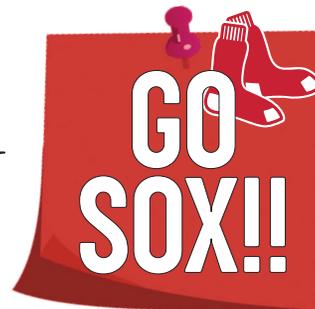


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MUCH LOVE FOR THE RED SOX IN WORLD SERIES RUN



Photo by Derek Kouyoumjian

Lansdowne Street in Fenway was jammed with Red Sox fans on Tuesday night, Oct. 23, in between thunder storms before the first game of the World Series between the Sox and the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Red Sox took the game on Tuesday, 8-4. Before the game, Felix and Benny comprised @BuskInBoston, adding to the excitement by performing Dropkick Murphy and baseball standard songs on Lansdowne Street with violin and bucket drums, safely under the Green Monster seats.

Fenway, Red Sox play it up as host to the World Series

Staff Report

Tuesday saw the Fenway neighborhood playing host to the greatest baseball contest of them all, the World Series, with the hometown Boston Red Sox facing their left coast counterparts, the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Despite the early rain, Kenmore Square, Brookline Avenue and Lansdowne Street were alive with the excitement of the fourth World Series in the neighborhood since 2004 – a late season special that boosts business and builds excitement going into the winter months.

Thousands of fans poured into

Fenway Tuesday night, all of them decked out in their Red Sox jerseys and hats. It turned out to be a thriller of a game that went until just after midnight – resulting in an 8-4 win for the Sox.

Locally, businesses felt the boost quite evidently during a time when – in the old days before 2004 – the season was long over and the crowds had receded.

The Lansdowne Pub bustled with activity on Tuesday, and managers said they had plenty of practice from previous Series' to handle the excited crowds.

They recalled the excitement of 2013 when so many fans crowded

into Fenway, and their October business saw a major boost from non-World Series years.

It was the same story for locally-owned Cornwall's, owned by Pam Beale.

All Fenway businesses showed a big boost. Even the Fenway Community Center got in on the action with a community watch party for residents.

As for the Sox organization, they reported to the Sun they are very excited to host another World Series and they are thankful to the community for supporting the home team each and every year.

Parks Department proposes Phase 2 of Muddy River project; BLC denies flood wall

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department presented what ended up being a controversial proposal for Phase Two of the Muddy River Flood Damage Reduction Project at the Boston Landmarks Commission hearing on October 23.

Margaret Dyson, Director of Historic Parks at Boston Parks and Recreation, reported that Phase One of the project is “substantially complete,” and included day-lighting the river in front of the Landmark Center. She said they also planted approximately 230 trees in this phase.

She also said that the Muddy

River goes from approximately the Boylston Street Bridge to downstream at Leverett Pond.

Dyson said that Phase Two consists primarily of dredging the river upstream and downstream for flood damage reduction, and mostly involves work within the river itself.

They will be using the original Frederick Law Olmsted plant list along the Riverway, excluding invasive species. The focus will be almost exclusively on native species, Dyson said. Phragmites will be removed in the Back Bay Fens and the Riverway as part of the flood damage reduction.

Dyson then presented a wall

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Superintendent search will be a familiar process for Search Committee

By Seth Daniel

A Search Committee has been chosen and the School Committee kicked-off the latest quest for a new superintendent of schools during a special meeting in Dudley Square Wednesday night, Oct. 24.

Chair Michael Loconto said

they have nominated 11 people for the Search Committee and will begin an expedited process to find a new superintendent after former Supt. Tommy Chang left abruptly last year. After Chang left, Interim Supt. Laura Perille took the reins,

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ANNUAL PUMPKIN FLOAT AT THE BOSTON COMMON FROG POND



Photo by Katy Rogers

Alina Jones worked on some arts and crafts by lamplight on Friday evening, Oct. 19, during Mayor Walsh's annual Pumpkin Float at the Boston Common's Frog Pond. Hundreds of kids in costume showed up to try their hand at pumpkin carving, crafts and then floating pumpkins on the Pond.

EDITORIAL

ARE YOU READY FOR HALLOWEEN?

Next week, many neighborhoods will become magical places as thousands of children dressed in all types of costumes will descend on the streets in search of candy and treats.

Likewise, residents will not only decorate their houses in scary Halloween themes with spiders and ghosts and a few witches thrown in just for luck, but also have neighbors and friends over to celebrate the night.

And all the while, thousands of pieces of candy will be given out to the children.

With no rain being forecast and temperatures predicted to be in the 50s, next Wednesday night promises to be perfect both for those giving the candy and those receiving it.

Here are some tips for a safe night of fun:

1. Plan your trick-or-treat route before you leave, and show the kids where you will be going.
2. Double check any costumes with masks to make sure kids can see clearly.
3. Use reflective tape on dark costumes.
4. Carry a flashlight or glow stick.
5. Only visit houses with porch lights on.
6. Make sure all kids know under no circumstances should they enter a home!
7. If your child has an identification card (school ID, etc) make sure to bring it along.
8. Make sure an adult is with anyone under 16 (if older kids are going in a group, set a time for them to be home, or follow them at a safe, but not embarrassing distance).
9. Remind your kids to stay out of the streets.
10. Be on the lookout for cars when crossing. Sometimes, it is hard for drivers to see you!
11. Check all candy and treats before eating (bring some candy from home, so the kids can snack before you inspect).

Sitting on the steps and giving out the candy, one cannot help but get into the spirit and fun of Halloween and remember Halloweens of long ago when one would dress up and anxiously wait to get their candy.

Halloween is the night that is still most like those days of our youth where many of the modern gadgets just are not needed. The best costumes are always the ones with the scariest mask.

As one sits on steps wondering do I sample the candy and then should I really eat this candy with all the calories, these lines will certainly come to mind:

Backward turn backward

O' time in thy flight

And make me a boy just for tonight

Have a happy and safe Halloween.

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GUEST OP-EDS

Three reasons to vote 'No' on Question 1

By Debbie Burke

Because I'm a nurse, and I work in a hospital, I'm asked every day how I feel about Question 1. I'm beyond concerned. I'm scared—for patients and nurses—and I'm voting "No." Question 1 highlights an important topic, but it is a dangerous approach to something as vital as our healthcare.

Question 1 is confusing. There are bedside nurses for and bedside nurses against. Every-one on both sides wants quality care and safe staffing. The difference lies in how we make that happen. Question 1 proposes fixed nurse-to-patient staffing ratios for every type of patient care unit (e.g., General Medical, Emergency). These exact same ratios would be required by law throughout every hospital in Massachusetts, at all times and under all circumstances. If the prescribed ratios aren't met, a fine of up to \$25,000 would be assessed per incident, per day.

