a public need.

"We're eager to get this out the door...and to support projects and initiatives that contribute to the vibrancy of this neighborhood," said Passafaro.

Berklee will attempt to gauge whether the program is a "good fit" and "to see what works" before filing its next IMP next year, said Passafaro, who added that the future of the program beyond the initial two-year commitment is now uncertain.

On the status of the 12 Hemenway St., Passafaro said the project is expected to wrap up the early fall, yielding 116 additional student beds for Berklee in time for the new semester.

Windows are now being

installed in the building, said Erin McCabe, the college's vice president of facilities, while the elevator is slated to be installed in the next few weeks, along with a new HVAC system.

Walls are being closed on some floors, she said, as work wraps up on the upper floors.

In another matter, Berklee Art Windows – a collaborative effort between Berklee's Office of Community and Government Relations and the Fenway Civic Association that aims to enliven the shared public realm through art installations at college-owned properties – is now seeking Fenway visual artists, including photographers and painters, for future installations, said Abria Smith, associate director of community engagement for Berklee.

The first exhibit in the series, "Hidden Fenway," featured photos of the neighborhood by longtime Fenway community activist and resident Steve Harnish and was on display at 169-171 Massachusetts Ave.



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neighborhood Association will hold its Festival Betances Parade on Saturday, July 15, from noon to 8 p.m.

Support neighbors in Villa Victoria to celebrate 50 years of Festival Betances. Join other Ellis South End Neighborhood Association community members in a short walk around the neighborhood carrying the new Ellis banner before the family-friendly festival featuring music, costumes, and dancing.

The group will be gathering in the square (100 West Dedham St) at 11:45 a.m. to have fun with friends next door.

Visit <https://ibaboston.org/events/festival-betances> for more information on the event.

### FENWAY CONNECTS! KICKS OFF SATURDAY, JULY 15

Fenway Connects! kicks off Saturday, July 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fenway Community Center at 1282 Boylston St.

The event, made possible through support from the Boston Planning & Development Agency's Fenway Beautification funds, will feature chalk art and play pop ups.

### FREE JAZZ AND BLUES CONCERTS AT SOUTH END BRANCH LIBRARY PARK THIS SUMMER

Friends of the South End Branch Library will be sponsoring free Jazz and Blues concerts Pat Loomis and friends on Tuesdays, July 18 and Aug. 1, 15, and 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the South End Branch Library part at 685 Tremont St. Please bring your own chairs.

For more information, visit [friendsofsouthendlibrary.org](http://friendsofsouthendlibrary.org).

### UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY WORCESTER SQUARE AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association presents Summer Concerts on the third Thursdays of June, July and August, including on July 20, and Aug. 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Worcester Square. Bring a blanket and a snack or dinner and enjoy a variety of musical groups under the trees.

The park will be open for Summer

Open Sundays from 1 to 7 p.m. on several Sundays throughout the summer, including on July 9 and 30, Aug. 20, and Sept. 24. Enjoy a relaxing time in the park, bring some games and enjoy the view on the square. For hygiene purposes (small park, lots of kids running around barefoot), you are asked to leave your pets at home.

You can find updates at online at [worcestersquare.org](http://worcestersquare.org), or at [Facebook.com/worcestersquare/](https://facebook.com/worcestersquare/) events.

### FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS AT 401 PARK IN THE FENWAY

Berklee College of Music's Summer Series continues with live music from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the outdoor lawn at 401 Park in The Fenway, including Shan Kam on Tuesday, Aug. 8; and Mia Walz on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Bring your lunch and enjoy free performances that span all genres by musicians from Berklee College of Music. Performances will be rescheduled in the event of inclement of weather.

### PARKARTS CONCERTS RETURN JULY 10

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department's 2023 ParkARTS Citywide Neighborhood Concert Series will offer top-notch musical entertainment in local parks from July 10 through August 9.

