

RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!

DON'T WAIT! RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW AND GET YOUR AD IN THE EYES OF THOUSANDS. CALL 781-485-0588

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

THE BOSTON SUN

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY

SERVING BACK BAY - SOUTH END - FENWAY - KENMORE

Eagerly awaited Folio bistro set to open at Athenaeum

By Dan Murphy

As the last phase of the extensive renovation and expansion of the Boston Athenaeum, its eagerly awaited street-level bistro, Folio, will open on Tuesday, June 25.

“Folio will serve as a welcoming extension of the Boston Athenaeum,” said Leah Rosovsky, the Athenaeum’s Stanford Calderwood Director, in a statement. “Our goal is for it to become a favorite spot for our members, a social hub for the Beacon Hill neighborhood, and a gathering place for everyone. There will be delicious food and great drinks served in a historic and beautiful environment.”

Located on the ground floor of the Athenaeum, with a street entrance at 14A Beacon St., Folio will span 1,180 square feet, with seating for 45. The restaurant is

modeled after a European bistro, where Chef de Cuisine Peter Laspia will offer European-inspired fare. The menu will be complemented by a wide selection of wines, as well as an array of craft cocktails, including the Athenaeum’s signature ‘Athena’s Ambrosia.’

Folio is a joint venture between the Athenaeum and The Catered Affair – a longstanding Rockland-based catering company that operates other restaurants in the Map Room at the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library; ICA (Institute of Contemporary Art) in the Seaport; and at the Harvard Art Museums.

In anticipation of Folio’s launch, Ken-Barrett-Sweet, vice president of catering at The Catered Affair, said in a statement: “With the launch of Folio,

(FOLIO, Pg. 3)



D. MURPHY PHOTO

The future home of Folio, the Boston Athenaeum’s new cafe coming to 14A Beacon St.

ANNUAL DUCKLING DAY PARADE IN BOSTON



DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS
Shown above, the Duckling Parade, held this past weekend, kicks off from Boston Common.

Shown right, Grandmother Rhomayne Humphrey keeps jet ducklings Quentin McNeil, Hensis Love, and Bobby Hall Jr in order.

See more photos on Pages 6 – 8.



Fenway Health’s LGBTQIA+ bereavement program awarded DPH grant

By Dan Murphy

A \$35,000 grant from the state’s Department of Public Health for next year will allow Fenway Health to continue

offering its bereavement groups for LGBTQIA+ people who’ve recently lost a partner, or someone else close or related to them.

“We offer LGBTQIA+ a safe place to talk about the losses

they experience,” said Lisa Krinsky, program director of Fenway Health’s LGBTQIA+ Aging Project.

(FENWAY HEALTH, Pg. 9)

City of Boston kicks off free Summer Fitness Series

Special to the Sun

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) are pleased to announce

the 2024 Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. The series offers free weekly classes both virtually and in 17 City of Boston parks through

August 31, 2024.

The 2024 Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series is being launched with a kick-off event

(FITNESS SERIES, Pg. 4)

EDITORIAL

20 YEARS OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN MASSACHUSETTS

It was 20 years ago this week (on May 17, 2004, to be exact), that the first marriage licenses were issued by cities and towns across Massachusetts for same-sex couples.

The marriage licenses were precipitated by the decision by the state's Supreme Judicial Court in November in the Goodridge case, which declared that same sex couples were entitled to the same legal protections and rights as heterosexual couples.

It's hard to imagine, with 20/20 hindsight, that marriage equality ever was an issue. There is not -- and never has been -- a justification for not allowing two adults to marry the person of their choosing in order to enjoy the legal status and privileges that marriage conveys.

But back in 2004, in the immediate aftermath of the Goodridge decision, there were many members of our state legislature, both Democrats and Republicans, who were talking of holding a Constitutional Convention in order to amend the state constitution to allow same-sex couples to have only so-called civil unions, not full marriage.

Massachusetts was an outlier in 2004 and fortunately the effort to call for a Constitutional Convention failed. Soon thereafter, other states allowed same-sex marriages and then in 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a 5-4 decision in the Obergefell v Hodges cases that all states must issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

However, public opinion was way ahead of the courts. Modern Family, the hit TV comedy show that started in 2007, included a gay couple among its characters. Today, polls consistently show that more than 70 percent of Americans across all party lines support same-sex marriage.

To be sure, there still is much to be done to assure equal protection of all rights for our fellow Americans of the LGTBQIA+ community. But it is worth noting the events of 20 years ago to acknowledge the momentous changes that have taken place in the course of one generation.

PLASTIC, PLASTIC EVERYWHERE

In the classic 1967 movie, the Graduate, Dustin Hoffman's character, Benjamin Braddock, a recent college graduate, is taken aside by a family friend at his graduation party, who says to him, "Ben, I just have one word of advice for you. Are you listening? 'Plastics'. There's a great future in plastics. Think about it. Will you think about it?"

"Yes sir," Benjamin replies meekly.

In 1967, plastics were nowhere near as ubiquitous as they are in 2024. But the advice given to Benjamin was prescient -- today, plastics, which are petroleum-based, are used for just about everything in our daily lives.

The problem is, plastics also are in everything, including our bodies. According to scientists, microplastics are flowing through every one of our organs and tissues, and the same is true for just about every animal on earth.

In addition, very little of the plastic that we generate is recyclable. We may think of ourselves as being virtuous when we dutifully recycle all of our plastic items every week, but a recent survey revealed that only about six percent of plastic items are recycled and that much of what is labeled as "recyclable" really is not recyclable at all. Those hard-plastic containers that hold our laundry detergent, for example, can be recycled only at a very few facilities across the country, which means that almost all of them end up in landfills, where they eventually disintegrate and make their way into the food chain and our water -- and into our bodies.

Almost 60 years after the Graduate, we are drowning -- literally -- in a sea of plastics, and with the demand for plastics ever-increasing, the problem is only going to get worse. It is estimated that by 2050, the demand for plastics will triple and the amount of plastic in the world's oceans actually will outweigh the fish.