It sounds simple. A closer look reveals many unintended consequences.

First, nurses should make deci-

sions about patient care, not the government. On the same care unit, a patient just out of surgery has very different needs than a patient who is stable and sitting up waiting for a ride home. Yet ratios prescribe the same level of care. It doesn't make sense. Nurses at the bedside are uniquely-skilled and highly trained to manage each patient's individual needs, allocate resources, make judgment calls, and triage as needed. They need the flexibility to adjust the plan of care in the moment, based on the changing needs of the patient. Caregiving-by-ratio would replace the judgment and decision-making of nurses with a government requirement.

Second, there's a hidden domino effect: Patients would have trouble accessing the care they need when they need it. There are not enough qualified nurses within Massachusetts to meet these arbitrary staffing ratios. Without enough nurses to meet these man-dated ratios—by law—care units could not accept more patients. Beds would have to lie empty. Patients in the ER would have long waits until a bed opened up. Outside the ER, EMTs would

have to wait with their patients until space inside became available. The national shortage of behavioral health and ER nurses makes this all worse. While we grapple with the current opioid crisis, an estimated 1,000 behavioral health beds would close; these hospitals currently have waiting lists.

Third, while we can't put a price on safety, there is a cost. If passed, the estimated price tag on Question 1 is upwards of \$1 billion—every year. Question 1 is unfunded; there is no identified way of paying for it. So this cost will be passed on to all of us as patients, either through higher insurance premiums, increased medical bills, and/or reduced services.

There is more that concerns me about Question 1, much more. If passed, it has the potential to dismantle our healthcare system as we know it. Why would we ever experiment with something that puts us all at risk? Please join me in voting "No" on Question 1.

Debbie Burke, RN, DNP, MBA, grew up and lives in Charlestown, and is senior vice president of patient care and chief nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Let's make sure the Blue Wave includes Massachusetts

By Jonathan Cohn

As we get down to the final weeks of the election, many national commentators wonder how big the so-called "Blue Wave" will be, with newly energized Democrats taking back offices up and down the ballot across the country.

The big question here is whether that wave will include Massachusetts.

Massachusetts voters disapprove of Trump more than do those of any other state. But then many of these same voters give their stamp of approval to our Republican governor, Charlie Baker.

If one only skims the news, one could be forgiven for thinking that Baker is a "nice guy." Conflict is how we learn that there is a problem, and our very risk-averse Legislature likes avoiding conflict with Baker (With Deval Patrick, it was another story).

But, when you dig deeper, Baker, rather than being some moderate maverick, is just like any other Republican—and thus a governor out of step with Massachusetts.

Massachusetts residents are proud of our state's role in advancing universal health care. Baker, by contrast, has tried not once—but

twice—to give Massachusetts the dishonor of being the first state to roll back the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion, taking away health care from 140,000 low-income residents.

Massachusetts residents understand the gravity of climate change (we live in a coastal state after all) and the importance of transitioning to clean, renewable energy. Baker, by contrast, approved first-in-the-nation fees on homeowners who install solar panels, advocates for building new dirty pipelines, and has filled his administration with fossil fuel lobbyists.

Massachusetts residents are appalled by Donald Trump's xenophobic mass deportation agenda that is ripping families apart. Baker, by contrast, wants our state and local law enforcement to be the foot soldiers of the agenda.

Massachusetts residents understand the importance of investing in our public transit systems, the bedrock of our economy. When faced by an underfunded system, Baker's response, by contrast, has been regressive fare increases, privatization, and shrugging.

Massachusetts residents reject the death penalty as a barbaric, ineffective, and racially discriminatory practice. Baker, by contrast,

wants to bring it back.

And with his appointment of unqualified rich friends to top positions and brazen exploitation of loopholes in campaign finance law, it's no shock that he still feels at home in today's Republican Party.

Even where Baker sings a moderate tune, like on reproductive rights and LGBTQ rights, he shows his true colors by backing his most reactionary colleagues like Rep. Jim Lyons or Rep. (and now Senate candidate) Geoff Diehl. He also raises money for the Republican Governors Association to help elect governors that will roll back civil rights, as well as environmental and labor protections, in other states.

Over the next two years of Trump's presidency (which I, and most Massachusetts residents, hope will be his last), Massachusetts residents will have to continue organizing against the toxic agenda of Donald Trump and the Republicans in Washington. We should be electing a governor — Jay Gonzalez — who will fight for policies that put Massachusetts on the forefront of progressive change where it belongs.

Jonathan Cohn is the chair of the Ward 4 Democratic Committee.

BPDA holds public meeting for Kenmore Square Redevelopment

By Lauren Bennett

The underused buildings along Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street are getting closer to revitalization. The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held a public meeting on Oct. 22 in the Kenmore Classroom Building to update the public on the Kenmore Square Redevelopment project.

The project area consists of nine buildings bought from Boston University in October 2016, said Alex Provost of Related Beal, the developer for the project. He said that they explored a variety of different uses for the buildings, and realized that there was a good opportunity to bring in a mix of uses to the area. The buildings had previously been underutilized and not kept up as well as they should have been, Provost added.

Tim Czerwienski of the BPDA told those in attendance that the Project Notification Form (PNF) for the project was filed on May 10, and a response to a request for supplemental information was submitted by the development team on Sept. 26.

While maintaining about 60 percent of the structures acquired from BU, Provost said they will be creating two, new mixed-use buildings. The Commonwealth Building will be around 140,000 square feet, and have retail on the ground floor with office space above, and the Beacon Building will be between 145,000 and 150,000 square feet, and will also be an office building with ground floor retail. Provost said that the Commonwealth Building will have parking below grade, introducing 50-60 parking spots.

Andrew Hayes of the BPDA said that there will be a new expanded public sidewalk area with an accessible ADA path and seating area. He added that there will be opportunities on the ground floor for the retail spaces to potentially have a seating area in the future. Hayes also said that they will be removing some parallel parking spaces along Commonwealth Avenue and adding a buffered bike lane.

After receiving some comments from the BPDA and others to see what type of building works best in this area, Provost discussed some of the changes they made to the original proposal. He said that they heard from comments that the corner parcel needed to be a "bit more of a gateway," so they moved the massing of the building forward in order to maintain the cornice line that you see next door.

They also added a masonry concept that was not in the original

proposal, incorporating terra cotta into the new design. The saw-tooth design of the buildings allow the developers to create "retail pockets" on the ground floor that will allow for "different and active retail uses that will bring a lot of excitement and activity to this side of the square," Provost said.

Hayes said that they took a look at the existing buildings on either side to inform the design elements of the new Beacon Building. He said the goal was to highlight the existing architecture while creating something new and contemporary that could bring a new element to the square. The top level will be set back, which will allow for some outdoor amenity space, Hayes said.