The ParkARTS outdoor neighborhood summer concerts are presented in City of Boston parks and made possible by presenting sponsor Bank of America with additional support from Berklee College of Music and College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving. All shows begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The following schedule is for the ParkARTS:

- Monday, July 10, Living on a Bad Name (Bon Jovi tribute), Billings Field, 369 LaGrange Street, West Roxbury

- Tuesday, July 11, JP Sax Quartet, Oak Square Common, Oak Square, Brighton

- Wednesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m., Swingin' in the Fens featuring Jelani Bauman, Ramler Park, 130 Peterborough Street, Fenway (rain date July 19)

- Monday, July 17, Divas with a Twist, Fallon Field, 50 Firth Road, Roslindale

- Monday, July 24, Northeast Groove, Pinebank, 345 Jamaica Way, Jamaica Plain

- Wednesday, July 26, Conscious Reggae, Blackstone Square, 1530 Washington Street, South End

- Monday, July 31, National Night Out with Conscious Reggae, Hunt/Almont Park, 40 Almont Street, Mattapan

- Wednesday, Aug. 2, River of Dreams (Billy Joel tribute), Dorchester Park, Adams Street, Dorchester

- Sunday, Aug. 6, 5 p.m., Jazz at the Fort featuring Tim Hall: Trust the Process, Highland Park, 58 Beech Glen Street, Roxbury

- Wednesday, Aug. 9, Be Kind, Rewind (90s tribute), Medal of Honor Park, East Broadway and N Streets, South Boston

All ParkARTS neighborhood performances are free of charge. For more information, please call (617) 635-4505 or visit [boston.gov/parkarts](http://boston.gov/parkarts). Stay up to date with news, events, and design and construction work in Boston parks by signing up for our email list at [bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails](https://bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails) and following our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

## MAYOR WU BRINGS COFFEE HOUR TO COMM. AVE. MALL



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTOS BY ISABEL LEON

Shown above, guests enjoying the event.

Shown to the right, Maggie Van Scoy, Mayor Michelle Wu's Neighborhood Services liaison for Beacon Hill and the Back Bay, as well as for Fenway-Kenmore and Mission Hill, addresses the crowd.

On Thursday, June 22, Mayor Michelle Wu joined the Boston Parks Department to bring the annual Mayor's Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series to the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

Mayor Wu and city staff members heard from constituents from Beacon Hill and the Back Bay about ways that the city can improve upon its parks and public spaces, as well as city services at this time.



Mayor Michelle Wu.





## EDGERTON (from pg. 1)

church at this moment -- in worship, in leading a large and complex organization, in building community, and in championing social justice. We worked hard in the process of discernment to listen for God's still speaking voice and are eager to see what -- with John's partnership -- God has in store for us."

Guided by the principles of inclusivity, transparency, and community engagement, the Senior Minister Search Committee meticulously reviewed applications and conducted extensive interviews with highly qualified candidates. The committee prioritized finding a minister who could honor the church's rich history while guiding it into a bold future rooted in justice, compassion, and spiritual growth.

From the start of the discernment process, Old South Church actively sought input from its congregation, inviting members

to share their hopes and desires for the next Senior Minister. A committee organized town hall meetings, small group discussions, and surveys, ensuring that the collective voice of the community shaped the search process.

Sunday's special congregational meeting concluded with a congregational vote, which yielded near-unanimous results in favor. Having emerged as the clear choice through this collaborative and democratic process, Rev. Edgerton will begin his role as the 21st Senior Minister this September.

Rev. Edgerton is well-known to Old South Church in Boston, having served as their Associate Minister from 2012-2019. Since then, Rev. Edgerton went on to serve as the Senior Minister for First United Church of Oak Park, Illinois. He is a graduate of St. John's College in Santa Fe,



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Rev. John Marlow Edgerton is seen during the June 25 congregation meeting when he was called as the 21st Senior Minister of Old South Church.

New Mexico, and of the University of Chicago Divinity School.

