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The Hotel Alexandra building at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Washington Street.

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Hotel Alexandra proposed to become hotel again

By Dan Murphy

In response to the challenges now facing the housing market, the Hotel Alexandra building is poised to become a hotel again, according to a second Notice of Project Change (NPC) filed with the city on March 29.

“The project will retain and restore the façade of the existing Alexandra Hotel and construct a new, approximately 150-room, 13-story hotel building with

ground-floor restaurant and café space and a rooftop-level bar/restaurant,” according to the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

A 10-story, 158-room boutique hotel was approved by the BPDA board in March of 2019 for the long-neglected building at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Washington Street. But that plan was scuttled by the proponent, The Alexandra Partners, LLC, when the pandemic struck.

The project was then reimaged as ‘Alexandra Residences,’ a 13-story, mixed-use development with ground floor restaurant and café space, a rooftop level bar/restaurant, and around 70 condo units. The BPDA board approved it on Oct. 14, 2021. The city’s Zoning Board of Appeal also granted a change in occupancy for the project to a multifamily residential use with a

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Wu marks creation of new city planning department at West End ceremony

By Sun Staff

Standing behind the Last Tenement at 42 Lomasney Way – the only historic building from the old West End to survive urban renewal in that neighborhood – Mayor Michelle Wu signed an ordinance on Tuesday, April 2, which will allow for the creation of a new planning department in the City of Boston for the first time in 70 years.

The ordinance restores planning as a core function of Boston city government, ensuring its inclusion in the city’s budget and allowing for the transfer of current staff from the Boston Planning & Development Agency to the new planning department.

“Today we mark a long-overdue new chapter in Boston’s growth—grounded in affordability, resiliency, and equity,” said Mayor Wu. “This ordinance is the biggest step Boston

has taken in 70 years to finally begin untangling a system of development rooted in an outdated ideology that left scars in our communities. I look forward to the work ahead with all of our residents to engage with this new Planning Department and shape Boston’s future.”

Similarly, Arthur Jemison, the city’s chief of planning, said, “Today marks an important step in our work to truly transform planning and development in Boston and ensure we are speaking to residents with one voice as the City of Boston. Under Mayor Wu’s leadership, I’m looking forward to establishing a Planning Department that can tackle Boston’s greatest challenges and plan for a City that is more resilient, affordable, and equitable.”

Besides creating the new

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MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON.

Mayor Michelle Wu joined residents and community leaders in the West End on April 2 for a signing of a new ordinance creating a City Planning Department.

EDITORIAL

WATCH THE ECLIPSE SAFELY

With our area in the path of the solar eclipse this coming Monday (and with clear skies forecast), we urge any of our readers who are intent on watching the event to be sure to wear proper eyewear and to ensure that their children do as well.

A person can cause permanent damage to their eyes -- and even go blind (a condition known as solar retinopathy) -- if they do not use proper eye protection, such as eclipse glasses or a special solar filter. Regular sunglasses don't offer any protection and viewing the eclipse through your I-phone camera offers no protection for you and will damage your phone. (Photography experts say just pointing your smartphone camera at the eclipse could cause catastrophic damage to the phone if you don't have proper equipment.)

Individuals also have to be certain that the eyewear they are using is certified. There are reports that knock-offs that are being sold on-line are not legitimate.

One eye doctor, who was quoted in the New York Times, offered this advice: Don't look at the eclipse at all, even with proper eyewear.

But for those who are intent on watching this event, please do so safely.

RUSSIA IS OUR REAL ENEMY

Sunday's special report on the CBS news show 60 Minutes revealed that Russia has been the culprit in the hundreds of cases of debilitating neurological injuries that have struck American intelligence and law enforcement operatives around the world in the past few years.

The phenomenon has been dubbed "Havana Syndrome" because the problems first became apparent among a cluster of employees at the U.S. Embassy in Havana, Cuba. However, as the 60 Minutes report showed, these attacks on U.S. personnel (and their families), all of whom have worked with the CIA, the FBI, the military, the State Department, and the White House -- almost all of whom were working on areas of national security related to Russia -- have been occurring all over the world and even in our own country.

The "weapon" being used by the Russians is thought to be directed energy or microwaves fired from hidden devices that inflict serious and permanent injury on those who are targeted.

The 60 Minutes report makes it clear that Vladimir Putin is a monster who is using any means necessary to undermine our national interests. Our political leaders, especially the Republicans in Congress, must recognize the threat he poses and do whatever it takes to thwart him.

BIRD FLU IS NOT JUST FOR THE BIRDS

The second confirmed case of the bird flu infecting a human in this country (a Texas dairy farm worker who worked among infected cows) raises a red flag about the possibility of another pandemic ripping across the world.

The current bird flu outbreak not only has killed millions of wild and domesticated birds world-wide, but it also has killed many mammals across the globe, including the well-publicized devastation of an elephant seal population in Argentina.

Although the bird flu is not as fatal in cows as seals, it has sickened cows in states across the country, an indication that cows are infecting each other as they move around farms from state-to-state. The virus has been detected in the unpasteurized milk of these cows. More ominously, the detection of the virus in the dairy worker suggests that the bird flu can jump from one mammal species to others -- including ourselves.

The bird flu -- also known as H5N1 -- wreaked havoc in many parts of the world, especially in Asia, in 2006. The U.S. largely was spared the ill-effects of the outbreak thanks to efforts by our national health authorities who worked in these foreign countries to contain its spread.

However, this new variant of H5N1 is being brought to this country by wild bird populations, which obviously is something we cannot control. If cows have been infected, it stands to reason that other animals, including our house pets, could become infected and spread the virus.