Yes, as foretold in 1967, the future was indeed, "Plastics."

But that future -- today's present -- turned out to be a grim one.

REFLECTING ON CONSEQUENCE DURING THE WEEK OF ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

Dear Editor,

Biden threatens to halt offensive arms delivery, if Israel invades Rafah. Though not talked about openly, American and Israel are in a wartime alliance. The US approved the Gaza invasion and armed the IDF. The title of a 2019 Spanish movie starring Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem makes it clear, "Everyone Knows". America has unexplainably escaped being labeled a belligerent, and plays the role of good cop against Israel's bad cop. Withholding arms casts Biden as a late-in-the-game voice of restraint. Biden's red line demonstrates, once again, America is an unreliable ally, a grow-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ing suspicion across the globe since Afghanistan.

To date, Biden's handling of the war was unerring. Initially he sent carrier naval support to Israel's north containing Hezbollah, and was adamant Israel had a right to defend itself, as necessary. Before speaking out against bombing, he remained silent for weeks as the media locked onto the bombing story, amplified it, and ran it nonstop until Stormy Daniels interrupted. It was not until Hamas supporters on campuses and in swing states surfaced that Biden backtracked eventually offering Gazans immigration status as palliative.

Placating the American-Arab voting block would be good politics in an election year, but not during a war. Iran, China and Russia are watching. Not staying the course signals America is unwilling to preserve its declining hegemony in a multi-polar

world. By contrast, Russia will never withdraw from Ukraine, whatever the cost and however long.

America's presence in the Middle East is often misunderstood. The usual reason given is its defense of a Democratic Israel, but that reason is, at best, secondary. America's strategic interest is insuring the uninterrupted flow of oil for as long as fossil fuel is needed by the global economy, which if interrupted would cause worldwide financial chaos. The rule-based, economic, world order that America architected and protects weds it to the Middle East, messy though it is.

Consequence: Holding up arms delivery to Israel weakens an ally, compromises US foreign policy interests, and further erodes confidence in America's standing as a steadfast super-power.

Barry Zaltman

Wu announces launch of Wake Up the Night Grant

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Office of Nightlife Economy today announced the launch of the City's Wake Up the Night Grant, which will award individuals and organizations up to \$10,000 to host nighttime activations. The application is now open and the deadline to apply is May 28.

The Wake Up the Night Grant Pilot Program will use up to \$250,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to revitalize Boston's nightlife economy and foster safe, inclusive social spaces. All activations will take place in July through December 2024 and be free and open to the public.

"Boston is a city of neighborhoods, and we are working to revitalize our nighttime economy and create opportunities for residents to enjoy safe, joyful spaces throughout the warmer months and into the fall," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This year we're trying to make it easier than ever to foster fun programming that showcases the beauty of our communities and support residents and businesses in their efforts to make this summer a

safe, enjoyable one for all in Boston."

All funded events will align with one the following categories:

- Accessible Programming: Social events specifically curated for persons with diverse abilities (physical, cognitive, or emotional)
- Cultural Expression: Activations showcasing the many cultural interests and expressions of Bostonians.
- Intergenerational: Activations promoting multi-generational social interaction.
- Spirit-Free Programming: Activations mindfully omitting the consumption and

presence of alcohol.

• Weekday Activations: Events promoting social interaction Monday through Thursday, specifically in the Downtown and surrounding neighborhoods.

• Youth Programming: Activations aimed to serve persons 20 years old and younger.

"There is a pressing demand for more innovative, inclusive, and accessible nighttime activities," said Corean Reynolds, Director of Nightlife Economy for the City of Boston. "Through the Wake Up the Night Grant Pilot Program, we are excited to directly invest in people and

(GRANT, Pg. 3)

THE BOSTON SUN

PRESIDENT/EDITOR: STEPHEN QUIGLEY

(STEPHEN.QUIGLEY@THEBOSTONSUN.COM)

MARKETING DIRECTOR: DEBRA DIGREGORIO

(DEB@THEBOSTONSUN.COM)

ART DIRECTOR: KANE DIMASSO-SCOTT

REPORTERS: DAN MURPHY, DMRPH4@GMAIL.COM

Wu to attend climate summit at the Vatican to showcase Boston's leadership on climate action

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu this week shared the events she will participate in while attending a climate summit at the Vatican, hosted by Pope Francis, "From Climate Crisis to Climate Resilience." Mayor Wu will give remarks for a discussion called "Governance, Energy," as part of Vatican Summit Session VII - Best Practice in Governance and co-chair a discussion called Session XI - Financing Resiliency. As a participant at the summit, Mayor Wu will showcase Boston as a champion on climate action, while learning from other global leaders about best practices. A key part of Boston's Green New Deal is ensuring that the City's work supports the climate, livability and opportunity of Boston's neighborhoods for residents, taking action to address environmental protection while also enhancing public health, housing affordability, better public transit options, and access to green jobs.

While in Italy, she will also meet with the Mayor of Rome and visit towns with ties to Boston's heritage and that of her own family. The Mayor will visit Sulmona, a town with strong ties through immigration to Boston's North End; and attend a commemorative event in Coreno Ausonio, where her children will see the hometown that their great-grandparents emigrated from. Two students from Boston Public Schools' BCLA-McCormack will also be attending the Vatican summit. They will be two of eight young people from around the world to participate in Session XII - Voices of the Youth.

"As the climate crisis takes on growing urgency across the globe, communities must come together to take collective action for a safer, brighter future," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Boston is proof of what's possible for cities tackling the climate crisis while creating green jobs and healthier communities. I'm honored to

represent Boston at this important convening led by Pope Francis, and look forward to shining a spotlight on our community's work and also bringing home solutions from innovative cities around the world."

Mayor Wu is champion of climate action for Boston. The City's leadership has delivered results through growing its PowerCorps green jobs program and Boston's Community Choice Electricity program, transitioning to electric school buses and vehicles, decarbonizing existing buildings and adopting green building standards for new construction, launching networked geothermal energy in public housing, enhancing Boston's green spaces and building green infrastructure to protect against flooding, bolstering electric vehicle infrastructure, and aggressively fighting for federal funding. Mayor Wu has set an ambitious agenda.