Much of Rev. Edgerton's focus in ministry has been on the way Christians live their faith outside the walls of the church. His work in Illinois leading his

congregation through a Lenten series on "Fasting from Whiteness" attracted national and international attention in 2022. His experience has earned him a leadership role in the national UCC, supporting churches to take prophetic action against rac-

ism and for LGBTQ inclusion. Rev. Edgerton's deep commitment to social justice, intellectual rigor, and unwavering compassion resonated strongly with the congregation. Furthermore, his exceptional pastoral skills and dedication to fostering an inclusive and nurturing community were recognized as invaluable assets to the church's ongoing mission.

Old South Church, founded in 1669, stands as a beacon of faith, community, and progressive Christian values in Boston.

"The call of Rev. Edgerton signifies an exciting new chapter in the church's history, as the congregation looks forward to his inspired leadership and shared vision. Together, Old South Church and Rev. Edgerton will continue to make a profound impact on the city of Boston and beyond," according to a press release from the church.

## CHARLESBANK LANDING (from pg. 1)

different, optimal angles, said Badrigian.

The plan also includes a rain garden, which will collect 100 percent of the stormwater on site and be located between the pavilion and the Charles River, added Badrigian, as well as 50 new trees and additional plantings on the grounds.

Additionally, the site plan includes new benches and seating, new safety lighting, and new connections "to help [visitors] feel this is a seamless connection to the rest of the park," said Badrigian,

Meanwhile, four design options were unveiled for a multi-purpose recreational space adjacent to the pavilion, including a "blank" open -grass space for frisbee playing, sunbathing, picnicking, and an occasional fitness class; an artificial turf soccer field for ages 9 and below, along with other events, such as a farmers market; two permeable-surface or asphalt, multi-purpose courts, which would be striped for different games, and an adjacent grass area for passive recreational activities, like frisbee; and a configuration comprising

two tennis courts and a basketball court.

Badrigian noted that the fourth design option could help compensate for the loss of the tennis courts previously located by the State Police barracks on the Esplanade, as well as for the loss of the now-closed Basketball City in the West End.

Jen Mergel, the Esplanade Association's James & Audrey Foster executive director, said the project is "still in the schematic phases," and that its design has yet to be finalized.

"We're hoping to get public

feedback now," she said, especially in regard to the preferred use or uses of the multi-purpose recreational space.

As for the timeline, permitting is expected to wrap up by the spring of 2024 before construction documents can be completed and the project goes out to bid. Construction is then expected to take 14 months, beginning in the summer of 2024, with a ribbon cutting expected in the summer or fall of 2025, which would kick off Charlesbank Landing's inaugural programming season, said Badrigian.

The project comes on the heels of a comprehensive public process led by the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation -- the Esplanade Association's part-

ner in managing the Esplanade. DCR retained Maryann Thompson Architects and Michael Van Valkenburg Associates for the process, which engaged more than 25 stakeholder groups in a nine-month analysis that included feedback from nearly a dozen community meetings and hundreds of public comments.

Last year, the House and Senate both unanimously passed state legislation filed by Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Jay Livingstone to allow the DCR-owned project site to be leased to a private partner for 30 years, with a possible 10-year extension.

Visit <https://esplanade.org/charlesbank/> to learn more about the project.



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A rendering of the entry garden for the proposed Charlesbank Landing project on the Esplanade.

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# Boston Fire Commissioner and Cadets visit the Boston Athenaeum Great Fire Exhibit

Special to the Sun

On Wednesday June 14, the Boston Fire Commissioner and Chief of Boston Fire Department Paul F. Burke, along with other Boston Fire Officials and the members of the Inaugural Boston Fire Cadet class, visited the Boston Athenaeum to commemorate the Boston Fire of 1872, by viewing and learning about the Fire through the special exhibit, Revisiting the Ruins: The Great Boston Fire of 1872.