Provost said that the Citgo sign was another major component of the proposal, as the sign sits on a building that is right in the middle of the project. The eighth floor of the Commonwealth Building curves back to the back of the Citgo sign. "We feel that our design has taken a good approach to sustaining all of they key view corridors of the Citgo sign across the city," Provost said.

Jim Mooney, senior property manager at Beacon Services, said that he has reached out to the City and to Related Beal regarding the parcel plan. He was concerned with the plan for the loading zone, as the plan shows that people and trucks would have to go over his steps in the alleyway at 636 Beacon St.

"We love the project; it's a beautiful project," he said, but told Related Beal that he has received no information from them even though "you know a lot about that alley." Mooney was told that all conversation surrounding this must be focused through an attorney.

"I've always really admired the West Gate building," resident Kathy Greenough said of the building that sits on the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Deerfield Street.

She told Related Beal that because the West Gate building has such "architectural beauty and integrity," she would like to see it incorporated into the design for the new proposal. Greenough said she does recognize the additional cost that would come with doing this, but she believes that the building "bookends Kenmore Square," and would like to see its history preserved.

"I'm not opposed to this project at all; I'm not a NIMBY person," she said. "I'm concerned about the design." She added that the new design is a "dramatic improvement over the previous design," and said she was happy to see that the

curvature of the buildings is being recognized.

However, she thinks that the character of Kenmore Square is in jeopardy. "I do think there will be a number of people who would be sad to see the West Gate building depart," she said.

The response from Related Beal was that it would be difficult to incorporate the West Gate building because the floor plates would not match up with the rest of the construction.

Pam Beale, a member of the IAG for this project and owner of British pub Cornwall's, said "I think this project has moved in the right direction and all the issues we asked of these developers have been answered." She thanked the developers, calling the project "great."

Cornwall's, which is located at 654 Beacon St., will have to be relocated during the construction,

but Beale has been working with Related Beal on finding a place to go.

Other public comment included asking that if the West Gate building could not be saved, then possibly saving some of the bricks to create a commemorative sculpture in Kenmore Square would be a good idea. Someone else commented about the amount of light that would be in the new office buildings and how much of an improvement it would be, and another resident commented about the outdoor seating area and how it would make that side of the street seem like it has more life.

Provost said that these buildings are currently 25 percent occupied, and once construction is complete, 1,100 to 1,200 permanent employees will be added. Richard Giordano of the Fenway CDC said that "if we add this many more people on a routine basis, then I

think something more has to be done collectively between all of these projects." With the amount of construction happening in the Fenway/Kenmore area, Giordano wants the developers to contribute to a plan to facilitate the movement of people in and out of the neighborhoods.

Hayes said that the BPDA is engaging in conversation with the other developers for the projects in the area, and will keep the community updated.

Provost said that they would like to start construction within the first quarter of next year. There is a public hearing in front of the BPDA that has been scheduled for November, and the public comment period is still open until Nov. 12. Comments can be submitted directly to Tim Czerwienski, or on the Kenmore Square Redevelopment BPDA website.

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EBNA curious on East Berkeley parking lot, development plan

By Seth Daniel

A routine, three-year renewal of a parking lot license for the Stanhope Garage operators on East Berkeley Street turned into a lively discussion of just what is happening with the property, which was permitted for a large office tower by the Druker Companies in 2013.

Since that 11-story office building was approved, there's been little to no activity on the permit, frustrating neighbors who would like to know the future of that key piece of property.

Neighbors quizzed an attorney for the parking company on what Druker intends to do with the surface lot, but the attorney was unable to commit to telling them anything.

"I have applied for a three-year extension so we can pursue a permit to operate the lot to December 2021," he said repeatedly.

Neighbors were restless though regarding the plans for the future, saying the property is an eyesore, and as other properties become developed, that lot remains derelict.

"I would like to know if they plan to make good on that development," said Bradley St. Amand. "How long are those permits good for and how long will we be okay with plans that were presented and approved six years ago?"

Neighbors pushed to see if the operator had a lease, but the attorney wasn't able to say, and he repeated that many times.

"All I can say is as the tenant, if the landlord wanted to do something, we would only be the tenant," he repeated.

The attorney said Stanhope had agreed to put on a security guard later into the night for safety, to do more landscaping and to do a better job of keeping the lot clean.

EBNA took no action at the Oct. 16 meeting on the request.

•Meanwhile, Related Beal presented a construction update on the Quinzani's building project on Harrison Avenue, drawing praises from neighbors for their responsiveness and tight work site.

Project managers said they are in the process of ramping up from 20 to 50 workers per day, and they have about 80 percent of the soil removed. The final eight feet of soil will be removed as crews begin to pour the concrete foundation, which begins on the south side of the site this week.

A tower crane will move in to bring the building out of the ground in December, they said.

They reported that there will be about three retail spaces totaling 10,000 sq. ft. that haven't yet been defined, but they did say they would like to see a restaurant on the corner.

Another key point was the developer said they still plan to work with 242 East Berkeley St. (More Than Words location) to tie in the sidewalks to match their new sidewalks.

President Ken Smith said the project has gone smoothly so far.

"Your guys have been good neighbors," he said. "There is noise, but you are responsive."

•The Abbey Group's Bill Keravuori presented the progress to date on the Exchange South End project just on the outskirts of EBNA. While they have all of their City permits in place, they continue to work on traffic plans to clear the state environmental regulators (known as MEPA).

He said they are working through a process, most of which includes clearly defining the connection to Frontage Road from the site – a long sought after connection that would eliminate the need for commuters to traverse through the South End to get to the highway.

A second important piece is a meeting set for Nov. 14 that will discuss the 30,000 sq. ft. civic and cultural space.

"Having 30,000 sq. ft. is a major amenity to the South End and we hope it's viewed as such," he said.

He said they hope to begin construction in mid-summer 2019, with pre-construction work coming as soon as May.



Public Meeting

60 Kilmarnock Street

Wednesday, November 7
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

300 Fenway
Simmons College
Main Campus Building, Room C101
Boston, MA 02115

Project Proponent:

60 Kilmarnock (Boston) Owner, LLC

Project Description:

The proposed project is located at 60, 67-75, 70-80 Kilmarnock Street and 59-75 Queensberry Street. It will include a total of approximately 443 residential units in two buildings, totaling 420,800 square feet, separated by Kilmarnock Street, along with ground floor retail space fronting on Kilmarnock Street, and landscaped areas and other amenities and services for residents. The proposed project will also include 250 below-grade and surface parking spaces.

