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## EBNA WINTER SOCIAL



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Aileen Thomson, Frann Bilus, Leslie Fine, Chris Wells, EBNA President Ken Smith, Jonathan Marks, and EBNA Treasurer Stuart Rose during the association's Winter Social on Thursday, Jan. 3, at the Lion's Tail in Ink Block. The group had a lively mixer to start the year out with a roar.

## Race for District 8 City Council underway; 2 new candidates so far

By Lauren Bennett

The race for District 8 City Council is on, with two candidates running against incumbent Councilor Josh Zakim, who has held the office since 2014. Kristen Mobilia, who ran against Zakim in the 2017 election, and political newcomer H el ene Vincent have announced their campaigns for office. These new candidates spoke with the Sun about their campaigns and the issues that matter to them.

### H el ene Vincent

H el ene Vincent is new to the political scene, and never even imagined herself running for office. Vincent has what she calls an "international perspective." She was raised in Rhode Island by a French mother and a German father, and grew up in a diverse town. Vincent studied international relations at Brown University, where she discovered she really enjoyed conflict resolution and the importance of knowing multiple languages. She currently resides in Kenmore with her wife Alice.

"I always wanted to live a life of service," Vincent said. In thinking

about the best way to do that she discovered a company called EF Education First, which is an international education company that breaks down barriers of language, culture, and geography through cultural exchange. For a number of years, Vincent worked for EF Education First doing language immersion tours.

For a while, she felt that that job was enough for her; that she was making enough of an impact. But in 2016, she was in a bad ATV accident that left her reevaluating what her role might be. She spent several months out of work, but said she is grateful for her "second chance at life."

"That happened almost exactly at the same time as the 2016 elections and there was just so much divisive rhetoric going on and so that was super troubling and so I was trying to figure out what my role could be in that," she said.

She said that someone suggested to her that she should run for a political office. Though she never pictured herself in that kind of role, the more she thought about it, the more she realized she would be able to make a difference in a local office.

"And what ultimately prompted me to do it was when I was going through a lot of rehab programs [due to the ATV accident], I came into contact with a lot of other people who have had traumatic incidences or for whatever reason were going through the healthcare system and I just saw how really difficult that was to navigate for a lot of people," she said. She said that though she has been fortunate throughout her life, she sees the hardships that others face and the idea of making services accessible to everyone really resonated with her.

At the start of her campaign, Vincent did a six month listening tour where she knocked on doors and listened to people's concerns. "I can't pretend to know what everybody's needs are until I ask," she said.

Vincent said that she believes some of the most important issues to both her and residents of District 8 include development/housing and transportation.

"Boston population is growing incredibly fast, especially as a lot of young urban professionals

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## Collapsible trash bins may solve issues throughout the downtown areas

By Seth Daniel

When living in a dense, urban neighborhood like the South End, Back Bay, Fenway or Beacon Hill, the question once a week is always what to do with the huge, dad-blamed trash bins.

Not having the luxury of a backyard or a passageway, many residents find themselves at a loss with where to store their big, plastic trash bins.

Now, South End Forum Moderator Steve Fox and Eight Streets President Michael Almond believe they might have found a solution – collapsible trash bins. On Tuesday night, at the South End Forum's quarterly meeting, they unveiled the idea to City officials and got a very enthusiastic reception.

"We want to do a pilot project

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South End Forum Moderator Steve Fox displays a collapsible recycling bin, part of new idea that residents hope to pilot in the South End with the City. The bins for trash and recycling would potentially help solve the trash bin storage problems encountered in dense, urban neighborhoods of Boston. City officials on hand were enthusiastic about the idea.

## Autonomous car testing could come to the South End

By Seth Daniel

The Aptiv company now testing autonomous cars in South Boston's Flynn Marine Park might soon move that testing ground to the South End, and one Southender took a ride recently to get a feel for what the new technology is all about.

Derek Lessing was the lone South End representative to take

a ride in an Aptiv autonomous vehicle during a test drive on Nov. 30, and he said the technology is promising, but could lead to more cars on the road if smart policy isn't put in place now.

"I'm grateful the city is getting out in front of this technology because the policy decisions now will have big implications on how

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# EDITORIAL

## CHARLIE BAKER IS NOT AN 'ENIGMA'

A story this past week on the eve of Gov. Charlie Baker's State of the State address in the Boston Globe stated that although Gov. Charlie Baker is the most popular governor in the country (he has an approval rating of close to 70 percent among Massachusetts residents), he remains "an enigma."

The central theme of the story boiled down to this: What makes Charlie Baker do what he does -- and why does he not have political ambitions beyond the governorship?

No doubt the writer of the article had in mind every Massachusetts governor of the past three decades: Michael Dukakis ran for president; Bill Weld ran for U.S. Senator, was a candidate for ambassador to Mexico, and most recently was a candidate for vice-president on the Libertarian Party ticket; Paul Cellucci became ambassador to Canada; Mitt. Romney ran for president; and Deval Patrick is rumored to be a possible presidential candidate.

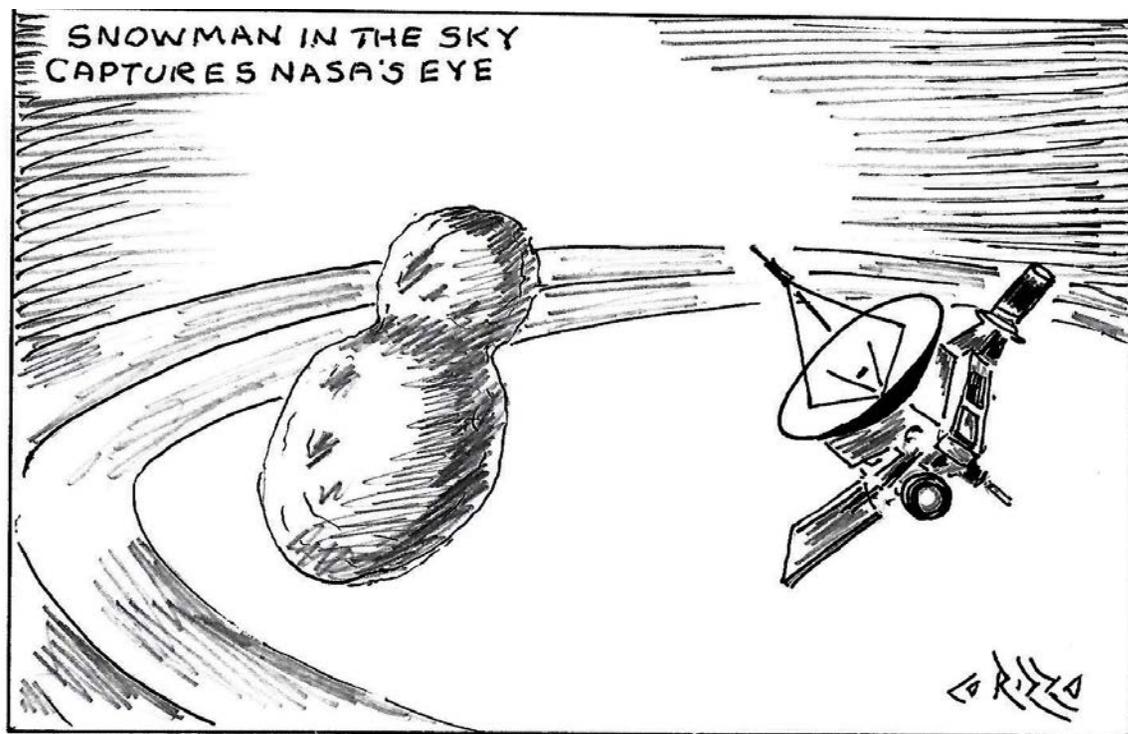
By contrast, Charlie Baker long ago said he has no designs on higher office beyond governor. To the political pundits, Baker's lack of higher aspirations no doubt is confounding, as is his attention to the minutiae of state government.