COVID-19 killed more than one million Americans. But as bad as the pandemic had been at its height, it was only killing about one percent of those who were infected, with substantially higher death rates among the elderly and those with prior-existing health conditions, including obesity.

However, the bird flu in humans is far deadlier, with death rates having been estimated at 50% during the 2006 pandemic in some countries. Even if the chances of a bird flu pandemic among humans are slim, the high mortality rate should be enough to raise the alarm bells among our public health officials.

Wu announces new neighborhood liaisons for South End/Bay Village, Jamaica Plain, and Allston-Brighton

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu announced new staff in the Office of Neighborhood Services, including Sarah Sharpe as the South End and Bay Village Liaison, Kevin L'Herrou as the Allston-Brighton Liaison, and Caroline Peters as the Jamaica Plain Liaison. The Office of Neighborhood Services is integral in connecting residents to City services and resources, facilitating resident input in all aspects of local government, ensuring the appropriate City departments respond to constituent service requests, attending neighborhood meetings, and responding to emergencies such as fires to help displaced residents.

"Sarah, Kevin, and Caroline all have unique skills that will be well suited for the neighborhoods they represent," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Neighborhood liaisons are a direct channel to City government, and I'm so grateful for their service and dedication to our communities. I look forward to working closely with these three additions to such an essential City office."



Sarah Sharpe.

Prior to joining the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Sarah Sharpe worked as the Development Officer for the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. She also served on the 2023-2024 SPARK Boston Council for

the City of Boston. She majored in International Relations and Sociology at Brandeis University, and earned her Master's in Public Administration from Northeastern University. In her role as the South End/Bay Village neighborhood liaison, Sharpe looks forward to utilizing her experience in cultivating partnerships and engaging with constituents.

"I am excited about building close relationships with residents, civic organizations, and local businesses. To be effective in this role I know I must establish a foundation of trust," said South End/Bay Village Liaison Sarah Sharpe. "I am looking forward to immersing myself into the greater neighborhood community, celebrating wins, and tackling challenges as a united front in the South End and Bay Village."



Kevin L'Herrou.

Kevin L'Herrou grew up in Florida and attended the University of South Florida. He worked as a community organizer before moving to Brighton in 2019 and graduated from Boston University with a Master's in International Affairs. In Boston, L'Herrou counseled international students studying at local high schools and community colleges and helped them apply to college. He immediately noticed the welcoming sense of community in Allston-Brighton and was

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NEWS IN BRIEF

SOWA ARTISTS GUILD
TO HOLD APRIL
EVENTS

SoWa Artists Guild will hold its SoWa First Friday on April 5 from 5 to 9 p.m., as well as its SoWa Sundays on April 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All events will be held at 450 Harrison Ave.

Visit <http://sowaartists.com>, <http://facebook.com/SoWaArtistsGuild>, or <https://www.instagram.com/sowaartistsguild/> for more information.

'LIVE CLEAN & GREEN'
ENVIRONMENTAL
EVENT SET FOR APRIL
9 AT ELLIS EARLY
LEARNING CENTER

The Ellis neighborhood is sponsoring a significant, environmental-focused event called 'Live Clean & Green' on Tuesday, April 9, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Ellis Early Learning Center at 66 Berkeley St.

At this tradeshow-like event, guests will have the opportunity to interact directly with the city's experts for each of the areas about how one can reduce their environmental impact, including information on free food-waste programs, clean energy, and clean drinking water.

The event is hosted by the Ellis South End Neighborhood Association and the city's program managers, and will also include an appearance by special guest, City Councilor Ed Flynn. Light refreshment will be served.

GIBSON HOUSE
MUSEUM BENEFIT SET
FOR APRIL 18 AT ST.
BOTOLPH CLUB

The Friends of the Gibson House Museum invite you to its annual museum benefit, "The Sporting Life," on Thursday, April 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the St. Botolph Club at 199 Commonwealth Ave.

This fun and festive party will offer a nod to the Gibsons and other 19th-early 20th century families who spent much of their leisure time enjoying outdoor activities. The event will honor Community Boating, the oldest public sailing organization in the country, for its mission of breaking down the physical, social, and financial hurdles that sailing frequently presents and providing opportunities for people of all backgrounds and abilities to experience the joys of being on the water.

All proceeds will support the preservation and operation of the Gibson House Museum. Tickets are \$150 and may be purchased via the link above, or by sending a check with the names of your guests to: the Gibson House Museum, 137 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02116.

This year's Benefit features some fabulous raffle items, including tickets to the theater, restaurant gift certificates, a Community Boating membership, a pickleball set, and vintage treasures. You do not need to be present to win. More details, as well as a link to purchase raffle tickets, can be found at

<https://www.thegibsonhouse.org/museum-benefit>.

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commercial/restaurant use on the ground floor and the restoration of the existing historic façade on July 12, 2022. The South End Landmark District Commission then approved the change from hotel to residential use on Dec. 6, 2022.

(Last June, Cushman & Wakefield, a Chicago-based global commercial real-estate development firm, listed the Alexandra Hotel building on the market for an unspecified asking price.)

"The proponent now submits a Second NPC essentially seeking

the same approval it received in 2019 for a boutique hotel use," wrote Attorney Marc LaCasse in a letter to BPDA Director Chief Arthur Jemison, dated March 25. "The financial markets of 2022-2023 and the attendant interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve of 5.5 [percent] in 18 months has substantially impaired the available financing in the residential housing construction market. As a result, the residential project is not presently economically viable. The proposed design, height and massing of the hotel use is

LOVE YOUR BLOCK
Boston gears up for neighborhood
cleanups this weekend

Special to the Sun

Neighborhood cleanups are planned for this weekend in April in several neighborhoods.