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ZBA grants zoning relief to BHA buildings on West Newton and Rutland streets

By Lauren Bennett

Townhouses owned by the Boston Housing Authority on West Newton and Rutland streets are about to get a major life safety makeover.

At the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on Oct. 16, architect Cliff Boehmer said they are proposing to add fire protection, including fire alarms to 27 buildings on West Newton and Rutland streets in the South End. They are also looking to make the entire complex handicapped compliant.

Though these cases were all filed separately by building, the ZBA decided to hear them as one project and looked at the issues of building code relief and the issue of the project being in the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District (GCOD).

BHA Attorney Dean Papademetriou said that these five clusters of five buildings each, along with two others, have not been properly kept up to date due to lack of funding. He said that a few of the units are currently uninhabitable, but there is a new source of funds from the federal government, and in conjunction with community development cor-

poration Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion (IBA), these units can be renovated. "It's an exciting opportunity for us to be able to renovate these properties, have them fully occupied, and preserve affordable housing recourse in the central part of Boston," Papademetriou said. He added that the BHA is supporting the project and looking forward to working with IBA.

Papademetriou also said that there was a "substantial community process" with Boston Housing residents and with the community.

Boehmer said that each of the five clusters already shares domestic water service, as well as sewer lines, and they are proposing to retain the clusters and provide fire service to each of the buildings. The GCOD variance is triggered "by the extent of the renovation," he said, since they are proposing a large infiltration system along the entire back of the building and into the individual ground-water infiltration systems at the Rutland buildings.

"The building code variances that we're proposing are to be able to share in the same way that the domestic water services are shared and want to share those fire services across those clusters of buildings," Boehmer said.

Doug Anderson of Commercial Construction Consulting said that each building has its own legal occupancy, and if the fire walls were not there, this variance would not be needed.

He said that typically, each building would require its own fire service and water and sewage, but they agreed to approach the fire service the same way that the domestic water service is. The fact that the fire walls are there and they are separate buildings means that they are not allowed to share this under the building code and that's why the variance was triggered.

The domestic water-line runs through the party walls. Anderson said that the penetration of the walls and the sharing of the systems is the issue with the code.

Architect and ZBA member Anthony Pisani made a motion to grant the building code relief for two reasons: "the buildings are being substantially upgraded to provide major protection for life safety," he said, and "the relief requested is really De Minimis in the following sense: it's simply the penetration through the walls."

However, it still comes down to the details, he said, and the motion was approved with the proviso

that the code consultant submit his report to the board. The proposal has been reviewed by Boston Water and Sewer, as well as the fire department, and they support this approach.

As far as the GCOD variance goes, Christian Simonelli from the Boston Groundwater Trust said that they do have the Boston Water and Sewer Commission approval letters for 62, 64, and 79 Rutland St., as well as 54-102 West Newton St., which have been signed off on by their engineers.

The Board took public comment regarding the GCOD portion, and among the support were City Councilors Kim Janey, Ed Flynn, and Michelle Wu, as well as Fasia Sharif from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services and the Carpenter's Union.

A neighbor on Rutland Street asked the Board to delay their decision until the project proponents "truly do what they say they were going to do," which is meet with them and show them exactly what

it is they are doing. She felt that the lines of communication had not been open enough with the abutters and the community, and really wants to be informed of what is going on before they proceed.

Nina Schwarzschild of IBA responded by saying there was an initial meeting as well as additional meetings with the residents of BHA. She said there were also meetings to talk about construction management, and that "we are at a very crucial moment going through this process." She said that the BHA is at risk of losing the federal funding if they don't move forward with this process, and that they will set up lines of communication as well as a contact person for abutters.

The Board made a motion to approve the rest of the project with the proviso that the proponents make continued, structured efforts to communicate with the neighbors. The motion was approved.

MUDDY RIVER PROJECT (from pg. 1)

that will be placed under the fence around the Boston Fire Department Fire Control Center in the Back Bay Fens, which was not popular with the Commission.

Dyson said that most of the wall is underground, but at its highest point, 4 feet of the wall above the ground will be visible.

She said that there is no way to plant in front of the wall, as it comes right up to the pathway. The Commission expressed its dissatisfaction about the bright white concrete that the wall would be made of. Dyson said she could consult with the Army Corps of Engineers, who designed the bridge, about possibly putting colorant into the concrete so it's not so bright.

Commissioner Brad Walker said the the wall needs to be designed by a landscape design architect, not an engineer.

"This is a new addition to the landscape; it should not be faux historic," said Dyson. "It was not done without consideration."

"If Olmsted were alive today, is this what he would propose to us?" Walker asked. "I would like to see some designs for a wall and security fence that were put together thoughtfully by a landscape architecture firm."

Dyson responded by saying that they are late in the project, but she could "certainly ask" about a landscape design architect.

Walker said that the Emerald Necklace is an "important place in our city," and this project will set a precedent for how flood control is handled in a sensitive environment. "It needs to be done thoughtfully

by a designer who understands the constraints," he said.

Commissioner David Berarducci said that while he realizes that the goal is to protect the building from flood damage, he agrees with Walker that the visual of the wall is important.

Dyson said that she will see if the engineers "have the capacity to look again at this" within the constraints of the existing facilities, but said she cannot commit to what they will come back with.

"It's important to me that we see if there's another way," Berarducci said, agreeing with Dyson about coming back with a different proposal for the wall.

"I want you to get the 70 feet of wall up to the quality that you have done the rest of the project," Walker said. Berarducci added that he has no issues with the rest of the project.

Fran Gershwin of the Muddy River Restoration Project Citizens Oversight Committee spoke about a public comment letter that was submitted on behalf of the organization. She said that the focus in terms of their comments was "almost entirely on the landscape and the value and the tremendous change and rehabilitation of the Olmsted landscape." She added that there was also a concern that dredging might cause some damage to the bridges.

The Commission voted to approve the project with the proviso that the Parks Department return before the Commission with thoughts about how to better integrate the wall into the landscaping.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH (from pg. 1)

but she indicated she would not be seeking the permanent job.

The process will be familiar to many, including the School Committee, as all members participated in choosing Chang just four years ago.

"The meeting is the kick-off for the superintendent search process, which will follow a pretty compacted timeline in response to community input and our desire to keep the district focused on narrowing opportunity achievement gaps, maintaining operations and working on our 10-year Master Facilities Plan and BuildBPS... We're in a good position because this search is fresh in a lot of our minds. Everyone on the School Committee was on the School Committee when we hired our last superintendent. Quite frankly, we are in the process at the right time to capitalize on the best time for a superintendent search at a large urban school district. The market heats up from December to February."

Loconto said superintendents looking to make a move typically work on applications over Christmas Break, and that is right about the time the schools will open up the process to applicants.