We are not personal friends with Charlie Baker, so we have no special insight into his personality, but we think it is clear what it is that makes Charlie Baker who he is and do what he does: He loves his wife, his children, his parents, his native hometown (Needham), his adopted hometown (Swampscott, where he served as a selectman), his state, and America.

He clearly wants to do the right thing for all of them -- so what's so strange about that?

We would note that Charlie Baker's devotion to his job is in stark contrast to so many of the politicians in Washington. Thankfully, he has recognized that politics is the art of compromise and it is thanks to Gov. Baker's ability and desire to work with the Democrats at the State House, most notably House Speaker Bob DeLeo, that Massachusetts continues to lead the nation in education, financial stability, and in so many other areas that have improved the lives of our citizens.

Beacon Hill is indeed a shining beacon for the rest of our nation and Charlie Baker unquestionably has been instrumental in our state's continued achievements and progress -- and there is nothing enigmatic about that.



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### OP-ED

## Congresswoman Pressley on the Government Shutdown

*Below is the text of Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley's 1-minute speech on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in response to the ongoing government shutdown:*

"Madam Speaker,

I rise today in opposition to the occupant of the White House. Mr. Trump, you took an oath just as I did 5 days ago, to protect and defend the Constitution and the American people.

Sir, you dishonor that oath. You

devalue the life of the immigrant, the worker and the survivor. I see right through you and so do the American people.

This has nothing to do with border security. Your shut down, another Trump generated crisis, has brought a tsunami of hurt.

So, I rise today to lift the voices of the unheard. I rise today on behalf of the families concerned about feeding their children because their WIC benefits will run dry.

I rise today in solidarity with the thousands of workers with cal-

loused hands and broken spirits working for no pay.

I rise today in support of the survivor fleeing violent hands, seeking safety, only to find the shelter door locked because of your shutdown.

I rise today in support of the American people, who believe in the promise of this nation and ask for honest pay for an honest day's work.

Today I rise as one and I stand as thousands.

Thank you and I yield back."

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## Legislative leaders appear at South End Forum meeting

### New Rep. Santiago makes first pitch for focus on opiates

By Seth Daniel

Newly inaugurated State Rep. Jon Santiago made his first public meeting appearance in the South End on Tuesday, Jan. 8, and said his agenda was going to focus immediately on the opiate epidemic.

Santiago joined a cadre of legislative officials at the South End Forum on Tuesday, including State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and Councilors Kim Janey and Ed Flynn. While those three have made numerous appearances at

the Forum, it was the first time for Santiago to speak there as the state representative.

The Boston Medical Center emergency room doctor and captain in the Army National Guard made his mission clear -- the planned to focus on the opiate epidemic.

"Every second door I knocked on during the campaign last year, it was the opiate epidemic that was the top issue for people," he said. "I see it all the time as an emergency room doctor at BMC. I live just down the street and walk and

bike to work. I'm around it all the time. We have bent the curve on deaths recently, but there is more work to do."

Santiago said he wanted to see more access and more usage of Suboxone medical treatments for addiction rather than Methadone. He said he believes that would help to spread out the location of services and reduce the concentration of recovery services in the South End.

"If you have more Suboxone

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## VICTORIA AWKWARD PRESENTS 'SAND'



Boston-based interdisciplinary artist, Victoria Lynn Awkward, will present *Sand*, an evening-length dance installation at Abigail Ogilvy Gallery in the SoWa Art and Design District on Jan. 11 and 12. Directed by Victoria Lynn Awkward, *Sand* consists of a four-person dynamic cast featuring JoJo Boykins, Tabitha Hanay-Reaves, Michayla Kelly and Jessy Zizzo. Beginning as a trio in the summer of 2018, *Sand I* premiered at Onstage Dance Company's Summer Series. Evolving, *Sand II* was confined to a 4X4 stage that instilled the work with a new sense of risk, and was presented at The Dance Complex, Cambridge.

*Sand I* utilized overlapping solos and duets to show the dancers assuming the loose, compact, and rocky textures of sand and explored how these qualities interact. *Sand II* emphasized a sense of daring and fleetness within the aforementioned qualities. The final part of *Sand* will be increasingly interdisciplinary, as the walls of the galleries will display artwork. The galleries are intimate spaces that will bring the audience and the dancers into close-quarters, encouraging the audience to view actively in a boundary-pushing experience.

Additionally, in this final version of *Sand* the expanded cast emphasizes diversity by having different bodies and different people coexisting. In the simplicity is the radical. This idea is also reflected in the title, as sand is made up of a multitude of grains existing together while still upholding the integrity of individuality.

*Sand* will take place on Jan. 11 and 12, 7-8:30 p.m. at Abigail Ogilvy Gallery at 460 Harrison Ave, #C7. Tickets are \$12 artists/military/student/senior, \$28 general.



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this technology rolls out in the future," he said. "This technology could definitely prevent deaths because most accidents are because of human error, but if we don't develop policies alongside this where public transit is prioritized, then we could expect to see even more cars and more car ownership with these...If policies stay the status quo, things will get worse on the roads."

Lessing said he was one of 12 people that got to ride in the new vehicle, which was a Renault from France equipped to drive under computer guidance. The driver drove them manually out of the parking lot in the Marine Park, but then the computer took over, he said.

"I never felt in danger in the car; I felt completely safe," he said. "It actually had the feel of being with a driver who is very new, very competent, but very cautious. For example, the car stopped at a stop

sign much slower than I or anyone else would have. It also detected a tractor trailer turning, and was able to adjust and move over to give it space to make the turn."

South End Forum Moderator Steve Fox said the reason for the test drive including the South End is that the pilot testing program at the Marine Park is planned to eventually bleed over into the South End.

"There's not a lot of traffic in the Marine Park and other parts of Boston are going to be more challenging for it," he said. "The radius for testing is eventually going to flow to the South End. That will certainly be a much more challenging environment for these cars."

Lessing said those from the company gave no timeframe as to when they would be starting to bring such vehicles into the neighborhood, but he did say he estimated that widespread use of such cars is at least 10 years away.