Mayor Wu's commitment to climate action advances sustainability, resilience, and environmental justice. Last month, Mayor Wu shared her FY25 Budget which included groundbreaking investments in climate action and adaptation. These investments range from new personnel investments, such as a park administrator and six new maintenance staff to maintain Franklin Park, to transformative Capital investments, such as a new \$75 million City fund that leverages State and Federal climate resilience grants. Under Mayor Wu's leadership, the City will enhance climate resilience across Boston to prepare for climate change while supporting the lives of Boston residents.

The international conference is organized by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences under the leadership of UMass Boston Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco and Ram Ramanathan, Distinguished Research Professor at UC San Diego and climate solutions scholar at Cornell University. Pope Francis will preside over the summit.

SOWA ARTISTS GUILD TO HOLD UPCOMING EVENTS

SoWa Artists Guild presents SoWa Sundays take place on May 19, and 26 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.

ELLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO HOLD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER ON JUNE 4 AT COSMICA

The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association is celebrating its 60th anniversary with a fundraiser and cocktail celebration on Tuesday, June 4, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Cosmica, located at 40 Berkeley St.

This event, 'Celebrating the Neighborhood,' will feature a silent auction, vintage wine

NEWS IN BRIEF

raffle, and hors d'oeuvres and drinks in Cosmica's outdoor/indoor restaurant, as well as an opportunity for neighbors in the Ellis area to meet and mingle.

Funds raised by the event will support the Ellis Neighborhood Association's ongoing outreach initiatives including support of Haley House, Melvin H. King South End Academy and Ellis Early Learning.

Tickets are available online at www.ellisneighborhood.org. For more information about sponsorships and opportunities to support the auction, contact info@ellisneighborhood.org.

SAVE THE DATE: GARDEN CLUB OF THE BACK BAY'S TWILIGHT GARDEN PARTY SET FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 4, AT THE NEWBURY HOTEL

The Garden Club of the Back Bay will present its annual Twilight Garden Party on Tuesday, June 4, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Newbury Hotel at 1 Newbury St.

The Twilight Garden Party is

the Garden Club's largest source of funds that go directly towards tree care and community outreach while this year's event also celebrates the Garden Club's 60th anniversary.

For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/event/twilight-garden-party-tickets-851099289887?aff=oddtcreator>.

FENWAY PORCHFEST RETURNS SATURDAY, JUNE 15

The fifth annual Fenway Porchfest, a collaboration between the Fenway Community Center and the Fenway Community Development Corporation, takes place on Saturday, June 15, from noon to 4:30 p.m.

This free festival, that transforms outdoor spaces throughout the neighborhood into impromptu concert stages, will feature musicians from across Fenway and beyond at locations .

Interested in volunteering (and getting free lunch and a T-shirt!)? Register at <https://www.fenwayporchfest.org/signup/help/?>.

GRANT (from pg. 2)

organizations that are reimagining Boston's nightlife."

The Grant is open to individuals, nonprofit organizations, or businesses working in partnership with community partners. Applicants must be Boston res-

idents or demonstrate that their project is led by partners who are Boston residents.

The Wake Up the Night Grant is an Office of Nightlife Economy initiative. The Office, launched in March 2023, works

to create a more robust and equitable nightlife economy to enhance the overall quality of life for residents of Boston. For more information about the Office of Nightlife Economy, visit boston.gov/nightlife.

FOLIO (from pg. 1)

we are creating a unique dining experience and journey. Our vision is to establish a vibrant hub of community enrichment where every carefully curated dish catalyzes deeper connections within our neighborhood. We believe that Folio will become a cherished gathering place, enhancing the fabric of our community."

Likewise, Alex Marconi, CEO of The Catered Affair, stated: "We are ecstatic to join the Beacon Hill community, where Folio Bistro goes beyond mere dining. In partnership with Boston Athenaeum, we hope Folio becomes a visitor and community gathering hub while enjoying thoughtfully prepared food and beverage."

Folio's hours of operation will be Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and on Friday and Saturday; from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on Folio and full menu details visit www.thecateredaffair.com/folio/ and follow along on Instagram.

ADVERTISE IN THE BOSTON SUN

CALL 781-485-0588

The Independent Newspaper Group reserves the right to edit letters for space and clarity. The Independent Newspaper Group publishes columns, viewpoints and letters to the editor as a forum for readers to express their opinions and to encourage debate. Please note that the opinions expressed are not necessarily those of The Independent Newspaper Group.

Text or attachments emailed to deb@theboston.sun.com are preferred.

Newly renovated West End Museum to reopen to the public on May 23

By Dan Murphy

After being closed to the public for more than two years following a substantial flood, a newly renovated and reimagined West End Museum will formally reopen on Thursday, May 23.

"It's totally different from the old museum," said Simon Belfanti, executive director of the museum located at 150 Staniford St., Suite 7. "Almost no walls are the same — it's just a different space. It's completely redesigned and a modern museum. It's interactive, and it contains digital elements and [aspires] to be welcoming for people across generations and also to support schools and educational programs."

On Jan. 15, 2022, a sprinkler check-valve ruptured on the fourth floor of West End Place, leading to flooding in nearly 30 units on the building's bottom four floors, as well as in the adjacent West End Museum and its office space.

More than two dozen large images, which made up about half of the museum's main permanent exhibit, 'The Last Tenement,' were damaged to some extent. But in all, only around 50 items were lost in the flood — about 40 of which the museum had duplicates of — while some other documents had already been scanned. Just two or three photos were completely destroyed due to the flood.

When the museum reopens, the erstwhile 'Last Tenement' exhibit will be completely reimagined and vastly expanded as 'Rise, Fall, Rebirth: Stories of the West End.' This new

permanent exhibit tells the West End's story from when the neighborhood first comprised fields, farms, factories, and a few mansions around Bowdoin Square, though the immigrant era and the demolition that came with urban renewal, and up until the modern age (and beyond). The exhibit now covers the "full breath of the neighborhood," said Belfanti, going from 1625 to 2035, even taking it a few years into the future.