The Search Committee will be chaired by School

Committeewoman Alexandra Oliver-Davila and former UMass Boston Chancellor J. Keith Motley. The Committee will be comprised of nine other members. Of the 11, nine are residents of Boston, Loconto said. Other members include:

- Pastor Samuel Acevedo, Boston Higher Education Resource Center.
- Carlos Brown, East Boston.
- Dr. Tanya Freeman-Wisdom, Hyde Park.
- Katherine Grassa, Dorchester.
- Carolyn Kain, Dorchester.
- Principal Craig Martin, Jamaica Plain and Condon Elementary principal.
- School Committeeman Michael O'Neill, Charlestown.
- Elvis Rodriguez, student at Snowden High and East Boston resident.
- Jessica Tang, Boston Teacher's Union president and Dorchester resident.

Loconto noted that the Search Committee would be in charge of everything from "soup to nuts" in regard to finding a set of finalists to submit to the School Committee for a final decision.

The first order of business, likely to be taken care of this week, is for the Search Committee to draft an RFP for a search firm to assist

them with the process.

This fall, the key business will be holding public meetings around the city in order to settle on a job description. While the description from 2014 is fairly fresh, Loconto said they would hold meetings from now until December all over the city and with several different organizations to review that job description and find out any new characteristics. Those dates are still being finalized, but will soon be set and advertised.

Once that is decided on, the process will streamline into early next year, when job interviews are expected.

"We're on track to have a job description voted on at the Dec. 5 School Committee meeting," he said. "We would publish it and then accept resumes through the end of the year."

The Search Committee would recommend candidates to the School Committee after the first of the year. The first interviews would be held in executive session to protect the finalist's confidentiality.

However, in January or February the expect to hold a series of public interviews, as was done in the 2014 process.

MAYOR WALSH'S ANNUAL FALL PUMPKIN FLOAT ON THE FROG POND

Photos by Katy Rogers

The annual Mayor Martin Walsh Fall Pumpkin Float on the Frog Pond took place on Friday evening, Oct. 19, in Boston Common. Hundreds of attendees visited with carved jack-o-lanterns ready to float in the water. Volunteers assisted children in lighting their pumpkins and letting them float in the center of the pond. Families enjoyed an array of spooky activities, from tasty treats to live music.



Lara Peters showed off her jack-o-lantern before sending it off to float in the Frog Pond



Amelia Callejon took some snapshots of intricately carved pumpkins.



Little Sofia Aparicio lifted her pirate patch to greet Mayor Martin Walsh at the Pumpkin Float.



Pumpkins on the Pond floating away.



Rishan Gupte dropped a light in his pumpkin with the assistance of volunteer Tyler Gilcrest



Honoka Ebi showed off her fairy wings during the Pumpkin Float festivities.



Mia and PJ DiMaggio, with coordinated their costumes as Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf, watched in excitement as the pumpkins were put out to float.

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RED SOX FANS TAKE TO FENWAY FOR GAME 1 OF THE WORLD SERIES



Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

It was the first game of the World Series with the Boston Red Sox facing off with the Los Angeles Dodgers (formerly the Brooklyn Dodgers), a World Series match-up not seen since 1916 when the Dodgers were the Brooklyn Robins. The weather was in true New England form, unpredictable and punishing. However, it let up in time for the game to go on.

John Mahan with the Yawkey Way Report, a veteran-owned and operated Red Sox program publisher, hawks his wares as World Series fans file into Kenmore Square.



Two Red Sox fans showed evidence of a visit to The Sausage Guy.



Maddy Lang and Nicky Peanuts celebrate a not-of-ten-heard mantra, similar to 'It's A Wonderful Life': "Every time a cowbell rings, a peanut-monger gets a tip," they laughed.



Patrons in Game On got their pre-game on.

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NABB AUTUMN COCKTAIL PARTY AT HAMPSHIRE HOUSE

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) Autumn Cocktail Party was organized by the "Let's Wine And Dine Committee" of the neighborhood organization on Friday, Oct. 12. Held at the Hampshire House, an elegant setting for such a soiree, neighbors got together to mingle, have drinks, nibble on some hors d'oeuvres, and share community cheer.



Maria and Wes Kussmaul.



Margot Thorp, Jonathan Sweig, and Anne Sullivan.



The NABB Let's Wine And Dine Committee: Elaine Sullivan, Emily Gallup, Bob Umans, and Nancy Olson.



Stephen Baker, Maria Furman, and Jack Duffy.



Georg Schneider, Sam Wallace, and Scott Davis.



The Hampshire House provided the perfect setting for NABB's Cocktail Mixer event.

NEWS BRIEFS

EARLY VOTING STARTS THIS MONTH

Boston City Hall is the main early voting polling location. City Hall will be open for voting Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., during the two-week period. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, City Hall will stay open until 8 p.m. for early voting.

Please note: any voter registered in Boston can vote at any early voting location. You don't need an excuse or reason to vote early.

Early voting locations in the downtown neighborhoods include:

- Oct. 27-28 Copley Library, 700 Boylston St., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Oct. 30 Benjamin Franklin Institute, 41 Berkeley St., noon-8 p.m.
- Oct. 30 Wang YMCA Chinatown, 8 Oak St. West noon-8 p.m.

EARLY VOTING WITH HAMILTON CAST IN DUDLEY

Early voting in Boston will begin Monday, Oct. 22, but a little bit of excitement will accompany the effort this weekend, as the Mayor and members of the cast of 'Hamilton' are inviting residents to vote with them in Dudley Square.

The event will take place at the Bolling Building, 2300 Washington St., on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 11 a.m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced that applications are being accepted by the Citizens Nominating Panel, for two open positions on the Boston School Committee, opening in January 2019. The deadline to submit applications is Nov. 13.

The Boston School Committee is the governing body of the Boston Public Schools.

The seven members of the School Committee are Boston residents appointed by the Mayor to serve four-year staggered terms. The Mayor appoints members from a list of candidates recommended by a 13-member Citizens Nominating Panel composed of parents, teachers, principals and representatives of the business and higher education communities. The Committee also includes a non-voting student member of the Boston Student Advisory Council.

The School Committee meets approximately twice per month during the school year to adopt, review and modify policies and practices that support teaching,

learning and improved student achievement. With the exception of executive sessions, Committee meetings are open to the public, feature public comment periods and are broadcasted on Boston City TV.

CORRECTION

In last week's coverage of "There's Something Brewing in Charlesgate," the photo caption incorrectly states that the event was held at the Barnes Mansion. It really took place in the lobby of the Charlesgate Condominium, which is the former Charlesgate Hotel.

SOUTH END/BAY VILLAGE FALL CLEAN UP

The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services will host the Annual Fall Clean Up in partnership with Love Your Block, Public Works and the Boston Parks Dept. on Saturday, Nov. 10. Please keep in mind that this falls on Veterans Day weekend. Please send an email to faisa.sharif@boston.gov to register for the clean up.