The firefighters were treated to the VIP status that they deserved for their service to the City with a special welcome by Leah Rosovsky, Director of the Boston Athenaeum and a private tour of the exhibit with a talk on the history of the Fire and the curation of the special exhibit by Christina Michelin, Associate Curator at the Athenaeum and Exhibit Coordinator for the fire exhibit. Michelin was well positioned to curate the exhibit as the daughter of a retired firefighter from Chicago, whose own Great Fire just two years prior to Boston's served as a warning that the same tragedy could happen here.

The event stage was set for the Cadets by an address by Commissioner Burke who highlighted that the Great Fire, while devastating, managed to be curtailed by yeoman's efforts of the Boston firefighters, assisted by fire teams from most of New England. In fact, the team from Portsmouth, NH was credited with containing the fire just short of Old South

Meeting House. Burke pointed out that more manpower was required at the Fire as there was coincidentally an equine epidemic at the same time. Horsepower was so limited, manpower was required to pull the fire trucks. Burke's focus was the importance of the strict fire codes in place in Boston today, because of lessons learned from the Great Boston Fire, as well as the Great Molasses Disaster of 1919 and the Cocoanut Grove Nightclub Fire of 1942. Director Rosovsky presented Burke with a framed reproduction of one of the exhibit art works, which Burke commented he would proudly hang in his office.

The Exhibit tour focused on three key areas: how the nation-

al, even global, news of the Fire was publicized in 1872, the romanticization of the fire ruins, as well as the artifacts retrieved from the fire. Photographs taken during the fire were important, not because they were published directly, but because they were copied into pen and ink drawings. At the time, newspaper technology could not reproduce photos, so drawings were required. As history has proven, tragic ruins do get romanticized in art, as with art displaying Pompei, so was the Great Fire. The Exhibit also has a few artifacts from the Fire, primarily retail and industrial items. At the time the Fire raged, in what is now primarily the Financial District and Downtown Crossing, it was home to



Boston Fire Department Commissioner Paul Burke (left) is presented a reprint of "The Boston Fire" oil painting by artist F. Shaw as a gift from Boston Athenaeum director, Leah Rosovsky (center); and associate curator, Christina Michelin, Ph.D. (right).

industrial, warehouse, and retail structures, with few residences. While the Fire did not reach the Athenaeum itself, the library did lose a storage facility, but it was insured.

Revisiting the Ruins: the Great Boston Fire of 1872 is on exhibit

through July 29, 2023, open to the public, with tickets available online at [www.bostonathenaeum.org](http://www.bostonathenaeum.org). The exhibit displays very local and worth viewing scenes of an important chapter in our city's history.

## Brad Roberts named Big Brother of the Year

Special to the Sun

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts (BBB-SEM) has named Brad Roberts, 55, of the South End, as the agency's 2023 Big Brother of the Year. He is one of nearly 4,000 volunteers, referred to as Bigs, for the nonprofit who are committed to developing caring and life-altering one-to-one mentoring relationships with children.

Roberts started mentoring in 1985 when he was a freshman at the University of New Hampshire through the school's campus-based program, following in his older sister's footsteps

who was matched with her own mentee, or Little, two years prior. Over the last 38 years, he watched his first Little, Chris, graduate from college, get married, have two sons whom he proudly refers to as his nephews, suffer loss and find love again. Roberts' mentoring experience was so rewarding that the father of two daughters re-engaged with the organization in 2014 after becoming an empty nester.

"Being matched with my second mentee, Xzavier Jones, was humbling, says Roberts, who ran the Boston Marathon in 2015

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts volunteer Big Brother Brad Roberts and his mentee, Little Brother Xzavier Jones.



Associate Curator, Christina Michelin, Ph.D. points out the fire location on a wall map.

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# BLACKSTONE FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HOLDS PARKS CLEANUP



Blackstone Franklin Neighborhood Association Treasurer Matt Mues hands out gloves and disposable bags to dog owners to help keep Blackstone and Franklin Squares clean.