"They do have some issues," he said. "These cars are confused by snow. If they detect it is snowing, they don't know what is going on...The technology has enormous potential, but we have to be careful of our policy decisions with them."

Lessing said the cars are programmed to go the speed limit and be more than cautious, especially with pedestrians in or near a crosswalk. They also proceed through green lights with little problem, he said.

"Do they speed up at the yellow light like the rest of us in Boston?" quipped on audience member.

"I don't think so," laughed Lessing.

The company has done most of its testing in Arizona, and moved into Boston about a year ago to begin testing such vehicles in the Marine Park. It is chiefly competing with Google's Waymo division, which is testing and building autonomous cars.

## TRASH BINS (from pg. 1)

in the South End and select a participating neighborhood and test out this new collapsible bin and see if it's effective," said Fox. "If it works, it could be a solution across the entire city all the way from the South End to Beacon Hill."

Fox and Almond began working on the solution when Eight Streets encountered a tremendous rat problem last summer and fall. In battling that separate problem (which has more to do with food availability), they found new collapsible trash bins that seemed like an answer to the bin storage problem so prevalent in the tight, downtown neighborhoods.

"We did also talk to the trash contractor, Sunrise Scavenger, and they liked the idea, but said people might steal them and they would become everyone's laundry basket in the South End," laughed Fox.

The collapsible bins would be for regular trash and for recycling. Made out of thick canvas, they collapse into a small circle that can more easily be stored in a foyer or mud room within a home rather than left outside or on a front sidewalk.

"We are very interested in collaborating on this pilot," said Chris Osgood, chief of streets, transportation and sanitation. "The next step here would be to sit down and look at how we could proceed, but I'm excited about the idea."

Councilor Ed Flynn said he supports the measure as well, and noted that trash disposal is a serious issue in the South End.

"I really want to thank Michael

Almond who got the ball rolling here with Steve Fox," he said. "On a cold, rainy night last month we walked the neighborhood and witnessed so many rats in and out of the barrels – hundreds of them. I want to thank them in particular. I support it 100 percent."

Councilor Kim Janey also was quite taken with the idea.

"I'm excited about this," she said. "I want to compliment you in taking the initiative to find a solution to this kind of problem. The number of calls I get from people in the South End is huge because they don't have space for the big barrels we give out. This could be the solution to the whole barrel issue. I think I'm interested in working on getting a pilot here for this."

State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz said he saw some possible issues with logistics, but felt like it was worth a try to solve a persistent problem in his district.

A representative from Public Works said the bins are a good idea for solving storage issues, but they won't stop rats from getting into them. He said the issue with rats is about putting the trash out in the morning and cutting the food supply off. That, he said, can be achieved with the Zero Waste plan, where one recycles more and doesn't put food in the trash – instead using the garbage disposal or reusing.

That said, City officials on Tuesday night were enthusiastic to take the next step towards a pilot program.

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### Red Sox Concert Noise/Misbehavior Hotline

(617) 226-6424

### Fenway Community Center

(857) 246-9053

## CANDIDATES (from pg. 1)

move in," she said. "And so the housing supply is obviously in a crunch."

Vincent said that she believes Mayor Walsh's advocacy for an increased housing supply is "great," but she thinks that the supply has to reflect the needs of the diverse community.

"There's a lot of different ways to go about that, but I think it's one part having a thoughtful plan and how we're going to make sure that all of our neighborhoods feel like neighborhoods and don't just get increasingly segregated," she said, "and at the same time it's about when you are making all of those changes how are you including neighbors into the conversation so that they're able to help lend their voice to the kind of neighborhood that they want to live in."

As far as transportation goes, Vincent said that it ties into both having an efficient city and being a green city. She believes that it is necessary to make biking around the city safer in order to get more people out of cars and onto bikes.

Education is also a huge focus for Vincent. She said she believes communities are best when there's a large middle class, and the best way to achieve that is through education. "We have an incredibly diverse student body," and she thinks that while there are so many great things about education in Boston, there are also areas for improvement. "And I think we really need to focus on that if we want to say that we're a city that really provides for all of our citizens," she said.

During her listening tour, she said it was "shocking" to her how many people were stunned when she said she was there to genuinely listen to their concerns, and they were happy to talk with her. She said she spoke with one man who struggled with opiate addiction for over 30 years. He said no one has ever asked him for solutions to the opiate crisis like she did. "He had a whole host of ideas on what to do on the opiate crisis, and felt so much pride in being able to share," Vincent said.

"There's a lot of qualified candidates and current elected offi-

cial," Vincent said. But she thinks what makes her stand out from the others is her background in conflict resolution. "I think it's really being able to bring together people with a really diverse set of backgrounds and beliefs and lived experiences," she said, "and creating a space where they all feel like they can accurately represent themselves and advocate for their needs and I think as our city is growing, we need that kind of leadership."

She said she feels lucky to be here after her ATV accident, and is looking forward to what she can do to give back to her community. "As I was knocking on doors, the feeling that you get when you are of service to someone—the feeling that people get when somebody's taking the time to listen to them; I think that has changed my life."

### Kristen Mobilia

Kristen Mobilia has lived in the Fenway for about 20 years, and has devoted much of her time to several different community organizations, including the Fenway Civic Association, the Fenway Garden Society, and the Esplanade Association, just to name a few. Along with her background in business and balancing finance with HR, Mobilia believes she has the experience level needed for the role.

She decided to run initially in 2017 because from her involvement with the community, she realized "we were not getting the representation that the community deserved."

She believes in the importance of getting out there with the residents of the district, rolling her sleeves up, and engaging with the community in order to advocate for them as best she can.

"We have a lot of community advocates and we're not really building that next group of individuals to really learn from them and give more support as time goes on," she said.

Mobilia discussed several issues that she believes are important to her campaign, as well as the residents of District 8. She said she currently regularly meets with the local police regarding community

safety and the opioid crisis, and has developed working relationships with local police officers to "talk frankly about issues." She added that the police force has less cadets coming in, but there are increasingly more and more needs that are not being met, so she is looking at how to partner with the Boston Police Department to get the support they need.

Education is also on Mobilia's list of issues, and she said that while education has been a part of campaign promises for years, it is "great to see Annissa Essaibi George take charge on that front," she said, but "we haven't moved the meter on education in a real significant way."

"My mother was a public school teacher, I was a public school student; I believe there should be equity in education," she said.

Affordable housing is a priority as well—"How do we make sure that we have housing that's truly affordable?" She said the skyscrapers going up in the Fenway with luxury housing are "not fitting our needs."

The environmental issues that come with transportation are also a concern for Mobilia. Continuing to depend on gas or having to retrofit buildings that were just built a few years ago are things that she wants to avoid. "Green spaces are so important," she added. She believes that everyone needs to have access to green space in their neighborhood.