"Love your Block cleanups are a perfect way to enjoy the upcoming spring weather while helping your local community look vibrant and clean," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The City is proud to help supply the tools to host group cleanups and assist individuals in finding a Love Your Block volunteer opportunity near them."

Cleanups will take place in every neighborhood of Boston over the course of three weekends.

Saturday, April 6: Allston/Brighton, Back Bay/Beacon Hill, Fenway/Kenmore, Mission Hill, South Boston, West Roxbury.

The Love Your Block program was first created in 2015 with a three-year grant awarded to the City of Boston by Cities of Service. After the grant's expiration in 2018, Love Your Block became a permanent City program under the Mayor's Office of Civic Organizing (within the Community Engagement Cabinet). This year, OCO will partner with Boston Public Library and Boston Centers for Youth & Families who will serve as host sites for community members to pick up and drop off cleanup tools. All sites are listed on the Love Your Block sign up form. Tool collection is scheduled from 9:00 -10:00 a.m., with returns to the same location between 12 - 2

p.m.

"Having served as East Boston's liaison, I've seen the transformative power of this initiative firsthand," said Director of Civic Organizing Nathalia Benitez-Perez. "Love Your Block empowers residents to take charge of their community's well-being through collective action and beautification efforts. I'm thrilled to carry forward this tradition of fostering empowerment and unity."

In past Love Your Block cleanups, neighborhood groups have picked up litter from streets and sidewalks, beautified local parks, cleaned up vacant lots, urban wilds, and more. For tips on how to plan and host a cleanup in your neighborhood, OCO has created a helpful guide.

"In 2022, fourteen volunteers from Prospect Hill and Mt. Hope neighborhoods of Roslindale turned out to clean up the pedestrian walkways of the Blakemore Street Bridge," said Friends of Blakemore Bridge Co-Founder

Meri Bond. "By the end of the day not only had they removed the leaves, litter, bottles and nips that had been accumulating along the Bridge for years, they had enjoyed meeting one another and working together for a common purpose."

The Office of Civic Organizing will provide volunteers with cleanup tools including trash bags, gloves, brooms, rakes, trash pickers, and a Love Your Block t-shirt. Hosts leading a cleanup can request tools until Friday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m.

"Love Your Block is an event that I look forward to the Mayor's Office of Civic Organizing leading every year," said Brianna Millor, Chief of the Community Engagement Cabinet. "This is an effort for our Cabinet alongside Boston residents, community leaders, and volunteers to beautify every Boston neighborhood together. I look forward to seeing everyone in April to keep our neighborhoods clean."

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YOUR NEWS

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identical to the structure previously approved by the BPDA for the hotel use in 2019. In all other material respects the building as now proposed is the same structure as approved in March 2019."

The BPDA's public-comment period for the expedited PNF is May 1; comments can be submitted via the project page at <https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/alexandra-hotel>.

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determined to stay and seek out ways to give back to the neighborhood.

"I strongly believe in the importance of being physically present in the community. I plan to meet regularly with residents to understand their concerns and be actively involved in events throughout Allston-Brighton," said Allston-Brighton Liaison Kevin L'Herrou. "I look forward to being a community advocate. I love Allston-Brighton and want our community to continue to be a fantastic place to live."

Caroline Peters majored in Spanish at Macalester College and received a Fulbright English teaching assistantship grant in Colombia after graduating. Upon returning to the U.S., Peters pursued student-facing roles at local universities in Boston including Boston University's Center for English Language and Orientation Programs where she supported international students from over 60 countries. Peters is passionate about language accessibility and education, and earned a certificate in Spanish/English translation from UMass Boston.

"I'm excited to get to know the city and neighborhood I love through a new lens, not only as a Jamaica Plain resident but also as



Caroline Peters.

an extension of City Hall," said Jamaica Plain Liaison Caroline Peters. "The opportunity to contribute to efforts small and large in JP and help deliver on Mayor Wu's goals is a privilege I take seriously and look forward to embarking on."

"Neighborhood liaisons are the bridge between City Hall and neighborhoods in Boston," said Executive Director Beata Coloyan. "Liaisons are constituents' biggest advocates to ensure communities are aware of what is happening in their city, are connected to essential resources, and have a partner to help them navigate city services."

CITY PLANNING (from pg. 1)

department, as well as a pathway for the transfer of staff, the ordinance codifies the purpose of the department as "creating comprehensive plans for Boston's built environment, a predictable zoning code and development process, urban design standards, and planning for the best use of publicly owned land," according

to a press release from the city.

The ordinance also formalizes the financial transfer between the City and BPDA so that the move will be cost-neutral to the city's taxpayers. The ordinance, which was filed by Mayor Wu in January, was formally approved by the City Council on Wednesday, March 27.



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON
District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkun.



Arthur Jemison, the city's chief of planning.

Councilor Flynn calls for hearing on Boston's PILOT Program

Special to the Sun

Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn filed a hearing order last week calling for a review of the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Program in the City of Boston. The PILOT program was established to encourage large, tax-exempt, nonprofit institutions in Boston to make annual, voluntary cash contributions or community benefits due to basic city services provided by the city such as police, fire, and snow removal.

Boston is fortunate to be rich with higher education, medical, and cultural institutions that play a critical role in both our city and regional economy, and the residents of Boston benefit greatly from employment, research and innovation, and the services that they provide. At the same time, the city is heavily reliant on

property taxes for revenue, and our large nonprofit institutions - which also receive essential services from the city - have a strong concentration of property that represents approximately half of Boston's real estate. Past analysis has indicated that Boston would have been able to generate approximately a quarter of the city's tax levy had the property of our large nonprofit institutions been taxable.