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Blackstone Franklin Neighborhood Association organizes a cleanup of Blackstone and Franklin Squares on the last Tuesday of

each month. A mix of volunteers comb the parks, cleaning them up, and afterwards treat themselves to a casual social hour to celebrate a job well done.



Peter Stebbins finds some trash on a park bench.



Peter B helps his neighborhood by keeping keep its signature park clean.



Kerry Shea picks up some trash.



The Blackstone Franklin Neighborhood Association park cleanup team.



After the park cleanup the neighbors gathered at The Elephant Walk up the street for a casual social gathering.



## COWS ON PARADE

Photos by Dan Murphy

For CowParade New England, 75 artists have decorated unique, life-size cow sculptures now on display at landmarks around Greater Boston through Sept. 24.

The public arts event, sponsored by Herb Chambers, recognizes and celebrates 75 years of the Jimmy Fund, which supports the fight against cancer at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The cows are also for sale, with proceeds benefitting the cause.

Visit [https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/SPage-Server/?pagename=reus\\_cowparade\\_default\\_greeting\\_page](https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/SPage-Server/?pagename=reus_cowparade_default_greeting_page) to learn more about CowParade New England.



Grhimm Xavier's "Hope" on display at 500 Boylston St.



Sunil Gulab's "Gopal" at 500 Boylston St.



Richard Banfield's "The Giant Boob Cow" on the Boston Common.



Howie Green's "Newbury Street Cow" at 200 Newbury St.



Ryan Landry's "Heartbreak Hill" on the Boston Common.



Liz Roeche and Deb Downes' "Josephine" on the Boston Common.



Howie Green's "Peace Dove" on the Boston Common.



Jocelyn Velush's "Belle Beauwigne" at the Fairmont Copley Plaza.



Jane Maxwell's "On the Mooove" at 200 Newbury St.



Concepts' "When Pigs Fly" on the Boston Common.



Barbara Johansen Newman's "Moodern Art" outside the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library.



# Sharon Durkan grows a coalition of green endorsers and local ward committees

Special to Sun

Sharon Durkan, a dedicated community activist, former political staffer, and former Ward 5 Democratic Committee Chair, has garnered significant endorsements for the Boston City Council District 8 seat in the upcoming special municipal election on Tuesday, July 25.

Recent endorsers include the Environmental League of Massachusetts (ELM) Action Fund, Sierra Club Massachusetts Chapter, Boston Building and Construction Trades Council, and the Ward 4, 5, and 10 Democratic Committees.

Expressing enthusiasm for Sharon's candidacy, Casey Bowers, Executive Director of the ELM Action Fund, stated in a press release: "Sharon Durkan has a long track record of supporting strong environmental candidates for office. We are thrilled to endorse her for election as she continues to advocate for the climate, including for a Green New Deal for Boston Public Schools."

By linking Sharon's long-standing dedication to environmental causes with her specific focus on

addressing the need for climate-resilient infrastructure, her partnership with the ELM Action

Fund becomes even more meaningful. The endorsement further reinforces her commitment to championing climate advocacy and underscores her

commitment to suitability for District 8.

"I am honored to receive the endorsement of the ELM Action Fund. From starting my high school's recycling program to working to elect climate champions such as Senator Ed Markey and Mayor Michelle Wu, my leadership on environmental issues has been consistent throughout my life," Durkan said in a press release. "My charge on the City Council will be to make sure our most vulnerable communities, those who are much more likely to face exposure to pollution, flooding, and urban heat, are at the forefront of our investments. I'm excited to work in partnership with ELM to continue the climate advocacy work they have led for years."

David Rudolph, a member of the Mass. Sierra Club Political Committee, praised Sharon's vision for a climate-resilient Boston.

"Sharon Durkan offers a clear vision of the benefits of a climate-resilient Boston and understands the policies and investments we need to make it happen," Rudolph said in a press release. "We can count on her to be a champion of green spaces, public transit, and healthy buildings for all."