An issue Mobilia thinks is not brought up enough is aging in the community. The elderly is one of the largest growing populations in the city, and "I think we aren't focusing on that as much as we need to—all residents are important to the success of our community," she said. A community center in every neighborhood is something Mobilia thinks is important for all ages—and not all District 8 neighborhoods have one. She believes that they provide a free, healthy space for people to meet for advocacy, fun, art, and health, and it provides a voting location as well.

The day after she lost to Zakim in 2017, Mobilia was back out engaging with the community. She said she would be happy to meet with anyone who might like to catch up in the neighborhood or chat about issues. She also encourages the community to check her Facebook pages for Meet and Greet dates. "I would love to meet to talk about the challenges and then work on the solutions."

Mobilia believes that "engaging hands on and developing relationships—that approach is needed right now in our district, and I'm the one who can bring that."



City Councilors and state legislators attended the South End Forum on Tuesday to deliver their opinions and priorities to a packed room of residents. Pictured here are (L-R) State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Councilor Kim Janey, Councilor Ed Flynn and State Rep. Jon Santiago.

## SOUTH END FORUM (from pg. 2)

usage, you will begin to see the dilution of services in the South end and expanded across the Commonwealth," he said, noting that there is a two-week waiting period to get the treatment.

He said one problem with Methadone is that a patient has to come to a facility daily to get the treatment and counseling. With Suboxone, it is a treatment that can be gotten at a pharmacy and used within the home.

Santiago said in March he will begin quarterly Town Halls on the opiate crisis to hear from the community. He said he and his team will have announcements about that in a couple of weeks.

### •SOUTH END SEAT GETTING CLOSER

State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz delivered great news to the Forum in that the South End seat on the Logan Airport CAC board is only a governor's signature away from being law.

"We passed legislation in the House and Senate on Dec. 31 to add a South End seat to the Logan CAC," he said. "The governor has not signed it yet...It was a big step to get that through the legislature considering it was a first-time bill. The South End will have a voice at the table with air traffic."

He said he does expect the governor to sign the bill, which is HB 4101, but encouraged the community to call on the governor's office to get it done.

### •JANEY OPEN TO CONGESTION PRICING, TNC LEGISLATION

Councilor Kim Janey said she would be open to congestion pricing for traffic in Boston, and hinted that she favors legislation to

regulate surcharges on ride-share companies (known as TNCs).

"I would be open to looking into that," she said when asked about congestion pricing, a policy that charges drivers using a transponder for traveling into certain zones with a vehicle.

Janey said there are too many vehicles on the roads, and she said that Uber and Lyft have definitely contributed to the increased congestion.

"Uber and Lyft have contributed to the traffic problems, but they are also an important source of income to many people," she said. "It's a second job. That said, we have to do more to try to discourage that many cars on our roads."

### •FLYNN OPPOSES 633 TREMONT MARIJUANA DISPENSARY

City Councilor Ed Flynn told the South End Forum that he is officially opposed to the Compassionate Organics marijuana dispensary proposal on Tremont Street due to the logistics of the operation.

"I am opposed to that proposal," he said. "I observed there is no paring and if you want to visit this location, it's extremely difficult. It's also extremely difficult to do deliveries...Also, IBA across the street has a temporary daycare facility as well. We have to consider that too. I have heard from a lot of residents and they are concerned about quality of life issues. At this point, I don't think it's a good fit or location."

Flynn said he does support marijuana facilities, including one downtown on Friend Street. He said the operation there is better and the security plan is solid.

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# Subcommittee meets to discuss glass details for 256-260 Newbury St.

By Lauren Bennett

After an advisory review and a contentious hearing in front of the full Commission, a subcommittee was formed to further discuss the proposal for 256-260 Newbury St. At the Dec. 12 Back Bay Architectural Commission hearing, Meyer and Meyer Project Manager Adam Gilmore presented a proposal for the buildings, which includes a penthouse addition and roof decks, along with a restaurant at the digout on the ground level, open retail at the first floor, and a boutique hotel with 18 units.

At the subcommittee hearing on Jan. 7, Gilmore presented a tweaked proposal, with the same glass doors on the building, and masonry infill between them. Gilmore stated that it was more important to the team to have transparency at the first floor retail level, so the two-story addition is in brick, and the parking will have brick pavers with a granite border. It will be six spaces with a landscape buffer.

The biggest issue the Commission had was with the cast glass that would be used to replicate historic details on the building. Some were concerned that it would look tacky, but others thought it would bring the block back to life.

"This is a very challenging project," Commissioner David Eisen said. "Your first proposal I thought was much more interesting," he added, referring to the advisory review proposal that contained much more glass and transparency on the building. The glass and the precedent it would set was once again a huge topic of discussion at the meeting.

Gilmore said that the sense of feedback from the Commission and the community made them change their project to include much less glass.

Eisen reiterated what he has been saying throughout the process: "Can you successfully transform masonry into open glass and come across in a convincing, effective, and viable way, as opposed to

Disneyland?"

Commissioner Robert Weintraub agreed with Eisen that the original proposal was "great."

"It's almost like design by committee, which I have a fear of," said BBAC Chair Kathleen Connor said of the changes in the proposal. "This piece could be quite an indicator of an economic boom." She said that a balance of development and preservation is important, but "we have to be fearless in some ways."

Commissioner John Christiansen said that the buildings as they are now have structural integrity, and they would have to be replaced in a way that helped them keep their solidity. He suggested that a mockup of the proposed facade should be made to see if the transparency would really work for retail.

Since the cast glass would be custom made, it would take a lot of time to make a mockup. The design team said that the company they are working with would come out with a laser, make a cast, and

then pour the glass in. Weintraub said that a mockup "probably isn't feasible."

Eisen was concerned with the fact that no one has done this kind of cast glass before. "I would like some sense that this would come across not as a confection but as a kind of wonderful architectural element," he said.

Tom High from backbayhouses.org told the Commission that when they write the certificate of appropriateness, they should "put in the reasons why this is a unique project." He said that this is a "huge exception for replacing original masonry with glass," and they should specify details, material, and quality expected, and the applicant must stick to that.

The design team returned before the full Commission on Jan. 9, when they will discuss the details from this subcommittee meeting further, including elevations of the rooftop equipment, a study of other digout restaurants on the street and measurements of what they're proposing for their

restaurant, explore if it would be possible for handicapped access to go behind the building, and having a second staircase in the patio area.

## National Days

### Jan. 9

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Static Electricity Day

### Jan. 10

Oysters Rockefeller Day

Bittersweet Chocolate Day

### Jan. 11

Milk Day

Step in a Puddle & Splash Your Friends Day

### Jan. 12

Kiss a Ginger Day

Curried Chicken Day

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From left to right, 'Drift' by Janine Robertson, 'Reservoir Pond-January' by Nils Johnson, and 'Location, Location, Location' by Jeanette Fournier.