This first phase of the rebuild project has cost around \$1 million while a second phase will cost approximately \$400,000. Besides individual donors, the Boston Planning & Development Agency, Boston Properties, HYM Investment Group, Delaware North, Mass Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism, and Mass General Hospital have made financial contributions to the project. But the museum is still accepting donations to help push it over the finish line, said Belfanti.

The second phase will include the development of two new films — one focusing on abolitionists in the old West End (and now Beacon Hill) and another exploring the experience of displacement from the West End. An interactive map will also be developed as part of the project's second phase.

Trivium Interactive of the North End is developing the museum's interactive elements, including touchscreen and video elements, along with the interactive map, among other features, for both project phases. New

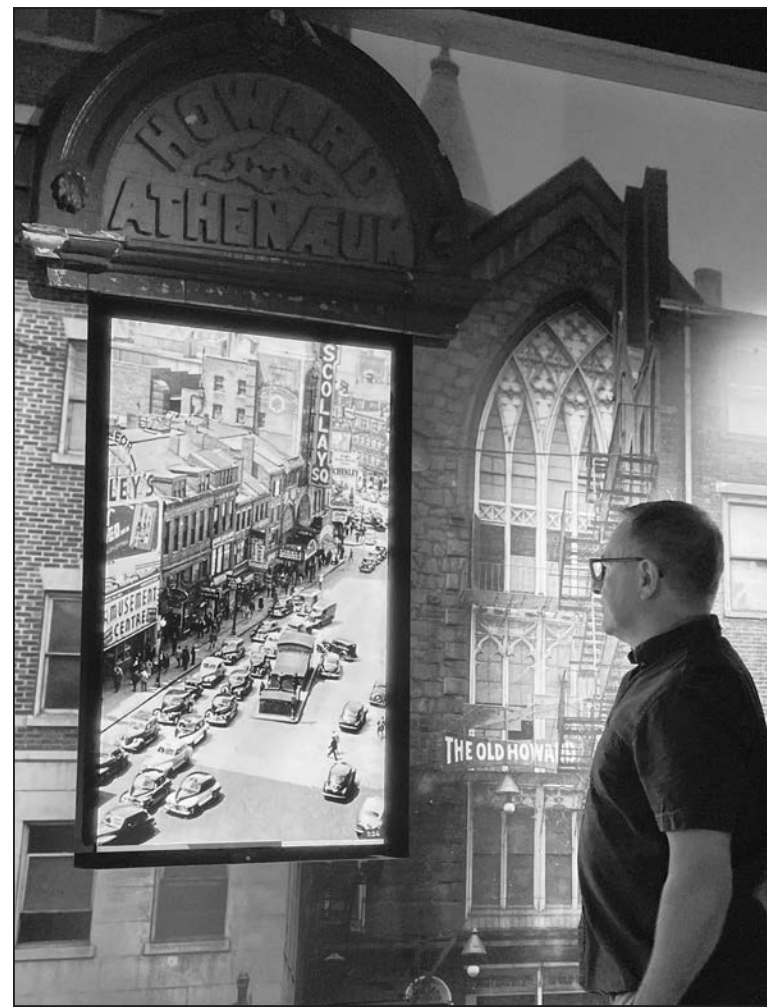
York-based Chan Ascher Architecture has offered its services pro bono for the project's design.

Belfanti said "one benefit of digital media" is that the museum will now be able to constantly update and add content to existing exhibits.

"The museum is completely new and won't be repetitive for people who've seen it before," he said. "You also can come back and explore because it's multi-layered...and not something we expect you'll be able to take in in one visit."

The first event in the new museum space will be its Boston Trivia Night at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30. Tickets cost \$10 each and can be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boston-trivia-night-tickets-885625278047?>

The museum will also welcome the public for 'West End Stories: Scanning Party' on Monday, June 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. At this event, attendees can bring their items (i.e. 'photos, letters, records, or objects that tell the story of the neighborhood before urban renewal, just after, or up through the present day') for a scanning project to help augment the museum's already extensive



COURTESY OF THE WEST END MUSEUM

A guest views the Scollay Square module at the newly renovated West End Museum.

archives collection. Or instead, attendees can have the items scanned and bring the originals back home with them, along with new digitized copies, courtesy of the museum. R.S.V.P. for this free event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/west-end-stories-scanning-party-tickets-902752225207>

com/e/west-end-stories-scanning-party-tickets-902752225207

For more information on the West End Museum, and to contribute to the museum's renovation costs, visit thewestendmuseum.org.

FITNESS SERIES (from pg. 1)

on The Boston Common on Thursday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m., featuring free ZUMBA® from Z-Spot and Yoga plus fun giveaways.

The series offers a wide range of classes, including Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Chair Yoga, HIIT, ZUMBA®, Family ZUMBA®, Kick It By Eliza®, Afrobeats Dance, Walking Group, Strength Training and Conditioning, and Salsa Dance. The program is tailored to the interests of residents and participants, including age-friendly classes for families, older adults, and those new to fitness classes. For more information and a link to the full schedule, visit boston.gov/fitness.

"Cultivating vibrant communities through accessible, engaging programming is at the heart of our mission at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department," noted Commissioner Ryan Woods. "By activating

public parks with initiatives like the Summer Fitness Series, we're not only providing opportunities for physical activity but also fostering social connections and enhancing the overall well-being of Boston residents."

"The Summer Fitness Series provides a free opportunity for residents to be active in our City's parks while bringing our communities together to connect socially," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "Being active is one of the best ways to prevent many chronic diseases as well as improve mental health. The series is available in most neighborhoods and online and is a continuation of the work being done to improve the health and well-being of all residents."