The Sierra Club's endorsement and Sharon's experience with grassroots organizations like the MA Sierra Club proves that she is not only aligned with the environmental community, but also



COURTESY PHOTO

Sharon Durkan, candidate for District 8 City Councilor (at left), is seen with her supporters from the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee.

driven by shared goals for the district.

"The support of grassroots organizations like the Mass. Sierra Club means a great deal to me, as it affirms that my efforts align with the values and aspirations of the environmental community," Durkan said in a press release. "District 8 faces real environmental challenges, and I firmly believe that by working together, we can overcome them and build a more resilient future."

These endorsements further show that Sharon Durkan is a green, climate-oriented candidate, joining previous endorsements by U.S. Sen. Ed Markey and Mayor Michelle Wu. They also demonstrate Sharon's commitment to fostering collaboration among various stakeholders, including community organizations, businesses, and government agencies, to ensure that our climate goals are achieved effectively and inclusively.

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Durkan has also earned the endorsements of local Democratic Ward Committees, including Ward 4, Ward 5, and Ward 10. These committees represent the neighborhoods of Fenway-Kenmore, Audubon Circle, Mission Hill, Back Bay, and Beacon Hill.

"As a former Ward 5 Committee Chair and someone who has been deeply involved in local organizing, the support of local ward committees is particularly meaningful for me," added Durkan. "I know everything that goes into deciding who the best candidate is to represent your community. I know firsthand the importance ward committees hold in our city, and I know they are some of the most impactful and meaningful endorsements a candidate can earn."

These endorsements stand as evidence of Durkan's grassroots momentum and connection

with constituents. Sharon has spent the past two months meeting with community organizations, business owners, and voters across the district. She has met voters at community events, house parties, doors, and over the phone.

Durkan served as the Chair of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee from 2019 until she launched her campaign for City Council this April.

This latest round of support for Durkan builds upon endorsements by Mayor Michelle Wu, Sen. Ed Markey, State

Rep. Jay Livingstone, Former Councilor Kenzie Bok, State. Rep Aaron Michlewitz, State Sen. Lydia Edwards, Former Councilor Josh Zakim, Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, State Sen. Liz Miranda, State Sen. Will Brownsberger, UNITEHere Local 26, 32BJ SEIU, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, Greater Boston Labor Council, and SEIU888.

To learn more about Sharon Durkan and her campaign, visit [sharondurkan.com](http://sharondurkan.com).

## DISTRICT 8 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE MONTEZ HAYWOOD MEETS WITH HILL RESIDENTS

Photos by Mark Duffield

On Tuesday, June 20, at the



Alibi Restaurant of the Liberty Hotel, Montez Haywood, a candidate for District 8 Boston

City Council, addressed and answered questions from a collection of concerned Beacon Hill residents.

Mr. Haywood's theme, "Who are we serving?," resonated with the gathering as he spoke about budget cuts that would harm residents; bike lanes on Charles Street, which could potentially adversely affect local businesses and perhaps hamper responding firefighters; safe streets; and needed city services repairs on streets and sidewalks.



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# Boston Harborfest brings color, music, and spectacle to downtown

Special to the Sun

The 42nd edition of Boston Harborfest, the country's largest, and Boston's most expansive, Fourth of July celebration, runs June 30 through July 4 with events stretching from Downtown Crossing to the North End and from the Boston Common to Boston Harbor. The Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (Downtown Boston BID) is a co-sponsor of Harborfest, with the City of Boston, MeetBoston, and others.

Harborfest kicks off in Downtown Crossing June 30. Local and international leaders will be on hand; Downtown Boston BID President Michael J. Nichols hosts. "The rich history and culture of Boston comes alive for Harborfest," Nichols says. "Downtown is the perfect backdrop for recalling the American Revolution, honoring our country's move to freedom, and celebrating the dynamic city and country that has emerged ever since. Residents and 4th of July visitors will love the events,

the music, the art and the people-watching here and on the waterfront during Harborfest week."

