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Sharon Durkan (center) is seen with supporters including Mayor Wu on July 25, the day of the Special Election, outside the State House.

Durkan handily wins Special Election

By Dan Murphy

Sharon Durkan cruised to an easy victory over Montez Hayward in the Special Election on Tuesday, July 25, to succeed Kenzie Bok as the District 8 City Councillor.

According to the city's unofficial election results, Durkan, a longtime political organizer in the city who has chaired the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee since 2019, won every district and garnered just over 70 percent of the ballot (1,968

of 2,810 total votes cast). Hayward, an assistant district attorney with the Suffolk County District Attorney's office since 2006 who launched an unsuccessful bid against newcomer Bok for

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Nichols now at helm of Downtown Boston BID

By Dan Murphy

Michael Nichols, who previously led the Esplanade Association for five years, is now finding ways to breathe new life into the heart of the city as president of the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (BID).

Nichols has served as president of the Downtown BID, a private nonprofit created and maintained by area property owners, since last October. The organization was established in 2011 to help revitalize the downtown area following the economic downturn of 2008. (Property owners unanimously voted in June to keep the BID going for another five years.) It's one of

three BIDs in Boston, as well as one of 10 BIDs statewide.

The Downtown Boston BID covers the area between the Boston Common and the Rose Kennedy Greenway, with City Hall and Chinatown on its other two sides. The district spans a 34-block area between Tremont and Congress streets, as well as between Court and Boylston streets, and includes Downtown Crossing and the Ladder District, and parts of the Financial and Theater districts.

"The organization exists to promote a healthy business environment throughout the downtown neighborhood, including trash removal and general cleanliness services; providing

maps and brochures to tourists; supporting public programming; addressing public safety concerns; providing social services coordination; and generally serving as the voice of the neighborhood on public-realm and other land-use processes," said Nichols, who has lived in Boston since 2008.

As the city continues to rebound from the pandemic, Nichols is extremely optimistic about the current state of Downtown Boston on the whole.

"Overall, things are going great," he said. "Boston's downtown is one of the safest in America, and we have, in many ways,

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Heat Is On

Wu declares advisory for July 27-28

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu declared a heat emergency in the City of Boston beginning Thursday, July 27 through Friday, July 28, due to the upcoming weather forecasts. High temperatures will reach into the 90s, with the heat index expected to reach the mid-90s to 100 degrees. Additionally, the City of Boston is issuing a heat advisory Wednesday through Saturday, encouraging residents to take precautions to stay safe in the hot weather.

"This summer is an opportunity for Boston residents to have fun and stay active together—but this is only possible when our community comes together to take necessary precautions to stay safe from extreme heat," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Heat waves can endanger anyone, regardless of age or health, and it is critical for

everyone to stay hydrated, limit outdoor activity when possible and wear plenty of sunscreen. The City is here to support residents through a variety of programming, and I urge anyone with questions to call 311 for assistance in keeping protected against the heat."

To help residents stay cool, cooling centers will be open at 15 Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A full list of centers can be found at boston.gov/heat. Additionally, 64 splash pads will be open at parks and playgrounds throughout the City. Select indoor BCYF pools and the outdoor BCYF Mirabella Pool in the North End are open. Visitors to the BCYF Mirabella Pool can find swim session times here.

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COURTESY OF THE DOWNTOWN BOSTON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Michael Nichols, president of the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (BID), is seen at the opening ceremony of Harborfest 2023 at the Franklin Steps (intersection of Franklin and Washington streets).

EDITORIAL

THE REVERE BEACH SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL IS THIS WEEKEND

One of the premier events of the summer season in the Greater Boston area is set to take place this weekend when the 19th annual International Sand Sculpting Festival returns to Revere Beach this Friday, July 28, through Sunday, July 30.

America's first public beach will host 15 sand sculptors from around the world who will display their amazing creations as they compete for \$28,000 in prizes. The theme for this year's festival is King Kong, in observance of the 90th anniversary of the epic movie that captivates audiences to this day.

The festival is a free, family-friendly event that is hosted by the Revere Beach Partnership, a non-profit organization, and truly has something for everyone of all ages. The festival will feature vendors, food trucks, and a fireworks extravaganza on Saturday night in addition to the highly-competitive sand sculpture competition.

For entertainment, there will be over 20 acts of street performers, live music, and a special performance from Blue Man Group, in addition to various amusement rides. Vendors will include about 30 food trucks and there will be about 20 emerging small businesses and nonprofits taking part in the Beach Shop Pavillion.

For the first time, the Samuel Adams Beer Garden will offer live music, games, and entertainment from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, with the fireworks scheduled to go off at 9 p.m. Saturday evening.

With the promise of good weather, it is expected that close to a million visitors will turn out for the festivities. Needless to say, public transportation via the MBTA's Blue Line -- which will be free -- is the best way to attend the festival, especially with the Sumner Tunnel closed for repairs. The Revere Beach and Wonderland T stops literally are just minutes away by foot from Revere Beach.

This year's festival promises to be better than ever -- and we urge all of our readers to take advantage of this unique and fun-filled opportunity.

A SAD, TRAGIC WEEK -- SAFETY ALWAYS MUST BE NUMBER ONE

When we looked at our Boston newspapers this past Thursday, a cavalcade of headlines, one-after-another, told stories of sadness and tragedy throughout our area.

There was the four year-old boy who was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver in Hyde Park; the brothers who died in a single-car accident in Brockton; and the 11 year-old daughter of a former New England Revolution player who died in a boating accident in North Carolina. Saturday brought more tragedy -- a 21 year-old man who died while swimming in a lake in Hopkinton and a 17 year-old girl who died in a boating accident on the Cape.

These incidents remind us how precarious our lives, and those of our loved ones, can be -- and how life can take a turn for the tragic in just the blink of an eye. Accidents are the leading cause of death for young people in our country. Safety for ourselves and our loved ones never should be taken for granted and always must be our first priority in everything we do.

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Registration for times to swim at BCYF's indoor pools can be found at this link.

Anyone, regardless of their medical conditions, can feel the impacts of extreme heat. During last summer's heat wave Boston EMS experienced a 15-20% rise in daily calls to 9-1-1.

The City of Boston is taking critical immediate action to provide heat relief, including short-term, actionable steps toward relief during heat waves. The City of Boston has been engaging in a variety of catalytic projects to support extreme heat mitigation and improved health for residents.