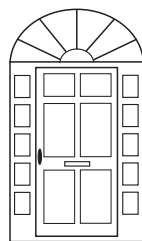
Series partners echoed the focus on community engagement and holistic health. "The

Boston Park Fitness series showcases the vibrant neighborhoods and cultures of Boston, and what better way to experience that than through community fitness?" said Jeff Bellows, vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs at Blue Cross. "The program has something for everyone, including in-person and virtual classes for people of all abilities. We're proud to partner with the City of Boston to support the physical and mental health of our community."

To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks—including weather-related cancellations for outdoor fitness classes—call (617) 635-4505, visit Boston.gov/Parks, join our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails, and follow our social channels @boston-parksdept on X, Facebook, and Instagram.

BREWSTER & BERKOWITZ REAL ESTATE

Sally Brewster
Betsey Barrett



Ron Berkowitz
Mary Dunlavy

121 Mt. Vernon Street • Boston, Massachusetts 02108

www.brewberk.com

Sales

617.367.0505

Rentals

'EAT LUNCH GIVE' FUNDRAISER RAISES \$350,000 FOR WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE

Courtesy of Women's Lunch Place

On Friday, May 10, supporters of Women's Lunch Place joined together for the annual 'eat LUNCH give' fundraiser. Thanks to the incredible support from the WLP community, over \$350,000 was raised to aid vulnerable women facing hunger, homelessness, and poverty.

Held at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston, the event featured



Paris Alston.

a fireside chat between Jennifer Hanlon Wigon, Executive Director of WLP, and M. Lee Pelton, President & CEO of the Boston Foundation. The conversation was moderated by GBH's Paris Alston.

Hanlon Wigon and Pelton addressed 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. The conversation was followed by a moving video featuring testimonials from WLP guests.

WLP extends its deepest appreciation to everyone who took part in this event, including volunteers, donors, sponsors, and attendees. Their involvement will be instrumental in amplifying the voices of women within WLP's organization and beyond.

For more information on Women's Lunch Place, visit womenslunchplace.org.



MFS staff.



Seen are Clemia Brittenum, Glenn Quirion, Wanda Young, and Mika Winder.



Pictured are Sheila Corkhill, Leslie Tillotson, Mariann Youniss, Laurie Ohlms, and Shari O'Leary.



Pictured, left to right, are: Lee Pelton, Sen. Lydia Edwards, and Jennifer Hanlon Wigon.



Mary Cornille and Kate Chandler.

THE TWILIGHT GARDEN PARTY
TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2024

60TH ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATING
**THE GARDEN CLUB OF THE BACK BAY'S
 60TH ANNIVERSARY**

THE TWILIGHT GARDEN PARTY

TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2024
6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

THE NEWBURY HOTEL
1 NEWBURY STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

CO-CHAIRS
MAUREEN O'HARA AND MAURA HARTY

FOR TICKETS
info@gardenclubbackbay.org



FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN CELEBRATE DUCKLING DAY



Duckling fans pay homage to the beloved story and characters by visiting the sculpture in the Public Garden.

Derek Kouyoumjian Photos

Friends Of The Public Garden held its annual Duckling Day Parade on Mother's Day. The event is a celebration of the classic children's book *Make Way For Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey. It begins as a family friendly festival at The Gazebo in Boston

Common as. Music, dancing, activities, and more greeted fans of the Mallard Family as many arrived dressed as ducklings. A parade then matches from the Common to the Public Garden where in the book the Mallard family take up residence. A fun day for all!



Jenny The Juggler wows the crowd with some native bubble magic.



Matriarch of 'the first family of Duckling Day' Melissa Krygowski shows off her Duckling style with a stylish fascinator.



Friends Of The Public Garden President Liz Vizva with Josiah Quincy School students Grey Schroeder and Lakin Haigh, and WCVB Channel 5 journalist Rhondella Richardson hold citations issued from the City Of Boston commemorating the Duckling Parade.



Jess, Willow, AJ, John, Mike, and Kelsey came to represent the wild ducklings.



The Harvard University Marching Band provided the perfect music to accommodate a Duckling Parade.

FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN CELEBRATE DUCKLING DAY



Daddy Duck Sahil and Mommy Duck Aliciam with their Duckling who is undecided on embracing her moniker.



Dancers Nicole Volpe and Cayla Blake of the City Ballet Of Boston, run by Tony Williams, perform a dance routine passing homage to Make Way For Ducklings.



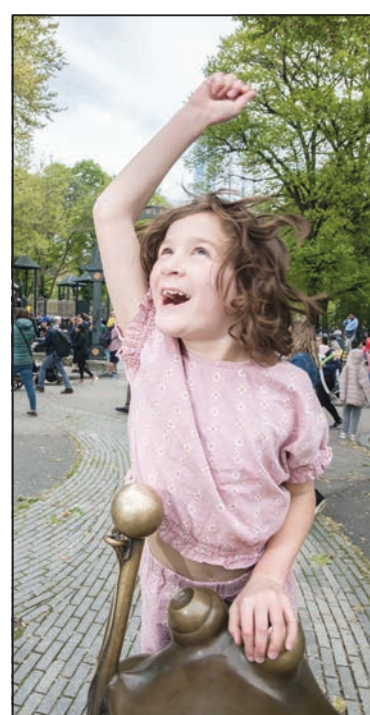
A Lion Dance is performed by members of the Woo Ching White Crane King Fu school.



The Duckling Parade makes its way to the Public Garden.



Candy goes out of the mouth of one of the Lions during Woo Ching White Crane King Fu school's performance.



Nica Stawski Haldane upon the Duckling Parade with her family as they visited from New Jersey.



WCVB Channel 5 award winning journalist Rhondella Richardson gets into the Duckling spirit as MC as she officiated the Duckling Parade activities.

FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN CELEBRATE DUCKLING DAY



Monroe Lee wants to make sure that his duckling companion is safely secured for their ride around the fun.



The gentle giant Duckling mascot generated a lot of attention.



Tiffany, Ben, and Owen Horn watch the Duckling Parade march by.



Kids gather at the Feast And Fettle booth to work on decorating their own cookies.