Harborfest coverage highlights in Downtown Crossing:

**DAILY:** Daily events June 30 through July 3 include live performances from local performers and musicians across genres will entertain visitors from stages in Downtown Crossing, kid-friendly puppet shows from Through Me To You Puppetry, roaming musicians, historical re-enactors, and costumed characters.

**JUNE 30:** 12 noon to 1 p.m. - Harborfest Opening Ceremony. A ceremonial cake-cutting with public officials and hospitality leaders kicks off Boston Harborfest 2023. Roving re-enactors and staff from the USS Constitution engage with visitors, while the Massachusetts 215th Army Band begins an afternoon of performances. Includes cutting and serving of the ceremonial cake, "living historians," and more. FREE. (The Steps at Downtown Crossing).

11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Down-

town Boston Arts Market. A vibrant market in the heart of downtown highlights a wide selection of goods from local artisans. Shoppers will find handmade items from around Massachusetts - everything from jewelry and clothing to textiles, beauty and personal care items, and more. (Summer Street Plaza).

**JULY 1:** In addition to this evening's Boston Harborfest Fireworks viewable at Long Wharf at 9:15 p.m. and the Pre-Fireworks Concert at Christopher Columbus Park at 6 p.m., Downtown Boston highlights include:

1 to 4 p.m. - Middlesex County Volunteers Fife and Drums. Historic ensemble performs throughout the neighborhood, bringing authentic folk music and iconic patriotic hymns from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Performance locations include Summer Street Plaza, Old State House, Old City Hall, and Old South Meeting House. FREE.

2 to 3 p.m. - Macy's Fashion Show. A festive Macy's Independence Day-themed fashion show

highlights the latest streetwear looks on citizen models from the neighborhood, including the best of new summer trends. FREE (Steps at Downtown Crossing).

**JULY 2:** 12 Noon to 3 p.m. - Patriotic Poochpalooza. Costumed four-legged patriots face a guest panel awarding prizes for Best in Show, Best Team, Most Creative and Most Patriotic. A doggie marketplace pop-up includes treats for pets. FREE. (Steps at Downtown Crossing).

**JULY 3:** In addition to the Christopher Columbus Park Harborfest Concert from 1-5 p.m., and liver performances in Downtown Crossing from 12-7 p.m., today's Downtown Boston highlights include:

2 to 4 p.m. - Chowderfest Chowder Tasting. A selection of restaurants from around the Boston area offer up tasty samples of the celebrated New England summer staple for visitors to enjoy. FREE. (Steps at Downtown Crossing).

**JULY 4:** 9 a.m. - City of Boston's 247th Independence Day Celebration. A short parade steps off from City Hall Plaza

and passes the Granary Burial Ground, where wreaths will be laid on the graves of patriots. Parade continues to the Old State House where the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company will continue its tradition of reading of the Declaration of Independence from the balcony. FREE. Parade viewing available along the route.

10 a.m. - The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company reads the Declaration of Independence from the balcony of the Old State House.

1:30 p.m. - A Day of Unity: Reading Fredrick Douglass. This event centers on a community-led reading of Frederick Douglass's abolitionist speech "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?" Embracing both stirring historical and joyful contemporary elements, the "A Day of Unity" includes live music from Darlene Wynn, Tempo International Rhythm & Steel, African Drum Circle, and DJ Joe Johnson. Uprising Dance Theatre performs. Event concludes with an ice cream social. FREE (Steps at Downtown Crossing).

## BIG BROTHER (from pg. 6)

to raise more than \$14,000 for BBBSEM. "When we first met it was a bit awkward as the nine-year-old was timid and our conversations were often one-way. But, after settling into our routine we learned to connect with an activity, whether it be playing basketball, going to the trampoline park, or really anything outside with the promise of food and more open dialogue at the end. This launched our never-ending search for Boston's best burger! It grew into Xzavier's appreciation for sushi - which made me, a huge sushi fan, very pleased."