Boston Public Library locations are also available for residents to seek relief from the heat. Patrons are always welcome to participate in BPL's summer programming for kids, teens, and adults.

The Boston Public Schools is encouraging students and their families to prepare for hot weather this week by staying well hydrated and dressing appropriately. Families are welcome to send their children to their respective summer programs, which will provide students with water and meals. Additionally, the majority of summer sites are equipped with air conditioning and fans will be delivered to sites in need of cooling. The Boston Water and Sewer Commission's water truck will be in Chinatown from Wednesday to Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Chinatown Gate on the corner of Surface Road and Beach Street.

Information on heat safety tips can be found online at boston.gov/heat and by following @CityofBoston on Twitter. Residents can sign up for AlertBoston, the City's emergency notification system, to receive emergency alerts by phone, email or text. Sign up online here. Residents are also encouraged to call 311 with any questions about available City services.

The Mayor issued the following heat safety tips:

Children and pets should never be left alone in vehicles, even for short periods of time.

Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids regardless of activity level. Avoid alcoholic beverages and liquids high in sugar or caffeine.

Keep cool with frequent cool showers, shade, and air conditioning or fans.

Limit outdoor activity to morning and evening hours. Rest often in shady areas and be extra cautious from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., when the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is strongest.

Know the signs of heat exhaustion. Heavy sweating, cool and clammy skin, dizziness, nausea, and muscle aches could all be signs of heat exhaustion. If symptoms persist, call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not delay care. Heat is the leading cause of weather-related deaths in the U.S. and can exacerbate underlying illnesses.

Adults and children should use sunscreen containing an SPF-30 or higher and wear protective, loose-fitting clothing including long sleeve shirts and hats.

If you have a child in your home, use child window guards in addition to screens on any open window on the second story or above. Falls are the leading cause of injury for children under the age of six.

Secure all window air conditioner units according to the manufacturer's specifications.

If you are heading to a beach, lake, or pool to beat the heat, swim where lifeguards are present. Always watch children near the water and make sure they're wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket.

Please call or check on neighbors, especially older adults and people with disabilities.

Please keep pets indoors, hydrated, and cool as asphalt and ground conditions are significantly hotter and unsafe during heat.

Helping Individuals Experiencing Homelessness:

If you see individuals out in the heat who appear immobile or disoriented, please ask them if they need assistance and call 9-1-1 immediately.

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) operates emergency shelters at 112 Southampton St (men's shelter) and 794 Massachusetts Ave (women's shelter). These facilities are air conditioned and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Amnesty has been called because of extremely high temperatures so those with non-violent restrictions can access shelter out of the heat.

The City of Boston works closely with a network of shelter providers to ensure there is adequate shelter, food, water, and a cool

respite from the heat.

Street outreach teams providing recovery services remain operating as normal during summertime weather. Outreach teams are providing water on outreach routes.

The Engagement Center at 112 Southampton Street, run by BPHC, will be open and providing air conditioning, showers, and beverages from 6 a.m. – 5 p.m., seven days a week.

Playground Safety:

Shoes should be worn outdoors, including playgrounds and turf athletic fields, as surfaces can become extremely hot and cause burns, even on splash pads and spray decks.

Outdoor Fires and Grilling:

No outdoor fires are allowed in Boston, including fire pits, chimineas, and bonfires.

Charcoal grills must be on the ground and away from buildings. Keep in mind the wind and never leave grills unattended. Dispose of the ash in a metal container once completely out.

Propane tank grills are only allowed on first floor porches with steps to the ground. Do not place propane tank grills near air conditioners or up against a building. Make sure all connections are tight and never carry propane tanks into a home.

Grills should always be used in a well-ventilated area.

Last year, Mayor Wu announced Heat Resilience Solutions for Boston, a Citywide framework to prepare Boston for hotter summers and more intense heat events. The Heat Plan presents 26 strategies that will help build a more just, equitable, and resilient Boston. To support the implementation of the Heat Plan, the City launched the Boston Extreme Temperatures Response Task Force, which helps to deliver a unified, all-of-government response to address chronic high temperature conditions and prepare the City in advance of extreme weather events. The Task Force's work is supported by the Environment Department, the Office of Emergency Management, and the Boston Public Health Commission's Office of Public Health Preparedness with the goal of collaboratively protecting and promoting the health and well-being of Boston residents facing increasing temperatures and other climate risks.

BPS collaborates with Brown on multi-day camp

Boston Public Schools (BPS) is proud to announce its collaboration with Boston Celtics star Jaylen Brown’s 7uice Foundation’s signature 2023 Bridge Program. This multi-day camp aims to provide Boston’s high school students access to a wide range of resources to help them achieve a choice-filled life. Around 100 Boston Public Schools students are registered to participate in the 2023 Bridge Program.

By collaborating with the renowned MIT Media Lab, the Bridge Program offers a transformative experience for participating high school students, introducing them to STEM-related opportunities while focusing on emotional literacy, financial literacy and leadership.

“We are excited to join forces with The 7uice Foundation’s Bridge Program to empower our Black and Brown students with invaluable opportunities and experiences,” said Boston Public

Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper. “The 7uice Foundation’s Bridge Program is a wonderful and powerful example of a true collaboration that aligns with our vision of educational equity in BPS. We are so thankful to Jaylen Brown and his foundation for helping to prepare our students to be full contributors and leaders in an increasingly diverse and technologically advanced world.”

“I’m thankful to be able to team up with Boston Public Schools and the MIT Media Lab to host our third year of the Bridge Program,” said Jaylen Brown. “All kids, no matter their zip codes, should have access to these resources, and I’m committed to creating equal-opportunity education programs that benefit traditionally underserved communities. I see myself in a lot of these kids and want to give them all the chances in the world to succeed and be their best selves.”

The Bridge Program centers

around three key areas that are crucial for students’ personal and academic growth:

- **Leadership and Activism:** Connecting Bridge participants with leaders of social change to advance a transformed society in which youth of color can access opportunities that will change their lives and that of their communities.

- **Health and Wellness:** Offering programs that incorporate yoga, meditation, empathy, and emotional literacy workshops. These programs aim to cultivate mindfulness skills and support the Bridge participants in effectively communicating their experiences and narratives and promoting healing and personal growth.