The City of Boston's PILOT program seeks 25% of what these institutions would be expected to pay to the city had their property not been tax exempt, to reflect the portion of the budget to essential services - half in a cash payment to the city, and half in the form of community benefits like scholarships, parks and open spaces, workforce development and job-training programs. Last year, through

the annual PILOT program, our large nonprofits reportedly contributed \$35.7 million in cash, with \$62.1 million accepted by the city in PILOT community benefits. In FY22, our large nonprofits contributed \$35.5 million in cash contributions, with \$56.9 million in community benefits also credited by the city.

"We are very fortunate to have many world-class higher education, medical, and cultural institutions that call Boston home. Our city's PILOT Program asks our large institutions to also contribute towards the funding of public safety and city services, as well as to provide community benefits for our neighborhoods and residents," said Councilor Flynn. "I'm calling this hearing to review the PILOT program and discuss ways where we can work with our nonprofit institutions to strengthen this program."

Party in the Park luncheon set for May 15

Staff Report

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy announces that the 20th Anniversary of Party in the Park, the city's beloved annual luncheon to raise awareness and funds for the Emerald Necklace parks, will take place on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at Franklin Park. All proceeds from the fundraiser support the 1,100-acre park system that serves as a backyard for residents and a destination for more than one million park users each year. The Conservancy stewards the Emerald Necklace through advocacy, maintenance and restoration, education, access improvements, public programs and the promotion of park stewardship through youth education and volunteer programs.

Party in the Park will feature the presentation of the Liff Spirit Award to former Massachusetts House of Representative Byron Rushing and activist and community organizer Frieda Garcia. Over the decades, their extensive work organizing communities,

speaking up for those in need, and advocating for racial justice make them exemplars of public and civic service. The award is named in honor of the late Boston Parks Commissioner Justine Mee Liff, who served from 1996 until her passing in 2002. Party in the Park benefits the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and continues Liff's legacy of bringing people together to support and champion these vital urban green spaces.

Founded in 2003, Party in the Park attracts the area's most generous greenspace supporters and civic leaders for a stylish tented luncheon in the Emerald Necklace. Guests don their finest millinery at this "must-attend" fundraiser to herald the coming of spring to Boston. For the upcoming fundraiser, table sponsorships and tickets are now available.

"This will be the 20th Anniversary of Party in the Park, marking a milestone year. We're looking forward to welcoming public park supporters to help raise funds for the vital work the Emerald Necklace Conser-

vancy does to maintain Boston's largest park system," shared Alex Ablon, Caroline Balz, Gabi Crimaldi and Georgia Lee, Co-Chairs of the 2024 Party in the Park.

"Party in the Park is our signature fundraising event which funds essential tree care and capital projects in 1,100 acres of parks," noted Karen Mauney-Brodek, President of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. "It also supports our education programs, free public programming, resources for park users, advocacy efforts and special initiatives. We are extremely proud of the work the Conservancy has done for the past 25 years to steward and improve the Emerald Necklace, connecting all Bostonians and visitors alike over a dozen neighborhoods stretching from Dorchester to the Back Bay, and to be honouring Byron Rushing and Frieda Garcia with the Liff Spirit Award this year."

For more information and tickets, visit www.emeraldnecklace.org/party-in-the-park.

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

Wu, Bok celebrate grand opening of 34 East Springfield St. in South End

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu joined Boston Housing Authority Administrator Kenzie Bok on March 27 to welcome home the new residents and celebrate the opening of 34 East Springfield St. - a 100-percent affordable veteran housing community in the South End.

The house-warming celebration marks the transformation of a formerly vacant, four-unit Boston Housing Authority Public Housing property into five deeply affordable, one-bedroom apartments for formerly homeless veterans.

“Today, we’re here to celebrate a win for Boston’s homeless veterans, and to welcome five new residents into their homes,” said BHA Administrator Kenzie Bok. “This project restores a historic South End Brownstone and gives its residents the housing stability and supportive services that they need to thrive here in Boston.”

“As part of an effort to ensure that all of our veterans are stably housed, the Mayor’s Office of Housing was pleased to partner with the Boston Housing Authority and MPZ Development, on the redevelopment of 34 East Springfield Street,” said Sheila Dillon, Boston’s Chief of Housing. “We want to extend a warm welcome to the veterans who are moving into these beautiful South End homes.”

In May of 2020, affordable housing developer MPZ Development LLC (MPZ) was selected by the Boston Housing Authority to lead the redevelopment of 34 East Springfield St. MPZ was tasked with balancing the principles of affordability, historic preservation, and accessibility through the design, development and construction process, according to a press release.

34 East Springfield is a 150-year-old brick rowhouse acquired by the Boston Housing Authority as Federal Public Housing in the 1980s and operated as public housing until a fire 15 years ago.

“Today’s grand opening of 34 East Springfield St. is a major achievement and represents a critical commitment to building affordable housing for veterans at risk of homelessness,” said Mathieu Zahler, Principal of MPZ Development LLC. “Through great collaboration, we have transformed a once vacant and blighted building into a place where its residents can not only live but thrive. I’m thrilled to deliver this project with our many project partners to the South End neighborhood and look forward to seeing the impact it makes within the community.”

34 East Springfield Street was funded through a mix of state, local, and private funding sources, including HOME funding through The City of Boston Mayor’s Office of Housing.



MAYOR MICHELLE WU’S OFFICE PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON

Mayor Michelle Wu joined Boston Housing Authority Administrator Kenzie Bok on March 27 to welcome new residents to 34 East Springfield St. in the South End.

Other funders include the Neighborhood Housing Trust, The Boston Housing Authority and Dedham Institution for Savings and the purchase of State and Federal Historic Tax Credits by members of the Grossman Family. The units will be permanently affordable thanks to the HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program which provides Project Based Vouchers for all five apartments, as well as ongoing supportive services for the residents.