Laura Lott with her duckling Theodora..



Sarah De Alba with daughters Caroline and Julienne and family friend Nancy.



Dancers from the City Ballet Of Boston, run by Tony Williams perform for a duckling audience.



Dave carries his daughter Mari who was happy to hear that tigers were welcomed on Duckling Day too.



Dana Shepard with her daughter Jaclyn Smith seeing the latest generation in their family, Summer.



Friends Of The Public Garden Communications Associate Jan Trousilek and Development Manager Amanda McGuire helped organize the event.



From atop The Gazebo Northerly Echo surveys Boston Common on a duck steed.



Iain and Anne Greenwell are dressed to the nine for this duckling affair.



Moxie Tu with mom Xi and an upcoming duckling.

Wu announces Aidan McDonough as the new Spark Boston director

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu announced Aidan McDonough as the new SPARK Boston Director. SPARK Boston empowers 20 to 35-year-olds to play a greater role in planning for the City's future. Its office is within the Community Engagement Cabinet, focused on eliminating silos between Boston residents and City Hall. McDonough will be filling a vacancy to lead the SPARK Boston Council.

"SPARK Boston is a unique way for young leaders in our city to have their voices heard in Boston's future," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Aidan's experience in community organizing makes him a great fit for this

passionate, innovative group and I look forward to working with him and the rest of SPARK Boston on issues most important to millennials and Gen Z."

Aidan McDonough graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with his bachelor's degree in communications. He moved to Boston in 2010 to pursue his career in public service. When he moved to Boston, he knew right away that he wanted to make Boston his home. After being active in the Brighton community and for local and state campaigns, it became clear to him that he had a passion for civic involvement and helping others to find and build their own community in Boston. McDonough served on the SPARK Boston



Aidan McDonough.

Council in 2018-2019. He was formerly the Executive Director of Brighton Main Streets.

"Aidan's passion for empow-

ering young adults and enthusiasm to deepen his work in public service makes him a great addition to the Community Engagement Cabinet," said Community Engagement Cabinet Chief Brianna Millor. "The SPARK Boston Council is an integral part of Boston's local government. I am excited to witness Aidan working closely with the SPARK Boston Council empowering them to continue to be changemakers in our city."

SPARK Boston is housed in the Mayor's Community Engagement Cabinet, and is responsible for advising Mayor Wu on issues affecting millennial and Gen Z populations and working with City departments and community stakeholders to create innovative solutions. The council meets monthly with City Hall leaders and creates free programming

for their peers including voter resources, events highlighting the City's ongoing initiatives, and professional and social networking opportunities across Boston's many neighborhoods.

"As an alumnus of SPARK Boston, I am looking forward to getting back into the program and giving council members the opportunity to expand their knowledge of Boston," said SPARK Boston Director Aidan McDonough. "I plan on taking the lessons learned from my time on the council and continue providing opportunities for council members to be engaged in what is happening in local government. I hope to help council members have access to cabinet chiefs and program directors so that their ideas of how Boston can continue to grow can be heard by decision makers within City Hall."

Trustees announce the 29th Annual South End Garden Tour will be held on June 15

Special to the Sun

The Trustees are pleased to announce that the 29th Annual South End Garden Tour will take place this year on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Each year the South End Garden Tour features gardens in a different section of the country's largest district of surviving row houses and this year's tour is centered on gardens and green spaces in and around the area bordered by Tremont Street and the Southwest Corridor Park between Dartmouth Street and Massachusetts Avenue. The self-guided tour features a mix of public and private spaces including private back yards, front gardens, community gardens, and neighborhood pocket parks. For more details about the tour, volunteering, or supporting the event with the purchase of an advertisement in the tour booklet visit www.thetrustees.org/SEGT. For more details on Trustees' gardens, please visit thetrustees.org/communitygardens.

Musicians from the Community Music Center will be providing music in the gardens during the tour.

Proceeds from the tour support community gardening in Boston, including the 16 original gardens and pocket parks from the South End Lower Roxbury

Open Space Land Trust. These gardens provide critical green space, a place for neighbors to come together in community, and an opportunity to grow and share fresh healthy food.

Advance tickets are \$24 for Trustees members, \$30 for non-members, and are available online at thetrustees.org/SEGT. On the day of the tour, ticket prices are \$28 for Trustees members and \$35 for nonmembers. Information about volunteering or purchasing an advertisement in the booklet can also be found on the South End Garden Tour webpage as well.

Founded by landscape architect Charles Eliot in 1891, The Trustees has, for more than 130 years, been a catalyst for important ideas, endeavors, and progress in Massachusetts. As a steward of distinctive and dynamic places of both historic and cultural value, The Trustees is the one of the oldest preservation and conservation organization, and its landscapes and landmarks continue to inspire discussion, innovation, and action today as they did in the past. We are a nonprofit, supported by members, friends and donors and our more than 120 sites are destinations for residents, members, and visitors alike, welcoming millions of guests annually. www.thetrustees.org.

FENWAY HEALTH (from pg. 1)

Fenway Health's LGBTQIA+ Aging Project offers four eight-week sessions each year, which are free to attend and take place virtually via Zoom. The group is also open to LGBTQIA+ people of all ages, not just older adults, added Krinsky.

The program has received funding for the past 10 years, said Krinsky, but prior to the pandemic, its sessions took place only in-person and therefore weren't easily accessible to someone from Worcester, for instance.

With sessions going virtual during the pandemic, the program became easily accessible to people throughout the state, said Krinsky, regardless of their geography.

Closing these gaps can now help the program reach more grieving individuals most in need of compassion.

"Disenfranchised grief can really increase people's sense of isolation, desperation, and risk for suicide," said Krinsky.

When someone in a same-sex relationship loses a partner, people around them, like their family or coworkers, don't always acknowledge these relationships. "It can make [the bereaved] much more isolated in their grief," said Krinsky.

People can also be uncomfortable expressing themselves in more-traditional bereavement groups, said Krinsky, especially if they're the only members of these group in same-sex relation-

ships.