- **Sustainability, Innovation & Technology:** Introduce participants to workshops led by distinguished researchers within the fields of artificial intelligence, aeronautics, virtual reality, clean technology, robotics, and sustain-



Photo via Dominique Oliveto

Boston Public Schools (BPS) is proud to announce its collaboration with Boston Celtics star Jaylen Brown (shown center).

able food systems. In a rapidly changing environmental and technological world, the Bridge Program introduces participants to advanced technological tools and justice-based approaches that can be utilized to address the most urgent challenges of our time.

The 2023 Bridge Program incor-

porates the concept of “Sankofa,” symbolizing the importance of acknowledging historical knowledge and wisdom to shape a better future. The program seeks to create a culturally relevant and transformative experience for all participants.

Annual Back-to-School celebration returns to TD Garden

TD Garden Neighborhood Charities — the philanthropic arm of TD Garden — along with The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division and the City of Boston are proud to announce that the 12th Annual Back-to-School Celebration will return to TD Garden on Tuesday, August 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to equip thousands of local students to go back to school. Qualified students and families in the Greater Boston area who are interested in registering should visit salvationarmyma.org/backtoschool. Pre-registration is required.

“We are grateful to The

Salvation Army and The Salvation Army Boston Kroc Center for hosting the past three Back-to-School Celebrations while the arena was under summertime construction,” said Amy Latimer, TD Garden president. “Bringing families into the arena is such a unique and celebratory experience and we are thrilled for the event to return to TD Garden and help another 3,000 students have a successful school year.”

Along with support from the Boston Bruins Foundation, Garden Neighborhood Charities has donated 46,000 backpacks and more than \$485,000 since

2012. This donation reflects TD Garden Neighborhood Charities and its partners’ commitment to equip students with all they need to be successful this year and well into the future.

“When thousands of Boston-area children head back to school this September, many will need assistance to start the school year off right. By providing school supplies for a child in need, we’re easing the financial burden parents experience at the start of the school year and helping boost kids’ confidence,” says Major Scott Kelly, General Secretary, The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division.

Boston Public Health Commission introduces the Community Health Equity Empowerment Fund

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) announced the creation of the Community Health Equity Empowerment Fund (CHEE Fund), a new initiative that will provide grants to local non-profits and community-based organizations (CBOs) working to advance health equity through prevention, intervention, and response services. Using funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), BPHC will distribute a total of \$1 million in CHEE grants this year, equating to \$200,000 per awarded organization. BPHC has issued a request for proposal (RFP) that Boston-based organizations can complete to apply for funding. The deadline

for the RFP is August 18 at 5 p.m.

In conjunction with BPHC, grantees will develop strategies to connect or reengage residents in health care, increase access to prevention strategies, and improve social determinants of health. The funds awarded through CHEE must be used to help embed sustainable, consistent, and fundamental resources that promote and maintain health equity in communities with the greatest need. The CHEE Fund is a product of BPHC’s Advancing Health Equity Framework (2020-2023), which aims to address the need for greater community empowerment and involvement to promote health equity in Boston’s most

vulnerable neighborhoods by providing residents with fair access to the resources that promote and protect the best possible health.

“One of the most important lessons learned during COVID-19 is that community-based organizations and coalitions are essential to advancing health equity,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. “Many of the organizations that were so effective during the pandemic are underfunded and unable to address the other disparities facing Boston residents. Investing in

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News in Brief

*FENWAY HEALTH RECEIVES \$50,000 GRANT FROM MASSDEVELOPMENT

As one of 11 recipients of MassDevelopment's Community Health Center Grant Program, Fenway Health was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant.

"Fenway Health advocates for and delivers innovative, equitable, accessible health care, supportive services, and transformative research and education to more than 40,000 people annually. The organization centers LGBTQIA+ people, BIPOC individuals, and other underserved communities; for 50 years, Fenway Health has remained one of the few federally qualified health centers with an explicitly LGBTQIA+ focus and an unparalleled commitment to providing culturally competent care," according to a press release from MassDevelopment, the state's development finance agency and land bank, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth across the Commonwealth.

Fenway Health will use this grant to buy a 3-D printer for its dental department at 1340 Boylston St.

In all, MassDevelopment awarded grants totaling \$519,457 to 11 community health centers across Massachusetts to fund capital improvement projects including construction, renovation, equipment, furniture, and technology-related upgrades. The grants were awarded through MassDevelopment's Community Health Center Grant Program, which offers grants of up to \$50,000 each.

GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM AWARDED STAFFING RECOVERY GRANT FROM MASS HUMANITIES

The Gibson House Museum has been named one of 35 organizations to receive a Staffing Recovery Grant from Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities (Mass Humanites), funding for which has been provided through the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The museum was awarded \$32,000 to expand its hours and the role of its Museum Assistant—now the Museum Program Assistant—as well as to increase the hours of its Curator to build on existing programming, develop new partnerships and public events, and deepen its commitment to sharing the underrepresented stories that are central to the Gibson House's history.

MASS AVE. COALITION'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL RETURNS SEPT. 17 TO CHESTER SQUARE

The Mass. Ave. Coalition will hold its annual festival, billed as 'a festival like no other,' on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Chester Square (Massachusetts Avenue).

The free event will include music, activities, and snacks, and sponsors include Boston Medical Center Health System and Northeastern University.

Upcoming events sponsored by Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association

The Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association pres-

ents Summer Concerts on Thursday, 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 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 kiddos running around barefoot), you are asked to leave your pets at home.

You can find updates at online at worcestersquare.org, or at Facebook.com/worcestersquare/events.

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, 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.

SOWA FIRST FRIDAY AND SOWA SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

SoWa First Friday takes place on Aug. 4 from 5 to 9 p.m. at 450 Harrison Ave, and the artists of SoWa Artists Guild will also open on Sundays, Aug. 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 450 Harrison Ave.

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

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

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.

CALL FOR WALKERS: REGISTER FOR THE 35TH ANNUAL BOSTON MARATHON JIMMY FUND WALK

Registration is now open for the 2023 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1, funds raised from the Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation's premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted on the famed Boston Marathon course, and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options: a 5K walk (from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Longwood Medical Campus); a 10K walk (from Newton); a Half Marathon walk (from Wellesley); and a Marathon Walk (from Hopkinton).

All four routes of the Jimmy Fund Walk will culminate at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric. Due to construction in Copley Square, the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line location has been moved to the Fenway neighborhood for 2023. Walkers should know that distances may be slightly shorter as we finish the walk in front of Fenway Park. The finish line will include a celebration complete with food, music, and a speaking program.