You will need to specify:

-Where your clean up site is; Please note if the site includes an official City of Boston park

-How many volunteers

-Trash pick up location

The annual clean up runs 8-11 a.m. for Bay Village and 9 a.m.-12 p.m. for South End. Tools can only be picked up by a registered participant. All participants must register by 5pm on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

PLACES TO BE ON HALLOWEEN

•SoWa Spooktacular. The SoWa Sunday Market will close out the season with a Halloween themed Spooktacular on Oct 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The annual Halloween bash will feature the regular market, and also free face painting, free pumpkin painting, live music, special Halloween-themed beers, and the annual costume contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best visitor, pet and vendor costumes. Visitors and their pets can enter the contest by having their photo taken at the chalk wall at 460 Harrison Ave. from noon - 2 p.m. Winners will be posted on Facebook the following day. The first place winner will be awarded \$500.

•Halloween at the Clarendon Street Playground

The NABB Clarendon Street Playground Committee is hosting

MORE THAN WORDS GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION ON EAST BERKELEY STREET

Photos by Keiko Hiromi

MORE THAN WORDS held a Grand Opening celebration open house on Thursday, Oct. 18. The program included 14 speakers from MORE THAN WORDS youth, team, supporters and partners with a closing remarks from Mayor Martin Walsh.

More than 200 joined the celebration on East Berkeley Street in the South End, where MORE THAN WORDS has added a new bookstore, community space and warehouse operation.



(L-R) Barbara Berke, Paul Grogan, of the Boston Foundation, Carl Berke, of Partners Healthcare, and Rosy Hu, of Partners Healthcare, during MORE THAN WORDS Open House in Boston.



Majorie Ringrose and Event Chair Elizabeth March, of SVP Boston.



Stacey Lamorre (R) explaining sorting and scanning station in the MORE THAN WORDS warehouse/receiving operation.



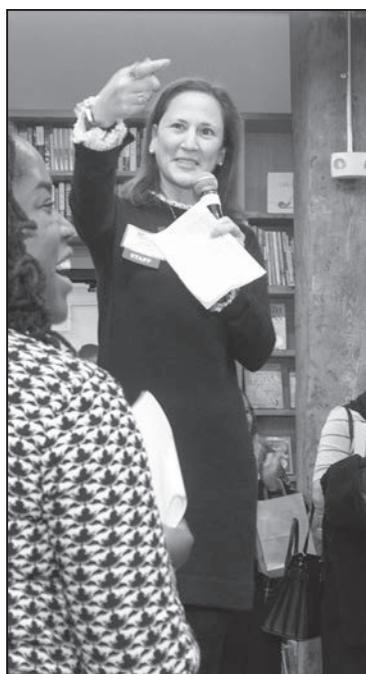
Mayoral Liaison Faisa Sharif, Caroline Foscatto, Sam Chambers, of the Office of Neighborhood Services, and Jonathan Greeley of the Boston Planning and Development Agency.



Mayor Martin Walsh speaking during MORE THAN WORDS Open House in Boston.



Michael and Alex Mini hit the art section at the new Liberty Bookstore.



Jodi Rosenbaum, founder of MORE THAN WORDS, addresses the audience.



Cate Mangione (R) and Ben Mini, on the keyboards, provided a musical interlude during the Open House.



State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and Stuart Rose, who owns the building where MORE THAN WORDS is located.



Ted Tye, of National Development, speaking during MORE THAN WORDS Open House in Boston.

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Rollins eases concerns over 'The List' at WSANA Monday

By Seth Daniel

In July, Democratic District Attorney candidate Rachael Rollins released what has come to be known as 'The List,' which is simply a list of smaller crimes that she has indicated that she would defer prosecution upon if elected.

That's a list that has made more than a few people in the neighborhoods a little concerned, particularly those in the South End that have been impacted greatly by quality-of-life issues exacerbated by the opioid epidemic.

Many times, it is just those crimes on Rollins's list that causes the neighborhood to sink or swim under the weight of hundreds of infractions.

However, after she met Monday with the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA), many felt that the list and its coverage in the media had been a little misleading as to how she actually felt.

"What I think people think is controversial about that list is what is happening every day in court already," she said. "One thing people don't like to hear is that the legal system doesn't work for everybody. The largest group it doesn't work for is poor people. It has nothing to do with your color. It's if you are wealthy, things work better for you. I want the playing

field to be even...I want us to focus on violent, serious crimes. There have been eight homicides in two weeks in Boston and only two arrests...I want to see that we aren't focusing our resources prosecuting petty crimes or quality-of-life crimes as opposed to getting these folks services and holding them accountable that way."

She also did say that she isn't against holding people accountable, noting, "I don't believe in the broken windows theory, but I'm not saying I don't believe in arresting or holding people accountable for what they do. I just want room to understand accountability does not necessarily mean incarceration."

'The List' has gained national and local attention, and it includes declining prosecution on trespassing, shoplifting, larceny under \$250, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, receiving stolen property, breaking and entering a vacant property (only on a vacant property where it is for the purpose of sleeping or seeking refuge), wanton/malicious destruction of property, threats (excluding domestic violence), minor in possession of alcohol, minor driving offenses, drug possession, drug possession with intent to distribute, and a stand-alone resisting arrest.

WSANA President George

Stergios kicked off the long-awaited discussion with Rollins and explained the nervousness in the neighborhood over her proposed policy. He said that they are inundated with these quality-of-life crimes to the point of being overrun. If charges are declined on these matters, he said they were concerned the police would not respond when someone is shooting up drugs on their stoop, stealing from the corner store, or dealing drugs in the open.

He said no one in the neighborhood wants to see anyone go to jail for these kinds of offenses, but they also don't want to create a de facto legalization of them either.

"What people are anxious about is even now if someone is shooting up drugs or dealing drugs in our alleys, if we called the police, it's an occasional priority," he said. "What we wonder is if we call the police, and we take this power away, and they don't do anything and it becomes a growing problem...We're worried about this becoming some kind of decriminalization and no one will take it seriously and it will be worse and worse."

Rollins said she understands the nervousness, but said this is only a way of diverting people if they aren't repeat offenders. She said it's a way of giving someone a chance before they develop a crim-

inal record that can't be reversed.

"I understand these are petty crimes, but they are only petty when they're not happening to you," she said, noting that she has sibling who is struggling with addiction. "We want to divert prior to arraignment...I want to stop and see if we can get help first. As a leader, we will try this and if it doesn't work, we'll adjust. I want to make sure jail isn't the first thing we're doing."