## ColSo New Members Show 2019 set to begin Jan. 10

The Copley Society of Art is proud to present its New Members Show, an exhibition in the Upper Gallery that features the 21 new members accepted into the gallery in 2018. Selected by the Membership Committee of the Copley Society of Art, new members are accepted for membership only if their work is truly outstanding. This year, new artist members represent a great diversity of backgrounds and media, including pastel, photography, and watercolor. To celebrate the New

Members Show, an opening reception will be held on Thursday, Jan. 10, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the ColSo Gallery, located at 158 Newbury St. in Boston.

Congratulations to our following new artist members, who will be featured in the exhibit:

Tony Andrade  
Frank Bartucca  
Kara Bigda  
Carol Caradimos  
Marc Civitarese  
Anne Emerson

Jeanette Fournier  
Sol Hartman  
Tanya Isaacson  
Nils Johnson  
David Kaphammer  
Mary Rose O'Connell  
Laurinda Phakos O'Connor  
Janine Robertson  
John Rufo  
Janet Schwartz  
Margaret Sheldon  
Katrina Thorstensen  
Susan Valentine  
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The Copley Society of Art (ColSo), America's oldest non-profit arts organization, is committed to the advancement, enjoyment, and promotion of its member artists and the visual arts. The organization, founded in 1879, comprises juried artists who are selected by a credentialed art committee. ColSo provides artists with a gallery for exhibiting and selling their work and a platform for engaging and educating the community.

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# EAST BERKELEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WINTER SOCIAL

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA), one of many civic organizations in the South End, held its annual Winter Social at the Lion's Tail in the Ink Block development on Thursday, Jan. 3. It was a chance for neighbors to reconnect after the bustle of the holidays and to casually discuss upcoming concerns and ideas involving the community.



Paul Lewis, EBNA President Ken Smith, and State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz.

John (far right) and Alyssa Held with Joanna and Dan Conte.



Jonathan Marks and Chris Comeaux.



Arthur Coe and Kristin D'Ambrosio.



Chris and Bob Wells.



Performing every Thursday night at the Lion's Tail is musical duo Erika Van Pelt and Ryan Faraday.



State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Kristin D'Ambrosio, and EBNA board member Sarah Hutt.

Cyan  
Magenta  
Yellow  
Black

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Community Boating Inc. (CBI) has been offering sailing and water sports to children and adults in the Greater Boston area for more than 70 years, and on Nov. 7, members celebrated the 28<sup>th</sup> annual "Raise the Sails Gala." The fundraiser at the Liberty Hotel featured live and silent auctions to benefit the Junior and Universal Access Programs.

Sanofi Genzyme was presented The Helmsman Award in recognition of its generous support for more than a decade, having served 2,500 sailors with disabilities in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

"The mission of Community Boating is 'Sailing for All,'" said John Bates, president, board of directors. "It's a simple statement

and a powerful message of access to the joys of sailing and water activities, regardless of age, financial means, or ability."



Charlie Zechel, executive director.



Mark Landis and Karyn Bruchick, with Jennifer and Tim Parmenter.

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# ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The façade shown in the late 1800s photo in the last clue is of the original Pope Manufacturing Building at 221 Columbus Ave. Col. Alfred Pope founded the bicycle industry in the United States. He had Peabody and Stearns design this building as a manufacturing facility in 1896.

The next clue will be found Back Bay.

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your suggestion.

## THIS WEEK'S CLUE



# NEWS BRIEFS

## STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor Martin Walsh announced that he will deliver his annual State of the City address at Symphony Hall on Jan. 15. The mayor has been mum on what he will talk about or about any new policies he will announce. When asked by the Sun last Friday, he said he isn't giving away any hints right now. The mayor, as evidenced by his Long Island Bridge

announcement last January, loves a surprise.

## ORCHARD GARDENS SPEAKS OUT AGAINST KIOSKS

While the City has approved about 10 new needle kiosks throughout the City, Southender from the Orchard Gardens K-8 school on Albany Street are very vocal this month about remov-

ing the existing kiosk on their grounds.

"We are very concerned and we are actually trying to get one of these kiosks removed," said Janina Rackard, a Columbus Avenue resident who is a parent at the school. "My daughter can't go outside and play because there are too many needles in her schoolyard. The kiosk is 25 steps from her school.

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## Real Estate Transfers

### BUYER 1 BACK BAY

Wood, Dexter E  
Binnie, Adam S  
Lahmadi, Wahid  
Paushkin, Sergey  
2016 Isaza Fullen FT  
Dolan, Timothy J  
24 Marlborough 1 LLC

### SELLER 1

Vantzelfde, Nicholas  
Johnston, Anne E  
Heck, William H  
S&M Connors Krikorian  
Spivak, Gloria  
Moore, Julie  
Martin, Marion

### ADDRESS

383 Beacon St #C \$2,075,000  
398 Beacon St #3 \$1,550,000  
160 Commonwealth Ave #615 \$522,500  
160 Commonwealth Ave #710 \$932,000  
31-33 Commonwealth Ave #4 \$2,800,000  
64 Commonwealth Ave #3 \$869,000  
254 Marlborough St #1 \$2,000,000

### PRICE

### BEACON HILL

Carmi, Oded  
Barba, Matthew  
Barba, Matthew

Josiah M Briggs T  
Stevens, Karen  
Dean, Katherine L

25 Phillips St #C  
34 River St #2  
34 River St #4

\$605,000  
\$800,000  
\$717,500

### SOUTH END/KENMORE/BAY VILLAGE

1 Charles Union 812 NT  
Melrose Street RT  
Top Shell Holdings Ltd  
Dsilva, Benedict  
Scouros, Evangelos  
Nelson, Emily T  
Baker, James  
Farmer, Benjamin S  
Nunes, Alissa R  
Fisch, Lawrence H  
Somerville Group LLC  
Tsai, Ernest T  
Melrose Street RT  
Linear Retail Boston 25  
Zhang, Xiaojia  
Rinaldi, Matteo  
Damokosh, Kim D  
Machnes, Amy  
Kravetz, Larry J  
Shulman, Dennis G  
Toomey, Jill S

Lee, Hyun H  
Cavanaugh, Mary  
How Come Ltd  
Pito, Anna M  
Maier, Carolyn L  
Shortle, Rebecca  
Whiteman, Orit  
8 Dartmouth Dev LLC  
Nunes, Manuele T  
Develasco, Carlos  
James N Pentikis T  
Tsai, Anson E  
Cavanaugh, Mary  
Envision Bank  
Mian, Nasir N  
Siena Ink Block LLC  
Coll, Benjamin A  
Stavis, Rachel  
Lyn Elizabeth Ackerly  
Chopra, Akhill  
Clary, Jason R

1 Charles St S #812 \$1,185,000  
10 Melrose St #3 \$1,125,000  
492 Beacon St #61 \$1,050,000  
857 Beacon St #31 \$710,000  
4 Charlesgate E #104 \$825,000  
529 Columbus Ave #9 \$739,000  
29 Cumberland St #3 \$965,000  
8 Dartmouth Pl \$3,172,500  
103 E Brookline St #2 \$340,000  
111 Gainsborough St #405 \$671,000  
78 Gainsborough St #401E \$190,000  
95 Gainsborough St #204 \$650,000  
10 Melrose St #3 \$1,125,000  
19 School St \$5,000,000  
12 Stoneholm St #426 \$440,000  
40 Traveler St #508 \$1,375,000  
119 W Concord St #2 \$2,435,000  
144 W Concord St #2 \$236,059  
43 W Newton St #B4 \$675,000  
15 Waltham St #B606 \$1,399,000  
1411 Washington St #3 \$610,000

### WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN

Dunford Realty LLC  
Lauch LT  
Mazzola, Colin L  
Lohmar FT  
Shaheen, Lisa J  
Jonathan RT  
Katharine S Gunsalus RET  
Zhao, Ying Z

Boulevard Broad St LLC  
20 Rows Wharf Un 609

110 Broad St #302 \$1,899,000  
110 Broad St #303 \$1,580,000  
10 Broad St #501 \$1,460,000  
110 Broad St #502 \$1,960,000  
110 Broad St #602 \$1,998,750  
110 Broad St #801 \$3,875,000  
110 Broad St #903 \$3,600,000  
20 Rows Wharf #609 \$3,200,000

## Roof decks, stair for rear of 45 West Newton St. not approved at South End Landmarks

By Lauren Bennett

Roof decks proved to be a sticking point once more at the South End Landmark District hearing on Jan. 2. John Meunier and Jim Flanagan, both 30-year South End residents came before the Commission to reconfigure the existing rear dormer and relocate the roof deck to the rear dormer on their property at 45 West Newton St.

Staff preservationist Nick Armata made a site visit on Dec. 6, 2018, and modifications to the proposal were made as a result of his visit.

The homeowners said that the current dormer is “dilapidated,” and would like to reconfigure it and make it more attractive, as well as pull it back an additional two feet from the rear of the building. This would align it with adjacent buildings. They would also like to raise the edge of the dormer to accommodate their desired internal ceiling height. The dormer that they are modifying has already been altered.

The previously approved roof deck, which is located on the top of the building, is proposed to be relocated to the rear dormer. They are also taking mitigating steps that are being handled at the administrative level, the homeowners said, which includes the removal of an HVAC unit, as well as two satellite dishes that are attached to the existing dormer.

David Freed, the architect for the project, said that the new dormer would be less visible from the street, and the homeowners would like to have “beautiful tall doors” as part of the fenestration on the back. There is also a new metal staircase being proposed for access between the upper and lower decks, which was not popular among the commissioners.

Commissioner John Amodeo said the staircase “will be the most distracting part,” and urged the homeowners to explore alternatives.

“Removing a piece of the roof so you can create a roof deck is a long distance for us to go,” he added. “‘Minimally visible’ is a major concession” already, he continued, and the “staircase may be the straw that breaks the camel’s back.”

Commissioner Peter Sanborn

said that “this would be an easier process for us if you lowered the height of the dormer,” and told the homeowners that they should “give serious investigation to internal access to the deck.”

The Commission as a whole was having a tough time with the seemingly small amount of visibility on the roof deck. “Regulations don’t allow change to the sky profile; this is a significant change to the sky profile,” said Commissioner John Freeman. “We usually don’t allow a roof deck on a dormer.”

Amodeo said that if they do end up approving the modification to the dormer, he agreed with Sanborn that lowering the roof height so the deck would be less visible would “make this more approvable.”

He also said that the asymmetry of the door placement is “distracting and not in keeping with what one finds on the back of dormers.” He said if they are allowing the modification of a dormer, it should look closer to what is typical in the district rather than bringing it farther away from it.

“Pushing the dormer farther to the right, spacing it more appropriately would all help, I have less problem with the lower deck,” Freeman said.

Amodeo requested that the homeowners return before the Commission next month with more information. “The more information you give us, the easier it is for yourself,” he said. He said that proposing alternatives will help them achieve a faster resolution.

The Commission voted to approve the dormer in concept with the approximate configuration as shown in the elevation—set back from the rear wall; dimensions are still to be worked out. They asked the homeowners to return with elevations that show concepts that were discussed at this hearing and represent in some way the configuration of dormers typical in the South End.

They did not approve the decks, railings, or access to the decks at this hearing, and the homeowners were encouraged to bring back new proposals at next month’s hearing. For the proposed doors, the homeowners were told to create a sill level with a solid panel below it that makes it appear more like a window.

# LOOKING BACK AT BOSTON

COURTESY OF THE SOUTH END HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Joshua Bates School. This week’s featured image is of the Joshua Bates School in 1972, located at 731 Harrison Ave. Arthur H. Vinal designed and built the school in 1884 in the Romanesque Revival style. The City of Boston named the school after Joshua Bates, an international financier and benefactor of the Boston Public Library. After closing in 1975, the building is now home to the Bates Art Center. The South End Historical Society was formed in the 1966 and continues to advocate for the preservation and history in the neighborhood. The organization is located on Chester Square and holds many treasures of the South End’s distant and near past.*

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That is not acceptable. I want to make it clear that kiosk has done nothing. It invites them there and says it’s okay to come there and do what they do. I want to be clear that we are not okay with them.”

The kiosk debate has been going on for about a year, and there are four kiosks already in place, including the one at Orchard.

## TRAFFIC FATALITIES GET D-4 ATTENTION

D-4 Capt. Steve Sweeney told the South End Forum on Tuesday that his department has been vigorously enforcing traffic over the past year, but two high-profile pedestrian strikes this month have put a damper on their good efforts.

On New Year’s Eve, an elderly man getting out of his car was hit on Dartmouth Street. The man is recovering but suffered a shattered leg and has a long recovery ahead of him.

Last Saturday, Marathon Bombing survivor Adrienne Haslet was hit in a crosswalk on Commonwealth Avenue in the Back Bay at 7 p.m. The driver

stayed at the scene, but was cited for failure to stop for a pedestrian. Haslet has undergone extensive surgery for the accident, and it has been quite public.

Sweeney said last year they wrote 9,000 moving violations and 1,566 of those were for crosswalk violations.

“I know you don’t see them out there, but traffic safety is a high priority in D-4,” he said.

He mentioned there have been two fatalities in the last year at the Mass. Avenue and Newbury Street intersection, and there were also pedestrians killed in the South End on Tremont Street last year as well.

## HIGH PROFILE AGENDA FOR WALSH

Mayor Martin Walsh unveiled his 2019 state legislative priorities this week, and highlighting them were requests to increase the numbers of liquor licenses in Boston and changing the fee structure for Transportation Network Company’s (TNCs), which are ride-shares like Uber.

The mayor has been after the state to grant more liquor licenses for Boston for some time, and that is still a priority this year. That includes licenses for places that are under-represented, including Main Streets Districts like Washington Gateway.

The TNC legislation is more sweeping, and would work to determine a better fee structure to tax Uber and Lyft-style companies per ride. Right now, they are charged 20 cents, which is quite low for a major city.