Besides losing their spouses, many participants have also lost a parent or a sibling, said Krinsky, and sometimes, those lost weren't supportive or affirming of them.

"It's a place where people can talk about the complexities of their relationships," she said.

With this in mind, Krinsky refrains from using the term 'loved one' when referring to a parent who might've rejected their child years earlier because of their sexuality. "That's a complicated loss to talk about," added Krinsky.

Others come to the LGBTQIA+ Aging Project because they've lost a best friend – a loss not always acknowledged by traditional bereavement groups.

Meanwhile, many lasting friendships have been forged via

this Fenway Health program, including a couple who married after meeting in the group.

"It's an opportunity for people to make connections they can sustain after the group," said Krinsky, who added that Fenway Health is able to continue offering the program free of charge to participants, thanks to grants like the recent one from DPH.

Fenway Health was among 19 community organizations that provide suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention services statewide which will receive \$1.9 million in annual state funding over the next 11 years awarded via grants from DPH's Suicide Prevention Program.

To learn more about, or to get involved in Fenway Health's LGBTQIA+ Aging Project, email lgbtqiagingproject@fenway-health.org.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Sun encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication.

Items should be e-mailed to deb@thebostonsun.com.

RMV reminds residents of May 25 deadline for REAL ID

Special to the Sun

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding residents that beginning May 7, 2025, anyone traveling by plane domestically or entering certain federal building areas will need a Registry-issued REAL ID-compliant driver's license or ID, or a valid passport. To help ensure compliance, a countdown clock is now live at [Mass.Gov/RMV](https://www.mass.gov/rmv).

The Registry is encouraging everyone seeking a REAL ID compliant license or identification card to go online at [Mass.Gov/ID](https://www.mass.gov/id) to learn what documents are needed for a required in-person appointment.

"The countdown is on for REAL ID federal enforcement and the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, and its partner AAA Northeast, have successfully been issuing REAL ID credentials and are prepared for interested residents prior to the May 2025 deadline," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "We want Massachusetts residents to know they can upgrade to the REAL ID driver's license or identification card during their normal renewal process for the same cost as a renewal. For the customers who wish to do this, we highly recommend you schedule your appointment at least three weeks before your birthday so that you can receive your credential in the mail ahead of your expiration."

The RMV has posted helpful information on REAL ID requirements that customers can use to prepare for their in-person visits, including convenient document checklists to help pre-stage REAL ID applications, at [Mass.Gov/ID](https://www.mass.gov/id). Documents required for this transaction include two

proofs of Massachusetts residency, proof of a full Social Security Number (SSN), and proof of lawful presence. Customers who have had a name change since the issuance of a birth certificate, passport or other document, will need to show the reason for the name change by presenting documentation like a marriage certificate, divorce decree or court document. These required documents must be original or certified versions. The RMV recommends customers gather these documents well in advance of appointments to ensure they have the information required by federal law.

Currently, Massachusetts is at 54 percent REAL ID adoption with almost 3 million credentials being REAL ID-compliant. Customers are eligible to renew up to one year in advance of the expiration date printed on their license or ID, and up to two years after the expiration date.

Prior to May 7, 2025, customers will not need a federally compliant REAL ID for the purposes of boarding domestic flights or entering certain federal buildings.

The fee for renewing a non-commercial standard or REAL ID driver's license is \$50. The fee for renewing a Mass ID is \$25. The fee for upgrading to a standard or REAL ID card is \$25. Customers with a less than five-year stay in the U.S. pay a pro-rated fee.

Appointments can be scheduled by RMV customers by visiting the RMV's Online Service Center at [Mass.Gov/RMV](https://www.mass.gov/rmv) or if you are a AAA member at <https://www.aaa.com/automotive/registry-services/massachusetts.html>.

For additional information and details on these and other RMV service offerings, please visit www.mass.gov/rmv.

FRESH & LOCAL

Breed Reality Check

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

A recent social media post anthropomorphized several dogs, explaining what they were bred to do and how hard it is to live in a world without that work. It ends with a plea that people do a breed reality check before they buy or adopt a dog.

Responsible Selection

Read about the breed's history or the predominant breeds for a canine with a generous gene pool. We still turn to our ancient copy of "The Roger Caras Dog Book" when someone asks about a breed.

In addition to an expert narrative about each breed, Caras rates each from one to ten for three key factors: the amount of coat care and exercise required and the suitability for apartment life. Consider those aspects of living with the dog you think you want.

When you see one of your favored breeds in the wild, start a conversation with the guardian and ask about the best and worst aspects of living with their dog. What they find a problem, like the need for lots of exercise, may be perfect for you. Or, something they think is worth the time and money, such as regular professional grooming or the cost of feeding a large canine, may not fit your budget. Dog professionals like dog walkers and groomers can be good sources of information, and a veterinarian can tell you about the health problems associated with the breed.

A rescue group is another excellent source of the informa-



While Westies may look cute and cuddly, they are actually very independent, intelligent, and strong-willed. For many, a Bichon Frise is a better choice.

tion you need to make a sound decision. We would ask those guardians why the dogs they rehome were surrendered. In the case of the West Highland White Terrier rescues we've fostered and placed, there have been problems with children (who can bring out the dog's prey instinct), allergy issues, and not understanding that these are not necessarily lap dogs but were bred to be very independent and hunt vermin.

From the Dog's Point of View

In the post, the beagle explained that his work was to howl and bark to lead hunters to their prey, but today, when he does that, he is wrong and doesn't understand why. Caras warns, "A beagle loves a good howling session and may tend to do a solo when left alone."

The Jack Russel Terrier explained that he is not a quiet living room dog. He was meant to hunt vermin (some larger than he is) and is tired of being scolded for the high energy his work requires. This breed suffered from media exposure when Moose, an incredibly well-trained canine

actor, played Eddie on the sitcom *Frasier*. Wikipedia points out that Moose's original owners surrendered him because he was too hard to handle. "He could not be house trained; he chewed everything; he dug and barked a lot; and he was constantly escaping and climbing trees."