34 East Springfield St’s residents enjoy immediate proximity and access to a wide array of community services including Boston Medical Center and other healthcare facilities, the MBTA

Silver Line, and nearby grocery and dining options.

“I am blessed to be a part of this opportunity that is giving me the platform to affordably live comfortably in a community alongside other veterans,” said Anthony Magnole, a resident at 34 East Springfield St. “I’m incredibly grateful to leverage this chance to progress towards my goals.”

The redevelopment was supported by the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association and the project abutters. The project abutters at 32 East Springfield St. collaborated closely with MPZ, with all three condo owners in the building agreeing to temporarily relo-

cate for a period of time and to reconstruct 32 East Springfield’s façade.

MPZ worked with The Narrow Gate Architecture, Epsilon Associates and ZVI Construction to meticulously preserve and restore important historic features of this mid-19th century Italianate-style rowhouse, which is included in the South End National Historic District. Simultaneously, MPZ made necessary and important modernization and accessibility updates to 34 East Springfield St., allowing its veteran residents to live comfortably and sustainably in the 100-percent electric, solar-ready building with green upgrades included throughout.



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-Dieufort J. Fleurissant
Pastor, Total Health Christian Ministries



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For more information on screening, visit: boston.gov/cancer

Farewell, Orinoco

By Alison Barnet

Orinoco, the Venezuelan “Latin kitchen,” has recently closed, much to my dismay. It had been at 277 Shawmut, corner of West Concord St.—formerly David Parker’s stove shop—since 2006, and now it’s gone. Every time I went to my

favorite restaurant I ordered my favorite pabellon criollo: shredded beef, plantains, black beans and what Orinoco called its “most folkloric dish.”

A long typed sheet next to the door thanks its customers, expresses regrets at closing, and explains that it seeks a better work-life balance. It blames the

pandemic for turning “our world upside down.” It’s signed by owner Andres Branger and Martha. The good news is the South End staff will now be working at the Brookline Orinoco.

Luckily, there are still two Orinocos, one in Brookline and one in Harvard Square. I’ve never been to either but will certainly seek them out, especially for the pabellon criollo, which I can’t live very long without.

The Shawmut Inn, an American restaurant, is expected to move in.



LIVE CLEAN & GREEN

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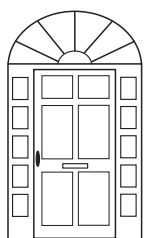
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Rentals

Exclusive solar eclipse watch party at The Rooftop at The Revere Hotel

Special to the Sun

The Rooftop at The Revere Hotel is set to host a unique Solar Eclipse watch party on Monday, April 8, from noon to 5 p.m. Guests are invited to join the Revere team for an unforgettable experience, featuring eclipse-themed drinks, delectable cuisine, and complimentary eclipse glasses on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets for the event are priced at \$5 per person.

The event offers an exclusive opportunity to witness the solar eclipse from the breathtaking rooftop venue, weather permitting. Eclipse-themed drinks, including Blue Moon beer and the Eclipse Elixir cocktail, will be available for purchase, along with a selection of delicious cuisine.

The Revere Hotel, located at 200 Stuart Street in Boston, is a downtown refuge known for its adventurous and curious spirit.

The hotel offers boutique rooms and suites with stunning views of the city skyline and the Back Bay neighborhood. Guests can enjoy authentic New England cuisine at Rebel's Guild and explore the vibrant Theater District and South End, all within walking distance.

For more information about the Solar Eclipse watch party or to make a reservation, please visit www.reverehotel.com or contact (617) 482-1800.



The Rooftop at Revere Hotel offers a cozy, memorable place to catch the upcoming solar eclipse.

'SCABBY THE RAT' COMES TO BOYLSTON STREET



D. MURPHY PHOTO

'Scabby the Rat' – the approximately 10-foot tall inflatable rodent that sometimes serves as the mascot for union protests – was prominently on display on Monday, April 1, across from Copley Square on Boylston Street.

The protest reportedly came in response to construction underway at 581 Boylston St on Chevron Partner's mixed-use Wesleyan on Copley. During lunchtime rush hour on Monday, representatives from the Greater Boston Building Trades Unions shut down traffic on Boylston Street for more than an hour.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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UPCOMING LECTURE EXPLORES 'WOMEN ARTISTS OF THE NORTH SHORE IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY'

The Artists' Group of Charlestown presents an art gallery lecture called 'Women Artists of the North Shore in the Early 20th Century' on Friday, April 12, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at StoveFactory Gallery and Studios at 523 Medford St. in Charlestown. Doors open at 5 p.m., and complimentary refreshments will be served.

Join art historian Judith Curtis to discover untold stories of early 20th century women artists of the North Shore. Her lecture, based on her work as co-curator of the 2015 'Strokes of Genius: Women Artists of New England' exhibition at the Rockport Art Association & Museum, will delve into the lives and works of influential artists Jane Peterson, Marguerite Pearson, Emma Fordyce McRae, and others. Through her engaging slide presentation, Curtis will highlight how color, design, and subject matter helped establish these women as experts in their field despite facing immense

challenges in the male-dominated art world of their time.

Admission is free; reserve your spot at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/art-gallery-lecture-tickets-856385882227?aff=oddttd-creator>.

WORLD BOOK DAY POP-UP EVENT PLANNED FOR APRIL 23 ON TREMONT STREET

In celebration of World Book Day, come out and grab free books as the South End Branch Library staff hosts another pop-up event in the South End Library Park on Tuesday, April 23, from 1 to 5 p.m. at 685 Tremont St.