The 2023 Walk will be held during the Jimmy Fund's 75th anniversary year and will aim to raise \$9 million in the effort to prevent, treat, and defy cancer.

To register for the Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

OPEN NEWBURY CONTINUES

Newbury Street will be closed to vehicle traffic every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. until Oct. 15 for Open Newbury.

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.

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

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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 8/9/2023 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Kassidi Reyes unit

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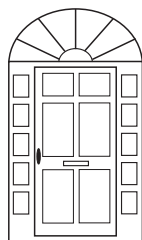
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Bob Paret unit #3209; Johnathan N Smiley- Sr unit #3312; Edwin Sumpter unit #4305; Sarai Berrios unit #4316; Leo Mosis unit #5040. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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Loose Dog!

by Penny & Ed Cherubino

Recently we helped a neighbor protect a loose dog who had escaped from a pack of eight dogs tied up outside a building. We moved in slowly and surrounded the pup. Fortunately, we all knew that our best hope to keep the dog from running into traffic was to calmly and quietly encourage the dog to come to one of us. While that didn't happen, we did keep the dog safe until the dog walker returned.

We've participated in several dog recoveries and learned a few tricks from our successes. In the case of a pretty Bichon Frise, a group effort caught her, and a water bottle strap became a temporary leash. A call to the phone number on her tag revealed that her person didn't know she was missing.

In another instance, a neighbor was trying to catch a rather aggressive, large, mixed breed who had broken free from a prong collar while walking with a family member who did not know the dog well. Penny took a neighbor's dog so he would have two hands to work with, and so his dog would be safe from the growling, snapping escapee.

With no hope of getting the pinch collar back on the dog, we turned the leash into a noose and tried to lasso the animal. We offered treats to tempt the dog, but nothing was working. In the end, a young man joined the fray and held the dog by its ruff long

enough to get the leash around its neck.

Catching a Loose Dog

If faced with a loose dog, follow the expert advice on what to do and what not to do. Don't grab or chase the dog. The Whole Dog Journal suggests you should not even talk to a scared and agitated dog.

Instead, they recommend using calming signals, "...mimicking the body language that dogs use to communicate peaceful intentions, avoid conflict, and defuse tension. Calming signals include yawning, using peripheral vision and blinking (never long, direct stares), and oblique approaches (moving from the side, not head on)."

Call animal control. They have the tools and training to capture stray dogs. Moreover, they can access records to locate the dog's family and provide a safe place to secure the dog until she is reunited with her people. Make this call even if it's your dog on the loose.

Carefully Choose a Dog Walker

Our most recent experience ended when the dog walker came out of the building with two more dogs. The walker immediately rushed to the dog, made a one-arm grab, nearly dropped the pup, and then scolded the poor thing for breaking out of its collar.

The lesson from our experi-



Three neighbors surrounded this dog who had pulled out of its collar while tied up with a pack of eight dogs outside a building.

ences is that you must carefully choose any temporary guardian who walks your dog. Be realistic about how well that person can control the dog. Consider how many dogs a professional walker can safely manage. Ask if the walker's professional insurance covers them when walking a large pack.

Karen B. London, Ph.D., a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist and Certified Professional Dog Trainer writing for Bark Magazine, says, "It worries me when I see a person walking more than four or so dogs, which is a very challenging thing to do." She explained that some jurisdictions limit the number of

dogs a person can walk at one time. Ask yourself if a limit is something you would like your city or town to consider.

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

ATTENTION 70+ YEAR OLDS

I recently graduated from Harvard Business School and I'm on a mission to make it easier and less costly to age in place. If you currently live at home, I'm interested in learning more about the various services you use to manage your life and home (as well as how you schedule and coordinate those services). If you would be willing to chat, please give me a call or email me to schedule time. You would be greatly helping an aspiring entrepreneur! All information will be kept confidential and is solely being used to help me better understand the needs of customers and develop solutions. Contact Ben Jacobson at (856) 300-6235 or bjacobson@mba2023.hbs.edu.

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Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 190 3068



Project Proponent:
Biomed Realty

Project Description:

The BPDA is hosting a joint virtual IAG and public meeting for the proposed Amendment to the 1000 Washington and 321 Harrison Avenue Planned Development Area, located in the South End neighborhood of Boston. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the proposed amendment, and discuss potential impacts and mitigation. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public.

The 2023 Project consists of alterations to the existing 11-story building at 1000 Washington Street to accommodate approximately 237,031 square feet of new life science uses.

Interpretation available upon request, please make any request 5 days in advance.

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CHESTER SQUARE NEIGHBORS GATHER FOR COOKOUT

Carol Blair, president of Chester Square Neighbors, welcomed 20 to a cookout in her backyard on Wednesday, July 13.



John Stillwaggon savors Katy's cream puff, while residents enjoy the conversation in the photo below.



Jim O'Donnell mans the grill.



These people are just relaxing.



Enjoying the night.



There was plenty of food and neighborhood talk.

EMPOWERMENT FUND (from pg. 3)

organizations through the CHEE Fund is one of the many ways that we can foster community engagement and empowerment.”

Health inequities are a persistent issue in Boston among communities with higher concentrations of Black, Latinx, immigrant, other historically marginalized groups. BPHC's latest Health of Boston (HoB) report noted the many ways that social determinants of health, which include quality of housing, education, employment, environmental health, health care, public safety, food access, income, and health and social services, affect the health outcomes of residents.

The most concerning finding of the HoB report was that a Roxbury census tract has the lowest life expectancy in Boston (68.8 years), 23 years less than a Back Bay census tract, which had the highest life expectancy (91.6). At the neighborhood-level, Mattapan has the shortest life expectancy (77.3 years), and Back Bay has the longest life expectancy (82.8 years). From 2017 to 2021, Black

residents in Boston experienced the greatest increase in the rate of premature mortality (37.3%), and in 2021, the premature mortality rate was more than twice as high in Dorchester (293.9) and Roxbury (282.9). These neighborhoods have higher concentrations of Black and Latinx residents and lower median income, than in Back Bay, Downtown, and Beacon Hill (140.3).

The report also highlights persistent health inequities in chronic disease outcomes by race and ethnicity. In 2021, the overall cancer mortality rate was highest among Black men (218.9) and the breast cancer mortality rate was highest among Black women (24.2). Similarly, the reports also found heart disease mortality was 37% higher for Black residents (158.5) as compared to white residents (115.6) in 2021. Further, the diabetes mortality rate for Black residents (50.9) and Latinx residents (28.6) were 3.1 and 1.8 times higher than the rate for White residents (16.1).