Walsh’s plan calls for a higher levy for rides that have only once passenger, and a lower fee for rides that are shared with others.

## BACK BAY HAPPENINGS

•French Cultural Center – Join physician and certified Health and Wellness Coach Martine Vounatsos for a series of three cooking workshops. She will discuss ways to incorporate wellness

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into every aspect of a woman's mental and physical health, from exercise and supplements to sleep habits and cooking methods. Participants will craft and enjoy a traditional and healthy French meal with Martine in a convivial environment. Each workshop will begin promptly at 11:10 a.m. Aprons, ingredients, and will be kitchenware provided. *Please note, this event is intended for women only and in English.*

\*Friday, JAN. 11, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Come learn about nutrients, water intake, and dietary habits, then enjoy preparing *soupe de poireaux et pommes de terre avec une salade en vinaigrette* (potato leek soup and salad with homemade vinaigrette). \*Friday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

In this discussion, we will learn about sleeping better and exercising—how and when? For the cooking workshop, attendees will prepare *velouté d'asperges et salade de carottes râpées* (asparagus soup and homemade carrot salad). \*Friday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

For our last discussion, we will learn about vitamins, supplements, and meditation. For the cooking workshop, attendees will prepare *soupe et crème de champignons et salade frisée au vinaigre balsamique* (mushroom soup and frisée salad with homemade balsamic vinaigrette).

•NABB will host a members reception on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Boston Park Plaza Lobby. Come and meet your fellow NABB members and learn about Committees and Groups. New members are welcome and can join at the door. Please R.S.V.P. by Jan. 20.

## WARD 4 DEMOCRATIC MEETING

Ward 4 Democratic Committee

meeting will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 15, South End Library, 6 p.m. Want to learn how to help bring our elections into the 21st Century? The Ward 4 Dems' January meeting will include presentations from local experts and advocates on Election Day Registration, ranked choice voting, and civic design. Email: ward4dems@gmail.com with any questions.

## SOUTH END DATES

•The Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 22, with the location to be determined. WSANA has been meeting in a construction trailer on Albany Street, but that could change.

•Eight Streets Neighborhood Association did cancel its January meeting, but will be back in action on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

•The East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) will have its monthly meeting on Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Project Place. The meeting will include a discussion of the medical marijuana dispensary on Albany Street, and will collect community comments for inclusion in an official letter to the City. There will be a safety/security update and the election for the Board of Directors.

•The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association will have its Board Meeting on Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in 66 Berkeley St.

•The South End Forum Opiate Working Group has released its meeting schedule for Winter/Spring 2019. The group will meet at 4 p.m. in the Crosstown Hilton on Jan. 29, Feb. 19, March 19, April 23, and May 21.

•A Community meeting will take place for a proposed marijuana facility in the Newmarket area at 60 Newmarket Square in the South End. The meeting will be on Jan. 16, at 6 p.m. in the Plumbers and Gasfitters UA Local 12, 1240 Massachusetts Ave. The public will



Photo courtesy of Boston Fire Department

On Jan. 5, 1934, a five-alarm fire tore through Fenway Park and destroyed the left-field section of the stadium, including a wooden fence along Lansdowne Street called 'Duffy's Cliff.' The fire jumped across Lansdowne Street and also burnt down many of the businesses in the area. In the aftermath, a decision was made by the Red Sox to rebuild that area of Fenway Park and introduce a huge wall in left field – a wall that came to be known as the Green Monster.

have an opportunity to ask questions.

•Shattuck Campus Meeting – The second community meeting for the Shattuck Campus Planning project will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 16, from 6:30–9 p.m. at the Golf Clubhouse in Franklin Park, Dorchester. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. The meeting will include: updates about a health needs and services assessment; and discussion

about potential programmatic and service opportunities, site layout and possible ways to integrate the site with Franklin Park.

## HOTEL ALEXANDRA IAG MEETING

The Hotel Alexandra Impact Advisory Group (IAG) meeting will take place on Jan. 16, 6 p.m., in the Mandela (1855 Washington St.). The IAG has been made pub-

lic, but a list published in the Sun last week did not include Carol Blair. Blair, the president of Chester Square Neighborhood Association, is on the IAG.

The project filed on Nov. 30, and the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) has extended the comment period to Jan. 23.

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## For the Record

## From the Jan. 8 Boston Civic Design Commission meeting, City Hall:

- Report from Design Committee (vote of recommendation): 60 Kilmarnock, Fenway.
- Parcel 12 (MassDot Air Rights) (initial presentation), Back Bay. New office, residential/hotel and retail project

## From the Jan. 14 Boston School Committee Nominating meeting, City Hall, 3 p.m.:

- Interview applicants to fill the remainder of the term of Miren Uriarte, and determine list of candidates to present to Mayor Walsh.

## From the Jan. 14 School Committee Superintendent Search Committee Meeting, Bolling Building, 6 p.m.:

- Presentation by Superintendent Search Firm Isaacson Miller about Search Process to Date and Plan Moving Forward.

## From the Jan. 15 Licensed Premise Violations Hearing, City Hall, 10 a.m.:

- BHC CORPORATION GENERAL PARTNER, D/B/A: CLUB CAFÉ, 209 COLUMBUS AVE., Back Bay. Date: 10/18/2018. Notice/Violation: Assault and battery patron on patron.
- PINEAPPLE RESTAURANT GROUP BOSTON, LLC, D/B/A: THE TROPHY ROOM AT THE ALISE HOTEL, 22 - 28 CHANDLER ST., South End. Date: 10/22/2018.

Notice/Violation: Assault & battery patron on patron.

• GAME ON FENWAY, LLC, D/B/A: GAME ON SPORTS CAFÉ, 72 - 82 LANSLOWNE St., Fenway. Date: 10/31/2018. Notice/Violation: Minors in possession of alcohol (Bud Light Beer & Twisted Hard Ice Tea) inside premise.

• Tatte Holdings, LLC, D/B/A: Tatte Bakery & Cafe, 1346 - 1352 BOYLSTON ST., Fenway. Date: 10/31/2018. Notice/Violation: Premise operating outdoor seasonal sidewalk café on public sidewalk without City of Boston D.P.W. sidewalk café permit.

• Jan. 16, 6 p.m.: Community Outreach meeting for a proposed marijuana establishment in the South End/Newmarket area. Location proposed at 60 Newmarket Sq. There will be questions taken from the public. Plumbers and Gasfitters Union Local 12 building, 1240 Mass Ave.

## From the Jan. 22 Licensed Premise Violations hearing, City Hall, 10 a.m.:

- Wheeling's Bar, LLC, D/B/A: Beehive, 541 Tremont St., South End. Date: 12/24/2018. Notice/Violation: Intoxicated patron requiring medical assistance.
- Iconic Food and Beverage Company LLC, D/B/A: Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 138 - 150 Saint James Ave., Back Bay. Date: 12/24/2018. Notice/Violation: serving intoxicated person.
- Creative Restaurant Concepts, Inc., D/B/A: Whisky Saigon, 116 Boylston St., Back Bay. Date: 09/08/2018. Notice/Violation: Patrons smoking E cigarettes on premise.