Find out the winner from the Book Madness Tournament at this time.

For more information, email southend@bpl.org.

MUDDY RIVER CLEANUP SET FOR APRIL 20

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy will be holding its 16th annual Muddy River Cleanup on Saturday, April 20. The Cleanup is a part of

the Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup, which takes place throughout the Charles River Watershed, and it builds on a national effort as part of American Rivers' National River Cleanup.

Visit <https://www.emeraldnecklace.org/volunteer/muddy-river-cleanup-2024/> to register and for more information on the Emerald Necklace Conservancy's 16th annual Muddy River Cleanup.

CHARLES RIVER CLEANUP SET TO RETURN APRIL 19-20

Join the Esplanade Association for the 25th annual Charles River Cleanup - one of the largest Earth Day cleanups in the nation - on Friday, April 19, and Saturday, April 20.

Registration is now open for individual and corporate/large groups; sign up for one or both days online at <https://esplanade.org/cleanup/>.

AUTHOR TALK WITH DOUGLAS BAUER SET FOR APRIL 24

An author talk with Douglas

Bauer will take place on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. at BCYF Blackstone, located at 50 West Brookline St., on the third floor.

During this talk by the award-winning Boston author of fiction and non-fiction and professor of writing at Bennington College, Bauer will discuss his recent book, 'The Beckoning World,' a novel set in the early 20th century featuring a coal miner whose baseball talent unexpectedly changes his life in wonderful and complicated ways.

Sponsored by the Friends of the South End L and BCYF, the event will be held in person and virtually. To join virtually, email info@friendsofsouthendlibrary.org and you will receive the Zoom info. FOSEL subscribers will receive the Zoom link in the Mailchimp newsletter just before the event.

FENWAY CDC ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR APRIL 25 AT SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

Fenway CDC's 51st annual meeting will take place on Thursday, April 25, from 5:45 to 8 p.m. at the Linda K Paresky

Conference Center at Simmons University 300 The Fenway.

At this time, Fenway CDC will recognize its accomplishments, as well as bestow its annual Community Service awards. Steven Farrell, the group's new executive director, will also discuss his vision for the future.

R.S.V.P. to [eventbrite.com/e/fenway-cdc-51st-annual-meeting-tickets-847110800207](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fenway-cdc-51st-annual-meeting-tickets-847110800207)

WLP'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND NETWORKING LUNCHEON SET FOR MAY 10 AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL

Women's Lunch Place Executive Director Jennifer Hanlon Wigon and M. Lee Pelton, President and CEO of the Boston Foundation, will have a fireside chat at WLP's annual fundraiser and networking luncheon, eat LUNCH give on Friday, May 10, in the Oriental Ballroom at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and concludes at 1:15 p.m.

Hanlon Wigon and Pelton will

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Councilor Flynn holds Budget Listening Session

Staff Report

With the new budget season starting in April, Councilor Ed Flynn hosted a virtual listening session last night with leaders of Downtown, Chinatown, Leather District, Bay Village and South End to discuss budget priorities for each neighborhood. Every year, Councilor Flynn holds these budget listening sessions

with civic leaders, and this year's meeting was held in partnership with Councilor Brian Worrell, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee.

During the discussion, civic leaders across different neighborhoods brought up similar budget priorities, including more resources dedicated to pest control, trash storage and pick up, traffic and construction-related



enforcement, sidewalk repair and improvements, and more investments for our parks, open spaces, and trees.

"We had a very productive budget listening session last night with Councilor Worrell and our respected civic leaders across Downtown, Chinatown, Leather District, and the South End," said Councilor Flynn. "I would like to thank all those who

attended and advocated for their neighborhoods. Regardless of the neighborhood, our residents all share common budget priorities; that is to see more services and resources dedicated to pest control, trash pick up, both traffic and ISD enforcement, sidewalk repairs, and investments in our public spaces and parks."

Swingers reps detail business plan for NABB's LBU Committee

By Dan Murphy

Representatives for Swingers were back before the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay Licensing and Building Use Committee at its monthly virtual meeting on Monday, April 1, to discuss their plans to offer 'elevated' miniature golf, along with food and drink, at 761-793 Boylston St.

Swingers launched in 2014 as a five-month pop-up in a London

warehouse and has since expanded to two permanent locations in the UK capital, as well as three U.S. outposts in Washington, D.C.; Manhattan; and Las Vegas, respectively. The company's proposed Boston location in the Boylston Street building which was previously home to Crate & Barrel, would span approximately 22,000 square feet, including a ground-floor entry area with a vestibule for queuing customers; more than half of the second

floor; and the entire third floor.

The team behind Swingers' proposed Boston location previously appeared before the committee at its March 5 meeting but, in response to concerns raised at that time, agreed to return to provide additional details of the business plan.

Jeremy Simmonds, one of Swingers' co-founders, assured those on hand for the April 1 meeting that the roughly \$75 a head cost per customer is one

indication of the establishment's "premium nature," with a clientele that wouldn't be limited to only students.

Elliott Laffer of NABB said that their biggest concern is potentially having up to 400 patrons in the space, especially since large corporate groups are expected to account for about one-third of business.

Over 95 percent of patrons pre-book at Swingers' other locations, said Simmonds, so the Boston outpost expects to maintain a steady flow of customers, with peak hours typically coming in the early evening. Customers typically spend about an hour and a half to two hours at Swingers' other locations, added Simmonds. The business would request a 2 a.m. closing time from the city for its Boston outpost, however, he said, as a few customers typically trickle in between 8 p.m. and midnight at other locations.

"This is a seated venue...so we're always way under the code capacity," said Simmonds, who added that the schematic design and full egress plan, which would ultimately determine the establishment's capacity, hadn't been finalized yet.