Although the duo resided in the same city, they lived in what felt like worlds apart. Not only did Roberts expand his Little's pallet, but he was also there when he summited his first mountain and took his first flight - to Florida to meet Robert's original Little, Chris. Over the last nine years, Xzavier has struggled with family dynamics, grief, social pressures, exposure to inner-city violence, and the academic and socioeconomic impact of the pandemic. They now talk openly about overcoming these challenges as the recent high school graduate plans to pursue local job opportunities and his ambition to be an influencer.

"I never faced many of these obstacles, but I listened, encouraged and empathized," says Roberts, an engineer. "Often, I can sense the weight coming off his shoulders as he lets it all out. I know I can't solve all the problems of the world, but it gives me joy to know our relationship allows him to have someone to confide in, help carry the burden and walk alongside as he goes through challenges in his life. I became a Big to "give" and unknowingly ended up "receiving" so much. There is no doubt that my relationship with Xzavier has also made me a better person as he has challenged me to be patient and to open my eyes to living in someone else's shoes."

Xzavier's mother, Sharina, registered her son to participate in the program after her eldest son had such a positive mentoring experience through the same organization. As a single mother, having additional caring adults in her children's corner gave her the time and headspace to focus on work and everything else.

"It's good for them to have another outlet that they can look up too, especially a positive male role model; something they don't otherwise have," says Sharina. "Through his time with Brad, I have seen Xzavier take on more

responsibility and assume more ownership when he has made a mistake. I always hoped for my children to do whatever their hearts desire, and this program is a great way for him to figure out whatever that may be for him. My heart is filled with overwhelming gratitude as the organization."

With research and proven outcomes at its core, BBBSEM creates matches based on shared interests, geography and personality and serves as a consistent resource for Bigs, Littles and their families. The organization serves as a bridge between communities and community partners, helping to address larger social issues, such as race and education gaps.

"Brad has always inspired me to do better, and if it wasn't for him, I wouldn't have improved on things like my public speaking and better managing my emotions," says Jones. "Brad has shown me there is more to the world than I expected. For that I am grateful and whole heartedly

would recommend this program to my peers."

Mentoring is one protective measure that adults can take to minimize risk factors, such as lack of motivation, anxiety, stress, and isolation, that are threatening children's mental health and academic success. A national study of 950 youth from eight Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies showed that positive relationships between Littles and their Bigs have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives. Big Brothers Big Sisters' matches consistently spend more time together, and continue as a match for longer periods, than those in other mentoring programs. Results also showed Bigs help Littles learn right from wrong, make better life choices, do better in school and advance to the next grade level.

"Brad and Xzavier's almost nine-year friendship is a testament to the incredible work of our volunteers and staff members who keep kids learning, engaged

and having fun," says Mark O'Donnell, President & CEO of BBBSEM. "Now, more than ever, youth and families need additional support. We need more caring adults, like Brad, to step up for our children to become mentors to ensure they reach their fullest potential."

Anyone can become a Big as the agency welcomes youth and adults of all races, ethnicities, cultures, socio-economic backgrounds, genders, sexual orientations, and physical abilities. Volunteers must be 18 years old or older and be able to commit a few hours a few times a month for at least a year and have a passion for positively impacting a young person's life.

In its 74th year, BBBSEM has created and served more than 20,000 matches. The nonprofit is now enrolling and matching Littles and Bigs. For more information, to register your children or to become a volunteer, visit: [www.emassbigs.org](http://www.emassbigs.org).

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## Attention to Detail

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### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The doors with the W in the wrought iron design are on 495 Commonwealth Ave in Kenmore Square. This corner building was designed by architects Arthur H. Vinal and Charles Howard Walker and built in 1895.

You'll find the next clue in the South End. Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your suggestion.

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