The Labrador Retriever reminds us she was not meant to sit around the house and get fat. She wants to run, dive into the water, and bring back a duck or a floating toy. Caras rates the Lab as a ten out of ten with the need for exercise and finds it suitable for apartment life only if given a lot of exercise and occasional retrieving work.

The post ended with a dog's plea to think carefully before choosing a dog: "I'm a dog from the 21st century, yes, but deep inside me, the one who fought, the one who hunted, the one who pulled sleds, the one who guided and protected a herd still lives within."

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

SERVICE DIRECTORY

COPPER SKYLIGHTS
~Custom Made to Order~
Best Value & Warranty
Patrick Asicus
COPPERSMITH
patrickasicus@gmail.com
(508) 244-1777

JOHN J. RECCA PAINTING
Interior/Exterior
Commercial/Residential
Fully Insured
Quality Work
Reasonable Rates
Free Estimates
reccapainting@hotmail.com
781-241-2454

YOUR BUSINESS HERE
\$40/wk



PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Hbh Rt	Beinkampen, Karl N	132-134 Beacon St #101	\$5,400,000
Nguyen, Hoang H	Rosenberg, Arlene M	180 Beacon St #1G	\$1,920,000
Stark, Leslie	Dulac, Jessica	303 Berkeley St #5	\$3,850,000
P A Lospinuso Adult T	Unit 101 Two Clarendon S	2 Clarendon St #101	\$1,051,500
Field, Andrew S	Lunn, William	2 Clarendon St #302	\$750,000
David J & D J Lovely RET	Bobbili Ft	2 Clarendon St #404	\$675,000
Mccadden, Kevin G	Bellisario, Nicholas	46 Commonwealth Ave #10	\$950,000
Ohare, Thomas	Reed, Michael	132 Commonwealth Ave #6	\$830,000
Yu, Guofu	Qq Enterprise LLC	265-275 Dartmouth St #1D	\$655,000
9 Marlborough LLC	11 Marlborough LLC	9 Marlborough St	\$20,000,000
9 Marlborough LLC	11 Marlborough LLC	11 Marlborough St	\$20,000,000
Ramanan, Kavita	Read, Suzanne L	249 Marlborough St #5	\$3,588,000
Sanford, Jeb C	Dittrich, Dylan R	414 Beacon St #1	\$750,000
Shi, Jacky K	K&h Nt	483 Beacon St #24	\$465,000
Gould, Barbara J	Lucci, Raymond	405 Commonwealth Ave #6	\$820,000
69-14 Park Drive Rt	Grappo, Michael J	464 Commonwealth Ave #86	\$444,400
Davis, Meagan K	Olivieri Jr, Charles A	30 E Springfield St #4	\$855,000
Thomas, Michael S	Leffue, Hillary	512 Massachusetts Ave #2	\$740,000
BEACON HILL			
44 Garden 2 LLC	Gokce, Taner H	44 Garden St #2	\$750,000
Bisenbuaun, Park H	Dearborn, Suzanne B	2 Hawthorne Pl #2A	\$455,000
132 Myrtle LLC	Barmonde, Charles	132 Myrtle St #4	\$835,000
Chen, Xiaohui	Ryan, John L	19 Revere St #4	\$644,000
Darren Joseph Langis RET	Wolfberg, Adam J	89 Revere St	\$3,260,000
Manzolini, Kevin	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #1004	\$1,700,000
Hayman, Thomas	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #1205	\$1,900,000
Schmidt, Victor T	Lynch, Adam	451 Shawmut Ave #1	\$1,285,000
Whitter Homes LLC	Fennessy Gail L Est	8 Whittier Pl #20F	\$380,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Alirent LLC	Spiller, Howard L	44 Chandler St #1	\$1,200,000
Doore, Michael	P & L Wu Ft	505 Tremont St #207	\$1,295,000
Donovan Ft	Galvin, Karen	74 Warren Ave #74	\$925,000
Alirent LLC	Spiller, Howard L	44 Chandler St #1	\$1,200,000
Arbh402 LLC	Jdmd Owner LLC	45 Temple St #402	\$4,800,000
Lynch, Nicolas	Karageorgos, George C	90 Wareham St #314	\$635,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Pillay, Nashin	Fleischman Arthur Est	121 Beach St #203	\$920,000
Raquel M Rodrigues 2013 T	Boulevard Broad St LLC	110 Broad St #304	\$2,352,500
Cohen, Louis	Doyle, John	39 Commercial Wharf #3	\$1,650,000
Rodriguez, Ignacio	Offensend, David G	1 Franklin St #4204	\$3,625,000
Abrass, Louay	Joan F Loren Residence T	1 Franklin St #5203	\$4,300,000
9g Unit LLC	Newton, Jeffrey T	300 Pier 4 Blvd #PHG	\$8,500,000
Kumph, Justin A	Bannick, William B	10 Rowes Wharf #1003	\$1,970,000
Postler, Sean	Powers, Ryan L	210 South St #8-5	\$740,000
Lopdom Ma Corp	Ir Boston Ma LLC	177 State St #1A	\$3,286,800

Attention to Detail

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The shield in the last clue is on 410 Massachusetts Avenue, built in 1914 and designed by Frederick A. Norcross. Since 1985, it has been owned and used by Youth Enrichment Services which provides sports-based youth development and leadership programming.

The next clue is in the Back Bay.

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



NEW LISTINGS!

81 BEACON STREET, UNIT 5

4 BEDROOMS | 3F 1H BATHROOMS | 3,300 SQUARE FEET

LISTED AT \$6,595,000



1 WEST HILL PLACE

5 BEDROOMS | 5F 2H BATHROOMS | 6,106 SQUARE FEET

LISTED AT \$7,500,000



**CAMPION
AND COMPANY**

**CAMPION & COMPANY
EXCLUSIVE LISTINGS**

TRACY CAMPION
617-236-0711
TCAMPION@CAMPIONRE.COM