“The grants made available through CHEE are a critical resource for helping us build a city that is truly equitable for all families,” said Mayor Wu. “Helping people stay connected to care and addressing social determinants of health are essential for achieving this goal.”

The CHEE Fund will award funding to five CBOs to address the imbalances of access, resources and opportunities in economic, social, and other obstacles to health and health care in Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, East Boston, Hyde Park, and Roslindale. BPHC will prioritize funding for organizations that propose collaborative initiatives that foster community partnerships and are working with community health centers to connect residents to health care and health-care resources.

For more information about the CHEE fund and to apply for the RFP, please visit <https://www.boston.gov/bid-listings/16039326>.



People enjoying the weather, food, and conversation.



Taking part in neighborhood conversation.

Summer Movie Nights at “Old Ironsides” returns

USS Constitution and the USS Constitution Museum will host a series of free public Summer Movie Nights alongside the Ship this summer, beginning Friday, July 28. The “Old Ironsides” crew will project each film to guests seated on the pier alongside the legendary Ship to deliver a one-of-a-kind experience.

Each of the four films features the beauty and strength of the sea. The first screening is Academy Award-nominated Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World. Starring Russell Crowe, shot on a replica frigate, the film authentically depicts life and war at sea during the early 1800s, drawing parallels to Constitution’s legendary service during the War of 1812.

Before the screenings, Museum educators will offer free, all-ages activities and discuss the Ship’s history related to the movie being shown that evening. The Museum’s president Anne Grimes Rand notes, “We’re excited to collaborate with Constitution’s crew for a second season of Movie Nights. We hope people in the community take advantage of the chance to see these popular films in this unique setting. On the edge of the harbor alongside this great Ship, with the beautiful Boston skyline as a backdrop, the setting will provide an experience to remember.”

All movie titles, dates, and times for the Summer Movie Nights are available on the Museum’s website. The events will be first-come, first-served due to space. General seating is available, and guests may bring

chairs and blankets to use while viewing the movie. Guests ages 18 and up will be asked to show a photo I.D. and pass through a security screening.

About the USS Constitution Museum

The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by offering award-winning exhibits where all ages can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum’s mission is to engage visitors in the story of Constitution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. The Museum is open seven days a week with a pay-what-you-wish admission policy, and the Virtual Museum is open 24/7. For more information, visit usscm.org.

About USS Constitution

USS Constitution is the world’s oldest commissioned warship afloat, and played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855. The active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the ship’s mission of promoting the Navy’s history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence. USS Constitution was undefeated in battle and destroyed or captured 33 opponents. The ship earned the nickname “Old Ironsides” during the War of 1812 when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the Ship’s wooden hull.



PHOTO CREDIT: COURTESY OF CRITERION PICTURES
Russell Crowe stars in the Academy Award-nominated film Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World, showing at the free Movie Night at Old Ironsides on July 28, 2023.

Celebrity Series of Boston presents “Jazz Along the Charles”

Celebrity Series of Boston opens the 2023/24 performance season with the highly anticipated return of Jazz Along the Charles—a free jazz event open to all, featuring 25 local jazz ensembles, along the Department of Conservation and Recreation’s (DCR) Charles River Esplanade. With lead sponsors the Esplanade Association and the Richard K. Lubin Family Foundation. Jazz Along the Charles takes place on Saturday, October 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. (rain or shine). Attendees can experience the event at their own pace, in their own way, along the Charles River; discovering new songs, artists, and areas of the Esplanade, creating a dynamic and evolving jazz concert experience.

Performances will be staged in a 1.5 mile loop from Community Boating Inc. along the Dr. Paul Dudley White Shared Use Path to the Esplanade paths around the Storrow Lagoon, past Fiedler Field and back along the Charles River.

The ensembles, comprised of 100 local musicians, will interpret a Boston-inspired set list of music composed (or popularized) by women, co-curated by composers and artists Ken Field and Zahili Zamora. With songs such as Tracy Chapman’s “Fast Car,” Esperanza Spalding’s “I Know You Know,” Nnenna Freelon’s “Circle Song,” and “Last Dance” popularized by Donna Summer, this uplifting afternoon showcases the vibrancy of Boston’s jazz

scene. While each band is unique and will interpret the songs in their own individual styles, together they will create one collective event that celebrates the improvisational and expressive essence of jazz and the thriving jazz community in Greater Boston today.

Gary Dunning, President and Executive Director of the Celebrity Series of Boston, says, “We are

thrilled to bring back Jazz Along the Charles to Boston. Since we first presented the event in 2018, audiences and artists have been eagerly anticipating its return, and can do so with the support and partnership of our colleagues at the Esplanade Association.

DCR Charles River Esplanade Free and open to the public More information can be found at www.celebrityseries.org/jatc.



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New stormwater utility will help modernize infrastructure and support cleaner waterways

Early next year, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) will launch a new stormwater utility that will meet an increased need to modernize Boston’s stormwater infrastructure and better prepare for climate change. The proposed stormwater utility will restructure BWSC’s current billing by creating a stormwater charge, as well as credit and grant programs that will allow customers to reduce their stormwater charge by performing approved stormwater management activities. The credit and grant programs are being included as part of the stormwater utility following months of conversation with the City of Boston.

BWSC expects that the majority of residential customers will not see an increase in their over-

all bill because the new billing structure includes a reduction to the existing sewer rate. The funds from the new stormwater charge will help make necessary improvements to Boston’s stormwater management systems to better prepare the City for more frequent and intense storms, mitigate flooding, and reduce the amount of polluted runoff draining to the city’s waterways. Ahead of the launch, BWSC will undertake a six-month public outreach campaign, during which BWSC will solicit feedback and share information about the proposed stormwater utility with the public.

“The stormwater charge is a fairer and more equitable way to support stormwater services,” said Henry Vitale, Executive Director of BWSC. “There are

some properties in the City of Boston—such as parking lots—that are not billed for water and sewer, yet these properties have a significant impact on the amount of stormwater runoff that must be managed. We’re proposing that these property owners will have ‘stormwater only’ accounts and pay a stormwater charge.”

The new stormwater charge will allow BWSC and its partners to modernize infrastructure while allowing Boston to address additional growing challenges posed by both climate change and urban development’s expanding footprint.