# District D-4 sees 1-percent drop in Part One crime for '18

By Dan Murphy

District D-4 saw a 1-percent decrease in violent and property crimes in 2018, compared with the previous year.

According to Boston Police, 3,584 incidents of Part One crime were reported between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31 in the district, which includes the Back Bay, South End, Lower Roxbury and the Fenway, as opposed to 3,617 during the same timeframe in 2017.

The number of homicides dropped to one in 2018 from two

the year before while rapes and attempted rapes saw an approximately 18 percent decrease as the number fell to 36 from 44 in 2017.

Robberies and attempted robberies were down around 33 percent as the number dropped to 132 from 198 the previous year.

Domestic aggravated assaults saw a slight decline, with the number dropping to 46 from 48 in 2017.

In contrast, non-domestic aggravated assaults were up nearly 10 percent as the number climbed to 247 from 225 the previous year.

Commercial burglaries dropped around 37 percent as the number fell to 47 from 75 in 2017 while residential burglaries saw an approximately 25-percent uptick as the number climbed to 189 from 151 the year before.

Other burglaries were also up more than 17 percent, with the number climbing to 27 from 23 in 2017.

Incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle were down more than 19 percent as the number fell to 477 from 591 the year before.

Other larcenies, on the other

hand, saw a nearly 7-percent uptick as the number climbed to 2,234 from 2,095 the previous year.

Auto thefts was an approximately 10-percent decline as the

number dropped to 148 from 165 in 2017.

Citywide, Part One crime was down around 4 percent as the total number of incidents fell to 18,057 from 18,715 the previous year.

## D-4 POLICE NEWS

### FENDER BENDER

On Friday, Dec. 28, 2018, at around 10:39 a.m., police responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident involving a Boston Fire Department truck at Newbury and Fairfield streets.

Upon arrival, the officer spoke to a firefighter who said he was driving the firetruck on Newbury Street towards Fairfield Street, where a Federal Express truck was blocking the roadway. The firefighter attempted to drive past the Federal Express truck on its right side, causing a minor damage to the vehicle's right bumper in the process. The firefighter said the driver of the damaged vehicle appeared very upset and refused to get out of her car to exchange paperwork.

The officer spoke to the woman, who said she had to swerve to avoid hitting the fire-truck.

A Boston Fire Department photographer then responded to the scene to take pictures of the damaged vehicle.

### WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

On Tuesday, Jan. 1, at around 3:41 a.m., police responded to a radio call for an assault and battery at 540 Harrison Ave.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim, who said two male

suspects jumped him and stole his wallet containing \$60 cash and his Missouri state ID. He denied having any injuries to police and declined medical attention at this time. The victim, who appeared intoxicated, was also unable to recall exactly where the incident took place.

Officers gave the victim a ride back to his hotel room at 140 Clarendon St.

### SEASONS BEATINGS

On Tuesday, Jan. 1, at approximately 4:31 a.m., officers responded to a radio call for a reported robbery at the Back Bay MBTA station.

While en route, police were notified that paramedics were transporting the victim to Tufts Medical Center.

At the hospital, officers spoke to the victim, who said she was walking on Newbury Street at around 2:30 a.m. after leaving a house party. The victim said she was then struck in the back of the knees with an unknown object and fell to the ground, at which time she lost consciousness. The victim said she didn't see her attacker(s) or the object used to strike her.

When the victim regained consciousness, she realized that her wallet containing about \$350 cash and her Massachusetts state ID was missing.

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### JOAN DIVER AT SOUTH END LIBRARY

The first speaker in the 2019 Author's Series, on Tuesday, Jan. 15, will be former South End resident, Joan Diver, with her debut memoir, *When Spirit Calls: A Healing Odyssey*. The Divers, who lived on West Newton Street in the 1970s and 1980s, were one of the three Boston families traced by J. Anthony Lukas for his 1985 book, *Common Ground*, which chronicled the impact of court-ordered busing on the lives of Bostonians. *Common Ground* won the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book award and the National Book Critics Circle Award. Seating is limited.

### FENWAY TIMES

•60 KILMARNOCK ST. IMPACT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

The BPDA will hold an Impact Advisory Group Meeting on Jan. 10 from 6-8 p.m. in Room C101 of the Main Campus Building at Simmons College. The proposed project is located at 60, 67-75, 70-80 Kilmarnock St. and 59-75 Queensberry St. 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. Please note that the purpose of this meeting is different than that of a traditional community meeting. IAG meetings prioritize discussion between the project proponent (i.e. the developer) and IAG members.

•Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 9 - Red Bull Crashed Ice | 20,000 expected per day | TBA

•The 2019 Fenway Garden Society board has been elected, with Elizabeth Bertolozzi returning as the President and Rick Richter returning as the VP of the Park. Pamela Jorgensen will be the treasurer, Michelle Parkos will be VP of communication and marketing, and David Patel, Sr. will be the VP of administration. "We are so excited and honored to have the opportunity to participate at this level in the coming year," Bertolozzi said.

•2019 MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS OPUS ART SHOW—TAKE DOWN PARTY!

The Fenway Community Center will be hosting a free Opus Art Show on Jan. 15, from 6-8 p.m., featuring the original artwork of MFA security guards and addition-

al staff. The event will also include live music and refreshments.

•LEGACY WORKSHOP SERIES AT THE FCC

The Fenway Community Center will be hosting a series of thought-provoking, creative conversations to celebrate our uniquely lived lives. Three unique sessions will encompass aspects of personalized storytelling, bucket list building, expressions of gratitude, and open contemplation of our own "last words." The sessions are from 7-9 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: Jan. 16, 30, and Feb. 13, and cost of admission is \$105 per person and includes a personal copy of Youlo Pages, the award-winning legacy planner/workbook/journal. To register, go to [fcclegacyworkshopseries.eventbrite.com](http://fcclegacyworkshopseries.eventbrite.com).

•Fenway Jam Session: Monday, January 14, 7 - 8 p.m. Come with your instrument (acoustic) and questions! Open to all levels. All instruments and experience levels welcome! Long-term Fenway resident, David Ehle, has been a professional guitarist and musician for more than 40 years, and is knowledgeable in all styles - especially jazz and swing. and believes in the personal nature of music and has a sincere appreciation of all music (except for music so loud it hurts your ears!)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing has received the following application:

To maintain and operate the categories of three (3) instrumental music, two (2) vocalist, karaoke, trivia, and floor shows for cabaret performances.

At: 26-32 Chandler Street Boston, MA 02116.

Known as: The Trophy Room  
The applicant is: Pineapple

Hospitality Group.

Manager of record is: Edward C. Moses Granger

A public hearing on this application will be held at Boston City Hall, Room 809A, on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 11:30 a.m.

Anyone wishing to speak on this matter is invited to attend the hearing. Interpretation Services in Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole and American Sign Language may be available upon

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