She added that she would prosecute if there is a pattern of criminal conduct, noting that if it's the seventh time someone has shoplifted, then maybe it would be wise to not decline prosecution.

Steve Fox, moderator of the South End Forum, attended the meeting and said he hoped that Rollins would focus attention on the neighborhood.

"We understand the value of pre-arrest diversion," he said. "We also need more focus on this crisis in this neighborhood and this geography. We need you to join us in finding solutions."

WSANA Vice President Bob Minnocci said he believes the list has been widely misunderstood.

"Your platform on this is too easily misunderstood," he said. "You need to re-write it."

Rollins is running against Independent candidate Michael Maloney in the Nov. 6 General

Election.

•The developers of the Alexandra Hotel appeared before WSANA on Tuesday night to discuss their proposal for the hotel, which includes saving the historic façade, and creating a new 12-story building behind it that would hold a 150-room hotel and two restaurants – one on the roof and one on the ground floor.

CBT Architects presented the plan to neighbors for developers Tom Caulus and Jas Bhogal, who have recently done high-end developments in Bay Village and Ft. Point.

Height has been an issue in other presentations of the project, but it wasn't such an issue at WSANA on Tuesday.

"It's going to take some height to make this work," said Vickie Alani of CBT. "The goal is we walk away at the end of this and the community walks up to it and feels it's fantastic."

Community meetings will continue, and Attorney Marc LaCasse said they are feeling out the neighborhood to see if there is support before they file officially with the City. He said they would like to be under construction in the summer of 2019 and be complete in 20 months.

For the Record

From the Oct. 23 Boston Landmarks Commission hearing, 5 p.m., City Hall:

- Emerald Necklace. Applicant: Margaret Dyson, BPRD
Proposed work: Phase 2 of Muddy River Flood Damage Reduction Project.
- Boston Public Library. Applicant: Lissa Schwab
Proposed work: Temporary door replacement at Wiggin Gallery entrance.
- Charles River Esplanade. Applicant: Michael Nichols, Esplanade Association
Proposed work: Temporary relocation of Lee Pool operations during demolition.
- Christian Science Complex. Applicant: Brooke Ten Eyck, Project Manager
Proposed work: Replacement of existing accessible ramp and railing in Belvidere Building.

From the Oct. 23 Licensed Premise Violations Hearing, City Hall:

- J.J. FOLEY'S CAFE, INC., D/B/A: J.J. FOLEY'S CAFÉ, 111-123 E BERKELEY ST., South End.
8/12/2018 A&B w/dangerous weapon.
- BL RESTAURANT OPERATIONS, LLC, D/B/A: BAR LOUIE TAVERN AND GRILL, 121 BROOKLINE AVE., Fenway.
9/04/2018 Overcrowding in violation (capacity 179, count 284).
- LANDMARK CENTER PARK DRIVE LLC, D/B/A: N/A, 401 PARK DR., Fenway.
Holder of a Common Victualler 7-Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to transfer the license from the above - To: Time Out Market (Boston), LLC d/b/a Time Out Market (at the same location). Joshua Hubbard, Manager. 2 a.m. Closing Hour. Lastly, has petitioned to amend the description of the licensed business - From: A fourteen (14) story building, first floor to be licensed; first floor consisting of approximately 23,406 sf in five (5) rooms, including market/dining area, bar areas, back of house/kitchen, storage rooms and seating capacity of approximately 675, with four (4) entrances and four (4) exits; two (2) outdoor seasonal patio terraces on private property (April October), one of approximately 3,700 sf with seating for approximately

158 patrons and one of approximately 155 sf with seating for approximately 15 patrons. Total square footage (including outdoor patios) of approximately 27,261. To: A fourteen (14) story building, first floor to be licensed; first floor consisting of approximately 23,406 sf in five (5) rooms, including market/dining area, bar areas, back of house/kitchen, storage rooms and seating capacity of approximately 492 indoors with four (4) entrances and four (4) exits; one (1) outdoor seasonal patio terrace on private property (April October) of approximately 4,015 sf with seating for approximately 136 patrons. Total square footage (including outdoor patio) of approximately 27,421.

From the Oct. 30 Licensed Premise Violations Hearing, 10 a.m., City Hall:

- OLIVER TWIST INC., D/B/A: CASK AND FLAGON, 62 BROOKLINE AVE., Fenway.
7/14/2018 Employee on patron assault and battery.
- SPEAKEASY GROUP, INC., D/B/A: STORYVILLE & MINIBAR, 90 EXETER ST., Back Bay.
8/16/2018 A&B, patron on patrons.
- TREMONT 958 RESTAURANT CORP., D/B/A: SLADE'S BAR & GRILL, 958 TREMONT ST., South End.
8/24/2018 A&B with dangerous weapon (glass), patron on patron and Failure to call Police.
- GAINSBOROUGH HOSPITALITY, INC., D/B/A: OUR HOUSE EAST, 52 GAINSBOROUGH ST., Fenway.
9/07/2018 Failure to post cover charge, and minors in possession of alcohol.

Council COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY, AND PARKS HEARING, Oct. 30, 11 a.m., City Hall. Hearing to examine the safety of the City of Boston's natural gas infrastructure.

NEWS BRIEFS (from pg. 8)

Halloween at the Clarendon Street Playground on Sunday Oct. 28, from 2-4 p.m. There will be a crafts table and snacks and drinks for sale. Details to follow.

(Note: Trick or Treating will be held on Oct. 31 as usual.)

- Fenway CDC's Halloween Eat and Treat will be Wednesday, October 31! Join us in costume at the Morville House at 5:30 p.m. The first 75 kids get a free treat bag! Tasty Burger will provide dinner between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Enjoy Halloween treats with your neighbors before heading out for safe trick or treating in the Fenway.
- The Friends of Ringgold Park in the South End will hold their annual Halloween Party in the park at 5 p.m. on Oct. 31. Come one, come all, come in costume!

- Join The Friends of Titus Sparrow Park For the annual Pre-Trick or Treat Halloween Party Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 5-6 p.m. (no rain date). Come and enjoy Halloween themed music and roving entertainers. Pizza and other refreshments will fortify ghosts and goblins at this neighborhood gathering before they go off to trick or treat. Event sponsored by the Friends of Titus Sparrow Park.

- 24th annual Pru Boo in Back Bay. Prudential Center Boston will host its 24th annual PRU BOO indoor trick-or-treating and family fun event on Sunday, Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children can visit more than 50 stores and restaurants during this "store-to-store" trick-or-treating event and enjoy face painting, magic shows and other spooktacular activities from various Boston attractions. There will also be a special kid's concert featuring Karen K & the Jitterbugs in the South Garden starting at 1:30 p.m. (weather-permitting).