Stormwater is generated when precipitation falls on hard impervious surfaces like roofs, driveways, roads, or sidewalks and “runs off,” rather than absorbing into the ground as it would in nature. When stormwater flows over hard surfaces, it collects litter, sediment, and other pollutants, like motor oil and fertilizer. Catch basins in our roadways capture stormwater and convey it through a network of underground pipes called storm drains. Storm drains then release stormwater into our water bodies via stormwater outfalls. Stormwater does not receive treatment at the Deer Island wastewater treatment plant, which means that all the pollutants carried by stormwater enter our lakes, rivers, streams, and Boston Harbor.

In a city that receives an average of 48 inches of rainfall annually, stormwater runoff also contributes to inland flooding. Due to climate change, storms are becoming more frequent and more intense, which will result in more flooding in the coming years if BWSC and the City do not begin to adapt now.

To respond to these challenges, Boston must make improvements to our aging storm drain system, add storage capacity and stormwater treatment, and increase maintenance activities throughout the City. Infrastructure improvements will include pipe replacement and upsizing to accommodate larger volumes of water; stormwater storage features, like stormwater trenches, chambers, vaults, and other infiltration features that will be implemented wherever feasible; and additional staff, training, and equipment to facilitate more frequent and effective maintenance for all stormwater infrastructure, both gray and green.

Green infrastructure (GI) will also be a key component of Bos-

ton’s stormwater management strategy. GI features mimic the natural water cycle, using plants, soil, and other natural materials to capture, filter, store and infiltrate stormwater back into the ground. These features come in all shapes and sizes and have many benefits beyond stormwater management. Benefits include increasing urban tree canopy, mitigating urban heat islands, improving air quality, as well as providing access to green space and improving mental health among urban dwellers. BWSC and the City are currently building and expanding our GI Programs, which include GI planning, design, construction, maintenance, and monitoring activities. GI features like rain gardens, bioswales, bioretention areas, tree infiltration trenches, constructed wetlands, etc. will be deployed in Environmental Justice communities and areas that are already disproportionately experiencing the effects of climate change. These features will not only remove pollutants and provide much-needed stormwater storage to reduce localized flooding but will help create a more beautiful and healthy city.

The proposed stormwater charge will be used exclusively for stormwater management and will be based on the amount of impervious surface on a property. This is the most common basis for stormwater charges across the country and will more accurately reflect the cost of collecting and managing stormwater. Additionally, customers that currently receive BWSC’s elderly and disability discounts (30% on water and sewer charges) will have those discounts automatically applied to the stormwater charge.

Since BWSC’s creation in 1977, its investment in sewer and stormwater infrastructure modernization has resulted in dramatic water quality improvements in Boston Harbor, its beaches, and tributary rivers. In 2012, BWSC filed a consent decree settlement to enhance its efforts to comply with the Clean Water Act, as well as clean and revitalize Boston Harbor and its tributaries, including the Charles, Neponset, and Mystic Rivers.

The revenue generated by the stormwater charge will fund BWSC’s regulatory compliance responsibilities, while also supporting a more resilient future. BWSC will make investments in measures that improve water

quality, increase public awareness and protect the environment, including:

- New storm drain infrastructure
- Repair and replacement of existing infrastructure
- Green infrastructure
- Installation of stormwater control measures
- Outfall restoration
- Numerous other drainage improvement projects

A growing number of U.S. cities, including over 20 municipalities in Massachusetts, have implemented stormwater utilities. Stormwater charges have been embraced nationwide as a more equitable approach to funding infrastructure modernization and better management of stormwater runoff.

Boston’s stormwater system is New England’s largest and consists of over 30,000 catch basins and 600 miles of pipe conveying stormwater to more than 250 outfalls. BWSC customers currently pay for stormwater management through the rates charged for sewer service. In the past, when sewage and stormwater were managed with one set of “combined sewer” pipes, using sewer charges to pay for stormwater management made sense. Now that BWSC has largely separated Boston’s combined system, the proposed stormwater utility will separate out charges for stormwater from the charges for sewer.

BWSC is in the process of determining the final amount of the proposed stormwater charge. However, customers can access more information about the proposed stormwater utility (stormwater charge, credit program, and grant program), as well as a bill estimator tool, on the BWSC webpage at <https://www.bwsc.org/stormwater>.

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Back Bay Boston Re LLC	Philbrick, Peter T	259 Beacon St #53	\$822,500
Tomich, Theodore	Udomritthiruj, Siri	280 Beacon St #6	\$875,000
293 Beacon St Unit 5 LLC	Brooks, Kelly A	293 Beacon St #5	\$800,000
Marantz, Jing	Davis-Brody, Adrienne	336 Beacon St #5	\$893,000
Miele, Michael	Gorton 3rd Donald E Est	138 Chandler St #4	\$850,000
Yi, Yang	Khurana 70 Comm Rt	70 Commonwealth Ave #4	\$1,679,000
Sobel, Eitan	Kelleher, Mary A	84 Commonwealth Ave #4	\$1,502,000
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Jpf Commonwealth Nt	Dominique LLC	239 Commonwealth Ave #71	\$2,495,000
Sgg M4 LLC	Donovan, Carrie	1 Marlborough St #4	\$2,275,000
Edmunds, James R	Wood, Alexander W	76 Marlborough St #16	\$2,600,000
11 Newbury Acqui Inc	Orika 11 Inc	11-A Newbury St	\$25,500,000
138 Newbury Acqui LLC	Orika 138 LLC	138 Newbury St	\$11,500,000
Cairde LLC	Jesse D Cain Ft	79 Beacon St #B	\$1,650,000
Ramsden, Peter B	Carucci, John A	236 Beacon St #3C	\$2,990,000
Tomich, Theodore	Udomritthiruj, Siri	280 Beacon St #6	\$875,000
Koszut, Adam	Alhojerry, Keenan	449 Beacon St #1	\$470,000
Jiao, Kathy W	Atkins, Amanda J	495-497 Beacon St #3	\$520,000
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Holden, Catharine D	Cmsbrc Holdings LLC	370 Marlborough St #3	\$695,000
Holden, Catharine D	U4marlborough370 Nt	370 Marlborough St #4	\$1,400,000
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V S Haseotes li RET	Krotkov Lt	21 Branch St	\$3,225,000
Montagner, Marc	Overlook Rt	70 Brimmer St #119	\$500,000
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Crawford, Katherine	Duval, Tom	17 Gloucester St #A	\$940,000
Dichiara, Michael	Huang, Li	9 Hawthorne Pl #10A	\$515,000
Coker, Katherine	Kirk & Mary K Rogers T	9 Hawthorne Pl #15E	\$815,000
Dicicco, Elisabeth R	Arnaout, Rima	9 Hawthorne Pl #3H	\$600,000
Oestreich, Stephanie	Feddrich, Svend L	88 Mount Vernon St #11	\$660,000
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Hyun, Kun S	Miller, Aaron	285 Columbus Ave #703	\$1,120,000
Roberts, Rachel	Walsh, Matthew M	19 Cortes St #1	\$739,000
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Luo, Stacey	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	55 Lagrange St #1408	\$945,000
Balaji, Sharanya	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	55 Lagrange St #1508	\$965,000
Toplusoy, Zehra	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	55 Lagrange St #1702	\$1,965,000
Guan, Alice	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	55 Lagrange St #605	\$595,000
Pan, Jun	Fpg Lagrange Owner One L	55 Lagrange St #6G	\$795,000
Nedungadi, Ajit	Ts Residences Hld LLC	430 Stuart St #21C	\$4,491,503
Cf T	Ts Residences Hld LLC	430 Stuart St #22C	\$4,581,503
Nj Enterprises Lp	Ts Residences Hld LLC	430 Stuart St #24H	\$2,911,503
Frog Queen Rt	Ts Residences Hld LLC	430 Stuart St #25D	\$1,490,000

Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The dormer window in the last clue is on 48 Rutland Street, home to United South End Settlements (USES) Children's Art Centre / South End House. This organization has been providing services to the South End Community since 1892. You'll find the next clue in the Back Bay. Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.



Mayor Wu endorses Henry Santana for City Councilor At-Large

Henry Santana, Candidate for Boston City Council-At-Large, announced on Thursday, July 20, that he has earned the endorsement of Mayor Michelle Wu.

“We’re gathered here because we really believe Boston’s future matters, that this election cycle matters, and that Henry’s story is Boston’s story,” said Mayor Wu in a press release, drawing on her experience working with Santana during his tenure as Director of Civic Organizing. “I’ve seen how much Henry puts his whole heart into serving people and serving our communities. As someone who has worked on the council as an aide, worked in City Hall in a role that touches

every single department, I can’t imagine someone who is more ready for this job and more ready to make sure that everyone in Boston is seen, is heard, and is treasured.”

Mayor Wu announced her endorsement of Santana at UNITE HERE New England Joint Board in Chinatown, where she was joined by State Rep. Chris Worrell, State Rep. Jay Livingstone, Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, Councilor Gabriella Coletta, Councilor Brian Worrell, as well as Darlene Lombos of the Greater Boston Labor Council, Brian Doherty from the Greater Boston Building Trades, and representatives from labor unions across Boston.

DURKAN (from pg. 1)

the District 8 City Council seat in the fall of 2019, trailed with more than 29 percent of the ballot (824 of 2,810 total votes cast). An additional 18 ballots, or .64 percent of total votes, were cast for write-in candidates.

“Thank you, District 8,” Durkan posted on Twitter. “With your support, we won every precinct of the district. I am so thrilled to be your next City Councilor, and I couldn’t be more excited to get to work.”

Over the course of her campaign, Durkan, who moved to Boston in 2015 to work for then-City Councilor Michelle Wu and has since worked for Sen. Ed Markey, among other elected officials, racked up a number

of endorsements from electeds, including Mayor Wu, Sens. Ed Markey and Lydia Edwards, and Reps. Jay Livingstone and Aaron Michlewitz, as well as from Bok, who stepped down as District 8 City Councilor on April 28 to become administrator of the Boston Housing Authority. (Haywood received an endorsement from the Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association.)

Despite the outcome of the Special Election, Haywood and Durkan will again vie for the District 8 City Council seat to represent the neighborhoods of Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Fenway, Audubon Circle, Mission Hill, and the West End in the Nov. 7 municipal general election.

NICHOLS (from pg. 1)

more things to do here now than we did before the pandemic. Most notably, 130 bars and restaurants are open today – even more than before the pandemic.”

But despite his positive outlook, Nichols realizes that the city’s downtown must also evolve for it to continue to thrive in the future.

“Downtown Boston, like every mayor city and major business district, is trying to reestablish itself into what it will look like for the next 10 or 20 years, so we have a lot of work on the way to not just revitalize the area but also to make it even better than it was before,” he said. “One of the things that will help is to bring more residents downtown. I’m excited to have the first residents in Winthrop Tower now moving in, and the BID supports Mayor Wu’s efforts to make it easier to

convert office buildings to residential use downtown.”

While serving as executive director of the Esplanade Association for five years until last September, and before that, as Chief of Staff of the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway Conservancy for three years, Nichols became well adept at programming the city’s green-spaces. But he has found in his current role that programming Downtown Boston comes with its own unique set of challenges.

“While at the parks, the area was always open and available, here downtown, we have to balance programming with the office-worker schedule, with the tourist schedule, with the colleges’ academic calendars, and with the lives of our residents,” he said. “But that challenge just means that when we do produce great events, like our recent

“Earning the endorsement of Mayor Michelle Wu is an incredible honor and a testament to the shared vision we hold for a brighter, more inclusive Boston,” Santana said in a press release. “I am deeply committed to serving this community that has given me so much throughout my life. As a City Councilor At-Large, I will be the voice of the people, a fierce advocate for quality city services, and a bridge between the diverse neighborhoods of our great city. Together, let’s build a Boston that works for all of us, a city that cherishes its past while embracing a vibrant future.”

Santana is a Dorchester resident and community advocate who has dedicated his career to serving the Boston community. Born in the Dominican Republic, Santana moved to Mission Hill as a child where he grew up in

public housing and was a Boston Public Schools student. Santana began his career in public service as a counselor and later the Program Director of the Mission Hill Summer Program, an academic summer enrichment program for young people. In 2019 he joined then City Council Candidate Kenzie Bok and went on to serve as Bok’s Mission Hill/Fenway Liaison, where he worked to strengthen community processes and advocate for residents at every turn. Until April 2023, Henry served as the City of Boston’s first Director of Civic Organizing, working on behalf of Mayor Wu to empower residents through civic engagement and service.