In another matter, Peng Jia, the owner of Teazzi Tea Shop – Newbury at 232 Newbury St., was on hand to discuss her recently opened business. (Jia was originally scheduled to appear at the committee's March 5 meeting.)

Besides bubble tea, the business, which operates from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, offers a variety of flavored cream puffs, said Jia, and has no plans to provide any alcoholic beverages. The

shop seats 20 patrons inside and has no additional seating outside, she said.

Teazzi Tea Shop – Newbury eventually intends to partner with apps to offer delivery, added Jia.

The committee also heard about an application from Zuma – the Japanese restaurant located on the second floor of the Four Seasons hotel at 1 Dalton St. – to add an entertainment license for a deejay to provide 'ambient background music,' along with one television.

The proposed deejay situated in an approximately 5-by-5 foot area next to the lounge, would play constant background music from a laptop, said Teddie Kind, the restaurant's manager of record.

Zuma has received a series of one-day entertainment license from the city in the past to provide background music, said Kind.

"This is a fine dining establishment, and we no interest in becoming a nightclub," said Kind, who added that tables would be strategically placed in front of the deejay booth to discourage patrons from dancing.

The volume for the music would be capped at about 60 percent, said Kind, and while the establishment currently has a 2 a.m. closing time, there would be no change in its operations or occupancy.

"Everything stays the same," said Attorney Dennis Quilty, who added that the applicant was waiting to meet with NABB before scheduling a hearing date with the city.



D. MURPHY PHOTO

Teazzi Tea Shop – Newbury at 232 Newbury St.

CITY PAWS

Dog Dates

By Penny Cherubino

April is an excellent time to make plans for the warm season ahead. We suggest you pull out your calendar and add the note "Dog Day!" to a few of your upcoming days off. Consider these as commitments to give your pals adventures that will make them quiver with excitement from nose to tail.

For time off from work that includes travel, list what you must do to take your pal with you or arrange for care while you're away.

Finally, if you have a sociable group of dog-walking friends, ask if anyone would like to share your adventure. Our anxious little Poppy is often happier outside if she has dogs she knows nearby.

Some adventures could be serendipitous. We all routinely plan average days around our dog's needs, routines, likes, and dislikes. We ask ourselves, "Where am I going today? Can the dog come with me?" Occasionally, on a beautiful day, ask yourself, "Do I have time today for a longer walk to a dog park or a day trip to a favorite spot?"

Local Adventures

If time off allows for a day trip, create a doggie bucket list of what you might do, weather permitting.

The state has a webpage covering places and times to enjoy state facilities with your dog. An internet search for "Dogs in DCR Parks" will find that information. Unfortunately, state beaches begin dog restrictions on April 1st. However, you'll find other places along the shore open to families with dogs.

Another fantastic resource for places to take your dog is the Trustees of Reservations. Visit their website (<https://thetrustees.org/>) and search for "dogs allowed." Our results included 77 properties where you could bring your dog. Each place's "rules and regulations" tell you if dogs are allowed on or off leashes.

We plan to visit the Trustees deCordova Sculpture Park with friends this year. While the museum's interior is closed for renovations, the grounds welcome

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address the pressing issues of the housing crisis in Boston, including the shortage of affordable units and the critical need for safe, gender-specific housing for women in the community. The event will be held in the Oriental Ballroom at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston.

This luncheon will include a delicious meal, an opportunity to network with Boston's best and brightest leaders, and an inside look at the context behind Women's Lunch Place's life-changing work from two experts in their fields. There will also be a raffle with local prizes.

All proceeds from the fundraising luncheon will be donated to Women's Lunch Place.

Tickets cost \$200 each and are available online at womenslunchplace.org/elg, along with sponsorships, program advertisements, and opportunities to support the raffle.

DUCKLING DAY RETURNS MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 12

Join the Friends of the Public Garden on Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, for the return of Duckling Day – an annual celebration of the children's classic book 'Make Way for Ducklings' by Robert McCloskey.

Duckling Day is a family-friendly celebration held each year on Boston Common. Duckling Day features activity booths, lawn games, magic, and live music all at Parkman Bandstand. The event ends with a parade retracing Mrs. Mallard's steps to the Ducklings sculpture in the Public Garden.

Registration for a family of any size is \$35 and includes a goody bag for every child and entertaining Duckling activities for the whole family; register online at <https://friendsofthepublicgarden.org/events/ducklingday/>.

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Wu proposes legislation to protect residential property owners

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that she will file a home rule petition that would protect residential property owners from a potentially dramatic increase in their property taxes due to declining commercial property values. The proposal would allow the City to lessen increases in residential property tax bills caused by declining commercial values by temporarily shifting more of the property tax levy onto owners of commercial and industrial properties. Under the present statutory system, a significant decline in commercial property assessments will result in residential property owners paying higher taxes through a higher tax rate in order to maintain funding for critical City services, rather than an overall revenue decline. The proposal is revenue-neutral and does not increase the total amount of revenue the City is able to collect through property taxes.

“As Boston invests in revitalizing our Downtown and commercial corridors in response to shifting market trends, we are working with all stakeholders to protect residents and homeowners against sudden and dramatic tax increases,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “For our seniors on fixed incomes, for families with children, for frontline workers and all our community members, we must have the tools to address rising housing costs and keep residents in their homes.”

“The City has been closely monitoring and planning for the impacts of declining commercial real estate values on the City’s tax base,” said Chief Financial Officer Ashley Groffenberger.

“By taking this proactive step, we are ensuring that we have the tools necessary to safeguard basic City services and create stability for all taxpayers.”