All proceeds raised will be donated to the event's new charity partner, The Play Brigade, a local non-profit organization dedicated to creating inclusive opportunities for people of all abilities. For a \$5 donation to The Play Brigade, each child will receive a trick-or-treat bag to use for collecting candy at participating stores. The ticket/bag can be purchased online or at the Concierge Desk any day prior to the event or the morning of starting at 9 a.m. Parking passes for the day are discounted at \$18 and can be picked up at PRU BOO check-in stations.

BACK BAY HAPPENINGS

- The Police Panel/Public Safety Committee of NABB will take place on Oct. 25, 6 p.m., in the First Church, 66 Marlborough St.

BAY VILLAGE ANNUAL MEETING

On Oct. 30, the Bay Village Neighborhood Association (BVNA) Annual Meeting will take place at the Revere Hotel at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. There will be a welcome from the president, remarks from elected officials, committee updates, election of officers and a reception to end the night.

SOUTH END DATES

- Drug Takeback Day. All BPD stations including D-4 (650 Harrison) and BPD District. Saturday, Oct. 27 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

- The acclaimed Boston playwright and actress, Melinda Lopez, will be at the South End library to talk about her work on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 6:30 p.m. Lopez will be introduced by Isabel Alvarez Borland, Distinguished Professor of Arts and Humanities at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. Lopez is recognized as one of the most exciting playwrights currently working in the U.S. In 2013, she was named the first Andrew Mellon Playwright-in-Residence at the Huntington Theatre Company.

- The South End Forum will meet for its next quarterly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13. It will be moved back one week due to the election on Nov. 3.

- Friends of Childe Hassam Park will get into the fall spirit on Sunday, Oct. 28, at 4 p.m., with a pumpkin carving event. Then on Saturday, Dec. 1, there will be a Park Lighting Ceremony at 4 p.m.

- South End Soccer will have its 10th Anniversary Gala on Oct. 27 at the SoWa Power Station, 540 Harrison Ave., from 6-10 p.m. South End Soccer is a non-profit committed to giving urban youth the opportunity to play the world's most popular sport regardless of prior experience or economic means.

- Eight Streets Neighborhood Association will have its regular meeting on Tuesday Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. in Project Place on Washington Street. The agenda includes ISD representatives coming to talk about rodent control.

- The East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 20 for its regular meeting in Project Place.

- The Friends of Titus Sparrow Park will have their Fall cleanup on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon.

- The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association will

hold its annual Fall Dinner on Oct. 29, 6:30 p.m. at Frenchie, 560 Tremont St. Join your friends and neighbors for a wonderful culinary evening to welcome in fall. The cost is \$75 per person, \$85 per non-member. This includes three courses of your choice accompanied by wine. Please register by email info@ellisneighborhood.org or online. Space is limited to 50.

- Bye to Chris the Mailman. After many years in the South End, Chris the Mailman will have a well-deserved retirement. Join neighbors in toasting to his retirement for an official goodbye this Friday, Oct. 26, at Stephie's on Tremont, 5:30 p.m.

- The IAG for the Exchange South End project will re-convene

on Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. in the former Flower Exchange building, 540 Albany St., to discuss next steps in implementation of the public benefits. This is a new process in the South End for distributing and discussing how to mitigate developments.

FENWAY TIMES

- World Series Watch Party at Fenway Community Center

Join your fellow Fenwickians as we cheer on the Red Sox in Game 3 of the World Series this Friday, Oct. 26! Doors open at 7:30 p.m., first pitch is scheduled for 8:09 p.m. Pizza and refreshments provided by the Boston Red Sox.

- Upcoming Fenway Park Events: Saturday, Nov. 10 and Sunday, Nov. 11 — Spartan Race,

10,000 expected, times TBA

Saturday, Nov. 17 — "The Game" Harvard v. Yale, 35,000 expected, noon-3:30 p.m.

- World Series Home Games: *Tuesday, Oct. 30 (if needed) - World Series Game 6 | 8:09 p.m. (gates open 5 p.m.)

- *Wednesday, Oct. 31 (if needed) - World Series Game 7 | 8:09pm (gates open 5 p.m.)

- There will be a public meeting regarding the 60 Kilmarnock St. project on Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. in Room C101 in the Main Campus Building at Simmons College, 300 Fenway. The proposed project includes a total of approximately 443 residential units in two buildings with ground-floor retail space, and 250 below-grade and surface parking spaces.

D-4 POLICE NEWS

UNWANTED GUEST

On Saturday, Oct. 20, at around 5:53 a.m., officers responded to a radio call for a verbal dispute at 130 Dartmouth St.

On arrival, police spoke to Longwood security officers who said the female suspect had a disagreement with a friend who lives there.

The suspect's friend, who was uncooperative and refused to provide police with her personal information, told officers that the suspect's keys were sitting on the front steps of the building.

Longwood security officers and the suspect's friend told police they wanted the suspect to leave the premises and not return.

Police then twice advised the suspect, whom they described as "uncooperative," to retrieve her keys and phone from the steps before leaving the area.

The suspect then began walking towards Dartmouth Street before entering the garage at 130 Dartmouth St. Police then followed the suspect inside and asked her what she was doing in there.

"I'm walking back in," the suspect replied before officers placed her under arrest for trespassing. She was transported to District 4 headquarters for booking without further incident.

NOT HIS BROTHER'S KEEPER

On Saturday, Oct. 20, at about 5:01 p.m., police responded to a radio call for a shoplifter in custody at Nordstrom Rack at 497

Boylston St.

Upon arrival, officers spoke to the loss-prevention manager, who said she and another security guard observed an unknown male suspect conceal two pairs of sneakers in a bag, as well as a third pair in his jacket. The suspect then attempted to walk past all points of sale, but was stopped by security while exiting the store and taken to the loss-prevention office for identification. The suspect didn't produce any ID, but provided police with his purported name and birthdate.

Police asked the suspect if he had been caught stealing before upon learning that an individual with the same personal information that the suspect provided was previously arrested for shoplifting in Michigan.

After the suspect responded he had never been to Michigan before, police asked him to reiterate his personal information, including his social security number. The suspect grew agitated and demanded to know why anyone

would need to know his or her social security number.

The suspect was subsequently placed under arrest for shoplifting under \$1,200 and transported for booking to District 4 headquarters, where police ascertained a driver's license photograph for the name that the suspect provided was in fact not him.

After the suspect was photographed and fingerprinted, he admitted to police that the individual whose name he provided was his brother, and the suspect then provided his real information. Police then determined that the suspect had three active default warrants out of Dorchester Court for possession of a Class B substance, shoplifting by asportation and possession of a Class A substance.

The suspect was booked in the usual manner, and police informed Nordstrom Rack of the discrepancies between the information the suspect initially provided and his true identity.

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