Mayor Wu joins a growing list of current and former elected officials across the city to endorse Santana including State

Sen. Lydia Edwards, State Sen. Will Brownsberger, State Rep. Jay Livingstone, State Rep. Chris Worrell, Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, Councilor Gabriella Coletta, and Councilor Brian Worrell. Santana has also earned the endorsement of several organizations including the Greater Boston Labor Council, The Sierra Club of Massachusetts, Jamaica Plain Progressives, Boston Ward 4 Democrats, and Boston Ward 5 Democrats. Henry Santana is running a grassroots, community-centered campaign, firmly rooted in a commitment to listen to residents and prioritize quality city services.

To learn more, please visit henrysantana.com and follow the campaign on social media at @Santana4Boston.

Concert at Kaji Aso Studio on Sunday

A Concert of Japanese Traditional Instruments is planned on July 30 starting at 3 p.m. at Kaji Aso Studio that is located 40 Saint Stephen Street, Boston (seven doors from Symphony Hall).

Sumie Kaneko, a Japanese koto, shamisen and vocal artist, will lead this concert with her colleague from New York, Fumi Tanakadate, who will be performing the Japanese flutes,

shinobue and nohkan. These versatile and accomplished musicians will play traditional music from 17th century to present day music, highlighting the universality of this timeless music.

Admission is free and this event is part of a concert series to enjoy music in a gallery atmosphere. Contact Kate Finnegan, Executive Director, 617-247-1719 for more information.

Space is limited. RSVP: admin-

istrator@kajiasostudio.com

Kaji Aso Studio programming is supported in part by grants from the Mass Cultural Council through the Cultural Sector Recovery Grants for Organizations program; by the Boston Cultural Council / Reopen Creative Boston Fund, administered by the Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture; and by the Mission Hill / Fenway Neighborhood Trust.

Temple Place Block Party or our expanded Harborfest, that everyone notices, and it gives downtown a terrific energy.”

Added Nichols: “Local residents will come to really enjoy our expanded commitment to destination-worthy programming and begin to see many more fairs and festivals over the next few years.”

Fostering new economic growth downtown is perhaps the biggest thing that Nichols has focused on since joining the Downtown Boston BID staff last fall.

“Economic development may be the biggest area for me, where the BID wasn’t involved when I got here,” he said. “We’ve now launched multiple efforts to fill vacant storefronts with amazing businesses and short-term popups, including our own 3rd

Space popup this past winter.”

(The 3rd Space was a popup community space featuring art exhibitions from just practice and VERS Collab, live performances, and public discussions that Downtown Boston BID launched in winter 2023 in a previously vacant storefront at 12 Summer St.)

Nichols also foresees more opportunities for expanded late-night offerings in Downtown Boston in the future, which he expects would be of particular interest to students, tourists, and hospitality workers.

“We think the city is likely to get much more creative about supporting a late night economy in Boston,” said Nichols, “and the BID is very supportive of finding the right places throughout downtown for new business opportunities that stretch later

into the evening, as so many of our stakeholders are seeking.”

As Nichols sees it, an expanded late night is just one of the essential elements for Downtown Boston to continue to thrive in the coming years.

“I think the best way to revitalize downtown and chart the right course forward would be to foster a downtown that’s edgier with eclectic and authentic-to-Boston shops and restaurants; a broader commitment to the arts and culture; and a neighborhood that functions more hours of the day and more days of the week than before the pandemic,” he said.

For more information on the Downtown Boston BID, visit www.downtownboston.org.

2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

Celebrating 90 Years of Kong!
REVERE BEACH KONG
 International Sand Sculpting Festival
JULY 28-30

Friday, July 28

Festival Hours: 10:00AM-10:00PM

BEACH FIT STAGE

9-9:45AM: Pilates at the Beach Fit Stage
10-10:45AM: Rev'd-X HIIT at the Beach Fit Stage
11-11:45AM: Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage
12-12:45PM: Power Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage
1-1:45PM: Kickboxing at the Beach Fit Stage

KING KONG STAGE

12-1PM: Ryan Lally on the King Kong Stage
6:30-7PM: Opening Ceremonies on the King Kong Stage
7PM: Blue Man Group on the King Kong Stage

WILLIAM G. REINSTEIN BANDSTAND

11AM-2PM: Chiara at the Bandstand
3-6PM: Lee Ross at the Bandstand
8-10PM: Jermaine Hickling at the Bandstand

SAMUEL ADAMS BEER GARDEN

1-9PM: Samuel Adams Beer Garden
2-5PM: Kelsey Blackstone in the Beer Garden
6-9PM: Dan Morgan in the Beer Garden

Saturday, July 29

Festival Hours: 10:00AM-10:00PM

BEACH FIT STAGE

8-8:45AM: Strength at the Beach Fit Stage
9-9:45AM: Barre at the Beach Fit Stage
10-10:45AM: Abs & Body HIIT at the Beach Fit Stage
11-11:45AM: Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage
12-12:45PM: Power Yoga HIIT at the Beach Fit Stage
1-1:45PM: Kickboxing at the Beach Fit Stage
2-2:45PM: Sculpt at the Beach Fit Stage
6-6:45PM: Turn Up Dance at the Beach Fit Stage
7-7:45PM: Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage
8-8:45PM: Hype Dance at the Beach Fit Stage

KING KONG STAGE

2-5PM: Jahriffe on the King Kong Stage
6-6:30PM: Awards Ceremony on the King Kong Stage
6:30-9PM: Live Entertainment on the King Kong Stage

WILLIAM G. REINSTEIN BANDSTAND

10AM-1PM: Ward Hayden at the Bandstand
2-5PM: Pogo Fred at the Bandstand

SAMUEL ADAMS BEER GARDEN

1-9PM: Samuel Adams Beer Garden
1-4PM: Sean Rivers in the Beer Garden
5-8PM: Francoix Simard in the Beer Garden

Sunday, July 30

Festival Hours: 10:00AM-8:00PM

BEACH FIT STAGE

8-8:45AM: Kickboxing at the Beach Fit Stage
9-9:45AM: Pilates at the Beach Fit Stage
10-10:45AM: Abs & Body HIIT at the Beach Fit Stage
11-11:45AM: Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage
12-12:45PM: Power Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage

KING KONG STAGE

1-4PM: Live Entertainment on the King Kong Stage

WILLIAM G. REINSTEIN BANDSTAND

11AM-2PM: Cam Hebert at the Bandstand
4-7PM: Michael Breiner at the Bandstand

SAMUEL ADAMS BEER GARDEN

1-9PM: Samuel Adams Beer Garden
3-6PM: Live Entertainment in the Beer Garden

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