“The pandemic changed the way we work, and that has had a rather sudden and significant impact on commercial tax bases,” said Adam Chapdelaine, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. “In affected communities, one potential outcome is crushing property tax increases for homeowners, while commercial properties see a reduction. Already tightly constrained by the limits of Proposition 2½, affected cities and towns may want to pursue thoughtful, measured approaches like Mayor Wu’s proposal to avoid making the region’s housing cost crisis even worse.”

State law allows the City, in conjunction with the City Council, to create two separate property tax rates, and by doing so, shift a portion of the property tax levy to commercial property. The present maximum shift allowed is up to 175 percent of what the commercial share would have otherwise been.

The current proposal gives the City the option to modify these parameters in a thoughtful and controlled manner. For the first year of implementation, the City would have the ability to increase the classification shift to 200 percent, at the discretion of

the Mayor and the City Council, if a significant drop in commercial assessments occurs. During the subsequent three years the allowable classification shift would gradually decrease and return to the currently allowed 175 percent in year five.

Initial implementation of the current proposal, if passed, could occur during any of the next three fiscal years, at the City’s election. This flexibility would allow the City the ability to initiate the alternative rate schedules only when absolutely needed.

“This is a measured proposal that will deliver relief as the City adapts to the unprecedented changes to its existing tax base,” said WinnCompanies CEO Gilbert Winn. “Ensuring that Boston is on stable, financial footing is vital for the thousands who live and work in the City, and rely on critical services like housing, education, public safety and health care. Preserving these vital services will allow Boston to continue its growth as a hub for culture, innovation, and education; a City that is welcoming to all.”

“As a resident of Boston and a member of the business community, I support the City of Boston’s tax classification proposal,” said Tom O’Brien, managing partner and CEO of HYM Investment Group. “I applaud the Mayor for using all the tools in her toolbox to alleviate the financial pressures of home-

owners. It is my continued hope that this proposal might soon be paired with initiatives that will encourage new growth in our city.”

“Boston is experiencing a significant housing crisis, driven by both a lack of sufficient affordable housing to meet our need and rising costs to build and operate this housing,” said Emilio Dorcelly, CEO of Urban Edge. “Because continuing to increase the supply of affordable housing supported by city services is critical to the region’s overall economic success, it is imperative that Boston maintain steady revenue streams. The Wu administration’s proposal presents the opportunity to maintain a level of revenue needed to support such important work while not overburdening homeowners, affordable housing projects, and other residential buildings.”

The proposal would help stabilize housing costs for Boston residents over this period of five years. An increase in residential property taxes would impact all residential property: single family homes, multi family homes, apartment buildings, and residential condominium units. Left alone, the dramatic tax increase would lead to higher costs for residents through higher tax bills for homeowners or a rent increase for renters should their landlords pass the increased costs onto them.

“The mission of Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA) is to help low and moderate-income households to buy and maintain the dream of homeownership,” said Symone Crawford, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance. “Given the high home prices, interest rates, insurance premiums, and general housing costs, it is especially important that we act quickly to stabilize real estate taxes for our families. Homeownership provides a sense of permanence and pride, laying down a solid foundation upon which individuals and families can build their lives with certainty and confidence.”

The proposal is similar to one enacted in 2004, when Boston faced a comparable dynamic. According to a 2003 report from the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, the average single-family tax bill would have increased by over 35 percent while the tax for a commercial property could decrease by 15-20 percent. Boston successfully sought similar legislation that allowed municipalities to temporarily increase the classification shift to 200 percent and step down over four years, before returning to the original maximum of 175 percent. At this level, the average residential tax bill still increased by 15 to 18 percent, with com-

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visitors with dogs. You may have to make a timed reservation; you can do that on the park’s website.

Wagons and Strollers Expand Possibilities

If your dog is older, unable to walk as far as you want, or has a medical issue that could curtail your plans, consider a pet stroller or wagon.

Wagons are suitable for larger dogs. Today, you can choose collapsible ones that are easy to store. You can also use these for shopping, picnics, concerts, or other times when you need to tote stuff.

There are dozens of pet strollers available for smaller dogs. As we planned our seasonal adventures, we realized that sometimes we left Poppy behind because part of the route would cause her anxiety and make her unhappy.

We discovered a great compromise with a stroller that, like a wagon, doubles as a shopping cart. Strollee is a company that sells a transformer frame with available accessories that we can use for a dog and storage, for two dogs, or for shopping alone.

Over the years, we’ve come to appreciate the advantages of having a canine ambassador at the end of a leash. You meet many more people and become more engaged in the local community. Students and visitors to Boston often visit with Poppy. We’ve enjoyed interesting conversations with people we might never have met without our little ambassador.

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mercial taxes decreasing by five to eight percent. The legislation the City is pursuing today builds on this precedent.

“As a senior with a fixed income, a large increase in my property taxes would be devastating,” said Shirley Jones, president of the Meetinghouse Hill

Civic Association. “I am so grateful that the mayor is being proactive and taking action to protect residents like me across the city from these potential increases.”

“It’s difficult to keep residents in Boston because of the high cost of living,” said Tom Cunha, Chair of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council. “I don’t want my neighbors to have to move out because of an increase in

their property taxes. This temporary measure is fair and allows us to evaluate over the next 60 months.”

The home rule petition will be filed with the City Council, where it must be approved before being signed by the Mayor and then sent to the Massachusetts Legislature and the Governor for approval.

Attention to Detail

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The curved roofline in the last clue is on the Mass Ave MBTA Station at 393 Massachusetts Ave. Wikipedia notes, “The modern station was constructed as part of the Southwest Corridor project from 1979 to 1987. It opened along with the new southern section of the Orange Line on May 4, 1987.”

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

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